

2023 Candidates for Central Region Director

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Joe Droel is a resident of Iowa but in the process of moving. He is affiliated with the Minnesota Brittany Club. He regularly attends Brittany events in MN, IA, NE, MO, KS and AR. He has been associated with brittanys for 39 years and with the ABC for 29 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD in Booneville, AR.

He is a breeder and an AKC show, sweepstakes and field trail judge. He participates in Field Trails, Hunt Tests, shows, and Futurity. His dogs have earned the title of Dual Champion and FC, GFC, DC, GCH, CH, JH, SH, MH, OA, NAJ, CGC, He has been with the ABC as a director for 6 years and President of his regional club in Minnesota. Also held the titles of 1vp, event chairman, Event Sec and finance committee.

He feels that experience is his greatest asset. Discussing issues facing the ABC with members while attending both field trial and shows has given him a unique insight into what members are looking for from our national club. He sees Brittany as a dual dog and strives to follow the ethical breeder guidelines.

MATT WEDELE

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Matt is a resident of Minnesota which is in the central region. He is affiliated with the Minnesota Brittany Club. He regularly attends Brittany events in MN, IA, NE, ND and AR. He has been involved in Brittanys for 6 years and with ABC for 6. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD in Booneville, AR.

He is a field trial judge, and he participates in Field trails, Hunt tests, shows and the Futurity. His dogs have earned the title of Dual Champion and CH, FC, DC and JH. He has been an Event Chairman, Event Sec and on multiple event committees including the Nat. Specialty Show.

He feels he can bring in new energy, perspective and voice, helping to create new and innovative ways to grow and improve membership. The knowledge to recognize and utilize new technology to expand and help enhance ABC events while preserving the traditions of the club.

2023 Candidates for Midwest Region Director

DENNIS SULLIVAN

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Dennis Sullivan is a resident of Wyoming. He is affiliated with Northern Colorado Brittany Club in the Midwest region. He regularly attends events in CO, NE, IL, WI and IA. He has been associated with Brittanys for 38 years and with the ABC for 38 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting held in Booneville, AR.

He participates in Field trails, Hunt Tests, Showing and the Futurities. Dennis is an AKC and AM Field judge for field trails. He has finished titles on a half dozen dogs over the years, the titles included are FC/AFC, AMFC, CH.

Dennis has held positions with different regional clubs such as LaSalle and Northern Colorado and the parent club as well. Positions held include, President, 1st VP, 4th VP, FT/sec./Treasurer. Also did the National GD Championships in 04 and 05. He has served on multiple field trail committees both as a member and as the chair.

He relates that his greatest asset is his strong background working with the ABC club and many regional clubs. Along with his extensive and broad experience working in the dog world from the regional and national levels gives him a strong base to assume the role of Director of the Midwest region.

SHAWN R. MACLEOD

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Shawn Macleod is a resident of Texas in the Midwest region. He is affiliated with the Texas Coastal Brittany Club, Fort Worth Brittany Club and Alamo Brittany Club. He regularly attends events in TX, LA, OK, NC, IA, CO, FL and AR. He has been involved with Brittanys for more than 20 years and with ABC for 15. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

He participates in Field Trails, Hunt tests, Agility and shows. He has done work for rescue. He is a breeder and has accomplished many titles on his dogs including Dual champion, others are FC, AFC, CH show and GCH show. Also, titles in hunt test and agility. He has held the position of event chairman and multiple event committees.

He relates that his greatest asset is being a passionate advocate for the ABC and unwavering commitment to Brittany's preservation and advancement. He has consistently implemented innovative initiatives that have contributed to his club's growth and success. Shawn also has an unwavering commitment, coupled with his abilities to effectively communicate complex issues to both seasoned breeders and newcomers, empowers him to make informed decisions that positively impact the breed and its enthusiast.

2023 Candidates for the West Coast Region Director

STEVE COSGRIFF

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Steve is a resident of Washington in the West region. He is associated with the Oregon Brittany Club. He regularly participates in Brittany events in WA, OR and ID. He has been involved with Brittanys for 18 years and ABC for 9 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

He participates in Field Trails and the Futurity. He is an AKC field trail judge and his dogs have earned the titles NFC, GFC, FC and AFC. He has held the positions of President, event chairman, secretary and event committee with his regional club on the west coast.

He feels his greatest asset is he believes in the ABC's mission and recognizes that they are a group of volunteers with different perspectives. Member input, supported by facts, should drive discussions. Final decisions must be for the greater good of the breed.

Robin Tomasi

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Robin Tomasi is a resident of Idaho in the West Region. She is associated with the Idaho Brittany Club. She regularly participates in Brittany events in ID, WA, OR, UT and MT. She has been associated with Brittanys for 30 years and the ABC 24 years. She is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

She participates in Field Trails, Shows, Hunt Tests, Agility, Obedience, Futurity and Rescue. She is a breeder and her dogs have earned the Dual Champion title along with DC, GCH, CH, FC, JH. She has been a director on the national BOD, National show committee, Judges Ed. Futurity, Facebook committee, Dog of the year and national trophy fund.

She feels there is so much to be proud of in the West Coast Region. She has advocated for the region on the ABC board since 2014. She will continue to strive to have a positive influence on the West Coast Brittany Clubs and the ABC overall. She will continue to strive for the Brittany as a dual dog in all venues.

