

Report on ARC Bylaws Ballot

The newly amended ARC Constitution and Bylaws is included in this issue of the ARK as a separate insert for your convenience. They were submitted, along with the ballot results, and approved by the American Kennel Club.

Prior to being submitted, as pursuant to the new Article VII, Section 7, this document was reviewed by Marilyn Piusz for the purposes of making non-substantive corrections, mainly correcting “By-laws” to “Bylaws” and changing all numerical references to actual numbers rather than words, except in the case where a sentence begins with a number.

When they were submitted to AKC, the BOD realized there had been no proposal to delete “Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)” from Article X, Section 1., listing the order of business at the Annual Meeting. However, since the election is no longer tied to the Annual Meeting we asked AKC if it we were able to delete this without having to send another ballot. Mara Holiday, AKC Member & License Club Coordinator, wrote, “since the bylaws were amended to provide for the election of officers by mail, apart from the annual meeting, the “Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)” in Article X, Section 1 can be removed without further vote.” So that has been deleted.

On January 10, 2008 the ballot, along with the proposed amendments, was mailed to each of its 1167 individual members. The deadline for the return of the ballot was February 25, 2008. A total of 299 ballots were returned and opened, which included 13 ballots deemed invalid, and not counted. Five ballots were returned after the February 25th deadline and were not opened or counted. The total ballots returned, valid, invalid, and late, totaled 304 which constitutes 26% participation from ARC’s membership. The total valid Constitution and Bylaws Ballots Returned was 286.

The table below shows the number of ballots on which items were left blank, the number of votes against the each amendment, and the number of votes approving each amendment. Please note that there were Articles and Sections on which no amendments were purposed.

Respectively Submitted,
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ARC Secretary

| <u>Constitution</u> | <u>Blanks</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Bylaw Article</u> | <u>Blanks</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Approve</u> |
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| Article I | 7 | 9 | 270 | Article V Committees | | | |
| Bylaw Article | Blanks | Against | Approve | Section 1 | 3 | 7 | 276 |
| Article I Membership | | | | Article VI Discipline | | | |
| Section 1 | 3 | 20 | 263 | Section 2 | 4 | 15 | 267 |
| Section 2 | 3 | 13 | 270 | Section 3 | 6 | 15 | 265 |
| Section 3 | 4 | 8 | 274 | Section 4 | 6 | 10 | 270 |
| Section 5 | 4 | 11 | 271 | Section 5 | 5 | 14 | 267 |
| Article II Meetings | | | | Article VIII Amendments | | | |
| Section 1 | 4 | 20 | 262 | Section 1 | 3 | 25 | 258 |
| Section 2 | 3 | 18 | 265 | Section 2 | 4 | 32 | 250 |
| Section 3 | 3 | 16 | 267 | Section 3 | 4 | 28 | 254 |
| Article III Directors, Officers, and AKC Delegate | | | | Section 4 | 5 | 27 | 254 |
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| Article IV The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections | | | | | | | |
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