

Eric Liebes – Board Member

1. Twelve years
2. Nine. 2 East, 2 West, 5 South
3. Yes, in general. Sometimes my work calls me out of the country. It happens that this has conflicted with Board meetings in the last two years. Since it only happens about once a year this was an unlikely coincidence.
4. No. I especially object to the board over-ruling a club vote to do it. Now the AKC has set a future policy of a 2/3rds vote of club memberships for studbook changes. I hope that is the level of membership support they expect from us. It would be a fair way to decide.
5. The Board needs to restore an open and fair way of doing business. Nothing the board does or discusses should be secret. Board deliberations at meetings are open to the membership. We need to find a way to open email deliberations, if that is the way that the club is going to do business. A web-site would be a modern way of doing this.

The Board needs to be responsive to membership desires, instead of dismissive of them. Polls on important issues is the traditional way that the GCA did this & we should welcome that as input.

Our consideration of new member applications needs to be open and fair. We should welcome good new members as we did in the past. The current Board has been using the stud book issue as a litmus test for new applicants. This needs to change.

6. I will continue to be the voice of reason & proper procedure (Constitutional & Parliamentary), on the Board. This was my role for the last 5 ½ years as Treasurer. I resigned when reason was lost on the Board. I believe that the club belongs to the membership, not to the Board. The Board is in place to lead & to do the work of the club as the membership desires. I will do this. I will also work to open all Board processes to membership scrutiny. This was how we behaved for my first three years as Treasurer, we need to restore it.
7. I was Treasurer of the GCA for 5 ½ years (Until May, 2002). I have been President of The Greyhound Club of Northern California, The Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club, and the Fort Bend Kennel Club. I have also been Treasurer, Vice President, and a Director of those All-Breed Clubs. I am an AKC Greyhound and Hound Group judge. I have been an AKC Gazette columnist (Ibizan Hounds).

Professionally I am a Research Geophysicist for the ChevronTexaco Corporation. I work with computers & with people from all over the world. I am often involved in team decision making and I will continue to bring those skills into GCA Board deliberations.

I know how dog clubs work and how dog club leadership should behave. the GCA membership needs to elect new leadership who will lead us into the future in a responsible, responsive and professional way.