

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

*Mary Ellen Gorske, Chair*

*Sue Cassem*

*Beth Anne Gordon*

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The membership committee has been working on proposed changes that incorporate most of the many suggestions made by the committee members and other GCA members who sent them to the committee. During September, a first draft was put together and sent to the committee members. Responses have been heard from Sue Cassem and Beth Anne Gordon with suggested changes. Unfortunately, Maureen is having problems with her online server at this time so the draft had to be sent to her via snail mail and I am still waiting to hear her suggested changes.

The first draft will then have revisions made to it and a second draft will be sent to the committee members. Hopefully, the second draft will incorporate items that are acceptable to all of them. When we have reached a consensus among the committee members, I will send the proposed revision to the Membership section of our constitution to our Corresponding Secretary for distribution to the Board. At that point I hope that the members of the Board will each take time to study the proposals and again changes can be made so that we may send the proposals to the membership with full Board approval.

I am sorry that I could not have had this final draft ready for this Board meeting but during the summer it was almost impossible to get in contact with those I had wanted to serve on this committee. It was my intention to choose committee members from different areas of the country, so we would be able to get the widest range of views on the subject. And we did. It was interesting to note that the majority of suggestions were in agreement about a number of key issues.

The proposed changes we hope will give GCA a membership that is open to everyone, all ages and from all countries, who are in good standing with the AKC, but which limits voting and holding office privileges to the most serious fanciers of the Greyhound breed.