

# **ISCA Board of Directors Candidates for 2012**

## **Jeanette Holmes President**

My service on the ISCA Board began in the year 2000 as Corresponding Secretary. Since then, I have served the Board as Recording Secretary, 2nd Vice President and currently hold the position of 1st Vice President. The educational journey that encompasses the business of the Club, its ongoing growth, the encouragement for positive communications with its membership, contributions to health-related research and the challenges to excel in all arenas of our breed are especially important to me. The outreach of the Board to promote the membership to express their concerns, ideas and opinions makes me proud to serve on this Board that serves the breed and the ISCA members.

In my career, I have been a legal secretary for over 31 years, with most of my experience in civil litigation, and the last 11 years in all divisions of felony and environmental crimes.

I have been a member of the ISCA since 1975, a member of the ISC of the Pacific, Inc., since the early 1970s and a member of the Butte County Kennel Club for 15 years, also serving on their Board. I have owned Irish Setters since the late 1960s, bred about 15 litters that have produced multiple champions, BISS and group and BIS winning Irish Setters. Early into this passion for the Irish Setter, I was fortunate to have mentors who were knowledgeable and experienced breeders. As a result of this education by those mentors, I remain dedicated to keeping our breed safe.

## **Heidi Brushert Laabs First Vice President**

I have served as Recording Secretary of the ISCA since 2008. Throughout my long career as a school and school district administrator, I have had a strong leadership and service orientation, and now look forward to putting my skills and experience to work as First Vice President. During my tenure on the ISCA board, I have attended all board meetings and all Nationals. I am proud to serve on a board that has made significant efforts to communicate with and be responsive to the membership, and am committed to continuing and strengthening these efforts. I have been, and will continue to be visible and available to the members, to promote activities that provide members with opportunities to express their opinions and ideas, and to engage members in the work and activities of the club. I believe that board members serve both the breed and the ISCA membership.

My husband and I have owned Irish since 1972. I've been an ISCA member since 1995, and am also a member of the ISC of Milwaukee and the ISC of Minnesota. I serve on the Board of Directors and the Show Committee of the ISC of Milwaukee as well. Throughout my involvement with the breed, my knowledge and appreciation of Irish Setters has never stopped growing. I am fortunate to have been mentored by several knowledgeable and influential breeders, who have helped me understand the history, form and function of the breed. I believe it is important to be a steward of the breed, as my mentors have been, to protect and preserve it, and to build a solid foundation for its future.

## **Jan Ziech Second Vice President**

I have served the ISCA and the Breed as a Region 2 Director since early 2004. You probably know me best as the "webmaster" - a job that I thoroughly enjoy. I believe that a club that communicates with its members works best and have served as co-chair of the Communications Committee since its inception. I introduced the club to Facebook at the request of several members and keep our "fans" in the loop with club updates there and on the website. I have also served on several other committees – Health, 2010 and 2014 National Site Selection Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Judges Balloting Committee, 2009 National Hunt Test Local Chair, and chair for the committee advocating RR.

I am the current President of the Western Irish Setter Club and also serve as Western's Rescue Chair. Rescue has been a big part of my life for the past 30 years. I am a past President and show chair for my local all-breed club. I also serve on the President's Council of the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Irish Setters are a big part of my life. I can't imagine living without one. I don't believe that breeding or finishing champions qualifies one for a position on this board, but rather the love of the breed and willingness to serve is of utmost importance. I am honored to be nominated as Second Vice President of the Irish Setter Club of America.

**Frances Lefever Sloughfy**  
**Corresponding Secretary**

I have been the Corresponding Secretary for the ISCA since 2003, and I love my job! In addition, I am Chair of Annual Awards. I am also responsible for sending out all of the ISCA Title Certificates. I have been part of the "Emergency" Rescue Committee for six years, which oversees additional funding for extreme rescue cases.

I have been learning about our breed for 35+ years. I was lucky to be mentored by several knowledgeable folks who have been owned by Irish Setters. I have been an active member of the EISA and the ISCA. My husband, Charlie, and I have bred about 10+ litters, and have finished about 12 dogs. Years ago, I worked in performance, putting a CD on our first Irish. I have rekindled that interest, and am currently in training with one of our dogs.

