



August 31, 2026

Mission Statement (adapted from Constitution and Bylaws):

To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Chinooks; To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of Chinooks; To establish a national database of resource materials about the Chinook; To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an UKC National breed club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs, and Chinooks in particular; To conduct activities including sporting events, licensed events, specialty shows, working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the United Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes; To urge members and breeders to be guided by principles of good sportsmanship, including fair and honest conduct, and to accept the standard of the breed as established by the COA and the United Kennel Club (UKC) as the only standard of excellence by which the Chinook shall be bred and judged. To otherwise preserve and protect the Chinook and to do all things possible to promote its natural qualities, including the encouragement of regional activities and/or interest/study groups.

COA Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting

- Meeting called to order @ 1817 PDT
- Present: Kristine, Rachael, Brenda, Jessica, Karen, Jon, Rick, Fern, Tyler, Marty, Kristy
- Excused:
- Absent: Bob

Report of President - Marty Wilson

Report:

- Reviewed 501c3 Docs - 1023, 2848 (conflict of interest), conflict of interest policy
 - Got clarification from Chisholm Law on signing
 - Updated President, VP, Secretary, Bench Chair, and Regional Activities Chair on the application and signer name.
 - Discussion on updates in "New Business"

- Once reviewed/discussed - I will sign the 1023, 2848, conflict of interest policy, and POA and send to Chisholm. This is our 1 opportunity to edit. There is a 10 day time limit.

Notes:

Summary points of interest from conflict of interest (COI) policy:

- Purpose: to protect interest of COA against private financial motives
- Articles II & III: People involved with COA (i.e. board members) must disclose any private financial interest/benefit to themselves, business associates, friends, or family when entering into an arrangement with COA
 - The board discusses potential conflict of interest and votes on how to handle it - person with potential COI must recuse themselves from discussion and vote
- Article III: Any violations of COI should be discussed by board and handled according to COA bylaws
- Article IV: Any discussions of COI need to be included in meeting minutes
- Article VI: COA board members must annually review and accept COI policy
- Article VII: COA board must conduct periodic reviews (annually or every other year, perhaps?) of whether there have been any violations of COI

Summary of COI Resolution form:

- A document that, if signed, indicates that the signers agree:
 - To act in the best interest of the COA
 - To accept the definition of conflict of interest
 - To minimize conflicts of interest between oneself and COA
 - To adopt, document, and practice in accordance with COI policy

Discussion: Board agreed to review the policy and reconvene on Monday, Aug 31 to vote on whether to adopt the COI policy

Important to consider whether conflicts of interest exist when the COA engages in activities that may promote/benefit breeders or other members within the club

-consensus is that as long as we aren't preferentially supporting select individuals or groups over others and as long as actions align with COA mission and bylaws then conflict of interest likely doesn't exist

-we should all remain thoughtful about this with each potential situation that arises

Might be good idea to make committee members aware of COI policy but we don't need formal signatures from them unless they have governing duties like board members do

ACTION ITEM:

- Propose motions for adopting conflict of interest policy and resolution

New Business

- New Business - Marty Wilson - 1023, 2848, Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Interest Resolution
 - Motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Motion to adopt the Conflict of Resolution Policy

Motion 2026-26

- *Motion by : Marty Wilson Second: Fern*
- *I move that the COA Board approve and ratify the adoption of the conflict of interest policy as the official conflict of interest policy of the COA.*
- Ayes: 11/11 Nays: Abstention:

Motion passes with unanimous consent

Motion 2026-27

- *Motion by : Marty Wilson Second: Kristine*
- *I move that the COA Board approve and ratify the adoption of the conflict of interest resolution as the official conflict of interest resolution of the COA.*
- Ayes: 11/11 Nays: Abstention:

Motion passes with unanimous consent

Motion 2026-28

- *Motion by : Marty Wilson Second: Karen*
 - *I move that the COA Board approves, acknowledges and understands the conflict of interest policy, and procedures outlined in the resolution policy for addressing a conflict of interest when such a condition exists. This motion is to serve as an official record indicating the board has discussed the resolution policy, conflict policy, and has reviewed it for compliance.*
 - *Ayes: 11/11 Nays: Abstention:*
- Motion passes with unanimous consent*

COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be [September 24th 2026](#), at 5 pm PDT, 6 pm MDT, 7 pm CDT, 8 pm EDT.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2026-29

Motion by: Marty Second by: Tyler

I move that the August 31, 2026 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion 2026-30

Motion by: Marty Second by: Rick

I move that the August 31, 2026 Board meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent following email approval of the minutes. If there are no objections by the conclusion of the vote on the minutes the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion passes with unanimous consent.