

# BALLOT

**This ballot will be tallied via phone call set up by the President on Thursday, May 25, 2017, and will count as our meeting, if a quorum is reached.**

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## **FOR VOTE:**

**1. The President presents for approval the New Members and Reinstates (unpaid longer than one year and less than five years) from Membership. We have one reinstates this month.**

### **USA**

<b>District</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Last name</b>			
CA-N	Larinda	Medlin	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
CA-N	Michael	Medlin	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
IL	Nadine	Greiner	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
IL	Larry	Schuldt	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
MD	Cheryl	Bingham	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
MI	Phyllis	Horn	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
NY	Jo Lynne	Abdallah	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
NY	Denise	Reppert	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
OH	Terry	Donley	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
OH	Joyce	Oldaker	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
OR	Wanda	Gross	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
SD	Cassandra S.	Benson	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
TX	Andrew	Moore	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
TX	Kaitlyn	Moore	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
WA	Justis	McLaren	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
WA	Beverly S.	Pankey	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
WI	Theresa S.	Dalla Valle	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____

### **Foreign**

			A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
Canada	Keri	Campbell	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
Canada	Jeanine	Stannard	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
China	Bin	Yuan	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____

**2. The President presents for approval the Treasurer's Reports for the February and March 2017 Financials as presented by Mike Esch.**

A. Approve \_\_\_\_\_ B. Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**3. The President presents for approval the CCA allowing non-licensed judges to judge independent specialties. Depending on the outcome of this decision to allow, then criterion would be established via the Judges Education, Show Rules, and National Show Committee. All information for the criterion from those committees will be sent to the Board to review, discuss, and vote.**

A. Approve \_\_\_\_\_ B. Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:**

**1. From Jane Clymer, Secretary: I want you to consider other options for holding board meetings. Can you recommend another vendor that provides a similar service that address the issues to our FreeConferenceCall.com. Our current method is not effective. We especially need to provide the audio to all board members whether they are able to attend or not. They must have access to this information. Since we began the conference calls there has been a huge decline in discussion and questions related to current business topics before the board.**

**Special Note:**

I'd like request an open discussion and for possible solutions. Listed below are some of the problems I've seen.

Item	Problem	Possible Solution
1	The discussion is not happening in the allotted time frame. Prior to conference to calls we sent our comments for inclusion in the Communique'. Discussion is being deferred to the conference call. Our meetings are getting longer because discussion is not occurring in the allotted time frame on the CCADD list.	Do not allow discussion in conference call unless it is an emergency.
2.	We don't have a centralized location accessible to board members to review the audio.	Ideas???
3.	Lack of structure in the conference calls.	a. Introduce yourself before speaking each time. b. Bring your ballot or be prepared on the items for vote. c. Put your phone on mute unless you are speaking. d. One person talking at a time. e. We need to record all meetings from beginning to end.
4.	Transcription service on FreeConferenceCall.com is not accurate.	Ideas??? It is imperative that we capture this information for our records.
5.	List additional problems here.	
6.		
7.		

Hopefully this will be the beginning of discussion for a good working solution and a motion towards some solutions to the issues. Your input is vital to the functioning of the Club. Let's work toward solutions as our primary goal.

Janie Clymer

**Please thoroughly read the information compiled for the Board regarding better solutions for holding our conference call meetings. (Presented in the February Communique')**

**Sec. Note: Thank you Deb for collecting the information and getting us started with this process. Janie**

**2. 8/7/2016 Made by Nancy Anstruther and seconded by Kathy Moll.** I have the full backing and support of the Junior Showmanship committee for the following motion, the purpose of which is to have the proposed Junior Interns learn how the CCA runs and thus encourage them to continue on with Collies and the Collie Club of America.

I move that we add one Junior Intern to each CCA committee. The Junior Interns would be former CCA Junior Showmanship handlers who have aged out of the Juniors program. The Junior Interns would shadow the committee members as the committees meet to conduct their CCA business.

The potential Junior Interns would inform the CCA of their interest in the program. Every two years, when committees change, all names of interested potential Junior Interns would be placed in a "hat"; committee names would be treated similarly. One Junior Intern name would be drawn as would one committee name and the two would be paired. If there are not enough Junior Interns to be matched with all committees, the Junior Showmanship committee would select which committees would be available to host a Junior Intern and only those committee names would be used during the draw. Only one Junior Intern would serve on a committee.

