



The Papillon Club of America, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2026

Nicholas Forbes, Called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 PM EDT.

Roll Call (Members in Attendance): Nicholas Forbes, Diana Sayre, Georgianna Renouard and Kim Barbolini

Sending their regrets: Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Danae Fayard, Marion Ford and Hannah Ralston-Janke

The meeting was recessed at 7:15 PM EDT until 9:15 PM EDT, February 25, 2026.

Nicholas Forbes, reconvened the Meeting at 9:20 PM EDT, February 25, 2026.

Roll Call (Members in Attendance): Nicholas Forbes, Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Georgianna Renouard, Hannah Ralston-Janke Kim Barbolini and Marion Ford,

Sending their regrets: Danae Fayard

Verification of a Quorum Present: A quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda as Presented: There were no objections to adopting the Agenda as presented.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: There were no objections to dispensing with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

Reports of Officers:

President (Nicholas Forbes): The following motion(s) was/were adopted by the Board via E-mail since the January Board Meeting:

1. Diana Sayre moved that the Board authorize the President to sign and execute the St. Michael's Episcopal Church Application for Facilities Use for PCA National Scentwork events. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Georgianna Renouard, Kim Barbolini, Marion Ford, and Danae Fayard.
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes, and Hannah Ralston-Janke.

2. Kim Barbolini moved that the Board approve the Phalène Match Rosette order with Hodges for expenditure and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense on Feb 20, 2026. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Georgianna Renouard, Kim Barbolini, Marion Ford, and Hanah Ralston-Janke.
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes, Susan Bleckley, and Danae Fayard.
3. PCA's 2025 Top Awards Winners have been calculated and are:
 - a. Golden Butterfly Award: GCHP2 CH Riesa N Passionpaps Locked And Loaded, Owner: Madeline Mosing, Douglas A Kelly, Linda Foiles, and Darlene Kelly, Breeders: Darlene Kelly & Douglas Kelly.
 - b. Silver Butterfly Award: GCHG CH Wildfire Glitter In The Air, Owners: Jacqueline Finkel, Angela S Pickett, Cheslie Pickett, and Amber Finkel, Breeders: Angela S Pickett, and Cheslie Pickett.
 - c. Top Owner Handled Award: GCHG CH Sapphire's Don't Underestimate Me CA DCAT, Breeder/Owner: Lynne Leonard.
 - d. Top Agility Award: MACH8 Casabella's Happily Ever After MXG2 MJG2 MFB TQX T2B2 CGC TKN, Owners: Susan Gahan and Carol R. Lauren-Schmidt, Breeder: Carol R. Lauren-Schmidt.
 - e. Top Obedience Award: CH OTCH6 Wingssong Moves Like Jagger UDX19 OGM GN, Owner: Nancy Muller M.D., Breeders: Pat Jones and Chris Jones.
 - f. Top Junior Showman Award: Charley Newlen.

Vice-President (Diana Sayre):

Treasurer (Lori Livingston): The Treasurer's report is attached.

Corresponding Secretary (Susan Bleckley): The Houston Area Papillon Club currently holds a concurrent specialty with the Houston Toy Club, in August. That will be Saturday August 22 this year. We would like parent club approval to add a concurrent specialty Friday, August 21, 2026. The Toy Show will be August 21, 22, 23 and we would like to have our two concurrent specialties August 21 & August 22.

Recording Secretary (Georgianna Renouard):

Delegate to the AKC Report (Sandy Schumacher):

Delegates will vote to fill three vacancies for the Class of 2030 (a 4-year term) on the Board of Directors at the next Annual AKC Meeting on March 10, 2026.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following:

- Dominic Palleschi Carota of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America
- Jason Hoke of the Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club
- Thomas S. Powers of the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

The following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates:

- Carl C. Ashby III of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.
- Karen J. Burgess of the Greater Clark County Kennel Club, Inc.
- Patricia M. Cruz of the Heart of the Plains Kennel Club
- Sue Goldberg of the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.
- Laurie Maulucci of the South Windsor Kennel Club
- Lisa Peterson of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.

I will vote for whom the PCA Board determines to be the best candidates if the Board has a decision. If not, feel free to individually provide opinions or preferences.

A vote will be taken to adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 12 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which codifies the clarification to the rule adopted by the Board (May 2025 meeting) that a competitive non-regular class may not be offered by an event committee for which castration or spaying is a condition of class. I will vote as the PCA Board determines if the Board has a decision. If not, feel free to individually provide opinions.

The Breeders Development Committee, a subcommittee of the Parent Club Committee, developed a report titled “Suggestions for Breeder Education Programs (tools that really work!).” The report details successful methods used by Parent Clubs to educate membership to produce better and healthier examples of our breeds.

Information from the Delegate body of interest to PCA members

The Breeders Development Committee, a subcommittee of the Parent Club Committee, investigated the fact that many breeds are slowing diminishing due to a lower number of litters being born and a shrinking number of active breeders in the sport. The subcommittee produced guidelines regarding bitch leasing which could be a method that may help a breeder to increase its breeding program, to encourage new people to become breeders, and to help preserve a breed’s bloodlines. The subcommittee produced a sample agreement which available to the fancy. The sample document is not a contract.

