

**ABCA Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
November 16, 2004 Conference Call  
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Bruce Smart, Larry Burkes, Dan Gill, Merle Newton, Norma Brice, Eileen Stein, Mike Neary, Robin Nuffer, Gary Westbrook, Jim Swift, Martin Penfold.  
Also on the call: Patty Rogers, Secretary; Sally Lacy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The auditors' report, including financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2003 and the five months ending February 29, 2004, was accepted.

MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved to pay the additional \$3,010 cost of the audit and tax statement preparation as billed.

MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the comments in the auditors' letter to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

The following officers were elected for next year: President -- Bruce Smart; Vice-President -- Jim Swift; Secretary-Treasurer -- Patty Rogers.

The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for next year: Bruce Smart, Jim Swift, Mike Neary, Gary Westbrook, Dan Gill.

The following were chosen to serve on standing committees for next year:

Appeals Committee: Beverly Lambert (Chair), Robin Nuffer, Merle Newton  
Health & Genetics Committee: Sally Lacy (Chair), Mellissa DeMille, Eileen Stein, Denise Wall  
Trials Committee (Sheep): Jim Swift (Chair), Ray Crabtree  
Trials Committee (Cattle): Larry Burkes (Chair), Robin Nuffer, Gary Westbrook, Merle Newton, Dan Gill  
Nominating Committee: Mike Neary (Chair), Robin Nuffer, Don Helsley  
Communications Committee: Susan Carvalho (Chair), Eileen Stein, Craig Rogers  
Hall of Fame Committee: Dan Gill (Chair), Bruce Fogt, Patrick Shannahan, Jack Knox, Lena Bailey

Following discussion of the potential for abuse involved when pups can be registered by their buyers based on application forms given them by the breeder, a MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved that pups in litters born after January 1, 2005 may only be registered by the breeder.

Additional issues arising out of our experience with recent disciplinary proceedings were referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration. These include (1) whether any changes to our disciplinary rules are desirable; (2) whether requiring some means of uniquely identifying pups at the time of registration is desirable/feasible; (3) whether measures to discourage registration by puppy millers (such as limitations on the number of pups registerable from any one bitch, or the number of litters registerable by any one breeder per year) are desirable/feasible.

Sally Lacy reported on the status of the DNA test for CEA which will become available early next year. She emphasized the importance of confidential treatment of test results, and of encouraging responsible use of the test by breeders to avoid producing CEA-affected puppies while not excluding good working dogs who are CEA carriers from breeding programs. She asked for ABCA support in getting the testing program launched. A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved to make available a symbol for "CEA normal" which may be added to a dog's registration certificate, upon payment of \$4.00, when the test shows that dog to be free of the CEA mutation. Another MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved to support up to 10 clinics per year for the next two years by paying the administration and vet costs of the clinics for a total cost of \$5,000 per year. Applications for funding should be received by February 15 of each year, and preference will be given to larger trials as venues for the clinics.

Regarding a question recently raised about whether the owner of a sire who signed the certificate of breeding on a registration application could later object to the issuance of registration papers for the litter, a MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved that if the application is signed by the owner of the sire, he shall not be able to block or delay registration of the pups unless there is evidence that his name was forged, or that through reasons beyond his control the pups may not be the offspring of that sire (for example, evidence that the bitch was bred by another dog as well, without his knowledge). A further MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the pups from the litter in question be registered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.