

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1/2, 2005**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, October 1, 2005, at the Marriott Chicago Suites O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Mr. Dick Kallmeyer (NWR Director)
Mr. James Watson (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Ms. Regina Shaffer (SWR Director)
Ms. Linda Berg (MWR Director)
Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)
Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)
Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Jo Ann Cummings (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also present were Mr. Thomas Dent, CFA Executive Director; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Director Special Projects; Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, and Sumako Solenberger, Japanese Translator.

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.**

Anger: The October, 2004 Club Applications Report stated that an individual had written a letter against a club, but she was actually writing on behalf of Siamese Alliance. A correction has been requested. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Old Language: September 3, 2004, received by Central Office –
Negative letter from Mary Kolencik.

New Language: September 3, 2004, received by Central Office –
Negative letter from Siamese Alliance.

No corrections to the June, 2005 minutes having been submitted, Angell moved to accept the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

(2) **TREASURER/BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Total Assets. *Key cash reserves are held at Allaire Community Bank, Fleet Bank and Bank One. Funds are also being held in a certificate of deposit. Overall total assets which include cash reserves, property and equipment, and other assets have decreased slightly over the past year.*

Ordinary Income-Registrations and Related Services. *Registration, which is the single largest contributor to CFA's financials, was slightly below last year but ahead of budget. Total revenue generated from registration, both individuals and litters, is down 3.2% compared to the same period last year but 4.4% positive to budget.*

Other relevant categories which have experienced noteworthy changes are:

- *Transfer Ownership which in total have declined from last year.*
- *Championship confirmations which are down when compared to both budget and prior year.*
- *Breeder Directory is performing as budgeted which is significantly higher than a year ago. This is largely due to increased acceptance by the Fancy as this offering approaches its first full year.*
- *Sponsorship and Goodwill which was the category in which the Friskies sponsorship was recorded is down substantially as Friskies no longer provides sponsorship.*

Yearbook and Almanac

The Yearbook is performing well. Income is at parity with prior year. Expenses are higher than last year primarily due to a reallocation of salaries between the Yearbook and the Almanac.

The analysis is the same when reviewing the Almanac financials. Performance is positive. Income is essentially the same as last year. Expenses are lower due to the reallocation of salaries and a reduction in production costs attributed to timing.

Calhoun: Both publications are doing well. The good work redesigning the Yearbook is paying off. We are starting to come in line on the Almanac. Publications seem to be starting off on a healthy note.

Corporate Shows. *The International and New York show committees are hard at work planning top-notch shows while working within established budgets. Financial reports will be submitted at the February Board Meeting.*

Operating Expenses. *Administrative expense at Central Office, which includes salaries and benefits, utilities, building insurance supplies and postage are positive to prior year and budget.*

Publicity. *Publicity expenses are slightly over budget driven by programs expense.*

CFA Programs. *CFA programs overall are within budget.*

Corporate Expense. *CFA Corporate expense overall is within budget but with professional fees being over budget. This is primarily due to the late renewal of the CFA trademark. Board meeting expenses are positive to budget but are not inclusive of all costs for the Annual Meeting.*

Legislative. *Legislative expenses are also within budget.*

In summary for this reporting period, CFA's expenses have exceeded income.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, Treasurer*

Barnaby moved to approve the report. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(3) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Club Membership Chair Jo Ann Cummings presented the following club applications for approval, reserving the right to vote no:

HAPPY ISLAND CAT CLUB
Region 8 – Japan

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Fourteen members.*
- *Two members belong to another CFA club.*
- *All Breed Club*

✚ *Activities:*

- *Sponsor and host CFA annual shows.*
- *Sponsor cat seminars in order to improve pedigreed cats in Tohoku area in Japan.*
- *Develop web site in order to improve pedigreed cats in Tohoku area in Japan.*

✚ *Objectives:*

- *Promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *Promote the breeding of pedigreed cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
- *Promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

✚ *Additional Notes:*

- ❖ *The shows will be held in the Tokyo area including Fukushima and Miyagi Prefecture or Tokyo area where show halls are available*

- *As of this date, no letters have been received.*
- *Approval by Japan regional director – Kayoko Koizumi*

NOTE: A letter was received from Isamu Abe listing additional information regarding Happy Island Cat Club.

Koizumi: This is a very energetic new group northeast of Tokyo. Please support this club. They do not have a cat club in that area. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

CHINA PUREPET CLUB
International Division

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twenty members.*
- *None of the members belong to another CFA club.*
- *All Breed Club*

✚ *Activities:*

- *They care for and cherish all cats and want to find way for better welfare.*
- *Wish to Publicize the CFA and make great efforts to introduce CFA for more cat lovers in China.*

✚ *Objectives:*

- *Sponsor one CFA show every year.*
- *Promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *Promote the breeding of pedigreed cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*

- *Promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
- *As of this date, no letters have been received.*
- *Approval by International Director – Darrell Newkirk.*

Kallmeyer: I met the Purepet members. The existing club in the area is not opposed to the new club. **Miller:** Do we have any criteria or procedures set up for China? We don't know the people. **DelaBar:** I met this group when I first went over to Shanghai. **Miller:** We as a board need a little more information or personal connection with these clubs. **Kallmeyer:** These are really down-to-earth people. **DelaBar:** I have been in a breeder's home in Beijing. I showed pictures of it at our Orlando Annual. The secretary of China Purepet came down to help Shanghai put on their first show. They came to the first CFA show in Beijing and were. **L. Watson:** Am I to understand that both of these clubs are in Beijing? **DelaBar:** Correct. **L. Watson:** And that it's not a problem? **Kallmeyer:** Beijing is about 26 million population, and approximately 80 miles across. It's the size of Los Angeles. **DelaBar:** They are looking forward to having different clubs put on shows so they can get their champions and their grand champions. The more clubs they have, the better chance they have to shortly be in the competitive mainstream of CFA. China is an incredible area of growth. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*SINA CAT CLUB
International Division*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twenty members.*
- *None of the members belong to another CFA club.*
- *All Breed Club*
- *The club plans to incorporate.*
- ✚ *Activities:*
 - *Sponsor one CFA show every year.*
 - *Promote Education programs.*
 - *Saving stray and feral cats in conjunction with the local governments.*
- ✚ *Objectives:*
 - *Plan to produce four shows a year.*
 - *Hope to produce CFA pedigreed cat shows and our Specialty breed Chinese Cats and adoptable stray cats that have been immunized.*
 - *Plan to hold the shows in the Beijing area, but not limited to other cities in China.*
- *As of this date no letters have been received.*
- *Approval by International director – Darrell Newkirk.*

Kallmeyer: They have begun a substantial trap and release program, capturing and neutering wild cats and trying to educate people about the program. **Cummings:** If we have more clubs applying from the same districts, this could eventually become a problem. **Kallmeyer:** China has 156 cities with populations greater than 2 million, so the opportunity is certainly there. **Johnson:** It's optimistic that we're going to have scheduling problems in China. **DelaBar:** The Chinese clubs have a great deal of help and support to ensure that these clubs have guidance. There have been clerking schools and incredible help putting on shows over

there. I am very grateful to the fanciers in Hong Kong who have done this. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(4) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Executive Director Tom Dent gave the following report, with **Eigenhauser** making a standing motion to approve all action items, reserving the right to vote no:

Dent: On-line confirmation of championship is completed. When you get home from a show, you can file an on-line confirmation request. Once the show records are received, we will send the certificate electronically. We will next turn our attention to on-line litter applications. In addition to that, we are going to go back into the old data and see if we can get people whose cats have received winners' ribbons but have not filed for championship confirmation, to do that. We are very pleased that our website has received so much attention. Activity on the website really is quite encouraging. Over the years, it is going to serve us quite well.

