

Under the AKC's policy allowing parent clubs to invite a non-AKC licensed "breed expert" to judge a National or Regional Specialty (*Parent Clubs, by request, may invite eligible individuals to judge their Nationals or Specialties, page 9, AKC Judge Approval Guidelines), the USASA Board of Directors may nominate or invite such an individual to judge the National Specialty under special or unusual circumstances.

Nominations may be made to the USASA Board of Directors by submitting to the Secretary a petition consisting of 5 USASA members in good standing and their accompanying signatures. The nominated individual must be a USASA member in good standing at time of nomination and submit a brief resume of breed involvement with a signed document stating his/her willingness to accept a judging assignment in the designated year. These documents and petition must be received by the USASA Secretary within the dates and policies for the nomination period published on the general nomination form and received by fax or USPS only.

The USASA Board will review the nomination received by petition and will decide by majority vote if the name is added to the final ballot for membership consideration. If multiple petition nominations are received, the USASA Board may approve only one (1) such nomination for any given year. If such an individual is elected to judge in Category III the approximate six month process of AKC application and testing required for approval will begin immediately. If the elected individual does not pass testing and AKC approval, the Show Committee will hire the next person on the elected list of judges. The non-AKC licensed breed expert elected must be a USASA member in good standing at time of nomination, election and actual judging assignment.

*USASA BOD approved guidelines June, 2015.