**Amended – on 7/11/2016 received a note from Nancy Anstruther that she and Kathy Moll have reworked their motion to reflect the input from other district directors. Therefore, she is amending her above motion to read as follows:**

"With the backing of the Junior Showmanship committee, I move to adopt an Ex-Junior Intern program. Our youth is our future, and in that vein our aged out Juniors will learn how the CCA runs, and thus encourage them to continue on with our breed and the Collie Club of America.

We will add one ex-Junior intern to each CCA committee - ex Juniors who have aged out of our excellent program. They would shadow the committee members as the committees meet and conduct CCA business. The Junior Showmanship committee would administer the program and facilitate the pairing of ex-Junior interns with the committees. The ex-Juniors would be presented with a list of all CCA committees, and would indicate their interest in by picking their top five preferences and rank them in their order of interest. Even though a certain committee may be ranked as the number one choice, it is not a guaranteed assignment. The committee will attempt to give each ex-junior their highest ranked choice as possible.

Only one ex-Junior intern would serve on each committee, and no ex-junior intern would serve on more than one committee. Ex Junior's would stay on the committee for the entire two year term, and change when the committees term has ended change when the committees change.

Thank you for your support of this motion."

#### **Clarification on the above motion – Junior Interns**

*To clarify the questions that have been asked - we would limit the program to those who have aged out of Juniors, up to ten years post-Junior. The Ex-Junior Intern is there to learn how the CCA and its committees work, and the amount of involvement on the committee is solely up to the committee itself. People have suggested that they not be assigned to Ethics or Treasurer, and while I certainly understand your points, I would prefer to see the Intern have the opportunity to learn how the committee works, without having to become involved in the actual ethics cases or in the numbers. That being said, any committee may opt out of this program if they desire.*

*Again, our youth are the future. Marjorie Tuff and her committee have turned out not only excellent Juniors, but all round good people, and these people would be an asset to the running of the CCA. We need to encourage them to become involved with the CCA. I hope you will approve this motion and let the Junior committee try this program out. Nothing is set in stone, things can be tweaked and modified, but we need to start moving forward with this club.*

Nancy

DD Canada

**3. The President presents the following motions for discussion.**

**A. Made by John Buddie on March 30 and seconded by Nancy Hehre, Erin Blaisure, Carrie Lenhart & Pam Eddy.**

As most of us are well aware, our clubs financial picture has been dwindling for the last couple of years. We have all looked at the various reasons why, but at this point regardless of all that , think it is time that we raised our dues and brought them up to current rates that all other clubs or asking. I think this would be a definite asset to keep our club in good financial straits for now and the future. **In that vein, I would like to make a motion that the dues for the Collie club with America be raised to \$65 for single and \$75 for joint membership. There were several directors at an informal meeting recently who said they would second this motion. I ask you to come forward now and second it again so that we can vote on it allowing us to vote on it ASAP.**

**NO SECONDS FOR THE TWO MOTIONS BELOW.**

**AMEND - On 3/30/2017 the following amendment was made by John Buddie and**

In lieu of rec not discussion, I would like to amend my original motion to raise our dues to \$55 for,singles and \$65 for couples.and.

Again, this is not just to offset the cost of the bulletin, but to be used where necessary to keep this club in the blaci believe discussion needs to continue regarding the bulletin, and it requires more than a band-aid

.i suggest we revisit this idea (Dues increase) again in 2022 and every five years thereafter..

**B. Motion made on 3/30/2017 by Mary Lee Oliphant, LA and**

You are not going to attract new members with dues that high. It is too much of a hike at once. I make a motion that we raise dues to \$45 for single & \$55 for double.

