



## • DCAF Officers 2020 •

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Barbara Kaplan-Barrett	SarahAnne Vancleeve
Toni Linstedt	Michele Wrath
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## • Development Task Force •

Toni Linstedt, Chairman

### Heritage Society

Carol O'Brien

### Fundraising Events

Pam Peterson-Joyce, Anne Ball,  
Barrie Essner, Jackie Quinn

### DCAF Endowment Fund

Betty Pirs - Chair, John Bachey,  
Meg Hennessey, Jim Lyons, Sheila Wymore

### Annual Fund Drive

Kevin O'Connell  
Barbara Kaplan-Barrett

### DCAF Finance Committee

Meg Hennessey - Chair  
Barbara Lyons  
Sheila Wymore

## Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Governors Meeting via Zoom Video Meeting Wednesday, August 26, 2020

### I. Call to Order

The third quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation's Board of Governors was called to order at 7:00pm CST on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via Zoom Video Meeting. The meeting was called by President Toni Linstedt. DCAF Governors in attendance were Mrs. Ann Ball, Ms. Rosie Branaman, Dr. Kelly Flannigan, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Hennessey, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett, Mrs. Carol O'Brien, Mr. Kevin O'Connell, Ms. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Betty Pirs, Mrs. Stephanie Podejko, Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve, Mrs. Michele Wrath and Mrs. Sheila Wymore. Absent were Mrs. Deby Harber, Mrs. Barbara Lyons, Ms. Julia Soukup.

### II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting - May 20, 2020

**Mr. Kevin O'Connell moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett seconded, motion passed.**

### III. Report of Officers

#### A. President - Mrs. Toni Linstedt

Mrs. Linstedt welcomed the Board members to our first Zoom meeting and shared a thank you note received from Mrs. Sharon Boyd. Priorities for the meeting include:

- What percent of the Decorated Dals II proceeds we will direct to the Endowment Fund

- Any year end fundraising efforts
- Discuss the fundraiser for DCA 2021
- Narrow research grant decisions to be made by year end.

**B. Vice President - Dr. Kelly Flannigan**  
Nothing to report at this time

**C. Recording Secretary - Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve**  
Nothing to report at this time

**D. Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Deby Harber/  
Mrs. Toni Linstedt**

Between the May meeting and August 21, at least 209 acknowledgement letters were mailed. All donations in the amount of \$25 or more were acknowledged. All

"in memory of" or "in honor of" donations were acknowledged to the families of the honorees regardless of the size of the donation. Donations of \$25 or more made by identifiable donors through Facebook also received acknowledgement letters as did those who directed their DCA 2020 refunds to DCAF.

#### E. Treasurer - Mrs. Meg Hennessey

The financial reports are as of August 12, 2020.

1. Our gross income through August 12, 2020 is \$47,464.75, expenses: \$11,806.09 with a net income of \$35,658.66.

2. Our assets on August 12, 2020 at Vanguard in our Wellington Account for use are \$256,837.13

- a. Average cost per share is \$66.75
- b. Current cost per share is \$75.59
- c. Unrealized gain is \$30,049.80

3. Our assets on August 12, 2020 at Vanguard in our endowment fund are \$446,967.02. We will be sending an additional \$4,568.00 to the Endowment Fund from individual donations to raise the total to \$451,535.02

- a. Average cost per share is \$71.08
- b. Current cost per share is \$75.59
- c. Unrealized gain is \$ 26,656.32

4. Total Assets at Vanguard: \$703,804.15

5. We are reinvesting all dividends in both accounts.

#### 6. Decorated Dals II

- a. Total Income: \$15,731.32

- b. Expenses

- i. Credit card fees: \$252.20

- ii. Fat Cat Ceramics

- (Figurines): \$1,562.52

- iii. Shipping (actual): \$552.52

- c. Net Income: \$13,616.28

7. How much of the Decorated Dals II should be added to the Endowment Fund?

**Dr. Ginger Iwaoka moved to donate 50% of the proceeds from the Decorated Dals II to the Endowment Fund, Mr. Kevin O'Connell seconded, motion passed.**

8. We need to spend \$37,182.59 on our not-for-profit activities. So far, we have spent \$10,006.95. We need to spend an additional \$ 27,175.64

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**Mrs. Shelia Wymore moved to accept the Officers' Report, Mrs. Ann Ball seconded, motion passed.**

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Health Committees**

###### **1. Copper Toxicity - Mrs. Ann Ball**

The following was provided to me by Dr. MacIntyre recently on the status of the study:

“We have been delayed at the bench due to restrictions associated with the COVID-19-related lockdown. During this time, we have continued with recruitment. Subsequent pedigree analyses lend further support to a genetic basis for Copper Storage Disorder (CSD) in the Dalmatian breed. We have been very fortunate in that the recent recruitment will enable the tracking of gene variants to earlier generations in the CSD-affected pedigree and will enable a robust validation of the suspected CSD-candidate gene variant. Our university remains open for essential research, and we have been approved to proceed with our laboratory work. We are now ramping up our testing of the most promising candidate gene variants in the broader population.” They continue to accept consent forms and information from Dalmatian owners; sample submissions are now limited to key dogs, and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. They recommend that all Dalmatian owners consider a submission to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) bank, as they can access those samples as required. Information on, and samples from, healthy and CSD-affected dogs continue to make important contributions to the study.

