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SPECIALTY WINS

Paul Revere MSC

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Sweeps Judge: Antonio Raposo

Best in Sweeps...Ellerker's Chosen
Tribute/Caines

BOS in Sweeps...Champagne's OMG/
Schnauser/Champagne

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Bramley



**The deadline
for the October issue
is September 16.**

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The Serious Benefits of Play

Incorporating various forms of play into your dog's daily routine is vital to helping him develop a healthy, loving personality.

Playing and having fun helps to eliminate stress from your life—and the same holds true for your dog. In fact, incorporating various forms of play into your dog's daily routine is vital to helping him develop a healthy, loving personality.

The benefits of play

Here are some of the ways that playing and having fun is important:

• **Physical health.** Active play helps keep your dog's heart healthy, keeps the joints lubricated, and improves his overall balance and coordination.

• **Mental health.** Games with rules force your dog to use his brain, not just his body. This can help keep his mind sharp and focused.

• **Social skills.** When your dog plays with other dogs and other people, it helps improve his overall social skills. He learns basic rules and how to play by them.

• **Bonding.** Even if it's only for a few minutes a day, playing with your dog helps strengthen the bond between you.

• **Your health.** What better way to alleviate the stress of a busy workday and get a bit of exercise than to come home and play with your dog? It's a win-win for both of you.

How to play with your dog

There are right ways—and wrong ways—to play. The most important thing to remember is that you're the boss. You decide what games should be played and you set the rules. This helps establish your credibility as the pack leader. It also helps keep your dog from getting overly excited and out of control while you play. If your dog does become difficult to manage, simply put a stop to the game until he calms down again.

When you're teaching your dog a new

game, reward him when he does well. Remember, rewards don't have to be just treats. You can also reward him with his favorite toys or lots of hugs and praise.

When you start out teaching your dog a new game, keep it simple and go through the game slowly, until your dog fully grasps the rules. Also, wait until he fully understands one game before you teach him a new one, otherwise it will end up confusing him.

Playtime tips

• Avoid games like keep away, wrestling, or tug-of-war. Those games encourage biting or dominant, aggressive behavior.

• Stay in control of the game at all times. Show your dog that you're the pack leader, not just another member of the pack. Retrieval games are good at teaching control.

• Don't include your body or clothing as part of any game.

• Incorporate the SIT or DOWN and STAY commands in every game.

• You decide when it's time to end the game, not your dog. The best time to stop the game is when your dog is still eager to play.

• If, for some reason, your dog doesn't seem to understand the game at some point, go back to the beginning, or simply leave it and try again a few days later. Don't get angry if your dog isn't "getting it" right away. Remember it's supposed to be a fun experience for both of you!



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Titer Test: Safer for Your Pet Than Routine Vaccines, and at an Affordable Cost

By Dr. Becker

Recently, I ran across an ABC News article titled "Dog Owners Wade Into Vaccine Debate," which caught my interest, especially since August has been designated "National Immunization Awareness Month" by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

I'm all for immunization awareness, but I'm not sure what the AVMA has in mind. I suspect it might have to do with reminding pet guardians to comply with the latest re-vaccination guidelines, thereby insuring that dogs and cats are repeatedly and in most cases unnecessarily subjected to the viruses, chemicals, adjuvants, and other potential toxins contained in vaccines.

But anyway... back to the ABC News article. The reporter who wrote the piece interviewed a man with three dogs, and starts off by saying the owner "refuses" to vaccinate them, which isn't accurate. Reading a little further, it's clear the owner doesn't refuse to vaccinate – he refuses to RE-vaccinate for anything other than rabies, a vaccine that, as we all know, is required by law.

The man being interviewed, Rodney Habib, feels that repeated immunizations do more harm than good, and since he provides his dogs with puppy shots – core vaccines against distemper, parvovirus, and adenovirus (infectious hepatitis) – he believes they will remain immune for years, if not for life.

