

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 23-27, 1999**

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 23, 1999**

**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at the Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park, Sacramento, California. **President Don Williams** called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM with the following members present:

- Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)**
- Mrs. Lorna Malinen (NWR Director)**
- Mr. Lonnie Hoover (GSR Director)**
- Mrs. Liz Watson (GLR Director)**
- Mr. George Eigenhauser (SWR Director)**
- Mrs. Linda Berg (MWR Director)**
- Mr. Jim DeBruhl (SOR Director)**
- Mrs. Bess Higuchi (Japan Regional Director)**
- Mr. Don Williams (President)**
- Mrs. Kim Everett (Vice-President)**
- Mrs. Donna Fuller (Treasurer)**
- Ms. Kitty Angell (Secretary)**
- Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)**
- Ms. Pam DelaBar (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Diana Doernberg (Director-at-Large)**
- Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)**
- Ms. Donna Jean Thompson (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Betty White (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Craig Rothermel (Ex-Officio)**

Also present were Mr. Tom Dent, CFA Executive Director; Mr. Fred Jacobberger, CFA Legal Counsel; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, CFA Associate Director; Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Director Special Projects; and Michael Brim, Director of Public Relations.

**Secretary's Note:** For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

(1) **CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES.**

**Kitty Angell**, CFA Secretary, submitted the following report and corrections:

I would like to read from Scripts Howard News Service. Roger Mosvick, a professor of communications at Macalaster College, has been surveying executives for the last two decades. These people think half their time in meetings is wasted. Asked why, they gave these reasons. I wish all of you would listen to this very carefully. I do not think that every single reason applies to us, but I think that more than one of these reasons applies to us.

1. Getting off the subject, rambling redundant digressive talk
2. Inconclusive meetings with no results, decisions or follow-up
3. No goals, purpose or agenda
4. Meetings are too long
5. Ineffective leadership, disorganized, little control
6. They start late, and participants are tardy
7. Poor, inadequate preparation by all
8. Information overload
9. Some individuals always monopolize the discussion
10. Interruptions from within and without

That being said, the corrections to the February 1999 Board Meeting minutes are as follows:

From Kim Everett, page 81, column 1, paragraph 6: A change of wording was requested to read: "Now they have national wins which looks alike and are gorgeous! They proved they could do it." However, the printed words are exactly as the transcript reported from Tape 9B. At the end of her statement Mrs. Everett did say, "So hang in there; you've got those great cats, and remember, February comes around pretty quick again."

From Dan Petty, page 98, column 3, paragraph 4, last sentence: add the word less. "Hopefully, in less than another 35 years."

From Kim Everett, page 98, column 3, paragraph 2 (new words underlined): "We have many of our fans here and I think a lot of them are plain outright frightened."

From Kim Everett: Page 98, column 3, paragraph 2 (new words underlined) "AKC has over 100 championship dogs registered with approximately \$40,000,000 a year coming in. Do you think they are terrifying their people? The breeders work with the breeders; the Great Dane people don't leap off into the Puli breed or anything."

One last reminder: If we continue to be audiotaped live on the Internet, there will be some people making their own copies. I cannot change what isn't there. So, be VERY CERTAIN of what you want to say before you say it in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty Angell  
Secretary, CFA Executive Board

**Williams moved to accept the corrections to the minutes. Motion Carried.**

(2) **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**President Williams** called upon **Donna Fuller**, CFA Treasurer, to give her report.

**CFA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*The audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 1999, with accruals and year-end adjustments, are available now from Mr. Dent. The budget proposal that will be presented on Sunday is based on the internal statements without the accruals.*

*CFA's balance sheet remains in a healthy position with sufficient working capital for normal operations and no long-term debt. The income statement also continues a prior trend, albeit a disappointing one, with a loss of \$93,000. This loss also compared very unfavorably to the budgeted income of \$26,000. Below is a discussion of some of the factors contributing to this performance.*

*Although we had hoped to be able to include advances (\$15,000) on the "CFA Book" in the 1998-99 income, accounting principles require that such advances be deferred until contractual obligations have been fulfilled. While disappointing for this year, we can look forward to inclusion in a future year, either 1999-2000 or 2000-01, assuming we complete our part of the contract.*

*Registration revenues continued their decline again this year. Litter and individual registrations have declined more than 15% just in the last three years, and this trend is showing no signs of reversal. We would like to find ways to encourage more registrations and increase these basic revenues. The last several board meetings I have presented various alternative fee proposals, but have yet to find one that the board finds acceptable. Below is the latest proposal that I urge be adopted at once so that it may be noticed and implemented on January 1, 2000.*

**ACTION ITEM: PROPOSED REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE:**

*The following registration services would be **increased from the current \$7 to \$8**: litter registration, individual registration when done at the time of litter registration, transfer of ownership, or corrected certificate. A new category of individual registration would be created: "**prepaid registration**," which would permit payment of the individual registration fee (at the \$8 fee) at the time of litter registration without submitting a kitten name or new owner name. Instead of a blue slip, a different color slip would be returned to indicate that the registration fee has already been paid so no additional fee would be required when the kitten is first named and*

registered. Kittens in the litter not prepaid or registered at the time of litter registration would continue to be issued a blue slip; when blue slips are sent in **later** for individual registration, a **\$10 fee** would apply. This system would encourage breeders to register/prepay individual kittens at the time of litter registration without requiring final selection of name, etc. until later. The prepaid registration will have an expiration date of three years.)

Items of ordinary income (other than registrations) that declined substantially from the prior year included certified pedigrees (\$25,000 decline) and funding from corporate sponsors (\$31,000 decline). Income from championship confirmations, club dues, and show license fees all increased due to the rate changes implemented by the board last year. These three categories of revenue now reflect a reasonable approximation of the costs to service those functions. International Show profit/loss rose from a \$9,300 loss last year to over \$15,000 income (after Winn donation) this year.

One item in this area needs to be adjusted this year. The cost of “show insurance” has remained at \$60 per show for the last several years. However, the actual cost of this service to clubs increased significantly this year, so we need to adjust the amounts passed through to the clubs. [This is strictly a pass-through; CFA makes no profit on this insurance but tries not to lose on it either.] The current cost per show is approximately \$75.

**ACTION ITEM:** Propose show insurance be increased to \$75 per show for all shows held after July 1, 1999. Previously licensed shows will be billed the difference.

The severe drop in Yearbook advertising (over \$44,000 decline for the 1999 book) as well as a corresponding decrease in the number of current year volumes sold combined to a loss of approximately \$52,000 for Yearbook operations. We have discussed this problem at previous board meetings and have been working on possible ways to reduce expenses and restructure publications functions. The recommendations will be presented as part of the budget process to be discussed on Sunday. Some of these decisions will be difficult, but **must be made based on what is best for CFA and its future financial viability.**

Our Central Office had another good year with expenses coming in under budget and only 0.5% more than the prior year in spite of the 3% wage increase. I believe we should thank Mr. Dent and his entire staff for again providing us with a bright spot in another disappointing year.

CFA Programs expense as well as Corporate, Legislative and Publicity expenses were comparable (overall) with the prior year and with the budget. However, to position ourselves for the future, we need to look hard at the functions to which we allocate our dwindling funds. Each program chairman should look closely at what is being accomplished for the funds expended and search for things that can be eliminated or funded differently. CFA, as a whole, needs to search for new ways to bring in funding since it seems unlikely that registrations will ever again fund the entire organization’s functions as they once did. To this end, we should try to find ways to fund specific functions that are important to our continued existence.

One such function is the legislative work that is crucial to protecting our hobby from extinction at the hands of the animal rights fanatics. Our legislative consultants are very frugal

*and provide an extremely high level of service; however, the administrative costs of this function amount to about \$60,000 per year. To help defray this cost, I would like to propose a surcharge on entry fees with the funds restricted to Legislative administrative expenses only ITEM for DISCUSSION If a \$.25 per entry surcharge were collected on the 90,000+ annual show entries, more than one-third of the cost to operate our legislative function would be funded.*

*The budget that will be presented to the board on Sunday morning unfortunately will project a net loss for next year. The Budget Committee struggled hard but could not get this budget into the black. Numbers are still changing (sponsor funds, etc.) so the final number to be distributed will be better, but the loss at the end of the Budget Committee meeting was nearly \$70,000! And even this was only possible by cutting amounts requested for various programs and asking for sacrifices from our leadership. However, some of the hard decisions made in this budget process will position us well for a much healthier future. We are consolidating functions, seeking new funding for crucial areas of operation and working very hard to restore black ink to the bottom line and to keep it black well into the next millennium.*

### **INTERNATIONAL SHOW TREASURY**

*The final result on the 1998 International Show in Kansas City was a profit of \$15,000 net of a \$5,000 donation to the Winn Foundation. Mrs. Berg has summary data and any board member who has specific questions on the detailed financial data can see me after the meeting.*

*I worked with the Show Committee to develop a budget for the 1999 Kansas City show. Our original budget projected only \$800 profit, but this was with **very** conservative assumptions such as “no corporate sponsors,” minimal gate, etc. Since that budget was prepared, we have received confirmation of more than \$30,000 in corporate sponsorship, so have revised the budget; it currently reflects a profit of \$28,300 net of a \$5,000 Winn donation.*

### **REGIONAL TREASURY & CLUB ACCOUNTING**

*As of March 31, 1999, all seven domestic regions have reported the regional financial data in a format that I could consolidate. In the future, all regions will report a 12-month period ending March 31 for consolidation prior to CFA’s year-end of April 30. I want to thank all of the regional treasurers for their cooperation in completing this major project.*

### **CLUB ACCOUNTING MATTERS**

*Requests from clubs for the Quicken-based Club/Show accounting system are getting less and less frequent, so I have not updated this package to Quicken 6.0 or later. The older versions of the account and category list will load into later versions of Quicken, and the software will update the file automatically when it is loaded for the first time. I will still provide guidance and written data to any club who asks but will not be “marketing” the system in the future.*

*There is a continuing interest by clubs wishing to file for Federal not-for-profit tax status. I have helped several clubs with the filing process and will provide guidance on this process to any club who calls. The best time to call is Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 11 PM Pacific time (Phone: 650 347-9089).*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fuller*

**Action Item #1: Registration fee increase. Discussion:** Fuller noted that the last rate increase on registration fees had taken place in 1991. **Eigenhauser** expressed his concern to be voting on this item before the budget was presented to the board. **DelaBar** spoke on the fact that she felt it was not wise to raise prices when income was on the decline: “In the past it has not shown a propensity to increase income when you do that. It actually causes further decline.”

**Rothermel** wondered if this action item could be brought up along with the budget proposal. **White** liked the reasoning behind the \$10 fee for the late registration because she felt it protected the breeder and at the same time it brings in more income. **Hoover** spoke in agreement with Eigenhauser. His concern was that the board was always approaching the solution by raising rates. “What have we done to cut expenses? In 1990 the fee of registration was \$5. Now we want to go up to \$8? That is what we need to be looking at, not the point that in 1991 it was \$7. That’s 60% in 9 years.

**Doernberg:** Correct me if I am wrong but I think the traditional cycle has always been that we get to a point where we are breaking even and then we get to a point where we are losing money and then we raise registration fees. Then the registration fees fall off because the people are upset about that, and then they level off and they start going back up. I don’t think this is a new cycle at all. It may be a little lopsided because we had the “Friskies” money. I suppose the budget committee met and thoroughly reviewed all the options and this is where this proposal came from. My bottom line is does the budget committee feel that this is a critical item? And are we going to allot some extra time on Sunday to discuss this? I don’t think that is a very rational idea because we are usually out of here by noon. That is why I am concerned about delaying it.

**Fuller:** In prior times we did have a fairly predictable cycle. Unfortunately, that cycle is gone and we are in constant decline. We worked very hard on something that would not penalize the breeders but still allow us some hope that the dollars would not decline.

**Barnaby** reminded the board that at the last meeting they voted that before they increased any fees they would be given more information on how the money was being spent. “We wanted more specific information and the motion was made and carried that we would get this information. To date we haven’t seen any answers to our questions. And yet, you still want us to raise prices. We’d still like to know where the money is going.”

**Fuller** asked Barnaby if he wanted to see every check that was written by CFA.

**Hoover:** What we want to see is a breakdown we can understand. **Barnaby** suggested that the International Show, for instance, could be broken down more specifically to reflect the areas where we are making money and spending money.

**Everett** spoke on making serious cuts. “If this was your business and you saw all those brackets, you would make the cuts. The very lifeblood of this organization is the registration of cats. The buck stops here. If we have to give the exhibitors more, let’s be sure we are cutting some of our own committees and other stuff first.

**DelaBar:** We cannot control income; we can control expenditures. This is where we need to take a big thick pen and go through some of these programs, especially those that are all “outgo” and no “income.” I don’t think we are in a position for a forensic audit because I see no evidence of malfeasance on anybody’s part.

**Williams:** I agree with that. **Fuller:** We still need to do more cuts, but we continue to be as frugal as anybody can be. For instance, Don and Kitty have both volunteered to reduce their stipends and we are really trying to reduce expenses. But we also have to look at those few places where we can do something about income.

The discussion on this item went on at great length and with genuine concern on all sides. A great portion of the board asked to have the financial statement broken down into even more detail in the future. **Williams** explained: “Every time we have a meeting we ask Central Office to do more. Every time we have an annual meeting the delegation asks the Central Office to do more; and yet no one wants to pay for those services. I’m looking for some corporate sponsors to do some of this. Michael is looking for corporate sponsors, but the bottom line is that someone has got to pay for this!”

**DelaBar** said that she felt one of the problems was that CFA had the wrong budget cycle. “We are already a month-and-a-half into our current year’s budget. We don’t know what it is going to be. We should be discussing budget in February. We need to think about restructuring our fiscal year. We need to re-institute a planning group.”

**Williams** called the question on **Action item #1. Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, DelaBar, DeBruhl, Hoover, Barnaby voting no.

**Action Item #2: Show license insurance increase. Discussion: Doernberg:** My understanding is we are making nothing on this. All we are doing is passing the benefits of the group policy on to our clubs. The premiums have gone up and CFA is currently picking up the extra. All we are saying is that we do not want to pick it up anymore. If you want to insure your show you are going to have to pay \$15 more because that is what it costs us. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Hoover, Barnaby voting no.

**Fuller** then brought up an **Item for Discussion.** If a \$.25 per entry surcharge were collected on the 90,000+ annual show entries, more than one-third of the cost to operate our legislative function would be funded. She asked that the officers and board go back to their regions and talk to the constituents about how they feel concerning this surcharge. **Rothermel** spoke against it saying he thought it was poor precedent to start surcharging shows from a corporate standpoint. **Eigenhauser** spoke in agreement with Rothermel. **Williams:** This (Legislative) is one of the programs that have been instituted by this organization over the last few years without any revenue coming in. I don’t think we can get a company to underwrite this program. **Brim** agreed because of the lobbyist issues involved with the Legislative Committee. **Everett** brought up the tax-deductible question. **Dent** said the Central Office was investigating the move of the Legislative Program into a separate entity to promote breeders’ interests. **DelaBar** brought up other revenues called Private Foundations. “From the Animal Welfare area we can write for grants to help advocate legislation that promotes the well-being of cats.” **Miller:** It is on our agenda for our legislative meeting and if Pam has any more information, that is one

of the things we were going to be talking about. I also want to address funding by the pet industry. We do have a common interest with the pet industry and that is that we are promoting the whole concept of pets. They may not be able to donate money (cash) to us, but I have to say we could not exist without the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC).

**Doernberg:** I think that this is something that the committee or the board should present to the delegation. If we can get the money to fund this from some other area then great, but if we can't do that then I feel that the delegation would feel that this is so important to their personal existence that they would support this. How important is it?

**Everett** moved to have the budget be discussed at the Thursday board meeting. **Barnaby** felt that it would be more time efficient to present it after the International Division meeting on Thursday. **Williams** called that motion and **Motion Carried**. **Rothermel** abstained.

(3) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**

**President Williams** read the following list of people to serve on the Credentials & Tellers Committee as submitted by Eve Russell (4), 1999 Credentials & Tellers Committee Chairperson: Nancy Dodds (1), Nancy Krakow (2), Paula Watson (3), Jessica Everhart (5), Nancy Petersen (6), Mary Beth Minkley (6), Hilary Helmrich (7), Jim Kincaid (7), Pat Lichtenberg (7), Yvonne Griffin (7). Alternate is Norma Jean Bromwell (6). **Rothermel** moved for approval of the Credentials & Tellers Committee. **Motion Carried**.

(4) **DOMESTIC CLUBS.**

**Chairperson Sharon Roy** presented the following clubs for membership with the right to vote no.

*At this meeting, we are considering the applications of two new clubs.*

**REGION 3**

***LaPerm Society of America***

*The purpose of this club is to educate the public, and specifically CFA, about the LaPerm breed. One of their primary goals is to work towards the acceptance of the La Perm breed in CFA. They have been publishing a newsletter since September 1997. This newsletter has been sent to all CFA judges. Their constitution is in order. Three Colorado clubs have written in support of this group. They are Cats Limited, Show and Tell Cat Club, and High Plains Cat Club. Their support is based on this club being a breed/educational club and not a show-producing club.*

**REGION 5**

***Cochise Cat Fanciers***

*This club is located in southeastern Arizona. The club plans to help and support Southwest Regional activities. They do not plan to produce a show, however, they will assist and work with other existing clubs within the region. Their members are not active in other local cat clubs. Their constitution is in order.*

*Submitted by,  
Sharon Roy*

**La Perm Society of America (Region 3). Discussion: Hoover**, as Gulf Shore Regional Director, explained that this was to be an educational club only. **Williams**: I personally have problems with the name because it is a breed we do not recognize. **Doernberg**: To my knowledge, we have never had an application to consider these cats. They have been sending us their newsletter. **Hoover** then mentioned that he had received three favorable letters from three clubs in the Denver area requesting we accept The La Perm Society of America. **Fuller**: Obviously this is a group of people who are working with what they believe to be a breed. If they are working on their breeding program maybe sometime in the foreseeable future, why should we not allow them? **Everett**: I've seen these cats for a number of years. They show at Oregon Cat Fanciers on exhibit only. They're very different and they obviously want a club to start out. I don't see any problem with it. **Doernberg**: Usually when a group of people want to come into CFA and they have a breed they want to promote, they coordinate the request for registration with the application of the breed. In this situation I see a couple of things. If we accept them as a club, then we give them some legitimacy by our acceptance of that name. What if they come to us and we say they do not have a breed. We're somewhat halfway here and halfway there. I would rather see them bring their application of registration to CFA as an indication that they are interested in promoting their breed so that we can say "yes we do promote your breed," and therefore you have these registrations and we are ready to accept these registrations and go from there rather than doing it backwards. I would like to see them delay this and come back with an application for registration. **DelaBar** spoke on feeling the same way as Doernberg on this matter. **Miller** felt it was completely bypassing CFA's normal procedure for breed acceptance. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Failed**. Hoover, Fuller, Eigenhauser, Everett, Roy voting yes.

**Cochise Cat Fanciers (5): Roy**: Their goals are not to put on shows but to assist other clubs in the region. **Eigenhauser** spoke in favor of the club. **Angell**: I have a problem with a club that has a husband as president and the wife as secretary. And then I believe the daughter-in-law is another officer. Basically, when you look at the membership list, you have three couples that actually show cats. I don't understand what "assist" means in this application. **Everett**: This comes up all the time for years and years and years. We don't have anything in the rules that says you can't do this.

At this point she explained how membership can change once the club has been accepted, and that this procedure is done all the time.

**Barnaby**: We have a precedent here. Previously we turned down a club because two members of the same household were officers in the club. **Everett**: That was a Japanese Club and I voted in favor of them. **White**: We have a lot of paper clubs. You hear about it all the time. Most of them came about legitimately. They started out as show-producing clubs. Over the years everybody sort of faded into the woodwork. Now there isn't much we can do about them. I think we would be sending a very bad message to our delegation if we accepted a club that on the face of it looks like that's exactly what it's going to be. **Rothermel** restated his approval of the club and wondered about asking the club to come back at the following meeting with a new slate of officers. "I'd like to address Kitty by saying that unlike a lot of areas in our country most of the clubs get along, and we do hold a show in May, which we call The Arizona Show, where all the

clubs in Arizona participate. It is one of the things that draws the cat fancy in Arizona together to meet and know people from other cities. I think what Bob Zenda was alluding to is that they would work with that show. They may feel like they cannot put on their own show because it is an hour and a half ride from Tucson. It would be very expensive to get judges there. **Higuchi** spoke of knowing Bob Zenda from the past and that she felt his application for a club had nothing to do with getting a vote, that he wanted to establish it for other purposes. **DelaBar** said she didn't think personalities entered into it, but that we were looking at appearances. So much of the fancy is judged on appearances. I have always had a problem with the control being in one household.

A lengthy discussion ensued over the same issues. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Failed**. Eigenhauser, Higuchi, Watson, Everett, Williams, Miller voting yes.

**Rothermel**: Since the motion failed, I would like to move that at no additional cost to this particular club that we allow them to reevaluate their application and bring it back to the board in October. Most of the objection was to the president and secretary being in the same household. **DeBruhl**: I have a problem with this because unless we change our rules and regulations, I don't see how we can do it. **Doernberg** wanted a clarification since they stated they did not want to put on shows, and yet in their constitution it says the club's object is to hold cat shows. "I see that as a conflict." **Angell** then addressed Rothermel's comment on the club not being able to put on a show because it was so far away from Tucson. "I put on a show for years in Kerrville, Texas that was an hour and a half drive from the airport in San Antonio and had no problems. I think a lot of us that are judges frequently get in a car and drive two hours from an airport." **Williams** called the question on Rothermel's motion. **Motion Carried**. DeBruhl voting no.

#### (5) INTERNATIONAL CLUBS.

**Stan Barnaby**, International Committee Chairman presented the international clubs with the right to vote no.

*We currently have 31 clubs in the International Division. I received a current list supplied by Marion Donohue of the Central Office, who, incidentally, has done a fine job of taking up where Linda Siniscal left off. Of those 31 clubs, four clubs are in jeopardy of being dropped on June 1, 1999 for the following reasons:*

- *Dues Paid, No Membership List received: Mexican Cat Club and United Kingdom Cat Fanciers.*
- *No Dues Paid, No Membership List received: Fauna Cat Fanciers and Zoo Service Cat Club.*

*New club applications for June 1999: Panthera International Cat Club and Nika Feline Centr.*

*New club applications for October 1999: Cat Fanciers of Treviso, Mokko and Northern Lights Cat Club.*

*We are constantly getting requests for information on how to apply for club membership, and once again Marion Donohue has been very helpful with information packages and constant follow-up keeping this chairman constantly advised. Once again, however, the language barriers seem to be huge obstacles that need to be addressed. It might be interesting to find out how the other registering organizations are handling it.*

*Stan Barnaby,  
Chairman*

**Nika Feline Centr, Moscow Russia. Watson** spoke on behalf of both clubs and stated that they wanted to put on shows in other areas but Moscow was the nucleus for CFA right now. Many of the members live in Moscow but they take in members from other areas. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Panthera International Cat Club, Moscow, Russia. Williams:** I just returned from Moscow, and it's a really big area. You could put on two shows on the same weekend and the exhibitors may be the same but the spectators would be entirely different. **Watson:** They are genuine people, they love their cats, and they want a place to show them where they will not be afraid. **Rothermel** explained that he was voting no because, "I think it is unnecessary for the president to speak English, as long as the secretary speaks English." **Berg** gave her views on why she felt these clubs would be an asset to CFA in Russia. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Rothermel voting no.

**DeBruhl** brought up a club in his region (Southern) that wished to be retired. He made the motion to retire the **Sun and Surf Cat Club. Motion Carried.**

**(6) INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Stan Barnaby** presented the following report:

***BUDGET REQUEST***

*After taking the first year to evaluate in our opinions what would be the most beneficial route for CFA to take in Europe to promote and encourage growth, we have come to the following conclusions:*

- a. We need to furnish every available CFA handout to the show producing clubs to distribute to the public. At the top of our list are the breed pamphlets.*
- b. Materials are needed to promote clerking schools and judging seminars.*
- c. Our Show Rules, Clerking Manuals and other publications need to be printed in more than one foreign language.*

*There are many other avenues that must be explored to promote our growth in Europe. As you are aware, the International Division is our major source for growth, and growth means increased revenues.*

*We therefore requested a budget of \$10,000 to offset the cost of accomplishing the above, and anticipate the return to more than compensate for the initial expenditure.*

### **INTERNATIONAL JUDGES**

*The following has been proposed to create an open door policy for FIFE and international judges.*

*All judges from FIFE and other international associations who wish to join CFA, must adhere to the following:*

- 1. Registered cattery for seven years.*
- 2. Grand requirement equal to ours.*
- 3. Certified ring clerk license.*
- 4. Approved in cats in the specialty to which they apply*
- 5. Attend a judging school.*
- 6. Guest judged for CFA a minimum of seven times.*

*Requirements for second specialty as well as the above will be presented to the board for their consideration. The final decision will be announced to all clubs.*

### **INPUT FROM OUR TWO ELECTED REPS**

*Gabriella Gorini and Massimo Mazzucchelli, our two elected officials to the International Division, have sent letters to all the International Division clubs requesting input for the International Division meeting to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting. The main concern voiced was the need for Show Rules and Show Standards being printed in languages of the International Division. I feel it is imperative to the growth of this division, and we must find a way to comply with this request. While it was not a topic of concern as much as the above, I suspect that the matter of Grand Champion points will once again come up at this meeting.*

### **CLERKING SCHOOLS**

*I have spoken with Jüergen Steinbrenner, and as soon as we can furnish him with the materials needed for clerking schools and instructions on what we want, he is ready to start training more clerks, utilizing the help of other clerks throughout the International Division.*

### **SHOW SCHEDULING**

*Manfred Pszak has the show schedule listed and updated on the International Website, and while in the beginning some problems had to be overcome, it appears to be working smoothly at this time.*

## **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION COMMITTEE:**

*Peter Vanwonderghem has suggested the following change to the committee, which is under consideration: "That under the two elected representatives, we select one or two individuals from each of the countries in the European Division to work directly with the elected officials." This would give each country representation on a committee working in Europe with access directly with Linda Berg, Liz Watson or myself. I feel Peter has offered an excellent plan that would increase the flow of information and ideas tremendously and would also have all countries working directly with each other.*

## **INSURANCE**

*The Central Office has investigated the insurance problems previously discussed directly with the insurance carriers, and we have asked the show producing clubs to furnish the Central Office with any information they could pertaining to special requirements germane to their particular areas. Tom Dent has kept me advised as to his progress, and I am sure he will present his findings to the board in his report. At this point I feel all the problems discussed have been handled.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Stan Barnaby, Chairman*

**Barnaby** moved to divide the International Division into four sections; Europe, Russia and Ukraine, Asia (other than Japan), and South America. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** A great deal of discussion took place over translating Show Rules and Breed Standards into the various languages. **Dent** said he would print them for anyone who could do the translations. The possibility of the judges bringing them overseas when they come to judge shows was considered as one of the ways to save money and yet help the International clubs receive the information they need. **Watson** and **Barnaby** both stressed that CFA needs to support the effort on the international level or just give it up. There is a tremendous potential for growth.

