

SECRETARY'S REPORT – 1st QUARTER 2016

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AKC CORRESPONDENCE

- AKC Communicates Weekly for October, November, and December
- AKC Event Operations summarized recent changes approved by the Board of Directors: submission of grooming plans no longer required; age of puppies allowed at A sanctioned matches 4 months, B sanctioned matches 3 months; modifications to combined specialties and 4-6 month beginner puppy competition, advocating the use of practice rings; use of electronic submission of documents (premium lists, judging programs and catalogs); and show committee seminars.
- AKC Gazette for months of October, November, and December.
- AKC Marketplace launched.
- AKC Annual Dues Renewal Request.
- AKC Invitation to participate in "Meet the Clubs" and "Meet the Breed" events in New York Feb 13 & 14.
- AKC announced changes to the Public Education Program and the addition of the Canine Ambassador Program.
- Letter from AKC Parent Club Committee advising our Parent Club Health Statement had been accepted by AKC.
- AKC notification of Canine Ambassador Program as a part of Public Education, urging participation.
- AKC Event Operations issued an update of policies for all conformation clubs.
- AKC announced the winners of the 2016 AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards: Patti Strand (conformation), John Cox (companion events), and John Russell (performance).
- AKC invitation to Canine Breeders Seminar at UC Davis

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Request from Connections Housing regarding services for finding event sites.
- Advertisement from Prize Possessions
- Advertisement from Love Animals Team
- Westminster Kennel Club advertisement for catalog ads