

2016 ASFA Officer Elections

Slate of Candidates

November 15, 2015

In accord with the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2, Officer Nominations (reprinted below), the ASFA Nominating Committee has officially submitted the following slate of candidates for the officer elections to be held at the 2016 Annual Convention of Delegates on March 19th and 20th, 2016.

The Candidates

- [President](#): Jeff Lipps, Ohio
- [First Vice President](#): Phil Fullum, New Mexico
- [Second Vice President](#): Michael Hussey, Colorado
- [Recording Secretary](#): Joe Shoemaker, Michigan
- [Corresponding Secretary](#): Sally MacDowell, Maryland
- [Chief Financial Officer](#): Gary Roush, Virginia

Statements about each candidate appear below.

Additional nominations can also be made:

- **By Member Clubs** – Member clubs now make additional nominations for the officer positions. To do so, the club must obtain the nominee's agreement and prepare a written notice endorsing the nomination and signed by the ASFA delegate or an officer of the club. The notice must be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary at:

Bill Bowlus-Root
ASFA Corresponding Secretary
7911 128th Pl. NE
Kirkland WA 98033

Mailed notices must be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than December 31st, 2015. Nominations received in email, FAX, scanned file, or other means will *not* be accepted.

Valid nominations will be circulated to all member clubs shortly after they are received.

- **From the Convention Floor** – Candidates for office may also be nominated from the floor at the ACoD. At the time of the election, the nominee must be a convention delegate in attendance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Corresponding Secretary (corressecy@asfa.org).

The 2016 Officer Candidates

President: Jeff Lipps

More than twenty years ago, Kathy and I decided we wanted to become a dog household. After visiting a local Saluki breeder, we fell in love with the breed. While we started our adventure in Salukis as the classic “pet home,” that seemed to be short lived. We quickly had our own Kennel name, and doubled our household Saluki population.

One of our objectives in starting our Kennel was to breed dual champions. We wanted Salukis that not only exemplify the breed standard, but also perform on the field with the strength, agility and athleticism the Saluki hunters were expected to possess. Windrush Salukis produced its first litter in 1999. Since then, five litters have been whelped. Many of those Salukis have remained with us. They have gone on to excel in both the conformation ring and on the lure coursing field. Windrush Salukis has had 31 AKC Conformation Champions, 21 of whom were dual champions. Typically, seven to ten of our Salukis run regularly in lure coursing events. The top three lifetime ASFA Salukis are from our Kennel, Windrush Salukis. Windrush Salukis has had two BII winners.

My love of lure coursing quickly drove me to give what I could to the sport. I have been active in the formation of two lure coursing clubs in the Columbus, Ohio area. Last year, 2014, we reactivated one of these clubs, and will host 14 trials in 2015.

In 2000, I received my All Breed ASFA Judging License. Since then I have been privileged to be asked to judge the International Invitational twice and multiple Regional Invitationals.

In addition, I have dedicated a portion of my life when I am not practicing law in my own law firm, to volunteering in various capacities in lure coursing and Saluki related activities. For ASFA, I was its first Chief Financial Officer, a position I held for two, two year terms (2004-2008). I was President of ASFA from 2008-2012. I am currently in my second stint as ASFA’s Chief Financial Officer (2012 – term ends in 2016).

I am honored to have been nominated to serve as President. I believe I have demonstrated in my prior positions the leadership skills, temperament, and experience necessary to perform the responsibilities of President. ASFA faces challenges. Given my familiarity with the economic strength and weaknesses of ASFA and my experience in leading ASFA previously during a difficult period, I will have no learning curve, and I am prepared to hit the ground running with the goal of positioning the organization for continued success. I would welcome your support.

First Vice President: Phil Fullum

My introduction to lure coursing and ASFA occurred on a blustery day in early October 1977 with Albuquerque Whippet Fanciers Association. With a totally green Irish Wolfhound and a 2 week old son it was an inauspicious star, my IW excused for coursing the other hound in her stake (back when we were running mixed breed stakes), We came back the next day and she was never excused again. We were both totally addicted.

