



To: ACDCA Membership
From: Guy Lawrence, ACDCA Secretary
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Date: 9/11/2006
Re: ACDCA Nominating Committee Slate for 2006

This memo supercedes all previous memos regarding the 2006 Nomination Committee Slate.

On September 8th the Nominating Committee returned to the BoD a third complete slate of nominees for the 2006 – 2007 election. The positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Southwest Director, North Central Director, Northeast Director, and AKC Delegate.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Date Nominations Close</u>
President	Joyce Rowland, California	October 15, 2006
Vice President	Chris Ann Moore, Arkansas	October 15, 2006
Secretary	Tracy Johnson, Nevada	October 15, 2006
Treasurer	Sara Reiter, New York	May 5, 2006
AKC Delegate	Kathryn Hamilton, Oregon	May 5, 2006
Southwest Director	Larry Favreau, California	October 15, 2006
North Central Director	Kathy Buetow Branson, Illinois	June 15, 2006
Northeast Director	Lee Kephart, Pennsylvania	May 5, 2006
South Central Director	Lori Graham, Texas	October 15, 2006

In order to provide all members an equal opportunity to run for the office of their choice the deadline for additional nominations has been extended for the two offices affected by these changes. The deadline for additional nominations will be extended to October 15, 2006 for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Southwest Director and South Central Director. Nominations must be received on or before this date.

Please find attached the memo from the Nominating committee to the board of directors.

Thank you,

Guy Lawrence
Secretary, ACDCA Inc.

Send Additional Nominations To:

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ACDCA Nominating Committee Report
September 8, 2006

Jim Hutchins, Chair
Louanne Brooks
Stacy Helsel
Rita Favreau, Alternate



I appreciate the forbearance of the ACDCA Board of Directors as the committee has completed the difficult task of determining a slate of nominees for the 2006-2007 club year.

Like the mythical Sisyphus, we found that just as we had rolled the boulder to the top of a large hill, it slipped from our grasp and rolled right back down again. We had a slate within our grasp before the deadline, as outlined in the club's bylaws, but a series of resignations and shifts in position required that the task be restarted more than once. As directors moved from one position to another, the actual open positions shifted, so we often found ourselves looking for nominees that we thought we had already nailed down.

The open positions for the 2006-2007 club year were:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
AKC Delegate
Southwest Director
North Central Director
Northeast Director

As we vacated positions to fill positions that suddenly came open, we ended up having to also secure a nomination for South Central Director (vacated as Chris Ann Moore assumed the position of Vice-President).

Brief biographical sketches for each of the nominees are reprinted below. (I have not requested these from the Treasurer, AKC Delegate, Northeast Director and North Central Director nominees, since they were "nailed down" earlier in the process, but in the interests of time, I'm sending along the ones I have. If the board wants me to request biographical sketches of everyone, then I will certainly do that.)

To avoid an appearance of conflict of interest, the committee completed its deliberations for all nominees except Southwest Director. At that point, Rita resigned from the committee, and

the three remaining committee members continued the discussion regarding the Southwest Director position.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hutchins (#1317)
Nominating Committee Chair

Joyce Rowland #839 (California)
Nominee for President (interim incumbent)

I have been a member of the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America, Inc. since 1987 and was a founding member of the Australian Cattle Dog Club of Greater Los Angeles, Inc.

I have has held a variety of positions within the ACDCA, Inc. including Southwest Director, Secretary, Chair of the National Show Committee and National Convention Coordinator for the 1992, 1998 and 2004 National Specialties and member of the Standards and Education Committee.

In addition, I have acted as Trial Chair for both AKC Herding and Agility events.

Over the past 20 years my dogs have competed in conformation, herding, agility, and obedience.

With my background in business (for the last 12 years I have been an executive officer of a Fortune 500 company) and having served in numerous roles in the club I feel I have a good understanding of what is required in order for the club to operate effectively and efficiently—including good fiscal management and governance--including adherence to the Bylaws and other club guidelines.

I believe the membership has many good ideas for improving the club and I will strive to listen to them and help implement those ideas.

