

2016 ASFA Officer Elections

Additional Nominee Statements

December 13, 2015

In accord with the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2, Officer Nominations may be submitted by Member Clubs. Statements by these candidates for the officer elections to be held at the 2016 Annual Convention of Delegates on March 19th and 20th, 2016, 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).

Officer Candidates Nominated by Member Clubs

President: Dean Wright

Nominated by Southeastern Greyhound Club (SEGC) and also by Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC)

In the early 60's I began in dogs with Miniature and Standard Poodles. By 1967 I purchased my first two Ibizan Hounds. Subsequently in 1974 I was elected President of the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States. We changed the Ibizan from a rare breed to a Sighthound and the breed was recognized by ASFA in 1976. During my tenure as President, the breed was recognized by the AKC (1979). Among the Ibizan Hounds listed in the ASFA Top Ten in the 2000 ASFA Historical Book, I owned or bred the number 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9. I also owned the all-time number 1 Greyhound and number 2 Saluki.

Lure coursing has been my passion since I saw the reaction of my Ibizan Hounds the first time they saw the lure moving along the ground. One hound in particular that had just been bored to death in the show ring really came to life, and so did my desire to help sight hounds have the opportunity to chase the lure.

I have been active in ASFA since 1976.

- As Regional Director (1979 – 1981, 1984 – 1987, 2007 – 2010 and 2015 to the present).
- As First Vice President with President Leigh Littleton (1988 – 1991), President Jeff Lipps (2010 – 2012), and President Ping Pirrung (2012 – 2014).
- I chaired or co-chaired the II in 1979, 1985, 1991, 1999, 2008 and 2011.

I worked for the AKC from 1991 until 2002 at which time I was fired because I would not give up my work for ASFA. During my time working for the AKC I co-chaired the ASFA II (1991 and 1998). I continued to work on the ASFA Hall of Fame and I also attended every ASFA Annual Convention during that period.

I learned a lot from the different management styles of each President when I served as their First Vice President which I will be able to use as President of the American Sighthound Field Association. Coupled with my passion for ASFA, hard work ethics, customer service instincts and ability to get along with almost everyone will make me the best choice to lead ASFA for the next several years.

After 40 years of Lure Coursing I still enjoy watching the new hounds run for the first time. When they realize they are off lead and their long instilled instinct to chase kicks in, they take off like rockets doing what they have been bred to do for centuries.

To support my "habit" of lure coursing, I have been in the management end of auto repairs. I have learned a lot from my business experiences that will help me be a better leader and promoter for ASFA. I believe that you get out of something what you put into it. I have learned so much from the people that I have worked with in ASFA that has helped me become successful in my business ventures.

My goal when elected will be to work side by side with the newly elected officers, the existing regional directors and all of the committee chairs to establish ASFA as the premier lure coursing organization in the USA.

We were the FIRST and are still the BEST, Bar None.

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ASFA's THREE MAIN GOALS ARE:

1. INCREASE ENTRIES
2. DEVELOP A NEW RECORDS PROGRAM
3. UPDATE THE ASFA WEBSITE

AS ASFA's PRESIDENT:

1. I will work from written goals and set priorities that will make the most difference to the ASFA.
2. I will develop projects for the first and second vice presidents so that they will be a working part of the team.
3. I will let clubs and members of the fancy know how much we appreciate what they do for ASFA on an individual basis.
4. I will form an advisory team to help me keep my ideas focused.

In short, "I will get things done."

Thank you for your continued help and support,

Dean Wright

First Vice President: Rich Whritenour

Nominated by Gazeounds of New England (GONE)

Richard J. Whritenour became involved in ASFA lure coursing in 1987, when he and wife Denise Como joined the Garden State Sighthound Association in central New Jersey (Denise had been involved in lure coursing since 1978, with her Wolfwind Borzois). Eventually becoming GSSA's primary lure operator, Richard ran the lure not only for trials but also for the many practices and lure coursing demonstrations held by the GSSA, as well as training new lure operators and other field personnel. He traveled to other clubs at their request to train their huntmasters and lure operators, as well as teach them how to use and maintain their equipment. Back in the day, GSSA held regular twice-monthly practices and participated in community events, all of which helped publicize lure coursing and the ASFA.

In addition to the Borzois and NGA-bred Greyhounds, Richard obtained his first Whippet in the early 1990s, FC Grovenor's Nefer Virtue FCh, joined by FC Paris-Anahita Wednesday Adams FCh. Other Whippets followed, including Pfyre's Windkissed Willow WRCh, and Pfyre's Icy Timberline.

Richard was past president of the Delaware Valley Pointer Club (owned Ch. Pandel Platinum Blonde and Whisperwind's Coco Chanel, AKC pointed), and supported the American Pointer Club – Eastern Region. He was a member of the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey. He held several Board positions in the GSSA, and was the club's treasurer for many years. He serves CLASS, Central Leatherstocking Area Sighthound Society, in the same capacity.

An ASFA and AKC all-breed judge, Richard, formerly ASFA Region 9 Director, currently serves as the ASFA's 1st Vice President. He and Denise were proud recipients of the ASFA's Gary Forrester Award in 1996.

In September, 2003, Richard and Denise relocated from New Jersey to a 90-acre farm in central upstate New York. They formed a new club, CLASS, in 2005, then began hosting lure coursing and straight racing events in 2006 for their club and others. The Borzois, Greyhounds, and Salukis have passed on, leaving Whippets to run the household.