

Emily Berkley, District Director Candidate District 11

Experience

Collie Club of America:

District Director 16 years

Chair, Tax Set Aside Committee 4 years

Chair, Budget and Finance Committee 4 years

Member, Constitution Committee 2 years

Kansas City Collie Club:

Current President

Previously served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary

Chair, Constitution Committee

Breed Education Mentor

Publicity Chair, annual specialty show

Community:

Board member and officer of a local 501(c)3 organization

Member, Community Advisory Board of the area's largest food bank

Vision For the Board of Directors

Respect. Communication. Accountability:

Board members must safeguard the integrity and finances of the CCA. At the same time, they must always consider the concerns of CCA members because unhappy members will leave and without members the organization will die. Board members should be respectful of all concerns raised by members and, if necessary, should seek compromise between those views and what can be done without jeopardizing the CCA.

Board members must communicate with their members regularly. It is not enough to pass along the Communique or other CCA notifications. Directors need to highlight for members any pending vote which could change CCA operations, fees, National locations, etc. and ask for member input on those items before a vote is taken. Input from their district members should be shared with the entire Board.

Board members must ask committee chairs to seek volunteers for their committees from the entire membership. Members have a wealth of knowledge and experience, and we need to tap into it.

Board members must ask that all committee chairs report regularly to the Board and that those reports be shared with all members.

Board members must ask that the Constant Contact system be used regularly so that all information for members goes to all members at the same time.

Board members must review each Treasurer's report and ask questions about the club's finances and the management of them. Both the questions and the answers should be reported to all members. In addition, Board members must ask that the CCA follow the AKC's financial guidance document, "Managing Club Finances".

Board members must review all proposed legislation and ask whether it conforms to the CCA Bylaws, AKC rules and AKC best practices guidelines. If the legislation is faulty, Board members must ask that it be put on hold until the flaws are fixed.

Board members must ask that each Communique's written report of Board votes names those members absent for the vote, those voting yes, those voting no and those abstaining. Members need to know how their representatives vote, every time they vote.

Board members need to remember the saying: "Just because you can, doesn't mean you should."