

DIVISION BY-LAWS OF THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I DESIGNATION AND TERRITORY OF DIVISIONS

SECTION 1. The Divisions shall consist of the assigned groupings of states as provided for in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The objects of the Division shall be to accomplish within the Division the second, third, fourth, and fifth purposes of the Club as stated in Article I of the Constitution; to follow the policy set forth in Article II of the Constitution; to inform and advise the Council, through the elected Councilors of the Division, in Bulldog matters of general interest; and to cooperate with adjacent Divisions.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Members eligible to participate in Division matters shall be those in good standing who have been accepted in accordance with Article I of the By-Laws of the Club. Such eligible member may be a nominee for office of The Bulldog Club of America provided he is an individual resident member permanently residing in the United States, its U.S. Territories or U.S. Possessions. Member Clubs shall each have one vote. New members or Member Clubs joining the Division up to the date the ballots for election of Division Officers and Councilors are sent to the voting members and Member Clubs shall be eligible to vote in the election.

ARTICLE IV GOVERNMENT OF THE DIVISION

SECTION 1. Authority

- a. The Division shall be governed under the Constitution, By-Laws, Division By-Laws and SOPs by a Board consisting of the Division officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and at least three (3) and not more than five (5) other members elected as Governors by the members within the Division.
- b. The Division Board shall conduct the affairs of the Club in its respective Division and shall advise the Council, in matters which, although pertaining to the Division, are required to be acted upon by the Executive Committee and/or Council.
- c. The Board shall designate standing committees and/or ad hoc committees to advance the work of the Club in the Division and shall define their responsibilities
- d. The Board may delegate to any member of the Division the performance of the routine business of the Division.

SECTION 2. Role of Board Members and Division Elected Councilors

- a. The Division President shall preside at all meetings of the members residing within the Division and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office.

- i. The Division President may appoint, with Board approval, a Parliamentarian familiar with RRONR and shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons with the advice and consent of the Board.
 - ii. The Division President shall be an ex officio member of all Committees except the nominating committee.
 - iii. The Division President may vote only when the Board is evenly divided on any question.
 - iv. The Division President shall appoint alternate Councilor(s) pursuant to Article VII, Section 4.c of the Constitution.
- b. The Division Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Division President in the absence or disability of the Division President.
 - c. The Division Treasurers shall be Assistant Treasurers to the National Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Division; he shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Division and receipt therefore. He shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the Division. He shall make disbursements upon the order of the Board. His books shall be open to inspection of the Board, and he shall render a report at each meeting of the Board and at the biennial meeting of members. Bonding or insuring the Division Treasurer against wrongdoing shall be at the option of the Division Board and for an amount as set by the Division Board. He shall submit his records to any auditing committee appointed by the Division President or National President. He shall keep a record of members.
 - d. The Division Secretaries shall be Assistant Secretaries to the National Secretary. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board, conduct the correspondence of the Division, notify membership applicants of their acceptance or rejection, and keep a roll of the members of the Club in the Division with their addresses. He shall be the custodian of all records of the Division, except the financial records maintained by the Division Treasurer. He shall notify the Board members, Councilors, Committees and members within the Division of all matters requiring the attention of any of these.
 - e. The appointed Division Parliamentarian, if any, shall advise the Board on parliamentary authority.
 - f. Division-elected Councilors: Councilors shall be informed concerning all matters submitted to the vote of the Board, so that they may inform the Board of matters in their particular care, but such Councilors shall have no vote in the Division Board. Elected Councilors shall represent the members residing within the Division from which they were elected.

SECTION 3. Election and Replacement of Board Members

- a. The Board shall be chosen biennially by the members of each Division.
- b. A Board member shall be a permanent resident of the Division in which he is nominated and elected. At such time as the elected Board member is no longer a permanent resident of the Division in which elected, the office shall be deemed vacant.
- c. The Board, with the exception of the President, shall constitute the Nominating Committee. They shall assemble during the months of February, March or April of each odd numbered year and nominate by majority vote, with his permission, one resident member of the Division for each office and governor position, circulating the slate to all Member Clubs of the Division no later than 15 days following the nominating committee meeting.
- d. The Member Clubs may not amend the nominations by deletion of any name, but each Member Club may, in its discretion, make one additional nomination for each or any office and submit their nominations to the Division Secretary no later than July 15.
- e. An individual resident member of BCA shall be placed on the ballot if he submits a petition signed by 20% of the current members of the Division, and otherwise meets the qualifications required for nomination to the office. The petition shall be submitted to the Division Secretary no later than July

