

GPCA's AKC Delegate

Each 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 AKC's 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 GPCA's liaison to the AKC.

Purpose: The delegate represents the GPCA at the AKC delegates meetings and keeps the GPCA informed of AKC positions.

The delegate represents the GPCA at AKC's annual meeting in March and quarterly meetings in June, September, and December. According to the AKC Constitution and Bylaws, a member Club's voting powers can be exercised only through its Delegate.

The Delegate's will discuss any proposed amendments with the club and board, in order to be sure the Delegate understands the basic consensus of their Club's members before a vote. Another key responsibility is to report the results of the quarterly meeting to their Club.

The Delegate serves as a channel of communication between the AKC and the club by keeping members of their GPCA informed on pending issues, AKC actions, and new policies. The delegate will pass along positions taken by the GPCA to the AKC Board and staff.

The AKC Delegate is subject to the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws.