

At Large Governor BIO
Kathy Patregnani

As a child I was always borrowing dogs from the neighbors to train.

When I left home to go to college in 1984, I purchased from the newspaper, my first "pure breed" dog. This was an Irish setter bitch and the true start of my love affair with dogs.

I was in Irish Setters for many years, and did both Conformation, obedience, and in the later years agility with them.

In 1999 I met a lady at the training school who had the most biddable English Springer Spaniel I had ever met. I told her if you ever breed her I would like to buy a puppy from you. Fast forward a few years, and in 2003 I got my very first ESS, and the rest is history.

I realized very quickly that springers were smart, willing partners, much different than the Irish I was used to. I knew then that I had found the breed I would love forever.

Since then, I have owned, trained, and bred many wonderful ESS.

I live in Zimmerman Minnesota on a small hobby farm. I am "mom" to my 13-year-old niece, and together Sofia & I are owned by 7 springers ranging from 15.7 years old - 8 months old. I am very active in all aspects and in many venues with my dogs. Conformation, obedience, rally, scent work, hunting, dock diving- pretty much anything I can do with my dogs I will.

My all-time favorite show to attend is always the ESSFTA National, and I look forward to this show every year. I am active in trying to ensure this is a super fun event for all who attend.

I am honored to be your Governor at large and take this responsibility seriously.

Thank you

Kathy Patregnani

Cathy A. Flanders

In the late 1990's, I purchased my first English Springer Spaniel from a kennel in Upstate New York. I always admired how Springers were family dogs and easily trainable. When she passed, I located my next ESS from Vistah Kennels in Ohio and the Springer bug hit me hard. Six months later, I adopted a rescue Springer from MAESSER and started going to dog shows to take pictures and learn more about the breed.

I now own two English Springers (Calvin & Cachet) who are both AKC Champions shown exclusively by their breeders. I then led them to their International Championships as well as titles in obedience, rally obedience, and therapy. Calvin was featured in the January 2018 edition of the AKC Gazette for his enormous passion for therapy work in long-term care facilities and school reading programs. He was also awarded High in Trial at the Eastern ESS Specialty on two occasions. As a therapy dog, Cachet was highlighted in the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine magazine, Scopes after participating in the ACVO/Epicur National Service Animal Eye Exam. Both dogs are members of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs organization of which I am a tester/observer.

I have been an obedience and rally obedience instructor for the past 8 years and an AKC CGC and Trick Dog evaluator for the past 5 years. Most recently I assisted Judy Manley, ESSFTA membership secretary, with organizing the membership list and historical records.

I recently retired after 43 years as an educator including teaching at the elementary, middle school, high school, and college levels. My last 7 years I served as a High school Principal and an administrative Dean of Students. I am hoping my organizational, communication, and collaboration skills will be of value to the ESSFTA. Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Delia Manley

I have owned English Springer Spaniels for over 40 years and been a member of the ESSFTA since 1988. Including 9 years that I served on the Board of Directors as a Show Governor in the early 2000's. (I can't remember exactly which years). "And" I recently took over as the ESSFTA Membership Secretary duties to reorganize the membership records.

I am an AKC breed judge and AKC Silver Breeder of Merit

I am on the ESSFTA judges' education and judges mentor program.

I belong to the American Dog Show Judges Association (ADSJ)

During these years, I have:

Finished over 70 AKC Champions Bench show titles, and obedience titles. With pride I say that my dogs are owner handled to their championships.

I bred and owned several Group and Specialty winners.

I had the 2005 Runner up show dam of the year.

Currently, I am on the board of directors of the Ashtabula Kennel Club

I teach obedience and handling classes.

I was show chairman for the Susquehanna Valley ESS specialty club for many years.

I was on the board of directors for the Western Reserve Kennel Club and was honored to receive one of the very few "Work Horse Awards" given for the amount of time and work dedicated to the club.

I served as a governor for the Lake Erie English Springer Spaniel Association in Ohio until it folded

I owned and operated a large boarding kennel for over 25 yrs. which is an education of its own.

I worked many years organizing the rescue programs for our English Springers. I was one of the founders of English Springer Rescue America, Inc. and have fostered over 1,000 springers

My passion for the breed and this organization runs deep and I will continue to work to make it a true Parent Club and caretaker of our breed.

Kim Bullard has been involved in English Springer Spaniels since the purchase of her first one in 1996. Starting in 4-H and AKC Junior Showmanship she has a soft spot for helping the next generation of dog fanciers. She is most active in Conformation, but has also dabbled in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Hunt Tests.

Kim has been breeding Springers since 2010 under the Journey prefix. She is the current Club President for her local Springer Club, Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association, as well as a Committee Member on the ESS Top 20 Committee, and Chair of the Juniors Committee for the ESSFTA National Specialty. She has been a member of ESSFTA for several years.

When not showing dogs she works as a Patient Care Coordinator for a Sleep Clinic as well as an Independent Wine consultant.

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Kim Bullard
Journey English Springer Spaniels

Parent Club Governors Bio

Hi my name is Ted Lagala and I live on Long Island in the state of New York. I have lived here all my life and am married with two grown children.

I work in the Information Technology business specializing in the Healthcare sector for 40 years. I have managed staff both domestically and international. I have held many management positions such as Chief Information Officer, Chief Technology Officer and currently am President and CEO of my own very successful business for over 10 years.

I bought my first ESS back in 2000 and have the pleasure to have owned 8 Springers during my 22 years in the sport. I have championed a few of those dogs and have competed in both local field trials and Hunt tests in the US and in Canada and competed in numerous Open as well as Amateur Nationals.

I have been an active committee member in 3 Nationals both the NOC and NAC.

I am a member of the Parent Club as well a life member of the Peconic River Sportsman Club for almost 40 years, Hunters Garden preserve, The NRA and the New York Rifle and Pistol association.

I am also a board member of the English Springer Spaniel Club of Long Island for over 20 years. I served as field trial secretary for about ten of those years and have been the field trial Chairman for the last 10 years. The ESSCLI is a multispecialty club consisting of performance and show competitions, scentworks and agility.

I have been on the committee for the Parent Club trial held in NY for about 5 years and am the current Co-Chairman of the trial. During my time on the committee, I have worked to find suitable cover to hold the trial as well as develop that cover by managing it through a plan for cutting, clearing and spraying.

I have judged numerous field trials in both the US and Canada including Springer trials, Cocker trials and the Boykin Upland National twice.

I am also a qualified Hunt Test judge and well as a certified trial gun.

I train here on Long Island with my club two or three times a week, but have also trained with a number of pros here in the East, Danny Lussen, Jerry Cacchio, Ralph Botti and Gary Wilson to name a few.

I am honored to be considered for the governor position for the East and know that I can draw from my many years of experience in making good decisions for the Parent Club, its members and for the betterment of the breed. Remember...it's all about the dogs!