

Constitution Committee

Authority	<p>As stated in the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, this committee shall always be subject to the final authority of the GPCA Board of Directors. The Board can appoint new members to the committee, appoint the chairman, and will approve members wishing to join this committee.¹</p>
Objective	<p>The Constitution Committee has the responsibility of keeping the Constitution, By-laws, and standing rules.</p>
Purpose	<p>The committee has the responsibility of keeping the Constitution, By-laws, and standing rules updated and to determine if the constitution in its present form is working for the GPCA. Additionally, to maintain the general standing rules for the general membership and the board standing rules for the Board of Directors.</p>
Responsibilities	<p>Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Chairman and the committee members should have some experience in reading, writing, and understanding constitutions and by-laws for kennel clubs. The chairman should be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order as should the committee members.■ The chairman should be able to explain different parts of the constitution and by-laws if asked and be watchful for items that might need revision at a later date. Advise the Board to ensure the GPCA follows the Constitution, By-laws, standing rules, and Robert's Rules of Order.■ The committee chairman will present an annual report to the Board prior to the Annual Board Meeting as required by the GPCA Constitution/bylaws.
GPCA Procedures	<p>Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The members who have concerns over the constitution and by-laws should advise the board through the Secretary and it will be referred to the committee.■ All revisions that are to be considered for change must be presented to the AKC before going to the membership for a vote.■ See the Constitution for rules relating to changes to the Constitution and by-laws.
AKC Requirements	<p>Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No amendment or change to the Constitution and by-laws or to the Standard of the breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.■ Revisions as of this date are accepted by AKC only every five years. The last change was in 2005.

Standing Rules

Duties/Requirements

- Ensure the standing rules for the GPCA are maintained, organized, and available to the membership and/or the Board.
- Standing rules are rules which are related to the details of the administration of a society which can be adopted or changed upon the same conditions as any ordinary act of the society.
- Standing rules can be passed, changed or suspended by a majority vote. Currently, there are standing rules for the members of the GPCA such as the Awards rules. These rules must be approved, changed or suspended by a majority vote of the membership and kept separately from the Board Standing Rules.
- The Board standing rules refer to the Business of the board and rules for how that business is conducted. These rules can be approved, changed or suspended by a majority vote of the Board and must be kept separately from the GPCA member's standing rules.

¹ 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.