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## *Yves Belmont*

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I have been a fancier of dogs my entire life. I've been around purebred dogs since the age of 6 when my parents introduced me to the Doberman Pincher. Throughout my life, I've owned several purebred dog breeds; I was introduced to my beloved breed, the Cane Corso, in 1999 through a friend from school.

I put my passion on hold while pursuing several advanced degrees, while employed as a Management Consultant. I transitioned roles and completed my doctorate and dove headfirst into my passion for purebred dog sports. My passion lies with two breeds from Italy (Cane Corso and Neapolitan Mastiff). I belong to three different AKC-affiliated clubs, serving in multiple committees in all three organizations, including legislative duties directly related to the role of AKC Delegate.

Using my managerial experience, I have joined the CCAA Bylaws Revision Committee and Legislative Alert Committee. As a member of the Bylaws Revision Committee, I've been instrumental in ushering the finalization of CCAA Bylaws so that the club can attain full member status with the AKC. When I had the opportunity to join the Legislative Alerts Committee, I immediately volunteered to become a committee member. Until that point, there seemed to be no flow of information from the AKC to the membership. I genuinely believe that working with the AKC, members will have more input into matters that truly can affect them surrounding purebred dogs in the United States.

Since my tenure on the Legislative Alerts Committee, there have been legislative alerts relating to cropping and docking of dogs in the state of Michigan. At the federal level, there has been proposed legislation that could adversely affect the breeding of purebred dogs, thus highlighting the need for this type of communication. My promise to you is that I will use my skills, education, and experiences in these important committees to immediately increase the flow of information between the AKC and the membership. It has come to my attention, although we do not have a voting Delegate, we can obtain all notes and information. I promise to acquire every bit of information I can and spark the flow information from the AKC to the membership immediately upon attaining this directorship.

My association with the various AKC affiliated clubs and committees has leveraged my experience with Roberts Rules of Order and the orderly running of a club of this type. This directorship will enable me to better serve the Cane Corso Association of America and its membership to ensure policy and best in class delivery as a bridge the between the American Kennel Club, propelling this club into the future.

Kind Regards,  
Dr. Yves Belmont  
Candidate for AKC Delegate