Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
Thursday August 17, 2017 - 8 p.m. (EDT)

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Committee chairperson call in and times:
- Aura Dean, NTPC – 9 p.m.
- Robin Seaman Grenier, SSCC – 9:45 p.m.

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Motion to Adopt Agenda
3. AKC Delegate’s Report (David Helming)
   3.1. AKC registration questions resolutions;
4. Approval of Minutes:
5. President’s Report (Pam Saunders)
   5.1. Scheduling of 2017 Fall Face-to-Face Meeting Times (postponed from July 20, 2017 meeting).
   5.2.
6. First Vice President’s Report (John Cornell):
7. Second Vice President’s Report (Lynne Anderson Powell):
   7.1. Update about receiving data from AKC (for TRAC).
   7.2. Correspondence from Betty McDonnell; p. 15.
8. Recording Secretary’s Report (Steve Britton):
   8.1. Prepared Bulletin Board from July 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting;
   8.2. Prepared Draft Minutes of July 20, 2017 BOD Teleconference meeting;
   8.3. Compiled agenda and meeting packet for August 17, 2017 Teleconference Meeting;
   8.4. Forwarded check to Mary L. Price.
8.5. Prepared Annual Meeting Notice Action Plan – see New Business Item

9. Corresponding Secretary’s Report (Pam Rubio):
   9.1. Inquiry by NCA Member Joan Greenwald; p. 16;

10. Treasurer’s Report (Mary L. Price):

11. Standing Committee Reports:
    11.1. Membership, Mary Lou Cuddy, chairman;
    • Dues Renewal Report.
    11.2. 2018 National Specialty Show Report, Steve Britton, chair;
    • Specialty Packet Information – As the fiduciary, I’m requesting the board of directors
      sign-off on the advice of the NCA National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee
      regarding setting of parking, reserved grooming and other fees. Keeping in mind that
      in 2013, the NCA realized about $10K net profit on a $225K budget (about 4.5%),
      and in 2018, there is a site rent increase of 50%-above the site rent of 2013-for the
      privilege to use Heritage Park/Harvey Kern Pavilion.
    11.3. Specialty Show Coordinating Committee – Robin Seaman Grenier, Chair
    • Report

12. Special Committees
    12.1. Policy Manual Updates; Pam Saunders, committee chair;
    • Juniors Policy; pp.24 - 25.

13. Executive Session;
    13.1 Pending Membership Application(s) - Mary Lou Cuddy – separate cover;
    13.2 Response from member re: non-pending committee chair resignation;
    13.3 Transfer of RPC media to TRAC (by December 1, 2016).
    13.4

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders:
    14.1. Replacement of Curry and Drury Memorial Award Medallions;
    14.2. Breeders Education/CTMB Survey;
    14.3. Redefine EPPC Job Description;
    14.4. Policy Manual Updates; Pam Saunders, committee chair; ongoing;
    14.5. Referral of motion to Technical Resources Advisory Committee:
    That the Technical Resources Advisory Committee research, make recommendations
    and provide technical guidance to the Newf Tide Policy Committee relative to existing
    software available to produce Newf Tide as an on-line (digital) magazine. Said
investigation and recommendations to include: initial cost investment required; projected live and compatibility with existing programs utilized for the production of the print version, estimate of time involved in moving from one platform to the other. Based upon the Technical Resources Advisory Committee’s on-going commitments, receipt of the report would be targeted for mid-Fall 2016 (Mid October to late November);