Once my first courser reached retirement, I knew that I still wanted to be a part of the sport, so I decided to try judging, becoming a licensed ASFA judge in 1982. I have judged all across the country,

though not in all states, which I hope to achieve someday. I did have the pleasure of judging in England two years ago for the British Sighthound Field Association (BSFA).

In 2013 I was elected President of Albuquerque Whippet Fanciers Association, and still hold that position.

Professionally, I am a licensed Professional Engineer (active licenses in Ohio and New Mexico). My day job is mechanical design; I develop equipment and devices to resolve problems or improve efficiencies of operation. I had my own engineering consulting firm for 13 years, operating out of New Mexico and Texas prior to joining my current employer. Previous business titles include VP & General Manager of an electronics firm, and Director of Operations of a medical device manufacturer.

I grew up on the east coast (NY & NJ), moved to NM in 1974, spent 5 very cold winters and hot summers in Ohio during the early '80s, then back to NM, and in 2000 moved to TX for 4 hot years, finally returning to NM. This taught me to speak several dialects of English.

My management philosophy is to listen first, understand, define the problem, and then seek a solution. As a design engineer I try to avoid the pitfall of a solution in search of a problem. If I assume a solution before I define the problem, I will likely exclude consideration of potentially better approaches. Many times, when I am working with a client, I have to refocus them on defining what the real problem is, not what they want the solution to be. This is a delicate task, as you don't want to offend the customer (who pays the bills) but at the same time I will not sell them a solution that won't work.

ASFA is facing some serious problems over the next several years. My professional experience in management should prove valuable in the challenges ASFA faces. We need to clearly state what the core problems are, and seek extraordinary solutions so that this very valuable organization can succeed for the long term. We have the talent, we have the desire, and we need the leadership to make hard and good decisions.

Second Vice President: Michael Hussey

Dinnree Irish Wolfhounds, has had Irish Wolfhounds since 1971. Co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA), which was founded in 1973 and a charter member of the Colorado Lure Coursing Association founded in 1974. Has served as the ASFA Region 3 Director for four terms, and the Lure Coursing Club Delegate for the Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast, and RMIWA. While a Region 3 Director he produced and directed the ASFA video, "An Introduction to Lure Coursing" and was the editor and primary author of the ASFA "Course Design Guide." He became a lure coursing judge in 1979. He had the number 1 lure coursing IW in 1977, the number 2 and number 4 (or 3, depending on the system) in 1987.

I am concerned about the issues that confront the ASFA including decreasing entries and aging of the fancy. If elected as the Second Vice President, I would hope to be able to propose some rational, plausible ideas for discussion on how these trends might be reversed.

Recording Secretary: Joe Shoemaker

After our last cat passed away in 2006, my wife Caren pleaded for a dog, and we settled on a Whippet, knowing only that it was the sole breed in the intersection of our differing desires in a canine companion. A year later, I was hooked on the sport of lure coursing, and the Whippets and sport were cemented as my hobby with the addition of a second and third Whippet. The latter put us over the limit

on pets and ended my 5-year service as treasurer of the condominium association. Additionally, I stumbled into positions at the local clubs. As president since 2009 and their ASFA delegate since 2013, I led the Michigan Gazehound Association to receipt of the Excellence in Performance Award at the 2014 ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates. Also since 2009, I have served as the lure coursing chair for the Raisin River Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Michigan. Between those two clubs and the AWC, I've planned and chaired over 50 ASFA and AKC lure coursing trials, including two ASFA Region 6 Invitationals, an ASFA International Invitational, and an AWC National Specialty. I have participated as part of the lure coursing field committee at all but one AWC National Specialty since 2011.

As for the vocation that supports the avocation, I've spent the past 30 years in software development and management after graduating from Michigan State University with a BS in computer science. That career has included traveling overseas to advise clients, training project leaders, and even implementing a course to train other trainers. These days, I juggle the competing interests of the user community and the owners, administrators, and data processing operators for the military's corporate health care data, negotiating and planning a mutual solution, and executing that vision with a team of developers that have tolerated my direction for nearly 20 years.