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DOUG WELSH

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Doug Welsh is a resident of Pennsylvania. He is affiliated with the Northern Virginia Brittany Club in the East Coast region. He regularly attends events in VA, PA, NJ, MD and CT. HE has been associated with Brittanys for 18 years and with ABC for 17 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

He participates in Field trails, Hunt Test, and shows, he is also a Field Trail and Hunt test Judge. He is a breeder and has earned titles which include Dual Champion. He also has dogs with the titles DC, FC, AFC, JH, SH and CH. He has held the position of President, VP, been part of various FT committees and Hunt Test committees.

He states that his strongest assets come from his love of the breed which allows him to see what a good facet for every stage of dog training would be. His experience comes from Hunt tests and fields trails but he has a deep appreciation for the talent and expertise needed in each discipline represented by the ABC and its members.

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Philip Thayer Jr. is a resident of New Hampshire. He is affiliated with the Northern New England Brittany Club and Central Maine Brittany club. He regularly attends Brittany Events in ME, NH, RI, MA, CT, NY and PA. HE has been involved with Brittanys for 48 years and with ABC 33 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

He has participated in Field Trails, hunt Tests, shows, Futurity and NAVHDA. He is a breeder and his dogs have earned 67 titles. These include CH GCH, SH, JH, NAVHDA NA, NAVHDA UT. He has received the most NAVHDA awards for Brittanys in the history of the breed. He is a NAVHDA judge. He has held multiple positions with multiple clubs including director, 3rd VP for show, secretary, FT chairman, He has coordinated FT events, HT events and even chaired the summer specialty.

Phillip states his strongest asset to ABC would be to help regional and the parent club grow the membership. He feels that the membership is getting older, and clubs are losing active members. While he has a passion for helping bring others into new blood into the Brittany community, he also has a passion for the breed itself. He believes in Brittany as a dual dog, He was told by Ron Stevenson that you breed for the field and pick for show. He has worked with brittanys for over 48 years and been actively breeding since 1989.

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RONALD HARLING JR.

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Ronald Harling Jr. is a resident of New York. He is affiliated with the Brittany Club of Upper New York. He regularly attends events in NY, Pa, OH, IL and MI. He is a second-generation Brittany man associated with the breed for 56 years and the ABC for 20. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

Ronald has participated in field trails, hunt tests and the futurity. He is also active with rescue. He is also an active breeder and AKC, AM Field judge. His dogs have earned titles including FC,AFC, AKC GFC2, RU national open all age champion, American field-C, AFC ,Deby RU. He has also held positions with his regional club as an officer and breeder referral.

He feels he would be an asset to the ABC by being able to quickly get the root of an issue and objectively seek a solution. He wants to make the Brittany community and sport stronger for not only current members but the future as well. He believes a strong and stable body and mind are mandatory and a dog you can be proud of. He has won National events in the field trial area and hopes to place again. He believes there is room for all disciplines and for the good of the ABC we should all work together to find common ground.

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CHARLES LAWRENCE

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Chuck is a resident of Tennessee which is in the East Central Region. He is affiliated with Mid Florida Brittany Club. He regularly attends Brittany events in FL, GA, MO, IA, TN, KY, WI, MN, OH, AR and IL. He has been involved with Brittanys for 14 years and the ABC for 14 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Booneville, AR.

He participates in Field Trails, Shows, Hunt Tests and Futurity. He is a lifetime member of the NY magistrate's association. He worked with the AR Dept. of Public Health to be able to have the ABC national specialty and banquet in 2020. He has conducted the town hall meeting at the nationals and is the current finance committee chairman. His dogs have earned the dual champion award and hold other titles which include DC, FC, GFC, JH, CH, GCH, BIS.

Chuck is dedicated to Brittany as a dual dog first and foremost. He has been involved with sporting dogs since 1995, getting his first Brittany in 2009. He feels with a background in law, finance and administration from being a judge (retired NY) and public school district business administrator he would be a good asset to the ABC. He believes that the ABC needs to be more financially stable and transparent to the membership. That more communication needs to take place between the BOD and the membership itself. He will continue to attend and support Brittany events in his region and others. but most of all have an open ear to all members of the east central region. He looks forward to supporting Brittany as a versatile dog not just in the field and ring but in all venues.

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Ron Gulembo is a Resident of Michigan which is in the Central Region. He is affiliated with Michigan Saginaw Valley BC. He regularly attends Brittany Events in MI, IL, PA, MO, PA and AR. He has been involved with Brittanys for 48 years and the ABC for 48 years. He is willing to attend the ABC BOD in Booneville, AR.

He participates in Field trails, Shows and the futurity. He is a breeder and his dogs have earned many titles including the Dual Champion along with AFC, FC, NAFC, and AMFC. He has been a director and the Policy Book Chair for the national club along with an event sec. on multiple event committees.

Ron believes that the BOD needs to run as a non-profit business and not a social club. He is attempting to update the membership list so he can communicate directly with the membership. Find a way to secure national membership, to protect data from possible hackers. Continue to communicate with BOD and visit as many events

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in his region as possible. Continue to update the policy book, and insist the finances are audited externally when needed. Have more zoom meetings within the BOD. Create a schedule of qualifying CH for Dog of the year in each region, and not just what is currently happening.