## **(7) PUBLIC RELATIONS.**

**Michael Brim** gave his report:

*The following is a brief report from the CFA Public Relations Department with a more detailed one planned for the CFA delegation on Friday.*

## **CATS! WILD TO MILD:**

*The National History Museum of Los Angeles County's CATS! Wild to Mild exhibit opened on June 5 at the Nassau County Museum, Sands Point Preserve in Port Washington, New York. The exhibit closes on November 14 in Port Washington and will make its next stop at Seattle's Pacific Science Center, February 12-May 7, 2000. The exhibit first opened on March 16, 1997 in Los Angeles and will continue to tour until May 2004. From all indications CFA continues to receive exposure to the general public attending the exhibit and seeing our display case and the printed information pamphlet CFA provides the exhibit for distribution.*

### ***CFA Show of the Year:***

*I had previously announced the start of the CFA Show of the Year competition; due to budget and time constraints the new program has been dropped.*

### ***The CFA Store:***

*The new CFA Store continues on the road to becoming a reality. Samples of the various items have been ordered and are being received for consideration. Plans are underway to showcase The CFA Store at the CFA International in Kansas City.*

### ***1999 CFA & Friskies Cat Show Program:***

*Ten lead shows have taken place thus far, with another ten to be held. A majority of these shows have shown increases in the numbers of spectators who attended and the amount of pre-show publicity received over 1998 shows. We are anticipating for program year 2000 an increase in the sponsorship fee CFA receives from Friskies for the use of our name/logo in connection with the CFA & Friskies Cat Show Program, and for the services I provide to the overall program.*

### ***PSAs:***

*I will be meeting with the celebrity who has agreed to take part in the public service announcements for television and radio prior to the annual meeting in Orlando. She has just been slated to appear in a new television show for the new season, but I'm still hoping she can fit us into her busy schedule. Another celebrity has been identified and has shown interest in also taking part in our worthwhile effort to reduce the number of cats going to shelters.*

### ***CFA International Cat Show:***

*Commercial support for the 1999 CFA International Cat Show will be between \$37,500 and \$40,000, up from \$10,000 last year. I hope to have the sponsors firmed up by the annual meeting, or shortly thereafter.*

*See you in Sacramento!*

*Respectfully,  
Michael W. Brim,  
CFA Public Relations Director*

### **(8) INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

**Linda Berg** presented her report:

*I have attached two things for your review: the show P&L statement and a list of the paid hotel rooms. As you can see, we have a final balance of \$15,200.39 after our Winn Foundation donation. Hopefully, we will be able to increase this income by staying in Kansas City this coming year and also the third year, 2000. We have made the decision to stay through 2000*

*because we could not get a commitment from any other facilities and we are only fifteen months out at this point. We felt this too close to wait any longer.*

*Hopefully, staying three years will answer the question whether or not we can increase community interest and gate by staying in one city. We debate this issue year after year; at the end of 2000 we will have enough data to answer some of our questions. This facility is less expensive than other facilities we have been looking at so it will also give us the opportunity to build up the show's coffers to afford a more expensive show hall in 2001.*

*I've mentioned at the past meetings we would be adding several things this year with the increased space. We have added a Breed Showcase and a Junior Showmanship Ring. Hopefully, both of these things will stimulate interest in pedigreed cats and bring in potential new exhibitors.*

*The only item of business is to announce our intention to draw the judges again at the Judges School on Thursday. It worked well last year. It allowed us to get the signs up and in place instead of having to struggle with it Friday morning when we have many other things to be concerned with.*

*Looking forward to another successful show!*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Berg*

**Eigenhauser** withdrew his motion for a special dispensation for Hawaii not to be required to attend a qualifier since they already have it. **Watson** moved those countries within the International Division that require four winners ribbons to win a championship be exempted from exhibiting in the International Qualifier in order to attend the International Show. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(9) CLERKING PROGRAM.**

**Lonnie Hoover** will give the report at the Annual meeting, June 25th.

**(10) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**THANK-YOUS**

*A note was received from Becky Orlando thanking the board for her recent advancement to Approved Allbreed.*

*A note from Jan Stevens was received thanking the board for her advancement to Apprentice Shorthair.*

**ILLNESS**

*Jim Kilborn had a heart attack the last of February and later had bypass surgery. He was back judging three weeks after the surgery and is doing fine.*

*On March 15, Donna Jean Thompson had hip surgery. I understand she is recovering nicely and expects to be back judging shortly. I hear she has a new pair of dancing shoes for the annual.*

### **NEWS WE DO NOT WANT TO HEAR**

*Received from Erika Graf-Webster on April 5, 1999, a letter of resignation from the judging program. Erika thanks the board for her leave of absence. We regret accepting this resignation from Erika; her talent will be missed.*

*Jackie Taylor has sent in a letter of resignation from the Judging Program effective at the end of October 1999. Jackie wishes to spend more time with her family and her business. We wish her the best.*

*Received this too late to include in the February board report: Mrs. Lynn Beck passed away in January of this year. Lynn judged for CFA for many years and she had a rare sense of humor. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends.*

### **PROPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. *SECOND SPECIALTY REQUIREMENT*
2. *OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR FIFE JUDGES*
3. *JAPAN TRAINEES*

### **CLARIFICATION JUDGING PROGRAM RULES – PARAGRAPH 8-B**

*This was recently brought to my attention that the board wanted clarification on the care and custody of agenting cats. I misunderstood the original instructions and we have included that information on our agenting form, copy being sent; I have reworded paragraph 8-b and this should clarify this rule.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Ann Cummings, Secretary  
Judging Program Committee*

**Thompson** presented the action items with the right vote no.

**Williams** called the motion to accept Erika Graf-Webster's resignation. **Motion Carried.**  
**Williams** called the motion to accept Jackie Taylor's resignation effective at the end of October. **Motion Carried.**

### **Guest Judging Assignments**

|                   |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Leta Williams     | May 15 & 16, 1999 | Australia             |
| Patti Jacobberger | June 3 - 5, 2000  | New Zealand; National |
| Wain Harding      | July 11, 1999     | Sydney, Australia     |

|                  |                       |                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wain Harding     | July 18, 1999         | Brisbane, Australia             |
| Darrell Newkirk  | Sept. 24-Oct. 4, 2000 | Melbourne, Australia            |
| Yayoi Satoh      | July 7, 1999          | New South Wales, Australia      |
| Teruko Arai      | July 18, 1999         | New South Wales, Australia      |
| Teruko Arai      | July 3-4, 1999        | Malaysia                        |
| Midori Shimada   | July 3-4, 1999        | Malaysia                        |
| Carolyn Bullotta | September 4-5, 1999   | Buenos Aires, Argentina         |
| Kitty Angell     | March 18-19, 2000     | Sydney Australia                |
| Kitty Angell     | March 26, 2000        | Brisbane, Queensland, Australia |
| Kitty Angell     | August 4-5, 2001      | Gothenburg, Sweden              |

**CLARIFICATION OF JUDGING PROGRAM RULES:**

Paragraph 8 (B) will now read:

8. A. Same

**B. Additional experience:** Cattery visits/agenting. Longhair applicants must submit a minimum of five (5) cattery visitation reports. Shorthair applicants must submit a minimum of seven (7) cattery visitation reports. In all cases, a variety of breeds is recommended. The owner of the visited cattery must belong to the Breed Council of the breed to be examined. Agenting reports will be made in the Exhibitor’s Resume and verified by the owner of the agented exhibit. *Complete care and custody of the cat, taking the cat to the show, grooming at the show, in your care the nights at the show, taking to and from the rings. If possible agent should also be responsible for beforehand presentation, bathing and grooming the cat.* **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECOND SPECIALTY**

**ALL SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICANTS:** An applicant may qualify under either the breeding or exhibiting requirement below, or a combination of both. These cats shown must be in the care, custody and control of the applicant and exhibited by the applicant from kitten through achievement of grand champion or grand premier status.

**EITHER**

**BREEDING:** Applicants must breed two grand champions or grand premiers per the following requirements. These cats must be shown by the applicant in the Championship or Premiership classes and attain titles in these classes.

**LONGHAIR SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICANTS:** One of the grand champions or grand premiers must be a Persian. It is recommended that the other longhair cat(s) be from one of the other longhair breeds.

**SHORTHAIR SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICANTS:** One of the grand champions or grand premiers must be an Oriental-body style breed. It is recommended that the other shorthair cat(s) be from one of the other shorthair breeds.

## OR

**EXHIBITING:** An applicant must have exhibited at least three cats to grand champion or grand premier status. These three cats are to be different breeds with varying body types.

**LONGHAIR SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICANTS:** Longhair applicants must exhibit at least one Persian to grand champion or grand premier status.

**SHORTHAIR SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICANTS:** Shorthair applicants must exhibit at least one Oriental body-style to grand champion or grand premier.

**RATIONALE:** As the judging committee notes in their rationale, if a second specialty applicant purchases, bases, co-owns or agents a kitten, he/she should be able to recognize and choose a quality kitten. Since this is **exactly** the trait we are looking for in second specialty applicants, selecting the right cat to exhibit is a valid qualification to apply. Given the quality of premiership cats in CFA, keeping the cats whole is not necessary to the selection of the cat. There is no reason to require that cats be kept whole if the applicant has no intention of breeding them. Additional whole cats in an applicant's household may conflict with local limit laws, or require they curtail breeding of their primary breed to accommodate additional whole cats. CFA is an organization dedicated to the welfare of all cats. By encouraging spay and neuter, and discouraging unnecessary breeding, we serve this goal. By unnecessarily pressuring people to keep cats whole, we do not serve the best interest of the cat, or of the fancy.

**Miller** spoke of having a particular problem with the second specialty shorthair applicants, that one of the GCs or GPs has to be an Oriental-style breed. She felt that applicants should know all the different body styles of the shorthair breeds and could not understand singling out the Oriental body style. She felt instead, that the GC or GP should be whatever the individual feels would add to their knowledge of the breed. **DelaBar** felt there was great importance in learning to handle an Oriental bodied cat. More discussion took place on the same subject. **Williams** called the question. **Motion Carried.** Miller voting no.

### OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR FIFE AND INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

**Barnaby** submitted this proposal to the board and urged to board to accept it.

A list of minimum requirements follows for judges from FIFE and other International Associations who wish to join CFA.

1. Registered cattery for seven years.
2. Grand requirement equal to ours.
3. Certified ring clerk license.
4. Approved to judge cats in the specialty they apply in.
5. Attend a judging school.
6. Guest judged and evaluated for CFA seven times.
7. If accepted, entry status will be as an apprentice.

8. No grandfather clause.

Rothermel and Berg spoke of the concerns of some of the European members. They are afraid that some of the wrong judges would come to CFA and want these judges to be seriously critiqued. Miller: Would these judges be licensed only in the International Division? Williams: We would accept them as a CFA Judge in the level in which they are approved. Williams called the motion. Motion Carried.

## **PROPOSAL FOR JAPANESE TRAINEES**

I would like to propose that Japanese trainees do at least two training sessions in the United States. These sessions could be arranged a week apart, so as to minimize expenses. The ideal sessions to undertake would be the last supervised class and the first solo class.

**RATIONALE:** It has been my observation, with the first two trainees, that they have seen virtually the same cats every session, with very little variation. The weekends when they're not working, they are usually showing against these same cats. I have to ask myself how much learning is taking place. With the exposure of two sessions in the U.S., this would open up for them different competition and expose them to breeds they don't often see in Japan.

Expense can be justified in that trainees in the U.S. must complete at least five of their classes out of region. This, more often than not, requires airfares, hotels, etc. I think that the expenditure made by Japanese trainees to train in the U.S. for two sessions, back-to-back, would equate with the American trainees training five times out of region.

Language may be a problem, but most Japanese trainees today, while sometimes hesitant to speak English, have a good understanding of English. Those who choose to could use an interpreter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Trevathan

**Higuchi** spoke in favor of this proposal. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**White** addressed the board saying, "The Judging Program Committee was designed to function much like the Protest Committee in its relationship to the board. That is to say that it is meant to relieve the board of investigative work, providing more manpower to secure greater information gathering in the hopes that decisions made will receive widespread approval in CFA. As a reminder to you, the Protest Committee has been successful largely because the board trusted it to do its work and has generally accepted its recommendations.

I do not feel that we are giving the Judging Program Committee this same trust. We certainly did not do so in February, and the committee was correct to voice its displeasure. This board cannot deal in personalities; we have been perceived as doing just that for too long. Please let us regard this new committee as the professionals they are and accept their recommendations. If we find our trust to be misplaced or their decisions to be offset by convincing testimony, then we have the authority to override their recommendations."

**Miller:** I think this is a process that will come. Trust comes because of good experience. I think it is going to evolve, especially if we have the information behind why the recommendations were made. I think there were some things in the first meetings that we didn't go along with, but still the ultimate decisions have to be made by the board. I think that more and more they will find that we will trust their recommendations.

**Williams:** I think we saw some applications that looked in order and we had no reason to vote against them unless we were given those reasons.

At this point **Watson** presented a Judging Program Addendum to the board. *The Secretary of the Judging Program Committee will inform the application of its decision to "Recommend" or "Not Recommend." In the case of "Not Recommend" the committee will give the reasons for the negative recommendation. At that time, the applicant can table his/her application until the necessary work is completed for a favorable recommendation. Should the applicant wish to proceed and have his/her application reviewed by the board, a letter addressing and refuting the reasons for the non-recommendation must be included in the packet.*

**Doernberg** brought up a situation from the last board meeting where the Judging Committee did not recommend acceptance because the applicant had only met the minimum requirements. "I don't think this is fair. You have requirements and the people meet the requirements and then you tell them that they only met the minimum requirements and we want more than that." **DelaBar** moved to accept Watson's proposal. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

**DelaBar** moved to have the Judging Program Committee sit in on the executive session of this meeting only. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

**(11) CFA JUDGING ADVANCEMENTS AND APPLICANTS.**

During executive session the following actions were taken and subsequently announced during open session.

| <b>Advance to Approved</b> | <b>Vote</b>               |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>AB Norman Auspitz</b>   | <b>19 yes</b>             |
| <b>AB Darrell Newkirk</b>  | <b>19 yes</b>             |
| <b>AB David Mare</b>       | <b>17 yes</b>             |
|                            | <b>1 no (Thompson)</b>    |
|                            | <b>1 abstain (Fuller)</b> |

| <b>Advance to Approval Pending</b> | <b>Vote</b>   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>AB Rachel Anger</b>             | <b>19 yes</b> |
| <b>AB Rhett Backman</b>            | <b>19 yes</b> |
| <b>AB Debbie Ritter</b>            | <b>19 yes</b> |
| <b>SH Kayoko Koizumi</b>           | <b>19 yes</b> |
| <b>SH Edward Maeda</b>             | <b>19 yes</b> |

**Advance to Apprentice**

**Vote**

|    |                |                    |
|----|----------------|--------------------|
| SH | Ed Davis       | 18 yes             |
|    |                | 1 abstain (Fuller) |
| SH | Stephen Gardea | 18 yes             |
|    |                | 1 abstain (Fuller) |
| SH | Tohru Aizawa   | 19 yes             |
| LH | Ayumi Ueda     | 19 yes             |
| LH | Beverly Wood   | 19 yes             |
| LH | Ed Yurchick    | 19 yes             |

**Trainee Applicants**

**Vote**

|    |               |                  |
|----|---------------|------------------|
| SH | Becky Orlando | 18 yes           |
|    |               | 1 no (Doernberg) |

**(12) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

**Tom Dent** asked to sponsor a standing motion on all the actions items and requests. **Rothermel** so moved. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**1. Out of Region Show Requests:**

- a) *Club Name:* Oriental Shorthairs of America  
*Home Region:* North Atlantic Region (#1)  
*Show Date:* October 16-17, 1999  
*Proposed Location:* Canfield, OH (Great Lakes Region #4)

**Oriental Shorthairs of America:** withdrew their request.

- b) *Club Name:* International Havana Brown Soc.  
*Home Region:* Northwest Region (#2)  
*Show Date:* July 29-30, 2000  
*Proposed Location:* Harrison, AR (Gulf Shore Region #3)

**International Havana Brown Society:** **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**  
Rothermel abstaining.

- c) *Club Name:* Western Cat Fanciers  
*Home Region:* Southwest Region (#5)  
*Show Date:* June 10-11, 2000  
*Proposed Location:* Green Bay, WI (Midwest Region #6)

**Western Cat Fanciers:** **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- d) *Club Name:* National Siamese Cat Club  
*Home Region:* North Atlantic Region (#1)  
*Show Date:* June 3-4, 2000

*Proposed Location: Rochester, NY (Great Lakes Region #4)*

**National Siamese Cat Club: Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Show Format Changes:**

- e) *Palisades Cat Club - March 4-5, 2000 has requested approval for an “experimental show” as follows:*

*We are requesting permission to try an experimental show format at our March 4-5, 2000 show at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The purpose of the new format is to have a final event that will lend itself to telecasting, and that will give a definitive winner to the weekend show.*

*The format we propose is the following:*

*The cat show starts with a conventional six-ring AB Cat Show. The final events, one each for Kittens, Championship Cats, and Premiership Cats, will consist of group judging followed by a Best in Show judging, which will determine the Best Kitten, Best Cat, and Best in Premiership winners. The breeds and divisions will be divided into five groups as shown in the following table: **Persian Group:** Exotic, Solid Color Persian, Silver & Golden Persian, Shaded & Smoke Persian, Tabby Persian, Parti-Color Persian, Calico & Bi-Color Persian, Himalayan Persian; **Siamese Group:** Balinese, Colorpoint SH, Javanese, Oriental LH, Oriental SH, Siamese; **American Group:** American Curl LH, American Curl SH, American SH, American Wirehair, Bombay, Maine Coon, Ocicat; **Foreign Group I:** Abyssinian; Cornish Rex; Devon Rex; Egyptian Mau; Havana Brown; Japanese Bobtail LH; Japanese Bobtail SH; Manx LH; Manx SH; Russian Blue; Somali; Turkish Angora; **Foreign Group II:** Birman, British Shorthair, Burmese-Sable, Burmese-Dilute, Chartreux, Korat, Norwegian Forest Cat, Scottish Fold LH, Scottish Fold SH, Singapura, Tonkinese, Turkish Van.*

*Any cat (or kitten or premiership entry) that has won a best of breed or best of division will compete in the Group judging. The Group judges, who have not previously seen these entries, will select a Best in Group for each group. There will be no other awards in the Group judging. There would be separate Group competitions for Cats, Kittens, and Premiership.*

*The five group winners will compete for Best in Show. The Best in Show judge will not previously have seen these cats during the show weekend. The result of the Best of Show judging is a single Best: Best Cat, Best Kitten, Best Premier.*

*We have looked at the catalogs of several shows, and have found that a group will vary in size from 5 to 20 contestants. On average, there will be two representatives of each Breed or Division, although the numbers have run from as few as 1, to as many as six. We plan to employ two judges for the Group judging in the interest of time.*

*The group judging will give us an excellent opportunity to present at least one specimen of each competing breed or division to the public and the television audience.*

*The final event, after the group winners have been chosen, will be relatively brief but with a lot of suspense and interest. The final result is an undisputed winner in each of the categories.*

*Over the past few years, we have held an informal event at the end of our shows, in which the five highest scoring premiership cats, kittens, and championship cats are presented to the audience. We also presented the highest overall scoring cat in each breed. This format, while it does present at least one example of each breed or division, suffers several defects. First, since it is unofficial, some exhibitors do not participate. We've never had our Best Cat missing, but this year, for example, the Siamese and Oriental folks skipped out, and we did not have any of these breeds to present to the audience. Secondly, the results are already known to the exhibitors who keep careful records; thus there is no suspense or excitement for them.*

*By having an event that is an official part of the show (no extra points for participating in the Group or Best in Show events), the final presentation gains in stature, provides an exciting event for the exhibitors, and insures the presence of the winners. While we normally hold eight ring shows, we would cut the number of rings to six for the first use of this format to permit greater flexibility in scheduling.*

*Peter Markstein, Show Committee Chairman  
Palisades Cat Club*

**Palisades Cat Club: Williams:** I'd like to see them advertise this as a CFA Show.

**Everett:** Vicky Markstein called me and we talked about my show. I told her I had no problem with it providing they had a survey form for all the exhibitors at the show to fill out so that we get some input for this board. We have to make sure also, that the cats are not handled more than four times a day. But I agree with Don: We are going to have CFA on there, by golly.

**DelaBar** mentioned that "you could give the press all this information and it is up to them to put it in. We cannot control what the press wants to put in." **Watson** felt that Markstein was not mentioning CFA enough. **Fuller:** I can't see that they have done anything that would benefit CFA at all and everyone knows that she makes hundreds of thousands of dollars on the shows she puts on in New York. You sure don't see a "leaf on the Winn Foundation Tree" for Incats or for the Marksteins or for any name associated with them. I think it is a slap at all the hard-working CFA clubs that have been working to better CFA for years and years. And all those clubs, out of their little budgets, manage to give something to the Winn Foundation or to the Animal Welfare or Legislative Fund, no matter how little they made. I am definitely against it.

**White:** I think we need to be more pro-active. I think we need to do something to promote these cats. And if it means we have to attempt to work with people who already have an "in" with the media, then I think we need to make that attempt. If they can get purebred cats before the American people, it is going to end up putting money in our pockets and also mean good things for our cats. **DelaBar** added the importance of getting in the New York City market and all the media that goes with it in order to grow.

**Rothermel** discussed the intricacies of scoring this special show, and was concerned on how the champions would be scored. **DelaBar**: The way I understand it, there would be a six-allbreed ring show and that show will go on like all our other shows. Then, as a media side event, they are going to bring up by kittens, championship and premiership cats and judge them by groups and then they would advance to group judging like we were saying with the dogs. From there, they always have a top five presentation. They have a breed presentation and then they have a top five in kittens, cats, and premiership cats. This is a separate judging with no extra points. **Everett** spoke in favor of the proposal with a few minor changes.

**Dent** suggested approval of the format providing that there be no points given in rings “7 and 8,” no winners, champions, regional or national points. **Rothermel** moved to adopt Dent’s proposal to accept the Palisades format with Dent’s amendment. **Williams** called the question. **Motion Carried.** Fuller voting no.

**Doernberg** brought up the question as to the extra judges used for the Best of the Best Judging and how they would be paid.

**Miller** brought up the need for a CFA Board liaison for this show. **White** moved that a CFA Liaison be appointed to work with this club as our reputation is also on the line. This person would see that certain requirements were met. **Rothermel** amended the motion to include **Betty White** as the CFA Liaison for the Palisades Cat Club Show. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

#### Action Items:

- 3. Grand Certificates:** *It has been suggested by the Central Office Operations Review Committee that the practice of automatically sending large certificates when a cat “grands” be discontinued. Instead, a smaller certificate (4” x 8.5”) which is the size of a registration certificate would be mailed. The larger certificates could be ordered at a price of \$10.00 each by those who would want them. A savings of approximately \$2,000/year (certificates, postage and envelopes) would be realized and additional revenue will occur. There are approximately 2,700 grands each year and our estimate is that 500-750 large certificates will be ordered.*

*Action requested: Adopt a motion to discontinue our current practice and replace it with the recommendation as outlined above, effective \_\_\_\_\_ (August 1, 1999?).*

**Grand Certificates: Rothermel** made the motion to take this item up in the budget session. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Fuller, DelaBar, Berg, Hoover voting no.

- 4. Permanent Cattery Names:** *A resolution was passed at last year’s Annual Meeting which recommended that a policy to register cattery names on a permanent basis be established. This item was brought up at the February meeting but was not considered because no recommendation was made for the prerequisites that an applicant would be required to meet.*

*Action requested: Adopt a motion to institute the registration of a cattery name on a permanent basis using the following prerequisites:*

## **Recording Cattery Names on a Permanent Basis**

*Issuing new cattery names is becoming more and more of a problem. On the other hand, the cattery names of established breeding lines should be protected to a certain extent in order to preserve the accuracy of our pedigrees. The question of what criteria to follow in recording cattery names on a permanent basis is a difficult one. I am recommending the following:*

- *Applicant must have an existing CFA registered cattery name.*
- *Cattery must have produced a minimum of 10 grand champions or distinguished merit cats.*
- *Cattery must have registered a minimum of one litter per year during each of the preceding 10 years.*
- *Cattery owner must submit an application along with a fee of \$100.*

*You will notice that grand premiers have been eliminated from the requirement. It is my feeling that a true breeding program produces whole cats that can go on to appear in a multitude of pedigrees. If someone is producing primarily grand premiers, those cats will not be appearing in pedigrees. I also do not believe national/regional/divisional award-winning cats should be counted because an award does not necessarily mean the cat can or will produce offspring. The ten-year minimum would narrow the field to truly dedicated breeders, as most people who are not serious would drop out long before then.*

### **Permanent Cattery Names: Withdrawn.**

5. **Reissuance of Cattery Names:** *In 1988, our cattery name registration policies were changed to provide for non-permanent cattery names. Registrants are required to renew cattery names every five years. Many cattery names issued under the new rules were either not used or used on a limited basis AND have not been renewed. Rules for the reissuance of these names have never been adopted.*

*Following is a proposal for rules pertaining to the reissuance of cattery names registered subsequent to 1/1/88:*

### **Reissuance of Cattery Names Registered After 1/1/88**

*I recommend we maintain a policy governing the release of expired names in order to protect the accuracy of our pedigrees. I suggest releasing expired names as follows:*

- *Immediately if no litters have been registered.*
- *After one year from the birth of the last litter if no individual kittens have been registered.*
- *After five years from the birth of the last litter if no individual kittens are titled.*

- *After 25 years from the date the last title was awarded if the cattery has produced any grand champions, distinguished merit cats, or national/regional/divisional winners.*

*Action Requested: Review only at this time. Will be presented as an action item in October.*

**Reissuance of Cattery Names: Reviewed.** The suggestion was for board members to go back to their constituents for input on this matter. This will be presented as an action item in October.

6. **CFA Sponsored Pet Insurance Program.** *I have been in contact with J&J International Brokerage, Inc. They are the agents for PET ASSURE, a pet care savings program which includes discounts at participating veterinarians. In affiliation with ACE/CIGNA, a Standard & Poor’s AAA rated financial/insurance institution, PET ASSURE has developed a full featured pet health insurance program which would utilize their participating veterinarians. Additional details are provided in their proposal.*

*Action requested: Authorize the Central Office, pending legal review, to enter into an agreement with J&J Brokerage per the general provisions provided in their proposal.*

**CFA Sponsorship of a Pet Insurance Program.** Barnaby moved to authorize the Central Office, pending legal review, to investigate with various vendors the possibility of CFA providing a Pet Insurance Program. Williams called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Set date for submission of club membership lists:** *The Constitution requires clubs to submit a membership and officer list in order to be considered in good standing. The exact wording is (Article III, Section 5, Para 2), “Each member shall, with the payment of dues, forward to the Central Office of this Association a complete list of its members together with their addresses, and a list of the then current officers of the club, which lists shall be certified by the Secretary of the member club.”*

*Many clubs pay dues in advance of January 1st and when the membership list requirement was instituted, we were also receiving lists of club members in advance. Some years ago, the board set the date of December 1st as the earliest date that a list could be submitted for the next year. Unfortunately, the board’s action went unrecorded.*

*Action requested: Approve a motion which sets December 1st as the earliest date for which a membership list may be filed for the following year.*

**Set Date for Membership lists. Doernberg** so moved. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Equal Opportunity/Sexual Harassment Policy:** *Currently, the association does not have formal policy statements for these areas.*

*Action requested: Direct the Central Office to develop a formal policy each for “Equal Opportunity,” and “Sexual Harassment” for presentation to the board in October.*

**Equal Opportunity/Sexual Harassment Policy.** **Eigenhauser** moved to direct the Central Office to develop a formal policy regarding “Equal Opportunity,” “Sexual Harassment” and “Americans With Disabilities Act” and bring it back for presentation to the board in October.  
**Motion Carried.**

9. **Proposal from Claude-Andre Grenier, DVM – CFA-Sponsored No-cost Neuter/Spay Clinics:** *A proposal has been received from Dr. Grenier for your review.*

*Action requested:* *An indication that the board has an interest in seeing additional details or that it does not, at this time, have an interest in the proposal.*

**Proposal from Claude-Andre Grenier, DVM.** **DelaBar** said that her committee had considered many avenues concerning the neuter/spay issue. They found the actual clinics were not cost effective programs. She felt that doing Public Service Announcements was a much better way of reaching the population. “We feel we need to be an organization of influence. We should influence our clubs to do this on a local level.” **Miller:** I appreciate all the time that Dr. Grenier has given to this. But getting into a neuter/spay clinic is very complex. Miller went on to say that there were several large groups that were devoted to this cause. Some of these groups might wonder why CFA doesn’t just join in with their efforts. She, too, felt that while it might work for dogs, it might not be as effective for cats. “I would feel much better doing some of the things Michael (Brim) has been talking about...the PSAs. Or else we might assist a group that is already highly experienced in this area.” **Barnaby** brought up the fact that this was not a low cost neuter/spay program but a no cost program. “I’ve often wondered why (with our donations) we couldn’t help support some of these mobile clinics that travel around.” **Eigenhauser** brought up the legal problems with a CFA sponsored clinic, stating that we would enter into many areas where we would expose ourselves to litigious action. **Rothermel** moved not to consider the proposal at this time. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Dent** then handed out new judging sheets that will allow “scanning.” “We have taken the first steps to get our program of automation underway. I would ask you judges to use these sheets in the near future to give us some idea of how well this is going to be accepted. The software should be able to read these sheets. If it works, I would like to be able to expand the program. The cost of funding the project will be somewhere in the area of \$25,000. It is already included in the budget in the depreciation expense. The benefit to CFA will be that we will reduce our processing costs in the office on grand scoring and national and regional scoring. It will allow us to expand the range of awards as has been suggested. It will more than pay for itself in reduced labor costs. What I am looking for is the board’s approval to proceed with the testing of this program, and if the testing shows that it is a viable way of dealing with the show results, that we go ahead and purchase the necessary equipment.” **Angell** moved to accept the proposal. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(13) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

*The Winn Feline Foundation Board of Directors will meet Tuesday evening, June 22, 1999. Regular business will be conducted including the annual (re)election of board members.*

*The endowment fund reached a milestone this spring and has surpassed \$500,000. This principal generates about \$30,000 per year in interest incomes and funds two to three studies each year.*

*The board will discuss the status of programs planned for 1999 and 2000, including the Winn Foundation Symposium planned for Thursday night, June 24, the International Show this fall, and the Winn Symposium for June 2000.*

*Articles published during the past year will be reviewed along with plans for the next 18 months.*

*One of the board members, Gayle Hand, has been instrumental in developing a veterinary memorial program. This program will encourage veterinarians to contribute to the Winn Foundation in memory of pets from their practice. Plans for introduction of the program to the Veterinary Community will be finalized.*

*The most important part of our meeting will be a discussion of fundraising with a consultant from California who has worked with similar not-for-profit foundations. We hope to initiate a fundraising effort in the near future.*

*We invite all of the members of the CFA Board of Directors to attend the Winn Feline Foundation Symposium on Thursday night. Two excellent presentations are planned. The first speaker is Dr. Mark Kittleson, who will discuss pioneering studies of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in colonies of Maine Coon and American Shorthair cats. The second speaker, Angela Glasgow, a recent graduate of the U. California (Davis), will speak about her research on diarrhea in kittens.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Hilary Helmrich, President*

**(14) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

*The CFA Legislative Group (Joan Miller, Anna Sadler, Sharon Coleman) has now been acting on a consulting basis to CFA for two years, and this report will outline what we do and have accomplished during the last fiscal year. Our work load has required substantially more than a 'part time' effort for each of us. In addition, we depend on the activities of many others who are necessary for effectiveness in the legislative arena. We need Central Office support on a sporadic, but imperative, basis. We also work closely with Michael Brim and believe the CFA PR booth at national conferences, such as HSUS and AHA, is extremely important to our legislative outreach. Pam DelaBar and the CFA Animal Welfare Committee activities have also helped to further CFA's reputation among the animal interest organizations with which we work. Our greatest asset is the educated and enthusiastic participation of cat fanciers, both within CFA and in other associations, who have provided grass roots opposition and have served on advisory committees in their communities. Every effort on the part of exhibitors to always show their cats in top condition and clubs to produce enjoyable cat shows for the public indirectly impacts the work of the Legislative Group and Committee.*

*The Legislative Group's functions and directions are now well established. We have accomplished our most important objectives for CFA by successfully opposing and preventing cat licensing, cat breeder licensing, warranty laws and other coercive legislative proposals in many parts of the country. We assumed a major role, with AKC and PIJAC, in responding to the USDA Proposed Rulemaking to regulate breeders on a federal level. Through coordination with CFA Regional Directors and an established system of Legislative Network "teams," Internet communication, and good contacts with outside organizations we are now able to mobilize grass roots response very quickly and successfully to defeat state bills and local ordinances. The "cat lobby" is a recognized force in most areas of the U.S. This year we were also confronted with a number of Canadian legislative proposals. The burden of working in a country where CFA's presence is scarce and where the cultural attitudes and existing laws are different was an unexpected challenge.*

*During the last fiscal year we monitored and/or actively opposed over 80 state bills in addition to at least 50 local ordinances. Efforts to defeat legislation that would impose governmental permits, inspections and fees on all breeders gave us the opportunity to promote the value of pedigreed cat breeding in general, and to explain to legislators the importance of encouraging rather than targeting non-commercial breeders who raise kitten/cats in their homes. We emphasized in opposition statements, submitted for federal, state and local proposals, that government inspection of individuals' homes is not appropriate because it involves unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion into the most private home areas, onerous record keeping and substantial fees. We pointed out that breeder licensing will actually favor the more commercial, larger breeders who operate from business zoned property and who may either pass the fees on to cat buyers or cut back on animal care expenses. To maintain the concept that "home raised" kittens are an advantage to the general public we realize it is imperative for cat fanciers to do everything possible to provide the highest level of husbandry and cattery environment standards. Every substandard situation that exists, and especially those reported to animal control, is a serious detriment to CFA's legislative opposition to laws harming the organization and pedigreed cats.*

*Another major catalyst for restrictions on cat breeding stems from the belief of humane organizations, animal control agencies and shelters that mandatory neuter/spay laws will reduce the euthanasia of cats and dogs in the shelters. The CFA Legislative Group and grass roots liaisons have been successful in preventing onerous laws because of our ability to acquire and organize epidemiology studies and data over the last several years that is made available to the legislative teams around the country. CFA is a member of the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, which gathers and evaluates reliable pet demographic information to better understand the complex issues concerning surplus/unwanted dogs and cats. Anna, Sharon and I are each active in councils and other organizations that have influence in these areas. Tom Dent and Fred Jacobberger represent CFA on the National Council. The Sy Howard Legislative Fund has provided support for several important surveys, including one currently underway for Salt Lake County, Utah, that continue to reinforce our stance and help reveal pet owner attitudes.*

*Until problems are rationally defined the solutions cannot be found. In numerous situations the CFA Legislative Group has provided assistance to help animal agencies and communities select alternatives to neuter/spay legislation in order to reduce the killing of*

*animals in their shelters. CFA supports the humane care and treatment of all cats, whether they are pedigreed or unowned/free-roaming/feral cats. We continuously provide information and resources that advocate non-lethal management of homeless cats and have participated in conferences, given talks and endorsed grassroots efforts to tackle this important aspect of the cat population dynamics. We believe that when this societal problem is diminished, the pressure to “stop all breeding” will subside.*

*During the last fiscal year Anna and I have both attended various meetings and conferences to help advance CFA’s perspective, interact with others in animal interest organizations and to team. Anna attended the Animal Law Seminar held in Texas and the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) conference in Portland. I attended the USDA Animal Care meeting in Washington, the No-Kill Conference in California, The Animal Health Institute Pet Night and USDA strategy meeting in Washington, The American Humane Association Conference in California, the National Council meeting in Kansas City (in conjunction with CFA’s International Show) and the HSUS Expo and Conference in Orlando. Ellyn Honey represented CFA at a February USDA Animal Care meeting in Washington.*

*Critical to our functioning and effectiveness is Sharon’s legal assistance. She reviews all proposed ordinances, legislation and regulations that we are tracking and in addition investigates applicable existing law and regulation. She then prepares written legal analysis emphasizing fancier impact issues and rationale for position letters and statements from CFA and cat fanciers. She has prepared articles on legislative topics, accessed legal resources and publications, located dog fancy contacts and has provided valuable input on dog issues that relate to many of the legislative proposals.*

*Anna and I both communicate on a daily basis with the various Legislative Network teams around the country through the Internet, by phone and fax. We have responded to the media on numerous legislative issues, we wrote the CFA response to the Twisty Kat issue and we have provided articles, data and other information to legislators, cat fanciers and others. Anna, as CFA Legislative Information Liaison, has produced Grass Roots Advocate newsletters for the Legislative Network participants, mobilized grass roots opposition through letter-writing guides, prepared articles and Legislative Alerts. She produced a motivational legislative videotape for last year’s CFA Annual that is now available to groups to help prepare for hearings.*

*My main activities, as CFA Legislative Coordinator, have involved overall determination of goals, priorities and scheduling, follow through on what each Legislative Network team needs, and leadership in strategy planning. I work with PIJAC on weekly tracking charts to monitor and update state legislative action and coordinate with CFA Regional Directors to help establish grass roots representatives. In addition to my daily communication with local teams I maintain close contact with aligned organizations, such as AKC, various Dog Club Federations, Alley Cat Allies, veterinarians, humane organizations and others. I prepared the CFA Guidance Statement on Feral Cats, provided statements on behalf of CFA to the media and was on a one-hour radio talk show concerning legislative issues this past year.*

*The CFA Legislative Committee consists of myself as Chair, Tom Dent, George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger and Phil Lindsley. The committee’s function is to determine broad policy, direction, priorities and philosophy concerning CFA’s legislative involvement, the*

*Group's procedures and CFA's humane and other organization relationships. We oversee and manage the Sy Howard Legislative Fund, review requests and disburse funds, decide on budget matters and discuss National Council participation and activities. I represent CFA on the California Council of Companion Animal Advocates. Tom and Fred represent CFA on the National Council. The committee had one meeting during the past fiscal year in California and we plan a meeting in conjunction with the upcoming CFA Annual.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Miller*

## **HOT SPOTS**

*The CFA Legislative Group is currently tracking/monitoring 90 state bills and several local ordinances.*

### **FEDERAL:**

#### **USDA – DDAL Petition**

*As of today, we have verbal confirmation from AKC's Federal Legislative Consultant, Jim Holt, that yesterday the Senate Appropriations Committee completed their budget bill with powerful language concerning the USDA matter. **They directed the agency not to spend any money licensing retail sellers of dogs and cats currently exempt from USDA regulation.** The Committee also stated that such activity would undermine the federal Animal Welfare Act inspection process and that the USDA does not have the resources to do this. A two million dollar increase was budgeted specifically for existing inspection follow up. The House Appropriations Bill went through rapidly with no amendments. Now the budget will be agreed upon through a House and Senate Conference. We will soon know to whom in the House we should target letters. CFA cat fanciers did a fabulous job sending well written, to the point, letters to their senators and representatives. The USDA has not yet announced proposed rulemaking and this new development may well affect the decision.*

*CFA has strongly opposed the Doris Day Animal League (DDAL) petition to require federal licensing and regulation of breeders who sell dogs and cats directly to the public. Currently, commercial breeders who sell dogs and cats at wholesale are licensed and inspected according to the Animal Welfare Act regulations. Recently, CFA requested that cat fanciers write to their own state Senators and House Representatives to ask the House and Senate Agricultural Appropriations Subcommittee members to prohibit the USDA from spending any funds to license and regulate individuals who sell dogs or cats directly at retail from their own residential premises. It worked.*

#### **US SB1193 “Boris Bill” – Safe Air Travel for Animals**

*Federal legislation would require airlines to improve handling of animals and conditions in cargo holds to alleviate pet-related problems. We expect this to begin another heated confrontation between humane organizations, led by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA, New York) and the airline industry. CFA maintains a keen interest in this issue because airlines have stated that the complaints are greatly exaggerated, problems*

*are often human error rather than deficiencies, and they are already regulated sufficiently by the Animal Welfare Act, which sets safety standards. If they are forced to comply with the unreasonable/unnecessary cargo hold climate control, tie-down requirements and increased compensation for pet-related problems in this bill, they will simply be forced to embargo pet carrying.*

#### **US SB 254/Hatch-Feinstein Amendment:**

*Utah Senator Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and California Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced an amendment to the pending juvenile justice bill to increase penalties for criminals who attack animal enterprises, establish the National Animal Terrorism and Eco-Terrorism Incident Clearing House to track animal rights terrorist crimes, and make it a federal crime to publish bomb-making instructions and plans on the Internet. The Senate has approved the amendment in an overwhelming 85-13 roll call vote and the bill is headed to the House of Representatives. Bomb instructions appear on a website run by the Frontline Information Service, a news outlet for the Animal Liberation Front. This amendment, along with the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) Call to Action against terrorism that received endorsement from the CFA Board of Directors, has raised public awareness of animal rights extremist threats to animal enterprises.*

#### **CALIFORNIA:**

*AB1482 is being hotly debated within the state's animal sheltering community. It postpones the effective date of the longer holding periods by animal control agencies and shelters for owner-surrendered animals and strays mandated by last year's Hayden bill. Recent compromise amendments require cities and counties to meet a number of conditions in order to qualify for postponement. Several shelters in the state have cancelled, or threaten to cancel, contracts with cities, and others want more time to prepare for compliance. CFA is not actively taking a position on this bill but is watching the situation with interest, since some animal control contracts are being doubled and tripled in cost in order to comply with last year's Hayden bill requirements. This could mean greater pressure to raise fees and to propose coercive legislation in the future. The situation is already affecting proposals for mandatory neuter/spay legislation in the City of LA. The bill has passed the Senate and is now in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.*

*SB490 prohibits a veterinarian from disclosing information about a client or a client's animal unless the client grants permission, or in response to a medical emergency involving the animal, or in response to a court order, or if required for compliance with a federal or state law. SB 490 also prohibits cities and counties from using or releasing information obtained through license applications or rabies vaccinations. The sponsor of SB 490 is the California Veterinary Medical Association and CFA supports the bill as currently written. It has passed the senate but we hear it is expected to be further amended in the Assembly.*

#### **Kern County:**

*There is renewed interest in pushing an ordinance that was proposed several years ago requiring neuter/spay of dogs and cats unless one obtains an intact animal permit for each*

*animal and a breeding permit for each male or female dog or cat “allowed to breed.” If a permit is obtained there are Animal Care Requirements and a limit of one litter per year per female dog or cat. Penalties are \$150 for first offense, \$250 for second, \$350 for third (also required altering). The board of supervisors is forming an ad hoc committee for Kern County and they want a qualified person from the cat fancy in the area (Bakersfield).*

### **Los Angeles City:**

*The CFA Southwest Regional Legislative Team, headed by Charles Ober, is working closely with George Eigenhauser, the California Federation of Dog Clubs and a paid lobbyist to prevent a restrictive spay and neuter ordinance. It would be illegal to own an intact dog or cat in LA. The City Attorney’s office is currently studying the feasibility of such an ordinance as instructed by a motion presented by Council Member Mark Ridley-Thomas. The Legislative Team has worked with the CFA Legislative Group to gather significant data and to prepare information and alternative proposals. At present the situation is being monitored with constant communication between the dog and cat fanciers. Everyone in the Los Angeles area has been asked to prepare a “telephone tree” of at least 10 people so that we can be ready to take action should an ordinance be presented to the City Council.*

***Berkeley, Shasta Lake/Redding and Rialto** are all other volatile cities in California with pending ordinances requiring spay and neuter or breeder licensing. **Dixon** is” an example of a city that passed restrictive legislation last year and now is not able to enforce. We are working on plans to introduce modifications to the existing limit law and other requirements.*

### **DELAWARE:**

***SB77**, the Pet Warranties bill has recently been amended to remove cats entirely! CFA vigorously opposed this bill both last year and this year working closely with the Greater Dover Kennel Club. The bill includes stringent requirements for breeders concerning return/exchange/payment of veterinary costs due to infectious diseases or heritable disorders. Thanks to CFA’s opposition and Clinton Parker’s presentation at the Committee on Agriculture hearing, we were able to convince the senators that the bill was not appropriate for cats. Potential pet owners need help in selecting a healthy cat, and we outlined efforts by CFA to take a more active role in encouraging breeder responsibility, but warranty laws such as this are not the answer for private breeders who sell directly to pet buyers.*

***HB310** does not allow a “domestic animal other than dogs” to run at large at any time unless under the owner’s control. One provision of this bill shows the lack of understanding of reality when it comes to cats - from “sunset to sunrise” these animals must be confined, “unless engaged in lawful hunting accompanied by the owner.” The bill, which gives authority to “remove any domestic animal not owned...,” is in essence an unowned/feral cat “trap and kill” bill for the entire state. CFA is in support of the humane alternative of trap-neuter-return (TNR) and will oppose this bill.*

### **FLORIDA:**

***Hillsborough County:** An Animal Advisory Sub-Committee, comprised of veterinarians, the Director of Animal Services and county residents, has been working on an extensive rewrite*

*of the county's Animal Ordinance. CFA Legislative Network Liaison Lynn Thompson, who is a member of this committee, has worked closely with dog fanciers, other CFA breeders and the Legislative Group to prevent some of the most restrictive provisions involving breeder permits and inspections and animal care standards. It is likely that the revised ordinance will be ready for public hearings in mid-July and CFA breeders must take action to defeat the proposal. If cattery licensing and inspection is implemented in Hillsborough County, this concept will move further throughout Florida. The HSUS proposed "Florida Facilities Inspection Act" is still pending, and we expect it will be proposed next year as well. Hillsborough County is an important battle line.*

**MARYLAND:**

*Prince George's County - Several city councils have already passed a Resolution Relating to Dog and Cat Overpopulation that will "direct and support legislation that restricts breeding through permit systems, breeding moratoriums, fines and/or low-cost spay and neuter programs." An 18-page proposal was submitted June 15th to the Brentwood Town Council in which legislation for a "short term moratorium on breeding" is outlined.*

**MASSACHUSETTS:**

*Several state bills have been "discharged"/sent back for amendments, including HB2294, licensing of cats. HB1708, which prohibits the declawing of cats, passed the Joint Counties Committee and is on the house calendar. We are still monitoring HB4052, licensing of commercial breeders ("commercial breeder" is any person who produces and sells more than one litter).*

**NEW JERSEY:**

*AB960 would require pet shops to refund the purchase price, reimburse veterinary fees or replace sick dogs and cats under certain circumstances. There is some concern that definitions of "pet dealer" may mean that cat and dog breeders could also be affected. The bill is on the full assembly calendar and we are monitoring it with the help of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC).*

*Longhill Township has just introduced legislation to limit ownership of dogs and cats to a total of four. We have provided information to a local contact to help avoid this proposal. We may need cat fanciers to help.*

**NEW MEXICO:**

*City of Albuquerque Council Bill 79 - included are modifications to existing law, which imposes a four animal limit, by requiring a permit to own more than four unsterilized dogs or cats. Neighbors within 100 feet must sign the application indicating they have no objection to the number of dogs/cats being kept at the permitted residence. A microchip may be used as a license for any cat to avoid the wearing of the rabies tag required by current law.*

## **NEW YORK:**

*Fourteen state bills are being monitored by the Legislative Group in this state, however most were introduced early in the year and have not progressed out of committee. We are now concerned with AB 1652JSB1909, licensing and regulating of “pet dealers,” because it has passed the Assembly Economic Development Committee.*

## **OHIO:**

***East Liverpool:** The CFA Legislative Group provided information and support for CHAT, Citizens for Humane Animal Treatment, in its battle against an ordinance that requires a permit fee for each dog and/or cat over a limit of five. The ordinance was passed in May and many in the community are angry and confused. CHAT does dog and cat rescue, including assistance with feral cat trap-neuter-return. Since there is no shelter in East Liverpool, which is near Youngstown, OH, and Pittsburgh, PA, dogs found as strays or relinquished by owners unwilling to pay the fee will be taken to a dog pound in the next town for euthanasia. There are no provisions at all for cats. Feral cat caretakers and others are outraged by the increased abandonment of cats since passage of this ordinance. It is unclear who (the zoning commission or the health department) will enforce the ordinance, which is “complaint driven,” and what steps the community and CHAT can take now.*

## **RHODE ISLAND:**

*Two similar bills HB5276/SB497 and SB760, calling for cat identification programs, are moving in the Rhode Island legislature. We provided input to Senator Rhoda Perry regarding this legislation last year and most comments, objections and additions have been incorporated in SB760. We still have some minor criticism of this bill; however, if these are considered this could be a model bill requiring that cats allowed outdoors by their owners be identified in a variety of ways. Standard ear tipping of unowned/feral cats, microchips, collar and tag and ear tags are all acceptable methods. “A cat kept exclusively indoors or confined in outdoor areas and maintained for pedigreed cat breeding and stud purposes” (our wording) is exempt. SB760 passed the Senate and is now in the House. Our objections to SB497 center on impoundment issues.*

## **TEXAS:**

***HB3262:** This bill authorizes veterinarians to disclose the confidential information contained in rabies certificates to a government entity. This would allow cities to enforce limit laws and other animal control ordinances. It may cause some pet owners to avoid rabies protection for their pet if they fear their privacy will be violated. Anna Sadler and other members of the Texas Responsible Pet Owners Alliance have vigorously opposed the bill; however, it has passed the House and is pending in the full Senate.*

***Victoria County:** We have received word that activists are currently working on a proposal for breeder permits. We need cat fanciers to help in this county.*

***Miller:** One extremely positive thing has happened in the last couple of days. I know that many of you wrote letters to your representatives and your senators because of the USDA matter.*

I had some very good news from Jim Holt in Washington D.C. He said the House budget went through very fast, they didn't make any changes at all. But in the Senate, here is the wording from the Senate Appropriations Bill that Jim faxed to me:

*“Animal Welfare – The Committee provides an increase of \$2,000,000 from the fiscal year 1999 level for the Animal Care Unit for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. These funds should be used to increase the number of field inspectors and to conduct follow-up inspections for non-compliance.*

*The Committee does not assume collections from unauthorized animal welfare inspection used fees as proposed in the President's budget.*

*The Committee directs the agency [USDA] not increase funding and not to expand the licensing and regulations for animal care to license and regulate persons currently exempt for its licensing and regulating requirements that breed and raise dogs and/or cats on their own residential property and sell these dogs and/or cats at retail directly to persons who purchase them for their own use and enjoyment. The committee does not believe that such an expansion of regulation is necessary to protect the welfare of the animals involved. Nor do agents have the capacity to carry out such an expansion of regulations without undermining the effectiveness of its regulations of current licensees.”*

This is not the end; for now the House and Senate budget bills differ. So, as Jim has explained to me, that means there has to be a conference. Once we know who the House conferees are then we will have to ask you to see if any of your representatives are on that list. And you will need to contact them again. If we do that then we have really blocked the USDA in this matter.

There is another bill that I think is going to have an impact for us. I just got a large packet that has to do with the “Boris Bill.” It is Federal and it has to do with air transport of animals. If this bill should go through it could cause a complete boycott on any transporting of animals. What's being asked for in this legislation is beyond what the airlines can comply with. I have a feeling that whoever is behind this wants to stop the movement of animals in the county. I don't know why, but this is what we are going to have to turn our attention to very quickly.

**(15) ANIMAL WELFARE.**

**Pam DelaBar** gave the following report:

*My main report will be given to the delegation on Friday.*

*We had two major activities since the board meeting in February. I feel CFA attendance at the HSUS Expo is absolutely necessary. The contacts and interchange with attendees at this meeting has already proven to be quite “profitable” in terms of developing working relationships with both HSUS personnel and personnel from other associations and local governments. I assisted Joan Miller and Michael Brim in the CFA booth, and we all were kept quite busy answering questions and passing out CFA literature. Joan and I also attended several classes; one of the most interesting was on current statistical trends in animal welfare. Given a*

*constrained fiscal environment, I believe that it would be most cost effective to have the CFA booth at this type of function (and the International).*

*The second activity I participated in was the South Dakota Animal Control Association annual meeting. I was given an entire day to present classes on cats – feral to fancy. The attendees were highly complimentary and appreciative to receive CFA information and pamphlets. CFA will be asked to present information at future conferences.*

*Finally, Shirley Minshew is teaching the disaster preparedness course today. I invite all of you to tour the Code 3 Associates tractor-trailer unit which serves as the Mobile Command Center for animal rescue activities during disasters. This unit will be on site for CFA delegates to tour for about four days. Please note the CFA logos on the sides of the trailer and the location of the famous Zodiac boat when it is not being used in floods. As you know, we did respond to the terrible tornadoes that struck the Oklahoma City area. This was absolutely the worst I have ever seen and experienced. And, for the first time since Hurricane Andrew, a CFA breeder and exhibitor was affected. Even though she lost her home, all her cats are fine, including one that was missing for two weeks! I will be addressing this event, as well as the other disasters we responded to this past year, on Friday at the annual meeting.*

*We have had to deal with two extremely high profile animal welfare cases since February. The later one has brought about a great deal of discussion on prevention and protocol to help breeders before conditions become too bad to rectify. This will be part of a total cattery management publication.*

*Respectfully submitted;  
Pam DeLaBar, Chairman*

**(16) SHOW SCHEDULING.**

*This committee is in the process of compiling the data received from the clubs of the Southern Region in order to develop a model program which will, in the future, involve each and every CFA Region. It remains this committee's purpose to utilize this information in such a way as to provide the show scheduler for each region a more effective, efficient and meaningful relationship with neighboring show schedulers and other CFA Regions in general. An "open" dialog between adjoining regional show schedulers could go a long way in eliminating problems occurring when two shows are scheduled on the same weekend in two different regions and yet the distance (market area) separating the two shows is only a matter of a few miles. This situation is usually a negative influence on both shows and is, under normal circumstances, a detriment to the sponsoring clubs.*

*The results of the recently completed survey of Region 7 clubs for "modeling" purposes will be made available as soon as they are compiled, and the committee's recommendations and suggestions for improvement in the area of show scheduling will also be included in the follow-up report.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jim DeBruhl, Chairperson*

(17) **JOB DESCRIPTIONS.**

**Lorna Malinen** – A job description report was given to the board members on the duties of the Legislative Committee.

At this point the board went into Executive Session. Two action motions that came from the Executive Session were for publication in the minutes. **Eigenhauser** moved that the tapes of the Executive Session be retained until after the next board meeting, that any action not otherwise reported publicly be reported in the minutes of the Executive Session, and that after approval of the minutes the tapes be destroyed. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Barnaby** moved to charge \$100 to file a protest unless it involved an animal cruelty case. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Fuller, DelaBar, Eigenhauser, Miller, Doernberg, Roy voting no.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:20 PM Wednesday, June 23, 1999.

**Thursday, June 29, 1999**

**President Williams** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He welcomed the breed council secretaries and guests. Diana Doernberg will present the meeting between the breed council secretaries and the board.

The afternoon consisted of a meeting between the board and the International Division as well as a discussion of the CFA Proposed Budget.

(18) **CFA PROPOSED BUDGET.**

Before **Fuller** presented her budget proposal, **DelaBar** addressed the board: “I don’t know if everyone is as concerned about the timing of our budget cycle. Remember that our fiscal year corresponds with our show year. In doing that we are a month and a half into our fiscal year before we approve the budget for that fiscal year. There are committees making plans and they are hoping that they will get the money to follow up on those plans for the year. I want us to consider next year changing our fiscal year to be able to accommodate our programs.” **Fuller** said that then the budget would have to come up at the February Board Meeting. **DelaBar:** Well, I would like to know what my budget is before I go ahead and start spending my money. **Fuller:** I understand, because I have the same frustration that some of this money is spent but, on the other hand, if people are used to having it...Tom? **Dent:** Years ago the show year ended in December or January. CFA’s fiscal year ran from 2/1 through 1/31. Because the normal show season seems to run the business cycle, with the scoring, the awards expense, the Yearbook, etc., the fiscal cycle was changed years ago to correspond with the show season. For CFA, April 30th seems to be the best natural break. To change the fiscal year we would have to restructure board meetings considerably. **White** agreed with **DelaBar** as to changing the fiscal year. **Eigenhauser** wants to see a long-term plan to deal with a long-term project. He wants to see more of the budget devoted to projection of long-term projects. He doesn’t think we are in a position to do a two-year budget per se, but some portion of the budget should reflect long-term planning.

**Fuller:** First of all, this is not a one-year budget. When I developed these spreadsheets I am the only one who has given the history and have printed what's out in the future. I resent the implication that this is a starting from scratch every year. We've come a long way in the last four years, from what I inherited when I came in, to what is being presented today. You may not like the answers, but the figures are a lot more forward-looking than they ever were before 1996.

**DelaBar** agreed that **Fuller's** budget analysis had truly been outstanding and that is what got her to thinking about a way to attack our budget. "In the end, we cannot control our income, but we can control our out-go. If we are coming into the year with a loss, then we need to think what we can do to correct that loss. I think it would be much better if we do this in a more relaxed context than what we experience at our annual meeting:'

Discussion then covered the possibility of coming in one day early to the February Board Meeting. **Williams:** We've been in the red, and we are trying to get in the black. Our budget this year is reflecting that we are trying to cut down and do things a little differently so that we are not coming up in the red. This is a very, very important committee, yet two years back we didn't have this committee. It is showing up that we are taking out of our reserves and we can't continue to do this and stay in business. My idea is to try to get some financial aid from somewhere to cover some of these projects, programs that we didn't have before and that we have now.

**Rothermel** spoke about his years on the budget committee and he commended Donna Fuller for doing an excellent job. "Donna has approached this in an extremely business-like manner and has shown projections that we have never received before."

**Williams:** When the cash flow slows down you really have to watch what you are doing.

**Fuller** then presented the budget noting that Grand Certificates were projected at \$5,000 rather than \$2,500. If the Breed Council dues go up to \$25, then the figure would rise from \$39,000 to \$53,000.

At this point **Rothermel** moved, at the recommendation of the breed council secretaries, that we increase the breed council dues to \$25 for the first breed and \$10 for second breeds in September 1, 1999. **Doernberg:** I don't think we can institute this until the next year, January 1, 2000. **Dent** proposed that it be set for the year 2000. **Williams** called the motion for the raise in dues to go into effect in the year 2000. **Motion Carried.**

**Rothermel** then made the motion that if the breed council members check "the box" they get the show standards free of charge. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Fuller** moved for the acceptance of a grand certificate that is suitable for framing at the charge of \$10. **Eigenhauser** spoke against the motion. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

**Fuller** reported the accepting of an advance for the CFA Cat Book from the publisher and how it would work into the budget. The percentage of royalties CFA would receive was discussed. **Angell:** Do you know what the split will be between Mordecai Siegel (the editor) and CFA? **Dent:** It will be 50-50.

Certified pedigrees are down but that is normal due to the drop in individual registrations according to Dent.

**Fuller:** The revised number for Ordinary Income is \$1,505,200.00. **Barnaby** asked for a breakdown on Yearbook salaries. **Dent** said that individual salaries would be discussed in Executive Session. Employee benefits were discussed. **Hoover** made the observation, “What we are paying out for the Yearbook, if my calculations are correct, including the salaries, employee benefits, employee pensions, payroll taxes, workmen’s compensation, we are spending \$111,000, is that correct? This is administrative. And then we are paying another \$130,000 plus \$50,000 so we figure \$180,000. We are spending \$291,000. **White** wanted to know if the published figures were “weighted” (in other words with benefits included) or were they straight salaries? **Dent:** Straight salaries.

**DelaBar** wanted to know if there were some split salaries on the Almanac staff. **Dent:** Yes, Carol’s salary reflects that. **DelaBar** also brought up the 3% staff increases in salary. **Fuller** explained how the 3% was allocated among the employees.

**Malinen** once again brought up Constitutional Amendment (Article X) that refers to “a” representative of the Central Office attending the board meetings. (It does not however say “only one” may attend). She feels only one member from Central Office should be present at the board meeting. **Hoover:** We are looking at \$7,500 worth of travel expenses for board meetings for Central Office and if we were to cut the number of people from four to two we save \$3,750, isn’t that what we are here for? **Dent:** Michael will not be at every board meeting so that is one less person. Some of that expense, however, includes travel to the International Show. **Hoover:** We are looking for ways to cut expenses. If we utilize two people instead of three then we have found a way to cut the budget. **Fuller:** We came to the conclusion that three was as low as we could go and still get things done. **DelaBar** admonished the board to stop using the staff to be “go-fers” and start doing things themselves and we could save some money. **Dent** spoke on the fact that with the audio equipment in the room, it took two people to man the tape recorders and keep a log of what is on the tapes. “I am answering a lot of questions that the board is forwarding to me and don’t have time to do this. Carol and Allene lend to the accuracy of what actually gets out of this meeting.” **DelaBar:** Isn’t that what we have an elected secretary for? **Angell:** I would like to reinforce what Tom is saying. Our board has gotten to the point where we are coming at them with so much information during our board meetings, and there is so much required, that I basically do not see how they can do it with much less than three people. We are running two tape recorders at one time to make sure that there are no overlaps or lapses, so that when I report this information to the constituents, I have a complete file. We have one person working the recorders, we have one person making a summary and labeling each of these tapes. Tom is on the spot answering questions. He can’t be doing all this other stuff. Our people say “We want the information, we want the communication, we want the knowledge.” We are just trying to give it to them.

**DelaBar:** There has got to be a way to be more cost efficient in what we are doing. **Hoover:** It’s not like we are picking on the Central Office, but when our total budget is 2.1 million and 1.0 million is the Central Office, somewhere something has got to happen because we can’t take all this money out of Pam’s committee and Betty’s committee and other important committees. **Fuller:** Central Office provides almost all the service that develops our revenue, so

we can't take away too much. **Hoover:** If we don't take some off here, all we have left is the back page, and guess who's one the back page...all of us (CFA Programs). And so that means it is all going to come out of our pockets. We're losing money here, folks. We have got to at least try to break even. Maybe we should defer this 3% to another year, until we can get this thing back on its feet. **Fuller:** Last year we gave Central Office 3% because in the prior year, when it was supposed to have been 3.9% we gave them 2.2%. **Hoover:** If we don't cut some off the top of this pile, we are never going to get the bottom of the pile to come out to zero. **Dent** explained that these raises were to keep office morale up. He is trying to keep the positions from turning over so frequently.

**Barnaby:** Everybody knows where I stand about saving money. But I sit in a position at this board table where I see what the three people from Central Office do. I don't think this is the place to cut. I do think that medical expenses are too expensive for most companies to even offer their help. If you take the cost of medical expenses off, you could probably add three to five thousand dollars to CFA's income. Everyone spoke about three people at the board meetings, but maybe what we don't need is as many Central Office people at the International Show.

**Everett** brought up having the board meetings in a more central location. "Travel has a lot of good deals out there."

**Doernberg** brought up the tedious work done by Central Office employees on registrations and how important it was to keep those people on staff. "I think that's the lifeblood of this organization. If those registrations don't go out in a timely manner then we are really going to be in trouble. The bulk of these Central Office people are not making big bucks. We do have the benefit of some of these people being there for quite a while. Those people in the office have to know specifically what we are doing. I think we are being short-sighted by trying to cut a 3% raise." **White** reminded the board that combining the Yearbook and Public Relations in Central Office would not save any money the first year. That would come later.

