

2019 GPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: John Payne **City/State:** Charmichael, CA **Member of GPCA since:** 1998

Nominated by: Nominating Committee: Bob Brown, Greg Mills, Joanne Krausman, Mary Lou Mayer,
Rick Fitzgerald, Nancy Carr, Terrie Strom

Biographical Summary:

I met my first pyr (s) in 1970, at the Golden Gate Kennel Club bench show in San Francisco. I fell in love with those big furry beautiful dogs. I met many at that show and just knew that I needed to have one. I got my first pyr just a few months later and began to learn about the dog under that white fur. I have had a number since then, when I wasn't travelling for work. Then about 25 years ago I had a wonderful, life changing event. I overheard a young woman talking about getting a house so she could get a dog...a big white dog. A few months later we were married and acquired a puppy, a show puppy as the breeder wanted her shown. That started us down the show trail, as well as obedience, therapy, carting. We have met some wonderful pyr people over the years and truly enjoy the time we get to spend with our friends at various events and the National.

Why I want to serve on the Board:

I would like to see the club focussing on these beautiful dogs and not so much on people issues. I have worked in acquisitions, turn arounds and other change management situations. I would like to utilize my background to assist changing directions now.

Prior experiences- Offices/Chairmanships/Committees served on:

GPCA: None

Regional Pyr club: Board of Directors, Sierra Pacific Great Pyrenees Club, Member Columbia Cascade Great Pyrenees Club

All – Breed: Member Petit Basset GriffonVendéen Club of America, Canine Good Citizen Evaluator

I believe that the 3 areas of greatest concern to the GPCA should be:

1. Respect the Pyrs, respect the Club and its rules and processes, respect the Club members, remember we all have at least one thing in common, Love for the Great Pyrenees—Let's build on that.
2. Rescue demands keep increasing. We need a solution, and that will require everyone donning their thinking caps and communicating and working together
3. Maintaining the health and the integrity of the breed. Let us not forget about the history of this great breed and the Club members before us. A Pyrenees is a big white dog, but with a significant and picturesque history we should all be in touch with.

I will attend the Annual Meeting, wherever it may be held in the US (barring a personal emergency), and will support my own travel expenses. Yes No

Of the last 5 Annual Meetings, I have attended 5.

Of the last 5 National Specialties, I have attended 5.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the above is true and correct.

Signed: John Payne