

APONC Board Meeting

April 28th, 2026

Officers Present	Pam Siehr, Margaret Korzeniowska - Left 4:59 pm ET, Returned 5:26 pm ET, Amanda Banger, Isabelle Majerus
Board of Directors Present	Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Danielle Goodland-Rose
Board Member(s) - Absent	
Meeting Called to Order	4:36 PM ET

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- November 18th, 2025
- December 12th, 2025
- February 10th, 2026 - Corrections need to be made.
- February 19th, 2026: Special Meeting - Behind on minutes.
- March 10th, 2026 - Behind on minutes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Pam Siehr

APONC would like to thank our Specialty Judges for accepting the assignments for the National, Regional, and Sweepstakes entries. We also welcome and thank you for attending our annual dinner as our guests. Thank you to the National Specialty Committee, especially Ellen Kelley, for all the hard work you've all done to make this a success. Thanks also to all the donors who've generously contributed awards and ribbons. Our club could not afford these beautiful items without your support.

APONC would like to congratulate all participants and winners at this event along with Westminster and Royal Canine. Your support of our breed and club aids in promoting our lovely breed.

Membership for 2026 stands at 114 members. We have lost some long term members but have gained several new members. All national and all breed clubs are witnessing reduced numbers in both membership and showing their dogs. It appears to be the trend that we will all have to strive to overcome. The BOD will be contacting people who have volunteered to participate in various committees to help fill many open positions. Please consider volunteering for our committees. It would be a valuable contribution to the club. APONC will be electing new officers and board members to take office in October 2026. Please consider volunteering for the nominating committee or running for a position on the BOD or officer. Please contact our Secretary, Amanda Banger by email if interested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Amanda Banger

Shared a list of members that qualify for the nominating committee. Will be sending Herald the labels for the Herder first thing tomorrow morning - Winter 2025. Going through the membership renewals received from Isabelle.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Isabelle Majerus

Financial Report as of March 31st, 2026:		Revenue		Expenses	
Assets					
Chase Checking account	\$19,143.91	Savings account interest	0.09	Herder: Winter 2025	(1,599.14)
Chase Savings account	\$10,003.36	Membership 2026	280.74		
TOTAL	\$29,147.27	Rescue Donation	40.00	(1,599.14)	
Beginning Balance:	\$18,329.29	Breeder 2026	72.76		
Revenue	\$2,413.85	National Specialty 2026	2,020.26		
Expenses	\$1,599.14				
Ending Balance	\$29,147.27	2,413.85			

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2026 National Specialty:

- We had a small entry of 4 in sweeps/veteran sweeps and 12 in the specialties, but the quality was deep.
- We were able to honor the first PON to earn a performance award in connection with our National.
- We had successful ringside mentoring including hands on.
- The venue was wonderful and the cluster was beautifully coordinated and welcoming. We had 9 members present at our dinner with 1 guest and all 3 judges in attendance. There was no annual meeting. Minutes from 2025 will need to be approved at the 2027 Specialty.
- An updated report will be submitted once we collect all our paperwork and receipts, and time for committee members to get home and collect thoughts

Illustrated Standard: Ashley Waters has brought 10 Illustrated Standards for sale at the Specialty at \$25.00 per book. We've had several Judges state that our Illustrated Standard is one of the best they have seen. At the AKC Judges Institute at Royal Canine, the AKC Representatives encouraged the judges at our seminar to buy it and we sold approximately 10 there. Judges Education has the exact amount. We still have approximately 100 Illustrated Standards to sell out of the original 200 printed.

Health & Research: Nothing new to report.

Rescue: In the last year, no PON was in need of rescuing. Rescue investigated several dogs that were listed as PONs in shelters. After checking, viewing pictures, talking with staff at the shelters and rescue services, the dogs turned out to be pit bull mixes, unidentifiable mixed breeds, doodles, OES, or Beardies. APONC was contacted by an attorney representing a person that was severely bitten during transporting a PON to another destination. The owner has not been a member of APONC for over 10 years and the club had no information regarding this matter or current information on the owner.

Judges Education:

- 2025-2026 Highlights:
 - Seminars & Presentations: Hosted breed seminars at our National Specialty and Royal Canin, with live dogs demonstrating correct type, movement, and coat texture. Presented the PON standard using the approved AKC format.

- Ringside Mentoring: Coordinated ringside mentoring at Royal Canin and the National Specialty, pairing prospective and provisional judges with experienced breed mentors.
- Educational Materials: Sold multiple Illustrated Standards and distributed breed packets to judges at major clusters and AKC Judges Institutes.
- Outreach: Responded to judge inquiries throughout the year and supported AKC with breed-specific expertise.
- Special Thanks:
 - Thank you to committee members Magda Hirata and Pam Siehr, and to all members, owners, and handlers for your help and for allowing us to welcome your PONs at our events. Your generosity with your dogs and time makes judge education possible.
- Looking Ahead to 2026-2027:
 - We plan to expand virtual education options, recruit additional mentors in underrepresented regions, and develop a short video library showing correct PON movement and exam.

- The Herder Committee had a shaggy, busy year keeping members informed and celebrating our PONs in The Herder.
- 2025-2026 Highlights:
 - Four Issues Published: Delivered the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer editions on schedule.
 - Major Event Coverage: Generated articles and photos from Westminster Kennel Club, Royal Canin, and our National Specialty, highlighting wins, ringside moments, and member brags.
 - Breed Education: Created “Meet The Breed” and “Greet The Breed” features with pictures and write-ups to help the public get to know PONs at public events.
 - Member Content: Showcased member stories, new champions, performance titles, and all those expressive PON faces.
- Special Thanks:
 - A heartfelt thank you to Magda Hirata, Olivia Harvey, Pam Siehr, Harold Harrison, Maggie Maciagiewicz, Mim Faraci, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, and Heather Ryan for loving
 - The Herder and always giving us a helping hand. We couldn’t do it without you.
- Looking Ahead to 2026-2027:
 - We’ll expand event coverage, add a digital archive of past issues, and recruit more regional reporters so no PON moment gets missed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 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")

5. Breeders List will need to be updated with only members that have renewed. - **Amanda Bangera is working on this.**

ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS - N/A

NEW BUSINESS - N/A

MOTIONS

Motion: 0426-1	I make a motion to approve the November 18th, 2025 minutes. • Motion Made By: Pam Siehr • Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	
Motion: 0426-2	I make a motion to approve the December 12th, 2025 minutes. • Motion Made By: Pam Siehr • Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	
Motion: 0426-3	I make a motion to schedule the next BOD meeting for Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at 4:30 pm ET. • Motion Made By: Pam Siehr • Seconded By: Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	
Motion: 0426-4	I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm ET. • Motion Made By: Pam Siehr • Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus, Danielle Goodland-Rose, Amanda Kubarek, Bo Tieszen, Pam Siehr Not Approved:
Approved UNANIMOUSLY	

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned	5:44 pm ET
Next Meeting	Tuesday, May 12th, 2026
Minutes Submitted By	Amanda Bangera, APONC Secretary

APPROVED 5/26/26