A lengthy discussion was held on the losses sustained by CFA in the past several years. Concerns were voiced by many of the board members who felt the organization could not keep going in this direction.

The move and expenses of Michael Brim and the Public Relations department into Central Office in New Jersey was discussed. The money public relations will receive from Friskies was brought up for discussion. Brim explained that a great deal of this goes towards taking the CFA booth to newspaper conferences, American Humane Association, veterinary conferences, pet fairs, FFA shows, pet product association conferences and various other industry related events.

**Doernberg:** I think this is an area where we need to investigate some new avenues. I don't know that taking the CFA booth to the FFA isn't the area that I'd like to see CFA investigate. I think what we need to do with our publicity is get to the people who are going to buy pedigreed cats and register them so we can increase our registration fees. I think we need to put some publicity effort into the area of promoting pedigreed cats to the general public. One of the best areas where we can do that is if we would go into a major publication like CAT FANCY or CATS. It's obvious to me that if our registrations are going down, then we are not promoting

the pedigreed cat adequately. I think we need to investigate directing our publicity in another direction.

**Angell:** In CATS magazine we have a “breed of the month” We list the popularity of that breed as it stands with CFA. CFA’s name is mentioned every single month. I do a column for them once a month and have been for the last ten years. Very few columns go by that I don’t mention CFA. I just started writing for-Hartz Mountain on hartz.com as their feline expert on their website. All these different types of media have CFA related subjects. We can ALL do our part to publicize CFA. But I agree with you, we HAVE to get our name, CFA, out to where the people think of us just like they think of AKC.

**Eigenhauser** agreed with Doernberg and Angell saying he felt we need to be out there marketing to the pet buying public. **White:** We can’t continue to be defensive about what we do...about being breeders. We are providing a service. Diana and Kitty are absolutely right, we have to do this where there are magazines that people pick up and buy. **Miller:** I see a lot of indirect benefits by going to AHA and AVMA that I don’t think many of you are realizing. For instance, when people want to talk about pedigreed cats or dogs they talk with their veterinarian. When veterinarians know about the breeds and know about CFA, then that is the information they pass on to their clients. The media is at all these events where our booth is displayed. How do you think Michael makes the contacts that he does? I think a lot of it is due to what Michael has been slowly building up over the years. **DelaBar** reminded the board that they do not have the money to “play with the big guys” (LADIES HOME JOURNAL, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, etc.). **Everett** mentioned the “free” publicity CFA was getting by having breeders interviewed by various magazines and newspapers.

**Doernberg:** I would like to see us investigate other types of marketing CFA. The bottom line is that the registrations are declining. Now, how do we pick them up? **Fuller:** One thing that we could really push is asking our breeders to give the blue slip when they sell pet kittens, marking it not for breeding, and getting them to send it in.

The board then addressed the potential of growth in the International market.

When the CFA Programs section was discussed, **White** brought up a discrepancy in her Health Committee budget and the proposed budget was changed from \$150 to \$450. **Barnaby:** I requested \$10,000 for my committee because I felt that the cost of anything done in the International Division was going to be absorbed by the International Committee. In the conversation that came across at the International meeting earlier today I was left with the impression that should we have these translations worked on by the people in the various countries and we would then send this information to the Central Office. Tom said that he could print this. I understand that this will not be charged to our budget. The cost is what I considered the buildup cost of giving Europe what it needs to get started. If there is the possibility of finding the money somewhere, and if the Central Office and other bodies involved are going to offset these costs by not charging us, then let this be raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000. I would like it to appear in the minutes that these costs would be offset. What I am really looking for is everybody’s support and help in getting this off the ground and moving up. Everybody over there is willing. We have to show willingness here. **Rothermel** moved to approve Barnaby’s request. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**DelaBar** remarked that because of cuts to her Animal Welfare Committee she was going to try to find more unique ways to budget the things that need to get done.

**Williams** said he was working on getting sponsorship for the CFA Website so that the expenses of running it would be covered. **Watson** wondered whether changing the national awards to breed awards only would cut down on expenses. **Rothermel** said he felt that he would rather see CFA promote Best of Breed kittens, championship and premiership rather than recognize another top five kittens, four of which were going to be white Persians. "I think the emphasis of this corporation has shifted to become a show-oriented, winning society rather than a breeding society. I think this is the fundamental problem that we are having in the cat fancy." **Watson**: I think the time has come to present this to the delegation and get back to being a breeder; back to the emphasis on the organization that we had which was the promotion of our breeds rather than the promotion of specific cats who happen to do well. More discussion followed on emphasizing the breeds and cats that have attained Distinguished Merit over the campaigned cats. **Everett** asked if a straw poll could be put together to ask the delegation what they think about honoring the breeds rather than individual cats. **Williams**: Your committee is Breed Awareness, I think you should do it.

**Watson** brought up the possibility of board members sharing rooms to cut costs on board meetings. **Dent** explained that sometimes a certain number of rooms were needed to be booked in order to get the meeting room free. However, if he could be advised in advance, Central Office would work on making the most economical arrangement.

**Fuller** announced that the bottom line is now negative \$34,674. **Hoover** admonished everyone to work within his or her budget. **Fuller** also stated that the board members would no longer get their Yearbooks free, which all the board members agreed was necessary. **Rothermel** moved to approve the budget. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**President Williams** then recognized Craig Rothermel for his many years of service on the CFA Board.

The Thursday meeting adjourned at 4:55PM

## 1999 CFA ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, June 25, 1999

**ANNUAL MEETING OPENING: President Williams** called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

He addressed the delegation:

*"Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, here in the beautiful city of Sacramento. It is my honest pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to the 1999 Cat Fanciers' Association Annual Meeting. As I look around the room, I see many familiar faces, but I also see many new ones! Unfortunately, I do not see several familiar faces, and the saddest part of the opening of the annual meeting is to say good-bye to dear friends and loved ones that are no longer with us; and this year is no exception. We have lost many of those who were, and are, near and dear to*

*our hearts. It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge their passing, but with great joy that we remember their time with us. They all left us a wonderful legacy to carry on, in and out of the show hall.*

*As we complete this final year of the century, it is time for us to assess our first, nearly 100 years of existence. We've had many different issues to consider, from the expansion to the International arena, the increase in registrations and recognized breeds, increased commercial sponsorship and public awareness, to the battle we constantly wage against those who would like to see our hobby destroyed. We've laughed, cried and rejoiced, celebrating our unity in the one thing that binds us all, our love for cats.*

*As we look toward the future of our hobby and association in the next millennium, we must address the circumstances that face us here and now.*

*Financially, we are in far better shape than we previously anticipated, with special thanks to Friskies and Iams, who are underwriting a variety of programs, including a portion of the International Show and breed profiles. We are considering additional options to offset our legislative administrative cost, for which we need everyone's full support, as our hobby is in serious jeopardy. In addition, we have an internal situation that can be avoided in the future. This was an extreme circumstance, but it is important that we keep a watchful eye on each other, not to condemn, but to protect. We need to be aware of any possible warning signs so that we are able to take care of our own.*

*As we begin this meeting, keep in mind the most important part of the cat fancy, the well-being of the cat. Let's continue our path of good-sportsmanship, in and out of our show halls, making this hobby an enjoyable escape from our daily lives!'*

**President Williams** then recognized **Jo Ann Miksa** and asked her to give the invocation.

**(19) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**

The first order of business was to declare a quorum present to conduct the business of the association and then to ask for the approval of the 1999 Credentials Committee: **Eve Russell (4), Chairman, Nancy Dodds (1), Nancy Krakow (2), Paula Watson (3), Jessica Everhart (5), Mary Beth Minkley (6), Nancy Petersen (6), Yvonne Griffin (7), Pat Lichtenberg (7), Hilary Helmrich (7), Jim Kincaid (7).** Alternate is **Norma Jean Bromwell (6).**

**(20) CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 1998 MINUTES.**

**George Eigenhauser** moved to approve the minutes from the 1998 Annual Meeting.  
**Motion Carried.**

**(21) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.**

**Fred Jacobberger**, CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 1999 CFA Annual Meeting, advised the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for this meeting:

1. The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates. 2. Motions to (a) table or (b) to move the previous question or (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted. 3. Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments. 4. The seconding of motions shall not be required. 5. The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after closing debate. 6. Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending. 7. An affirmative vote of no less than 100 votes is required to compel a roll-call vote. 8. When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the constitution of the CFA, Inc., its charter, by-laws, and applicable rules of law, Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting. **Motion to Approve. Motion Carried.**

**(22) WELCOMING OF INTERNATIONAL GUESTS.**

**President Williams** welcomed all International guests and dignitaries.

**(23) TREASURER'S REPORT.**

***CFA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

*Copies of the audited Financial Statements of CFA as of April 30, 1999 are available here today for distribution. (See Mr. Dent or one of the Central Office staff.) CFA's balance sheet remains in a healthy position with sufficient working capital for normal operations and no long-term debt, although there was a significant decrease in cash as compared with 1998. The income statement also continues a prior trend, albeit a disappointing one, with a loss of \$93,000 as compared with a loss of \$73,000 last year. This loss also compared very unfavorably to the budgeted income of \$26,000.*

*Before I discuss the factors contributing to this performance, I want to assure this delegation that the Budget Committee and the board are not taking this situation lightly. We have taken steps to streamline operations and are actively seeking new funding (not just from traditional pet industry sources) to relieve the expense burden of necessary programs. While some of these actions (e.g., consolidating the PR and Yearbook functions into Central Office) won't show an immediate improvement in the bottom line, we look forward to savings and efficiencies in future years which will position us for financial health into the new millennium. The board alone cannot effect all the changes needed to return CFA to financial health; we need the help of everyone in CFA. An example is the unselfish action yesterday by the breed council secretaries, who volunteered to have the breed council dues increased. THANK YOU, breed council!*

*Registration revenues continued their decline again this year. Litter and individual registrations have declined more than 15% just in the last three years, and this trend is showing no signs of reversal. We need to find ways to encourage more registrations and increase these basic revenues. One thing that every person here could do to help is to give not-for-breeding blue slips to every pet kitten buyer and encourage them to register their pet with CFA. Just this action by all our active breeders could slow or perhaps stop the decline in registrations.*

*The board took action on Wednesday to change not only the fees for basic registration services, but also to make a change in the procedures which we hope will help encourage more*

registrations. Effective January 1, 2000, the following registration services are **increased from the current \$7 to \$8**: litter registration, individual registration when done at the time of litter registration, transfer of ownership, or corrected certificate. A new category of individual registration is created: "**prepaid registration**," which permits payment of the individual registration fee (at the \$8 fee) at the time of litter registration without submitting a kitten name or new owner name. Instead of a "blue slip," a different color slip will be returned to indicate that the registration fee has already been paid, so no additional fee would be required when the kitten is first named and registered. The prepayment will be honored for three years from date of payment. Kittens in the litter not prepaid or registered at the time of litter registration will continue to be issued a blue slip; when blue slips are sent in **later** for individual registration, a **\$10** fee will apply.

Items of ordinary income (other than registrations) that declined substantially from the prior year included certified pedigrees (\$25,000 decline) and funding from corporate sponsors (\$31,000 decline). Income from championship confirmations, club dues, and show license fees all increased due to the rate changes implemented by the board last year. These three categories of revenue now reflect a reasonable approximation of the costs to service these functions. International Show results rose from a \$9,300 loss last year to over \$15,000 profit (after Winn donation) this year.

One ordinary income item needed to be adjusted this year. The cost of "show insurance" has remained at \$60 per show for the last several years. However, the actual cost of this service to clubs increased significantly this year so we had to adjust the amounts passed through to the clubs. (This is strictly a pass-through; CFA makes no profit on this insurance but tries not to lose on it either.) Since the current cost per show is approximately \$75, the board increased show insurance to \$75 per show for all shows held after July 1, 1999. Previously licensed shows will be billed the difference.

The severe drop in Yearbook advertising (over \$44,000 decline for the 1999 book) as well as the decrease in the number of current year volumes sold combined to a loss of approximately \$52,000 for Yearbook operations. A committee composed of Tom Dent, Lonnie Hoover, Craig Rothermel and me was appointed to study Yearbook operations and make recommendations. A number of cost-saving suggestions were made and implemented. The most significant change, included with the budget approved yesterday, is the consolidation of all publications functions into Central Office. This change is being phased in over the next year to reduce the impact on both Yearbook production and on the staff members affected. Although it will take some time before any savings show in the bottom line, we believe that this move will provide more flexibility and allow us to better adapt to future changes in the needs of our customers.

Our Central Office had another good year with expenses coming in under budget and only 0.5% more than the prior year in spite of the 3% wage increase. I believe we should thank Mr. Dent and his entire staff for again providing us with a bright spot in another disappointing year.

CFA Programs expense was comparable (overall) with the prior year and with the budget. However, to position ourselves for the future, we need to look hard at the functions to

*which we allocate our dwindling funds. Each program chairman has been asked to look closely at what is being accomplished for the funds expended and search for things that can be eliminated or funded differently. Since it seems unlikely that registrations will ever again fund the entire organization's functions as they once did, we should try to find ways to fund specific functions that are important to our continued existence. One such function is the legislative work that is crucial to protecting our hobby from extinction at the hands of the animal rights fanatics. Our legislative consultants are very frugal and provide an extremely high level of service; however, the administrative costs of this function amount to over \$60,000 per year. The board would like to hear from this delegation and from the fancy at large whether they would be willing to accept a show entry surcharge (perhaps \$.25 per entry) to help defray this cost. A \$.25 per entry surcharge on the 90,000+ annual show entries would generate more than one-third of the cost to operate our legislative function.*

*This year the board moved the consideration of the annual budget from Sunday morning to yesterday afternoon. Unfortunately, the budget that was approved for the 1999-2000 fiscal year still projects a net loss. The Budget Committee and board struggled hard but could not get this budget into the black. However, the loss projected is only about a third as large as the actual loss this year. This was possible only by cutting amounts requested for various programs and asking for sacrifices from our leadership. We are consolidating functions, seeking new funding for crucial areas of operation and working very hard to restore black ink to the bottom line and to keep it there. With everyone's help, things WILL get better.*

### **INTERNATIONAL SHOW TREASURY**

*The final result on the 1998 International Show in Kansas City was a profit of \$15,000 net of a \$5000 donation to the Winn Foundation. The budget for the 1999 Kansas City show currently projects a profit of \$28,300 net of a \$5000 Winn donation. I will include for publication with this report a copy of the summary financial data for the 1998 show and the projections for the 1999 show. Mrs. Berg has more details on the show in her report.*

### **REGIONAL TREASURY & CLUB ACCOUNTING**

*As of March 31, 1999, all seven domestic regions have reported the regional financial data in a format that I could consolidate. In the future, all regions will report a 12-month period ending March 31 for consolidation prior to CFA's year-end of April 30. I want to thank all of the regional treasurers for their cooperation in completing this major project.*

*Requests from clubs for the Quicken-based Club/Show accounting system are getting less and less frequent, so I have not updated this package to Quicken 6.0 or later. The older versions of the account and category list will load into later versions of Quicken and the software will update the file automatically when it is loaded for the first time. I will still provide the old version as well as guidance and written data to any club who asks, but will not be "marketing" this system in the future.*

*There is a continuing interest by clubs wishing to file for Federal not-for-profit tax status. I have helped several clubs with the filing process and will provide guidance on this process to any club who asks. The best time to reach me is Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 11 PM*

*Pacific time. I want to thank everyone for the support I received this year. Special thanks to Mr. Jim Barkley and Mrs. Jackie Taylor who performed the Central Office functional review and to Mr. Mark Hannon who joined us in the budget preparation cycle. The years of experience and different points of view were of great value to me. THANKS TO ALL!*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna J. Fuller*

**(24) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT.**

**CFA Public Relations Director Michael Brim** gave a delightful video presentation of CFA's media exposure.

*Thank you President Williams, greetings to the delegates of CFA member clubs and guests.*

*With your permission, I'd like to change the manner in which I present the CFA Public Relations Department's annual report this year. Instead of going through a slide presentation with text, the report will be presented in three parts.*

*Part I will consist of what I have told you so far, plus some additional items; Part II is a video presentation entitled CFA On Television, 1992-1999; and finally Part III will be the usual printed report which will appear as part of the minutes in the Almanac. Is that okay with YOU? Good, because that's how I've done it!*

***Part III:***

*The hunt for corporate sponsorship for both CFA and CFA member clubs has been a top priority from the day I started working for CFA and continues as we speak. The major focus is shifting from getting every dollar for our clubs to putting CFA first in the search for new dollars. While we'll continue to look for funding for you, the major efforts will be obtaining new funding for CFA – to help our bottom line.*

*Please help me thank our 1998-99 sponsors: The Iams Company for providing funds to cover the cost of the color CFA breed profiles, disaster relief, the CFA International Cat Show, the neuter/spay program (public service announcements) and this annual meeting; and Friskies PetCare Company for their continued sponsorship of the CFA/Friskies Cat Show Program and the ice cream break here at this annual.*

*In 1998, the Friskies PetCare Company continued its partnership with CFA to sponsoring 19 selected cat shows as lead-sponsored events, and conducted extensive public relations and promotional efforts surrounding these shows. In addition, cat show materials were supplied to 226 non-lead shows. The 1998 CFA & Friskies Cat Show Program saw 184,800 consumers attending the lead shows – an increase of 25% over 1997! The spokesperson media tour, pre-event publicity and on-site media coverage resulted in more than 210 million consumer impressions, a 44% increase over 1997! The value of the publicity generated equaled more than \$1.29 million in estimated advertising dollars.*

*The 1999 program saw the introduction of a new Friskies booth and radio promotions in all 20 lead-show markets. Requests for CFA & Friskies cat show materials continues to be strong and should outpace the number supplied during 1998.*

*The selection of lead-shows for the 2000 program year is underway and should be completed shortly.*

*For information on CATS! Wild to Mild; CFA Show of the Year; The CFA Store, PSAs and the CFA International Cat Show, see the minutes of the June 23 board meeting [see Index Item 7 on page 97].*

*With the impending move of the public relations office from Daytona Beach, Florida to the Central Office, your help is going to be needed during this transition period. Please order your television and radio spots, lists of newspapers and radio and television stations early so that we can get a timely response to your request for publicity assistance.*

*Respectfully,  
Michael W. Brim  
CFA Public Relations Director*

**(25) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**President Williams** noted that the Tellers were back and called on **Eve Russell** to give the committee report and to announce the results of the elections of the Directors-at-Large.

**Club delegates not seated and reason:**

1. **Giant Memory Bank** - President forgot that he was president and didn't sign. Delegate not seated.
2. Delegates not seated because of missing signatures on the delegate forms:

**MC Cat Club (8)**  
**Japan Saga Cat Club (8)**

3. Wrong president's signature: **Western Montana (2)** not seated.
4. The following persons were listed on three delegate forms. They must proxy one vote as only two votes be cast: **Robert Agresta, Kim Eigenhauser, Gene Darrah.**

**Bess Higuchi** fell into this same category but one club was missing a delegate signature. Thus, the delegate for **Mt. Fuji Osaka Club (8)** was not seated.

5. The following clubs were not seated due to late postmarks:

- 1) **Lincoln State Cat Club (6)** postmarked 5/7/99
- 2) **Lincoln Cat Club (6)** postmarked 5/10/99

- 3) **Hawaii Cat Fanciers (5)** postmarked 5/17/99
- 4) **Fantastic Felines of Central NY (1)** postmarked 5/29/99
- 5) **Sakura Cat Cub (8)** postmarked 5/26/99
- 6) **Cat Fanciers of Brazil (9)** postmarked 5/27/99
- 7) **Mt. Fuji Northern Cat Club (8)** postmarked 5/27/99

**Ameridream Cat Club (8)** dues and membership list received 5/21/99. Delegate not seated.

**Ballots for Director-at-Large needed to be received by 6/1/99.**

1. **Okanagan Valley Cat Fanciers (2)** received 6/3/99. Ballot not accepted.
2. 5 clubs sent ballots in wrong envelopes with no indication on the envelope of ballot contents.
3. **Make Mine Mink (1), Paumanok Cat Fanciers (1)** – Dues and membership list were placed in the wrong PO Box at Manasquan Post Office. Ballots accepted.
4. **Tonkinese Breed Association** ballot not accepted. Balloting procedures in Constitution on file with CFA were not followed. Current Constitution was e-mailed to Central Office 6/9/99.

**18 spoiled ballots. 10 improperly completed ballots. 7 ballots with less than 7 votes.**

*Election Results were as follows:*

**(26) ELECTION RESULTS.**

|     |                      |
|-----|----------------------|
| 175 | Robert Agresta       |
| 381 | Stanley G. Barnaby*  |
| 419 | Pam DelaBar*         |
| 282 | Diana Doernberg*     |
| 280 | Pat Jacobberger*     |
| 214 | Laura McIntyre       |
| 419 | Joan Miller*         |
| 242 | Robert Molino        |
| 328 | Donna Jean Thompson* |
| 286 | Betty White*         |
| 264 | Bob Zenda            |

\*=Elected

(27) **INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

The text of Linda Berg's report can be found under Index Item 8 on page 98.

(28) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

The complete text of this report can be found on page 123 of this Almanac.

(29) **ANIMAL WELFARE.**

**Pam DelaBar** gave the following report:

*First of all, I would like to acknowledge one of our guests this year, Mark McGuire. Mark is the executive director of Code 3 Associates and transported the Code 3 Mobile Command Center so that all CFA delegates can tour it. The unit is affectionately known as "BART" for Big Animal Rescue Truck and I hope each of you can find the time to tour it. BART is our home base for disaster rescue operations and is presently parked directly across from the front entrance of the hotel.*

*Secondly, I want to thank Shirley Minshew for teaching the Disaster Training course again this year. The feedback I have received from the delegates attending this year has been very favorable. It is my hope that each fancier will someday have developed a personal disaster plan, addressed estate planning to include their cats, and have obtained the knowledge to assist in their communities if the need should ever arise.*

*Article II - Objects (The Cat Fanciers' Association) states: "The Association shall be a not-for-profit organization. Its objects shall be as follows: the welfare of all cats;...."*

*As with my report to the delegation last year, I am going to report to you my activities this past year based on what my position, as chairman of animal welfare, should be doing, per the job description for the committee.*

*The CFA Animal Welfare Committee promotes the welfare of all cats through the execution of the following programs:*

- (1) *Investigate all reported alleged cases of animal abuse/neglect in CFA registered catteries and recommend disposition to the CFA Protest Committee and the CFA Board of Directors. I'm sorry to say this function has recently become very visible in the cat fancy. However; let me assure you that each case is investigated to the fullest possible extent, and no, repeat no, individuals are given preferential treatment in these matters. Our main concern, of course, is for the animals, our cats. However, in some cases we do act as advocates for the breeder. I do not assist authorities in cases involving ordinance violations dealing with limit laws or breeder licensing. In these cases I try to educate these officials on proper animal husbandry, our CFA minimum cattery standards and inspection programs. And due to the nature of many of the cases we are involved in, many actions are coordinated with the Legislative Group.*

- (2) ***Provide the proper amount of resourcing, as requested, in supporting animal rescue and relief efforts during natural and manmade disasters.*** This was a horrific year for disasters in the United States. First, Hurricane Bertha struck the same area as Hurricane Fran did previously two years ago. We were able to join up with the Carolina Animal Protections Society again and set up the rescue and relief effort. In the fall, we had to deal with the flash flooding throughout the Southeast Central portion of Texas, to include San Antonio. This flooding proved disastrous for animals, including livestock and wildlife. It was very disconcerting to see cattle and deer stuck up in trees once the waters subsided. And I personally experienced what happens when you break a cardinal rule of flood rescue work: do not take your eyes off of the flood waters in front of you when making your way through flood waters – open manholes, swimming pools and spas are highly dangerous when flooded. The third disaster was the first since Hurricane Andrew to personally affect a CFA breeder – her home was reduced to rubble by an F-5 tornado as she huddled in her bathroom with two of her cats. One of her cats was missing for two weeks. He was miraculously found in a wall of the rubble of her home. The tornadoes of Oklahoma City and the surrounding area produced some of the worse disaster scenarios I have ever experienced: animals were impaled, multitudes of animals dropped in a small area when the tornado paused, cats and dogs were so traumatized by the experience that it was almost impossible to catch them. What made this disaster so difficult for many of us was the fact that we were dealing with the pet owners first, not just for the happy reunion when we found an animal and were able to subsequently find the owner. In most of the cases, the missing pet was all that the individual had left to worry about – everything else was laying in ruins around them. However, we were fortunate to join up with a CFA breeder who is also a veterinarian. Code 3 parked BART behind Kristy McCullough's clinic which had plenty of space for BART plus had facilities for horses in addition to a large clinic set up. Kristy provided the emergency veterinary care for the injured animals we found – and she did it for free. She since has received donations to help offset her expenses. And I also want to acknowledge Pat Idleman and Mary Jo Bailey for their work on the disaster sites in the Oklahoma City area and Valerie Hull for her assistance, especially in finding us a place to set up and for checking on CFA breeders who were possibly affected by this disaster. More later on the disaster scene.
- (3) ***Sit as a member of the Disaster Relief Fund and recommend expenditures of funds in support of disaster rescue to the board of the Fund.*** I am pleased to announce that, as of June 16, 1999, the CFA Disaster Relief Fund has received its 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Therefore, donations now made to the Disaster Relief Fund can be considered charitable contributions on tax forms. The Disaster Relief Fund is now a separate organization from CFA and will be governed by a separate board of directors. A total of \$4,000 was donated to various agencies this year to support disaster rescue and relief activities. The balance of the fund, as of April 30, 1999, is \$46,429. This is a healthy amount – however a disaster like Hurricane Andrew could totally expend all these funds. Let's hope for a good year in the upcoming hurricane season.
- (4) ***Execute and monitor CFA's mandatory and voluntary cattery inspection programs per the CFA Cattery Standard.*** For calendar year 1998, there were 82 catteries that met the criteria requiring mandatory inspection of the cattery This involves the production and registration of litters resulting in 75 or more kittens in any one calendar year. Overall,

*the cattery inspection program contributed nearly \$5,500 to CFA's income, which basically supported the Animal Welfare Committee expenditures of \$5,163 this past fiscal year.*

- (5) ***Coordinate activities with the CFA Protest Committee, the CFA Animal Health Committee, the CFA Legislative Group, and the CFA Executive Committee, as needed.*** *In the tenuous environment that many of us live in at this time, with ever-changing ordinances and threats against our fancy, it is absolutely mandatory that each committee head coordinate activities and publications with the chairs of other committees. To give an example, prior to last year's annual meeting, most of us thought that a "Twisty" was something we used to tie back the unneeded portion of our double cage at a show. When the Marshall, TX situation came to light, we found out that a "Twisty" denoted a much more serious connotation and described a situation that was totally abhorrent to CFA. A response to the public outcry on this situation necessitated quick coordination among the Welfare Committee, Health Committee, Legislative Group and Central Office in order to put forth CFA's stand on this type of breeding practice. Many of us were interviewed by the media and various research groups, and it was essential that we had a common stand. Of course, the Animal Welfare Committee constantly coordinates with recommendations on protests.*
- (6) ***Provide information and education for proper cattery management.*** *I have provided this information in several formats. However, the main effort, an overall booklet on cattery management, is still in the development phase and new ideas for content are still forthcoming. This is still a work in progress.*
- (7) ***Present education programs on CFA breeds and animal welfare programs to veterinary students and state/local humane and animal control officials.*** *I had two opportunities to present CFA programs to this segment of the population. First, I feel my attendance at the HSUS Expo in February helped to promote CFA's programs, specifically animal welfare programs, to start a dialogue with traditional opponents, per se. It is my philosophy that we cannot change mind sets if we don't have the opportunity to talk, face to face. And believe me, it is starting to work – as evidenced by my second opportunity to promote CFA's cats and programs. I was invited and did present an entire day's program on CFA breeds and programs to the state conference for the South Dakota Animal Control Association. I was invited to present this program by the regional director for HSUS. And thanks to him, we, CFA, had the chance to reach an entirely new audience and gain a new group of supporters.*
- (8) ***Promote and provide, as requested, trap, test, vaccinate, alter, release, and maintenance programs of managed "feral" cat colonies.*** *Our budget is currently precluding actual sponsorship of i VAR programs at this time; however, any club or group wishing to sponsor this activity in their areas please contact me and I will assist in any way possible.*

*I wish to thank you, the delegates for our CFA clubs, for your support of the Animal Welfare program. Because of your generosity, we have been able to provide support to those in*

*dire need. And, because of your insistence on excellence and support of high standards, we are truly setting the standard for the entire cat fancy. CFA is THE Vanguard.*

*I'll close now with a few slides of those affected by disasters this past year. Thank you again for your love of cats.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Pam DelaBar, Chairman*

**DelaBar** showed the delegation the true heartbreak involved with Disaster Relief and Animal Welfare. A very intense video was played and this secretary vouches to say there was not a dry eye in the room when it was over.

