

GPCA's AKC Delegate

Each AKC member club exercises its voting privileges through a representative known as the "AKC Delegate". The delegates form the legislative body of the AKC, making the rules and electing from their body the individuals who serve on the AKC Board of Directors.

The German Pinscher Club of America's AKC delegate is elected every two years by the membership. If the office is vacant for any reason, the GPCA Board of Directors will appoint a member to fill out the term until the next election.

Goal: The delegate serves as the voting representative and GPCA's liaison to the AKC.

Purpose: The delegate represents the GPCA at the quarterly AKC delegate meetings and keeps GPCA informed of AKC positions, proposals and upcoming issues for vote by the delegate body.

1. There are four AKC delegate meetings per year. According to the AKC Constitution and Bylaws, a member club's voting powers can be exercised only through its delegate. A delegate may only vote in person. Therefore, GPCA requires that the GPCA delegate attend a minimum of two (2) delegate meetings per year. Delegate meetings are held in March, June, September and December.
2. The delegate will discuss any proposed amendments with the club and the Board, in order to vote the club preferences and opinions. The delegate will follow the directives of their club and vote in the best interests of GPCA and the AKC.
3. The delegate will advise the board and membership of all matters pertinent to the club and the membership and shall act upon the Board's instructions.
4. Another key responsibility is to report the results and/or discussions of the quarterly meetings. Motions and issues awaiting vote at an upcoming meeting, must be reported to the GPCA Board and the Board will seek membership input whenever possible. The delegate serves as a channel of communication between the AKC and the GPCA by keeping members of GPCA informed on pending issues, AKC actions and new policies.
5. The delegate is required to submit quarterly reports or summaries of business conducted at the delegate meetings for publication in the Pinscher Press.
6. The AKC Delegate is subject to the authority of the GPCA Constitution and Bylaws.

By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.