I believe that it is important to educate the public about Irish Setters, and to assist in guiding folks to make an informed decision about owning an Irish. I like talking with, and listening to, the membership. I am particularly interested in bringing the ideas of the membership to the BoD for discussion...and I believe strongly in "transparency." The membership has a right to know what the BoD is thinking, and why. Our club has so many talented and knowledgeable members, and we need to make use of that ability, and thoroughly discuss their suggestions.

**Christine M. Boutwell MD**  
**Recording Secretary**

I am a neurologist in Kansas City, MO. I serve on several leadership and service roles in my community and hospital system. I have had an appreciation for Irish my whole life, stemming from my mother's love for the breed. I have been fortunate to own Irish since 1977.

I have been an ISCA member since 1999 and serve on the ISCA Foundation Advisory Committee and Health Committee. I have also been an active member of the Irish Setter Club of Greater Kansas City since 1997, serving in several capacities. I have finished three champions, one CD, and one RN since I began showing, learning along the way from many important fanciers. As the Recording Secretary of the ISCA, I want to continue to expand my knowledge of the breed and foster education and communication, while serving the breed we all love.

I am honored to be nominated as Recording Secretary of the ISCA, and look forward to serving the membership and the breed in that capacity.

**Jeanine Wilson**  
**Treasurer**

In 1978, I was given my first Irish Setter as a Christmas present. Since then, I have put 48 titles on 15 Irish Setters. I have Champions, Obedience Titles, Hunting Titles, and Agility Titles. I have put titles on other breeds as well, but learned quickly that the Irish Setter was more my style. All of my dogs try to have titles at both ends. A couple did not quite make it to the Championship, but all have at least one performance/companion title. Most have at least two, and most in more than one venue.

I have been a member of the ISCA since 1982, serving as Treasurer since 2007. I am the VC Chair and was honored to be the 2011 National Specialty Chair. I am a member of the ISC of Central Oklahoma and the ISC of Fort Worth.

I am currently in the process of writing a stand alone program for the accounting of a national specialty. My accounting experience is extensive, in the computer assisted accounting area. My education and passion is computers. I combine both accounting and computer knowledge to give my employers (and the ISCA) the best in both areas.

I am thrilled to be nominated for the position of Treasurer on the ISCA Board. I believe that I not only bring skills to the job, but also a passion for the Irish Setter that all of us share.

**Karolynne McAteer**  
**AKC Delegate**

It has been my pleasure this past year to serve as your AKC Delegate. As you know, this is a time of great change and challenge for the AKC, and it is imperative that our club stay on top of issues that impact not only the AKC, but the sport of dogs and out breed's specific interests as well.

Prior to running for Delegate, I was a Region 1 Director, past Board Member and President of the Eastern Irish Setter Association, and on behalf of the EISA, chaired three ISCA Nationals. I also had the enormous joy of judging our National on two occasions.

I have spearheaded for the ISCA the early days of Breeder's Education, headed Judges Education for over a decade, been your Gazette columnist, and maintain a column in the Memo. I sit on the ISCA Foundation board, focusing mostly on fundraising, and I serve on the club's National Hunt Test and Walking Field Trial Committee. Additionally, I serve with a wonderful group of knowledgeable individuals on the National Events Committee.

I moved from Region 1 in 2010, and now reside in North Carolina, where I belong to the local all-breed club, but believe it or not, there is NO Irish Setter club in the entire state! It would be my honor to serve again as your Delegate, and represent the needs of sporting dogs, and Irish Setters in particular.

**Mary C. Lamphier**  
**Region 1 Director**

I am the newest member of the ISCA board, and I found my first board meeting at the National to be an educational experience that I would enjoy repeating. I have been "in" Irish since 1976, with my first show dog and sound mentoring coming from Ted Eldredge of Tirvelda fame. He taught me that the most important aspect of our dogs is the time they spend as family pets, and to that end, we want a sound, healthy, stable companion in our show dogs.

I have been a school teacher for 33 years, with all that implies, and I have served in nearly all offices in several all breed and specialty clubs. I believe that each member has an equally valuable contribution to make and that inclusiveness and transparency are obligations of board members.