I love this breed and will do all in my power to protect and serve the Australian Cattle Dog.

Chris Ann Moore #584 (Arkansas)
Nominee for Vice-President (interim incumbent)

I have been in Australian Cattle Dogs since they were recognized by AKC in 1980. My mother purchased our first Cattle Dog when I was 10 years old. I started my on breeding program fifteen years ago with a wonderful female out of my mother's lines. I enjoy every aspect of the breed including conformation, obedience and herding. I am a professional dog handler and own a boarding

kennel in Lavaca Arkansas. I have been a regional director for the last two years and look forward to representing the club in the Vice Presidents position.

**Tracy Johnson #1418 (Nevada)
Nominee for Secretary**

I have been competing in AKC venues in conformation, obedience, & junior showmanship since I was 9 years old. I acquired my first ACD in 1994 and have been showing and breeding Skyfire ACDs under the SF abbreviation since that time. I am also a member of the Australian Cattle Dog Club of Greater LA.

Dog's events are family events for us. My husband Mark is certified dog show cook, RV driver and entertains our two children, Gage (6) and Megan (4), while I show. We live in Las Vegas and contrary to popular belief, rarely gamble. In addition to dog shows, I am active as Secretary of the PTO at my son's school, serve on a number of professional society committees, including membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Society of Women Engineers and enjoy photography.

At my paying job, I am an engineering supervisor currently responsible for mechanical design of a nuclear repository. I have worked in nuclear design my entire career, at Department of Energy and Department of Defense sites in Washington, California and Nevada. I am certified as a Six Sigma Black Belt and worked three years on engineering process improvement. Pressure, deadlines, and multi-tasking are part of my life.

I look forward to serving the ACD community and welcome any suggestions for improvement.

**Sara Reiter #2319 (New York)
Elected as Treasurer for 2006-2007 (incumbent)**

**Kathryn Hamilton #632 (Oregon)
Elected as AKC Delegate (incumbent)**

**Kathy Buetow Branson #988 (Illinois)
Elected as North Central Director for 2006-2008**

**Lee Kephart #2283 (Pennsylvania)
Elected as Northeast Director for 2006-2008**

**Larry Favreau #1656 (California)
Nominee for Southwest Director 2006-2008**

I'm the L in LnR Rig B. I gave support to Rita as she started working dogs in conformation, obedience and herding. I've been involved for years but in the background. It has been six or

seven years since I got directly involved in the conformation, and about four years ago I discovered the joy of herding.

I have lived in Southern California since 1968. I now reside in Escondido, CA which is North of San Diego and near The Sand Diego Wild Animal Park.

I have been an active member in the Australian Cattle Dog Club of Greater Los Angeles, as a Board Director, I've been an all around volunteer at our herding trials chairing: grounds, set up, and stock. I was also ground chairman for the Nationals in Del Mar.

I've been involved in drywall construction for thirty plus years.

Lori Graham #2214 (Texas)
Nominee for South Central Director

About myself?!!

Well I was born in 1960... :)) OH! not that far back.

Hi All, my Name is Lori Graham and I am from Kerrville, TX. Some of you will remember me from heading up the "poop" raffle at the 2003 specialty in TX. Anyway some seem to think that my all around qualities might be useful.

My first ACD was acquired in 1988 she was not registered but helped raise 3 boys and did lots of chores around the place. (she was a wonder at breaking up rooster fights!) I have 3 ACD's right now, and plan to have my first litter around February of next year. Anyway we compete in all venues, conformation, agility, obedience, rally, herding and soon tracking! My girls have multiple titles and our plan is to have a triple CH ASAP.)

This breed means the world to me and I promote them daily, mostly trying to change the "gotta dock them tails" mentality... and health testing.

It is an honor to be asked to run for the South Central Director. I thank the folks for the vote of confidence. I am sorry to not be able to be at the Nationals this year, my Husband and I are building a house, and it is taking most of my day.

My contact # is 830-739-9555, it is my mobile and is usually in my pocket, or email me with your thoughts, awards, and any brag!

Everyone have a "LARGE" time in Minnesota!