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2009 East Coast Director Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: DAVID L. SMITH

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Northern New England Region: East Coast

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Residence: NH I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: NY, AR, New England States. How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 14

How many years have you been involved with ABC? 14 3 yrs Director

Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes

Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Futurity Breeder Judge Rescue

Which Activities judged?: NA. Other: Legislative Activities, Insurance & financial concerns of ABC.

Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes All 3 Brittanys in our family.

Which titles? CH, FC, JH. Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: Liasion to NH Fish &

Game and NH Wildlife Federation. Event Chairman Event Sec Event Committee Which type

Events? National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director (3 yrs) National FT Committee

National Specialty Show Committee Other : National Committees on which you have served: Insurance Contact.

What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? **Have dogs in Field and Show. Retired**

banker, so bring financial expertise to the board. Former State Representative so bring knowledge of following

legislation to the table. Have retired from most of my other activities so the Brittanys will have my attention.

Sometimes I think that I relate better to dogs than to people.

Candidate: DARLENE DOW

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Hudson Valley Region: East Coast

Phone # 518-793-5642 Email: Boudreaux@roadrunner.com. State of Residence: NY

I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: NY, PA, NJ, MA, CT, IA, MI, AR, NH, ME. How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 11

How many years have you been involved with ABC? 11

Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes

Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Obedience Futurity Breeder Judge

Which Activities judged?: Local Field Trials & HVBC Grouse Classic.

Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes, 6

Which titles? CH, FC, AFC, JH, CGC. Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: VP,

Corresponding Sec. & FT Sec. Event Chairman Event Sec Event Committee Which type

Events? HB & Walking FT, Grouse/Woodcock trials, Specialties, Futurity. National Club Activities: ABC Officer

ABC Director National FT Committee : **NAGD Reporter**

National Specialty Show Committee Other : National Committees on which you have served.

What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? **What will be your strongest asset as**

a member of the BOD: : I have a varied background in most facets of Brittany competition—spearheading &

organizing HVBC's hosting of the ABC Grouse/Woodcock Classic. The 2004 & upcoming 2010 Eastern futurities and

our horseback field trials. I was also a pioneer in creating the HVBC Grouse Classic. I was the reporter for the

NAGDC in 2009 and have been asked back for 2010. I have judged both horseback and walking FT's (including from

foot), yet have an all age dog campaigning in the mid-west. I also bred, trained and campaigned my female gun dog

to her FC/AFC and NAGD placement. However, all this field work is not exclusive as I participate in shows and I

have also been an officer and show chair for an all-breed club for the past 7 years. I think this gives me a unique

perspective on the wide range of capabilities of our beloved Brits. I also have been to Booneville to the all age

nationals and specialty show for the past 10 years giving me a familiarity with the people who attend every year. So I

would say being well rounded and representative of the constituency of the East would be my strongest asset



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2009 East Central Director Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: TOM ROBIN

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Michigan BC Region: East Central Region
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State of Residence: MI I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis:
MI, OH, IL & Booneville. How many years have you been involved with
Brittanys? 40 With ABC? 20 Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD
meeting in November in Booneville? Yes
Please check the activities in which you have participated:
Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Futurity Breeder Judge
Rescue Obedience Agility Which Activities judged?: Field Trials, Hunt
Tests. Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes 10 dogs.
Which titles? NFC, DC, FC, AFC, CH, JH, Am Field CH, RU-NGDC.
Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: Director., Event Chairman _____,
Event Sec _____ Event Committee . Which type Events? Field Trials
National Club Activities: ABC Officer _____ ABC Director _____ National FT Committee
National Specialty Show Committee _____ Other National Committees on which you have served:
Nominating Committee. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why: **I am open**
 minded, objective and have the ability to analyze issues. Wide ranging interest in many different
 aspects of Brittany ownership and dogs in general. Good sense of humor.

Candidate: Marvin Stout

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Greater Indianapolis BC Region: East Central
Phone # 765-384-7874 Email: Dynamite@comteck.com
State of Residence: IN I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular
basis: AR, IA, IN, IL, KY, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, PA, TN,
How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 28 With ABC? 28
Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes
Please check the activities in which you have participated:
Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Futurity Breeder Judge
 Obedience Agility Which Activities judged?: HUNT TEST
Other: Contributing Editor of American Brittany Magazine
Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes
Which titles? DC, FC, CH, & Futurity Winners
Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: PRESIDENT, SEC. – TREASURER
Event Chairman Event Sec Event Committee . Which type Events? FIELD
TRIALS, HUNT TEST, SPECIALTY SHOWS, National Club Activities: ABC Officer _____ ABC
Director National FT Committee _____ National Specialty Show Committee Other :
National Committees on which you have served: ABC National Futurity Chairman What will be
your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? **My strongest asset is my dedication the the**
 Dual Champion Brittany. I will contribute an independent and objective observation to the ABC
 Board of Directors. I am currently serving as an East Central Director and ABC National Futuritiy
 Chairman



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2009 Central Director Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: JIM BRIGHAM

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Badger Region: Central Region
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State of Residence: WI I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis:
WI, MN IL & IA & Ionia & Booneville. How many years have you been involved with
Brittany's? 24 With ABC? 24 Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD
meeting in November in Booneville? Yes
Please check the activities in which you have participated:
Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Futurity Breeder Judge
Rescue Obedience Agility Which Activities judged?: Field Trials Have you
put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes 2 dogs. Which titles? FC, AFC.
Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: Sec/Trea., Event Chairman
Event Sec Event Committee Which type Events? Field Trials & ABC Classics.
National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director National FT Committee
National Specialty Show Committee Other National Committees on which you have served:
Nominating Committee. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? I think
that my experience as a Board member is valuable in continuing to serve Central members
and the overall ABC membership.

