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# February 2018 Executive Secretary's Report

## Judge Approvals

Senior Rally Judge Deborah Donahue (Missouri)  
Junior Judge Maci Hass (Colorado)

## Committee Appointments

Conformation Committee - Gail Karamalegos (region 5) & Joyce Charron (region 4)  
Junior Committee - Bayley Williams (region 5)

## Reinstatement

E185929 Some King of Magic Miss Money Penny

## Board of Directors Motions

### BD.18.18 ASCA System Upgrade Committee

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gray

*Motion carries.*

*Comment from King:* This motion forms a committee for the completion of the system upgrade. I'd like to see this committee become a permanent committee giving advice to ASCA on computer changes and upgrades. The expertise we can find in our members could help with reviewing rule changes effecting our programming and any purchases involving our computer system.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gibson

I move to approve the creation of a BOD ad-hoc Committee to provide guidance and support to ASCA during the completion of the system upgrade. The Committee will consist of: BOD President, BOD Vice President, BOD appointed System Liaison, BOD System Liaison, two BOD chosen individuals that possess the skillsets necessary to provide guidance for future system development/upgrades.

Skillsets may include but are not limited to the following:

AWS:

ec2 instances (windows)

RDS

VPN configuration

IAM

S3

.NET Core

Node.js

npm & gulp

Visual Studio

Github

Microsoft.sql

The ASCA System Upgrade Committee will remain seated until completion of the ASCA System Upgrade.

Who is affected: ASCA Business Office and all ASCA Members

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

**BD.18.20 Publishing Names of New ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judges (Conformation) (Revised)**

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: Silveira

Abstain: 0

*Motion carries.*

Motion by DeChant

Second by Roberts

I move that ASCA provide space in the Aussie Times and the ASCA Website and to publish a list of new Conformation Non-Regular Breeder Judges. Their names will be published in every issue and remain on the Website and be noted in the ASCA Judges list for 1 year from the time they are approved by the Board of Directors. The ASCA Office will add judges at time of their approval and remove them after their year is up.

This will replace the following motion approved in January 2017:

BD.17.04 Publishing Names of New ASCA Judges

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by DeChant

Second by Roberts

I move that ASCA provide space in the Aussie Times and the ASCA Website to publish a list of new judges for all programs. Their names will be published in every issue and remain on the Website for 1 year from the time they are approved by the Board of Directors. The ASCA Office will add judges at time of their approval and remove them after their year is up. Sections will be created so that it is clear what level and what program they are qualified to judge.

Effective Date: Upon approval of the ASCA Board of Directors.

Rationale: Publishing the names of new ASCA judges for one year will bring to the attention of the Membership and the Affiliate Clubs the names of new Judges who are beginning their journey through the process to becoming seasoned and experienced judges. This is being done to help new judges to obtain assignments in a manner that is approved by ASCA. Solicitation for assignments is not allowed in ASCA's Rules for any judge of all ASCA Programs. The ASCA Board would like to see these Judges get off on the right foot.

Comments/rationale: These Judges are the only ones in ASCA Programs that don't grant points or legs. They would benefit from ASCA's help to make members aware of them as they need to judge at the Non-Regular level in order to move up to the next level where they grant point toward titles.

Who is affected: ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judges

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

**BD.18.25 Policy Book, New Section 20.3 ASCA Breed Standard and Working Description**

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira

Oppose: Gibson, Vest

Abstain: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Dissent from Gibson:* I do not support the motion maker's statement that "Both the Breed Standard and the Working Description are of equal importance and both should be published." The two are not of equal importance. Without the Breed Standard, you have no breed – you have no Australian Shepherd. This motion is not needed, as the Working Description is already published, both in the Aussie Times and on the ASCA website.

*Dissent from Vest:* The working description is not of equal importance as the Breed Standard. The working description was written to try and eliminate dogs that did not work in the style that the authors of the document believed the Australian Shepherd should work. The working standard was highly contested when it was developed back in 2003/04 and remains so today with a portion of the Membership.

Motion by Roberts  
Second by DeChant

I move to add section 20.3 ASCA Breed Standard and Working Description.

Current wording:

No current wording.

Proposed wording:

20.3 ASCA Breed Standard and Working Description

Prominent icons that link to the ASCA Breed Standard and the ASCA Working Description shall be presented on the homepage of the ASCA Website.