We have bred more than 40 champions and have trained, bred and shown obedience dogs as well. We also have an active junior in our household and I believe that we must support and encourage juniors if our sport is to continue.

**Robert Geddeis**  
**Region 2 Director**

As a young man, my association with hunting dogs began with a Brittany Spaniel, who rewarded me with many years of finding and pointing upland game in the field. Years later, as a Scout leader, I had the opportunity to attend my first field trial with an invitation from Ken Ruff. This event was my first introduction to the Irish Setter. As a teenager, I had read "Big Red" and had a picture in my mind of this special dog, however only after this first field trial did I have an opportunity to experience the red dog in the flesh and to place a hand on him. For some unknown reason, there was an instant connection. Since that early introduction, I have owned, bred, trained and competed with a good number of the field Irish. Among them have been a Sire and Matron of the Year, with their get going on to compete in and win several National Field Trial Championships and Futurities. Several of my dogs have also achieved field championships.

I've been a member of the ISCA since 1981, as well as a member of the Western ISC in Illinois and the ISC of Milwaukee. I also have served for several years as the Secretary/Treasurer of the ISCA National Field Trial Championship event. I've enjoyed attending several National Specialties. Currently I'm serving on the ISCA Field Trial Executive Committee and the Field Trial Advisory Board. From the perspective of evaluating the performance of a dog in the field, I'm a qualified AKC judge and have judged all-breed trials across the Mid and Far Western States.

In addition to my love of and dedication to the Irish breed, I offer a broad background in both the business and board environment. I've served on the Foundation Board of Rockford Memorial Hospital and currently serve on the Honehegah School Board in Rockton, IL. My career in international business has spanned over 45 years, doing business in over

110 countries. During those travels, I've attended Irish Setter field trials in Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. This range of business, board, and field dog experience will benefit the ISCA in the continuous improvement of the Club and the Irish breed.

**Dotti Fowler**  
**Region 3 Director**

I was born and raised in San Antonio, and encountered my first Irish Setter in 1971. Shortly thereafter, I met my husband, Robert, and together we have had decades of fun surrounded by redheads that we call MyTyme Irish Setters.

We have been members of the ISCA since 1989, and members of our local club, the ISC of Houston, since 1993, and have taken turns offering our services as officers and board members of that club. We have also been deeply involved as rescue reps and hunting test organizers and committee persons. It is with pride that I call many of the members of the ISC of Houston mentors and friends – noting that some of them have achieved a few of the finest accomplishments attainable. These include top ranked BoB dogs in the show ring, High in Trial dogs in Obedience, and Master Hunters in the field. I will continue to turn to these sources for guidance in all that I do in representing the membership of the ISCA.

I am currently an AKC Hunting Test judge and have had the honor of participating on the ISCA Executive Field Committee and the Field Advisory Committee. These things have given me fabulous opportunities to study, observe and compare a large number of Irish in the field, and am working toward the personal goal of finishing a dual champion from a litter of our own breeding. I hope to have the opportunity to share some of what I have learned in that quest with interested members of the ISCA.

Some of the work skills that I bring to the table in the capacity of representing my fellow members as a director include a strong background in organizing and completing tasks, as well as a working knowledge of computers, which I currently use in my business of web design.

**Pat McGarry**  
**Region 4 Director**

I was born and raised in the Seattle area, and currently live in La Conner, Washington with my wife, Carol. We have been married for over forty years, and have one son. I've raised and exhibited Irish Setters for 43 years. Carol and I have participated in field, agility, obedience and conformation with our Windntide Irish Setters. As the Windntide kennel name reflects, we spend a great deal of time boating with our dogs in the waters of the Pacific Northwest.

I am a charter member of the ISC of Seattle and have served as President, numerous times on the Board of Directors, and on various committees. I was on the organizing committees for the 1992 and 2004 ISCA Nationals and managed the parking at the 2004 event, and assisted with parking at several other Nationals. I've worked for Manson Construction Co. in marine construction for the past 45 years, and currently am Vice President of the company. I will be retiring at the end of 2011. I serve on many governmental, civic and business committees and am the 2011 President of the Associated General Contractors of Washington.