**(30) BREED AWARENESS.**

*This is an all-new CFA committee that was established to assist in our efforts to promote CFA's pedigreed breeds to the general public.*

*To this end, our initial focus has been on developing ways to capture the interest of spectators at our shows by identifying the various unique traits and personalities of each breed in a positive way.*

*One of the test methods has been to involve the spectators in the judging ring by allowing them to guess what the breeds are, and to try and identify the colors. This survey brought out that the majority could identify the Persian, the Himalayan (Persian) pattern and the Siamese – but few other breeds were easily identified.*

*As far as colors were concerned, blue was identified as gray, red as orange and black kittens with changing coats as smokes. They did a pretty good job with the calicos! Many of the children did better at guessing the breeds as they had picked up literature or seen programs on TV about cats. The bottom line was that the public loved the involvement and the opportunity to participate in the survey.*

*This forum also provided an excellent opportunity to talk about CFA, our cats, our shows and what a great hobby/sport that owning and showing cats can be.*

*The media also has been used during these discussions, which were well received, with their filming the judge, cats and audience. The cats, of course, were the main focus and played up to the camera.*

*We have gone a step further to try another concept by offering, on a trial basis, shows with added Breed, Group and Best in Show wins for the Breeds/Divisions. Surveys will be made available for these two trial shows to determine how they were received. Exhibitors' opinions will be solicited to determine if they liked the format and to encourage them to offer suggestions for improving the process. The main focus is to elevate the interest in each of our breeds.*

*The two trial shows will be Portland Cat Club – Portland, OR on June 24, 2000 and Palisades Cat Club, New York, NY on March 4-5, 2000.*

*These two trial shows are offered for your valuable input as an alternate format, just as I brought before the delegation many years ago when I presented the multi-ring format – six to eight rings rather than only four rings per show. Mark Hannon headed up the trial show of six rings in the east and myself the show in the west, with our crews. The surveys were positive and the rest is history!*

*In closing, we ask you for your support in our quest, to help bring CFA's beautiful pedigreed cats to the attention of the public in the same way the dog fancy has for their world of dogs. We can do it together!*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Everett*

**(31) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

*Good Morning! I'm Jo Ann Cummings, the Secretary of the Judging Program Committee.*

*The Judging Program Committee has been working together for one year. I'd like to introduce the members of the Committee (and ask them to stand): Loretta Baugh handles Education (workshops, judging school) as well as the Mentoring Program; Wayne Trevathan administers judges from training to approved allbreed from Japan and the International Division, and also handles guest judging assignments, both CFA to non-CFA and vice versa; Toni Woolard handles Education as well as protests and complaints; Annette Wilson administers the trainee program for North America; and I process applications to the Judging Program and administer the advancement of judges from apprentice through approved allbreed.*

*Some of the things we've introduced or enhanced during our first year are:*

- Expansion of the trainee evaluation forms;*
- Addition of training session feedback forms (with input from Rachel Anger);*
- Revision of the Judging Program Rules to include documented cattery visitations;*
- Introduction of specific requirements for non-CFA international judges to encourage their application to the CFA Judging Program.*

*Yesterday, the CFA Board approved revised requirements for application to the Second Specialty. Second Specialty applicants will now have the **OPTION** to meet requirements through **EITHER** breeding **OR** exhibiting. In addition, grand premiers will be accepted as well as grand champions for meeting Second Specialty requirements.*

*Trainees from Japan will now be required to complete two training sessions in the United States.*

*I'll now turn this over to Annette Wilson, who will announce the news many have been waiting for - the results of the board's decisions on the acceptance and advancements at yesterday's board meeting.*

*Please stand as your name is announced and remain standing: Becky Orlando, Shorthair Trainee; Tohru Aizawa, Shorthair Apprentice; Ed Davis, Shorthair Apprentice; Steve Gardea, Shorthair Apprentice; Ayumi Ueda, Longhair Trainee; Beverly Woods, Longhair Apprentice; Ed Yurchick, Longhair Apprentice; Kayoko Koizumi, Approval Pending Shorthair; Edward Maeda, Approval Pending Shorthair; Rachel Anger, Approval Pending Allbreed; Rhett Bockman, Approval Pending Allbreed; Deborah Ritter, Approval Pending Allbreed; Norman Auspitz, Approved Allbreed; David Mare, Approved Allbreed; Darrell Newkirk, Approved Allbreed.*

*We'd also like Donna Jean Thompson and Kim Everett to stand – please join us in thanking them for their dedication and commitment to the Judging Program. Their knowledge and assistance in the transition to the committee has been invaluable.*

*We also appreciate the wealth of knowledge that Jeannie McPhee brought to the committee for the time she was able to participate.*

*If all CFA judges in the audience will now stand – FOR YOUR APPRECIATION AND APPLAUSE, we now present to you your CFA Judges.*

*The committee appreciates the time, patience and cooperation of the clubs who allow our trainees to work at their shows and provide input to advancements by completing evaluations. Special thanks to exhibitors who permit trainees to handle their cats - the experience that is gained is invaluable. Thanks to the instructing judges who are so giving of their knowledge to our trainees.*

*Finally, we thank all of the members of the CFA Board for their patience, input and willingness to listen.*

*Please know that the Judging Program Committee members are approachable if you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact any of us.*

*Thank you.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Ann Cummings, Secretary  
Judging Program Committee*

**(32) CLERKING PROGRAM.**

*Good morning.*

*This year, at the awards program on Saturday night, for the first time we will be awarding clerking pins for years of active service to the program. The pins are to be awarded in five-year increments, starting with 10 years of service up to 30 years of service. I hope that the pins will be well-received. I think that they are quite nice.*

*We have scheduled a clerking school to be taught by Nancey Abbott in conjunction with the annual meeting; however, as of this writing (early June) there has been a very poor response to the school. Schools have recently been held in the North Atlantic, Midwest and Gulf Shore*

*Regions. The response to the Gulf Shore school was tremendous, with a full slate of 25 students. Schools are planned for the Southern Region and Japan in the near future. As always, thanks to Edward Maeda for his hard work with the clerking program in Japan.*

*I handed out a questionnaire with the February clerking report to the board meeting - no one has responded. I know that some of the regionals have appointed either a clerking committee or a person to coordinate clerks in their region. I have copies of the questionnaire with-me. Please take a moment to respond. It will help greatly.*

*This year was the “off-year” for testing; however, I am already formulating questions for next year’s dreaded test. Suggestions for questions or subject matter are most welcome.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Kusy  
CFA Clerking Program Chairperson*

**(33) CLUBS PRESENT REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL.**

At this point **Williams** announced there were 517 clubs present; 345 would be needed for a two-thirds vote.

**(34) HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**Betty White** presented the Health Committee Report.

***What Is the Health Committee Supposed To Do?***

*It works to assist you and cat owners everywhere in improving the health of cats by providing information, guidance, referrals and resources concerning feline health matters.*

***What Has the Health Committee Done This Past Year?***

*We have continued to add pertinent health topics to our website, and are especially pleased with the response. While we regard this effort primarily as a service to the general population, we have been gratified to learn that the articles are being read by members of the veterinary community as well. If you have not done so, please visit the CFA site at <http://www.cfainc.org> and look for us.*

*The website health articles are also now available in pamphlet form from the Central Office at a low cost. The first to become available dealt with Polycystic Kidney Disease and was available at this meeting last June. Since that time all the website articles have been printed. Our thanks to Allene Tartaglia for her help in this large undertaking.*

*Last July I joined Michael Brim in Baltimore at the largest general meeting ever of the American Veterinary Medical Association, attending scientific presentations, meeting researchers, and helping Michael answer veterinarians’ questions about CFA. This meeting was reported to you in the September Almanac.*

*We continue to monitor the professional literature, and report significant advances, information and data to you. This is reflected in the Health Committee reports to the board of directors and articles solicited for reprint in the Almanac.*

*This spring I wrote to all the veterinary schools in the United States in an effort to solicit research manuscripts for publication in the Almanac and on our website. As a result, the CFA Health Committee has been placed on a number of veterinary school mailing lists, and we have received letters of appreciation for our invitation.*

### ***Does the Health Committee Have Anything to Report Today?***

*The May 1999 Journal of The American Veterinary Medical Association reported the results of a scientific study on the health status and population characteristics of dogs and cats examined at private veterinary practices in the United States. Of interest to you with regard to health was that the most commonly reported disorders were dental calculus and gingivitis, a state of affairs true for dogs as well as cats. After other shared complaints such as fleas, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, and vomiting, cats were most likely to be examined because of renal disease, cystitis, and feline urologic syndrome.*

*This leads me into a short note on Polycystic Kidney Disease. This disease, discovered more than 30 years ago, has been attacked with a vengeance by Persian and Exotic breeders during the past 18 months. I should like to share two things with you. The first is that there is increasing evidence that this is not just a disease of Persians and Exotics; I would urge breeders of other breeds to consider scanning. The second thing is the pride that the Health Committee has in American Persian breeders. Of the 6,789 Persians tested worldwide for PKD as of June 1, 5,384 are from the United States. These breeders are leading the world in an assault on this disease, and we members of the CFA Health Committee salute you.*

### ***Who Belongs to the Health Committee?***

*All of you present please stand: Karen Lawrence, who spends countless hours on the website; Penny Copes, who likewise spends hours monitoring a variety of websites for health topics; Gayle Hand; Jennifer Reading; and veterinarians Nikki Crandall-Seibert, Susan Little and Judy Zinn. Thank you all.*

### ***Schools of Veterinary Medicine Outreach***

*Wishing to obtain articles of interest for the Almanac and web site, I wrote letters in late February to all of the veterinary schools in the United States. I told them something about the Cat Fanciers' Association, described our publications, and expressed our interest in publishing their research. While we have not yet received a manuscript, many of the schools have placed the CFA Health Committee on their mailing lists and we have received letters of thanks for our invitation. Since we are now on a number of school mailing lists, we are receiving several newsletters and press releases. This is an excellent initial response to my mailing, and gives the Health Committee an opportunity to stay abreast in quicker fashion. It is a bonus not really considered when the letters were written, and I still have every expectation that research manuscripts will follow.*

## ***CFA Health Committee Website FAQ (frequently asked questions)***

*In addition to contacting schools of veterinary medicine, I also asked the Veterinary Information Network to post our request for informative material for the website. New articles added by Health Committee member Susan Little since my last report are noted below:*

- *<http://www.cfainc.org/articles/health-urinary-obstructions.html> (Susan Little DVM, Dipl ABVP Feline) – examination of this disease of the lower urinary tract.*
- *<http://www.cfainc.org/articles/health-urinary-obstructions.html> (Susan Little DVM, Dipl ABVP Feline) – discussion of feline bladder stones and urinary obstructions.*

## ***Almanac Article***

*The Health Committee monitors professional magazines on a monthly basis to identify topics of interest to CFA's breeders. I was very pleased to obtain permission from Jean Ryan-Gullahorn, DVM, and Feline Practice to reproduce her excellent article, "Fading Kittens." It appeared in the May issue of the CFA Almanac.*

## ***Radioactive Beads as Cancer Treatment***

*A few veterinary colleges in the United States are employing brachytherapy, an implantable radiation treatment, when surgery cannot be employed or is not enough to remove cancerous tumors. The use of these radioactive beads is suggested for certain tumors that are not likely to spread to other parts of a cat's (or dog's) body.*

*This treatment requires the services of a veterinarian licensed to work with radioactive substances, and the procedure involves the insertion of a hollow, sterile plastic tube called an "after-loading tube." It is inserted into the tumor bed after as much of the tumor as possible is removed. Once the wound is closed, the radioactive beads are "essentially strung together on a plastic wire" and fed into the after-loading tubes. Animals undergoing this treatment are kept in isolation because the beads provide a continuous, low level dose of radiation. Brachytherapy is of shorter duration than conventional radiation therapy utilizing an external beam, thereby reducing stress to the animal. And, multiple anesthesia for daily sessions of conventional therapy is avoided.*

*It will be two or three years before the veterinarian community can say unequivocally that our cats and dogs have survived for periods of time comparable with other forms of radiation.*

## ***Acupuncture Treatment***

*East has already met West as far as human beings are concerned in employing acupuncture for the relief of pain and other common chronic conditions such as arthritis. This unconventional treatment used by the Chinese for centuries is now finding proponents in the veterinary community.*

*While cats cannot tell a veterinarian how they feel, they are observed to become very relaxed during an acupuncture treatment. This is the same physiological change that occurs in human beings because of the release of certain neurotransmitters in the brain which produce feelings of happiness and well-being.*

*The controversial nature of acupuncture has always revolved around the lack of clinical research by the Chinese. Since this treatment has been studied now in this country for nearly 50 years, it is hoped that a few more years will produce the scientific evidence that will establish acupuncture as more than just a very ancient art.*

### **DNA Testing**

*We are continuing to investigate DNA testing technology. However, we feel that we must proceed slowly until we have refined our own objectives and can match these objectives with the specific procedure that will serve us best. The technology itself is still relatively new, and to rush into any program at this point would not be in our best interests. This has been the advice of those professionals with whom I have consulted.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Betty White  
Chair, CFA Health Committee*

### **(35) WINN FOUNDATION.**

The complete text of this report can be found on page 125 of this Almanac.

### **(36) INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

The text of Stan Barnaby's report can be found under Index Item 6 on page 98.

### **(37) ANNUAL MEETING 2000.**

**Lonnie Hoover** encouraged the delegation to come to the annual meeting in June 2000 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He stressed the inexpensive accommodations as well as a wealth of things to do and see. New Mexico is a state filled with natural wonders and beautiful terrain as well delicious southwestern cuisine. Make plans for all the fun in 2000!

### **(38) ANNUAL MEETING 2004.**

Southern Regional Director **Jim DeBruhl** announced that the 2004 CFA Annual Meeting would be held in Orlando, Florida, home of Disney World and many other attractions.

### **(39) INSURANCE REPORT.**

Scott Allen of Whitaker/Myers Insurance Agency made a presentation before the delegation. He explained the insurance coverage of CFA. This coverage includes coverage of plant, equipment, crime, club policies, workman's compensation, Director and Officer's Liability coverage, group travel accident coverage which includes staff, the board of directors, and judges.

The delegation then broke for lunch and was treated to an excellent buffet and presentation by The Iams Company.

**(40) AMENDMENTS & RESOLUTIONS.**

**Secretary's note:** Half of the Amendments and Resolutions were presented on Saturday, June 26, 1999. For the sake of continuity, they are listed all together.

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.**  
**1999 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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*– 1 – Fallen Timbers Shorthair Fanciers, Premier Power, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Cat Club of the Palm Beaches*

**RESOLVED:** amend the CFA Constitution, Article IV, Article VI, Article VII and Article VIII as follows:

These changes are to be implemented in the following manner:

- All seven (7) Directors-at-Large elected in 1999 will serve their entire term of two years. When elections for Directors-at-Large are held again in 2001, only six (6) will be chosen.
- The Central Office will notify all clubs whose regional affiliation is affected by with these amendments no later than December 31, 1999. This will enable all clubs to know which region they are in and be able to participate in appropriate regional activities and elections.
- All regional reassignments necessitated by these changes will become fully effective on May 1, 2000. All clubs will participate in 2000 elections for their ultimate region of assignment (e.g. if a club moves to region X on May 1, 2000, the club will vote for Regional Director for Region X during the 2000 elections).
- The election procedures for electing Regional Directors in 2000 will include electing Regional Directors for the new regions identified in this amendment. Clubs will elect a Regional Director only for their region of assignment.
- Regional Directors elected during the 2000 election will begin service at the Annual Meeting in June 2000 and continue to serve in accordance with the Constitution.

Change ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 - Annual Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions

listed below successively (excluding the Japan region), beginning in 2000 ~~1982~~ and in the following order:

~~Gulf Shore, Central,~~ Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, Northwest ...

AND change ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 - Titles:

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) ~~eight~~ Regional Directors, one representing ~~the each~~ geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and six ~~seven~~ Directors-at-Large...

AND change ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 - Membership:

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the nine (9) ~~eight (8)~~ Regional Directors, and the six (6) ~~seven (7)~~ Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board...

AND change ARTICLE VIII - REGIONS:

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, and Japan are divided into nine (9) ~~eight (8)~~ geographical regions as follows:

#### NORTH ATLANTIC

Bermuda; Quebec; Newfoundland; New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; P.E.I.; ~~Canada (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian),~~ Connecticut; Delaware; Maine; Massachusetts; New Hampshire; New Jersey counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, and Union; New York (except counties in Great Lakes Region); ~~(East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian),~~ Pennsylvania (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Rhode Island; and Vermont.

#### NORTHWEST

Alaska; California north of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, ~~(North of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel),~~ Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, North West Territories, Yukon; ~~Canada (West of the western border of Manitoba),~~ Idaho; Montana; Nevada except Clark county; ~~(North of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel);~~ Oregon; Utah; Washington; and Wyoming.

#### CENTRAL GULF SHORE

Arkansas; Colorado; Kansas; ~~Kansas (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel),~~ Louisiana; Mississippi; New Mexico; Oklahoma; Tennessee counties of Fayette, Shelby, and Tipton; ~~(West of the Tennessee River),~~ ~~Texas and Wyoming.~~

## GREAT LAKES

Canadian province of Ontario (south of Canadian Rt. 17 from Sault Ste. Marie to Mattawa); Canada (East of the 99<sup>th</sup> Meridian and West of the 77<sup>th</sup> Meridian); Indiana; Kentucky; (North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel); Michigan; Lower Peninsula of Michigan; New York counties of Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> Meridian); Ohio; Pennsylvania counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Green, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland; and West Virginia counties of Brooke, Hancock, and Marshall.

## SOUTHWEST

Arizona; California counties of Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura (South of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Hawaii; Nevada Clark county (South of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel).

## MIDWEST

Upper Peninsula of Michigan; Northern Ontario (north of Canadian Rt. 17 from Sault Ste. Marie to Mattawa), Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 99<sup>th</sup> meridian), Illinois; Iowa; Kansas (North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel); Minnesota; Missouri; Nebraska; North Dakota; South Dakota; and Wisconsin.

## SOUTHERN

Alabama, ~~District of Columbia,~~ Florida, Georgia, ~~Kentucky (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Maryland,~~ North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee except counties in South Central Region, (East of the Tennessee River) and the U.S. Virgin Islands ~~and Virginia.~~

## MID ATLANTIC

Pennsylvania except counties in Great Lakes Region, New Jersey except counties in North Atlantic Region, Delaware Maryland Virginia, West Virginia except counties in Great Lakes Region, and District of Columbia.

## JAPAN

Japan.

### Summary of Changes

1. A new region was added and others reconfigured. While the order for hosting the Annual Meeting was not changed, the new region was inserted into the rotation so that it has the maximum time available to prepare to host an Annual. (Article IV)
2. Appropriate adjustments have been made to properly reflect the correct numbers of Regional Directors and Directors-at-Large. (Articles VI & VII) This keeps the number of Board members the same as currently seated.

3. To the greatest extent possible the regional boundaries follow political boundaries, i.e., state and provincial lines.

**RATIONALE:** The demographics of the country have changed dramatically since the original establishment of the regional boundaries. However, there has been no readjustment to reflect these changes. It is now time to take a step forward to provide an opportunity for more fanciers to win regional awards and to participate in regional activities.

The delegates at the 1997 Annual requested a study by the Board to investigate the possibility of increasing the number of regions. Factors analyzed by the study committee included population density, clubs, exhibitor trips, and shows per region. Also critical in redistribution is consideration of the impact on the economic health of CFA and the regions. These criteria were balanced to the best ability of the committee to develop this proposal.

Vote yes on this amendment and improve the quality and equality of the CFA regions.

### **OUT OF ORDER.**

*- 2 - Sunkat Feline Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to change the CFA Constitution, Article IV, Article VI, Article VII and Article VIII as follows:

(Additional text not listed in these changes that appear in the original are meant to remain unchanged.)

Change ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 - Annual Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan region), beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Pacific, Great Lakes, Southwest.

AND change ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 - Titles:

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine ~~eight~~ Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and six ~~seven~~ Directors-at-Large.

AND change ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 – Membership:

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the nine (9) ~~eight (8)~~ Regional Directors, and the six (6) ~~seven (7)~~ Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

AND change ARTICLE VIII — REGIONS:

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Japan are divided into nine (9) ~~eight (8)~~ geographical regions as follows:

#### NORTH ATLANTIC

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Rhode Island, and Vermont.

#### NORTHWEST

Alaska, ~~California (North of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel),~~ Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, ~~Nevada (North of the 32<sup>nd</sup> parallel),~~ Oregon, ~~Utah,~~ and Washington.

#### GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River) Texas and Wyoming.

#### GREAT LAKES

Canada (East of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian and West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Indiana, Kentucky (North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Michigan, New York (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), and West Virginia.

#### SOUTHWEST

Arizona, California (South of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel).

#### MIDWEST

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian), Illinois, Iowa, Kansas (North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

#### SOUTHERN

Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River), the U.S. Virgin Islands and Virginia.

## PACIFIC

California (North of the 36<sup>1</sup> parallel), Nevada (North of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel) and Utah.

## JAPAN

Japan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these changes are to be implemented in the following manner:

- All seven Directors-at-Large elected in 1999 will serve their entire term of two years. When elections are held again in 2001, only six (6) Directors-at-Large will be elected to bring the number of Board members back to the number stipulated in the Constitution.
- The Central Office will notify all clubs whose region is changed with these amendments no later than December 31, 1999. This will enable all clubs to know which region they are in and be able to participate in regional activities and elections.
- All regional reassignments necessitated by these changes will become fully effective on May 1, 2000. All clubs will participate in 2000 elections for their ultimate region of assignment. (e.g., if your club moves to Region X as of May 1, your club will vote for Regional Director for Region X during the 2000 elections.)
- The election procedures for electing Regional Directors in 2000 will include electing Regional Directors for the new region identified in this amendment. Clubs will elect the Regional Director for their region of assignment as of May 1, 2000.
- Regional Directors elected during the 2000 election (including those elected for the new regions) will begin service at the Annual Meeting in 2000 and continue to serve in accordance with the Constitution.
- The first Annual to be hosted by the new Pacific Region will be in 2008. This gives the new Region 8 years from its inception to prepare.

### **Summary of Changes**

1. This change splits the current Northwest Region into two regions, creating a new Pacific Region from Northern California, Northern Nevada and Utah. This region is added to the order of hosting the annual to give it the maximum amount of time to prepare.
2. The number of Regional Directors is changed to indicate the addition of the Pacific Regional Director.
3. The number of Directors-at-Large is reduced by one to ensure the number of Board members remains the same.

4. The description of each region is adjusted to correctly list the regions, their boundaries and their names.

**RATIONALE:** The Northwest (Region 2) is physically the largest region in CFA, encompassing all the area from Bakersfield in the south north to Canada and Alaska and east to Montana.

The physical size of the Northwest Region is a problem to many exhibitors in our region. Exhibitors complain that they cannot travel to the rest of their region and often don't get to see people against whom they are regionally competing. Also, regional activities (Qualifiers, award banquets, etc.) are always located a great distance from somebody who would otherwise attend. Physical distances also hamper showing between areas within this region and contribute to the psychological separation between exhibitors seen within this region.

This change directly addresses the size issue. This proposal creates a more even distribution of real estate and reduces the propensity for rivalry between widely separated locales.

An examination of the number of clubs in each of the proposed new regions indicates that this split also divides the number of clubs between the new regions evenly. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Canada (Region 2) will have 49 clubs and California, Nevada and Utah (Region 9) will have 53 clubs.

Adding another region also increases the availability of rewards for cat fancy participation. The argument that this somehow cheapens the title "Regional Winner" does not acknowledge the fact that we participate in the cat fancy in order to get some "reward" for our efforts. If those rewards are too difficult to obtain, exhibitors will find something else to do that provides the necessary "pat on the back." Exhibitors must still earn any reward, but the addition of the Pacific Region increases the availability of rewards and encourages exhibitors to be more active.

Along with increased fancier activity comes growth. When we have more active exhibitors (due to increased availability of rewards), we will have more fanciers come to our hobby. This is growth and growth is what CFA needs.

Sunkat Feline Fanciers urge the delegates to vote FOR this new region.

## **OUT OF ORDER.**

### **- 3 - *Hunt Country Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** To amend CFA's Constitution, Article IV, Section 1; ARTICLE VI, Section 1 and 2; ARTICLE VII, Section 1; ARTICLE VIII as follows, effective January 1, 2000:

#### **ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS Section 1 - Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions

listed below successively (excluding the Japan region), beginning in ~~1982-2000~~ and in the following order: ~~Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic Northwest, Mid Atlantic, Pacific.~~

There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the ~~seven~~ nine Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence by the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. If no city is selected at the Annual Meeting, then the Executive Board shall be empowered to select a city from within the eligible Region for such meeting. Written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office by first class mail not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting. (~~Caveat; sites for the 1985, 1986, and 1987 Annual Meetings shall be chosen at the 1982 Annual Meeting.~~)

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### Section 1 - Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~eight-ten~~ nine Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and ~~seven~~ five Directors-at-Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

### Section 2 - Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years.

All elections shall be conducted by mail ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of two (2) years (even if the number of Regional Directors or Directors-at-Large changes as a result of an amendment to this Constitution), or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies.

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region.

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any member in good standing of any member club may run for any office or for Director-at-Large, and any member in good standing of any member club assigned to a particular region may run for Regional Director from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

d. Candidate Declarations. Persons intending to run for any office or directorship shall declare their intention to do so by written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office or directorship intended. Declarations must be received by the Central Office by the close of business on March 15 of the year in which the election is held. Declarations shall not be accepted other than as provided herein, and nominations shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Said ballots shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than ~~seven (7)~~ five (5)) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the ~~seventh (7th)~~ fifth (5th) position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

## ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Section 1 - Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ~~eight (8)~~ ten (10)

Regional Directors, and the ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

Any immediate past President of this Association shall be a member of the Executive Board with all rights and privileges of Directors for a period of one (1) year after retiring as President, unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of an Annual or Special Meeting of members revokes this term of office.

## ARTICLE VIII - REGIONS

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Japan are divided into ~~eight (8)~~ ten (10) geographical regions as follows:

### NORTH ATLANTIC

~~Bermuda~~, Canada (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Rhode Island and Vermont.

### NORTHWEST

Alaska, ~~California (North of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel)~~, Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Oregon, ~~Utah and Washington~~ and Wyoming.

### GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, ~~Kansas (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel)~~, Louisiana, ~~Mississippi~~, New Mexico, Oklahoma, ~~Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River)~~, and Texas and Wyoming.

### GREAT LAKES

Canada (East of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian and West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Kentucky (~~North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel~~), Michigan (lower peninsula), New York (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian) and West Virginia.

### SOUTHWEST

Arizona, California (South of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel).

### MIDWEST

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas (~~North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel~~), Michigan (upper peninsula), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

## SOUTHERN

~~Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina and Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Virginia.~~

## JAPAN

Japan.

## MID ATLANTIC

Bermuda, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

## PACIFIC

California (North of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Nevada (North of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel) and Utah.

**RATIONALE:** This amendment addresses many of the issues that have been expressed with regards to regional assignments. Most importantly, it tries to **MAINTAIN** current regional boundaries and number of Directors, while aligning most regions to state lines. The addition of the PACIFIC region with the resulting reduction in physical size of the Northwest and Gulf Shore regions and the addition of the MID ATLANTIC region addresses concerns about distance exhibitors have to travel to attend shows and banquets within **their** region. It is not based on population density or show activity, which we feel is **not** a valid criteria for regional assignment. Those issues can be addressed in another manner if the delegates feel there is a need to do so. **This amendment makes CFA shows, qualifiers and awards banquets more accessible to exhibitors in their regions and will promote a strong sense of regional spirit and camaraderie.**

Below is a map that roughly outlines the new regional assignments:

1) North Atlantic, 2) Northwest, 3) Gulf Shore, 4) Great Lakes, 5) Southwest, 6) Mid West, 7) Southern, 8) Japan, 9) Mid Atlantic, 10) Pacific.

**FAILED.**

**- 4 - *Sunkat Feline Fanciers***

RESOLVED: to change Article VI and Article VII of the CFA Constitution to read as follows:

Article VI - Officers and Directors

Section 1 - Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Directors of this Association shall consist of eight Regional Directors,

representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director ~~and seven (7) Directors at Large.~~

No person may hold more than one office.

## Section 2 - Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. ~~The Directors at Large shall be elected in odd numbered years.~~

All elections shall be conducted by mail ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies.

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region.

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any member in good standing of any member club may run for any office ~~or for Director at Large~~, and any member in good standing of any member club assigned to a particular region may run for Regional Director from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

d. Candidate Declarations. Persons intending to run for any office or directorship shall declare their intention to do so by written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office or directorship intended. Declarations must be received by the Central Office by the close of business on March 15 of the year in which the election is held. Declarations shall not be accepted other than as provided herein, and nominations shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Said ballots shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. ~~Ballots in elections for Directors at Large selecting less than seven (7) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than seven) shall be considered incomplete.~~ Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, ~~or for the seventh position in Director at Large elections,~~ a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year.

Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

### Section 3 – Conflicting Memberships

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

### Section 4 – Duties

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and managing head of this Association and the Chairman of its Executive Board. He or she shall preside at all meetings of Members and of the Executive Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the meeting shall elect a presiding officer. The presiding officer at any time may request a delegate or proxy to take the chair to permit the presiding officer to take part in the meeting.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings.

The Treasurer, who shall be bonded, shall have custody of all monies of the Association and shall account for and receive and disburse the same.

Any approval for the expenditure of an amount of money by CFA that is greater than 5% of the average prior two year's net income cannot be authorized by any individual committee of the Board, but must be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

All other duties and powers of officers shall be such as the Executive Board shall from time to time determine.

In the absence of any officer except the President, or for any other good and sufficient reason, the Executive Board may delegate the duties and powers of such Officers to any other Officer or to any Director of this Association for such a period as it may designate.

#### Section 5 - Vacancies

Vacancies in any office, except that of President and/or any of the Regional Directors, may be filled by the Executive Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to that office.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional Directors and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office will mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting. Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing from the Central Office – said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope will constitute PRIME FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

When less than nine (9) months remain in the term of a Regional Director whose office is vacated, such office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of Regional Directors as provided for in Section 2, Elections, of this article.

### ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### Section 1 - Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the eight (8) Regional Directors, ~~and the seven (7) Directors at Large~~ of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

Any immediate past President of this Association shall be a member of the Executive Board with all rights and privileges of Directors for a period of one (1) year after retiring as President, unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of an Annual or Special Meeting of members revokes this term of office.

#### Section 2 - Meetings

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any seven (7) ~~ten (10)~~ members of the Board. The call shall be mailed to each member of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time, and place of the

meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

### Section 3 - Quorum

The presence of seven (7) ~~ten (10)~~ members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

This change shall be effective at the Annual meeting in 2001 at the end of the term for Directors-at-Large elected in 1999. At that time, the position of Director-at-Large will be retired.

### **RATIONALE:**

#### **Summary of Changes:**

This change eliminates the position of Director-at-Large from the CFA Constitution and eliminates this position from the Executive Board of Directors.

The number of Board members necessary to call a meeting of the Executive Board and the number of members necessary for a quorum to conduct business is reduced from ten (10) to seven (7) members. The percentage of total Board members required for each action remains the same.

#### **Reasons for this change:**

Directors-at-Large do not represent an identifiable constituency. Generally CFA is run as a representative democracy. We have our elected delegates attend the Annual meeting to voice members' concerns. Officers are elected to run the organization and we elect Regional Directors to represent our regional opinion at the Board table. Directors-at-Large do not represent an identifiable group. That is not indicative of a representative democracy. If CFA is to be run as a democratic organization, it is paramount that those who run the organization are accountable to the constituency.