Comments/rationale: When the motion BD.17.191 Changes to 6.14 Breed Standard was made, I removed the reference to the website icon as it didn't belong in the section that addressed posting in the AT. Now, I would like to move to add both the BS and WD to the website section of the policy book. Trying to document items and clean things up. Below, you will see the Board motion from 2006 that addresses the posting of the working description. The policy was not added to the policy book, as it should have been.

Motion from November 2017:

BD.17.191 Changes to 6.14 Breed Standard

Motion by Roberts

Second by Gray

I move to add the Working Description to the policy for the publication of the Breed Standard in the Aussie Times.

Current wording:

6.14 Breed Standard

The ASCA Breed Standard shall be published in every other issue of the Aussie Times within the first 50 pages of the publication.

A prominent icon which links to the ASCA Standard shall be presented on the home page of ASCA.org.

Proposed wording:

6.14 Breed Standard and Working Description

The ASCA Breed Standard shall be published in every other issue of the Aussie Times within the first 50 pages of the publication.

The ASCA Working Description shall be published in the Aussie Times in alternate issues.

~~A prominent icon which links to the ASCA Standard shall be presented on the home page of ASCA.org~~

Comment: Both the Breed Standard and the Working Description are of equal importance and both should be published.

Parties affected: AT Editor

Effective date: When passed

From an old Policy Book:

The ASCA Breed Standard shall be published in every other issue of the AUSSIE TIMES within the first 50 pages of the publication. A prominent icon which links to the ASCA Standard shall be presented on the home page of ASCA.org.

Motion from 2006:

94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Motion by Davenport. I move to approve the following recommendation from the Stock Dog Committee:

I move the following document be adopted by ASCA as the Working Description (see attached) of the Australian Shepherd as an official ASCA document and shall be placed:

1. In the AUSSIE TIMES with the same frequency as the ASCA Breed Standard.
2. On the ASCA web site.

Further, the Stock Dog Committee recommends that before the document appears in any places other than items 1 and 2 above, the ASCA Board of Directors should first conduct a poll of the ASCA members.

Approve: Walter, Berryessa, Davenport, Gray, DeChant and Bryant. Disapprove: Stevens, Hellmeister and Aufox.

Motion is approved.

Who is affected: Webmaster

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

#### **BD.18.26 2019 Stockdog Finals Judges**

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Creelman

*Motion carries.*

Motion by Roberts

Second by DeChant

I move to approve Joan Carrillo, David Clayton, Russ Ford, Marie Murphy, Robert Myrick, Rachel Vest as the slate of judges for the 2019 Stockdog Finals.

Who is affected: Stockdog Finals competitors

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

#### **BD.18.27 2019 Obedience Finals Judges**

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Creelman

*Motion carries.*

Motion by Roberts

Second by DeChant

I move to approve Hillary Hines and Ken Blanchard as the slate of judges for the 2019 Obedience Finals.

Who is affected: Obedience Finals competitors

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

### **Foundation Motions**

#### **FD.18.01 Rescue Grant Amount**

Approve: Unanimous

*Motion carries.*

Motion by Roberts

Second by DeChant

I move to change policy 6 Rescue Grants of the ASCA Foundation Policy Book.

Current wording:

6 Rescue Grants

Thanks to a generous donation to the ASCA Foundation with funds marked for rescue, from the estate of Susan Youngblood, grants are now available to eligible rescue organizations. The funds will be granted in \$5000.00 increments, to 501(c)3 organizations that rescue primarily Australian Shepherds. Each organization can receive one grant per calendar year. Applications are available from the ASCA Business Office, the Executive Secretary, and on the ASCA website.

Proposed wording:

Thanks to a generous donation to the ASCA Foundation with funds marked for rescue, from the estate of Susan Youngblood, grants are now available to eligible rescue organizations. The funds will be granted in increments of up to \$3000 to 501(c)3 organizations that rescue primarily Australian Shepherds. Each organization can receive one grant per calendar year. Applications are available from the ASCA Business Office, the Executive Secretary, and on the ASCA website.

Who is affected: Animal rescues

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

## Committee Recommendations

### Conformation Committee

#### CO.18.01 Addition to Show Premium/Flyer Required Information

Approve: 0

Oppose: Busquets, Creelman, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Abstain: 0

*Motion fails.*

*Comment from Busquets:* The type of warning intended in this motion does not apply for clubs in the US. Also, the incidence of this type of situation is low and the ineligibility of dogs with chemical implants is already well stated in the rules.