14.6. Collaborative Digital *Newf Tide* Production Survey (Authorized, August 18, 2016);
14.7. Appoint Advertising and Promotions Committee (Adopted, August 18, 2016);
14.9. Ongoing progress reports about the Working Dog Committee / Technological Resources Advisory Committee collaboration about the on-line working events entry system. Referred to Technical Resources Advisory Committee / Working Dog Committee (January 19, 2017);
14.10. Recommendation for Distribution of Breeders List Agreement Waiver;
14.11. Referral to Steering Committee – Comprehensive Strategic Plan (referred 4.10.2017);
14.12. Referral of Database updating and reporting process concerns to Technical Resource Advisory Committee (referred 4.10.2017);
14.14. Review of Annual Meeting Notice Solicitation process. (Steve Britton);
14.15. Nominating Committee solicitation published in *Newf Tide*;
14.16. Referral to TRAC – Cyber Security Insurance item-for review and recommendation.
14.17. Referral to Breeders Education Committee: Committee: A request for it to prepare a *Newf Tide* article about the *AKC Stud Book*, and the percentage of Newfoundland litters bred or whelped by NCA members.
14.18. Authorized Pat Randall to collaborate with the Working Dog Committee, performing a non-biased quantitative analysis of recent working dog judge written tests due to recent concerns expressed by multiple NCA members and NCA Working Test Judges. (Report).
14.20. Refer inquiry to Deborah Bridges concerning inputting pedigree information into the Annual Titleist by NCA Database
14.21. Periodic posting of Top 20/10 counts during the awards tabulation year-November 1 – October 31. Referred to Awards Committee with scheduled report by Sept. 7 deadline.
14.22. Regional Specialty Submissions to *Newf Tide* Policies (postponed from July 20, 2017 meeting); pp. 22 – 23.
15. **New Business:**

15.1. Mary L. Price’s proposed analysis of non-substantive changes to NCA Ethics Guide; p. 26;

15.2. Trophy Sponsorships for 2018 National Specialty for BOB, BOS, HIT. (Pam Rubio)

15.3. Proposed change to handling of annual meeting notice (Steve Britton); p. 27.
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In September, AKC delegates will be asked to vote on an amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* (Chapter 11, Section 8-A) which would change the disqualification and reinstatement process for dogs that have been disqualified for aggression. The amendment was proposed by a majority of the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. The AKC Board voted unanimously against these changes. The AKC Sports & Events staff, who is responsible for administering the process, feels that the current process is sound and opposes the proposed changes. In accordance with the AKC Bylaws, the Delegate Committee has requested that the proposed amendment go forward for a delegate vote.

We all share a common goal – a process that ensures dogs that are disqualified and reinstated will not pose a hazard to the sport. This white paper is meant to explain the reasons that the Board and the staff feel the current process (not the proposed changes) is the best way to achieve this goal.

**BACKGROUND**

Prior to 1983, there was no disqualification provision in the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* for aggressive behavior. Such behavior was covered in the *Guidelines for Dog Show Judges*. A dog excused for aggressive behavior received a warning letter indicating that a second such incident would result in permanent disqualification by AKC. Event Committees could have a dog removed from the grounds for aggressive behavior outside the ring, but had no authority to have a dog disqualified.

In 1983, Section 8-A, was added to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 11, to give the judge the authority to disqualify a dog. The procedures for considering reinstatement were established, including:

- Successful completion of post-disqualification stability training before reinstatement would be considered, such as obedience training and later, the Canine Good Citizen certification was added.
- The judge must agree that the dog is suitable for reinstatement consideration.

In 2004 the rules were amended to also give an Event Committee the authority to disqualify a dog for aggressive behavior on the grounds of an event.
RECENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURE

The AKC has had a disqualification and reinstatement process in place for 34 years. Over that time period, only two incidents have ever occurred in connection with the reinstatement procedure. Despite this favorable track record, the AKC Board did review and approve staff’s recommended modification in 2016 to institute added safeguards and provide clubs options:

- Requiring proof of valid rabies vaccination and $300,000 owner’s personal liability or homeowner’s insurance prior to the reinstatement evaluation.
- Requiring that the reinstatement procedure be done at least 30 minutes prior to judging.
- Clarifying that the dog only be present on the grounds for the evaluation and that it be immediately removed after the procedure.
- Requiring notification and agreement of the show chair prior to scheduling an evaluation at an event.
- Providing Superintendents, event secretaries, and trial secretaries access to a list of disqualified dogs for review when accepting entries. (List is updated in real time.)
- Implementing a Judges’ Accident Insurance policy provided by the AKC.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE COMPARED TO CURRENT RULE

The amendment calls for three changes (underlined) to the current process:

1. **Requiring permanent identification at the time of the disqualification for the dog to be eligible for reinstatement. A photo of the dog must be taken in the ring.**

Under the current process, dogs are not required to be permanently identified to compete in AKC events. While the proposed change does not require permanent identification, not having this done will be a concern for all dog owners. Everyone would like to say their dog would never be disqualified, however, what happens if the dog next to yours attacks and your dog defends itself? You cannot be positive your dog would not be disqualified in such a situation. The proposed change means that a dog not permanently identified is at risk of never being able to participate in any AKC event. The proposed change goes so far as to require a chipped dog to be permanently banned if an appropriate scanner is unavailable at the time of the incident. One can only imagine the owner’s frustration if this were to occur.

