

**Border Terrier Club of America
Policies and Procedures Manual**

AKC Delegate

The AKC Delegate of the Border Terrier Club of America is elected by a vote of the general membership every three years, i.e. 2014, 2017, 2020. The Delegate attends quarterly meetings of the AKC Delegate Body, which are held throughout the country. The Delegate reports semiannually to the BTCA Board. The voting power of the BTCA in AKC matters can and shall be exercised only by a Delegate selected to represent it for that purpose. As the Delegate Body votes on all matters relating to the Bylaws, much of the ongoing, or proposed, initiatives of the AKC become the official and unofficial matters for discussion and vote in these meetings. By participation and involvement in the ongoing process of these meetings, the Delegate has the opportunity to be a voice for the BTCA. The Delegate makes regular reports to the Board, and to the membership, reporting on decisions involving our club and its members in the ongoing work of the AKC.

The AKC requires that the delegate must be in good standing with the AKC, be a resident citizen of the US, its territories or possessions, or has permanent resident alien status as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Act. It is required by AKC that to become or remain a Delegate one may not be a) a professional handler or trainer of dogs, professional judge of purebred dog events where a professional judge is defined as one who charges a fee in excess of actual expenses, b) be engaged in trade or traffic in dogs, which includes commercial breeders and brokers of dogs for resale, c) be employed full time in the manufacture or sale of dog food or dog supplies, d) be a publisher or other person who promotes show dogs/kennels through solicitation or acceptance of advertisements in commercial dog publications, dog show superintendents or their employees.

Newly elected Delegates must follow an application procedure with the AKC in order to be seated which is described in the AKC bylaws Article VI Section 2-7, with an incumbent Delegate at the discretion of the club continuing to represent until the process is completed for seating a new Delegate.

A motion was passed by the BTCA Board in June 2002 that up to \$2000 per annum this amount will be available to the AKC Delegate, as the "roving" AKC Delegate's Meetings are becoming increasingly expensive. It was also agreed by the Board that the Delegate should use budget fares whenever possible.