1. *Out of Region Show Requests*

- a) *Club Name:* *The Educated Guess Cat Fanciers*
Home Region: *Northwest Region (2)*
Show Date: *January 7-8, 2006*
Proposed Location: *Rochester NY (Great Lakes Region 4)*

Baugh: This club has made an effort to try to put on shows on weekends where there aren't any shows being held. This one has full support from a lot of people. I recommend that we accept it. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Club Name:* *Cat Spring Irregulars*
Home Region: *Gulf Shore Region (3)*
Show Date: *May 6-7, 2006*
Proposed Location: *Kansas City MO (Midwest Region 6)*

Berg: This is in conjunction with a pet fair. I didn't see any reason not to approve the show. **Johnson:** Have they gone through national show scheduling? **Angell:** These were held last year. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- c) *Club Name:* *Portland Cat Club*
Home Region: *Northwest Region (2)*
Show Date: *June 3-4, 2006*
Proposed Location: *Tokyo Japan (Japan Region 8)*

Koizumi: They are planning to have a joint cat show with other 4 clubs. 5 cat clubs are getting together and doing the show together. I have no reason to oppose this cat show. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- d) *Club Name:* *Portland Cat Club*
Home Region: *Northwest Region (2)*
Show Date: *June 2-3, 2007*
Proposed Location: *Tokyo Japan (Japan Region 8)*

Koizumi: I have not heard about this yet. **DelaBar:** The regional director is unaware of this show right now. **Newkirk:** In 2007, it may be a Region 8 club anyway. **Dent:** I believe that is true. If they want to license it before 2007, they would need to get permission. **DelaBar:** Perhaps this could be postponed until the next board meeting. However, we have an action item. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

2. *A question has arisen recently regarding the eligibility of a cat for both the Premiership and Veteran categories in the same show. The only prohibition to this situation is that cats are not permitted to be judged more than eight times. In the case at hand, it was the intention to have the cat in six Premiership rings and two Veteran class rings.*

Action requested: clarification/policy to address this question.

Eligibility: Baugh: There seems to be some confusion about the number of judgments a Veteran cat can have. Some clubs have them judged in every ring, and other clubs feel they can only be judged in one ring. The other part of the question is whether you could have an 8-ring show and have the Veterans judged in 4 rings as veterans and the other 4 rings as premiership cats or championship cats. **Miller:** The Veterans Class is really marvelous, but the point is to get the audience excited about the idea that these cats have contributed to their breed. They all have histories, and we as judges talk about them. It's a different format (than premiership), a different approach. It would be awkward to have the cat show up later in your ring for judging if you have already met the owner and talked about the cat. **Shaffer:** Veterans should be looked at as a fun class. If the same judge later judges the cat, I see a conflict. **Eigenhauser:** I don't want the same judge judging the same cat twice. **DelaBar:** The question is, if the cat is entered as a Veteran, can they also enter the regular classes? **Newkirk** moved that cats compete in only one category in a particular show. Cats entered as Veterans will only compete as Veterans; cats entered in Championship/Premiership will compete only in Championship/Premiership. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Number of Rings: Johnson: People won't travel to a show and bring a Veteran only to go in one ring, so we have a lot of lovely 7-year old cats in the premiership classes instead. We're not going to see growth in the Veterans class that way. **Miller:** 4 rings would be fun for the owner but not too stressful for the cat. **Eigenhauser:** As someone who showed a 15-year old household pet, I have no problem with the Veterans being in all 8 rings. **Baugh:** We should leave it up to the discretion of the clubs. **Miller:** Because the Veterans class is an educational and a fun ring, I believe that 4 rings is ample. I move to limit the Veterans to 4 rings per show. **Eigenhauser:** Why can a 20-year old household pet be shown in 8 rings but a 7-year old veteran can't? **Newkirk:** I would rather see the clubs make the decision on how many rings they want to support. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed. Miller** voting yes.

Scoring: Johnson: One region is scoring Veterans, so it's not just educational, it's not just fun. A line is crossed there. When one region does it, we all have to start doing it. I want to clarify – should we be scoring them? **DelaBar:** We establish programs like the Veterans to bring to the public the fact that our pedigreed cats are good at any age. I am getting tired of the almighty “point” that is brought into everything this organization does. **Miller:** If the idea is to

be scored and be in competition, they should be entering Premiership. We've got so much scoring already. We're losing what I felt was the whole purpose of this Veterans Class – to present these cats as pets, as wonderful cats, as contributors to their breed. That would be gone. How much scoring do we want in the cat fancy? Scoring will force judges to look at this cat according to its standard and I don't think that's what the Veterans class should be all about.

Kallmeyer: The exhibitors are doing this for fun and they appreciate the fact that if they're doing it, they would like to get recognition. I don't think they are asking you to judge them differently. **Newkirk:** CFA isn't scoring these cats, it's the individual regions. Some regions score the household pets. We bring those cats out and talk about them. They're not being scored nationally. I don't see scoring as a problem. **Eigenhauser:** We all show cats to have fun, and if Region 2 wants to score Veterans, what does it bother anybody in Region 1 or Region 7? And if Region 5 wants to score Household Pets, why does anybody else care? If CFA, as a national organization, doesn't want to score Veterans, that's fine, but if individual clubs want to score them, if the region wants to hand out certificates, who are we harming if we let them do it? Let the market decide. Let the regions do what they do best – decide what works for their people.

Baugh: I don't think the regions should be giving out awards, other than CFA awards. **L.**

Watson: I recommend not to score these cats. If we score them, we're not going to be able to use the Veterans ring as an educational or fun ring. **Newkirk:** If you don't want to score these cats, change the show rule. Take out the placements and give them a Veteran achievement award. They wouldn't be scored because they wouldn't be ranked. **Cummings:** If the exhibitors want to look into scoring, they should go for it. People like the scoring. **Johnson** moved that Veterans classes will not be officially scored for any CFA-recognized awards. **Eigenhauser:** One of the strengths of CFA is that we let the regions decide for themselves. If we tell a region, "you can't score Veterans," I guarantee somebody is going to get up at this Annual saying, why can't we?