This proposed change is meant to prevent the use of another dog (not the disqualified dog) during the reinstatement procedure. It should be known that there is not one documented case of this occurring during the 34 years the current procedure has been in effect.

The proposed modification requires the disqualified dog to be either examined for unalterable unique body features, which must to be documented, or scanned by a chip reader, and then photographed in the ring. This process of in-ring identification is unsafe and would result in a negative spectacle. Social media sharing would make the situation worse. An agitated dog should be quickly removed to a more isolated area. Additionally, who will perform these in-ring functions is not specified. It should be understood that AKC field representatives are only in attendance at all-breed conformation shows and typically not present at group or specialty shows.
The AKC and clubs are trying hard to be welcoming to new exhibitors. Adding barriers for owners, exhibitors, and clubs is not the right thing to do for the sport.

2. **Reinstatement will be conducted by AKC staff. Judges will not participate in the process.**

Under the current process, three AKC licensed judges participate in the reinstatement examination. The process of selecting the reinstatement judges attempts to find individuals familiar with the breed and of the same gender as the judge that disqualified the dog. There must be unanimous agreement that the dog should be reinstated. It should be understood that a judge’s participation in the reinstatement process is completely voluntary and a judge choosing not to participate is perfectly acceptable.

AKC judges examine thousands of dogs per year. Who could be more qualified than an AKC judge to examine a dog and assess its demeanor? A sound reinstatement process should utilize the most qualified people available, especially if they volunteer to participate in the process.

3. **No reinstatement procedure will take place on the grounds of, or in any building, hotel, or venue connected to a show or event.**

Under the current process, the reinstatement evaluation occurs at a show at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging. The setting is important when assessing a dog’s behavior. A dog that acts aggressively in a show environment may act differently in a different setting. It should be understood that the agreement of the show chair is required prior to the scheduling of a reinstatement evaluation.

It has been suggested that clubs are at risk of lawsuits stemming from incidents during the reinstatement process occurring at their event. In the 34 years since the current procedures were adopted, not one lawsuit has been filed. The chances of a lawsuit due to one of the approximately 15 reinstatement evaluations per year that occur at shows is miniscule compared to a lawsuit connected with the 4,300 AKC shows held each year with nearly 1.5 million entries.

Clearly the best way to assess a dog’s behavior is to recreate as closely as possible the setting where the original incident occurred. A sound reinstatement process should utilize a show/event location, especially if the club agrees to allow the reinstatement process to occur at its event.

Impact on Other Sports

If these changes were adopted, the procedure specified in the *Disqualification and Reinstatement* brochure will be changed. This brochure is mailed to the owners of all disqualified dogs. The same reinstatement process applies to all sports. In many sports, the exact situation where the disqualification occurred is unique to the sport and could be difficult to recreate outside of an event setting. Also, the AKC staff and scanners are much less likely to be available at these events. Non-conformation events make up 78% of the total AKC licensed events. The proposed changes will impose a difficult burden on these sports.
CONCLUSION

The Board and staff believe the current process best accomplishes the goal of ensuring that reinstated dogs do not pose a hazard to the sport because:

- The setting for the reinstatement examination is as similar as practical to the setting where the original incident occurred. This is done with the knowledge and agreement of the event chair.
- The reinstatement examination is done by extremely qualified individuals (AKC judges) that have agreed to participate in the process.
- Exhibitors are not burdened with the concern of not having their dog permanently identified prior to participating in AKC events.

