

## 2017 September Delegate meeting

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When I was a kid, I would read the AKC Gazette Delegate Meeting reports that were then held in New York City and I imagined the event to be at Radio City Music Hall. I have no idea what those meetings were like, but suffice to say, I pictured it as a glamorous affair. For the meetings now, held in Newark, here is my view from a hotel ballroom. Not Radio City Music Hall, but lovely nonetheless.



**Feedback:** In my annual report, I relayed a lack of a quick, yet official dissemination outlet when feedback is needed from the membership from AKC via the delegate. For now, so that there is awareness, I will post on Facebook's Brittany Discussion and the listserv on [dualbrittanys@yahoo.com](mailto:dualbrittanys@yahoo.com). I will also contact directors when needed.

**Voting on the Dog Show Rules CH 11 section 8A Disqualification Reinstatement proposal for aggressive dogs.** This proposal was tabled as there was much discussion and many points to consider before moving forward. Important to note that Pointing Breed Field Trial Rules has its own rules for dealing with aggression against people and other dogs, however, if a dog is disqualified by an event committee at a dog show, it remains ineligible to attend all events unless successfully reinstated. The reverse also applies. If a dog is disqualified at a trial, it is ineligible to attend all events. The statistics for dog aggression during reinstatement are quite low.

**AKC Marketplace:** AKC Marketplace has been undergoing updates. Breeders will soon be able to solicit information in the form of a questionnaire and it is striving to be a better Parent Club referral tool.

**Group realignment:** A recent AKC delegate survey related to the group realignment is asking parent clubs to consider current state about breeds vs. varieties. Currently, the Brittany is a breed and has no varieties within. Feedback so far from Facebook Brittany Discussion group people and the DualBrittanys list is against any consideration of creation of varieties in this breed.

**Limited Registration Status:** An AKC Board Member had proposed doing away with Limited Registration (LR) because it reduces, right off the bat, possibly breeding and/or showing said dog. Limited Registration was started in 1989. LR puppies cannot be shown and cannot be bred unless the breeder allows the lifting of the LR status. It is voluntary by the breeder. The thought for the recent proposal was that, in this day and age of anti-breeding mentality, Limited

Registration reduces litter numbers. An unintended consequence of eliminating LR, is that breeders may simply sell puppies without AKC Registration papers. As of now, commercial breeders and breeders who do not compete with their dogs do not elect LR when they sell a puppy. Competition breeders are responsible for almost all puppies who are sold on LR. The proposal was withdrawn and LR will continue to be a tool.

**Attention Show Secretaries:** Elect for AKC to send an “email blast” to local Brittany owners with information about our shows at the time of application. Remember, when spectators do show up, be welcoming. Have a table with information about AKC and your club and how to get involved in events.

**Disaster Relief:** ABC has donated \$1000 AKC Reunite Disaster Relief Fund to help with the floods and fires.

**AKC.org Website:** Expect an AKC.org website relaunch with many updates and improvements in the near future. The site got 51 million visits this year, averaging 7 million visits a month, with 62% from mobile devices.

**Dog Shows:** There is discussion on a potential 18-24 month old class, as well as allowing veterans to enter Best of Breed at specialties, even if spayed or neutered.

**NEW:** Plans are to archive these reports and other information out to the AKC Websites. Check <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/> for delegate reports and other news from AKC.