DelaBar: Let's get some common sense in this. Our regions should be allowed to have programs, as long as they fit the ethics and spirit of CFA. **Johnson** withdrew the motion.

Angell: As a board we need to clarify to the clubs that the Veteran entry is part of their 450 show count. **Shaffer:** The show rules as to maximum number of cats a judge handles in any given day should apply, regardless of what class the animals are in.

3. *Establishment of a policy regarding "control" of a cat's CFA record.*

Scenario: A cat registered by and in the breeder's name was sold to another party. At the time of sale, the purchaser signed a sales agreement indicating she was purchasing the cat as a pet. Some time after the sale (6+ months), the seller contacted the office, found that the cat had not been transferred into the new owner's name, and submitted a request to change the cat's record to "not for breeding". Shortly thereafter, the purchaser submitted the transfer application and, in return, received a green slip reflecting their ownership and the "not for breeding" restriction. They then contacted the office asking why we allowed a change to the cat's record submitted by someone who was no longer the owner of the cat.

In as much as the organization does not have a policy that identifies when an individual's control over the record of a cat ends, I am requesting that such a policy be established. Following are some options:

- a) *“First in, first served”. In brief, this gives control to the person who contacts us first. It would allow the person whose name is recorded as owner to make changes, even though they had previously sold the cat (the situation described above). Or, had the purchaser submitted the transfer BEFORE the breeder/seller contacted us, no changes could be made by the previous owner (in this case, the “not for breeding” restriction would NOT be imposed). Promptness in filing would be “rewarded”. Review of contractual agreements would not be required. Incumbent upon breeder to register cat as “not for breeding” before sale.*
- b) *“Document” control. Our records would reflect the information printed on the document submitted; i.e., we would remove a “not for breeding” restriction placed by the previous owner in the cat’s record after the sale, if it was not included as part of the document as produced by CFA. The timing of the submission of documents would not be a factor and review of contractual agreements would not be required.*
- c) *“Individual case review”. Parties would submit evidence for review and the cat’s record would reflect the finding of the review panel.*

Jacobberger: I would encourage you to consider (a) or (b), but probably not (c). (c) is the most fair, but a panel would have to take the time to review, and we are really limited on resources in the Central Office. **DelaBar:** Central Office does not have ESP. The control has to be owner of record, and that will be owner of record until changed by appropriate paperwork. **Dent:** That would be option (a). **Anger:** If ownership was important to the new owner, they should have put the registration in the mail the next day. **Cummings:** There should be a Central Office policy that you are not the legal owner until you have sent the papers to Central Office. **Wilson:** I always tell buyers that they should register the kitten because that proves they are the owner. **L. Watson:** The date of transfer is indicated on the back of the transfer of ownership, so theoretically the transfer of ownership has taken place on that very day. **Kusy:** The date is a very mitigating factor. If that’s the date of transfer, I don’t see how the breeder can come back and change it. **DelaBar:** Either method could be defended. It says on the back of the slip, *To officially transfer ownership of this cat, send endorsed certificate with appropriate fees to the Cat Fanciers Association.* The official transfer does not take place until the paperwork gets in to Central Office. **Johnson:** It doesn’t say anything about the date. **Calhoun:** The transfer is in effect when received and the fees paid. A separate contract is not the controlling document in the Central Office. The registration is the controlling document. **Miller:** When you buy real estate, you don’t own that real estate until the paperwork is finalized. **Eigenhauser** moves to confirm option (a) as our policy (that it’s not an official transfer until CFA gets the paperwork and fees). **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Barnaby, L. Watson and Newkirk** abstained.

Newkirk: I see potential for abuse here. You could sell a cat with a contract, and as soon as they walk out the door you call Central Office and change it. Then it becomes civil litigation. The intent of this transfer is, when you sign and date the back of that green slip, that’s when the transfer is official. We can address this problem by putting on the back of the green slip “not for breeding”. **Eigenhauser:** As a matter of policy, Central Office has to act on the records that Central Office has. I can call Central Office and get a duplicate green slip up until the point

where you file it. The issue is not who physically holds this piece of paper; the question is, what appears in CFA's records and is Central Office to rely on its own records in processing cats? Up until the point Central Office gets a document to the contrary, the answer is yes. **Newkirk** moves that Central Office add on the back of the green slip a "not for breeding" box to be checked on transfer. **Dent:** There is an additional issue here. When the "not-for-breeding" registration was initiated, it was based on the breeder alone having the right to impose that restriction. You are suggesting to expand that policy to allow any previous owner to sell the cat as "not-for-breeding" to the next owner. **Johnson:** We're getting it backwards. If I am the secondary owner and I want to transfer the cat as a "not-for-breeding pet, that's what we're trying to do. Any owner should be able to say "not for breeding". **Eigenhauser:** I don't see any reason why you can't just have a box that says "not for breeding". It doesn't hurt anybody to have that box. **Calhoun:** If the breeder wants to maintain control of their cat, then they should co-own the cat. **Dent:** I would like to consider this particular situation and come back to you in February. We worked for 20 years almost without it. **Newkirk** withdraws the motion.

4. *Breed Council Renewals. Renewal notices will be sent out in January 2006. In the past, they had been sent out before the start of the membership year. This is being done to reduce the confusion caused by the earlier mailing and to increase the "noticeability" of the renewal application.*

Dent: We would be better served to send the renewals out earlier in the membership year, rather than before the membership year actually started.

5. *Action Item: Cats' World Club requests permission to give extra rosettes to best 3 Devons in each of the regular Allbreed rings at December 3-4, 2005 show.*

Eigenhauser: Coming from a club which does this with our Maine Coons, I support this. So moved. **Wilson:** They won't be scored. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(5) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

International Division Chair Darrell Newkirk gave the following report:

Dividing of the International Division. *I was contacted by Central Office to suggest names for the individual areas of the International Division for e-point scoring purposes. I posted on the CFA Euro List and asked for suggestions. For Asia we arrived at “Asia/Pacific” and for Europe and the adjacent areas, I want to leave as “Europe.”*

Newkirk: This is for scoring purposes, as well as awards purposes. Europe wants their designation. Extensive discussion ensued, resulting in naming of the two areas in the International Division as “Asia/Latin America”, and “Europe”. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Eigenhauser** abstained.

Best of the Best Competition in the International Division. *At the Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society show, there was a Best of the Best Competition held. Yaeko Takano was contracted to judge the BOB competition. This placed a hardship on the club, in regard to airfare and hotel expenses, but the club wanted to make the show very special. I would like to ask the CFA Board permission for any club in the ID to poll the Executive Committee for permission to set aside the show rules 12.07 c. and 22.03. The HKCLS show drew an entry of 400 cats. They wanted to make the show very special and have a Best in Show award. I will include as an action item for this area of concern for discussion at the end of this report.*

China Report (Robert Zenda). *I have asked Robert Zenda, CFA Allbreed judge, to join the International Division committee to serve as the Liaison for China. Bob has been very busy assisting the clubs in China and Hong Kong with clerking schools and breed seminars.*

Following is my input on CFA activities in China for your International Division report to the Board of Directors at the October 2005 meeting.

Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society (HKCLS, Hong Kong). *In July 2005 Laura McIntyre facilitated a CFA Clerking School (18 Students) and a Breeders Seminar with approximately 40 participants.*

The HKCLS show (4 rings) on August 27-28 was the largest CFA show in China with 401 entries. Show count for the major breeds included Exotic 135, British SH 69, American Curl 33, American SH 18 and Selkirk Rex 13. There were also 58 Household Pets and the gate was attended by approximately 12,000 visitors (gate).

This was the listing in “bc Magazine (Asia’s Entertainment Magazine) for the August show:

HKCLS 9th Championship Cat Show

HK Cat Lovers’ Society

HKCEC Hall 1A, 12nn-8pm,

\$25 at the door, Tel: 2660 6009

So you think you got a cute pussy? Cranky kitties will send the fur flying as HK’s finest felines vie for the crown of most pushed in faced. That’s supposedly a good thing.

China Cat Fanciers (CCF, Beijing). Their 2nd CFA Show in March 2005 (2 rings: Gary Veach and C. U'Ren), was sponsored by Nestle Friskies and attracted 134 entries and approximately 10,000 visitors (gate).

I will be facilitating a CFA Clerking School for them on October 3, 2005 and their 3rd CFA Show (2 rings: Walter Hutzler and Bob Zenda) will be held on October 4-5 during the Chinese National Holidays. This show will be limited to 100 because of direct competition with an ACFA show that is also scheduled in Beijing on October 2-4. Clinton Parker agreed to donate the Entry2K program for this show.

CCF is planning their 4th CFA Show in January 2006 and they want to publish a book that will introduce CFA to the Chinese public before the end of 2005.

Hong Kong Cat Fanciers Club (HKCFC, Hong Kong). This club will hold its 1st CFA Show (2 rings: Vickie Nye and Bob Zenda) on October 9, 2005 at the Hong Kong Expo Center. The major sponsor is Pro Plan with additional support from Friskies and MonPetit. Each exhibitor will receive sample of Pro Plan cat food and be eligible for a prize donated by Panasonic in their "final luck draw." They will also have a cage design contest and all spectators will receive a cat toy sponsored by "3-Chats" Cat Magazine. Since this is their 1st CFA show, special rosettes for Best Cat, Kitten & Premiership in the traditional Chinese colors of blood red and gold are being donated by the Cochise Cat Fanciers. A copy of their show flyer is attached.

Shanghai Cat Lover's Club (SCLC, Shanghai). This club will hold its 2nd CFA Show (2 rings: Gary Veach and Bob Zenda) on November 26-27, 2005, preceded by an abbreviated clerking refresher session that I will conduct the afternoon before the show. Eric Won is making arrangements for the show rosettes to be sponsored by the Capital Cat Fanciers. A copy of their show flyer is attached.

Hong Kong Millennium Cat Club (HKMCC, Hong Kong). This club will hold its 1st CFA Show (4 rings: Gary Veach, Liz Watson, Bob Zenda and ??) on December 26-27, 2005 at the Hong Kong Expo Center. Since this is their 1st CFA show, special rosettes for Best Cat, Kitten & Premiership in the traditional Chinese colors of blood red and gold are being donated by the Cochise Cat Fanciers.

I also canvassed the clubs regarding the two new clubs in Beijing that have applied for membership and have received no negative feedback either formally or informally. I have arranged to meet with representatives from both of these club applicants while I am in Beijing in October.

CFA is really on the move in China. Their interest is keen, the majority of the breeders are young and they are delighted with the decision to provide opportunities for International Division Winner (DW) awards for what they all prefer to call the Asia/Pacific Division.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Zenda

CFA International Division Liaison for China

There are two new club applications for Beijing, China for this Board meeting. China Purepet Club and Sina Cat Club. As you can see from Bob's report, there seems to be no complaints about the addition of these two new clubs.

Asia Report from Salle Mohd. *Just to keep you updated on what's happening in Asia. We've just had two cat shows organized by the Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore and Feline Society Malaysia. An official clerking school was also held in Malacca and was attended by about 20 students from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.*

Yaeko and I are now working to help set up a new club in Indonesia and hopefully they can be accepted in the February board meeting.

I have also met up with some members from the Philippines Cat Fanciers and hopefully they would be able to revive their membership next year.

Regards, Salle

Russia Report from Liz Watson. *There are two shows scheduled in October; one in Moscow put on by Nika Feline Center, and the other by a new club in a new location--Nijzey Novograd. It is their first show. Each show will be using recycled rosettes donated by many exhibitors. It really saves them money and they appreciate it.*

Rolandus Cat Club in the Ukraine continues to put on 2 shows a year. They have stepped up to an eight ring back-to-back show. These shows are well attended and have terrific sponsorship.

Translation of forms from Karen Lawrence. *The following translations have been added to the CFA site since June.*

- * *Breed Council Membership*
- * *CATS Application Form*
- * *CATS Program Details*
- * *Cattery Name Application*
- * *CH/PR Claim Form*
- * *Entry Form*
- * *Litter Application Form*
- * *Litter Application Instructions*
- * *Responsibilities of Exhibitors*
- * *Rules for Registration*
- * *Spectator Guide*

Action Item(s). *Permit the CFA Executive Committee to alter/amend the show rules to allow an alternate Best of the Best competition in CFA shows held in the International Division.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Newkirk
CFA International Division Chair

Newkirk asked the board to grant approval to the Executive Committee to allow the clubs in the International Division to come up with their format for best of the best competition. This show in Hong Kong rivals our International. You've got to see it to believe it. They have over 100 club members who work their hearts out to put on a really spectacular show.

Eigenhauser: If we're going to give them an exemption on a case-by-case basis, it comes before the board as part of the Central Office report as a show format exception, and we vote on them one at a time.

Newkirk: The government has to approve their shows and approve the facility, so it's a timing factor.

DelaBar: We need to look at offering some of these larger shows with phenomenal gate to have a congress of judges. On a case-by-case basis, it will be decided in a timely manner.

Johnson: Many of our clubs are holding on and trying to find ways to attract gate. If we do this, let our clubs here be creative and figure out ways they can be more profitable and financially sound.

Eigenhauser: Any club can apply to the board for a special format. Because of special time constraints, we are delegating this to the Executive Committee when normally the board as a whole would vote on it. We're not saying who can or can't do it.

Newkirk: Here, you can get a judge to do your best of the best if you wanted to have it, but it's extremely burdensome in the ID where most of their judges are being flown in from the States.

