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From: Ray Hoyt, Publications Committee Chair
To: NPGA Board of Directors
Subject: Report to the Board

Committee Membership

Current committee members and their rotation schedules are as follows:

Chair	Ray Hoyt, Nevada	Rotates off 6/11
Region 1	Linda Shipley, Oregon	Rotates off 12/08
Region 2	Michelle Fonda, California	Rotates off 12/08
Region 3	Denise Fraser, California	Rotates off 6/11
Region 4	Gail Brinkley, Michigan	Rotates off 12/08
Region 5	Lynda Gredin, Pennsylvania	Rotates off 12/10
Region 8	Maggie Leman, North Carolina	Rotates off 12/08
Webmaster	Terry Heath, Washington	No fixed term (R&R 8.L.1)
Editor	Staci McStotts, Washington	No fixed term (R&R 8.L.1)

By the time this report is considered by the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting, four committee members will have rotated off of the committee. Existing committee members have been solicited for suggestions on replacements. The following new committee members have been appointed, effective 1/1/09:

Region 1	Karen Crawford, Washington	Rotates off 12/11
Region 4	Karen Butler, Ohio	Rotates off 12/11
Region 8	Laurie Getzendanner, North Carolina	Rotates off 12/11

The search continues for volunteers to fill the remainder of the vacancies.

Policy and Procedure Document

Due to a Board-approved change in the job descriptions for standing committee chairs (among others), the Publications Committee Policies and Procedures manual has been revised to be in compliance with Motion 08-21. As required by paragraph 15 of the Committee Chair Job Description, as amended, copies have been distributed to the Vice President and the Central Office.

MEMO Review

Summer 2008

Since my last Report to the Board dated 5/3/08, one more article was received from the Editor and sent to the committee for review. It was approved and returned to the Editor for inclusion in the Summer issue. The Editor emailed the entire magazine to me for proofing prior to its being sent to the printer.

Fall 2008

For this issue, 28 articles or article revisions were received and sent to the committee for review. At the direction of the Executive Committee, several of the articles dealing with the current color controversy were not accepted. Committee members provided the usual minor edits and fixes on some of the others. Those articles were returned to the Editor for inclusion in the Fall issue. The Editor emailed the entire magazine to me for proofing prior to its being sent to the printer.

Winter 2008

For this issue, 18 articles were received and sent to the committee for review. Committee members provided the usual minor edits and fixes on some of them. The articles were returned to the Editor for inclusion in the Winter issue. The Editor emailed the entire magazine to me for proofing prior to its being sent to the printer.

Spring 2009

At this point, 2 articles have been received for review from the Editor. These are currently out to the committee members for their review.

NPGA Convention Guidelines

This manual was completed and sent to the Executive Committee prior to the June 2008 Board of Directors meeting. For some reason, it never gained the Board's approval at that meeting. I have submitted a separate New Business agenda item to the President so this manual can be discussed and hopefully approved at the January 2009 meeting.

Basic Owner's Manual

Since the last Board meeting, this project has been completed and approved by our committee. On 9/12/08, the draft manual was sent to the Health, Education and Research Committee and the Breed Standard Committee for their review. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Publications Committee, the Breed Standard Committee copy of the draft was never delivered to its Chair, and was in fact returned to me in mid-November as "unclaimed" by the Postal Service. Since the deadline for review and response by HER and BSC was 12/1/08, no review by the Breed Standard Committee was obtained. The changes submitted by Kay Orlando, DVM on behalf of the HER Committee have been incorporated into the draft. A paper copy and a CD have been sent to Vice President Leman under separate cover.

Financial Statement & Forecast

During 2008, no NPGA funds were expended by the committee in connection with committee business. All communications were accomplished via electronic mail. It is not anticipated that any budget will be required for 2009.

Five Year Plan

1. At the last Board meeting, Director Elkins asked if we were due to produce the next edition of Best of MEMO yet. Research was to be conducted to determine if the volume of original articles since 1997 justified such an undertaking. I have researched the proposal with the following results:

- Best of MEMO (1976-1981) contains 72 articles within 118 pages
Edited by Lydia Hale and Ellen Kritzman, assisted by Lorrie Blackburn, DVM, Jeanne Collins and Sandi Wall
- Best of MEMO 2 (1982-1987) contains 123 articles within 178 pages
Edited by Maxine K. Kinne
- Best of MEMO 3 (1988-1996) contains 117 articles within 177 pages
Edited by Maxine K. Kinne

From 1997 through 2008 inclusive, there have been 232 articles published in MEMO. This does not include those articles that had previously been published in MEMO that were repeats, but does include those from other publications making their first appearance in MEMO. This total also does not include Regional Reflections or Committee Reports, nor does it include human interest stories that are more "interesting to read" rather than "educational." It would appear from the size content of the first three Best of MEMO editions, that there is not only plenty of material from which to publish a Best of MEMO 4, but maybe even a Best of MEMO 5.

Due to the significant workload this project would entail, an editor needs to be found to undertake this task. The Publications Committee recommends that it be commenced as soon as is practicable. At this writing, Maggie Leman has volunteered to undertake this task.

2. The Judges Training Committee chair was tasked in the Fall of 2007 to prepare a written procedure on the conduct of the Judging Examination (R&R 10.C: Practical Test). This procedure was to cover every aspect of the event, including the selection of the goats, performance by the candidates as to placement, accuracy of reasons and presentation, and scoring. All forms and other source material used by the committee in administering the JE were to be included in this written procedure. The Publications Committee stands ready to assist the JTC in the compilation, editing and publishing of this document if requested.

3. There are no other NPGA publications known to be in the pipeline for updating.