**Our Board is too big.** There are currently 19 members of the CFA Board of Directors. There are too many people each trying to express their opinion on a subject that meetings are often a struggle just to get heard. A smaller, nimbler Board will enable CFA to respond quickly to its needs and enable all members of the Board to be heard equally.

**Our Board costs too much.** Currently, CFA is paying for 19 people to attend 3 Board meetings a year. That is 19 hotel rooms and 19 air fares every time the Board meets. The Central Office is also required to mail all materials to all 19 members of the board prior to each meeting. Eliminating the DAL position will save CFA one-third of these costs! That is a significant savings that CFA must make.

This change is a cost-cutting measure that will enhance the accountability of the CFA Executive Board to its member clubs. We urge the delegates to vote for this change.

**FAILED.**

– 5 – *Sunkat Feline Fanciers*

To be considered if the previous amendment fails.

**RESOLVED:** to change Article VI and Article VII of the CFA Constitution to read as follows:

Article VI – Officers and Directors

Section 1 – Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of eight Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and two ~~seven~~ Directors-at-Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years.

All elections shall be conducted by mail ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies.

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region.

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any member in good standing of any member club may run for any office or for Director-at-Large, and any member in good standing of any member club assigned to a particular region may run for Regional Director from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

d. Candidate Declarations. Persons intending to run for any office or directorship shall declare their intention to do so by written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office or directorship intended. Declarations must be received by the Central Office by the close of business on March 15 of the year in which the election is held. Declarations shall not be accepted other than as provided herein, and nominations shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Said ballots shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than two (2) seven (7)-candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than two seven) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the second seventh-position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year.

Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

### Section 3 – Conflicting Memberships

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

### Section 4 – Duties

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and managing head of this Association and the Chairman of its Executive Board. He or she shall preside at all meetings of Members and of the Executive Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the

absence of both the President and the Vice President, the meeting shall elect a presiding officer. The presiding officer at any time may request a delegate or proxy to take the chair to permit the presiding officer to take part in the meeting.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings.

The Treasurer, who shall be bonded, shall have custody of all monies of the Association and shall account for and receive and disburse the same.

Any approval for the expenditure of an amount of money by CFA that is greater than 5% of the average prior two year's net income cannot be authorized by any individual committee of the Board, but must be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

All other duties and powers of officers shall be such as the Executive Board shall from time to time determine.

In the absence of any officer except the President, or for any other good and sufficient reason, the Executive Board may delegate the duties and powers of such Officers to any other Officer or to any Director of this Association for such a period as it may designate.

#### Section 5 – Vacancies

Vacancies in any office, except that of President and/or any of the Regional Directors, may be filled by the Executive Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to that office.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional Directors and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office will mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting. Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing from the Central Office – said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope will constitute PRIME FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

When less than nine (9) months remain in the term of a Regional Director whose office is vacated, such office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of Regional Directors as provided for in Section 2, Elections, of this article.

### ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### Section 1 – Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the eight (8) Regional Directors, and the two (2) ~~seven (7)~~ Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

Any immediate past President of this Association shall be a member of the Executive Board with all rights and privileges of Directors for a period of one (1) year after retiring as President, unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of an Annual or Special Meeting of members revokes this term of office.

## Section 2 – Meetings

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any eight (8) ~~ten (10)~~ members of the Board. The call shall be mailed to each member of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time, and place of the meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

## Section 3 – Quorum

The presence of eight (8) ~~ten (10)~~ members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### **RATIONALE:**

#### **Summary of Changes:**

This change reduces the number of Directors-at-Large from SEVEN to TWO.

This change shall be effective at the Annual meeting in 2001 at the end of the term for Directors-at-Large elected in 1999. At that time, only two Director-at-Large positions will be elected.

The number of Board members necessary to call a meeting of the executive Board and the number of members necessary for a quorum to conduct business is reduced from ten (10) to eight (8) members. The percentage of total Board members required for each action remains the same.

#### **Reasons for this change:**

**Directors-at-Large do not represent an identifiable constituency.** Generally, CFA is run as a representative democracy. We have our elected delegates attend the Annual meeting to voice members' concerns. Officers are elected to run the organization and we elect Regional Directors to represent our regional opinion at the Board table. Directors-at-Large do not represent an identifiable group. That is not indicative of a representative democracy. If CFA is to be run as a democratic organization, it is paramount that those who run the organization are accountable to the constituency.

**Our Board is too big.** There are currently 19 members of the CFA Board of Directors. There are too many people each trying to express their opinion on a subject that meetings are often a struggle just to get heard. A smaller, nimbler Board will enable CFA to respond quickly to it needs and enable all members of the Board to be heard equally.

**Our Board costs too much.** Currently, CFA is paying for 19 people to attend 3 Board meetings a year. That is 19 hotel rooms and 19 air fares every time the Board meets. The Central Office is also required to mail all materials to all 19 members of the board prior to each meeting. Reducing the number of DAL positions will save CFA significantly! That is a significant savings that CFA must make.

This change is a cost-cutting measure that will enhance the accountability of the CFA Executive Board to it member clubs. We urge the delegates to vote for this change.

## **OUT OF ORDER.**

### ***- 6 - Altered States Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** that CFA's Constitution, Article VI – Officers and Directors, Section 1, paragraph two be changed to the following:

The directors of this Association shall consist of eight Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions therein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven Directors-at-Large whose office will terminate June, 2000.

AND Section 2, Elections - be changed:

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer ~~and Regional Directors~~ shall be elected in even numbered years. The Regional Directors of odd numbered regions elected in June, 2000 shall serve a term of three years. Thereafter Regional Directors of odd numbered regions shall be elected in odd numbered years beginning in 2003 and serve a term of two years. Regional Directors of even numbered regions ~~Directors-at-Large~~ shall be elected in ~~odd~~ even numbered years and serve a term of two years. Directors-at-Large elected in 1999 shall serve a term of one year. The office of Director-at-Large will terminate June, 2000. All elections shall be conducted by mail ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Except for the one-time adjustments specified in the preceding paragraph, once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies.

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region.

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any member in good standing of any member club may run for any office ~~or for Director-at-Large,~~ and any member in

good standing of any member club assigned to a particular region may run for Regional Director from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

d. Candidate Declarations. Persons intending to run for any office or directorship shall declare their intention to do so by written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office or directorship intended. Declarations must be received by the Central Office by the close of business on March 15 of the year in which the election is held. Declarations shall not be accepted other than as provided herein, and nominations shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Said ballots shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. ~~Ballots in elections for Directors at Large selecting less than seven (7) candidates (or less than all the declared candidates if fewer than seven) shall be considered incomplete.~~ Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, ~~or for the seventh position in Director at Large elections,~~ a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

AND that Article VII – Executive Board, Section 1 – Membership be changed to the following:

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the eight (8) Regional Directors, and until June 2000, the seven (7) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

**RATIONALE:** For an organization the size of CFA, the size of the Executive Board of CFA is too large and unwieldy. Now is a good time to make an adjustment in the structure of the board for the following reasons:

1. The need for Directors-at-Large is no longer valid. With today's communication capabilities the officers and regional directors are very cognizant not only of their regional needs but also national and international concerns. Indeed, much of what affects one region usually affects other regions. National concerns are regional concerns. Isolation of any part of CFA simply does not exist.
2. Much of the work done by Directors-at-Large must be continued but can be restructured as committee assignments. This is already done in some areas such as the clerking program. Committee heads should be provided with insurance if needed.
3. Should the realignment of regions progress and 1 or 2 new regions be formed, there would be space on the board for the new Regional Directors. Yet the size of the board would still be reduced.
4. CFA needs to find ways of reducing expenses and certainly a smaller board would cost less.
5. The above resolution allows for a transition period so the changeover would go smoothly. By splitting the election years (odd and even) board stability would be maintained.

#### **OUT OF ORDER.**

*- 7 - Straight and Curl Cat Club, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, Constitution City Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Constitution, Article VI – Officers and Directors, Section 3, as follows:

#### Section 3 – Conflicting Memberships and Other Requirements for Eligibility

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who does not meet the following requirements:

1. They must have a registered cattery with CFA for a minimum of 10 years prior to the closing date for declarations. Such proof of cattery registration is the responsibility of the candidate.

2. They must have materially participated in the production of at least 5 CFA shows. Their name must have appeared on the show license for those shows.

3. Must be at least 21 years of age.

**RATIONALE:** The CFA Board of Directors has a very strong impact on the governing of the association. They approve and disapprove judging applicants, vote on their licenses on an annual basis, vote to pass breed standard changes, show rules changes, etc. The people that are making those decisions should be experienced in many facts of the organization, and have a sense of the history of the decisions that made CFA the strong organization it is today.

### **OUT OF ORDER.**

*– 8 – Straight and Curl Cat Club, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, Constitution City Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article VI – Officers and Directors, Section 3, as follows:

#### Section 3 – Conflicting Memberships and Other Requirements for Eligibility

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who does not meet the following requirements:

1. They must have a registered cattery with CFA for at least ten (10) years prior to the closing date for declarations. Such proof of cattery registration is the responsibility of the candidate.

2. Be at least 21 years of age.

**RATIONALE:** The CFA Board of Directors has a very strong impact on the governing of the association. They approve and disapprove judging applicants, vote on their licenses on an annual basis, vote to pass breed standard changes, show rules changes, etc. The people that are making those decisions should be experienced in many facts of the organization, and have a sense of the history of the decisions that made CFA the strong organization it is today.

### **OUT OF ORDER.**

*– 9 – Straight and Curl Cat Club, Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article VII – Executive Board, Section 1 as follows:

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the eight (8) Regional Directors, and the seven (7) Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

~~Any immediate past president of the Association shall be a member of the Executive Board with all rights and privileges of Directors for a period of one (1) year after retiring as President, unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Annual or Special Meeting of members revokes this term of office.~~

**RATIONALE:** The original intent of this provision was to provide the Board with the experience and input of the immediate past president for a one year period following his/her retirement from elected office. Whether this “retirement” was to be voluntary or forced (such as in the case of the defeat of the incumbent) is not addressed. In only one case has the retirement of the president been voluntary since the adoption of this amendment.

The reality of politics is that having the past president serving on the Board in the case of something other than a voluntary retirement may not be the most beneficial one for the organization.

Secondly, there is the additional expense to the organization of adding another Board member.

Thirdly, nothing prevents the Board from asking an immediate past president to serve as an “off the Board” consultant on specific issues should the Board desire to do so and the past president agrees.

If a past president desires to again seek CFA elected office there is nothing to prevent him/her from running for a Director-at-Large seat the following year.

**CARRIED.**

*– 10 – Constitution City LH Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council as follows:

~~A-Breed Councils will be elected-formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA show Standards. The rules governing machinery for the election operation and continuance of the Breed Councils Committee will be are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules, as adopted by the Executive Board in February, 1983, and listed below:~~

(The beginning paragraph would then read as follows: Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards. The rules

governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules listed below:)

## BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES

### PURPOSE

The CFA Breed Councils ~~was~~were established in 1970 to serve as ~~an advisory body~~bodies on breed standards to the CFA Executive Board. The Breed Councils channels opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the ~~Breed committee~~Council Secretary elected by each specific breed/~~division~~Section.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.
4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

In addition to the above requirements, membership is limited to individuals who have met either of the following qualifications:

Bred at least one CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division,

OR

Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and, have exhibited a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Upon receipt of the membership application and fee(s), the Central Office will place the member's name on the mailing list for the member editions of the CFA Almanac. and, when available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

## FEES

The annual registration fee (January 1 to December 31) shall be set by the Executive Board to help defray expenses for the operation of the Breed Councils.

## PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected secretary of the specific breed council ~~committee~~. The breed council secretary will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The weight of these opinions will form the basis for an annual poll taken prior to the Executive Board meeting in February when breed standard revisions are considered.

### BREED COUNCIL ~~COMMITTEE~~-SECRETARY

#### Requirements for Eligibility –

1. Current CFA membership in the specific breed council-~~committee~~.
2. Current CFA club membership.
3. A secretary may not hold his/her position in more than one council at a time.

#### Election –

1. A secretary for each breed council ~~committee~~ will be elected FROM the membership and BY the membership of that breed council-~~committee~~.
2. Elections will be held every two years in even numbered years during the month of December.
3. A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for secretary of a breed council ~~committee~~ by submitting his/her declaration in writing to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held.
4. Ballots for the election of breed council secretaries must be mailed to the Central Office in accordance with voting instructions printed on the ballot and must be returned in the official ballot envelope.
5. Only those Breed Council members who have paid their dues by August 1 next preceding the December in which the election is held shall be eligible to vote in the election.

#### Vacancies –

1. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a breed council secretary shall be filled by appointment by the President of CFA.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or

add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected.

In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment.

**RATIONALE:** This revision of the Breed Council section of the Constitution makes no changes to the rules or intent of the section. This revision simply eliminates outdated references to the original breed committees and breed committee secretaries, the forerunners of our present day breed councils. These outdated references have been confused with the use of the term breed committees in the 1979 Rules for the Acceptance and Advancement of New Breeds and Colors in connection with provisional and miscellaneous breeds.

**CARRIED.**

***- 11 - Hunt Country Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Constitution, Article XI, Eligibility Requirements as follows, effective January 1, 2000:

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.
4. Minimum of four years working with the appropriate breed/division (based on litter registrations).
5. Must have bred and registered with CFA 6 litters of the appropriate breed/division in the previous four years: at least one in the past year.
6. Must have exhibited, as the owner, a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division at least two shows in the past year.
7. Must have been the breeder/owner of a Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division in the previous four years.

All time frames are from the date of the application or the beginning of the year for which the person is applying, whichever is later.

- ~~3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.~~
- ~~4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.~~

~~In addition to the above requirements, membership is limited to individuals who have met either of the following qualifications:~~

~~Bred at least one CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/  
division.~~

OR

~~Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar  
years and have exhibited a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the  
previous two calendar years.~~

**RATIONALE:** These requirements show that a breeder has a long-term active, real and serious commitment to the breed in question. Why should someone who does not have such a commitment have an input on the future of the breed?

**FAILED.**

*– 12 – Conestoga Cat Club, Basic Black Cat Club, United Persian Society, Indy Cat Club, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council by changing the eligibility requirements for membership as follows:

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.
4. Are members of a CFA club.
5. Have bred and exhibited to grand one CFA grand champion or premier of the appropriate breed.
6. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

In addition, membership is limited to individuals who continue their involvement with the breed and CFA by exhibiting a cat/kitten of this or any other breed/division within the previous two calendar years. CFA judges are exempt from this requirement.

**RATIONALE:** Current Breed Council rules confer lifetime membership – subject to annual renewal, of course – to those who have bred grands while allowing breeders who have not granded a cat to qualify if they exhibit a cat of the appropriate breed/division every two years. We believe Breed Council membership carries with it a great deal of control and responsibility for the future of a breed/division and should be the privilege of those who have shown both an ongoing commitment to the breed/division and measurable competence in the exhibition of cats of their own breeding. Requiring all prospective members to show a cat of their own breeding to the grand level would preserve BC membership for those best qualified to influence the future of the breed and to set an example for newer breeders.

We believe that in exchange for the right to retain input into standard changes and other breed-related issues, all BC members should maintain a modest level of involvement with CFA by exhibiting at least once every two years, even if they have already bred a grand. In consideration of the fact that many people work with more than one breed, we would not require the exhibition of a cat of the appropriate breed/division for each BC membership. Simply exhibiting at a CFA should suffice. All BC members should also be members of CFA clubs – which vote on matters that affect the Breed Councils.

While the time frame for implementation of these changes, if passed, is obviously at the Board's discretion, our intention is to allow one year of lead time so that current BC members who have not yet bred grands can have ample time to address this.

**WITHDRAWN.**

*– 13 – Conestoga Cat Club, Basic Black Cat Club, United Persian Society, Indy Cat Club, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club*

NOTE: This amendment is exactly the same as the preceding one but without the ongoing exhibition requirement; it will be withdrawn if the preceding one passes.

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council by changing the eligibility requirements for membership as follows:

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. Are members of a CFA club.
4. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.
5. Have bred and exhibited to grand one CFA grand champion or premier of the appropriate breed.
6. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

**RATIONALE:** Current Breed Council rules confer lifetime membership – subject to annual renewal, of course – to those who have bred grands while allowing breeders who have not granded a cat to qualify if they exhibit a cat of the appropriate breed/division every two years. We believe Breed Council membership carries with it a great deal of control and responsibility for the future of a breed/division and should be the privilege of those who have shown both an ongoing commitment to the breed/division and measurable competence in the exhibition of cats of their own breeding. Requiring all prospective members to show a cat of their own breeding to the grand level would preserve BC membership for those best qualified to influence the future of the breed and to set an example for newer breeders.

We also believe that in exchange for the right to retain input into standard changes and other breed-related issues, all BC members should also be members of CFA clubs – which vote on matters that affect the Breed Councils.

While the time frame for implementation of these changes, if passed, is obviously at the Board’s discretion, our intention is to allow one year of lead time so that current BC members who have not yet bred grands can have ample time to address this.

**WITHDRAWN.**

***– 14 – Straight and Curl Cat Club, Constitution City LH Club, Lilac Point Fanciers, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers***

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding the following to the third paragraph after Item 4 as follows:

Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and, have exhibited a cat/kitten owned or leased by the applicant of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

**RATIONALE:** The CFA Board voted not to accept the agenting of someone else’s cat or kitten as fulfilling the requirement “to exhibit” for Breed Council membership. Adding this requirement to the Breed Council Standing Rules will formalize the Board vote. Breed Council membership should require more of a commitment to the breed than simply agenting someone else’s cat at one show over a two year period.

**CARRIED.**

***– 15 – Constitution City LH Club, Straight and Curl Cat Club, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers***

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding the following:

The registration of any individual litter can be used to qualify only one person for breed council membership.

**RATIONALE:** Currently the number of people who can use a specific litter to qualify for breed council membership is limited only by the number of spaces on a litter registration application. There are times when 3 or possibly 4 people are listed as the breeders of a litter. We do not believe that using a “3 or more for one” approach to breed council membership serves either the spirit or the intent of the requirements. The Breed Council Standing Rules are rules for individual membership. We believe that the passage of the above requirement would discourage the “stuffing” of breed councils and keep a breed council membership a true reflection of the breeders of any particular breed.

**WITHDRAWN.**

*– 16 – Constitution City LH Club, Straight and Curl Cat Club, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding the following:

The registration of any individual litter can be used to qualify only one person or two people residing at the same address for breed council membership.

**RATIONALE:** Currently the number of people who can use a specific litter to qualify for breed council membership is limited only by the number of spaces on a litter registration application. There are times when 3 or possibly 4 people are listed as the breeders of a litter. We do not believe that using a “3 or more for one” approach to breed council membership serves either the spirit or the intent of the requirements: The Breed Council Standing Rules are rules for individual membership. However we do understand that many catteries involve more than one person. If the delegation feels that limiting requirements to only one person per litter registration is too restrictive, then we propose that the qualification be limited to either one person or two people residing at the same address.

**FAILED.**

*– 17 – Constitution City LH Club, Lilac Point Fanciers, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers, Straight and Curl Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding the following:

A litter which has been reregistered to add an individual or individuals as additional breeders of the litter may not be used to qualify the additional breeder or breeders for Breed Council membership.

**RATIONALE:** By adding this item to the Breed Council Standing Rules, attempts to rapidly add additional members to a Breed Council membership by re-registering already registered litters and adding additional people as breeders will be stopped. CFA allows a reregistering of previously registered litters for any reason. While there might be cases where such reregistering is necessary, the passage of this addition to the Breed Council Standing Rules would stop this procedure from being used to add additional members to a breed council.

**CARRIED.**

*– 18 – Constitution City LH Club, Straight and Curl Cat Club, Lilac Point Fanciers, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding the following paragraph under Item 4:

Registering one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and, have exhibited a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

The use of the term “exhibiting” in the previous paragraph will be defined to mean that the applicant will have personally attended the CFA show listed on their application form. Procedures to verify compliance with this requirement will be established by the CFA Executive Board.

**RATIONALE:** The intent of including the requirement to “exhibit” in the original Breed Council Standing Rules was to insure that a person who had not bred a grand in a specific breed demonstrated their continuing interest in their breed by personally exhibiting a cat which they owned or leased at a CFA show at least once in a two year period. In reality the only way to prove that a breed council member actually exists is by their attendance at a CFA show. Last year several Breed Council applications failed to meet this requirement and were rejected by the CFA Board. Including this item in the Breed Council Standing Rules will clarify the intended meaning of the term “exhibit.”

**FAILED.**

*– 19 – Constitution City LH Club, Straight and Curl Cat Club, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding an additional paragraph below last paragraph before Membership:

Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and have exhibited a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

The exhibiting of any one cat/kitten can be used to qualify only one person.

**RATIONALE:** Currently the number of people who can use a specific cat or kitten to qualify for breed council membership is limited only by the number of spaces on a registration application. This currently allows three or even more people to qualify with the same cat/kitten. We do not believe that using a “3 or more for one” approach to breed council membership serves either the spirit or the intent of the requirements. The Breed Council Standing Rules are requirements for individual membership. We believe that the passage of the above requirement would discourage the “stuffing” of breed councils and keep a breed council membership a true reflection of actual and dedicated breeders of any particular breed.

**WITHDRAWN.**

*– 20 – Constitution City LH Club, Straight and Curl Cat Club, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council – Eligibility Requirements by adding the following item:

The exhibiting of any one specific cat/kitten can be used to qualify only one person or two people residing at the same address for breed council membership.

**RATIONALE:** Currently the number of people who can use the exhibiting of a specific cat/kitten to qualify for breed council membership is limited only by the number of spaces on a registration certificate. There are times when 3 or even 4 people are listed as the owners of a cat/kitten. We do not believe that using one cat/kitten to qualify 3 or more people serves either the spirit or the intent of the requirements. The Breed Council Standing Rules are rules for individual membership. However we do understand that many individual catteries involve more than one person. If the delegation feels that limiting requirements to only one person for the exhibition portion of the requirements is too restrictive, then we propose that the qualification be limited to either one person or two people residing at the same address.

**WITHDRAWN.**

*- 21 - CFA Executive Board*

**RESOLVED:** to amend Article XI, Breed Council – Membership, as follows:

**Alternative One:**

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Upon receipt of the membership application and fee(s), the Central Office will place the member's name on the mailing list for the member editions of the CFA Almanac, and, when available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications must be original and signed by the applicant, and must be received by the Central Office by no later than the close of business on August 1 of that year.

**Alternative Two:**

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Upon receipt of the membership application and fee(s), the Central Office will place the member's name on the mailing list for the member editions of the CFA Almanac, and, when available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications must be received by the Central Office by no later than the close of business on August 1 of that year. Faxed applications may be accepted under such conditions as the Board may direct.

**RATIONALE:** The CFA Executive Board has recently upheld a long-standing general policy and ruled that faxed applications are not acceptable. The Board, however, believes that this issue should ultimately be decided by the membership and therefore has presented the preceding proposed amendments.

**OUT OF ORDER.**

**- 22 - *Straight and Curl Cat Club, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, Constitution City Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council as follows:

Election:

6. In the event of a tie vote between/among the candidates for breed council secretary, the membership that was eligible to vote in the election that resulted in a tie shall be balloted again. The reballoting will be done within 2 weeks of the close of the prior election, allowing the voters 14 days to return the ballots to Central Office. If the vote is again a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot.

**RATIONALE:** There is no provision in the Constitution to deal with tie votes between Breed Council Secretaries. Historically, this is the procedure that has been followed. Adding this to the Constitution simply makes the procedure an official one.

**CARRIED.**

**- 23 - *Garden State Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** Amend CFA's Constitution, Article XI – Breed Council, 2nd to last paragraph as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Council shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected, but in no case less than a simple majority (i.e. 50%) of the total Breed Council members of the specific Breed Council(s) affected.

**RATIONALE:** Recent Breed Council results show that as few as 30% of an entire breed council can result in a positive vote. Mathematically, an even smaller percentage might be able to make a decision that could affect an entire breed. For example, while the 1998 Calico and Bi-Color Division of Persians has 82 members, 44 voted or 53.6% of the total breed council. Thus 32.9% of the total breed council or 27 members were sufficient to pass the proposals. Meanwhile in 1998, Maine Coon Cats had 147 members. 83 members or 56.4% of the total breed council voted. 50 affirmative votes (60% of the voting members) but only 34% of the total breed council were needed to pass a proposal.

In fact, of the 29 breeds with issues this past year, 19 (Abyssinian, American Curl, American Shorthair, Cornish Rex, Exotic, Havana Brown, Maine Coon, Manx, Norwegian Forest Cat, Oriental, Calico and Bi-Color Persian, Himalayan, Silver and Golden Persian, Tabby Persian, Russian Blue, Siamese, Somali, Tonkinese, and Burmese) needed less than 50% of the their total breed council membership to vote yes to recommend a change to the breed standard. While we believe that the failure to vote by breed council members should not unduly penalize proposals, we also believe that there should be a minimum percentage on the total breed council

in favor of a proposal for it to be forwarded to the Executive Board with a favorable recommendation.

**FAILED.**

*– 24 – Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Oriental Shorthairs of America, Southern Tier Cat Fanciers, Love Cats, Seneca Cat Fanciers, Royal Canadian Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** To amend Article XI, Breed Council of the CFA Constitution by changing the second to last paragraph to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Council shall serve the CFA Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected for the breed whose standard is changing. Other Breed Councils that have an interest in the proposed change should also be polled at the discretion of the Board; however, the approval of the other Breed Councils is not required for consideration, discussion or acceptance of the proposed change.

**RATIONALE:** This concept was presented from the floor as an advisory proposal during the 1998 Annual. The 1998 proposal interpreted the existing Constitutional language that governs changes to a breed's standard. The 1998 Annual delegates approved this proposal. It is now presented as a Constitutional Amendment.

You may recall that recent Breeds and Standards discussions have resulted in Breed Council proposals being ruled out of order because an "affected breed" had either not been polled, or if they had, had not provided a 60% affirmative vote. The word "affected" in the current Constitutional language is ambiguous, and has been interpreted with an ever increasing scope. This is well beyond the intentions of the original language.

The new wording provides for the polling of other councils, but does not give veto power to another breed. The Board still decides to accept or reject any proposal, and input from the other breeds can provide the rationale for that acceptance or rejection. This change assures that all Breed Council issues are presented with the appropriate level of input, that they are given due consideration, and that decisions are made as a result of the input.

**FAILED.**

*– 25 – Superstition Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend Article XI, Breed Council of the CFA Constitution by changing the second to last paragraph to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Council shall serve the CFA Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected for the breed whose standards are being altered, amended or added to.

**RATIONALE:** Current language is ambiguous as to exactly which Breed Councils' approval must be obtained before a breed's standards may be modified. This clarifies the intent of the existing rule to require the approval of the Breed Council whose standards are in fact being modified.

**FAILED.**

– 26 – *Carolina Sophistocats*

**RESOLVED:** to add to Article XII – Show Licenses:

Once issued a show license may not be withdrawn for cause unless two attempts have been made to contact the Club Secretary and Regional Director.

**RATIONALE:** Once a show license is issued it should not be revoked for any reason unless official notification is received. The status of licenses controls the listing of the show in the Almanac and on the CFA web page.

**FAILED.**

– 27 – *Hunt Country Cat Club, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Constitution City LH Club, Lilac Point Fanciers, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Zia Cat Fanciers, Tejas Siamese Cat Fanciers, Cat Spring Irregulars, United Colorpoint SH Fanciers, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers, Houston Cat Club, Inc., No Nonsense Cat Club, Pongui Society, American Wirehair International, New River Cat Fanciers, Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers, Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Chocolate City Cat Club, Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc., Hill Country Cat Fanciers, National Siamese Cat Club, Hotlanta Cat Club, The Alliance of Pedigreed Cat Breeders, Abyssinian Society of the South, Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club, The Cats Meow Cat Club, Moonport Cat Club, Gateway Arch Persian Society Camino Real Cat Fanciers, Roadrunners Cat Fanciers, Cincinnati Cat Club, Diamond State Cat Club, Capital Cat Fanciers, Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club, Cascade Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Constitution, Article XIII – Rules and Standards, first paragraph, effective May 1, 2000:

The Executive Board shall from time to time establish "Show Rules" and "Show Standards" under which shows licensed by this Association are to be held and shall determine the basis on which Championships, Grand Championships, Premierships, Grand Premierships, and other awards established by it for this Association shall be made. No registered kitten/cat may compete at any show licensed by this Association in a competitive class of a breed other than the breed in which that kitten/cat is registered.

**RATIONALE:** CFA for years has been an organization that has stressed the importance of distinctive breeds. We are the leaders, not the followers. We take great care in accepting and advancing new breeds. We should expect nothing less for already accepted breeds. This amendment clarifies CFA's commitment to breed integrity, and is in agreement with the current Show Rules.

**FAILED.**

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## PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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*– 28 – Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to add to the CFA Show Rules, Article II – Eligibility for Entry, 2.05, the following paragraph:

d. In the event that a judge or member of his/her household is actively showing a cat that is eligible for a Regional or National Kitten, Cat or Premiership win, an exhibitor who is showing a cat that is eligible for a Kitten, Cat or Premiership win, may, at their option, “X” that cat out of that judge’s ring and the show will be averaged by the number of rings that the cat is actually shown.

**RATIONALE:** Many judges are actively exhibiting for top wins and this is certainly encouraged. However, when a judge is involved with showing a cat for a Regional or National Win, it is perceived by the average exhibitor that the judge’s final may be influenced by how it affects the cat that they are showing. Although the reputation of CFA’s judges is held in the highest regard, this rule will remove the conflict of interest and the perception of impropriety.

**FAILED.**

*– 29 – Lewis & Clark LH Specialty Club, San Francisco Cat Fanciers, Fancy Cat Cat Club, Rip City Cats, Greater NW Cat Fanciers, Wenatchee Valley Cat Club, Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy, Portland Cat Club, Oregon Cat Fanciers, Yakima Valley Cat Fanciers, Puget Sound Cat Club, Crow Canyon Cat Club, The Perthshire Clan, Cable Car Cats, Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers, Mark Twain Feline Fanciers, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance*

All resolutions to be considered together, as all address the same issue.

