

## 2018 RTCA Approved Committees

### Corporate Development

Chair: Barbara Jordan

Sandra Ball

This committee's purpose is to analyze the current status of the non-profit corporation and to ascertain if it is in full compliance with state and federal laws, including all filings required by IRS.

### Development Committee

Chair: Stacy Mc Williams

Members; Sandra Ball, Barbara Jordan, Kate Adams

### RTCA Bylaws

Chair: Sandra Ball

Kate (Catherine Garvey Adams

Cory Downey Hart

Barbara Jordan

Jackie Maye Olsen

Jordan Leigh

We began work on the bylaws revision project on June 9.

Our project has been to go completely through the bylaws and work on improving the language, changing various parts of the bylaws to reflect a member friendly club, research AKC and State required language for electronic communication and voting, make use of the AKC bylaws example that was developed in 2013 to help guide our work, and lots and lots of proofing as we attempt to provide as much guidance as possible while keeping the constitution and bylaws a moderate size document (12 pages).

Our project will be going to the board for approval in about a week (8/8). As chair, I still have hours of work to do when I marry up the revision with the 2016 bylaws and provide a strikethrough copy that the voting membership can use to see what has changed. I have also developed a summary of the major changes that will accompany the bylaws.

### National Show

Chair: Linda Lee

Working on keeping all the details together for the upcoming specialty. Corresponding with Onofrio, AKC and the host club to gather and submit details. Managing the paperwork that is needed to be done. Delegate tasks to be handle (such as: trophies, ribbons, sponsors). Oversee all the little and big details of the specialty and the goal is to have a very nice outcome and to make the fancy proud of our breed and club.

### National Awards Committee

Chair: Terri Burns

Dee Foster Mapley

Linda Lee  
Teri Burns  
Stacy McWilliams (Ribbons)

This group is working together to secure awards and ribbons for the RTCA Nation on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Judges Education & Mentoring

Chair: Linda Lee

Members: Tracey Kallas, Christina Martinez, Stacy McWilliams, Kari Jepson

I chaired this committee as a representative of RTCA first to be able to offer knowledgeable members to be on this committee to use their talents in creating an educational guide through graphics and written descriptions that would be owned by RTCA and the other sister clubs would follow. I wanted to be on this committee so I could oversee and report back to the board the progress and make sure it was going in a direction that was not all about one kennel or one breeder

able to meet in the middle and come up with something that truly make the perfect Rat Terrier which Judges, breeders, and showman can use. I feel it is shame RTCA does not have their own graphics and that sister clubs had to come up with their own to educate.

### Health & Genetics

Chair: Margaret van der Hagen

Members: Linda Lee, Meta French, Stacy McWilliams

\*Be the key point of contact with the American Kennel Club and for all enquiries about the health of the breed.

\*To be a point of contact for breeders and any other concerned members of the public for breed health issues/ testing.

\*Conduct a survey of diseases and genetic disorders through a CHIC sponsored survey so any emerging health issues can be addressed.

\*To set objectives and develop plans to protect and improve the health of the breed. This will include considerations of genetic diversity (such as avoiding the use of Popular Sires and other ways to reduce levels of inbreeding); the elimination of exaggerated physical traits;

\*to develop relationships with researchers, veterinary specialists and geneticists to ensure our plan is evidence-based

\*. To start a Breed Health Fund should be established to support research into breed-related health problems.

\* To eventually develop Breed Health and Conservation Plans (BHCPs). These provide a comprehensive evidence-based state of the breed and summarize objectives and plans to address any problems

Pedigree Committee

Chair: Christina Martinez

member: Pam Mills

RTCA-AKCpuppy welcome letter

Chair: Stacy McWilliams

Members: Sandra Ball

This committee revised the original New Puppy owner insert sent out by AKC with the registration package. The project completed on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

News Letter

Chair: Linda Meeks

RTCA Logo

Chair: Teri Burns

MTB booth AKCNational in Orlando 2018-

Chair: Patty Smith

Members: Osa Borgen, Stacy Zimmerman, Debby Lassiter, Carolyn Fribicz Helewski

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This team will join together and share ideas on how to make the new RTCA booth the best it ever been. They would love to make it a welcoming place for the public and all dogs and all people. Working together and making this the best booth ever! Please feel free to share any and all ideas and let work together for the breed we all love