

Australian Terrier Club of America

Board Slate 2018-2019

The 2017 ATCA Nominating Committee, Marilyn Harban, Chair; Kerrie Bryan and Susan Saulvester offer the following Slate for the years 2018-2019. Resumes are attached.

SLATE

AKC Delegate:	William Christensen, CA
Corresponding Secretary:	Julie Seaton, WI
Board Members:	Rita Farmer, TN
	Kendall Liga, NC
	Jeanne Popovits, AZ
	Pat Zupan, NJ

BOARD MEMBERS RETURNING (2017-2018)

President:	William Christensen, CA
Vice President:	Grace Massey, VA
Recording Secretary:	Sherrill Yates, OK
Treasurer:	Darlene Evans, CA
Board Members:	Kerrie Bryan, CO
	Tammy Gaudet, NM
	Celeste Platte, FL
	Alexa Samarotto, NY
AusTTrust Trustees-At-Large:	Marilyn Harban, TN
	Caren Holtby, CAN
AusTTrust Treasurer:	Kreg Hill, CA

By-Laws – Article IV, Section 4(b): Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to and received at the Recording Secretary’s regular address on or before October 31st. Such petitions must be signed by five (5) members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate and a brief resume of his/her qualifications for the office. Except for the position of Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

Article IV, Section 4, (c): If no valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before October 31st, the Nomination Committee’s slate shall be declared elected.

RESUMES FOR 2018 – 2019 NOMINATED SLATE

AKC DELEGATE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

WILLIAM I. CHRISTENSEN, MD, MPH – Member since 2001

I have served the ATCA as its Delegate to the AKC since June 2012, when I attended my first meeting in Raleigh, N.C. Since then I have attended every Delegate Meeting except that held in September 2015 which conflicted with our National Specialty in Chattanooga, TN. I would like to continue to represent the ATCA in its interaction with the AKC as one of AKC's "Parent Clubs."

As Delegate, I have tried to keep the membership well advised of the AKC's decisions and programs in my Delegate's Reports and have also tried to obtain answers from the appropriate staff at AKC in response to questions directed to me by individual ATCA members. I have also tried to keep the board involved in any decisions to be made by the Delegate Body. I am completing my third year on the AKC Canine Health Committee, which I have greatly enjoyed and to which I have made some programmatic contributions, and hope to be elected by the delegates to another three-year term at this September's Delegate Meeting. I was elected to the Board of the AKC Canine Health Foundation in March 2017.

As most of you know, my husband, Kreg Hill, and I live in Palm Springs, California but decamp during the summer to the higher and cooler elevation of Morongo Valley. We have bred, raised and trained Australian Terriers for 20 years and have put championships on thirteen of these. Kreg has put obedience titles on many of our Aussies as well.

I belong to the Rio Grande Kennel Club and the Kennel Club of Palm Springs. I am a board member of the Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California and President of the Australian Terrier Club of America.

I practice occupational and environmental medicine, a subspecialty of preventive medicine which focuses on the value of clinical tests as well as population health, particularly the health of employed populations.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

JULIE SEATON – Member since 2000

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter to accept my nomination to the position of Corresponding Secretary for the Australian Terrier Club of America.

I have been involved with dogs since I was a teenager and I have been active in the dog community since getting back into showing dogs in 1995. I started my career in dogs by mentoring under George and Kathy Vukich who owned and bred Shetland Sheepdogs. When I was ready for another dog after having my children, I chose the Australian Terrier and since 1995, I have been participating in conformation shows.

I have been a member of the ATCA since 2000. I participate in the health studies and I also have chaired the National Specialty in 2012 and in 2017.

For 3 years I was a Board Member of Waukesha Kennel Club (WKC) and was for several years, Assistant Show Chair for the All-Breed show as well as Trophy Chair. I also handled their website and Facebook page. I decided to leave pertinent positions of that club so I could get more involved in the ATCA and try new adventures.

I have been involved with Australian Terrier Rescue (ATR) as a coordinator for the last 12 years and I am the webmaster for the website and Facebook administrator as well. As of 2015 I was appointed to be on the board of ATR.

I have been the Newsletter Editor for the ATCA since 2011 and for a few years was Newsletter Editor for the Owner-Handler Association. I changed the ATCA magazine from a simple newsletter to a magazine with over 400 online

readers/subscriptions worldwide. I am the current ATCA Corresponding Secretary and enjoy the job. I am a committee member of the ATCA Breed Marketing Committee that was formed in 2017 to meet the needs of social media. I also do photography on the side for family and friends.

I look forward to new challenges and again, thank you for the nomination.

BOARD MEMBERS: 2018/2019

RITA FARMER – Member since 2009

I am a retired Registered Nurse. Most of my career was spent in the intensive care setting.

Thru an incredible set of coincidences and luck I got my first Aussie, GCHB Dreamtime's Latin Lover, in 2009. Luckily he came with mentors, Marilyn Harban and Sandra Weigle.

Prior to having Aussies I had Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. One of which I showed forty times without earning a single point. I learned an awful lot from losing. Perhaps my tenacity showed I really had a terrier personality.