Mr. Habib Is Part of a Pet Owner Movement Against Over-Vaccination

If you're a regular reader here, you know that I applaud Mr. Habib's approach to vaccinating his dogs, and his approach is also in line with [Dr. Ronald Schultz's](#) recommended canine vaccination protocol. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with him, Dr. Schultz is a pioneer and renowned expert in the field of veterinary vaccines. He's currently involved in the [Rabies Challenge Fund](#), the purpose of which is to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines, with the goal of extending the required interval for rabies boosters to five and then to seven years.

The only thing Dr. Schultz and I would add to Mr. Habib's protocol is titers, run at about two weeks post-vaccination (no sooner) to insure his dogs responded to the vaccines (meaning the vaccinations resulted in immunity against those three specific diseases).

Habib also tells the ABC News reporter that he feels booster shots (in this case, re-vaccinations for distemper, parvo and adenovirus) expose dogs to the same pathogens over and over again, which raises the risk for immune disorders. This is a concern most of us in the holistic veterinary community share. While most conventional veterinarians don't acknowledge a link between autoimmune diseases and vaccines, holistic vets have long voiced alarm over the cause-and-effect relationship between certain vaccines and the subsequent development of autoimmune disorders in pets.

Holistic veterinarians are also concerned about [vaccinosis](#), which is a chronic reaction to not only the altered virus contained in vaccines, but also to the chemicals, adjuvants, and other components of tissue culture cell lines – as well as possible genetic changes – that can be induced by vaccines.

Author of the foremost handbook of holistic health care for pets, *Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats*, [Dr. Richard Pitcairn](#), who also holds a Ph.D. in immunology, defines it this way: "Vaccinosis is to be understood as the disturbance of the vital force by vaccination that results in mental, emotional, and a physical change that can, in some cases, be a permanent condition."

Why Does Any Veterinarian Advocate Re-Vaccinating Over a Simple Blood Test to Determine If Another Vaccination Is Necessary?

To present an opposing view to Mr. Habib's, the ABC News reporter also asked a veterinarian, Dr. Kate Berger at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, for her viewpoint on re-vaccinations. Predictably, Dr. Berger asserted that adverse reactions to vaccines are both rare and quite mild when they do occur. "Abnormal responses occur so infrequently, and more unvaccinated animals die from the diseases the vaccines prevent, that the benefit of vaccination outweighs the minimal risk of the abnormal immune response," Berger said.

This is the standard response from the conventional veterinary community. What they always fail to mention is that if an abnormal response doesn't occur immediately following a vaccination, they

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make no connection between the vaccine and the response, thus their conclusion that abnormal responses occur "infrequently." However, in my experience, it can often take weeks or much longer for a vaccine-related autoimmune disorder to express itself. (Example: my patient [Myra Moonbeam](#).)

And while it's certainly true that unvaccinated animals die from the diseases vaccines prevent, "unvaccinated" animals are typically those that have NEVER been vaccinated – not dogs and cats that have received appropriately timed puppy or kitten shots.

What I can't understand is why any member of the veterinary community would EVER risk an adverse vaccine reaction – or choose to inject potentially toxic materials into a patient – when there's a very simple way (titers) to determine if an animal has maintained adequate immunity from a previous vaccination (or in some cases, previous exposure to the disease itself).

The False 'Herd Immunity' Argument

Next, the ABC News reporter talked with Dr. Michael Cavanaugh of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The AAHA and similar groups within the traditional veterinary community recommend giving core vaccines once every three years "to maintain a minimum threshold of disease-fighting antibodies."

Per Dr. Cavanaugh, "We need as many dogs and cats vaccinated as possible to build up a herd immunity against diseases." This assertion stems from the theory that "a critical mass of vaccinated animals will help protect those that aren't vaccinated."

This theory makes perfect sense – the more immunized pets there are, the less opportunity there is for unvaccinated animals to be exposed to disease. What doesn't make sense is the idea that re-vaccinating IMMUNE animals helps in any way to increase herd immunity. All re-vaccinating does is cause potential harm to already vaccinated pets – it does NOT make them "healthier" for purposes of herd immunity.