Candidate: STEVE RALPH

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: St. Croix Valley & MN Region: Central Region
Phone # 651-303-0129 Email: mail@blazinbritts.com State of
Residence: MN. I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis:
MN, WI, IA, SD, MO, KS, NE, AR. How many years have you been involved with
Brittany's? 29 With ABC? 16
Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes
Please check the activities in which you have participated:
Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Obedience Futurity Breeder
Rescue Judge Which Activities judged?: Field Trials.
Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes, 4 dogs
Which titles? FC, AFC, Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: Pres, VP,
Sec. Event Chairman Event Sec Event Committee Which type Events? Field
Trials. National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director National FT Committee
National Specialty Show Committee Other National Committees on which you have served: National
Championship Field Trial Secretary & ABC Web Manager. What will be your strongest asset as a
member of the BOD and why? I've attended a multitude of ABC events across the country and
I'm involved with ABC National Championships as well as several Regional clubs that host
Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Specialty Shows and a host of training and new member activities. I
will use this knowledge to help do what is best for the Brittany and the membership. I will
represent my region's membership to the best of my ability with no personal agenda.



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2009 Midwest Director Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: ROBERT A. RANKIN, MD

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Northern Oklahoma Region: Midwest

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State of Residence: OK I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis:

OK, TX, MO, AR . How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 32 With

ABC? 32 Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in

Booneville? Yes Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials X Shows Hunt Tests Futurity Breeder Judge x Rescue

 Obedience Agility Which Activities judged?: Field Trials & Nat. CH Events

Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes 4 dogs. Which titles?

FC, Am Field CH, 2 National Champions. Regional Club Activities: Club Officer X

Offices held: Pres., FT Chair Event Chairman x, Event Sec Event Committee x.

Which type Events? Field Trials . National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director x

National FT Committee x National Specialty Show Committee Other National Committees

on which you have served: Nominating Committee, IAMS & Purina AA Points Award Chairman. What

will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? I've been involved with Brittanys for

32 years, am Pres of NOBC and US Open. Have attended numerous trials and judged

multiple breeds at there national championships. I'm a Director At Large for the Amateur

FT Clubs of America and attend their annual meeting. I started and have run the Brittany

All Age Award for 22 years and make the Annual Presentation at Booneville. I hunt quail

and train my own hunting dogs and actively trial 2 Brittanys and co-own two All Age

Pointers with a friend that are on the all age circuit. I've been on the BOD long enough to

be a seasoned veteran and know what has been discussed in the past.

Candidate: STAN TRUKSA

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Nebraska BC Region: Midwest Region

Phone # 402-791-5171 Email: XX State of Residence: Nebraska.

I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: NE, KS, IA, MO, SD

How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 28 With ABC? 24

Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes

Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials X Shows X Hunt Tests X Obedience Futurity X Breeder x

Rescue Judge x Which Activities judged?: Field Trials.

Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes, 6 dogs

Which titles? FC, AFC, CH, Am Fld Ch Regional Club Activities: Club Officer X Offices

held: Pres, 18 yrs, Event Chairman x Event Sec x Event Committee x, Which type

Events? Field Trials . National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director National FT

Committee , National Specialty Show Committee Other National Committees

on which you have served: Judged the Nat. Am Br. Championship twice. What will be your strongest asset as a

member of the BOD and why? I am a good listener and problem solver. I know most

everyone in my region. I will do anything that will better the breed and the sport.



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2009 West Coast Director Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: _____ **JOHN HENDERSON** _____

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Whid Isle B.C. Region: West

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State of Residence: WA I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: WA, OR, ID. How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 33 With ABC? 33 Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Futurity Breeder Judge Rescue Obedience Agility Which Activities judged?: Field Trials & Hunt Tests.

Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes 10 dogs.

Which titles? DC, FC, AFC, SH, JH Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: Pres., VP, BOD Event Chairman Event Sec Event Committee Which type Events? Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Shows. National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director National FT Committee Other National Committees on which you have served: Long Range Planning/Future Grounds Committee. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? **A willingness to investigate and consider options other than the status quo when looking at how and where we hold national events and the manner in which we conduct our business as an organization. I feel that it is imperative that we make our events as accessible as possible to as many of our members and their dogs and that we consciously strive to make decisions that ensure the viability of the ABC over the long run.**

Candidate: _____ **SUSAN KERNS** _____

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: San Diego & California BC Region: West Coast

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State of Residence: CA, I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: CA, AZ, AR. How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? 29 With ABC? 27 Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? Yes Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials Shows Hunt Tests Obedience Agility Futurity Breeder Rescue Judge Which Activities judged?: NA

Have you put Championship or other titles on your dogs? Yes, 8 dogs

Which titles? CH, JH, CD, RN, AX, AXJ Regional Club Activities: Club Officer Offices held: SDO: Pres, VP, Sec., Trea, Show Chair. Event Chairman Event Sec Event Committee Which type Events? Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Shows. National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director National FT Committee National Specialty Show Committee Other National Committees on which you have served: West Nominating Committee, Breed Standards. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why? **A well rounded experience in many aspects of the dog fancy. I actively participate in Brittany events in the West and National level. My dogs have competed in show, field, agility and obedience. I am a good listener and will fight for what I think is important but also know when to compromise. I will bring to the National Club my experience in business; my experience in holding every office at the local level, a desire to keep the Brittany a dual dog, and a wish to work toward reaching more Brittany owners in addition to the field and show venues.**