- f. If there is only one candidate for each office, the Division Secretary shall suspend the designated election procedure and cast a single ballot without polling the entire membership.
- g. If an office is contested, an election shall be held in accordance with the following procedure: Election Day, if required, shall be held at the Biennial meeting between September 15th and November 30th in each odd numbered calendar year at a time designated by the Division Board. The Division Secretary shall notify the members and Member Clubs of the nominations and the date and time of the election at least 15 days preceding the elections. A mail ballot containing the names of all nominees for each office shall be sent to each eligible voting member or Member Club in good standing with a return envelope addressed to the Division Secretary.
- h. On that day the Division Secretary shall present the unopened returned ballot envelopes to an independent committee assigned by the Division Board to tally the votes, of at least three but not more than seven BCA members in good standing and neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot, who shall tally the votes and present the results to the Board. The Division Board shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of the members of the Board of the Division.
 - i. The persons having the greater number of votes for each office shall be officers of the Division.
 - ii. If there is a tie for the greater number of votes for any office, then the Board shall, by ballot choose one of them for each office.
 - i. No member shall serve concurrently in more than one Division Board office (i.e., Division Officer or Division Governor) during each term.

SECTION 4. The term of office for each Division Board position shall be for two years or until his successor is elected and assumes office.

SECTION 5. Councilors shall be nominated and elected in the same manner and for the same term as the Division Officers and Governors. Any resident member meeting the qualifications for the office of Councilor, including Officers and Governors of the Division, shall be eligible for nomination and election to the Council.

SECTION 6. In the event of a vacancy on the Division Board, the Division President shall appoint an interim successor to serve in the vacated position until the next properly convened meeting of the Division Board. At this meeting the Division Board shall elect, by ballot, a successor to serve the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF DIVISION BOARDS AND MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Division Board meetings and/or the Biennial meeting of the Club members held within the respective Divisions shall comply with Article VI of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. Division Board Meetings.

- a. Regular Meetings. The Boards shall meet quarterly at such day, hour, place and method as may be designated by the Board members. Notice of each such meeting shall be provided by the Division Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.
- b. Special meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Division President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board; such meeting shall be held at such place, date, hour and by such method, as may be designated by the members of the Board. Notice of such meeting shall be provided by the Division secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the meeting, unless all the members of the Board unanimously vote to hold the meeting without notice. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted.

- c. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as set forth in Council-approved SOPs.

SECTION 3. Club Member Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting. The Division shall hold a biennial meeting of Club members permanently residing within the Division, in each odd number year on a day and at a place and hour designated by the Division Board consistent with Council-approved SOPs.
- b. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be held upon call of the Board. Notice of all meetings shall be provided by the Division Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- c. At meetings of the members, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as set forth in Council-approved SOPs.
- d. At meetings of the members, any member may participate in the meeting consistent with parliamentary authority.
- e. The biennial meeting of Club members may be held prior to or immediately after a Division Board meeting.
- f. The order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as set forth in Council-approved SOPs.

ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. Any member who is suspended from any privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from all privileges of The Bulldog Club of America for a like period.

SECTION 2. Preferring Charges

- a. Any member may prefer charges against another individual member or Member Club (“member charged”) for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of The Bulldog Club of America, the Bulldog breed or for a violation of the BCA’s Code of Ethics or Breeder Code of Ethics. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary of the Division of the member being charged. A deposit of \$250.00 must accompany the written charges, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Division Board’s initial consideration or findings following the Division Board hearing.
- b. The Division Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the involved Division Board or present them at the next quarterly meeting. The Division Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of The Bulldog Club of America or the Bulldog breed or a violation of BCA’s Code of Ethics or Breeder’s Code of Ethics. If the Division Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the Bulldog breed or BCA’s Code of Ethics or Breeder’s Code of Ethics, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction and shall refund the \$250 deposit. If the Division Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall retain the \$250 deposit and shall fix a date of hearing by the Division Board not less than 3 weeks or more than 12 weeks thereafter. The Division Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the charged member by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the member charged may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes. In the event the charges are sustained following the hearing, the deposit shall be refunded to the complainant.

SECTION 3. The Division Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and the member charged shall be treated uniformly in that regard. The hearing shall not

be audio recorded. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and the member charged, the Division Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the member charged from all privileges of the Club for not more than one year from the date of the hearing. If it deems the suspension punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the Division membership that the penalty be expulsion.

SECTION 4. The Division Secretary shall report the Division Board's findings to the Division membership, which shall vote by ballot on the proposed expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the rights of the member charged to communicate his position to the Division membership by whatever means he chooses. If the member charged provides his communication in a timely manner in five (5) or fewer pages, his communication shall be included with the Division Board's report to the Division membership. A two-thirds vote of those Division members voting shall be necessary for expulsion. If the expulsion is not voted, the Division Board's suspension shall not be affected.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These Division By-Laws may be amended only in accordance with Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution.

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OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF 2008-2009, 2010-2011 & 2012-2013

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