

**DATE:** 04/06/2017

**SUBJECT:** Delay of Change to SP Alter Rings

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REQUESTED BY:** Ellen Crockett

**BALLOT:** Due to discrepancies in the wording on awards for SP alter rings, delay implementation of Top 10 alters until we can correct the wording and present the revised wording on a membership ballot.

**RATIONALE:** The intent of the Board and the Membership ballot was to change the rules to award top 10 to Alters in Allbreed rings only - the error in the wording makes procedures for Specialty ring unclear. Since this was voted on by the membership, it must be corrected by membership ballot.

**YES:** Crockett, Hansen, Harrison, Hutcherson, Mays, Meserve, Stadter, Tullo

**NO:** Chisholm, Faccioli, Kuroda, Madison, Mahan, Patton, Vlach

**COMMENTS FOR THE TREND:**

**LP:** We are in office because of our TICA Members... A TICA Member presented this to this Board and then it went to a TICA Membership vote, and was passed by the TICA Members... I believe that the Board & Rules Committee had plenty of time to correct any wording that wasn't clear... To delay now is inexcusable...

**AH:** The rule as written and approved by the membership is ambiguous and subject to a variety of interpretation by judges, exhibitors and show managers. It needs to be made clear to both judges and exhibitors the exact number of final to be awarded in the specialty alter classes when any number of exhibitions is present and competing. TICA's membership is savvy and genuinely appreciates efforts to create regularity and conformity in our show systems and practices. This is not a denial of their vote but an effort to make more perfect the idea for which they voted.

**LH:** As much as it really bothers me to go against what our members voted for, I believe if we don't get this rule clarified, and through the proper channels, we leave ourselves open to more chaos and confusion. I've asked several times how this will be scored if we leave it as and that seems to be unclear. We cannot start May 1 without complete clarity on this. While I'd love for the Board to be able to just make the change, that type of action goes against our By-Laws and needs to be edited and sent back to the membership with better language for vote.

LESLIE BOWERS  
Business Manager

Ballot Carried