The AKC Board has shown its willingness to modify and improve the reinstatement procedures where reasonable. No matter how well-intended a proposal may be, unsubstantiated claims and dire predictions with no historical or statistical basis in fact are not a reasonable basis for altering procedures that have been successful for 34 years. The Board and staff believe the proposed changes weaken the reinstatement process while creating unnecessary barriers and burdens that are not in the best interest of the sport.
CTMB Meeting
August 9, 2017

We have several donated items in various storage units around the country. The CTMB is making plans to offer to collectors and the public through various sales opportunities.

2018 AKC Parent Club Rescue Recognition to be presented at the Westminster Kennel Club Show. NCA Rescue is entered. The grand prize is $5000.

A Barrister Fund grant supported hip surgery, and the Newfoundland is doing very well.

Other Newfoundlands in NCA Rescue’s foster care are in various stages of surgical recovery and placement.

2018 is the 20th anniversary of the NCA Trust. Many ideas have been discussed to have a celebration and recognition for the successes of the Trust and support from many donors. Events at the 2018 National Specialty will be planned to show the continuance and the congruency between the Trustee, the NCA Board and the Trust.

CTMB Chairman Clyde Dunphy and NCA Board member Steve McAdams will attend the AKC CHF Parent Club Health Conference in August.

CTMB Chairman Clyde Dunphy and Treasurer Mary Price will meet with the Trust’s investment counselor to develop further investment strategies and opportunities that comply with the Trust’s Investment Policy.

John Cornell
NCA 1st Vice-president
CTMB Vice-chair
This is the only item I have for the agenda. I looked at the eNotes and think it is due to the lack of pigment on the white and black puppy. I did reply to that extent to Betty. I did tell her I would bring her comment to the Board.

Here are the pictures:

Hi Lynn,

I just read the recent NCA Bulletin. As per usual the club does an outstanding job, and compared with my new affiliations with the Norwich club----well they cannot be compared. I am tired of telling the club how it should be done based on my familiarity with NCA. That said, I object to the photo of the Newf puppy’s head used in the bulletin. I am certain that a puppy with tighter eyelids cold have been found. These eyes with loose rims are so round and untypical.

Betty McDonnell
I was looking at the Top 10 Obedience in Newf Tide and they only listed the score for the top dog.

In past years they always listed the scores for ALL the top 10 Newfs.

Why has this been changed? It would be nice to see everybody’s scores.

Perhaps this can be fixed and republished in the next Newf Tide.

Joan Greenwald
Event Operations would like to take this opportunity to update your club on changes in the sport, including items recently passed by the Board of Directors. Any questions should be sent to eventnews@akc.org.

Concurrent Group & All-Breed Events
Group & All-Breed clubs may hold events concurrently. This pilot program began in July 2015 and has proven successful for the clubs opting into it. Structuring events in this way, allows clubs to lower their costs by having fewer days of facility, tenting, and/or sanitation-facility rental, paying only one day of judges luncheons, parking attendants, etc. Exhibitors enjoy two opportunities to earn points while saving money by only having to pay for one night’s hotel, house/pet sitter expenses, etc. Due to the success of clubs utilizing this program, the Board has made this a permanent option for clubs.

Regular Conformation Classes
According to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 11, in order to award championship points a club must offer the American-bred and Open Classes. These are the only required classes to be offered. Chapter 3, Section 3 outlines the other regular classes that may be offered at a conformation event. Classes such as Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Amateur-Owner-Handler, and Bred-by-Exhibitor are all offered at the option of the event-giving club. Clubs have the additional option of further dividing the Puppy & Twelve-to-Eighteen Month classes if they wish. Any questions regarding which classes can be offered at a conformation event should be sent to eventplans@akc.org.

AKC Certification Files
All clubs offering licensed or member events must include
the certification of the AKC secretary in their premium list and many include it in the catalog as well. In order to make this information easily accessible to clubs, the certification files are now available for free download on our website as .jpg and .tiff files.
### Newfoundland Club of America

**Operations**  
**July 8 - August 3, 2017**

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as of August 3, 2017

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prepared by
Mary L. Price
Treasurer
Newf Tide Policy for Regional Specialty Submissions

Regional Specialty events are to be submitted to Newf Tide the first deadline after the event. If the club is unable to submit by the deadline, contact the editor to request to submit by the next deadline. Submission deadlines are: January 2 (1st Quarter), April 1 (2nd Quarter), July 1 (3rd Quarter), October 1 (4th Quarter).