AKC Communications developed a resource designed to support clubs with consistent, ready-to-use digital assets to help all clubs promote their activities and the sport. It will be available on the AKC Digital Asset Portal which will be open to all clubs upon registration.

AKC partnered with the Canadian Kennel Club to recognize CKC titles earned in Conformation, Obedience, and Rally. Dogs that are AKC registered or listed and have earned eligible CKC titles may now have those titles recorded on their AKC records and reflected on their AKC pedigree. Dogs that have previously earned qualifying titles are also eligible to apply.

Contact me if you want more information on the items mentioned above.

Reports of Committees:

2026 PCA National Specialty Conformation Show Chair (Nicholas Forbes): The 2026 PCA National Specialty Show to be held in Norman, Oklahoma continues to progress. At this time our host hotel room block is booked at 49% and rising.

2026 PCA National Specialty Obedience and Rally Events (Diana Sayre):

2026 PCA National Specialty Agility Trials Chair (Hannah Ralston):

2026 PCA SE Regional Specialty (Open):

2027 PCA National Specialty Conformation Show Chair (Karen Byrd): .

AKC Gazette Columnist Chair (Open):

AKC Stud Books Chair (Elyse Vandermolen): Reports provided monthly to those who have signed up.

PCA Archivist (Tracy Burdick): No report provided.

PCA Benevolent Committee Chair(s) (Art and Nancy Hattan):

PCA Companion Events Committee Chair - Agility, Obedience, and Rally (Hannah Ralston):
PCA Genetics Research Committee Chair (Blair Hooser): No report provided.
PCA Historian (Tracy Burdick): No report provided.
PCA Judges' Education Committee Chair (Angela Pickett): No report provided.
PCA Juniors Coordinator (Open):
PCA National Specialty Site Search and Event Negotiations Chair (Open):
PCA Medallions and Club Pins Committee Chair (Anita Wright): No report provided.
PCA Members Education Committee (Open):
PCA Phalène Committee Chair (Kim Barbolini):
PCA Top Producer Awards Chair (Tracy Burdick): Report will be provided just prior to the 2026 National Specialty.
PCA Top Club Awards Chair (Nicholas Forbes): Report will be provided in the February/March time frame.
PCA AKC New Titles Chair (Paula Botwinick): Report provided to the Web Master monthly.
PCA Webmaster (Nicholas Forbes): The 2026 Breeders' Listing is current for those who have paid.

Election of New Members: Nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business.

Georgianna Renouard left the meeting.

New Business:

1. Susan Bleckley moved that the Board approve the Supported Entry Request for the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show to be held on July 5, 2026, at Monroe County Fairgrounds, 3775 S Custer Road, Monroe, Michigan 48161. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
2. Diana Sayre moved that the Board approve the Supported Entry Request for the Great Lakes Toy Club Dog Show to be held on July 3, 2026, at Monroe County Fairgrounds, 3775 S Custer Road, Monroe, Michigan 48161. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
3. Marion Ford moved that the Board approve the Supported Entry Request for the Marion Kennel Club Dog Show to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026, at Allen County Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford.
 - b. Voted No:

- c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
- 4. Susan Bleckley moved that the Board approve the Concurrent Specialty Request for the Greater Chicago Papillon Club Dog Show to be held on Friday, October 30, 2026, at Allen County Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805 concurrent with the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club Dog Show. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
- 5. Marion Ford moved that the Board approve the President to sign and execute the R.D. Hoag & Associates, LLC (Certified Public Accountants) Agreement as presented for preparation of PCA's Annual Financial Statement and Tax Services. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
- 6. Diana Sayre moved that the Board approve the President to sign and execute the 2026 PCA National Specialty Series of Events Scent Work Judge's Agreement for Ms. Nicole Lanphear as presented. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford.
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
- 7. Susan Bleckley moved that the Board approve the President to sign and execute the 2026 PCA National Specialty Series of Events Scent Work Judge's Agreement for Ms. Madonna Gallant as presented. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
- 8. Diana Sayre moved that the Board approve the President to sign and execute the 2026 PCA National Specialty Series of Events Scent Work Judge's Agreement for Mr. David Gallant as presented. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes
- 9. Diana Sayre moved that the Board approve the 2026 National Specialty Series of Events Budget as presented and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay or reimburse any line expenses listed that do not exceed the approved budgetary amount. The motion is moved and seconded. The motion was seconded and adopted.
 - a. Voted Yes: Diana Sayre, Lori Livingston, Susan Bleckley, Kim Barbolini, Hannah Janke, and Marion Ford
 - b. Voted No:
 - c. Abstained: Nicholas Forbes

Georgianna Renouard re-joined the meeting

Next Meeting Date and Time: 9:00 PM EDT, March 26, 2026

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM EDT, February 25, 2026.