

- **Why are you a member of ASCNE?**
- **What would you like to see improved and in which programs?**
- **Are you willing to volunteer to help the club improve?**

If these questions interest you, then please read on:

I was recently asked why I was running for President of ASCNE. My answer is: "I want to take action to improve the overall experience of our members, not stand on the side and wish things were different."

I believe the strength of ASCNE is in its diversity – the ability to organize events for all programs. However, I have heard members ask, "what do members get by joining ASCNE", i.e. "what's in it for me?" I would like to see the club move in a direction where that question gets answered. As president I would focus on 3 main tasks:

1. Organize the ASCNE board to have a leader responsible for each program (Agility, Conformation, Herding, and Obedience/Rally).
2. Ask the membership what improvements they would like to see in each program. This would take the approximate form of the questions above.
3. Have each responsible leader publish a 2-year plan to accomplish the improvements needed for their program and communicate their plan's progress in each publication of the newsletter.

As president my job would be to create a closer bond between the leaders of each program, utilizing each other's strengths to enhance where others may be weaker, thus creating a community culture. This would allow us to identify a mission and vision statement that overlaps each discipline and identifies the root motivation of membership.

What skills do I bring to the job?

I have had a successful career managing a world-wide planning group that designed premium, branded audio systems into new vehicles. This included multiple communication points and negotiations with the major automotive companies across the globe. This also involved working across various cultures within my group, combining different strengths to institutionalize ideas and best practices into a common global team.

Linda and I have been ASCNE members for over 15 years and I was treasurer for the 2016/17 term. We chair multiple agility trials a year and have been overall chair for Colors of Summer and Harvest Moon Mania.

I am presently a member of the ASCA agility committee and was responsible for implementing the motion to allow toys in the ring for training. I now have a motion in front of the ASCA board to clarify many of the Agility rules.

As president, I would look to you, the club members, to set the direction as well as volunteer to help achieve the outcomes that will make ASCNE a club folks want to be part of.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lee Prager