The entire submission, a 350 word article for a single day event or maximum of 500 word article for a multiple day event; a marked catalog; a separate list of winners; and 300 dpi / ppi photos with captions must come from one individual in the appropriate format. Contact name, email, phone number, and address of this individual must be provided.

Policy provides for three (3) pages for EACH regional specialty. If a club wishes to use additional pages, the cost is $160 per page.

Email submission, sent to editor@ncadogs.org, requires the following in the subject line:
- host club’s name
- event
- date of event

Hard copy submission, mailed to Annalyn Paz, Editor, 15214 Lantern Creek Lane, Houston, TX 770683806. A submission checklist must be completed. Contact the editor for a copy of this form.

Font and Format Requirements:
- Arial or Helvetica, 12 pt.
- single space
- all margins left justified

Content Submission Format (in the order provided):
- Name of Club
- Date(s)
- Judges
- Author
- Article – 350 word article for a single day event or maximum 500 words for a multiple day event submitted as a Word document
- Winners’ information for the dogs to be presented in the four (4) large photos
- A clearly marked catalog scanned or in hard copy OR a downloaded copy of the superintendent’s marked catalog clearly labeled as a pdf file
- List of winners to be submitted as a separate Word document. Winners should be identified by class and sex, if appropriate, submitted in the following format:
  - Class(es) won by the dog
  - Registered name of the dog
  - Sire of the dog
  - Dam of the dog
  - Breeder(s)
  - Owner(s)
  - Photo number (if indicated)
  - Name of the Regional Specialty Club

Examples:
Best of Breed: GCHG Bond’s James Bond, BN, RA (GCHS Merit’s Abound x GCHP Black Bear’s Lovey). Breeder / Owner: Jack Reacher.
Photo: DSC 8463 Newfoundland Club of New York
1st Veteran Dog 7-9 Yrs.: **GCHB Merit’s Abound** (GCHS Lord’s Fine Wine x Merit’s No Way Around It). *Breeder: Danielle Steele. Owner: Alfred Hitchcock.*

*Photo: DSC 8479 Newfoundland Club of New York*

*Photo: DSC 8483 Newfoundland Club of New York*

**LIST OF NON PICTURED WINNERS:**

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**Photo Submission Format:**

Photos may be submitted either as hard copies (original photo or digital files on usb flash / thumb drive devices) or digital files (email). Clearly identify the dog(s) in the photo. Identify photographer(s). Photos that are not submitted in the required format cannot be used and will be rejected (not published).

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*Updated 12/31/15*

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JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Duties and Responsibilities
The Chair is responsible for Club record keeping on all junior achievements in junior showmanship (as recorded in the AKC Gazette) and junior achievements, as submitted, for wins in the breed ring and obedience rings.

Prominent announcements of award categories and procedures for applying for awards should be published through the year in the Newf Tide. All NCA junior members should be sent award application forms including the system for determining winners.

The Chair must determine the winners in the three (3) categories and present the medallions at the annual meeting. The Chair should write an article for Newf Tide including the records of the winners and should include photos of the individual and their dogs.

History
11-16-12: Based on a request from the Juniors Committee, Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the board authorize a Junior of the Year award, chosen by the Juniors Committee based its previously pre-sented criteria. An earlier proposed award encompassed qualities other than good sportsmanship and the board asked the Juniors Committee to accordingly amend their proposal. The motion was adopted

8-16-12: Maredith Reggie moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded, to adopt the proposed changes to the Juniors Committee’s awards application with regard to the implementation of a new juniors point schedule. Without objection, the motion was adopted.
Pam Saunders moved and Maredith Reggie seconded to add Rally and Agility to the Juniors awards. Without objection, the motion was adopted.
Maredith Reggie moved and Steve Britton seconded to recommit the proposal concerning the Juniors Good Sportsmanship Award back to the Juniors Committee. Without objection, the motion was adopted.
Maredith Reggie moved and Steve Britton seconded, that the recommendation concerning Juniors Committee fund raising be postponed. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

11/6-8/09: Junior award are to be titled:
Top Junior in Showmanship
Top Junior in Conformation
Top Junior in Obedience

