

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA



June 1, 2023

Dear Members

For the past two plus years, and based on lessons learned during the Pandemic, the ITCA Board has been working to establish a legal identity and update its Constitution and Bylaws to enable us to work more efficiently and effectively. In our membership update letter of December 15, 2022, the ITCA identified a list of objectives necessary to achieve that goal:

- Declare a state affiliation/legal identity.
- Allow for meetings through electronic means.
- Allow for balloting through electronic means to include the option to use an independent professional firm to send, receive and count ballots in officer, board and delegate elections.
- Add a mandatory non-voting membership category for new adult member applicants with an option to apply for voting membership in 1 year based on involvement in AKC events or ITCA committees or other activities. All current members are grand-fathered.
- Update dues with a limit not to exceed \$100. This would ensure the ability to raise dues decades in the future without amending the Bylaws. Any increase in dues can only be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- Modify outdated references to notices by USPS to include forms of delivery with recordable receipt.

The AKC recently performed its preliminary review and authorized ITCA to conduct a membership vote to approve the changes. To that end, you will find attached, copies of the current ITCA Constitution & Bylaws, a clean version of the Recommended Constitution and Bylaws, and a redline of the changes. Also attached is a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's, a Ballot, blank ballot envelope and a return envelope for your ballot.) Please pay close attention to the ballot instructions as we want all ballots to count! In order to approve the Bylaws revisions, a favorable vote of two-thirds of the eligible returned ballots is required.

A time period of thirty (30) days has been allotted between the mailing and due dates for return of ballots. Ballots post-marked on the due date will be accepted. We are posting this transmittal package and will be updating the FAQs on our website (ITCA.info) at least weekly based on questions received from the membership. If you have a question, please forward your question to Susan Bednar at corrsec@itca.info.

A great deal of time has been expended to analyze the Club's operations and find ways to improve its functionality. We hope that you will carefully consider these changes and vote in favor of approving the Recommended ITCA Constitution and Bylaws.

Sincerely,

Rochelle Nagel
President

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Dear ITCA Member,

This is your ballot seeking approval of the Recommended Bylaws Changes for the ITCA (June 2023). The procedure for voting has been established by the Board of Governors of the Irish Terrier Club of America. Please note the instructions and follow them carefully to ensure that your vote will be valid and counted.

Enclosed is one ballot, a small blank envelope for the ballot, and a larger return envelope marked "Ballot".

- Complete your ballot below by voting In Favor, Against or Abstain.
- Place your completed ballot in the small envelope and seal it, leaving it blank.
- Place all blank small envelopes for voting members in your household in the return envelope marked "Ballot."
- Make sure the names of all voting members whose ballots are enclosed appear on the outside of the pre-addressed envelope marked "Ballot".

Return ballot envelopes must be postmarked on or before **June 30, 2023**, and returned to Susan M. Bednar, ITCA Corresponding Secretary, 7170 N. Seneca Avenue, Glendale, WI 53217-3870.

Thank you for your participation.

Susan Bednar
ITCA – Corresponding Secretary

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BALLOT

Approve Recommended ITCA Constitution & Bylaws (June 2023):

- _____ In Favor
- _____ Against
- _____ Abstain