

Resume for Director

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My decision to run for the Board again was not an easy one. After almost 20 years of being on the ASCA Board I was looking forward to time for other things in my life. Unfortunately, sometimes life has to be put on hold to take care of things important and ASCA is important to me. It's important for ASCA to remain an independent, financially secure dog club run by the people who care the most about this breed – the members. Directors of this club need to be 100% ASCA and 100% for the preservation and protection of the ASCA Australian Shepherd. This is their domain and their duty as an elected official. I am 100% ASCA and 100% for the ASCA Australian Shepherd.

Some history – I joined ASCA shortly after buying my first Aussie, Taylor's Blue Prissy B1063 (bred to Sorensen's Red Man A241) from Jean Taylor of Silverledge Aussies, while attending the American Quarter Horse Congress in October of 1975. I spent thirty years working for the Department of the Navy in Newport, RI. Starting as a Clerk and retiring as a Technical Data Assistant in charge of the Comdial computerized telephone system for over 250 people, plant property accountability and tracking millions of dollars against actual time spent to get the job done. I retired in 97 and worked part time at Acushnet Animal Hospital for 7 years, a job that was a lot more fun, interesting and so much more educational.

I have bred, shown and titled dogs in Conformation, Obedience and Tracking. Other dogs I have bred have titles in Stock, Agility, Obedience, Tracking and Rally.

Back to ASCA. I believe in being honest and open with the membership. You all have a right to know what the people you elected are doing and to ask questions and receive civil answers. I believe in DNA for our registry, ASCA's greatest asset. I believe the staff at the ASCA Office and our paid employees should be treated with the respect they have earned by those elected to run this organization. In 2005 when the Office Manager abruptly left and I was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of ASCA, the board voted to send me to Bryan TX to work at the ASCA Business office for 4 months to help out where I could and lighten the load some for the staff. Going from retirement to working 50 hours a week was challenging to say the least. I did learn a lot about the inner workings of the ASCA office and the incredible amount of work done by our business office staff.

What I would like to work towards in ASCA for the next three years is to ensure ASCA remains an innovative, independent, member-run, family-oriented dog club. To be a financially secure organization run by people who want ASCA to succeed in promoting and protecting the ASCA Australian Shepherd and to provide the membership with the best programs available in which to have fun with their dogs and family. In my opinion, ASCA is the best place to be if you have Aussies. I ask for your support to help me work toward keeping ASCA the great dog club it is. Thank you.