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rules, Article III – Causes for Disqualification, 3.06:

A judge will disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. After disqualification due to biting, the cat or kitten must immediately be withdrawn from any subsequent rings for judging in the show. The chief ring clerk in that ring is responsible for notifying all chief ring clerks of the action taken.

AND to amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXVIII – Judging Procedures, 28.13c:

A cat or kitten behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner must be disqualified and dismissed from the ring forthwith by the officiating judge and shall not thereafter be recalled to that ring. If the cat or kitten bites the judge after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, the cat or kitten must immediately be disqualified and withdrawn from any subsequent rings for judging in the show.

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXVII – Judging Procedures, 28.18c:

A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that cannot be judged in the judging ring or that is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. If the cat or kitten bites the judge after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, the cat or kitten must immediately be disqualified and withdrawn from any subsequent rings for judging in the show. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. (See Paragraphs 28.13c and 28.13d).

**RATIONALE:** A cat that bites a judge is a danger to other judges and can cause severe and even disabling injuries. Once this happens, the other judges should not be placed in this danger. The judge that is bitten according to Show Rule 28.13d will have the final decision on whether or not a cat has behaved in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. Showing cats who behave recalcitrantly or in a threatening manner is detrimental to the best interest of the cat, the member club, the judges, and CFA.

**CARRIED WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.**

*– 30 – Lewis & Clark LH Specialty Club, San Francisco Cat Fanciers, Fancy Cat Cat Club, Rip City Cats, Greater NW Cat Fanciers, Wenatchee Valley Cat Club, Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy, Portland Cat Club, Oregon Cat Fanciers, Yakima Valley Cat Fanciers, Puget Sound Cat Club, Crow Canyon Cat Club, The Perthshire Clan, Cable Car Cats, Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers, Mark Twain*

If the preceding resolution passes, then the following to be voted on. All resolutions to be considered together, as all address the same issue.

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rules, Article II, Eligibility for Entry 2.01:

c. Any cat or kitten that has been disqualified in two shows due to biting after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner will be ineligible for entry. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify any clubs that the cat is ineligible for entry. Clubs will refund entry fees of any cat already paid and declared ineligible due to biting after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXVIII, Judging Procedures, 28.13c:

A cat or kitten behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner must be disqualified and dismissed from the ring forthwith by the officiating judge and shall not thereafter be recalled to that ring. If the cat or kitten bites the judge after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, the cat or kitten must immediately be disqualified and withdrawn from any subsequent rings for judging in the show.

If a cat is disqualified in two shows due to biting after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, the cat or kitten will become ineligible for entry in any future CFA licensed shows.

AND to amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXVIII, Judging Procedures, 28.18c:

A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that cannot be judged in the judging ring or that is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. If the cat or kitten bites the judge after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, the cat or kitten must immediately be disqualified and withdrawn from any subsequent rings for judging in the show. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. (See Paragraphs 28.13c and 28.13d).

If a cat is disqualified in two shows due to biting after behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, the cat or kitten will become ineligible for entry in any future CFA licensed shows.

**RATIONALE:** A cat that bites a judge is a danger to other judges and can cause severe and even disabling injuries. Once this happens, the other judges should not be placed in this danger. The judge that is bitten according to Show Rule 28.13d will have the final decision on whether or not a cat has behaved in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. Showing cats who behave recalcitrantly or in a threatening manner is detrimental to the best interest of the cat, the member club, the judges, and CFA.

**FAILED.**

*– 31 – Greater Baltimore Cat Club, Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers, Mason Dixon Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend Show Rule, Article VI – Benching Procedures, Paragraph 6.07 as follows:

Show management shall assign benching cages for all entries. All entries of a particular exhibitor and those entries for which that exhibitor is the designated agent shall be benched together. No more than one agent may be named by an exhibitor for all cats entered in a show. If an exhibitor names an agent for a particular show, the person naming the agent may not be an agent for another exhibitor at that same show. The exception to the above rule is that two exhibitors may name each other as agent in the event that neither exhibitor can attend the entire show. No change of benching assignments shall be made without the permission of the show manager. Non-benched shows are not permitted. Benching must be provided on the second day of a one day Longhair/one day Shorthair show for cats and kittens who have qualified for the Best of the Bests judging.

**RATIONALE:** Show Rules state that you are to name an agent if you are unable to be in attendance at a show. If you are not in attendance, how can you be an agent for someone else? The exception allows for the possibility that two people can be in attendance for only part of the show and that they will show the others' cats for the time he/she is absent.

The naming of agents is being widely abused and is being used in lieu of what should be a benching request. This ties the hands of those doing the benching and in some cases has forced a bencher to not honor the legitimate benching request of someone being named as agent (sometimes without their knowledge). This resolution won't completely stop that but at least it can eliminate the agent "chains."

**FAILED.**

*– 32 – Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, Barbary Coast Cats, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers, Space Coast Cat Club, Beverly Hills Cat Club, Santa Monica Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article VIII – Championships and Premierships, paragraph 8.05 by adding a new second paragraph as follows:

Cats completing the requirements for Championship or Premiership confirmation by the close of the first day of judging of a two day show may file the appropriate documents and fee with the Master Clerk for inclusion in the Show Records package for CFA. Such cats will then be eligible for competition as a Champion or Premier on the second day of the show. All such transfers must be made to the Master Clerk at the end of the first day's judging and will be given to the ring clerks prior to the start of the second day's judging.

Exhibitors note:

ANY CAT TRANSFERRED IN ERROR UNDER THIS RULE WILL HAVE ALL WINS VOIDED FOR THE SHOW IN WHICH TRANSFER WAS MADE.

**RATIONALE:** This amendment would allow for the transfer of Opens to Champions or Premiers on Saturday evening for inclusion into the proper class Sunday morning. Most exhibitors want to share the opportunity to Champion or Premier with other breeders, but face disapproval by some judges for pulling their cats and pressure from exhibitors for not pulling their cats. This would relieve some tension in the show hall and help to return camaraderie.

1) Allows an exhibitor to move a cat into the correct class Sunday morning, thus benefiting other cats by not taking space in a class when cats have qualified for a higher class.

2) Would remove the pressure from exhibitors to pull a cat when they have received the correct number of winners ribbons, and with the expense of showing, would save money by timely transfer into the correct class.

3) Many judges do not like cats pulled from their rings. This change would keep those cats in the ring and competing.

4) The burden would fall on the exhibitor to be sure of their correct number of winners ribbons. On Saturday the exhibitor would fill in a transfer slip, pay the appropriate fee, and then inform the clerks of the Sunday judges of the transfer.

The new rule may affect housekeeping changes to other Show Rules, including: 1.19, 2.07, 6.05, 8.02, 8.05, 8.06, 9.01, 9.02, 11.18, 11.24, 11.25, 16.06, 16.08, 16.10 c-j, 18.04, 18.15, 18.18, 20.06, 24.02.

Answers to questions and proposed solutions:

- 1) The transfer from Open to Champion or Premier is optional, and is based upon current Show Rules wherein it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to correctly enter or transfer their cat.
- 2) A cat must be eight calendar months old on the first day of the show. This would remain.
- 3) A cat entered and judged in a ring as an Open Saturday would remain an Open for that Judge's finals, whether that final is Saturday or Sunday. A cat transferred to Champion on Sunday cannot be counted for Champion cats judged Saturday. It can be counted for Champions judged Sunday.
- 4) There would be a count on Saturday, and another count Sunday.

**FAILED.**

*– 33 – Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, Barbary Coast Cats, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers, Space Coast Cat Club, Beverly Hills Cat Club, Santa Monica Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article IX – Grand Championships and Premierships, paragraph 9.05 by adding a new second paragraph as follows:

Cats completing the requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership confirmation by the close of the first day of judging of a two day show will then be eligible for competition as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier on the second day of the show. All such transfers must be made to the Master Clerk at the end of the first day's judging and will be given to the ring clerks prior to the start of the second day's judging.

Exhibitors note:

ANY CAT TRANSFERRED IN ERROR UNDER THIS RULE WILL HAVE ALL WINS VOIDED FOR THE SHOW IN WHICH TRANSFER WAS MADE.

**RATIONALE:** This amendment would allow for the transfer of Champions and Premiers to Grand Champions or Grand Premiers on Saturday evening for inclusion into the proper class Sunday morning. Most exhibitors want to share the opportunity to grand with other breeders, but face disapproval by some judges for pulling their cats and pressure from exhibitors for not pulling their cats. This would relieve some tension in the show hall and help to return camaraderie.

- 1) Allows an exhibitor to move a cat into the correct class Sunday morning, thus benefiting other cats by not taking space in a class when cats have qualified for a higher class.
- 2) Would remove the pressure from exhibitors to pull a cat when they have received the correct number of grand points, and with the expense of showing, would save money by timely transfer into the correct class.

3) Many judges do not like cats pulled from their rings. This change would keep those cats in the ring and competing.

4) The burden would fall on the exhibitor to be sure of their correct number of grand points. On Saturday the exhibitor would fill in a transfer slip, pay the appropriate fee, and then inform the clerks of the Sunday judges of the transfer.

The new rule may affect housekeeping changes to other Show Rules, including: 1.19, 2.07, 6.05, 8.02, 8.05, 8.06, 9.01, 9.02, 11.18, 11.24, 11.25, 16.06, 16.08, 16.10 c-j, 18.04, 18.15, 18.18, 20.06, 24.02.

Answers to questions and proposed solutions:

1) The transfer from Open to Champion or Premier is optional, and is based upon current Show Rules wherein it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to correctly enter or transfer their cat.

2) A cat entered and judged in a ring as a Champion or Premier Saturday would remain a Champion or Premier for that judge's finals, whether that final is Saturday or Sunday, and would count as a Champion for Saturday. A cat transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier on Sunday cannot be counted for Champions judged on Saturday.

3) There would be a count on Saturday, and another count Sunday.

**WITHDRAWN.**

*- 34 - Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article VIII – Championships and Premierships as follows:

Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office ~~no later than 21 days~~ prior to the opening day of the show in question. A correctly completed registration application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.).

**RATIONALE:** Because of faxes and electronic entries, 21 days no longer seems to be a reasonable requirement.

**WITHDRAWN WITH CHANGE IN WORDING TO APPEAR IN RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

*– 35 – Cable Car Cats, Perthshire Clan, Crow Canyon Cat Club, Eyes of Texas Cat Club, Camino Real Cat Fanciers, Zia Cat Fanciers, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Houston Cat Club, Cat Spring Irregulars*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Show Rules, Article XI – Responsibilities of Exhibitors, Section 11.02 as follows:

Exhibitors with bona fide handicaps shall be responsible for making their special needs known to the entry clerk. Exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices can request end of row benching during judging procedures by such to the entry clerk.

AND

Amend CFA Show Rules, Article XVI — Responsibilities of Show Secretary, Section 16.08 as follows:

After benching, the show secretary or a designated representative must prepare and deliver to each ring a list of catalog numbers of entries that are absent, transferred or withdrawn. Should an entry be withdrawn, the entry will be marked absent. In addition, a list must be prepared and delivered to each ring of catalog numbers of entries of exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices who have requested end of row benching in judging rings.

AND

Amend CFA Show Rules, Article XVII – Responsibilities of Show Entry Clerk, Section 17.06 as follows:

The show entry clerk must pass on to the show management all information received regarding benching requests for reasonable accommodation by handicapped/disabled exhibitors. In addition to the benching area, exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices can also request end of row benching in judging rings.

AND

Add to CFA Show Rules, Article XVIII — Responsibilities of Ring Clerks, Section 18.01.01 as follows:

The chief ring clerk shall bench entries of exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices in end of row cages, when requested by such exhibitors. Should the exhibitors have multiple entries in the same color class, division or breed, the entries shall be benched as close to the end in judging rings as possible.

**RATIONALE:** We are having increasingly more exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices, particularly wheelchairs and scooters. Not all show halls or judging ring layouts are spacious enough to permit such an exhibitor to approach cages behind the judging table. These exhibitors sometimes must ask friends to take their cats to the judging rings because they cannot reasonably reach a particular judging cage. The above changes would set up a system by which these exhibitors could request FOR benching so they can continue to exhibit their own cats more

comfortably. The changes also would help CFA further in meeting the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, this would also help reduce congestion in judging rings.

**CARRIED.**

**– 36 – *Rainbow Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** to change CFA Show Rules, Article XI – Responsibilities of Exhibitors, paragraph 11.06 to read:

For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a properly completed, entry in the form of an official CFA entry form, a ~~or~~ facsimile of an official CFA entry form, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form. The e-mail address should be accepted in lieu of a signature. The entry form must be submitted thereof to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. ~~All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or hand printed.~~

**RATIONALE:** E-mail is becoming a more popular method of communication. Sending an entry by e-mail is beginning to be the popular method to enter shows. If we are to accept entries by e-mail, we should make it legal by providing for this in the show rules.

**CARRIED.**

**– 37 – *Carolina Sophistocats***

**RESOLVED:** to add to Article XII – Show Licenses, 12.04 c, after the third paragraph:

Once a show license is approved by Central Office it may not be withdrawn unless so instructed by the Club Secretary and/or Regional Director. If the license fee is changed Central Office must send notification of the balance due to the secretary of all affected clubs.

**RATIONALE:** Once a show license is issued, it should not be revoked for any reason unless official notification is received. The status of licenses controls the listing of the show in the Almanac and on the CFA web page. The recent increase in fees was announced after many clubs had already licensed future shows.

**WITHDRAWN.**

**– 38 – *Cincinnati Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** amend CFA Show Rules, Article XV – Responsibilities of Show Manager, 15.08(h) as follows:

Judging cages must be provided with durable non-porous washable bottoms per unit and non-porous washable partitions between cages. Partitions must be securely fastened top and bottom with plastic lock tie wraps or permanent wire rings. Tops must be securely fastened on all sides with plastic lock tie wraps or permanent wire rings.

A sealed, cleanable, sanitary floor/bottom for all judging cage bottoms in the judging ring shall be provided.

**RATIONALE:** Cages need to be secure. Binder clips, pipe cleaners, and other ties are not secure nor are they easily cleaned. Plastic tie wraps such as those used for holding electrical wires with plastic locks are inexpensive. They can be easily removed with a pair of scissors or pocket knife. The ends can be cut fairly short to avoid cats licking and biting on them. The use of the tie wraps or wire rings makes it harder for cats to try to pull partitions away from the cages. Using the plastic lock tie wraps or wire rings to hold the tops of cages is a more secure way of keeping cats from escaping through the tops of cages. Both of these items may be easily cleaned and replaced.

**FAILED.**

*– 39 – Conestoga Cat Club, Basic Black Cat Club, United Persian Society, Indy Cat Club, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA’s Show Rules, Article XVII – Responsibilities of Entry Clerks by adding the following paragraph:

17.04e Unless the show flyer or confirmation specifically states otherwise, substitutions, accompanied by the appropriate fee, must be accepted through the advertised closing date. The substitutions must be sent by whatever method the club uses for original entries (i.e., a club that does not accept faxed entries need not accept faxed substitutions)

**RATIONALE:** As shows fill early, some clubs are taking advantage of the extra time to get their catalogues to the printer before the closing date. However, entry fees become more expensive – and more painful to waste – every year, and we’ve all had situations where we entered a cat in a show and then found that for some reason or another, the cat would not be able to be shown. Under such circumstances, if the official closing date is still a few days away and another cat can be substituted, the exhibitor should be able to make the substitution and not have to lose the entry fee. If the show fills early and the catalogue is released to the printer before the closing date, that opportunity is lost.

Note that this change would not PREVENT a club from closing a show early and getting the catalogue to the printer early. It would simply require the club to alert exhibitors as to its intentions to do this by including wording on their flyers that says, for example, “Closing Date June 1 or when full.” It would not affect clubs that typically stay open for changes through the closing date even if they reach capacity beforehand. Clubs wishing to offer late substitutions to exhibitors but seeking to avoid rush printing charges could always address both issues by imposing a higher charge for substitutions after a certain date.

**FAILED.**

*– 40 – Oregon Cat Fanciers, Portland Cat Club, Seattle Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article XXII – Final Awards, 22.01, beginning of paragraph, as follows:

22.01 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, ~~and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best~~ and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Champion, Best, ~~and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best~~ and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Champion, and Best, ~~and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best~~ and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Champion.

**CARRIED.**

AND (to be voted on separately)

**- 41 - Oregon Cat Fanciers, Portland Cat Club, Seattle Cat Club**

RESOLVED: to amend CFA Show Rule, Article XXII – Final Awards, 22.01, end of paragraph, as follows:

22.01 ....the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100. For kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 151 Best Kitten; the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Shorthair Premier.

**RATIONALE:** Over the years, numerous resolutions have been made which have been adopted to broaden CFA's award system which have not only provided more encouragement for our exhibitors to attend CFA shows but have most importantly provided the vehicle to honor the increased high quality in our pedigreed breeds which has increased.

How often have you heard a judge comment in their finals – they didn't have room for all the wonderful and deserving champions that weekend? Exhibiting has become costly and very few exhibitors can afford to campaign. This does not mean they do not have the quality of cats to have a national winner, but finances or the inability to show as often due to their job or family should not handicap their quality cats from achieving the title of "Grand Champion" to these deserving cats. We feel these added champion wins will add the needed "spark" to encourage more entries for our shows.

Our proposal of adding 5 more kitten wins to both the allbreed and/or LH/SH specialty rings when kitten entries are 100 or more is based on the very short period of time a kitten is exhibited in this category which is but 4 months. The quality of kittens has remained high and with 100 and more entries awarding only 10 leaves out so many deserving youngsters starting out on their show careers.

Last year the delegates passed a resolution to increase the champion wins with a favorable vote to the board. The board did not pass this proposal. We are again proposing the adoption of the additional champion wins plus kitten wins.

**CARRIED.**

**- 42 - Oregon Cat Fanciers, Portland Cat Club, Seattle Cat Club**

RESOLVED: if Resolutions 40 and 41 do not pass, to amend CFA Show Rule, Article XXII – Final Awards, 22.01, as follows:

22.01 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, ~~and~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Best, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best and 4<sup>th</sup> Best Champion, Best, ~~and~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Champion, and Best, ~~and~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Champion.

The Kitten finals awards as presented in Resolution 41 remains the same and is to be voted on separately in this resolution unless previously passed.

The difference in Resolutions 40-41 and 42 is that 40-41 increases the overall Allbreed Champion awards to 3. Resolution 42 increases the overall Allbreed Champion awards to 4.

**RATIONALE:** Over the years, numerous resolutions have been made which have been adopted to broaden CFA's award system which have not only provided more encouragement for our exhibitors to attend CFA shows but have most importantly provided the vehicle to honor the increased high quality in our pedigreed breeds which has increased.

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**WITHDRAWN.**

*– 43 – Oregon Cat Fanciers, Portland Cat Club, Seattle Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article XXII – Final Awards, 22.02a as follows:

22.02a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat, Best, ~~and~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100. For kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten; the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier.

**RATIONALE:** Over the years, numerous resolutions have been made which have been adopted to broaden CFA's award system which have not only provided more encouragement for

our exhibitors to attend CFA shows but have most importantly provided the vehicle to honor the increased high quality in our pedigreed breeds which has increased.

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Last year the delegates passed a resolution to increase the champion wins with a favorable vote to the board. The board did not pass this proposal. We are again proposing the adoption of the additional champion wins plus kitten wins.

**CARRIED.**

**- 44 - Garden State Cat Club**

Amend Show Rules, Article XXII – Finals Awards – Section 22.02b as follows:

b. In Breed/Color specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Cat, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten ~~if 35 or more are entered, Best through 5<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten if fewer than 35 are entered;~~ the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat ~~if 35 or more are entered in Premiership, Best through 5<sup>th</sup> best if fewer than 35 are entered;~~ and Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier.

**RATIONALE:** In 1998, the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings were changed to a Top 10 finals awards format (regardless of the number of entries). This has left the Breed/Color Specialty Rings as the only format required to have 35 or more entries in Kitten or Premiership classes in order to hold Top 10 finals awards. A typical Breed/Color Ring might be the Birman Specialty Ring or Persian Calico and Bi-Color Ring hosted by the Garden State Cat Club as an additional ring at their traditional shows. Since National/Regional points are not awarded in a Breed/Color Specialty ring, changing to a Top 10 finals awards format would not affect National/Regional scoring procedures. Constituting a Top 10 finals awards format would allow for 5 more cats to make a Kitten or Premiership final, and possibly encourage larger entry counts in the show.

**WITHDRAWN.**

– 45 – *National Birman Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article XXII – Finals Awards, Section 22.02b as follows:

b. In Breed/Color specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten if 35 or more are entered, ~~Best through 5<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten if fewer than 35 are entered;~~ the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat ~~if 35 or more are entered in Premiership, Best through 5<sup>th</sup> Best Cat if fewer than 35 are entered;~~ Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier.

For the purpose of determining the counts listed in a. and b., AOV, Provisional and Miscellaneous class entries will not be counted.

**RATIONALE:** In 1998, the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings were changed to a Top 10 final awards format (regardless of the number of entries). This has left the Breed/Color Specialty rings as the only format required to have 35 or more entries in Kitten or Premiership classes, in order to hold Top 10 finals awards. Since National/Regional points are not awarded in a breed/color specialty ring, changing to a Top 10 finals award/awards format would allow for 5 more cats to make a Kitten or Premiership final, and possibly encourage larger entry counts in the show.

**CARRIED.**

– 46 – *Cincinnati Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXIV (Color Classes), 24.04 to read as follows:

For KITTEN CLASSES, the letter “K” should be added to the correct breed or color class number.

For PREMIERSHIP CLASSES, the letter “P” should be added to the correct breed or color class number.

For CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES, the letter “C” should be added to the correct breed or color class number.

For HOUSEHOLD PET CLASSES, the letter “H” should be added to the color class number.

**RATIONALE:** This is strictly a housekeeping rule. So many people fail to put the “K” or “P” on the entry blanks for the respective classes on the entry blank. Why not make it universal to add the “C” and “H” for the other competitive classes in shows? This will aid entry clerks to help eliminate “second guessing” what categories in which the cats are being exhibited.

**FAILED.**

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## PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 47 – *Central Valley Cat Club, Abyssinian Breeders International, Crow Canyon Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to add to the CFA Show Rules, National/Regional Awards Program, Scoring, the following paragraph:

A kitten eligible by reason of its age to be shown as a kitten in more than one show season shall be eligible for the National/Regional Awards Program in the second such season only. For this purpose, points earned as a kitten entry in both seasons shall be treated as if all such points were earned in shows in the second show season. This paragraph shall take effect for the show season commencing May 1, 2000 and shall govern the scoring for all kittens born September 7, 1999 or later.

**RATIONALE:** Currently kittens which are born in the period of September through December of each year may be shown as kittens in two different show seasons, which puts them at a disadvantage relative to other kittens whose entire kitten career occurs in one show season. This amendment will ensure that the National and Regional points for each kitten will cover the complete four-month period during which the kitten is eligible to be shown and clearly determine the show season to which the points shall be applied.

**FAILED.**

– 48 – *Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** The following is a Non-Show Rule Resolution:

Regional Assignment

Individually owned cat/kitten: a cat/kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the show in which the cat/kitten last earns points.

Co-owned cat/kitten: a kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either a.) the last show in which it competes as a kitten and earns points, or b.) the last show in which it competes as a kitten and earns points prior to and including the ~~last show weekend in February~~ first full show weekend in December, whichever show occurs first. A cat is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points which occurs prior to or on the ~~last show weekend in February~~ first full show weekend in December. A show falling on the split weekend, ~~February-March, November-December~~ will be considered a ~~February~~ November show.

The regional assignment for any co-owned cat/kitten which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the ~~last show weekend in February~~ first full show weekend in December, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat earns points.

Changes in regional assignment are permitted after ~~last show weekend in February~~ first full show weekend in December only if a transfer has occurred in which none of the former

owners retain ownership of the cat. The cat/kitten will be assigned to the region listed in the catalog of the first show after the ~~last show weekend in February~~ first full show weekend in December at which the cat earns points. In the event of transfer of ownership, the applicable transfer date is the date the application is received in the Central Office.

**RATIONALE:** As the date for cut off of regional assignment now stands, we feel it is much too close to the end of the show season. A more fair and equitable split of the season would be the first full show weekend in December. This will give exhibitors who attended the International in November an opportunity to change ownership of a promising cat/kitten before the cutoff date in December.

**FAILED.**

*– 49 – Conestoga Cat Club, Basic Black Cat Club, United Persian Society, Indy Cat Club, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA's Show Rules, National/Regional Awards, Regional Assignment section so that the "General Rules" read as follows:

General Rules: regional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the principal residence of the owner or any one of the co-owners and must be consistent with the address supplied on their entry forms. ~~It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records.~~ A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the region listed in a catalog only to correct errors or if the address has changed; in the latter case, the region must be consistent with the new address. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are, 1) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or 2) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form.

**RATIONALE:** A cat that is regularly being shown by one co-owner should be scored in that person's region of residence along with the other cats it is competing with, rather than the region in which another co-owner lives. This adjustment does not prevent changes in regional assignment should the cat shift between co-owners for showing purposes, but it requires those changes to be indicated at the time entry is made, rather than at a show.

**CARRIED.**

*– 50 – Altered States Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Directors establish the Chair of the Breeds and Standards Committee as an ELECTED office following the election procedures of directors. The first election will be June, 2000 for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, the Chair of Breeds and Standards will be elected in odd numbered years beginning in 2003 for a term of two (2) years.

**RATIONALE:** The Breeds and Standards Chair position has become increasingly important in recent years. The person in this position has considerable influence that affects all

breeds. Therefore, clubs should have a direct say in the selection of the person who will hold this position.

**FAILED.**

*– 51 – Altered States Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** that the following alternative WIAB statement be submitted to the Breed Councils for a vote along with the statement produced by the WIAB Committee:

WIAB

A breed is a group of domestic cats that the governing body of CFA has agreed to recognize as such. A breed must have distinguishing features that set it apart from all other breeds.

As each breed has its own distinctive features the only necessary classification of breeds is a functional one, i.e. how the breed is used in cross breeding. The breed functions as a PARENT breed or a CHILD (HYBRID) breed. Within this framework the parent breed is assured the following protection. A child (hybrid) offspring which mimics (look-alikes) the parent breed must be classified as an AOV and for breeding only.

The only exception to the above will be if related breeds wishing to merge develop a workable plan acceptable to 70% of the voting members of the involved breed councils.

For breeds that have outcrossing, each breed council with a 60% voting majority will determine if and when it is safe and appropriate to set cut off dates for outcrossing.

For breeds who are closed to outcrossing and develop the need to outcross for health and vitality the CFA Board will grant approval of an outcrossing plan when 60% of the voting breed council membership approves such an outcrossing proposal. In addition to this required breed council approval, any such outcrossing proposal should include the following:

- a. A summary of the problem and/or problems that have caused the request to be made.
- b. Relevant statements from qualified vet and/or genetic professionals establishing that outcrossing is the best course to follow to correct the problem.
- c. The source of the desired outcross.
- d. A guarantee to breeds that might be used as an outcross in such a program that any look-alike cats produced by such outcrossing will not at any time seek any other designation other than AOV.
- e. A description of the registration procedures to be used in the establishment of the outcrossing program and approval by the CFA Executive Directors of such procedures.

**RATIONALE:** This WIAB statement takes a position that ameliorates opposing positions. While it removes from the committee version some objectionable items, it does provide protection for parent breeds. At the same time, if sometime in the distant future, breed councils of strongly related breeds wish to reorganize to form a group under an umbrella type structure, it would be possible so long as a large majority of the involved breed councils agree.

**FAILED.**

*– 52 – Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Oriental Shorthairs of America, Southern Tier Cat Fanciers, Love Cats, Seneca Cat Fanciers, Royal Canadian Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** that the CFA Board take whatever steps are necessary to assure that the 16 Pointed Oriental colors that have shown for over 15 years have no lapse in their championship status.

**RATIONALE:** If no action is taken, these cats will be unable to continue their 15 plus years of competition at the end of the 1999/2000 show season. Because of the actions at the February board meeting, these cats will become AOVs with less than 3 months for the Oriental and Colorpoint breeders to develop an agreed upon, mutual solution. While efforts are being made to develop this mutual solution, the status quo should remain in place until the alternative is agreed upon by the two Breed Councils and approved by the CFA Board.

Pointed Orientals are Grand Champions, Grand Premiers, Distinguished Merits, Regional Winners and National Winners, and represent roughly half of the cats shown in today's Colorpoint classes.

This resolution was presented from the floor of the 1998 Annual. It is repeated here, in pre-noticed form, for your thoughtful consideration. Let the Board know you support the continued showing of these fine examples of the Oriental breed.

**WITHDRAWN.**

**(41) CFA CAT BOOK.**

Allene Tartaglia gave the following report:

*The concept for the CFA Cat Book was introduced at the June 1997 Annual Meeting. I was appointed the liaison of the book and have been working closely with the editor, Mordecai Siegal, a well-respected author in the publishing industry.*

*This book will have the feel of a reference book rather than a book with lots of pretty pictures, and will be unique in that only CFA breeders are contributors to the book. Most importantly, CFA will have final approval of each and every word in the book. The target audience will be the general public and this book will provide us with the opportunity to educate the public about pedigreed cats.*

*The CFA Cat Book will include general reference chapters and a chapter for each CFA registered breed. Each breed chapter will be accompanied by one color photo per breed/division.*

*Photos were solicited from the cat fancy via the Almanac and CFA's web site. Breed slides from the past five years on file at the Central Office were also included. Three CFA International Cat Show judges, one randomly drawn – Bob Bradshaw – and two who have judged the most International Cat Shows – Kim Everett and Wain Harding – met last week to select up to five photos of those submitted. The criteria used for the selection was how well the cat met the standard and the appeal of the picture to the general public. Any photos which contained props were not considered and full body shots were preferred. The photos were not identified during this process nor will they be identified in the book other than by breed, color and sex. The respective breed council secretaries will rank the photos selected by the judges, and every effort will be made by the editor and publisher to honor these rankings.*

*I've already received several manuscripts and there is still much more work to do in a few short months. The book is scheduled to debut in 2000, and I believe this will be a book of which we can all be proud for now and years to come.*

*Thank you to everyone who has agreed to contribute to the book or been involved in any other way, and a special thank you for allowing me to be part of this exciting project.*

The CFA Annual Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

**1999 CFA ANNUAL MEETING  
Saturday June 26, 1999**

The Saturday Meeting was called to order by **President Williams** at 9:03 AM.