###### **2. Stone Studies - Mrs. Toni Linstedt**

No further communication from Dr. Bartges since the March email.

###### **3. Early Onset Renal Disease - Mrs. Wendy Carver-Herbert**

Mrs. Carver-Herbert has been contacted by one kidney-compromised dog and learned of five others based on Facebook group posts. It is important to learn the status of the study before engaging too much further with these people.

Mrs. Linstedt reported that CHF expects a finalized report by the end of August.

###### **4. Deafness - Mrs. Toni Linstedt**

Nothing to report at this time.

###### **5. Health Committees -**

##### **Dr. Ginger Iwaoka/ Dr. Kelly Flannigan OFA CHIC DNA Repository**

Due to the COVID related shut down of the University of Missouri Molecular Genetics lab, DNA Repository litter collections had to be frozen and stored until the lab re-opened. Nine dedicated breeders participated in the project during the shutdown. The lab is now open again and most veterinary offices are able to do non-emergency procedures again. Our first 5 post-closure litters shipped the week of 7/20.

Through 7/31/2020, we have had 44 litters submitted.

##### **V. Development Task Force**

###### **i. Annual Drive - Mr. Kevin O'Connell/ Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett**

Plan to return to a direct mail campaign. Tri-fold brochure will be left intact, but will change the color scheme to a light mint green. The 2020 letter has been completed with a draft sent out to the Board. Cost for the job is \$1037.75, complete with postage. This includes 1200 copies of the tri-fold pamphlet. This allows extra for members to request pamphlets for their puppy packs. Considering moving up the mailing to October 2.

**Dr. Charles Garvin moved that we approve the mailing of the Annual Drive letter, Mrs. Sheila Wymore seconded, motion passed.**

###### **ii. Endowment Oversight Committee - Mrs. Betty Pirs**

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact investments globally. This report is based on a snapshot of the Endowment Fund as of August 2020.

The risk level that we are seeing remains within the range identified in the Board's risk assessment in establishing the Endowment. The Wellington Admiral Fund is performing well given current conditions. Nothing fundamental has changed with the Fund. After considering all these factors, the Committee recommends staying the course.

As of August, 2020:

- Vanguard Endowment current balance - \$448,563.54 (as of August 2020).

- Balance in May 2020 was \$406,474.10. The fund has regained what it had lost due to the volatility in the Market in the first half of 2020.

- YTD through July 31, 2020, the Wellington Admiral Fund is up 1.01% which is .97 ahead of its category and is in the 50th percentile.

- One-year performance ended on July 31, 2020 with an increase of 8.45% and 3.02% of its category is in the 30th percentile.

###### **iii Fundraising Event - Mrs. Toni Linstedt**

Decorated Dals II was a big success, in spite of having to do it all online. All 47 figurines sold for between \$75 and \$550. All winning bidders, except one paid promptly. No one complained about the shipping charges. The two that were not paid were ultimately sold for equal to or close to what the final bid was. We'll pull together an ad for the Fall *Spotter*, thanking the artists, sponsors and winning bidders, featuring collages of all 47 DD II figurines.

###### **iv Heritage Society - Mrs. Carol O'Brien**

Ms. Paula Olcott received an inquiry from a man who wanted to make a bequest to DCA. She explained that DCAF, as a 501 (c) 3 organization is the way to make his planned gift. I have been in touch with him, sending the DCAF Heritage pledge form and requesting the information on his executor and choice of donor recognition (whether to be anonymous or let us publicize his name in our rosters). It is a pleasure to report that he became a Heritage Society member.

###### **v. Website - Ms. Julia Soukup**

Performed routine updates and maintenance.

**Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to accept the Committee Reports, Mrs. Betty Pirs seconded, motion passed.**

##### **VI. Old Business**

None to report at this time.

##### **VII. New Business**

###### **Research Investments**

We need to spend \$27,175 before the end of the year towards our mission. It does not appear that there will be requests for additional funding from either of our active projects. There are several ways we could allocate these funds:

1. Donate to our Donor Advised Fund at CHF. This would satisfy the IRS obligation and reserve the money for us to fund future projects sponsored by DCAF and managed through a CHF MOU. Donor Advised Fund as of 6/30/2020 Balance \$2,264.71. We will need to donate at least 5% of whatever is in this fund with CHF by year end.

2. Morris Animal Foundation sent their list of active canine research projects. We could contribute to one or more of those.

3. CHF has active research that is not yet fully funded. We could contribute to one or more of those. List to be circulated upon receipt.

4. Dr. Claire Wade is continuing her research into deafness in Dalmatians whether we sponsor it or not. We could offer her more funding.

5. We may have applications for reimbursement from rescue groups between now and year end, but this is an unknown.

Discussion on these ideas.

**Dr. Charles Garvin moved that DCAF donate \$25,000 to the CHF Endowment program, Mrs. Ann Ball seconded, motion passed.**

#### **IIIX. Announcements**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **IX. Next Meeting -**

Fourth quarter meeting will be in November.

#### **X. Adjournment**

**Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to adjourn, Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett seconded, motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm CST.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve  
DCAF - Recording Secretary*



*Photo courtesy: Ann Smith*