



USASA NEWS

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Election time - Candidate bios - Oct 2018

Good morning members!

It's the time to elect directors for the USASA Board of Directors for the 2019-2021 term. Please be watching for your ballot. They must be received by December 15th. Please vote and support your breed!

Bios for the following candidates are listed below:

- Jodie Weber
- Sherrie Scott
- Diane Keedy
- Kerry Kirtley

Jodie Weber - Incumbent

As a current USASA Director with perfect attendance, I am very excited about the future of USASA. I started volunteering over 10 years ago at the USASA Nationals. I help with organizing the grooming spaces, but I am most proud of our national logo boutique. It allows me to use my business background and advertising experience. I strive to find quality items that allow us to advertise USASA year round world-wide. Many items have been added to compliment performance venues so we have something for every venue. My goal has always been these items represent USASA and the versatility of our Aussies.

I can see more outside pressures to destroy our freedom to have Aussies (or even pets), so I am now actively volunteering at our local AKC club and educating our grooming customers about all the great things parent clubs do and how they support all dogs. Taking our Aussies on fundraiser walks we've been able to introduce Aussies to new people and answer questions.

USASA has given me such a great opportunity to make great once in a lifetime family memories with our dogs. Motivating me to pledge to further educate myself on the breed, volunteer, protect, and represent our Breed to the best of all my abilities. I hope to continue on the Board of Directors to complete some ongoing projects. I want to encourage you to get the most out of USASA , participate, volunteer, and vote. The reward to you and your Aussies is Priceless.

Australian Shepherds have been in our family since 1979. I've been married to Scott Weber for 32 years. Our children Kayla 31, Alexis 29, Isabella 24, are also active with the dogs. I am an active grain farmer and Christmas Tree Grower for over 30 years.

We live on a 5th Generation Farm located outside Geneseo, IL. Our AKC & ASCA registered kennel name is Aussbern.

Thank you for voting!
Jodie Weber

Sherrie Scott - Nominating Committee Selection

Obtaining our first Aussie in 1984 started our journey in this breed.

Since then my family and I have been active in all aspects of the breed. Our kennel name is Spring Fever and it a USASA Hall of Fame Kennel as well as an ASCA Hall of Fame Excellent. Both my husband and I are ASCA Senior Breeder judges.

When the breed went AKC we became active there as well and show and compete in multiple venues. I am working on my application to become an AKC Judge. I am on the board for our local AKC Kennel club and have been an officer and involved in putting on shows and trials in our state for many years.

Our program has always believed in the total dog. Temperament, intelligence, and structure.

Professionally, I am a retired teacher. I taught Junior High physical education and dance for thirty seven years.

I firmly believe in working together for the breed. It really is about the dog.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sherrie

Write-in Candidates

Diane Lauter Keedy

OBJECTIVE

To offer my experience, knowledge and time to further the objectives of the United States Australian Shepherd Association as a member of the Board of Directors.

AKC EXPERIENCE

Marion- Alachua Dog Training Association - 2018 Awards Coordinator
United States Australian Shepherd Association - 2018 National Specialty Decorations
United States Australian Shepherd Association - 2017 Top Twenty Committee
United States Australian Shepherd Association - Approved Breed Mentor
Lake Eustis Kennel Club, Inc - President 1997 - 2004
Lake Eustis Kennel Club, Inc - Show Chair or Assistant Show Chair 1997-2004
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc - Vice President 2002, 2003
Lake Eustis Kennel Club, Inc - Vice President 1995, 1996

Handled dogs from 6 different groups to Championships and Group placements. Owner Handled my dogs to their Championships including Top Ten Breed and All Breed rankings and Best In Show.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Paws..For A Moment Natural Pet Market-Owner/Nutrition Consultant 2010-2017
Managed all operations of a holistic market specializing in healthy products for dogs and cats. Consulted pet owners on proper nutrition to manage, solve and prevent health issues.

The Keedy Agency, Allstate Insurance - Insurance Agent / Comptroller 1985-2017
Licensed Florida Agent for Property & Casualty (220) and Life and Health (218)
Responsible for all accounting and financial reporting.

Lassiter-Ware Insurance - Comptroller 1983-1984
Responsible for all accounting and financial reporting, IT.

My strong background in business, along with many years of successfully competing in and organizing multiple venue American Kennel Club events, gives me a balanced perspective that I feel will allow me to serve the membership well.

Thank you for your consideration.
Diane

Kerry Kirtley

First, let me say thank you to those who nominated me for the USASA Board of Directors for the term 2019-2021. I have graciously accepted and am excited to be running for the position.

A little about me, I have been involved in the sport of dogs since my early teens, and with Australian Shepherds since 1985; when we decided to move out of the city and build our own ranch. I wanted a dog that could go hiking, trail riding, to the feed store and just be my best friend. I found this wonderful breed and have never looked back.

Early in 1990's I established my kennel Windstar, then changed the spelling to Wyndstar which has been a registered kennel name with AKC for ten plus years. I continue to have the pleasure of handling many of my own dogs to their ASCA and AKC championships.

I've also been past president of Oceanview ASC and a member of Orange Empire Dog Club.

I'm a ASCA Senior Breeder Judge, USASA Breed mentor and a AKC judge.

I've had this passion for what seems like forever and thankfully now since retiring, I have the additional time and energy to devote more to USASA.

Respectively

Kerry Kirtley

AKC # 101393

USASA Breed Mentor

ASCA Senior Breeder Judge #4550