



Agility Association of Canada / Association d'Agilité du Canada

Seanna O'Neill – Candidate for AAC Secretary

I became active in agility in 1992, when I enrolled in Saskatchewan's first agility classes. Over the years I continued to learn about the sport, and when I moved to Alberta, we eventually opened Dynamo Dogsports, where I have taught hundreds of agility students to have fun with their dogs.

Though I play in dogsports like Flyball and BarnDog, my first passion will always be agility. I have competed for Canada at multiple World Championships and enjoy the challenges of competing at a high level. But, through my experience with Dynamo Dogsports, I also understand and appreciate folks who just want to have fun with their dog on occasional weekends. They are the foundation of the sport.

I have successfully organized many dog events, including AAC Regional/National Championships. These events have been successful because we first ascertained what people wanted, and then organized it. This customer focus is what should drive AAC, having members involved in the decision-making process.

In my other work I have been a newspaper journalist/editor; microcomputer technician, website developer, and inventory control specialist. In spare time I have also served for years as secretary on the Board of Directors for a number of organizations, including EntreNousFemmes, a cooperative housing Board; Grant MacEwan Council; Borzoi Canada; Lloydminster Kennel; and even the AAC. So I am well versed in responsibilities for secretarial duties on a Board.

This Board experience taught me that the best way to unify an organization is through transparency, accountability, and democracy. I believe that the AAC should be an organization that speaks for everyone, from aspiring World Team Members to Backyard Agility Hobbyists, tackling the challenge of accommodating members across Canada, with diverse goals and aspirations.

Thanks for your consideration!