*Comment from DeChant:* I do not think this needs to be added to all fliers. The Clubs who want to add it can and it needs to only be in the Rules.

*Comment from Gibson:* I do not feel this belongs in the premium.

*Comment from Vest:* This information is not necessary on a show flier. It is in the rules and as such should be treated as all other rules. The burden to read and understand the show rules rests on the handler/owner.

Motion by Busquets

I move to add a bullet point to Section 3.2 of the Show Rules regarding dogs with chemical implants.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Mary Hellmeister

Second by Ray Schafer

I, Mary Hellmeister, move to add the following bullet point to the list under Show Premium/Flyer Required Information in Section 3.2 of the Show Rules:

- A dog that is using a chip or chemical implant to lower hormone levels is not eligible to be shown in either Regular Altered or Intact classes (Sections 4.15.1 and 9.6 Show Rules).

Current wording:

### 3.2 Sanctioning Application

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#### Show Premium/Flyer Required Information

- Name of affiliate club hosting the event
- Sanctioning status (pending or approved)
- A statement that the trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA
- Date and Location of show(s) including physical address
- Number of conformation shows and other events
- Pre-Entry opening and closing times
- Show/trial secretary and show/trial chairperson's name and contact information. Other trial officials may also be listed
- Judges names, accompanied by their affiliation, including their judge's assignments
- A listing of all classes offered for each day
- Judging start times and order of classes
- Fee amounts for pre-entry and day of show entries for classes offered (Non-regular, regular, junior showmanship and additional classes)
- A statement that no entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA
- A description of prizes and awards
- Description of the show/trial's setting (indoor/out, electric or none, etc.) and the ring surfacing (grass, grass/dirt, sand, matting over concrete, carpet, sod, shavings, etc.)
- Time the entrance or show grounds will be open
- Late or early arrival contact information (list a contact number and person)
- Local veterinarians for emergency contact
- Rules of the club (including waivers to be signed)
- Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (including waivers to be signed)
- Grooming area information (Electricity, tent, inside/outside, etc.)
- Local hotel(s) and pet accommodation information
- RV hook up amenities and availability (RV Park Guide) (if applicable)
- Food Vendor information
- Show photographer information (if applicable)

The most current ASCA approved entry form must be included, or a link to the entry forms on the ASCA website should be included.

#### Proposed wording:

### 3.2 Sanctioning Application

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#### Show Premium/Flyer Required Information

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- Show photographer information (if applicable)
- A dog that is using a chip or chemical implant to lower hormone levels is not eligible to be shown in either Regular Altered or Intact classes (Sections 4.15.1 and 9.6 Show Rules)

Comments/rationale: Due to improvements in the medical field and the rising popularity of such chips or implants and in an effort to clarify the rules and make them transparent for exhibitors, clubs should be required to make exhibitors aware of these rules. This is nothing more than a clarification.

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

#### Results of committee vote:

Approve: 11

Oppose: 1

*Dissent from Dorothy Montano:* Show flyers are crowded enough without adding additional verbiage.

## Rally Committee

### RA.18.02 Correction to Sign #10, Right Turn

Approve: Unanimous

*Motion carries.*

Motion by Busquets

I move that we ratify the corrections made by the Rally Committee to the bold and underlined portion of sign #10, Right Turn.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Karen Black

I move to correct the bold & underlined portion of sign # 10, Right Turn, as printed in 18 Signs and Descriptions.

Current wording:

Right turn (limit one in E, M):

**Team makes a 90-degree turn to the right** in heel position.

Proposed wording:

Right turn (limit one in E, M):

Team makes a **90-degree turn to the right** in heel position.

Comments/rationale: The purpose of this motion is to correct the terminology associated with this sign. The proposed wording will make sign #10 Right Turn match that of #13 Left Turn.

Who is affected: Contestants will understand where points can be lost. Judges will be better able to score this station.

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 13

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 1

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2018

**Present:** President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

**Absent:** Director Ken Silveira

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 6:03 pm Central Time.

## Executive Session

The Board started their meeting in Executive Session to discuss two topics.

### January Treasurer's Report

Roberts gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2018. Ending balance is \$155,994.85.

