

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

With the publication of this edition of the STCA Newsletter, we bring you some up to the minute news of the club. Watch for the next edition of the Bagpiper which will have complete details and minutes. It is nearly ready to go to press. Although my greeting which you received recently came under the heading of newsletter, it was a personal message to members from me.

Congratulations to Kathi Brown and Susan Getgood who have retired the Stalter Trophy. A beautiful new Stalter trophy, similar to the original, has been acquired with funds from the Stalter Trust, and will be offered again with the same requirements in place.

It is also a pleasure to see some new volunteers step into committee work. Our membership is blessed with many talented people. We wish to include as many members as possible. Don't hesitate to volunteer for any position in which you would like participate. Please note the application to serve forms attached to this newsletter.

There was a record turn out (907 voters) to elect your Officers and Directors. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote and to be involved in our club. Supporting your democratic club election and activities gives direction to those who are working hard for the members and their Scotties. Please contact the officers and directors directly when you have comments, questions or concerns in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Connie Smith, President

**Election Results**

Connie Smith, President

Charla Hill, Vice President

Tony Gruda, Treasurer (see note below)

Marcia Dawson, Corresponding Secretary

Norma Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Helen Prince, AKC Delegate

Directors Class of 2010: Tom Hossfeld, Jerry Burge\*, Deb Stevens

to fill one year term class of 2010 Fred Stephens

Directors Class of 2011: Nancy Aaron, Liz Heywood, Ron McConnell, Steve Russell

At the end of the Annual Meeting, Tony Gruda resigned as Treasurer and the Board elected Jerry Burge to fill the office.

Contact Board members by email from the STCA website: <http://clubs.akc.org/stca/officers.htm> or use the information in your Roster which is up to date. We want to hear from you.

There is a vacancy as Director for the remainder of the year term to fill Jerry Burge's position as Director. An application to serve is attached to this newsletter. The selection will be made at the winter Board meeting January 23. If you wish to serve in this capacity, please submit your application by January 15.

More complete information will be published in the minutes of *Bagpiper #4* soon to go to press.

**Dues Notice**

With respect to member comments, all the dues notices will be sent hard copy via the US Postal Service. Your dues must be paid by December 31. If you do not receive a dues notice within the next two weeks, please contact Jerry Burge, Treasurer. 408-2368-2327



## **Rotating Specialty April 16-18, Houston Texas**

Next year, in the springtime, the Houston STC is hosting the Rotating Specialty. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Hotel 12801 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON , TX 77040 713-462-9977. Ask for Scottie Club when you make reservations. STCA judges will be Danica Burge, Sweepstakes, and Dan Ericson, Classes. For Sunday the STC Greater Houston club, Marianne Melucci, Sweepstakes, and Barbara Casey, classes. There will be much more information coming soon.



## **Nominating Committee *New for 2010***

Have you ever wanted to be a part of the STCA's nominations processes but never knew how to get involved? The Board encourages all members to get involved in our club. Now is the time! Starting in 2010, if you wish to be considered for service on the Nominating Committee, you must fill out the new **Application for Service on the Nominating Committee** form (see attached) and send it to the Corresponding Secretary, Marcia Dawson, before January 1, 2010. At the January meeting, the STCA Board will select the Nominating Committee from the members who have submitted applications.

Or, are you interested in serving on the Board starting in Oct, 2010? Please submit the **Petition for Service** for consideration by the 2010 Nominating Committee, no later than March 31, 2010.

The STCA has many capable, willing and skilled members, and we all have something to contribute to the operations of our club. Please consider volunteering your time and talents!

