

APONC Board Meeting

February 10th, 2026

Officers Present	Pam Siehr, Amanda Banger, Isabelle Majerus
Board of Directors Present	Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen
Board Member(s) - Absent	Margaret Korzeniowska - Joined 4:40 pm ET
Meeting Called to Order	4:37 PM ET

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- November 18th, 2025 - Waiting on financial report.
- December 12th, 2025 - Waiting on financial report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Pam Siehr

Westminster Dog Show just completed. Congratulations to all the winners and participants! Well done representing our breed! Magda printed and sent brochures to Maggie for Meet The Breed. Cost to Club approximately \$100. The receipt needs to be sent to Isabelle. Received letter from AKC regarding our Club to donate to their PAC fund.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Amanda Banger

Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Isabelle Majerus

98 Membership renewals so far. 4 Breeders so far: Isabelle, Pam, Mim and Martin/Beverly. Amanda will email Breeders that haven't renewed. Paid Mim for website fees. Paid Harvard Business 3 year membership. Franchise tax was paid. AKC Membership dues were paid. Working on paperwork that needs to be filled out for the IRS.

Financial Report as of January 30th, 2026:		Revenue	Expenses
Assets			
Chase Checking account	\$17,448.33	Savings account interest 0.08	Office Supply (68.96)
Chase Savings account	\$10,003.19	Membership 2026 2,085.81	(68.96)
TOTAL	\$27,451.52	Illustrated Standards 210.00	
Beginning Balance:	\$15,161.48	Donation: Rescue 60.00	
Revenue	\$2,355.90		
Expenses	(\$68.96)		
Ending Balance	\$27,451.52		

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

2026 National Specialty:

- AKC has approved both specialties and sweepstakes along with our judges panel.
- Premium lists have been submitted for specialties and supported entries
- Contracts executed for all judges, the cluster and Onofrio. Still waiting for a contract with Dallas Stewards.
- Waiting for final edit on logo which will be complete this week.
- Rosettes have been received
- Working on finalizing trophy orders
- We will utilize the host hotel already contracted for Mid Continent Kennel Club because they negotiated the best rate based on ability to secure a large block. Hilton Garden Inn is close to the show site. There are a number of pet friendly hotels in the vicinity.
- Tentatively planning to host dinner and meeting at The Saltgrass Steakhouse, adjacent to the host hotel. This will be on Thursday April 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
- Continuing to receive funds from fundraising raffles conducted by Small Dog Club Helpers FB. To date Isabelle has received \$1,200 with PayPal fees of \$35.88.
- Template for trophy donations has been completed and will be forwarded for inclusion in The Herder and for publishing on the APONC website.
- Full details being prepared for submission for inclusion in The Herder and publication on the APONC website.

Illustrated Standard: Nothing new to report.

Health & Research: Nothing new to report.

Rescue: Was notified by a member of a possible PON in a rescue facility. The dog's head looked like a PON, but the size of its body was very large for a PON. No microchip and had a long tail according to the picture and information on Adopt a Pet. Appears more likely to be a doodle mix rather than a purebred PON. Tried numerous times over the course of 2 weeks to contact them by email, adoption forms, and by telephone. The phone number came up blocked every time. No response to all other forms of communication. The dog disappeared from their website suddenly without explanation.

Judges Education:

- Royal Canin: People who planned to go to other breeds came to our seminar when the other breeds did not show up, Sold many illustrated standards
 - Presenters received high marks for the presentation, but low marks for the materials
 - People complained that we did not have any materials to give them; They did not want to pay \$25 for the illustrated standard since they paid \$51 for the seminar. They don't realize that we don't see any of the \$51; It all goes to AKC.
- MTB in NYC: Very successful but would like to have more dogs

Herder:

- Working on Winter 2025 edition, Waiting on submissions; Low participation
- Spring Herder Cover: Danielle Goodland-Rose
- Summer Herder Cover: National winner
- Waitlist for Next Available Cover: Beverly Cabral
- Don't forget that people can also take the inside cover and back cover
- Still waiting on Herald to send an invoice for the previous Herder

Bylaws: Nothing new to report. Seeking more general members. Interested Members: Dani, Dani will ask her mom

Ways & Means: Gathered \$200 from fundraiser. STILL waiting for the check from CustomInk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Trademark Renewal - **Tabled: Not due until the end of 2026. Need to find a lawyer.**
2. Changing the ramp option to mandatory for our breed
 - All we would need to do is email Tim Thomas: timothy.thomas@akc.org
 - Google poll - Ask membership their opinion
 - Include list of breeds that are ramp mandatory with heights similar to PONs (17-20")
 - Cirneco Dell' Etna (17-20")
 - Chow Chow (17-20")
 - Keeshond (16-19")
 - Chinese Shar Pei (18-20")
 - Kerry Blue Terrier (17 ½ -19 ½ ")
 - English Springer Spaniel (18-21")
 - Lagotto (15 ½ -19 ½ ")
 - Spanish Water Dog (15 ¾ -19 ¾)
3. APONC Recommended Breed Mentors List
 - Madga Hirata, Pam Siehr, Donna Grey, Susan Stekoll, Beverly Cabral, Martin Cabral, Agata Kowalyk, Margaret Korzeniowska, Mim Faraci
 - ^ List will be sent to Mim to be posted on APONC website. The list will also be given to AKC.

ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS - N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from AKC regarding donation to their PAC.
 - Could be worth doing - legislation regarding docked and cropped tails
 - Do we have an AKC delegate to represent APONC? Not at the moment, would be good to have one
 - Need someone versed in our breed and AKC

MOTIONS

Motion: 0226-1	I make a motion to approve the stated members as official Breed Mentors for APONC. ● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr ● Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:
Motion: 0226-2	I make a motion to schedule the next BOD meeting for Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 4:30 pm ET. ● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr ● Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:
Motion: 0226-3	I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm ET. ● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr ● Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned	5:37 pm ET
Next Meeting	Tuesday, March 10th, 2026
Minutes Submitted By	Amanda Banger, APONC Secretary