

German Pinscher Club of America

STANDING RULES For Membership September 2006

1. A picture of the dog/bitch who wins the National Specialty will appear free of charge on the cover of the Pinscher Press (once yearly).
2. The AKC Gazette Awards magazine goes to the awards librarian. (Currently, Debbie Kaminski).
3. The Sunshine Committee, when notified, will send cards in cases of serious illness or passing of club members or close family. (Currently, Betsy Spilis). The Board may add to or amend procedures.
4. The GPCA will place an advertisement yearly in the Eukanuba Invitational Show catalog.
5. The GPCA will honor members who pass away during the year by dedicating the next National to them. If time does not permit for the current year, then the next year's National will be dedicated to them.
6. Monthly, the Board reviews new member applications as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board reviews each application and votes to approve publication in the Pinscher Press. The standing rule dictates that the membership is allowed the opportunity to write to the Board any possible complaints or misgivings they might have with the applicant becoming a member. The Pinscher Press presents the notification of these applicants. Members have 30 days to comment. If the Board has denied membership to any applicant, the Pinscher Press will publish such notification to the general membership.
7. The GPCA will honor (with a small gift) at the Annual National Specialty any who have contributed his/her time, energy, commitment, and resources to the club. Any club member in good standing may nominate a person stating why this person is deserving of the award. The Board will make the final decision. Any current Board Member is exempt from receiving this award. The Board also has the right not to award this gift in any given year.
8. The GPCA will have an awards program. GPCA will distribute awards at each Annual National. Refer to the GPCA website for details and requirements.
9. Any member in good standing who wishes to conduct a GPCA supported entry in conjunction with an AKC licensed/member club must contact the Supported Entry Coordinator for approval.
10. In order for a member in good standing to become a GPCA-APPROVED Seminar Presenter, the Board must approve said person.
11. The money raised by the Ways and Means Committee will replenish itself until the committee can financially benefit GPCA.
12. The yearly dues notices will also request funds for Rescue and Trophy donations. The Breeder Referral renewal forms will also accompany the membership renewal notices.
13. As stated in the by-laws, all officers and board members will have the ability to use electronic mail to communicate and perform board business. Additionally, they will have the ability to vote in a designated voting booth online as requested

by AKC. This will be the agreed upon method of doing ongoing board business. The secretary must present this requirement/information to the Nominating Committee Chair at the time of his/her selection who will then notify each nominee to include the following in his/her resume. "I, <insert name>, accept the nomination and agree to the electronic mailing stipulation as approved by the Board and stated in Standing Rules. This requirement will pertain to all persons being nominated for office in the GPCA.

The Board requires any prospective GPCA Officer/Board Member (by the nominating committee or by the five signature membership nominating process) **MUST** agree in writing to the electronic mailing process.

This requirement applies to all potential officers and becomes a Board policy and a Standing Rule. This requirement is also a part of the secretary's job description. Before each election, the secretary must present this requirement/information to the Nominating Committee Chair at the time of his/her selection. The electronic emailing statement is also required in the resume of each candidate nominated by the Nominating Committee and any candidates nominated by the membership prior to publication in the *Pinscher Press*.

These Officers and or Board Members must also make every effort to check their email at least once a week to be aware of all issues. They must vote in the on-line voting booth within seven (7) days of any Board motion.

The potential Officer/Board Member must state in his/her resume. "I, <insert name>, accept the nomination and agree to the electronic mailing stipulation as approved by the Board and stated in Standing Rules.

15. When posting a question in the Polling Booth, always Display voter identity with each vote. That way, those who have not voted can be notified that 7 days have passed.

16. Members having obtained the floor while a debatable motion is immediately pending, can speak no longer than two (2) minutes unless he/she obtains consent of the assembly. Members may speak twice to each debatable motion. The maker of a motion shall be permitted to speak first.

17. Voting on motions shall be by voting card. A voting card shall be distributed to each voting member upon registration.