



**The English Setter Association of America
Board of Directors
Videoconference
February 24, 2026**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Rachel Fraser, Janet Gray, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Sabrina Rundle, Roxanne Seale, Jennifer Stastny, BJ Parsons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM ET.

The minutes of the last meeting have already been approved.

President's Report

- * Annual Awards forms are now available on the website.
- * ESAA Rescue Trust Update:
 - o The trust has been gone out of business.
 - o Julie shared the background on the trust.
- * Membership Non-Renewals:
 - o Each Regional VP is encouraged to reach out to their members who have not renewed.
 - o VP At Large, Lynda Chase, has volunteered to contact our Canadian members and Kathy Cunningham-Roy will contact the rest.
- * Amy Duncan has done a fabulous job in chairing the Orlando Specialty in recent years but is no longer able to continue. Looking for volunteers!

Secretary – no report.

Treasurer's Report as of 1-31-26

General Fund - \$8522.06

Futurity/Maturity - \$24317.83

Money Market - \$76967.44

Memorial Fund - \$4301.21

- * General Fund is receiving a much-needed influx via dues renewals.
- * Insurance policy has been renewed.
- * Junior stipend has been paid.
- * The Orlando Specialty lost \$1029.
- * January FT was cancelled, which usually shows a profit.

Committees – Communication

- * Facebook 3559 followers, with 177,513 views last month!!!!
- * Linda Lauby is working on a different format for the newsletter.
- * A 2026 National website will be active shortly.

Unfinished Business – none.

Election to Membership – none.

New Business

Ad Hoc Committee proposed for the purpose of fund raising.

- * Julie suggested the idea of year-round fund raising a committee, rather than just trophies and raffles around the time of the National, and proposed Janet Gray as Chair since the responsibilities would be interrelated to our communications. The committee may also initiate the ESAA online auction platform on Facebook.
- * Janet Gray agreed to get an ad hoc committee off the ground for year-round fundraising. If it is successful it could turn into a standing committee.
- * A Raber/Mistler motion was passed to approve this committee with Janet as Chair.
- * Kathy discussed raffling a solar generator. An expert recommended Eco-Flow brand which is available at Home Depot with free shipping to the winner. This item is not exclusive to dog show exhibitors but will be enticing for anyone in a “disaster prone” area.
- * A Raber/Rundle motion passed to proceed with the solar generator raffle.

Proposed Sites for the 2027 National

- * The Board received cost comparisons for the Virginia Beach site (where the 2022 National was held) and the Asheville site (where the 2023 National was held).
- * The Board discussed the pros and cons of each site.
 - o Both sites had similar entries and similar room nights previously.
 - o The Asheville site is only available during peak leaf changing season in 2027 which makes the rooms more expensive than Virginia Beach.
 - o Virginia Beach, which was in late October to early November of 2022, showed a profit.
- Asheville had a notable loss in late October 2023, but the reconciliation indicates that some major expenses can be avoided in 2027.
- * A Chase/Apodaca motion was made to sign a contract for the Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC, October 17 – 22, 2027. The motion was approved unanimously.
- * Julie mentioned that the National committee checked several other suggested sites that were either too expensive or no longer doing dog shows.

A Raber/Cunningham-Roy motion was passed to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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