

January 2025 Official Notices of the Recording Secretary

--Karen Norteman, webmonkey@bccca.us

2026 National Specialty Herding Trial Judge Nominations

Standing Rule 8.4.1 • After a bid to host the national has been accepted by the board, the specialty herding trial chair will request recommendations for judges for each trial, test, and herding instinct test in the Bagpipes. Recommendations must be in writing or by email and include why that judge is recommended. The person making the recommendation must include the highest herding title he/she has earned. The recommendation must be received by the BCCA Herding Committee Chair within 60 days of publication of the request. The BCCA Herding Committee will discuss and review each recommendation and the chair will forward a list of recommended judges, including commentary, to the National Specialty Herding Chair within 75 days of the publication of the recommendation request. The judge(s) for each herding event will be taken from this list. Should all recommended judges be unavailable, or in an emergency, the BCCA Herding Committee will assist the local chair in finding an appropriate judge(s)."

Please send your recommendations to the BCCA Herding chair, by **March 15, 2025**:

Elsa Sell
764 Liberty Road
Milner, GA 30257
beaconbb@bellsouth.net

2024 Member of the Year Nominations

Standing Rule 4.7.1 • Member of the Year. This award will recognize the BCCA member or group of members who, as a result of their activity, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Bearded Collie Club of America or the bearded collie. The award will be publicly announced and presented in the year following the calendar year for which the honor is awarded. Nominations for the award will be accepted from any BCCA member in good standing. Nominations must be received by the recording secretary on or **before March 21st** of the year following the calendar year for which the award is made. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a 250 word (maximum) statement justifying the award for the particular nominee. Seated officers and board members are not eligible for the award.

Send your Member of the Year 2024 nominations to the recording secretary, Karen Norteman, at webmonkey@bccca.us.

Bid for *Beardie Bulletin* Editor

Bids are now being solicited and accepted for editing the *Beardie Bulletin* for 2024-2025. If you are interested, please contact the Recording Secretary for bid specifications. Send your completed bid, on or before **March 15, 2025** to the Recording Secretary, Karen Norteman, webmonkey@bccca.us.

2027 National Specialty Host Club

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2027 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact the National Specialty Advisor, Joanne Williamson (balgrae@ix.netcom.com), for a bid packet.

2026 National Specialty Judges Selection

The preliminary ballot for selecting judges for the 2026 National Specialty is now available. There are now two ways to vote for Specialty judges:

- using the online ballot: [Online Ballot](#)
- using the traditional mail-in method. [Printable PDF ballot](#)

Bios for the judges are here: [Judge Bios](#)

Announcements have also been sent to the Members' List, and will appear in a member MailChimp email and the *Bagpipes*.

Questions? Contact Karen Norteman, the Recording Secretary: webmonkey@bccca.us.

Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors will be selecting a nominating committee at the January board meeting. No recommendations for the committee were received by the December 15 deadline.

BCCA Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Purpose: To nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office, board position, and AKC Delegate on a three-year rotation and procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen.

Duties of the Committee Chair:

1. Contact current Board members whose terms of service are ending and inquire whether they are interested in being considered for nomination. Those answering in the affirmative should be considered with all other suggested persons. There is no requirement that incumbents whose terms are ending must be asked to serve another term.
2. Determine if a nomination is needed for the AKC Delegate (in three-year rotation).
3. Contact all members of the committee to plan your approach.
4. Notify all members in the Bagpipes that the committee is accepting ideas for nominees.
5. Follow recommendations in the Guidelines for the Nominating Committee.
6. Notify the Recording Secretary of the slate by **March 1**.

Committee Yearly Work Plan:

Activities	Date to be Accomplished	Person(s) Responsible
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Notify members that they can submit names for nomination	February Bagpipes	Chair
Contact current Board	Early in February	Chair
Send nominations to the Recording Secretary	On or before March 1	Chair