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As the BICA vice-president, I hope to help move the BICA forward as an organization to provide accurate information for present and future owners of the breed and to encourage enthusiastic, ethical participation. This participation includes understanding what activities are available to members within and outside BICA whether it be in fund raising endeavors, the conformation arena or challenges in the field. I believe in addressing and maintaining the health of our dogs and finding and implementing ideas that will help make our breed 'sound'. I believe in the inclusion of our European friends to help with necessary, fundamental/original knowledge of our spectacular Bracco Italiano.

I have worked as a photographer with clients ranging from American Greetings, Ross Labs, and Wendys to donating time and images to NAVHDA. I have designed brochures for various organizations and individuals including hunting clients and dog shelters. I have been actively involved with NAVHDA since 2001 and have been the publications/website person for our local chapter for 9 years or so. As part of this position, I have produced monthly newsletters and maintained our website. For 8 years, I acted as the secretary for the Gurley Lake Homeowner's Association and was responsible for all correspondence to the homeowners. In 2010, I completed my certification in trigger point myotherapy for canines. This is a non-invasive muscular therapy that seeks to lessen pain and movement restrictions in a dog's body. Most of my professional involvements and recreational involvements have led to my passion.....dogs. Until 2009, I owned two Gordon Setters and two Spinoni Italiani; the latter two I hunted and tested in AKC and NAVHDA. I have owned Mefisto, my Bracco, since 2009 and he, too, has been involved with the testing programs within both the AKC and NAVHDA.

Inclusion, knowledge, communication is fundamental and I hope with those principles to help with the mission of the BICA: The mission of the BICA is to maintain the integrity of the Bracco breed standards as a "dual dog", to promote ethical breeding practices, and keep the health standards as a priority.