**(42) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

**1. SCORING SUGGESTIONS** – presented by Noelle Giannuzzi as a suggestion to be considered.

Individual Ring by Ring Scoring System

Show Points

Official Show Count

1. For each show, official show counts are determined for each category in which a judge has given finals awards. These categories might include, but are not limited to, allbreed kittens, longhair kittens, shorthair kittens, allbreed championship, longhair championship, shorthair championship, allbreed premiership, shorthair premiership, and longhair premiership.

2. The cats/kittens competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts.

3. A cat/kitten handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.

#### Eligible Wins

1. Kitten classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules.
2. Championship classes – best through tenth best cat, best and second best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.
3. Premiership classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules.

#### Determination of Show Points

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens in competition.

#### Eligible Wins

1. Best cat/kitten – one point for each cat/kitten defeated (100% - 1).
2. Second best cat/kitten – 95% of the points awarded to the best cat/kitten, third best cat/kitten 90%, fourth best cat/kitten 85%, fifth best cat/kitten 80%, sixth best cat/kitten 75%, seventh best cat/kitten 70%, eighth best cat/kitten 65%, ninth best cat/kitten 60%, and tenth best cat/kitten 55%.
3. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.
4. Second best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
5. Points achieved in individual rings are then specified as the cat/kitten's total for that ring, and not tallied for an entry's total points for the show, except for when being used for scoring out the highest scoring cat/kitten for the show.

#### Scoring

At the completion of the show season, the points earned by an entry in each of its awarded rings are converted to reflect the highest to the lowest number. If a cat/kitten did not final in a ring, the zero points do not count toward the lowest number, as there was no award in that ring. (If a cat was awarded best of breed/division or second best of breed/division in that ring, then the points earned are counted in the tally.) Total credited points will be the sum of the highest 100 rings for each cat or highest 40 rings for each kitten.

If a cat is exhibited in rings totaling 100 or less (40 or less for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of the total awarded points earned.

There is no ring averaging involved, as each individual ring counts as a separate scoring entity; however, for the sake of simplicity, the count used will be the one given by the master clerk per previously stated in the show rules.

**2. CHANGE IN NATIONAL AWARDS** – presented by the CFA Board to be considered.

*[Note: This is the first time the CFA Board has presented a resolution from the floor to the delegates for their consideration and input.]*

*We offer you the following proposal:*

**RESOLVED:** *That CFA shift the focus of the national awards to promote the breeds by recognizing the Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best of Breed/Division, Best Kitten of Breed/Division and Best Cat in Premiership of Breed/Division. This will provide a broader base of awards and increase breed awareness.*

*That CFA provide national recognition to our Distinguished Merit cats. This is perhaps the most prestigious and most coveted award amongst breeders in CFA.*

*Each region will continue to award the Top 25 Cats and Top 20 Kittens and Premiers.*

**RATIONALE:** *This change will put the focus of CFA's national recognition where it belongs - on your BREEDS, and on you the BREEDERS and OWNERS. In shifting the focus at the national level, it also makes the regional awards distinctive and more meaningful.*

**3. CHANGE "HERMAN" TO A 900 NUMBER** – Kevin Weber suggested that the delegation consider making the automated dial-in for grand championship confirmation (Herman) a 900 number in order to raise money for CFA. Members will take this into consideration.

**4. CENTRALIZED TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER PROVIDED BY CFA** – presented by Diane Crowe:

**RESOLVED:** That CFA organize a telephone answering service for Friday afternoon/evenings (? the 12-24 hour period prior to show start). This will be responsible to take and deliver messages to assist clubs, their transportation committee and judges-in-transit in situations where travel to club/show locations is disrupted. The service will assist communication, take and deliver messages or phone numbers locations and will not be responsible for alternate travel or pick-up arrangements.

**RATIONALE:** On Fridays, weather or airline problems often disrupt travel plans and a judge may be delayed or re-routed unexpectedly. Club members are often setting up shows, or not at home and may not check answering machines regularly. Attempts to locate judges who are delayed are difficult. Attempts of judges to contact clubs are also difficult and often unsuccessful.

We propose a (commercial) answering service be hired to provide a central number to call to leave or pick up messages regarding travel disruption and to obtain phone numbers where the responsible parties can be reached. To underwrite the cost of the service, a surcharge (\$5?, \$10) would be assessed to each show using the service. The costs for the service will be ascertained by M.J.M.

Endorsed by Nova Cat Fanciers, Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers, Sign Of The Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Just Cats N' Us, National Colorpoints & Orientals, Perthshire Clan, Crow Canyon Cat Club, Cat Fanciers Of The Blue Ridge, Central Carolina Cat Fanciers, The Crafty Cat, Royal Canadian Cat Club, Si Sawat Society, Crab and Mallet Cat Club, Fallen Timbers SH Fanciers, West Hills Cat Fanciers, Birmingham Feline Fanciers, Keystone, Ocala Cat Club, Conestoga Cat Club.

**Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. **E-MAIL ENTRIES** – presented by Clinton Parker, Hunt Country Cat Club. CFA would establish a method for collecting fees for e-mail entries similar to those for FAX entries. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. **REWORDING OF RESOLUTION #34.**

– 34 – *Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society*

**RESOLVED:** to amend CFA Show Rule, Article VIII – Championships and Premierships as follows:

Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office ~~no later than 21 days~~ prior to the opening day of the show in question. A correctly completed registration application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.).

**RATIONALE:** Because of faxes and electronic entries, 21 days no longer seems to be a reasonable requirement.

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**RATIONALE:** Because of faxes and electronic entries, 21 days no longer seems to be a reasonable requirement.

Presented by Atlanta Phoenix. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Gene Boroff brought the members of the delegation up to date on the illness of fellow member, Larry Ritter. Prayers and best wishes are sent his way for a full and speedy recovery.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

## **CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**June 27, 1999**

The Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, June 27, 1999 for its post-annual meeting, organization and business session. **President Don Williams** called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with the following members of the Board of Directors present:

**Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)**  
**Mrs. Lorna Malinen (NWR Director)**  
**Mr. Lonnie Hoover (GSR Director)**  
**Mrs. Liz Watson (GLR Director)**  
**Mr. George Eigenhauser (SWR Director)**  
**Mrs. Linda Berg (MWR Director)**  
**Mr. Jim DeBruhl (SOR Director)**  
**Mrs. Bess Higuchi (Japan Regional Director)**  
**Mr. Don Williams (President)**  
**Mrs. Kim Everett (Vice-President)**  
**Mrs. Donna Fuller (Treasurer)**  
**Ms. Kitty Angell (Secretary)**  
**Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Pam DelaBar (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Diana Doernberg (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Pat Jacobberger (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Donna Jean Thompson (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Betty White (Director-at-Large)**

Also present were Mr. Thomas Dent, CFA Executive Director; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Mr. Fred Jacobberger, CFA Legal Counsel; Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Director Special Projects; and Mr. Michael Brim, Public Relations Director.

### **(43) CFA TREASURER'S OVERVIEW.**

**Donna Fuller** gave an overview of the adjustments made during the Thursday Budget Proposal Meeting. She projected a loss of \$34,674. "We have cut a lot. I think we are getting down to where there is not a lot of fat in the budget. I do want to thank all of you program chairmen; without your help we could not have come close. I want to thank the breed councils for volunteering an increase. It is so unusual to have someone volunteer for a rate increase."

(44) **900 NUMBER FOR HERMAN.**

**Dent:** Philosophically, I have always been opposed to charging people to find out if their cat is a Grand Champion. In years past, people had to call the office. "Herman" filled a need by allowing people to call as often as they wanted and to obtain as much information as they wanted at no charge. However, the delegation yesterday gave a strong indication that they had very little opposition to converting Herman from a free service to a fee service. Given that vote, I would like the board to give me direction as to whether or not I should move forward. **Thompson so moved. Williams** called the motion. Motion Carried. Dent: That could have some impact on future income for CFA.

(45) **RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

**Williams** named **Thomas Dent** as Executive Director of CFA.

(46) **RATIFICATION OF CFA LEGAL COUNSEL.**

**Williams:** While Fred has done an excellent job as our legal counsel, now that his wife is on the board I felt we should consider a new attorney. I have been met with some opposition to that. Does anyone want to speak to that?

**Everett:** With the position that Fred now holds, I do not know of any rules that state he cannot hold this position. He is in the midst of handling many different business situations. He is doing a commendable job for this association. I think to make a change on someone who has served us so well would be a grave error.

**Williams:** Again, Fred has done an absolutely fabulous job; I am just saying that some people feel this is a conflict and some do not. We have a very gray area here.

**Eigenhauser:** As an attorney myself I can tell you that attorneys actually hold themselves to a higher ethical standard than most people. There are certain rules that we would literally die rather than violate because of our respect of the rules that we operate under. Fred has not done anything that is not above reproach as our attorney. In his present position, working to serve with Patty, the only conflict of interest that would actually arise would be if Patty should have to vote on his salary. But other than that, no actual conflict of interest exists. Given the depth of experience on this board and his general acceptance in the fancy, I think we would be foolish to lose this resource at this time.

**Berg:** I think because we are in the middle of a very big lawsuit it would be stupid to change lawyers midstream.

**Angell:** I have very high regard for Fred. I have worked with him a lot this year. I think it is inappropriate for a husband and wife to sit on the same board and this has nothing to do with the Jacobbergers because I have great respect for both of them. I have felt from the very beginning that this was a conflict of interest. I think it is something that will always be on the minds of our constituents. As far as the lawsuit is concerned, from what I have observed, our insurance lawyer has done most of the work.

**Barnaby:** I agree with what everyone is saying in that I certainly appreciate what Fred has done. And I've known Patty a long, long time. But I think we have gone on record as voting clubs down because they have the same situation like this where the officers are relatives. Do we change the rules to suit ourselves when it comes to board matters?

**Miller:** I would like to point out that Fred is not a member of the board. We do not have a husband and wife serving on this board. Our attorney has completely different functions. He is not going to be voting on the things that we have to deal with. He can be advising us and interpreting words. I feel very confident that if they sensed any potential conflict of interest that they would make sure that there wouldn't be. Generally, Fred is our main advisor and the way he conducts the protest hearings, all of those things are very important and they have no connection to any conflict of interest.

**DeBruhl** added his opinion that this was no conflict of interest. **Fuller** said she viewed the attorney as an "advocate of the board."

**White** asked that if it wasn't the president's right to appoint whomever he wanted?  
**Doernberg:** I'd like some clarification. We are talking about committee appointments, the CFA Attorney isn't a committee. In our Constitution it says that the board must ratify our Central Office, but I don't see that this is the situation with our CFA Attorney. With our president as chief operation officer, I think it would be a bad situation for our president to feel uncomfortable with this appointment. I think there is a conflict of interest and I will point out to you where that conflict would hurt. If Fred makes a ruling on a decision that he has given us, for instance, in the case of a breeds and standards issue, there is the conflict. The conflict is that Patty would be voting on the opinion that her husband is giving the board. **DelaBar:** Then she excuses herself. **Doernberg:** Then maybe that ought to be established. But there is the conflict. I think it is one thing to have a hand in the lawsuit, but I do think that the insurance company is the primary handler. Now, you tell me Fred, are you actively involved in the day-to-day processing of this lawsuit? **F. Jacobberger:** No. **Doernberg:** The insurance company has the requirement to handle that lawsuit. They are responsible for that lawsuit, and they are paying the bills for that lawsuit, and the only action that Fred has on that litigation is to negotiate or try to say to them "we wish you would settle in the best interests of the organization!" But he has no way to force them to settle. I believe at some point there would be a conflict and we ought to establish, if Fred continues, that a procedure can be followed if he has to make a call or give us a ruling. I think we have a bad situation if even part of the membership of this board feels that there is a conflict of interest.

**Everett** felt the main concern was "can they do the job properly." More discussion ensued on the same subject. **Everett** made the motion that Fred Jacobberger be rehired as legal counsel. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Thompson, Barnaby, White, Doernberg, Hoover, Malinen, Angell voting no.

#### **(47) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**

**President Williams** announced his committee appointments for the coming year and asked that they be ratified as a group.

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| <b>Animal Welfare and Disaster Relief</b> | Pam DelaBar   |
| <b>Archives and CFA Foundation</b>        | Vaughn Barber   |
| <b>Awards</b>                             | Jim DeBruhl   |
| <b>Breeds and Standards</b>               | Diana Doernberg, Chair  |
| <b>Breed Awareness</b>                    | Kim Everett   |
| <b>Budget</b>                             | Donna Fuller, Tom Dent, Don Williams  |
| <b>Clerking</b>                           | Debbie Kusy, Chair  |
| <b>Constitution</b>                       | Fred Jacobberger  |
| <b>Credentials</b>                        | Eve Russell, Chair  |
| <b>Executive Committee</b>                | Don Williams, Kim Everett, Kitty Angell, Donna Fuller, Stan Barnaby           |
| <b>Health</b>                             | Betty White   |
| <b>Honors and Social</b>                  | Lorna Malinen   |
| <b>Insurance</b>                          | Tom Dent  |
| <b>International Division</b>             | Stan Barnaby, Chair   |
| <b>Europe</b>                             | Peter Vanwonderghem   |
| <b>South America, Russia, Ukraine</b>     | Liz Watson  |
| <b>Asia (Japan not included)</b>          | Yaeko Takano  |
| <b>International Show</b>                 | Linda Berg  |
| <b>Job Description</b>                    | Lorna Malinen   |
| <b>Judging Program Liaison</b>            | Liaison, Donna Jean Thompson  |
| <b>Committee</b>                          | Jo Ann Cummings, Annette Wilson, Wayne Trevathan, Toni Woolard, Loretta Baugh |
| <b>Legislative Staff</b>                  | Joan Miller, Anna Sadler, Sharon Coleman                                      |
| <b>Legislative Committee</b>              | Tom Dent, Fred Jacobberger, Phil Lindsley, Joan Miller (liaison)              |
| <b>Logo</b>                               | Karen Lawrence  |
| <b>Membership</b>                         | Sharon Roy  |
| <b>Mentor Program</b>                     | Debbie Ritter   |
| <b>Neuter/Spay Program</b>                | Michael Brim  |
| <b>New Revenue</b>                        | George Eigenhauser  |
| <b>Personnel</b>                          | Don Williams, Kim Everett, Kitty Angell, Donna Fuller                         |
| <b>Show Scheduling</b>                    | Jim DeBruhl   |
| <b>Regional Boundaries</b>                | Lonnie Hoover   |
| <b>Protest</b>                            | George Eigenhauser  |
| <b>Show Rules</b>                         | Becky Jones, Chair; Diana Doernberg (liaison)                                 |
| <b>Youth Development Program</b>          | Debbie Stevenson, Chair; Kitty Angell (liaison)                               |
| <b>Winn Foundation</b>                    | Joan Miller (liaison)   |

**DelaBar** moved to ratify. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(48) CFA FOUNDATION.**

*The CFA Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation. Our goals are to collect and preserve the materials pertinent to CFA and the cat fancy. The foundation has been recognized*

*by the Internal Revenue Service as a charity under the provisions of the I.R.S. code Section 501 (c)(3). Donations to the foundation are tax deductible.*

*Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers and Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club honored their judges by making contributions to the foundation. Thank you.*

*Betty White, John McGonagle and Carolyn Vella, Valerie K. Balavage, and Wendy Jenai also made contributions to the Foundation. Thank you.*

*Gayle Hand, in memory of Rosemonde Peltz; Vaughn and Wanda Barber, in memory of Sy Howard; Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club, in memory of Jake Wojcek. Thank you.*

*George Summerville had asked that his friends remember him with a gift to the foundation. In memory of George we received donations from Birmingham Feline Fanciers, Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers, Hawkeye State, Pam DelaBar, Forth Worth Cat Club, Karen and Roger Lawrence, Ozark Cat Fanciers, Linda Joyce Williams, Tom and Shirley Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Fromm, Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club, Mo-Kan Cat Club, D. Lorraine Spivey, Don Bozeman, Jess and Sylvia Insall, Karen L. Poe, Wichita Cat Fancy, and donations are still coming in. Thank you.*

*The Virginia Wolfe Trust honoring another CFA judge has been established favoring the foundation. Thank you.*

*In October, Vaughn Barber met with Mary Jo Pierce of Tulsa regarding the cat collection that will come to the foundation. The collection includes 198 pieces and approximately 160 cat books.*

*During the year Karen Lawrence attended a cat show in Erie, PA. There was a used book sale table at the show and included in the assortment was a scrapbook from a Philadelphia estate going back to 1880-1900. It consisted of cat newspaper articles, cat postcards, letters, photographs. Karen negotiated a price with Paul Zigo and the Peace Bridge Aby Fanciers purchased it for the foundation. To everyone, but especially Karen Lawrence, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.*

*This is what the foundation is all about. This scrapbook came very close to being lost to future cat fanciers. The owner knew he could sell individual items from it and make a lot more money, but he was also sympathetic with the goals of the foundation.*

*Please keep the foundation in mind when you are making your will or dispersing some of the profits from your show.*

*Thank you!*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Vaughn Barber, Secretary*

**(49) CFA WEB SITE STATUS REPORT.**

*The CFA breed profiles continue to be the most requested pages on the site and as a result, we have been expanding our breed sections to provide more in-depth information. Part of this effort has included the addition of historical breed articles, and as of this writing the following articles are online: American Curl (1998), Balinese (1997), British Shorthair (1995), Burmese (1997), Exotic (1996), Havana Brown (1998), Japanese Bobtail (1997), Javanese (1984), Korat (1998), Maine Coon (1997), Manx (1998), Ocicat (1996), Persian – Bi-Color (1991), Persian – Bi-Color (1998), Persian – Smoke (1995), Persian – Parti-Color (1996), Russian Blue (1994), Singapura (1996), Turkish Angora (1994).*

*Our agreement with America Online continues, whereby they have permission to use our breed profiles and photos online in their AOL Pet Care Forum. CFA is appropriately credited, and links from AOL to our site have generated many cat care questions as well as breeder referral requests.*

*Earlier this year the Caring for Cats section underwent a major reorganization to make it easier for people to find specific articles. Caring for Cats is one of the web site's most popular sections and includes information on general care as well as Health Committee and Winn Foundation articles. The section now opens with a general statement regarding CFA's involvement in the promotion and protection of all cats, followed by an introduction to the CFA Health Committee and The Winn Feline Foundation, and finally an index of articles and research reports categorized by topic, with numerous links throughout. In addition, many new articles were added on topics including an identification system for pets, hip dysplasia, urinary tract disease, the effect of dietary copper intake on reproduction, and several reports on FIR.*

*Construction of a New Breeder/Exhibitor section is currently underway. This section will open with New Breeders and Exhibitors FAQ, and from there people will be able to link to various topics of interest such as breed history and standards, preparing for the first show, filling out the entry form, scoring grand points and national/regional points, applying for a cattery name, registering a litter, etc. One thing that would most certainly be helpful to the novice exhibitor is grooming advice, and with the help of our breed council secretaries we hope to include basic grooming techniques for every breed.*

*The Exhibitor's Corner continues to be a great resource for our breeders and exhibitors, offering up-to-date information on business and events such as the Annual Meeting, International Show, declared candidates, 1999 Qualifier judges, deadline timetable, Almanac editorial calendar, and a current Show Schedule. In an effort to provide the exhibitor with more detailed show information, the Show Schedule opening page also provides links to those regions that have registered official domain names for their sites (North Atlantic, Northwest, Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest and Southern).*

*Individuals and clubs are requesting the CFA banner for use on their web sites. We would like to remind everyone that this file will be sent to those individuals who submit a completed logo waiver form. A sample of the banner as well as usage guidelines and a link to the logo waiver form can be found at the following URL: <http://www.cfainc.org/exhibitorsnogo.html>.*

*The web site continues to receive huge volumes of email on a wide range of topics, and we have a network of people who assist in answering them on a daily basis. Through emails sent to CFA and redirected to rescue groups, we have helped several people find new homes for cats that would otherwise have been sent to shelters or put down. This is just one example of how CFA, through our web site, has been successful in assisting cat lovers (and cats) around the world.*

*We are proud to announce that the CFA web site is a recipient of The 1999 Golden Eagle Award for an ongoing brilliant presentation from American Photojournal Home & Travel Internet Magazine. Our site was chosen from a final field of nearly 40,000 sites and evaluated in one of forty-four specific categories for structure, content and maintenance using the criteria of downloading, navigation, usefulness, organization, clarity, graphics, uniqueness and satisfaction.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Krzanowski*

**(50) CFA LOGO COMMITTEE.**

*The CFA Banner image file has been sent, upon request and receipt of a signed waiver of liability, to numerous people for use on their personal cattery web sites.*

*Occasionally, a web site is found that uses the color version of the CFA logo. Email is sent to the web master advising that the color version of the CFA logo is for use ONLY on the CFA web page and referring them to the CFA web site for information on the logo usage guidelines.*

*A request was received from a non-affiliated cat fancier group asking to use the CFA logo on a float in a parade. Permission was denied.*

*Several companies have been reminded that their contracts for use of the logo will need to be renewed in the near future.*

*Lamro Inc. is selling digitized versions of the CFA logo for use in engraving machines. They have been sent a letter explaining the requirements for use of the logo, and have been asked to sign a contract and forward a check for the annual fee.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Lawrence, Chair  
CFA Logo Committee*

**(51) CFA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REPORT.**

*The Junior Showmanship program has had its first two trial rings, one in April in Deland, Florida, at the City Beautiful Cat Club show, and the second at Empire State Cat Club show held on Staten Island the second weekend in May. The Deland show had five entrants, with four exhibiting and the Staten Island show had six entrants, with five exhibiting. Enclosed is a video tape of the first trial ring. Although this is not a professionally-done tape, it hopefully will*

*give you some sense of the enthusiasm for this program. I hope each of you will be able to take a moment to view the tape prior to the upcoming board meeting.*

*Both the clubs, the participants and the spectators thought the rings were a success. The participants enjoyed showing their cats and were able to handle them well. Spectators thoroughly enjoyed watching the children at both shows, with large crowds gathered at the rings. Kitty Angell and Marilyn Cruz, judges for the shows, both enjoyed the experience and had constructive suggestions for improving the flow of the competition.*

*One thing that has definitely been determined by the experience is that it will be necessary to have a separate judge to handle the Junior Showmanship ring. It takes more time than anticipated to allow each child to handle his/her cat and respond to the judge's questions and for the judge to write an evaluation.*

*We are also in the process of creating a guideline for Junior Showmanship that can be given to both judge and exhibitor. The guideline will be formatted as a handbook and will include the regulations for Junior Showmanship, guides for judges and exhibitors and a short section on care and grooming of the cat. Judges will be able to frame questions by using the guideline, and exhibitors will understand what is expected of them. We have also created a short list of guidelines for clubs in setting up Junior Showmanship rings, based on the experiences of the first two shows.*

*The response to the first two shows has been very positive. We have two clubs in Florida, one in Atlanta, one in Texas and two in the North Atlantic region that are planning on holding Junior Showmanship rings at future shows. The committee hopes to work with Allene in Central Office to put together a complete package by July so that the program will be well underway this show season. We are also working on getting corporate sponsorship for the program, and hope to have something to report along those lines at the October meeting.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbi Stevenson, Chairperson*

**(52) NEW BUSINESS.**

**DelaBar** publicly thanked Lorna Malinen, Northwest Regional Director, for the lovely annual. Applause! **White** added that she thought the awards presentation was the best she had ever seen. Applause!

**Dent** suggested keeping the operations of Disaster Relief in a separate account as is done with the Winn Foundation and as a separate corporation. **Everett** so **moved**. **F. Jacobberger**: The corporation was newly formed last year with a stated board of directors, including Jody Garrison, Tom Dent and me. The board of directors will now have to get together to rally the opposition and do the organizational stuff including our appointing of officers, setting a budget, and so forth. Pam can give some input as to who she wants as active officers. **Barnaby** wanted to know who would be in charge of the funds for the disaster relief account and where would we be transferring them to? Who is going to be in charge of the account? **F. Jacobberger**: The corporation would. **Barnaby**: How much in funds are we transferring? **DelaBar**: \$46,000 plus. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried**. DelaBar abstaining.

**Miller:** At the board meeting on Wednesday, some of the board members asked about the possibility of a 501-c-3 for the Legislative Fund. We did discuss that at our meeting on Saturday. There were four attorneys present including Sharon Coleman, who came up from San Mateo to meet with us. All four attorneys had the same opinion that this would not be the proper thing with the Legislative Committee. **Eigenhauser** clarified how lobbying would enter into this decision and would affect our status as a charitable group. **Miller** addressed the problem of the new quarantine in Japan. Japan's quarantine is supposed to start in January 1, 2000. "Mr. Mori feels the government is afraid of rabies coming into the country, but cat importing is only 5%. The government has decided that kittens under eight months of age will not be quarantined but, instead, they have to come with a rabies shot and a health certificate. Right now this is not official, but I will be writing about it later in the Almanac."

**Everett and Thompson** wanted to go on record as giving their heartfelt thanks to the CFA Judges for giving them the lovely gifts for their service to the Judging Program. Applause! **Williams:** I think it goes without saying that Kim and Donna Jean have both done an outstanding job with the judging program. They have brought our CFA Judges to where they are today.

**Dent** told that board that he was going to survey the breeders regarding registration. Why are the breeders not giving out blue slips? If they are not giving them out, why are they not giving them out? "Secondly, I am going to implement a change in the 'not for breeding' process. There are concerns that the process developed is not foolproof. I have developed a foolproof method that will totally insure that the registration form that is intended as 'not for breeding' will be recorded as not for breeding. The process involves the use of a pin-number. We will print a four or five digit pin code on the litter registration certificate. When the breeder sells a kitten and intends that the kitten be allowed to be used in a breeding program, the breeder will have to write that pin code on the blue slip. When that blue slip arrives at the office the presence of the pin code will allow our clerk to unlock the software to allow the cat to be registered as a 'for breeding' cat. Without the pin code our clerk will be barred by the software from registering the cat as a breeding cat. It will totally eliminate the possibility of clerical errors in the office. Each litter will have its own pin code, so if you send in five different litters you will get back five different pin codes. **DelaBar** added that she thinks this will show other humane organizations how serious CFA is about breeding and about making sure the right cats are bred. **Malinen** wanted to know if the regional directors could help with the survey. **Dent** replied that he was getting professional help on how to run this survey. However, he added that he would be happy for anyone who could help with the process.

**Dent:** For some time now we have been toying with the idea of offering for sale an expanded registration certificate. The breed registration certificate has been our main product for many years. It hasn't changed much over the years. I have been discussing with the staff the possibility of a large certificate, which includes additional ancestry, being a combination registration certificate and certified pedigree document that could be framed and sold for a significantly higher rate.

**Barnaby:** I have two things. One is new business and one is old business. I am referring to becoming a champion on Saturday night. One of the avenues for trying this on a trial basis would be in the International Division. They have very few shows and it would be the easiest

place that I can think of to see how it is going to work. Plus the fact that it would be very beneficial to the people in the International Division.

Secondly, in new business, there is a matter that I want to go into in Executive Session. It is too late to do it in old business, so now I would like to do it in New Business. **Dent:** I really need to work with somebody on the overnight champion issue because it affects Central Office in many ways. We need to get a clear idea of what is going to be necessary for the master clerks as well as our needs with respect to the process. **Doernberg:** It seemed to me that the delegation was not in favor of doing that over here. However, I think it may be very beneficial for us is to try to investigate some show situation that may be especially advantageous for the International clubs. We can try to accommodate them specifically. What I am asking for is to inform the Show Rules chairman whether she should (in October) bring a change in show rules that would allow us to implement this in the International Division, so that we would have a specific group of rules to look at and discuss as far as the possibility. Peter has talked to me. Obviously, Stan has been involved. But I think, until we have some specifics as to how this is going to operate, we are going to be wasting our time. So I would like to move on behalf of the show rules chairman to come up with this plan in the form of a show rule. **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Malinen** announced that she, F. Jacobberger, Eigenhauser, and Dent had met on Tuesday to get some policies started as to what is expected at board meetings.

At this point **President Williams** asked the board to go into Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty Angell, Secretary

### (53) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS & RESULTS.**

Although printed as a separate section of the minutes, these reports are nonetheless a part of the official minutes of the proceedings of the executive board during the period from June 23-27, 1999. When used in this section the term "cited for hearing" means only that the CFA Executive Board considered the Protest Committee's recommendations and determined that sufficient cause existed to believe that the individuals(s) or club(s) involved may have violated a show rule or provisions of the CFA Constitution. In such cases, the involved individuals(s) or club(s) is "cited for hearing," meaning that the executive board has scheduled a fact finding hearing on the alleged violation, pursuant to the provisions of the CFA Constitution. During closed session the board accepted the Protest Committee's recommendation not to proceed further with some protests and to proceed with a hearing on those recommended for citation. **DelaBar** moved to accept all recommendations made by the Protest Committee other than the Sheila Dye case. (It would be heard separately.) **Williams** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

## **PROTESTS:**

The Protest Committee recommended the following cases as “cited for hearing” by the board:

**Case #99-032: CFA v. Dye, Sheila;** violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (a & g).

**Case #99-002: CFA v. DeForge, Warren;** violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (g); violation of Show Rule 11:01.1.

**Case #99-03: CFA v. Meyers, Claudia;** violation of CFA Constitution XV, Section 4 (a & g).

**Case #99-04: CFA v. Lynch, Mary;** violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (d).

**Case #99-025: CFA v. Sankey, George;** violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (g).

**Case #99-028: CFA v. Woolbright, Monica;** violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (b).

## **HEARINGS:**

**Case #98-105-1118: CFA v. Frish, Alex; violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (b).** No person was present and following a closed session the board found Alex Frish **Not Guilty** for lack of sufficient evidence.

**Case #98-105-1215: CFA v. Furlotte, Tracy; violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g).** No person was present and following a closed session the board found Tracy Furlotte **Guilty** as charged. **Penalty: Permanent suspension.**