Newkirk moved to permit the Executive Committee, without the necessity of later ratification, to allow exceptions to policy for alternate best of the best competitions or congress of judges at CFA shows held in the International Division. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(6) CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

CSNY Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

The excitement of a totally re-designed and updated web site, the show itself and the addition of Agility are important changes that promise to grow the gate, entry and media of The CFA-IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP show at Madison Square Garden in New York. Greatly expanded and adding clarified financial information along with a number of advertising and editorial firsts for the show ... all this and much more will help CFA to become more visible, attract more press and become stronger with every one of these shows. They do indeed make a difference – a big difference for us all. A big difference for our wonderful cats, for all cats, pedigreed or otherwise.

Ande DeGeer's great-looking web site that she constantly updates appeals to one and all – cat lovers, exhibitors, judges and, most importantly for this show, the gate. The breed winners from 2004-2005-show season are featured in ways to more visibly enhance the appreciation of the breeds themselves. Along with Joan Miller's Breed Showcase, Ande's re-design of the show is clearly more upscale and far tonier than before. Her work is quickly becoming appreciated by a growing number of fanciers. Ande has also, in full cooperation with the Committee and with IAMS, replaced the red with IAMS hot pink, certainly updating the color palette to more beautifully and accurately portray IAMS' full commitment to the show. Black and White remains important to that scheme as well. This color scheme applies to all the many aesthetic decisions of the show – Logo, Spectator Guide, Toppers, fabrics, flowers, Catalogue Cover ... you name it! More consistency lends a more polished, professional look to the show, one that will give great style and status to all that we've worked so hard to produce.

The addition of Agility is noteworthy. Carole Osborne is the Ringmaster, Donna Jean Thompson the Master of Ceremonies. Now tell me that won't be fun! Agility is the most recent and exciting event at a number of CFA shows. It has grown the gate and may even be responsible for the increase in pedigreed entries. Have you noticed that lately?

We were just informed by the Garden that because of the recent finalizing of The New York Rangers' schedule, they will have a home game on Thursday night prior to our show, and the U2 concert which is scheduled for Friday night, will be unable to move in their 17 trucks of equipment on Thursday. Therefore, U2 will have to a Friday AM move-in between 6 AM and noon. Unfortunately there is only one access ramp, which allows only one-way traffic, and we will be unable to do our set up until noon on Friday. However, we require more than the afternoon hours to do our move in, as we must be mostly set up prior to our vendors moving in. We have to split our set up between Thursday and Friday. This change, because of union hour requirements, increases our labor costs by approximately \$3,000.00! We have asked for compensation from the Rangers and from the U2 Group. We are now pursuing that goal. It is important when considering these issues to understand our inability to make changes in union charges. They are carved in stone. It is equally important that you know the Rangers scheduling doesn't even happen until late August since it follows the wins and losses of the team. We deeply regret this turn of events but want you to understand them thoroughly, which is my reason for including them in this report.

The remarkable fund raising that Roemann Fulkerson has again demonstrated for CFA's support is made even more salient by the following list of sponsors and, in some cases, their beneficiaries:

- 1. Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat – official litter for the show*
- 2. Cats' Rule – A ring sponsor and Adopt A Cat*
- 3. Royal Canin – Adopt A Cat*
- 4. PetSmart – Adopt A Cat*
- 5. Pet Partners Insurance – commercial Booth*
- 6. Natura Inova & EVO Cat & Kitten Food*
- 7. Precious Pets Fine Jewelry – Photographer (Richard Katris) Sponsor*
- 8. Sturdi Products – Corporate Vendor*
- 9. Pet Partners booth and likely Best of the Best sponsorship. .AKC-CAR*
- 10. Greenies Feline Treats*
- 11. PetCo*

As this “goes to press” it appears quite likely that Joan Miller's Breed Showcase, the most popular event in the show, may well have full funding which it richly deserves. No words about fund raising for the show can be spared to exclude the marvelous work done on Stars on Broadway which Carol Schwartz has so carefully attended to on the phone, at shows, and any and everywhere she can find backing. Her zeal for the show is noteworthy. It will surely make a difference. Have you bought your Star on Broadway? Do it now and do it often!

These strongly supportive sponsors continue to provide the lifeblood of the show. The show itself generates the most by the way of its entries and vendors. The goals of the show, by order of the Board of Directors, have to do with increasing breed awareness, growing CFA and educating the public about cats. We truly struggle to balance the budget of this show in every way possible. However, a number of charges are untouchable such as union labor – not only their costs but also their time spent to boot. The high visibility of Madison Square Garden and the press derived from and because of it, have everything to do with why it's worth it, why CFA benefits in innumerable ways.

Sponsorship has been confirmed for funding Richard Katris's talk on cat photography along with his candid PR photography of the show for future use. Sponsorship is also firmed up for last year's winner to be presented at the show. Always on the lookout for ways to increase our exposure, we plan to have a drawing, the winner of which will win a 17” flat screen television. The winning ticket will be pulled from cards that attendees complete at the gate or from those who click on the website, giving us names addresses, etc. for future mailings and the like. We have wanted to do this before but many things have preempted it. Not so this year. We think that this one item will make a good strong gate platform for future shows.

Peter Collins' extraordinary work as our new publicist has increased CFA's awareness and is clearly growing our presence internationally. We recently had a major spot on FOX TV for Agility. We have three morning TV spots scheduled for the week prior to the show – The Today Show twice Thursday and Friday. The addition of the Army cats to increase recruitment will be added to the show. This has increased gate ay some local shows and the media likes the idea.

Iams has commissioned a company to design and produce wearables (e.g., tee shirts) for the show. They will be the press and VIP's and sold to the public. Profits from these items will be split between CFA and IAMS. This year we have only a few items available but the plan is to expand the line for next year's show. Warren Eckstein, who has a national syndicated radio talk show about animals, will be taping his show on Saturday for airing later that day. We expect this to drive attendants to the show. Good Morning America and FOX and Friends are booked also. It has to be abundantly clear that the decision to retain Peter Collins was the right decision. The expansion of CFA coverage will be extraordinary.

A great many details have been altered to improve the show's mechanical aspects, clerks are hired and a greater number of volunteers have come forward to help,

Of great interest to many, the following system has been put in place as regards the on-going financial status of the show. These steps should help to have a more accurate and timely accounting in place to help us better understand the ways monies are allocated.

