FLCA AKC Delegate

Each AKC member club exercises its voting privileges through a representative defined as the “AKC Delegate”. The combined delegates form the legislative body of the AKC, making the rules and electing from their body the individuals who serve on the the AKC Board of Directors.

The FLCA AKC Delegate shall be elected every two years by the membership according to the procedures outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws. If the office is vacant for any reason, the FLCA Board of Directors will approve a member to fill out the term until the next election.

**GOAL:** The Delegate serves as the voting representative and FLCA’s liaison to the AKC.

**PURPOSE:** The Delegate represents the FLCA at the quarterly AKC delegate meetings, and keeps the FLCA informed of AKC positions, proposals and upcoming issues for vote by the delegate body.

1. There are four AKC delegate meetings per year. According to the AKC Constitution and By-Laws, a member club’s voting powers can be exercised only through its delegate. A Delegate may only vote in person. Therefore, FLCA requires that the FLCA Delegate attend a minimum of two (2) delegate meetings per year. Delegate meetings are held in March, June, September and December.

2. The delegate will discuss any proposed amendments with the club and the board in order to vote the club preferences and opinions. The delegate will follow the directives of the club and vote in the best interest of the FLCA and the AKC.

3. The delegate will advise the board and membership of all matters pertinent to the club and the membership, and shall act upon the Board’s instructions.

4. Another key responsibility is to report the results or discussions of the quarterly meetings. Motions and issues awaiting vote at an upcoming meeting must be reported to the FLCA Board and the Board will seek membership input whenever possible. The delegate serves as a channel of communication between the AKC and the FLCA by keeping members informed on pending issues, AKC actions and new policies.

5. The delegate is required to submit quarterly reports or summaries of business conducted at the delegate meetings for publication to the club.

6. The AKC Delegate is subject to the authority of the FLCA Constitution an By-Laws.

**References:** Itr of June 30, 2011 from the AKC Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, subject, the Importance of your AKC Delegate. (What are the unique powers of a Delegate?, How do they exercise these powers?, What are the qualifications for a person to become a Delegate, Required – Article VI of the AKC Bylaws, Suggested, What should a Member Club expect from their Delegate, What should your Delegate expect from the Member Club.