



# LINDA DUNCAN

Candidate for President, MBTCA

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## MBTCA

- Member MBTCA 17 years
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP 2016-2020
- Treasurer 2020-present
- Chaired Financial Advisory Group 2016-2017, an ad hoc committee responsible for looking at cost savings (ALB), income opportunities, and improved fiscal accountability (including show budgeting and reporting)
- Served on Health, Show, and Fundraising committees
- Participated in review and approval of the Constitution and Bylaws, VHTS criteria, judges' education materials, judges' selection guidelines; reviewed/revised Code of Ethics (in progress)
- Former content point person for website, vetting updated information and providing show information
- Responsible for compiling Breeder Directory
- Show chair or co-chair for MBTCA National/VHTS weekend 3 years
- Recipient of MBTCA/AKC Sportsmanship Award

## OTHER DOG-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Board of 3 Rivers Kennel Club; in charge of judges' hospitality and ring stewarding at annual show
- Board of BTC of St. Louis
- Member BTCA for 10 years
- Show chair for Wentzville MBTCA specialty shows for 9 years
- AKC Breeder of Merit
- Judged numerous Sweeps, including Pittsburgh National and 5 specialties (minis and BTs); have also judged Sweeps for Dalmatians, Mastiffs, Shar-peis. Judged 8 all-breed B matches
- Countless ring stewarding assignments
- Have exhibited MBTs and one BT; 11+ champions, 5 grand champions, 2 Westminster breed winners
- Participated in 6 Meet the Breeds events at Purina and at 2 AKC National shows

## **RELEVANT WORK HISTORY**

- Worked at Elsevier for 32 years, managing global veterinary medicine and dental publishing programs; managed global team of 50. Strong strategic, finance, sales, marketing, efficiency, and organizational skills

## **AREAS OF FOCUS FOR MBTCA**

As part of MBTCA BODs that have accomplished many important things, I feel it is important to continue key work that has been started, with more input and/or participation from the membership. Following are some things we should focus on in the coming 2-3 years to make our club and breed stronger:

- Commit funds for AKC Canine Health Foundation research projects. We should also get reports on studies we are currently participating in and/or incidence statistics for LP, LAD, and PLL.
- Fast-track our Policies and Procedures Manual (aka SRP) to capture decisions systematically and in an accessible way and ensure continuity for the future. Review current procedures begun by the SRP committee to make sure they are up to date
- Continue to pursue 501(c)3 status, using template devised by BTCA. We should also strengthen our rescue presence by involving members in vetting, fostering, and transportation with organizations we are working with.
- For website committee to create a robust experience for members and public.
- Strengthen performance footprint through education and events, mirroring efforts by AKC to recognize growing areas of interest and revenue.
- Form Awards/Recognition Committee to establish additional perpetual trophies and come up with significant ways to recognize club members
- Develop Breeder Education program to help members interested in breeding make sound decisions that improve our breed.