

Happy January to all. I hope this note finds you warm, dry and happy.

First and foremost, we are updating our member list. If you are receiving this email, obviously, you are on it. If you know of a member who is not receiving it, please have them contact me or another club officer, so we can get them added.

An accurate member list allows the right people to receive year-end awards and for us to stay in touch with everyone. I know there have been errors made in the past and we are working to correct them. Please know, we always mean well. Thank you for your patience while we suss this out.

Our first Directors meeting of the year was last Wednesday. The 2021 board ratified the 2022 board and here are the results:

President - ME!

Vice President - Dave Viklund.

Secretary - Laurene Stepan.

Treasurer - Donna Grimes

Eastern Director - Liz Stenning

Western Director - Linda Morgan

Director-at-large - Bonnie Johnson

Director-at-large - Nancy Barrows

Past-President - Kelly Ware

Volunteer non-director - Kelly Yates

To our Past President, Kelly Ware, many thanks for all those productive meetings in 2021, the two productive clinics you orchestrated, and for allowing OSDS to finish the year financially strong. **We appreciate you.** Thank you.

We have two new Directors this year, Bonnie Johnson and Nancy Barrows. If you know them, please thank them for their service. If you don't, please seek them out to say thanks. We look forward to fresh input and new ideas from them. We welcome them to the board and look forward to serving beside them.

The OSDS Directors are working to bring you events we hope you will love, and I thought you may be interested to learn about our ideas so far.

As we did last year, we hope to bring you more than 1 opportunity to learn and improve your skills through clinics. Last year, OSDS hosted 2 clinics that both filled and were productive and fun. I hope to have more information for you in the near future about our clinic plans for this year.

Webinars! Again, we're still in the planning stages, but we have 2 top international hands committed already. More information on this will be forthcoming as we figure out the back office stuff and settle on dates and times. These webinars are open to members and non-members alike and will allow attendees to send in questions for the guests. The guests will choose which ones to talk about and will spend an hour in our living rooms talking dogs and trialing. We will keep the cost low, and give a member discount, so

please tell your friends to join or renew today. We are very excited about these webinars and they promise to be really fun besides useful and informative.

Are you an archivist? Do you have a scanner? OSDS has historical files dating back years and years. We are looking for a volunteer to take possession and organize them. These files include photos of some of our well-loved members and dogs from years ago. As the oldest sheepdog club in America, we have a history that we'd love to share. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact me, or another director and let us know. Thanks in advance for being willing to lend the club a hand.

I look forward to serving you this year, my 2nd as an officer of the club. I am available and more than willing and happy to learn how I, or the club can be of service to you. It would be my pleasure. Please feel free to call, email, text or speak to me at a trial. If we have never met, let's do something about it this year and get to know each other.

Thanks all and warmest regards,

Amelia Smith, 2022 President

