

# DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS and BYLAW AMENDMENTS

## DISTRICT 1

### **Ian Caldicott**

I have been involved in sheepdogs and sheep for over 25 years before (and partially overlapping) that I earned a PhD in Biology (Genetics) and taught courses for people with small farms for Cooperative Extension in Washington State. For the past 16 years my wife and I have run a small farm in Scio Oregon with about 150 sheep, 4 Livestock Guardian Dogs and a variable number of Border Collies. We host a 3 day trial and a 4 day trial with a double lift each spring and summer, and 4 one day trials over the winter each year.

I have competed at the National finals a number of times primarily in Open but also in Nursery a couple of times. I am also part of a crew that sets sheep at large trials in Oregon and Washington. I am running for District 1 Director of the USBCHA because I would like to help the HA to do more to support and encourage young people to become involved in herding, to build on the modernization that has been ongoing the past couple of years, and to expand our support for research into diseases affecting our dogs. If elected I will work hard to keep all district 1 members informed about what is going on in the HA.

### **Mary Minor**

I am a fifth generation Nevada rancher, so I do want to preserve and promote the working border collies. District 1, I believe, is the largest and most diverse of all the districts. I will try to be a voice for all those who are a part of District 1.

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## DISTRICT 2

### **Joni Tietjen**

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## DISTRICT 3

### **Wyatt Fleming**

Hi, my name is Wyatt Fleming. I am 20 years old. I started trialling dogs when I was 8 years old. For the pass year and half I have trained my own dogs along with outside dogs. I am pleased to represent District 3.

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## DISTRICT 4

### **Kay Stephens**

I was President of the Texas Sheep dog association and a board member there for 6 years. I have been participating in USBCHA trials since 1995. I compete in about 20 trials a year.

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## DISTRICT 5

### **Pearse Ward**

I have been involved with working Border Collies since my wife Christie got her first working pup in 1999. I got my first Border Collie in 2002 and kept a small sheep flock from 2001 - 2010 and on and off since then. I started the Star of the North Stockdog Trial in 2006 and have hosted every year but two ever since I've served two previous terms as USBCHA Director for District 5, two terms on the ABCA Board, and two terms as President of the Wisconsin Working Stock Dog Association. My professional background is as a molecular biologist and more recently as an information technology executive in the biotechnology and health care fields. I'm hoping that my prior experience hosting and competing at trials will inform my ability to represent the membership at the Board level and carry on the good work that the USBCHA does for working Border Collies and the membership.

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## DISTRICT 6

### **Lyle Lad**

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## DISTRICT 7

### **Maria Amodei**

I've been running dogs in the northeast for about 15 years, actively involved in NEBCA for much of that time, and USBCHA director for District 7 for the past two years. Many of you know me already. I welcome the opportunity to serve as your director for another 2 year term.

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## DISTRICT 8

### **Stuart Ballantyne**

If have been involved with sheep and Border Collies most of my life and I have been trialing in the US for over 10 years and attend as many trials as I can all over the Eastern US.

I am actively involved in promoting Border Collies and herding at fairs and festivals through out Florida

I encourage youngsters into the sport when ever I can.

I am actively involved in running trials and sponsoring trials.

I feel my experience in business and the trials would be of benefit as a director to the society and members of district 8

### **Frank Smith**

I am 27 years old and live in Marietta, GA. I have had border collies for the last 7 years and have been trialing in open for the last 4 years, running in open sheep and a few cattle trials. Due to my work schedule, I am not able to trial as much as I would like, although my time away from work is focused on working my dogs. My passion for working border collies and the sport are steadfast. I want to see the sheep and cattle programs continue to grow. More importantly I would like to support those in my generation to get involved in the sport. I would like to serve as a Director to get a better understanding of the USBCHA as well as provide a younger and diverse viewpoint.

## DISTRICT 9

### Tracy Hinton

I purchased my first border collie in 2006 after travelling to Scotland to watch the International Sheep Dog Trial. Since then I have tried to learn all I can about the border collie, training and trialing along with stock management. In the past 7 years I have been lucky to be able to participate in many trials across North America. Finally reaching a goal last year of competing in the USBCHA finals in Carbondale CO on both the Open and Nursery fields. I serve on our local club's board(OBCC) and participate in running local trials. Last year I was co chair of the CBCA Championship SDT held at Shepherd's Crook in Woodville, ON. Outside of the dog world I am a Solution Architect assisting large companies use Oracle's JD Edwards software to solve their business needs. I would be honoured to serve as director for district 9 and will work diligently for the members, the dogs and the sport if elected.

### John Palmer

I just retired my first open dog which I started competing with in 2010. He was a good one that brought me to many beautiful places to trial around North America. My wife and I have enjoyed hosting the Indian River SDT for what will be our 10th year this year. I have recently joined the CBCA board and look forward to working with others of the border collie community if elected to this position.

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## DISTRICT 10

### Bob Stephens

I have been a Director for District 10 off and on since 2001. For the past 2 years I have been the chair of the Grievance Committee. I am the President of the CBCA. I have also been past President of the British Columbia Stock Dog Association. I am a former Police Service Dog Handler from the RCMP during the years 1958 to 1967 when I left the Force to go to work for Weyerhaeuser in the pulp and paper business in Kamloops, B C. I retired from Weyerhaeuser as a Production Superintendent in 1998 after 32 years of service. I have always had a small farm throughout my work years and I enjoy working with livestock and my border collies. I am a director in the RCMP Veterans Association. I started trialing in 1993 mainly on cattle at that time and switched over to sheep about 3 years later. It has been a very enjoyable obsession to say the least. I have judged many trials over the years and it was something that I enjoyed very much. I turn 80 in September and I am still quite active and I take a keen interest in the operation of the USBCHA. I am married to Nancy who is also a very keen handler and a great partner.

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## AT LARGE

### Dianne Deal

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## BYLAW AMENDMENTS

### Article III

**3.3 Life members:** Life members shall consist of those persons who qualify for General Membership and pay a one-time fee in an amount set in the Association rules; no annual fee thereafter shall be required. Life members shall have the right to vote at all meetings of members regularly called, either in person or by proxy **as long as they meet the General Member voting requirements, i.e. having run a dog in the past two years in any trial, (open or nursery class) sanctioned by this Association.**

*Comment: This is not a change in the rule or practice as set forth on the ballots, but it clarifies the Rule about voting requirements for all General Members. The Board recommends a Yes vote on this bylaw change.*

### 4.5: Election of Directors

**4.5.3** After the ballot deadline, the Secretary or designee shall verify from the signed envelopes that the member is in good standing. At that point, the ballots will be separated. The Secretary shall open the ballots in the presence of a minimum of one director or two general members in good standing as designated by the President, or at a properly called special meeting.

#### **Change 4.5.3 to read:**

**Before recording a vote, the Secretary or designee shall verify that the member is in good standing. The Secretary shall keep a record of all ballots, including envelopes in electronic form. If the results were challenged, the electronic record of the votes cast will be provided to a third party appointed by the Board for validation.**

*Comment: Now that we are allowing electronic voting, the old rule is no longer practical. The recommended change allows for us to continue expanding electronic voting and is a more practical way of counting. The Board recommends a Yes vote on this bylaw change.*