



Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc.

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Dear IWCA Member,

In accordance with the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) By-Laws, the secretary submits the nominating Committee Report ninety (90) days before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will be held in Ashland, NE on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

Additionally, Article V, Section 4, Paragraph B of the By-Laws provide for further nominations as follows:

Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his/her regular address at least 60 days before the annual meeting, signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position and additional nominations which are provided for herein may be only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nomination Committee.

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates:

President:	David Smith
Vice Presidents:	Courtney Smith, Mark Berry, Billy Vaughn, Lynn Simon, MD, Beth Chastain, MD
Secretary:	Kim Staman
Treasurer:	Denise Shorey
AKC Delegate:	Eugenia Hunter
Directors – Class of 2024:	Dave Berzins, Jeniffer Johnson, Carole Silverthorne, Sue Williams

Continuing in office are the following Directors:

Class of 2022 - A.I. (Nina) Gottsch, Linda King, Angela Hunter Knight, Magie Wolfe

Class of 2023 – Mariellen Dentino, MD, Joel Mattson, Melanie Mercer, DVM, Helen Philpott

The candidates are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee: Angela Hunter Knight (Committee Chair), Melanie Mercer, DVM, Mary O'Malley, Margie Milne, Jamie Souza Bartlett

In addition to the election of the 2021 – 2022 officers and directors, members will vote on the following change to Article I, Section 5 of the By-Laws. This proposed change was approved by the Board of Directors during the January 24, 2021 meeting:

Current text:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 5. The use of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America emblem or name in advertising by any member is prohibited. (The sole exception to this rule to be informational notices placed by the Irish Wolfhound Club of America itself with the approval of its Board of Directors.)

Proposed text:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 5. The use of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America registered trademark (“logo”) by any member is prohibited without the express permission of the Board of Directors.

Background:

It is supposed that the justification for prohibiting using the IWCA logo and name was to guard against exploitation of Irish Wolfhounds and the club. It is likely that Article I, Section 5 was not intended to prohibit members from acknowledging their membership in the club.

Methods of communication have developed into forms not imaginable when the IWCA was founded nearly 100 years ago. The founders and subsequent club leaders were unable to predict the frequent and rapid nature of communications today.

While no one should use the IWCA registered trademark in any correspondence without permission of the Board of Directors, IWCA members in good standing should be allowed and encouraged to acknowledge their membership in communications and advertising. It is important that members promote the IWCA's oversight of the breed standard, health and welfare of the breed, and the standards of conduct and ethics for all members.

For these reasons, the IWCA board requests you vote FOR this by-law amendment.

Membership dues must be received before midnight, Central Time March 31, 2021 to be eligible to vote in this election.

Sincerely,



Kim Staman
Secretary