**THIS ITEM HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO VOTE.**

**B. Made by Nadine Beckwith–Olson on April 4 and seconded by Pam Eddy, Larry Willeford, Jan Storm, & Sue Kuechenmeister.**

In lieu of recent discussions regarding non licensed judges for specialty clubs, I personally see no reason why we should not vote this in. Clubs who are not in favor of hiring non regular judges never have to hire them. It is simply an OPTION. Those who worry about the experience of an individual being nominated....do you really think an entire club would vote for someone who was not knowledgeable about the breed? I have more confidence in our clubs. For those who feel it is not fair because these individuals didn't have to go the route that regular judges did...please remember that those who are licensed judges wanted to do this on a regular basis. Many others do not, but might try it once. And if those individuals are willing, why not make use of their talents if they have something good to offer and the preservation of breed type. Think of some of our handlers who do not want to become judges but might accept one assignment...Laurie Jeff Greer, Dona Williams, Steve Barger, Debbie Holland.....or breeders who have no desire to judge regularly like Joyce Dowling, Annette Rawlings, and many others. Not that any would even accept an assignment.....but what a coup if they did.

Do we as a board, really want to DICTATE who a club can ask to judge? We do not need to approve their judge currently, and do we want to start doing so now? I think that each and every club should have the opportunity to make these decisions independently, and we should leave this up to them. I doubt very much that this will be used very often, nonetheless, I think it could offer up some great options.

Therefore I am making the following motion:**I would like to make a motion that the board approve the "option" of letting individuals specialty clubs select qualified non licensed judges to judge at their specialty shows if they so choose.**

*Sec. Note: This comment was made regarding this motion and you may wish to clarify before it would be brought for vote. "I just want to point out that use of the word "qualified" in this motion requires definite criteria, or at minimum some description of what the word means in the motion. Pat Jung, DD MN*

**C. Motion made on April 14, by Nadine Beckwith-Olson and seconded by Linda Mabus.**

After our local club meeting the CCA members stayed to discuss potential dues increases and eliminating or going to an on-line Bulletin. Although we have several new CCA members the majority of our members are either close to or over 25 year members.

The major theme to come out of the discussion was what are we getting for our dues? All favor a financial committee to examine budgets and allocation of monies. The Bulletin (and Yearbook) is an item that every CCA member receives. Not everyone goes to the National and it seems that that the Rules are not easily adaptable to the changing times of fewer entries. Breed education occurs once a year at the National and has a very low attendance in comparison to the show. Performance has 2 obedience trials, 2 agility trials and 2 herding trials. Also there are 2 - 3 herding regional events each year. It was mentioned that we have given great financial assistance to recues which have contributed to the decline in our monies. We spend a great deal of money to assist a small number, but are looking to eliminate an item that all receive.

Members are not asking that we eliminate these things but that we more closely examine the expenditures we are making.

In addition, if we were to elect to go to an on-line Bulletin, who would the editors be? Karen and Gary have a business, will we be competing against them? Most of us have noticed that Colliesonline is not receiving a great deal of advertising. Most people are advertising on Facebook and the internet. We know it will not be an easy task to turn the Bulletin around. We do have a committee that is suppose to be looking into reducing Bulletin costs and we think they should be given a chance.

As requested by the Iowa members, **I am making a motion that a committee be appointed to review our budgets and money allocations to make suggestions on how we can best spend our monies to the benefit of our breed and members.**

**4. The President is presenting and requesting open discussion on this item on the CCADD list. Since the closing date for registration discount is June 1, the officers would like the Board's opinion on this matter. Then the President will call for a motion by the EC and a ratification by the Board in the next Communique'. It is hoped that your open participation will guide the officers to the Board's opinion on this matter.**

**The President presents for discussion and motion to send David Hansen, DVM, and our CCA Health Committee Chair, to the AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference, Friday, August 11 – Sunday, August 13, 2017, in St. Louis MO. The event hotel will be the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. All additional details are in the information provided within this Communique'. This event expenditure will expect a written report for publication in the Bulletin. The estimated expenditure to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_. ( this amount is part of our decision)**

**Additional information from David Hansen, DVM.**

Hi Janie,

Here is a breakdown of the estimated costs:

Registration prior to June 1st -\$50 after June 1st - \$100

Room from Aug 10 -13 3 nights - \$144 + taxes ? \$ 490 - \$510

Flight currently \$460-500

Transportation/taxis - \$60-80

parking &45

total \$1105 - to \$1259 ??

I know the Collie Health Foundation approved up to \$1500 for their representative. I of course wil try to save as much as I can for the CCA.

Dave

I contacted back if he knew the representative from the CHF and was told it is Nancy Kelso, who by the way, is our co-chair for the CCA Health & Policy Committee.