

**2019 GPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Name:** Lisa Ann Connor    **City/State:** Wakefield, RI    **GPCA member since:** 2014

**Nominated by:** Debra Fisher Goldstein, Harvey Goldstein, Greg Mills, Karol Mills, Ronald Stearns, Jo Stubbs

**Biographical Summary:**

My very first Pyr was given to me by a classmate (during undergrad studies at URI) who bred them to guard her sheep. That puppy, Caymus, immediately stole our hearts and ultimately accompanied me through my Vet school journey on Prince Edward Island. We literally stopped traffic while walking down the beautiful country roads and red sand beaches for exercise. People wanted to meet this big beautiful white fluffy dog with the wagging tail! My love for the breed blossomed into a small pack of 3 Pyrs after starting my first job as an Associated DVM. I joined the GPCA five years ago after purchasing my first show Pyr, Callie. Shortly after joining, I attended my first NS in Vancouver, WA, where I met with Club executives and accepted the position of Bulletin Co-Editor. While serving in this role, I have attended all but one NS (due to schedule limitations) and have learned so much about the various functions within our Club (Rescue, History, Health, JEC, events, etc.). Yet, there is much more to discover! Over time, I have met so many interesting wonderful people through our Club and at local dog shows. To that end, I am now a voice in the animal hospital that defends, "those crazy dog show people." Those people (us/me) actually take wonderful care of their pets; most of them anyway! We strive to ensure they receive the daily care, love and life they need to thrive.

**Why I want to serve on the Board:**

The bond and love that I share with my dogs compels me to do more for them and their breed, every day. While my tenure with the Club is not as extensive as other members who have served, I feel my commitment to serving our Executives and membership has been unequivocally demonstrated through my role as Bulletin Editor and participation in both national and regional activities. My intent is to serve our membership without any bias or agenda, act professionally and respectfully, implement my years of business experience in both communication and marketing (my life before Veterinary medicine) to help bridge some of the gaps that currently exist, utilize my veterinary knowledge where applicable, and ensure that our Club remains focused on the future of our breed. Members throughout the U.S. and beyond share the same common desire; "to preserve and protect this majestic breed." Let's work together, collaboratively, and make our Club's (and Pyrs') future a bright one!

**Prior experiences- Offices/Chairmanships/Committees served on:**

**GPCA:** Bulletin CoEditor, 2014-Present; Health Committee 2016 to present; GPCA Health Statement sub-committee

**2017 Regional Pyr clubs:** PFNE: Member 2014 to present, interim Treasurer 2019; NCAGPC: Membership pending (12/18)

**All – Breed:** Providence County Kennel Club (2015-2017/limited due to schedule conflicts)

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

1. We need to advocate and demonstrate strong communication between Executives, Committees and Members alike. Encourage and promote committee participation among membership.
2. Preserve and protect the integrity of the breed by promoting health testing and spay/neuter, encourage education opportunities at regional events (for judges and members), and support rescue efforts.
3. Membership growth - promote opportunities for sponsorship to help increase membership, consider incorporating with puppy contracts, collaborate with Versatility groups, etc.

**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 [X] No**

**Of the last 5 Annual Meetings, I have attended 4.**

**Of the last 5 National Specialties, I have attended 4.**

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

**Signed:** Lisa Ann Connor