A few weeks prior to the 2014 ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates, I accepted an appointment by the Board of Directors to the vacated office of Recording Secretary and was elected by that ACoD to fill the remaining year. I was disappointed with my performance in getting the minutes done in a timely manner, but I expect that better preparation this year will remedy the challenges. Whether or not I am elected to a subsequent term, I am honored to have been considered and grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the organization.

Corresponding Secretary: Sally MacDowell

Lure coursing with Borzoi since 1997.

ASFA clubs: UCBSC, Tortoise & Hare, MDIHC. Recording Sec for Tortoise & Hare – 4 years.

Field trial chair for at least 4 trials in the last several years. Represented T&H and/or other Hanover club to Region 8 annual meeting 2 or 3 years, Delegate to 2015 ACOD Irish Wolfhound Club of America.

Member of Potomac Valley Borzoi Club for 14, president, 2-3 years, recording sec at least 2 years.

Currently we have five Borzoi, none of which run. Two are nine from solid coursing lineage, but they are not interested in plastic, three are rescues from mostly unknown lines, one is nine-ish; one is five and she ran a few trials, but is not built for it; one is mad keen on the lure but was seriously injured as an infant and has a fused elbow. He is less than two but more than one year old.

Our first batch of Borzoi ran well for years and we remain enchanted by hounds streaking full out around a field. Bob has become an ASFA and AKC lure coursing judge. I, in contrast, have not successfully watched all three dogs go around a course.

Serving ASFA as Corresponding Secretary is a way of contributing to the continuation of lure coursing.

Chief Financial Officer: Gary Roush

I attended my first ASFA lure course in June 1974. Since that time, I have been very active in lure coursing serving often as a judge, field trial chairman and lure operator. During that time, I have served

as treasurer for the Colorado Lure Coursing Association, the Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver, and the Saluki Club of America. I have also been active in ASFA. I was the chairman of the Constitution Committee that wrote ASFA's constitution in 1978. I served on the Board of ASFA as First Vice-President from 1978 to 1980, President from 1980 to 1984, and Immediate Past President from 1984 to 1986. I recently served as ASFA Chief Financial Officer from March 2008 to March 2012 and as Second Vice President from March 2013 to March 2015.

I have been a practicing Certified Public Accountant for over 30 years. During that time, I have advised numerous companies and organizations on financial planning and structure. Although its financial position has improved from 2008, ASFA continues to have numerous financial challenges facing it in the future. I believe that I can help it in meeting those challenges.

The Constitution

Here is the section of the ASFA Constitution that relates to the process of nominating candidates for officer positions.

Article VI THE ASSOCIATION YEAR, NOMINATIONS, and ELECTIONS

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Section 2. Officer Nominations.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the time of each Annual Convention of Delegates held in an odd numbered year. The committee shall include one (1) member of the Board of Directors and two (2) representatives from member clubs. The committee shall submit a list of nominees for officers to be published in the Field Advisory News at least 150 days prior to the next Annual Convention of Delegates. Each member club shall have forty-five (45) days following such publication to submit additional nominees for officers which shall be circulated to each member club. Such nominations must be agreed to by the nominee and carry the endorsement of the nominating member club, written copies of both of which shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary.
- (b) Candidates for office may also be nominated from the floor at the Annual Convention of Delegates. At the time of the election each candidate for office must be a convention delegate in attendance at such Annual Convention of Delegates.
- (c) Nomination and election for each office shall be held in the order of the offices in Article V. Delegates may be nominated for more than one (1) office but may be elected to only one (1). No delegate may be nominated for an office who has been elected to that office in each of the preceding two (2) terms; nor may any delegate be nominated or accept a nomination who has, within the preceding year, accepted a fee, over and above expenses, for handling a hound at a sanctioned lure field trial, or for performing or assisting in the performance of the duties of the officials of a sanctioned lure field trial.
- (d) No further nominations for an office will be accepted once balloting for that office has begun.

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