Individual Exposure Risk: Another False Argument for Automatic Re-Vaccination

The ABC News reporter goes on to point out that there are studies suggesting that certain vaccines can provide immunity against a disease for up to seven years – but not for every animal in every circumstance. According to Dr. Berger of UPenn, vaccination schedules should be based on an animal's age, size, health, and lifestyle. She also adds that pets who frequent dog parks, doggy daycares and kennels "should probably be vaccinated

more often."

It's absolutely true that each individual animal responds differently to vaccinations, and it's also true that some pets' lifestyles provide more opportunities for exposure to disease. But once again I must ask, why automatically vaccinate when you can titer instead to determine a pet's immunity to diseases for which he's already been vaccinated?

In my experience, it is a whole lot safer to replace re-vaccination schedules with routine titer testing. Further, if a re-vaccination is actually necessary based on titer results, it should be given in a single (vs. combo) shot to address ONLY the disease for which there is insufficient immunity.

Antibody Titer Tests Can Be Expensive, So Make Sure to Shop Around

Toward the end of the ABC News piece, Dr. Cavanaugh of the AAHA concedes that titer tests are safe and effective, but predictably, he also contends that vaccines are safe and effective, too. He then points out that titer tests must be repeated every one to three years (which mirrors the [2011 guidelines](#) for re-vaccination), and warns that titer tests "can cost up to four times as much as vaccines."

Cavanaugh is right about the exorbitant cost of titer tests at some veterinary practices, and in my opinion, it's an outrage. There is absolutely no reason the cost of a simple antibody blood test for distemper or parvo should be prohibitive. I've heard dog owners complain that their vet charges \$200-\$350 for a distemper/parvo vaccine titer test, which is ridiculous, not to mention it seems designed to "inspire" pet owners to choose re-vaccination over titering.

If you're interested in titer tests for your pet and your vet's cost seems high, I encourage you to call around to other practices in your area. The friend of mine who got a \$200 quote from her regular vet was able to find another local practice that charged around \$70 for a titer test. A reasonable cost for a blood draw and distemper/parvo titer test should be around \$70-\$100, depending on where the blood is sent and how (samples sent overnight obviously cost more). As a point of reference, [Hemolife Diagnostics](#), owned by Dr. Jean Dodds, charges \$52 for the distemper/parvo titer test, which is run from a blood sample any vet can send in.

There is also the [VacciCheck](#) antibody

test kit that veterinary practices can use to measure antibody titers for canine distemper, parvo, and infectious hepatitis (adenovirus) in a single blood draw. Samples can be sent out to the lab that manufactures the test, or even better, there's an in-clinic test that returns results in around 20 minutes, and can cost as little as \$20. Veterinarians willing to use the in-clinic test can confirm their patients' immunity in a single office visit.

Whatever the cost, in my experience, pet owners who titer feel it's money well spent to avoid subjecting their furry companions to unnecessary vaccines and the potential for serious adverse reactions.

Check it out for yourself at this web site: [VacciCheck Antibody Titer Test | Rapid 3-in-1 Canine Titer Test](#)

Ed's note: Two of my early Miniature Schnauzers died of autoimmune diseases caused by overvaccination. I give three sets of shots before the pups leave my house and recommend only titers thereafter. I have a 17 year old who has had regular titers and never had to have boosters.

TROPHIES!



There are two ways to make your donation:

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- or
2. At PayPal.com; must have a PayPal account and pay in US currency

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Do You Make This Tick-Inviting Mistake?

Story at-a-glance

According to the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC), this year Lyme-infected ticks are expanding into the Midwest and also the Mid-Atlantic states and remain a threat in New England and the Pacific Northwest. Also, the risk of ehrlichiosis will be high from Virginia to Texas, and heartworm disease will be a significant threat in Texas, the southeast, and the Pacific Coast.

On its website, the CAPC provides helpful interactive Parasite Prevalence Maps that are broken down by disease, species (dog or cat), state and county, so if you're looking for information on what pests your pet might be exposed to this summer, in addition to consulting your veterinarian, you can also use CAPC's maps as a guideline.

