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Having had the honour of holding the position of President and Chair of the Board for the past two-year term, I welcome the opportunity to briefly state my ambitions for AAC, and my role within it, as I seek your support for another term.

With over 20 years business experience; my work in legal environments, Health Care project management and Technology has provided me with the skill set to benefit AAC operations. My deep interest into animal behaviour and a long history of competitive and elite sport involvement starting from an early age, has provided me with the drive to succeed in detection, tracking, field trials, hunt tests, Schutzhund and Obedience. It has also led me to titles, Regional and National wins and podium placements in agility in AAC, AKC, UKI and USDAA and two invitations to the AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational.

The past two years have been dominated by the Board implementing business processes that would benefit AAC, identifying and addressing risks, and planning and implementing cost-effective improvements, including some of the following services for members:

- Organized, internet-accessible forms available for downloading
- Online applications for Dog IDs and Memberships Personalized user profiles providing each member's dog trial results and titles at a touch
- Online sanctioned trial applications and payment process

The challenge of increasing safety through equipment led to updates in equipment specifications and decreased jump heights for many dogs.

The new areas of focus in which I hope to contribute are the introduction of a Continuing Education and Development plan for AAC's Judges; introducing a new series of competition classes and titles, increasing benefits for AAC membership and continuing to assist AAC to find innovative ways to improve its finances.

I am proud of the progress made by AAC Board members during the past two-year term, but this is a living, growing organization with member-driven ideas always forthcoming - requiring leadership, discussion, review and if feasible, implementation. I want to continue for another term as President - I believe I have the energy, ideas, drive and desire to serve the AAC and its members effectively and to the best of my abilities.

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