I serve on the board of Chattanooga Kennel Club and am Program Chair. I have served as treasurer of my kennel club and am an active member. Currently I am Breeder Referral and Public Education Chairman for the ATCA. I also serve on the board of the AusTTrust. For the 2015 Specialty I was Education chair. I am also a member of Atlanta Terrier Club.

Thru my Aussies I have made dear friends, learned a tremendous amount about dogs, and found great personal satisfaction.

I am very honored to be considered for the board of ATCA. I feel that members are dedicated to the breed even with differing opinions.

KENDALL LIGA – Member since 1981

I have had Australian Terriers since the early 80's. My first show dog, Ch Sprite Lea Farm Boy, ROM, I purchased from Dr Katharine Barnes. He was a wonderful show dog and one of the best little dogs anyone could have ever wanted! He had so much personality and was my best friend. I married my husband, Michael, in 1992 and found myself with yet another wonderful little show dog, Am Can Mex Int Ch Touchstone's Special FX, ROM-EX. After all these years I just could not imagine my life without an Aussie in it!

My love of animals attracted me to my occupation, a Certified Veterinary Technician. I worked for a few years in a private practice but found my true interest was in surgery. I worked for Southwest Veterinary Surgical Service in Phoenix, AZ for almost 17 years before moving back to North Carolina. I currently work as a Certified Veterinary Technician at Veterinary Referral Hospital of Hickory in the surgery department.

I joined the Australian Terrier Club of America in the early 80's and have served as a Board of Director, and I am currently the ROM co-Chair and the 2018 Specialty Chair. I was a member of Forsyth Kennel Club in Winston Salem, NC and I served as, Match Chair, Trophy Chair, Board of Director, Asst. Show Chair, Show Chair, and President. After my marriage in 1992, I moved to Phoenix, AZ where I joined Sahuaro State Kennel Club and served as Match Chair, Asst Show Chair, Show Chair, Board of Director, and Secretary. I was a member of Copperstate Australian Terrier Club where I served as, Match Chair, Show Chair, Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and President. I was a charter member of Sun Country Terrier Club where I served as Match Chair, A-Match Secretary, B-Match Secretary, Show Chair, Board of Director, Treasurer, and President. I have recently moved back to North Carolina and have joined Greater Hickory Kennel Club.

I would consider it a privilege to serve as a member of the ATCA Board of Directors.

JEANNE POPOVITS – Member since 2004

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for asking me to continue to serve on the ATCA Board for the years 2018-2019.

During my tenure on the ATCA Board I have and continue to serve on the Health Committee, the Futurity Committee (founding member) and on the board of the AusTTrust. I am currently one of the ATCA board representatives for the AusTTrust.

I have "been in dogs" most of my life, having had cockers, bulldogs, Weimaraners, but best of all the Australian Terrier. I breed and show my dogs under the Blue Moon prefix. I am a retired educator. I live in Phoenix, AZ with my husband, Steve, and our four (at the present time) Aussies, Emily, Randy, Gayla and Little Man.

PATRICIA ZUPAN – Member since 2012

I started showing dogs when I was in my late teens. At that time I had English Springer Spaniels, and bred one litter. I realized that while this was a lovely breed, it was not what I quite wanted and began to show Kuvasz. I joined the Kuvasz Club of America (parent club) and was an active member. I helped to create the Breeders Code of Ethics and disseminated breed information for the club. Since this was before the time of the internet, I handled many calls, as the AKC gave my number out to any requesting Kuvasz breed information. I bred two litters of Kuvasz, and then took some time off from dogs to raise my children and llamas in the Midwest. I started the Porter County Llama Project for 4-H and was the superintendent for 5 years, which involved educating project participants, public speaking, budgeting, organization, and good people skills.

After the loss of my last Kuvasz, I decided that I would really like a smaller breed, as I was having some joint issues and helping a geriatric dog of 112 pounds was just too hard for me. I wanted a dog with moxie, just smaller, and terriers came to my mind right away. I did my homework, and decided that Australian Terriers seemed perfect for me. At that time, I was interested in getting a mature dog, as I did not have time to train a puppy, and was fortunate enough to find a retired show dog for sale. I drove out to meet with the breeder and meet the dog, and it was love at first sight for me, and he renewed my interest in showing and performance events. I joined the ATCA at this time.

I became a member of the Valparaiso Kennel Club, and was membership committee chair. I also helped with show handling classes and S.T.A.R. puppy classes. I stewarded at our annual shows and helped out at our RDO events. I became interested in agility with my Aussie and we became a great team, although I never really competed in a sanctioned show, we had so much fun.

My family moved back to NJ in 2013 and I joined the RVATC and the Trenton Kennel Club, and have served on the judges' hospitality committee during our shows. I am currently nominated to a board position on TKC. I am the charter agent for the ATCA in the state of NJ.

Although my original Aussie has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, I am kept busy with 2 Aussie adults that I showed to Grand Champions, and a new puppy that I look forward to showing. I have participated in several animal behavioral and health seminars over the years, as this is an interest of mine. I have obtained CHIC numbers on both of my adults.

I am currently employed, part time, as a medical laboratory manager for a busy Hematology/ Oncology practice.