

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Club currently defines the following regions with respect to the USA, using generally accepted divisions therein: Northeast – Northwest – Southeast – Southwest – Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic.

The Regional Rep is appointed on an annual basis by the IWSCA Board of Directors. S/he has three (3) main duties: To arrange for supported entries; to communicate with their members with special attention to new members; and to write a column for the Newsletter. Details:

### A. SUPPORTED ENTRIES, REGIONAL SPECIALTIES and other IWSCA EVENTS

1. IWSCA SUPPORTED ENTRIES: These require IWSCA Board approval and the club provides a \$150 stipend for purchasing trophies and/or rosettes. The Regional Rep shall, whenever possible, arrange for (host or solicit volunteers to host) at least one (1) IWSCA supported entry per year and is encouraged to offer as many as two (2). The procedure for doing so is as follows:
  - a) Contact the show-giving club to see if they are interested in having an IWSCA supported entry. Find out what the deadline for their premium list will be.
  - b) Send the IWSCA Corresponding Secretary a written request for the supported entry. The Corresponding Secretary will poll the IWSCA Board and send a written response to the Rep.
  - c) The IWSCA expects the following trophies to be awarded at supported entries:
    - Best of Breed
    - Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
    - Best of Winners
    - Winners Dog
    - Winners Bitch
    - Select Dog
    - Select Bitch
    - High Scoring IWS in Trial (provided Obedience is offered).
  - d) Be sure to provide the show-giving club with complete information about trophies, etc., in time to have it put in the premium list.
  - e) Announce the IWSCA supported entry as appropriate in the IWSCA Newsletter and on the club website and social media sites.
  - f) Write a report about the supported entry for publication in the IWSCA Newsletter. Provide a copy of the premium list (showing IWSCA trophies offered) to the IWSCA Recording Secretary for club records (electronic submissions are acceptable).

- g) Inform the Judges' Education Committee of the date(s) and location of the supported entry and assist the JEC in locating a suitable venue for a judges' ed presentation.
2. **IWSCA REGIONAL SPECIALTIES:** On occasion, pending ample local member support and availability of venues, the Regional Reps may request to host IWSCA Regional Specialties. In general, these specialties are only feasible during cluster shows or in connection with local clubs hosting specialties. The same process for hosting supported entries applies. The club provides a \$300 stipend for purchasing trophies and/or rosettes at a regional specialty.
  3. The Regional Rep shall encourage IWS competition at upcoming regional shows so that IWSCA members can get together for majors and for social reasons, by making appropriate announcements in the IWSCA Newsletter and on club social media sites.
  4. On occasion, a member in a region may wish to host a club supported Agility Trial, Obedience/Rally Trial, Tracking Test, or Retriever/Spaniel working event or Hunt Test. The Regional Rep should encourage such competition and contact the Corresponding Secretary with proposals. In addition, the Regional Rep should assist the event chairs with staffing requests.

#### **B. COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS with SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NEW MEMBERS**

As new members are admitted to the IWSCA, their names and place of residence are listed in the Club Newsletter, and they are added to the Membership Directory. Each Regional Rep should take note of those members residing in his/her region and then *initiate* communication with the new members by welcoming them to the Club. As much as possible, Regional Reps should encourage members to participate in regional IWS events and are encouraged to create group email lists for the purpose of communicating news and answering questions.

#### **C. NEWSLETTER COLUMN**

The Regional Rep shall, in compliance with Newsletter deadlines, furnish the IWSCA Newsletter Editor with a column reporting on regional IWS events. "Bragging" and personal anecdotes in this column are appropriate with the exception of libelous statements, since there are no restrictions on column content.

***Reminder:*** *Our Regional Reps represent every member in their region. They agree to adhere to the IWSCA Constitution and By-Laws, abide by the AKC Code of Good Sportsmanship, and answer to the IWSCA Board. Their primary Board liaison will be the Corresponding Secretary but Regional Reps are encouraged to cc the IWSCA President in all correspondence.*