Please send all forms to the Corresponding Secretary: Marcia Dawson, 3220 N County Rd 575 E, Danville, IN 46122



## **Committees**

All committees and chairs can be found at the STCA website <http://clubs.akc.org/stca/committees.htm> Some new chairs have been announced. Lori Kelly will be the new Regional Club Representative Chair. This past year she put together a wonderful raffle basket with donations from all the Regional Clubs, and she will appreciate being in touch with all of our 20 Regional clubs through next year. Contact Lori as well as Marcia Dawson, our Corresponding Secretary when your regional club elects new officers. Gail Fournier will step into the Ways and Means Chair position for next year. She will welcome ideas for club fund raising, and has had experience in this field before. Lori, who did an excellent job will be mentoring her in this job. Amanda Thomas will be doing the Information/advertising packet for the Rotating and MCKC. With his experience as an Earthdog judge, Robert Gann will chair that committee with expertise. Finally, Judy Makem has graciously accepted a position on the Trophy Committee, and her club, Southern California STC is hosting the Rotating in 2011.



## **New Research into Scottie Cramp**

Scottish Terrier owners and breeders are all too aware of Scottie Cramp. Cramp is an episodic genetic disorder that causes spasticity of the muscles with excitement and exercise, described by the STCA in their web page on genetic health <http://clubs.akc.org/stca/geneticissues.htm>. The Health Trust Fund intends to identify the genetic basis of this disease. The AKC Canine Health Foundation, together with the STCA Health Trust Fund, has funded a project to collect DNA from both affected and normal Scottish terriers. The intention is to fund genetic analysis once enough samples are in hand. There is excitement as work begins for the Scottish Terrier breed; we hope to move forward relatively quickly because of the work already done with Scottish Terriers that have Cerebellar Ataxia. Genetic data already generated in the Cerebellar Ataxia project will be combined with data generated in this Scottie Cramp project to increase the ability to detect associations with each disease. The road to finding mutations and genetic tests can be long, but the tools available improve daily. HTF's hope is for enthusiastic support, and HTF is happy to answer any questions you may have. The research team will be headed by Dr. Natasha Olby, a veterinary neurologist and Associate Professor at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. For complete information regarding how to enter your Scottie into this important work, contact Dr. Louis Mitchell at 254-939-2955 or 806-789-7278. Your participation is urgent.



# STCA

## Application to Serve on the Nominating Committee

*By submitting this application, it is understood that, if selected, the undersigned will accept the position, will make him/herself available for conference calls, and will abide by the rules of the committee set forth in the Nominating Committee SOP document.*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_

STCA Member for \_\_\_\_\_ years

**Qualifications-** *Please list your experience in the following, including level and number of years of involvement. Attach sheet(s) as needed.*

- 1) AKC Conformation, Companion and/or Performance Events
  
- 2) Service on the STCA Board and/or an STCA Committee
  
- 3) Service on the board or committee of an all breed club, an AKC Parent Breed Club or Regional Club of the STCA.

Reason(s) for wishing to serve:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form to the STCA Corresponding Secretary **no later than January 1, 2010**

**Marcia Dawson, 3220 N County RD 575 E, Danville IN 46122**



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## **Petition for Service as Officer or Director of the STCA**

*To the members of the STCA: If you are interested in serving in any capacity as an Officer or Director, or if you wish to recommend another party, please complete this form and return it to the Corresponding Secretary no later than March 31 of the year for consideration.*

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Recommendations must be made with the signed approval of the applicant. If nominated, the applicant must sign a contract of acceptance stating if he/she misses two (2) meetings during any year of his/her term of office, he/she will resign his/her position unless the reason for absence from meetings is his/her own serious illness, the serious illness or death of a member of the immediate family, or an excused absence accepted by the Board.
2. Applicants should also be aware that they will not be able to exhibit a dog on the day of a meeting.
3. The STCA Board meets 2-3 times annually, and some schedules could include a fourth meeting. Individual travel expenses can range up to \$4,000 per year or more, depending on airfare and hotel accommodations.

Please return this completed form to the STCA Corresponding Secretary as soon as possible.  
Information will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee.

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Avocation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for wishing to serve:

Qualifications (Attach sheet if needed)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Marcia Dawson, STCA Corresponding Secretary, 3220 N County Rd 575 E, Danville IN 46122**

Please mail completed form to the STCA Corresponding Secretary **no later than MARCH 31, 2010**