

January 2026 Official Notices of the Recording Secretary

--Karen Norteman, webmonkey@bccca.us

2025 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 2025 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 2025-2026. If you are interested, please contact the Recording Secretary for bid specifications. Send your completed bid, on or before **March 15, 2026** to the Recording Secretary, Karen Norteman, webmonkey@bccca.us.

2027 National Specialty Judges Selection

The preliminary ballot for selecting judges for the 2027 National Specialty is available.

Click here to use the online ballot:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeEJLmMJu6SehLkxe9sGQgQQ2XX72ENCbh189qKaaaJMILFw/viewform?usp=preview" target="_blank"](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeEJLmMJu6SehLkxe9sGQgQQ2XX72ENCbh189qKaaaJMILFw/viewform?usp=preview)

Click here to download the printable ballot:

[https://beardedcolliclub.us/wp-content/uploads/2027-Preliminary-Ballot-2.pdf" target="_blank"](https://beardedcolliclub.us/wp-content/uploads/2027-Preliminary-Ballot-2.pdf)

Click here to download the judges' biographies:

[https://beardedcolliclub.us/wp-content/uploads/2027-BCCA-National-Specialty-Preliminary-Judges-Ballot-Biographies.pdf" target="_blank"](https://beardedcolliclub.us/wp-content/uploads/2027-BCCA-National-Specialty-Preliminary-Judges-Ballot-Biographies.pdf)

Deadline for voting is **February 1, 2026**. Paper ballots should be postmarked by that date.

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

Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors has elected Kristin Barnes to serve as the chair of the 2025 Nominating Committee. Please contact any of the Committee members with questions, or with nominations for any of the positions.

Kristin Barnes: bratkids4@gmail.com

Debby Furlow: df211@msn.com

Lucy Campbell: briarpatch.beardies@gmail.com

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
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