- 1. All checks are now sent directly to Kathy Calhoun for her to process and deposit. The types of checks received are for the show entries, vendor fees, sponsorship fees and the final settlement check from the Garden.*
- 2. Credit card income is processed at Central Office and Allene keeps a running tally of them on an Excel spread sheet and routes them to Kathy on a periodic basis, or upon request. Central Office will process credit cards for show entries.*
- 3. Our goal is to have as many costs as possible paid by check by Kathy. However, there are times when this isn't feasible and/or possible, and it is necessary to use the CFA American Express credit card. When this occurs, Allene logs the charge into the same Excel spreadsheet, where she tracks credit card information as soon as it occurs, keeping a running tally. In the past, Allene did not allocate these charges as far as to which account should have been debited until the American Express statement came in. Depending on when the charges occurred, there could have been up to a 1-2 month delay in reporting these charges to Kathy.*
- 4. Up until now, there has been little activity on the expense or income side for this upcoming show. As more activity happens as the show rapidly approaches, Allene plans to provide Kathy with spreadsheets weekly or more frequently, if she requests.*

These above changes, additions and tweaks will absolutely make this show into a fully upscale, exquisite event that we can be proud of, one that will go far indeed in giving CFA the prominence it so richly deserves. CFA's one hundred year history, its prestigious standing in the cat fancy internationally, the organization's important work, and all its clubs and people who produce and support it will be greatly enhanced by this show.

UPDATE: A number of changes have taken place since this report was written. In an effort to keep the financial picture in the "black", the committee has taken many positive steps such as cutting the advertising budget by \$10,000, the publicity budget by \$25,000 and adding an additional \$1,000 from Stars on Broadway. Another cost savings was achieved by not having to pay the additional \$3,000 for moving into MSG after all. The show has a full entry and all the vendor spaces have been rented.

We as a committee feel that the publicity garnered by this show well exceeds the financial costs of the show. A one-page article in USA Weekend would have cost CFA over \$448,410.00, but we had it for free in the September 9-11, 2005 issue. The television, newspaper and radio exposure that is generated by this show would cost CFA 100's of thousands of dollars, if not millions. Getting the word out about the additions and expansion of CFA services and diversity such as Agility and product development is vital to the future of our organization. This show is CFA's most important media event, and we as a committee hope you will give it your full support.

*Respectfully submitted,
Allen Scruggs, Chairperson*

Jacobberger was asked to draw three names from a hat containing the New York show slate of judges, to serve as the tie breaker judges. Kitty Angell, Wain Harding and Rachel Anger were drawn.

Scruggs: We are working very hard on changes, such as agility, which is very press popular. Although money is not the stated goal of the show, it's clearly an extremely important goal to break even. Where there is possible negotiation, you will find us there. We have filled the show and sold all the vendor space. We're having Adopt-a-Cat both days for the first time this year, with a considerable number of cats expected to find permanent homes. **Miller:** One of the "problems" with this show is that people love it so much they don't leave. **Calhoun:** We are in the process of implementing the financial procedure. **DelaBar:** Hopefully by February we will have the complete report. **Fulkerson:** The pre-press that has been done by Peter Collins has been very beneficial. We have two major sponsors to Adopt-a-Cat – PetSmart and Royal Canin.

(7) **CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

CFA International Show Committee Chair Debbie Kusy gave the following report:

Plans are going well for this year's International Show in San Mateo. The core committee of Show Manager JoAnn Cordes-Brown, Allene Tartaglia and Debbie Kusy have been having bi-weekly conference calls with the PR firm in San Francisco that we hired to handle the PR. They have had some wonderful ideas and are very excited about doing the PR for the show. We are planning a "Press Party" on Thursday for the local press, which will include a light lunch. Several of the judges will be on hand for interviews and there will be some cats will be there as well. The PR firm has several other new, refreshing ideas for the show, and we are hoping for a very good gate. We will also, of course, have Jamie Perry and Laurel Burch on hand at the show, both are local to the area and are excited about attending the show. The trained cats that used to perform for Friskies will also be in attendance, this is always an audience pleaser, and will be sponsored by Iams.

Originally we did not think that we would be able to fit an Agility competition at the show, but have decided that we can work it in. Friday will be a "practice" day for the competitors and Saturday and Sunday will be the actual competition. Carol Osborne has agreed to act as ringmaster, we will be using several people to alternate as announcers. Carol has much experience in the position, having worked at National Capital and other shows. She is also scheduled to do the Madison Square Garden show. Thanks to Agility chair Kim Everett for donating airline miles to Carol, to reduce the costs for the show. After watching the Agility at National Capital and seeing the spectators watched in awe, we believe that this will bring in many spectators. The PR firm will be using Agility as a PR hook. We meant to tape some of the competition at National Capital, to produce some film for the PR firm to send to the local news stations, but found it difficult to do. The winning cat at that show circled the ring in 17 seconds! Allene may be able to try again at the MSG show to produce a clip for the PR firm to use.

We will be in San Mateo for 2005 and 2006, and as always, hate the thought of moving on. One advantage of staying in one location for multiple years is that after a year or so, everything becomes very comfortable for the show committee and the PR firm. However, the downside is that the exhibitors like for the show to move around the country and tend to become bored with the same location after a few years. Bearing that in mind, attached is a matrix for the locations that we have researched for the years 2007 and beyond. Allene visited Atlanta, Louisville and Birmingham, AL for site inspections, Birmingham was eliminated for several reasons. The attached matrix lists three Atlanta sites, Louisville, KY, Baltimore, MD Pittsburgh, PA, Hartford, CT and Cincinnati, OH.

The board has previously rejected Hartford due to the fact that it is so close to New York City and the Madison Square Garden show (120 miles between the two cities). I am also trying to verify that rate – this is much lower than they originally quoted us.

The balloting is complete for the judges for the 2006 show - the following judges were selected by the 309 clubs that voted – Larry Adkison, Kitty Angell, Rachel Anger, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Wain Harding, Walter Hutzler, David Mare, Darrell Newkirk, Diana Rothermel, Barbara

Sumner, Wayne Trevathan and Liz Watson. Alternates (in order) were Betty White, Don Williams and Pat Jacobberger.

Action Item: *Select a site for the 2007-2008 International Shows*

*Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kusy
International Show Chairperson*

Kusy presented information regarding the action item and requested a selection. Atlanta (three locations), Louisville, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Cincinnati and Cleveland were discussed. The Committee suggested either Louisville or one of the Atlanta locations, as being more centrally located. CNN is located in Atlanta. **DelaBar:** What kind of gate do we have in these two areas? **Cummings:** There's nothing I would like better than to work on an International Show in the Louisville area. Louisville is doing everything it can to build up downtown but I cannot see us getting any gate. **Eigenhauser:** One of the mandates from the delegation is, they want us to move it around occasionally. Going back to Atlanta is déjà vu all over again. Louisville would be a nice market to try. Cleveland would be a nice market to try. **Kusy:** With Cleveland, you're right on the lake and in November it could snow. **Calhoun:** Did we evaluate and eliminate Chicago for some reason? **Tartaglia:** The last time we were in Chicago, the labor issue was worse than New York. The show hall is going to be much more expensive. We got a good deal the one year because they had an open spot. **DelaBar:** We are dealing with lake effect snows there. **Johnson:** I've always been a big fan of Louisville, but the Georgia International Convention Center comes out as the low. How was that facility? **Tartaglia:** It was beautiful and near the airport. None of the hotels are attached. We would need shuttles, but it's a very short shuttle ride. **Johnson:** It's an area of the city that we've never had a cat show in. It's very easy access off the beltway. **Angell:** I keep coming back to Georgia International Convention Center for two reasons; one for the low price on the show hall, and there are 2 hotels under \$100 a night. **Newkirk:** Atlanta's international airport is huge. We get a lot of people flying to this show. **Barnaby** moved that we hold the International Show at the Georgia International Convention Center for 2007-2008. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(8) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Judging Program Chair Rachel Anger presented the following report and made all standing motions with the right to vote no:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Rachel Anger: *Chairperson; Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; Candidates for Application and Advancement Balloting; General Communication and Oversight.*

