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SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
6:00 PM

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President's message -

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the membership for the support they've offered me this past year serving as your president. This will be my last president's message of the term, given the next due date will occur as I'm heading off to the craziness known as the Samo-yed National.

Although a number of objectives were accomplished, I was not able to finish all I had personally set out to do at the beginning of this club year. I very much appreciated all the input and work of various members in the club. I also want to publicly thank the officers, board members and committee chairs who served with me. The majority of these individuals did an outstanding job helping move the club forward. However, when any position in our leadership team doesn't fulfill their responsibilities, the entire leadership group is hamstrung and the club suffers. I believe our nominating committee has proposed a strong slate for this upcoming year, but I would caution ANYONE who is stepping into an officer or board position to discuss the demands of the role with someone who has served previously to assure you are fully aware of what your obligations will be. Also, if life circumstances change mid-term such that you can no longer fulfill those responsibilities, ask to be relieved.

We have a widely diverse group of individuals united through their common love of dogs. Let's celebrate that diversity and use the various perspectives to strengthen the club, while cherishing our shared commitment for our four-legged companions.

Cheri