3/27-28/06: Include the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show, in addition to Westminster, for the stipend given to junior handlers that qualify for the Junior Showmanship competition held at these shows. The Junior Handler would need to conform to the NCA requirements to quality for the stipend. This would be retroactive to the November 4-6, 2005 face-to-face meeting

11/4/05: Approve a stipend of $400.00 to any NCA Junior member in good standing that qualifies to compete at the Westminster Kennel Club show in Junior Handling and meets the following criteria: eight of the ten qualifying wins needed to qualify must be with a Newfoundland and the dog shown at Westminster must be a Newfoundland.

V24.3 05/02/93
Junior Awards Chair and Junior Liaison Committee combined to form Junior Committee.
V22.2 03/28/91
Accepted proposal to adopt the Canine Chronicle system of ranking Junior Handlers wherein each Junior is awarded one (1) point for each handler defeated. The Junior selected Best Junior Handler is awarded points equal to the total number of Juniors minus one (1) competing at the show.

V16.2 04/25/85
Junior Membership Committee split into two (2) areas of responsibility: Junior Awards and Junior Liaison

V15.3 08/31/84 (Mail Meeting)
Point scale for Junior Showmanship Awards changed so that Novice and Open are the same.

V15.2 05/24/84
Use of Club logo with proper wording on Junior medallions approved.

V14.3 05/27/83
Purchase a 25 year supply of medallions in three (3) different designs for junior member awards.

V3.2
Junior awards policy for showmanship, breed and obedience printed in Newf Tide.
An administrative clarification to the NCA Ethics Guide to maintain consistency is not an amendment to the Guide requiring another membership vote.

The clarification simply adds the identical language throughout the Guide.

It is well established customary legislative practice that amendments seeking only to clarify, not substantively change, existing rules are remedial in nature and therefore considered benign annotation, not amendments.

The clarification can be made by simple majority approval of the NCA Board directing the Recording Secretary to enter the clarification into the Guide.

CITATIONS:

“When is a Statutory Amendment a Clarification Versus a Substantial Change?” Attys. Stoll Keenan Ogden PLLC, Kentucky Court of Appeals, No. 2013-CA-000929-MR

“Amendments seeking only to clarify, not substantively change, existing rules are remedial in nature and therefore considered benign annotation, not lawmaking.”


“Statutory Interpretation General Principles and Recent Trends”


New York Court of Appeals Records and Briefs 69 NY2D 632.

“Remedial statutes are described as those designed to correct imperfections in prior law.” Coffman v Coffman, 60 Ad2d 181, 188…. “The clarification vs. expansion dichotomy as applied to the amendment sheds no light on the legislative intent behind the original statute, and it is the latter that is relevant.”

( In my work for our Town, part of my statutory responsibility includes ordinance amendments requiring public notices, public hearings, board actions, etc. Recently an ordinance was clarified and the Town relied on the advice of counsel and these citations. MLP )
In part, rules of order contained in the Connecticut non-profit statute specify:

b) Unless sections of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws require otherwise, notice of an annual or regular meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, except that, unless stated in a written notice of the meeting, (1) no bylaw may be brought up for adoption, amendment or repeal, and (2) no matter, other than the election of directors at an annual meeting, may be brought up which expressly requires the vote of members pursuant to said sections.

Therein, I move adoption of the following sequence of deadline dates (action plan) in preparation for the 2018 NCA Annual Meeting:

- Solicitation announcement for annual meeting agenda items (published in fourth quarter Newf Tide and November 2017 NCA eNotes);
- December 31, 2017 – Deadline for the recording secretary to receive agenda items from members for vote at May 1, 2018 NCA Annual Meeting from NCA members;
- January 1, 2017 – Deadline for recording secretary to forward annual meeting notice-which includes solicited action items-to the Newf Tide editor;
- Set 2018 Annual Meeting Record date as February 20, 2017 (earliest permissible date);
- Earliest mailing date for 2018 Annual Meeting Notice - March 2, 2017 (60 days prior to annual meeting);
- Latest mailing date for 2018 Annual Meeting Notice - April 9, 2017 (21 days prior to annual meeting).