Norman Auspitz: *Judges' Education (Workshops, Breeder Awareness and Orientation School); JPC Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; File Administrator.*

Chuck Gradowski: *Judges' Examination Writing and Scoring; File Administrator*

Becky Orlando: *Trainees; International (trainees, advancements, guest judges [CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA]); Japan (trainees, advancements); Judges' Workshop Attendance; File Administrator.*

Neil Quigley: *New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breeder Awareness & Orientation School.*

Sharon Roy: *Judges' Mentoring Program; Judges' Annual Workshop; File Administrator.*

Thank You Messages: *A thank you note was received from Jan Rogers.*

Anger: *Sadly, we received only one thank-you note from the advancing judges in June.*

International/Guest Judging Assignments: *Permission has been granted for the following:*

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>E Honey</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Nica Center Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>10/9/05</i>
<i>J Zottoli</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Nica Center Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>10/9/05</i>
<i>L Malinen</i>	<i>Waratah</i>	<i>Waratah National</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>11/4-6/05</i>
<i>W Trevathan</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>Johannesburg SA</i>	<i>7/29/06</i>
<i>W Trevathan</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>Johannesburg SA</i>	<i>8/5/06</i>
<i>W Trevathan</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>Capetown SA</i>	<i>8/12/06</i>
<i>W Trevathan</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>Durban SA</i>	<i>8/19/06</i>

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
M Schleissner	WCF	FF of Benelux	Middelkerke, Belgium	9/24-25/05
C U'Ren	CCCA	Singapore Cat Club	Singapore	9/4/05
V Pohvalina	RUI	Nika Feline	Moscow, Russia	10/8/05
O Rakitnyh	RUI	Nika Feline	Moscow, Russia	10/8/05
I Tokmakova	RUI	Gala Cats	Novgood, Russia	10/15/05
I Kharchenko	RUI	Gala Cats	Novgood, Russia	10/15/05
O Arsenkina	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/26/06
O Korotonoahkina	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/26/06
G Dubrovskaya	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/26/06
S Brodskaya	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/26/06

Education: Plans are being finalized for the Breed Awareness and Orientation Workshop to be held in conjunction with the CFA International Show in San Mateo this November. We are looking forward to hosting a contingent of Japan Region judges at the subsequent tour. Plans are also being finalized for the Judges' Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Judges' Association at the Annual. **REMINDER:** Commencing in 2002, judges must attend a workshop or school at least once in seven years in order to maintain their license. Section VIII, Paragraph H reads: "Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop or Breed Awareness and Orientation School at least once every seven years is a requirement for relicensing." Judges who have not attended a workshop since 2002 will be sent a reminder letter.

Action Item: Acceptance/Advancements: The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:

Accept as Trainee:

B. Iris Tanner (SH – 2nd specialty) 12 yes, 6 no (Baugh, Cummings, DelaBar, Koizumi, Kusy, L. Watson), 1 abstain (Barnaby)

Advance to Approved Specialty:

B. Iris Tanner (LH – 1st specialty) 15 yes, 3 no (Baugh, Cummings, Koizumi), 1 abstain (Barnaby)

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Carla Bizzell	19 yes
Kathy Black	19 yes
Richard Hoskinson	19 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Ellyn Honey

19 yes

Action Item: Judging Program Rules: The following suggested changes to the Judging Program Rules are presented to the Board for your consideration (effective with February 2006 reprinting of Judging Program Rules):

(see attached)

Action Item: Grant Ray Pinder a requested six-month leave of absence. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair

Rule #	Old Wording	New Wording	Rationale
JUDGING PROGRAM RULES – INTERNATIONAL DIVISION			
IX.A.	Current paragraph and subsections 1-8 moved to Section II.A.15.	<u>A. Applicant requirements to the CFA Judging Program and to the International Division Judging Program are listed in Section II – Initial Application to the Judging Program.</u>	

In President DelaBar’s absence, **Angell** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

II. A.15. (formerly IX.A.)	A. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING TO THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION JUDGING PROGRAM. This section is for first time applicants not current in either specialty. Once qualified to judge, these applicants will be restricted to judging shows in International Division locations only. (See Section II, Initial Application to Judging Program, for requirements for judges from FIFe and other International Associations wishing to enter the regular CFA Judging Program.)	<u>A-15. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM–INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.</u> -This section is for first time applicants not current in either specialty. Once qualified to judge, these applicants will be restricted to judging shows in the International Division locations only. (See Section II, Initial Application to Judging Program, item 14 above for requirements for judges from FIFe and other International Associations wishing to enter the regular CFA Judging Program.)	Re-number; clean up language.
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Angell called the motion. **Motion Carried. Jacobberger:** Dick Cheney couldn't have done any better [referring to Vice-President Angell's fine performance].

