

SHERYL BARTEL – CANDIDATE FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I have been a GCA member since 2000 (sponsored by Stanley D. Petter, Jr. and Susan Obert). I have attended eleven GCA Specialties in the past five years and I have exhibited at every Western Specialty since 1996. Most of you know me as "the one with the camera" at the specialties and I have been taking photos of dogs since 1995 when my daughter first started showing them. This developed into taking photos of as many dogs as possible at the specialties to record dogs for our later study.

I feel privileged to have started out with excellent breed mentors and still consider myself an ongoing student of the breed. I have owned greyhounds since 1991, have bred two litters, and whelped a third. I have also imported several greyhounds from England to incorporate in my breeding program. I have competed in conformation, lure coursing, and obedience. I have finished numerous champions and have speialed several to top ten placements in the past five years. My daughter did the bulk of the early work in showing in conformation and also competed in Junior Showmanship. Her obedience showing was mostly in 4H but also in some AKC and CKC shows and I am currently training my own first obedience hounds at the novice level. Steve Johnston currently does the bulk of our conformation showing although I can be seen in the ring myself on occasion. I have competed in lure coursing in the past although current time constraints have limited our recent participation. I have attended open coursing in England and one of the dogs I bred and co-own is currently participating in open field coursing in the US.

I feel that our breed is very unique in having maintained an old breed standard that allows room for various viewpoints in achieving the same final result. I would not support any change in the standard and endorse a key object of the GCA constitution, the acceptance of the standard of our breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard by which Greyhounds shall be judged. Although I believe we are all looking for functionality in our hounds, I cannot support absolute requirements for functionality testing as a final measure of overall suitability for breeding. I do not support an open AKC Greyhound Stud book. To do otherwise is in conflict with the GCA Constitution and also ignores decades of careful breeding in the various AKC lines. Our breed is not in desperate need of infusion of genetic material to maintain functionality or to maintain health.

Professionally I am a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the AMA, the Washington State Medical Association, and the Washington State Society of Anesthesiology. I completed my undergraduate degree (BA) at Linfield College, in McMinnville, Oregon in 1971 and obtained an additional BS in Medical Technology from the University of Oregon. I completed my Medical degree at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland in 1977 and then did my rotating internship in Medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio Texas. My Residency in Anesthesiology followed at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, CA and then I served a further four years active duty in the US Army, practicing Anesthesiology. I then was in private practice from 1985 to 2000 in Anesthesiology in Mount Vernon, Washington.

I feel a major job of the board is to communicate with the membership clearly and concisely and I feel that I can contribute in being corresponding secretary. I have experience in writing, having not only written several articles for Sighthound Review and the GCA newsletter, but I also have experience in technical writing in Medicine. As an anesthesiologist one of my primary jobs, besides providing safe and efficient anesthesia for surgery, is to educate patients and surgeons, and communicate with other medical professionals. This requires the ability for clear and concise communication, including adjustment of communication styles to the individual and situation. I have organizational experience in having served as Chief of Anesthesia and Assistant Chief of Anesthesia while in the military - being responsible for organizing departmental paperwork and providing leadership for several other physicians and the nurse anesthetists. In my private practice in Anesthesiology I also served as Chief of Anesthesia in my turn, as well as providing anesthesia services and supervision of several nurse anesthetists. I also have extensive experience in computers, working as a basic programmer in college and using my own PC since 1983. I also designed and maintain my own website and several others.

I live in Mount Vernon, Washington on acreage with running room for the greyhounds. I share the house with the dogs, my husband Chris Mott (a retired Radiologist and our dog holder at shows), and Steve Johnston, our invaluable help, and partner in the dogs. We currently not only have the greyhounds, but also several whippets. My daughter lives nearby and is currently working in a veterinarian's office and studying towards a vet tech degree, with a look at vet school in the future. Thank you.