Unfortunately, the focus of the CAPC and many in the traditional veterinary community is to encourage pet owners to give their dog or cat year-round chemical pest preventives. We oppose this practice for a number of reasons, including the fact that rampant overuse of these preventives has led to pesticide resistance in ticks. Increasingly, dogs who've been given monthly chemical preventives all year, for many years, are showing up in veterinary offices with tick-borne illness.

Instead of giving your dog a potentially toxic pest preventive that may or may not be effective, Dr. Becker recommends performing daily tick checks on your pet once tick season arrives, safe removal and disposal of any ticks you may find on your dog, having your pet tested for tick-borne diseases three to four weeks after removing a tick, and twice yearly blood tests to check for internal, silent tick-borne infections.

Remember that ticks must be attached to your dog for at least 24 hours in order for disease-causing bacteria to be transmitted from the tick to your pet. That's why daily tick checks and removing ticks immediately is a huge part of reducing your dog's risk of acquiring a tick-borne disease. ***This is hands-down the safest and entirely non-toxic method of tick prevention.***

If you find a tick on your dog, be sure to remove it correctly. Don't use your bare hands. People can become infected by handling or crushing an infected tick. Wear gloves, or even better, use a tick-removing tool. Grasp the tick very close to your pet's skin with a tick removal tool or a pair of tweezers. Carefully pull the tick's

body away from the skin. Once it's off, flush it down the toilet. Then disinfect your dog's skin with soapy water or diluted povidone iodine (Betadine). Disinfect the area really well and monitor it for the next few days. If you notice any irritation or inflammation of the skin, you should contact your veterinarian.

Have your dog tested for tick-borne diseases about three to four weeks after removing a tick. The type of test to ask your vet for is the SNAP 4Dx or Accuplex test, which is a screening blood test. If you don't have the 4Dx or Accuplex test done, you'll want to watch your dog closely for several months for any signs of loss of appetite, lethargy, changes in gait, fever, intermittent limping – all the symptoms of potential tick-borne disease. And keep in mind that waiting until a dog exhibits symptoms isn't the most proactive approach.



Toxic plant
This is Heliotrope.
It is highly toxic and
causes liver destruction!

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Be sure to send your change of address and new phone number and new email address to us so that AMSCOPE can follow you... you wouldn't want to miss one issue!

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GOOD TO KNOW

This is something that is very good to know. Feel free to pass it on to others. This is a reminder!

COTTON BALL REMEDY

What do you do if your puppy (or mischievous older dog) gets into your holiday decorations and eats some of the glass ornaments? This potentially lethal mishap can darken even the brightest holiday season.

THE PROCEDURE

Always keep a box of cotton balls handy. Be sure that you get COTTON balls...not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream and put it in the freezer should your dog eat glass ornaments. Defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog. Dogs under 10 lbs should eat 2 balls which you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7. You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily. As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but, in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

An actual experience: I can personally vouch for the cotton ball treatment.

While I was at the vet waiting for him to return from lunch a terrified woman ran in with a litter of puppies who had demolished a wooden crate along with large open staples. The young vet had taken x-rays which did show each of the puppies had swallowed several open staples. He was preparing them for surgery when my wonderful vet came in and said no surgery.

I watched him wet several cotton balls, squeeze out the water and pop them down their throats. Within 24 hours every staple was accounted for. This was a lesson I learned in the mid-1960s and have had to use several times on my brats. I wet the cotton balls and smear on some liverwurst and they bolt it down and ask for more. The cotton always comes out with the object safely embedded.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY...**THE AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE AND THE
AMSC BOARD OF GOVERNORS PROUDLY
ANNOUNCE AN EVENING WITH DR. URS GIGER,**

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL OF
VETERINARY MEDICINE & AMSC FUNDED RESEARCHER.