### **BD.18.21 January Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Creelman to approve the January Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Gray.

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Silveira

*Motion carries.*

### **2019 Conformation Finals Judges**

The Board approved the slate of judges for the 2019 Conformation Finals.

### **BD.18.22 2019 Conformation Finals Judges**

Motion by Vest to approve Gail Karamalegos, Janet Kelly, and Susan Landry-Whiticar as the slate of judges for the 2019 Conformation Finals. Second by Roberts.

Approve: Busquets, DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Creelman, Gibson

Absent: Silveira

*Motion carries.*

## **Open Session**

The remainder of the meeting was conducted in open session. The recording can be listened to on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyxmOXQsvGw>) or downloaded from the ASCA Website (<http://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio/>).

### **January Email Business**

The Board voted to ratify all business conducted over email in January 2018.

### **BD.18.23 January Email Business**

Motion by Busquets to ratify all January email business. Second by Gray.

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Silveira

*Motion carries.*

- System Liaison Allison Bryant joined the meeting at 6:22 pm.

### **System Upgrade Report**

Vest reported on the ongoing status of the ASCA computer system upgrade. Motion BD.18.18 ASCA System Upgrade Committee is currently before the Board for discussion and vote over email. It would create an ad-hoc committee to provide guidance and support to ASCA during the completion of the system upgrade. The committee would primarily be responsible for helping to secure a new vendor. They will also help coordinate system testing.

### **BD.18.19 ASCA Website Maintenance/Development RFQ**

Motion by Vest to approve the System Maintenance/Development Request for Quote document. The specific requirements for this role/service are listed in the document. Second by Gibson.

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Silveira

ASCA Website Maintenance/Development - Request for Quote



Summary: Consultant will provide development and IT services to maintain and improve the ASCA website as Client directs on a time and materials basis.

Hours: Consultant will provide the services required to maintain the ASCA system, consult as needed, and provide development support services, not to exceed 10 hours per month unless approved by ASCA.

System Maintenance Requirements:

- Ensure functionality of nightly backups of data and VM images across all EC2 cloud servers
- Server performance, usage, and health monitoring on all EC2 cloud servers
- Monitoring of real-time bot and attack on all EC2 cloud servers
- Management of the source code repository, associated databases, web services, staging sites and any other key software components
- Miscellaneous infrastructure tasks like: port handling, SSL setup, firewall management, server sandboxing, logging and reporting, security testing, etc.

Protocol Requirements: Consultant must have functional ability in the following protocols:

AWS:

ec2 instances (windows)

RDS

VPN configuration

IAM

S3

.NET Core

Node.js

npm & gulp

Visual Studio

Github

Microsoft.sql

System Development and Bug Fixes: Development services for new features and bug fixes will be quoted by Consultant as per incident and compensated on an hourly basis.

Compensation Terms for System Development and Bug Fixes: Consultant will provide an hourly estimate as per incident/job to ASCA for approval before beginning work on software development and/or bug fixes. Consultant will be compensated with a partial payment as per the estimate, with final billing upon completion of the work effort on the incident/job and upon ASCA's approval.

Ownership, System Development: ASCA retains ownership of any and all work products developed for the ASCA system upgrade project, as well as any proprietary material, system notes, and confidential information related the project.

Who is affected: ASCA Business Office and the ASCA System

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

- Bryant left the meeting at 6:37 pm.

## Director's Handbook

The Board has been working to update the Director's Handbook. There was some discussion as to whether Dock Jumping should be included in the list of events to be held at the National Specialty. It was decided to remove the entire listing of events and change the wording to be all inclusive. The topic of Dock Jumping at the Nationals will be revisited.

## Judges' Education

Gibson has been researching tools for the Board to use in implementing judges' education. She has found that Google Classroom would serve our purpose, and at no cost. There is remaining research to be done, however.

## 2017 Finals Financial Report

DeChant presented the 2017 Finals Financial Report. The 2017 ASCA Consortium is not requesting any additional funds for the Finals. They spent more on judges and receptions than was budgeted but are not requesting reimbursement.

### **BD.18.24 2017 Finals Financial Report**

Motion by King to **accept the 2017 Finals Financial Report as presented**. Second by Vest.

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gibson

Absent: Silveira

*Motion carries.*

- DeChant adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.