WHEN: **Thursday, October 2, 2014 @ 6:30pm**

WHERE: Homewood Suites Valley Forge

681 Shannondell Blvd.

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610.382.3985 direct line

PARTICIPATION: Open to the Public/Friends and Guests of
AMSC Members

TOPIC: Canine hereditary disorders and genetic
predispositions: Updates on avian mycobacteriosis and other
diseases in Miniature Schnauzers.

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We are having our dinner
Saturday night at the hotel in the
meeting room (the same room
where Dr. Giger will be speaking.)

The cost of the event is only
\$15.00 not including drinks at the
bar which will consist of beer,
wine, soft drinks and water.

We will also have mixes for those
who care to bring hard liquor. We
will have stationary and hand
passed hearty hors'doeuvres .

This gathering begins at 6PM and
goes through 8:30.

Chairs will be available for seating
during the general meeting and
awards.

This year is designed with the
intention of getting better
participation, cutting costs to
exhibitors and friends, and getting
us to bed earlier.

Please let the planning committee
know if the evening worked for you
or not and why.

Minutes – Aug.13, 2014

AMSC Board Meeting AMSCOpe Version

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 9:05 PM EST via conference call.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, John Constantine – Past President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate

Board Members Present: Penny Hirstein, Juanita Ainsworth, Patty Ledgerwood, Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson, Cindy Molieri, Patricia O'Brien, Brooke Walker, Patti Henderson, Kaye Kirk, Margo Klingler, Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich, Beth Santure, Lisa Sarvas, and Carole Weinberger

Local Club Delegate Present: Laurie Moore, Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club

Adoption of the Agenda: John Constantine made a motion that the agenda be approved. Motion passed by consensus.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meetings: Minutes stand as submitted to the Board.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Wyoma Clouss

Wyoma has been keeping the Board informed through the list and issues of concern will be covered during the teleconference.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Correspondence (Received):

1. AKC

- a. Eukanuba Meet the Breeds booth application and electricity requests
- b. Eukanuba club sponsored medallions
- c. Closed out events for processed Long Beach designated specialty and sweepstakes events
- d. Updated show manual available from AKC

2. Miscellaneous

- a. **Public inquires on where to find puppies (4)**
- b. **Request for rescue requirements to be qualified to list on AMSC website as a recognized rescue organization**

Correspondence (Sent):

Emailed Lifetime Achievement Awards selections to AKC, confirmed receipt of nominations

Membership:

As of 08/13/14 our membership totaled 462 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 29 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and 5 new membership applicants (3 regular, 2 foreign), for a total of **537**.

AMSC Long Beach Specialty:

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association shows in Long Beach, California, on Sunday, June 22, 2014. Gloria Kerr judged 18 Sweepstakes entries. Marcia Feld judged 49 regular class entries. The 2014 AMSC Specialty in Long Beach compares with 2013 as follows:

REGULAR CLASSES

	2014	2013	UP/DOWN
Total	57	45	+12
Competing	49	37	+12

SWEEPSTAKES

Total	14	11	+3
Competing	12	8	+4

VETERANS

Total	6	5	+1
Competing	6	4	+2

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards
August 1, 2014

- Net change in cash balance since last report (May 31, 2014) was an increase of \$501. Balance of all accounts was \$121,838 on August 1, 2014
- Deposits - \$1,034 merchandise sales at Great Western, trophy donations \$2,420, TOTAL \$3,454
- Expenses: (material expenses only, thus deposits less expenses does not equal net change)

Trophies:

Deposit for Montgomery trophies \$500

Final Payment Great Western trophies \$474

Shipping related to trophies \$138

TOTAL trophy **\$1,112**

Shipping/postage: \$174

Great Western:

Judge's expenses and fee \$1,132

Sweeps judge's gift \$100

TOTAL Great Western **\$1,232**

Annual premium liability insurance \$330

Unlisted small expenses \$281

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,129

Trophy donations this trophy year (beginning March 1) total \$3,120 as of August 6, 2014. Trophy account balance is \$6,900. Sharon is recommending that the AMSC develop an Investment Policy Strategy (how we want money invested). Sharon Edwards will draft up a document and send to the Board for discussion on the September teleconference. John Constantine requested a separate account for Minipalooza that will be in 2016. The account will be setup after Montgomery County in October.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley

As a cost-cutting measure, AKC is no longer mailing any documents to Delegates for our Meetings. EVERYTHING must now be accessed electronically on the Delegates Portal for all Delegate Meetings. At the September meeting, there are no proposed rule changes or amendments

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pending, so we will not be voting on anything. One rule change for Retriever Trials will be read, to be voted on in December. The remainder of the meeting will be the standard AKC departmental reports, with the exception of the Delegate body electing self-nominated Delegates to fill the vacancies on the Delegate Standing Committees to replace members whose terms are expiring.

The Parent Club Committee Agenda is:

1. Parent Club Delegate List
2. Parent Club Conference List
3. Dock and Crop (no further information given to AKC delegates)
4. Parent Club of Excellence Project
5. CGC Title Numbers
6. E-Balloting/online elections
7. Trailer Task Force Project
8. Event Operations changes affecting Parent Clubs
9. Meet The Breed Booth in NYC with Westminster Kennel Club in February 2015
10. Problems with AKC Breed Classifieds from a Parent Club perspective – A problem with AMSC member name listed adjacent to miniature schnauzer sales in AKC Breed Classifieds for non-AMSC members. The placement of the classifieds on the website gives the perception that the AMSC is supporting all miniature schnauzer breed sales regardless if dogs are being bred to the breed standard. Members would be listed first in the classified over non-AMSC listings. **Breeders should give consideration of placing a classified advertisement with the AKC.**
11. New AKC initiatives re: a program to recognize and support all breeders who perform health testing recommended by the breed's Parent Club
12. Project to start a Parent Club Rescue Alliance List/Group
13. Thoughts re: Parent Club Public Education Group with a legislative component

14. Assemble best practices on recruiting membership into various types of AKC clubs/events

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Trophy Committee financial plan: There was a discussion on funding and types of trophies for future specialties. The Trophy Committee will continue to review options. Item will be discussed again on September teleconference.

- Wickets for the AMSC: There was a discussion on purchasing a wicket for AMSC and concluded with no action to purchase. Luana Nedich made a motion to purchase a wicket for the AMSC and Carole Weinberger seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with a vote of 5-Aye to 17-No. Motion did not pass.

- Future Criteria for Associate Membership: Draft language for Board consideration was submitted by John Constantine. He will add info on Associates that can qualify for Regular membership and will add the ability for Associate Members to be able to serve on committees. Next draft will be discussed on September teleconference.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: The following applicants were unanimously approved by the Board.

Alfredo Santiago Cedeno

Mira Kauhanen

Melissa Gunlock

Deb Bartkowrak

DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, THE CONFERENCE CALL WAS TERMINATED. REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HEARD NEXT MONTH.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m. PST

Next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 via teleconference.

LOCAL CLUBS
For some Clubs, Contact names and emails are definitely out of date.
For the new webpage, we want our local club information to be as up to date as possible.
Please check your club's current listing at
<http://www.amsc.us/amsc-local-clubs.html>
and send any corrections to Wyoma Clouss
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Carla Borrelli
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Thank you!





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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 15, 2014
Regular Classes: Michael Buckley
Sweepstakes: Carol Ann Patterson

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Montgomery Co. October 5, 2014
Regular Classes Margo Klingler
Sweeps Carla Nickerson
Roving Specialty- Denver Feb. 15, 2015
Regular classes, Wyoma Clouss
Sweeps-Kurt Garmaker
Great Western June 21, 2015
Regular classes, Judy Smith
Sweeps-Shawne Imler
Montgomery Co. October 4, 2015
Regular classes: Michael Dougherty
Sweeps: Sharon Edwards .

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: The following information is given to help conduct AMSC business more efficiently. Please remember that the Secretary and the AMSCOPE editor should **BOTH** be notified of address changes, club officers and specialty results.

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