	Move/renumber Section IX.A.1-8 to Section II, Paragraph 15, 1-8		
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 15.3. (formerly IX.A.3.)	3. Bred one CFA Grand Champion.	3. Bred one CFA Grand Champion <u>five (5) CFA Grand Champions/Grand Premiers.</u>	More involvement and exposure in CFA shows would be a benefit.
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Miller: I'm wondering if it's premature to ask for five CFA grand champions when we are trying to encourage more people to enter the judging program in the International Division. **Newkirk:** I know it's tough but the people that we want in the Program are people that are showing and granding cats. I think it's reasonable. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 15.6. (formerly IX.A.6.)	6. After advancing to apprentice, a second CFA Grand Champion must be bred (in addition to the required number of evaluations) to advance to approval pending.	6. After advancing to apprentice, a second CFA Grand Champion <u>sixth (6th) CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier</u> must be bred (in addition to the required number of evaluations) to advance to approval pending.	Same as above.
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Newkirk: We are moving everything up from one to five and then just step them up one grand at a time. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 15.7. (formerly IX.A.7.)	7. To advance to approved, a third CFA Grand Champion must be bred in addition to the required number of evaluations.	7. To advance to approved, a third CFA Grand Champion <u>seventh (7th) CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier</u> must be bred in addition to the required number of evaluations.	Same as above.
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Anger: And one more step on the ladder, they are going to breed their 7th grand champion when we advance them to approved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 15.8. (formerly IX.A.8.)	8. Judges coming from other International associations will be considered on an individual basis and their showing and breeding experience within the other association will be counted towards the requirements. However, the	<u>Delete and replace with:</u> When an International Division judge meets all the requirements of our current CFA Judging Program applicants as listed in Section II.A.a. and b., and International Division judge may apply to the	Question about Section II.A.a. and b. – no such section.
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	<p>following is mandatory regardless of activity within the other association:</p> <p>a. Licensed as a CFA Certified Clerk.</p> <p>b. Attendance at a CFA Judging Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty/specialties.</p>	<p>Judging Program Committee for advancement to full licensure as a CFA judge (i.e., the restriction of judging only in the International Division would be removed). The Judging Program Committee will review the request and notify the CFA Board of Directors of the request, along with their recommendation to the Board.</p>	
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DelaBar: Are you talking about the actual submission of paperwork? **Newkirk:** They petition the JPC. **Johnson:** Are they going to be licensed as CFA certified clerks and attend the Breed and Awareness judging schools? **Angell:** It says, *When an International Division judge meets all the requirements of our current CFA judging program applicants.* **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section IX. A. (last paragraph)	<p>Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the CFA Board of Directors for judges of other associations who have successfully guest judged a minimum of six (6) CFA shows with good evaluations. After advancing to CFA Approved International Division judge, he/she can apply to the regular CFA Judging Program in a category to be determined by the Judging Program Committee with the approval of the CFA Board of Directors.</p>	Delete.	This is covered in Section II, Paragraph 14.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section IX. C.		<p><u>C. REQUIREMENTS FOR GUEST JUDGES TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM.</u></p> <p>1. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty judges who's license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee. A judge may only judge the level they</p>	
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		<p>are licensed in.</p> <p>2. CFA judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as guest judges at CFA shows.</p> <p>3. A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Judging Program Committee within 30 days of the date of the show.</p>	
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Anger: We are adopting a guest judge procedure. When they have 7 reports, we have them on file as a CFA guest judge, so we know something about them. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. A.	A. Formal requirements for initial application.	A. Formal requirements for initial application. <u>REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM – REGIONS 1 THROUGH 8.</u>	In the International Division section above, application requirements from the ID will appear in Section II. This proposal is for uniformity.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

JUDGING PROGRAM RULES – GENERAL			
Section II A.5.	An applicant must have a cattery name registered with CFA for a period of at least ten (10) years. An International Division applicant ...	An applicant must have a cattery name registered with CFA for a period of at least seven (7) years. An International Division applicant ...	The 10 year requirement has been in place for a number of years. It has been suggested that, rather than seeing an improvement in the caliber of applicants, many well-qualified applicants are being excluded. Either you have an eye or you don't, with or without additional years of

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Anger: All the other scorecard requirements remain the same. If an applicant is able to complete the scorecard in 7 years, they have done a lot of work, developed a reputation and built up a persona where people know who they are. If they are able to do all that in 7 years, I don't see the point in making them sit. **Miller:** I want to see the judges coming into the judging program having an enormous amount of respect in the cat fancy. We're seeing applicants nobody knows. This might diminish the renowned aura that some judges have. To get established in the cat fancy, to accomplish something, to be involved in other things and to build a breeding program, that takes 10 years. I feel strongly that we're not going to be adding to the prestige of our judging program by going down to 7. **DelaBar:** Speaking as a 9 year person, you've either got an eye or you don't. I have always been against breeding for record. We got rid of that by front loading experience before one applied. **Wilson:** We don't have a way of measuring "eye", so we have to put in place some measurable processes. When the 10 year requirement was put into place, breeding cats in addition to your main breed was dropped. This would ensure that people who have been breeding 10 years had not only a commitment to the breeds and breeding, but measurable results. **Eigenhauser:** We should measure people by the quality of what they produce, not just the time they spend producing it. There are people that will never get it – not in 10 years, not in 20 years – and there are people that have the eye, even though they may have only been doing it for 9 years. I don't think we should discourage the bright people and hold them to the standard of the lowest common denominator. What we should be setting up are objective measures, so that we can measure to some degree the eye, but mere passage of time is a poor indicator. **Baugh:** I believe 7 years is adequate. People that are coming into the fancy and meet the requirements are going to have the knowledge. Making them sit for an additional 3 years isn't going to do any good. **Cummings:** We had a good judging panel with the 7-year requirements that we had in place for many years. **Johnson:** I am always concerned when we lessen things. People are concerned about what our judging panel doesn't know. The whole program is set up to push people through. We don't have a training program, we have an evaluation program. We've got to establish a training program. I don't want to put my cat in rings with judges that don't have a clue. Why would I value their opinion? [As an exhibitor,] I'm not going to spend \$400 or \$500 a weekend to go and train judges for CFA. **L. Watson:** We need to alter the way we train. **Eigenhauser:** People are so tired of the same judges every weekend. The only way we can change that is to let people into the judging program when they are qualified, not create artificial barriers to entry. **Newkirk:** 10 years might be the right fit for some people, but there others that fit at 7. If they are a good candidate, a good fit, we've got the opportunity to put them in the program. If they're not a good fit, we can say no. **DelaBar:** We have yet to come up with a program that allows excellence. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Calhoun, Koizumi, Johnson, Berg, L. Watson, Miller, Wilson and Kusy** voting no.

Section II A.7.1.	Ten (10) consecutive years of breeding experience. ...	<u>Seven (7)</u> consecutive years of breeding experience. ...	Same as above.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried. Calhoun, Koizumi, Johnson, Berg, L. Watson, Miller, Wilson and Kusy** voting no.

Section II A.7. (end)	An application cannot be filed sooner than ten (10) years from the date of birth of the applicant's first registered litter within the appropriate specialty.	An application cannot be filed sooner than seven (7) years from the date of birth of the applicant's first registered litter within the appropriate specialty.	Same as above.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried. Calhoun, Koizumi, Johnson, Berg, L. Watson, Miller, Wilson and Kusy** voting no.

Section II 8.c.	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.	ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE: Cattery visits/agenting. Longhair applicants must submit a minimum of five (5) longhair cattery visitation reports. Shorthair applicants must submit a minimum of seven (7) shorthair cattery visitation reports.	The emphasis should be on cattery visitations directly relating to the specialty in question. As currently written, the applicant could fulfill the requirement by visiting catteries not within his/her specialty.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 8.c.	... If possible, the agent should also be responsible for before-the-show bathing and grooming of the cat.	... If possible, the agent should also be responsible for before-the-show bathing and grooming of the cat. <u>Cattery visitations and agenting within the previous two years of the date of application will count toward these requirements.</u>	While all cattery visitation and agenting experience is helpful, placing a time requirement on these activities will encourage knowledge of current standards and better application of the entire intent of cattery visitations and agenting.
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Eigenhauser: Why does it stop being helpful 2 years and 1 day later? 2 years is an unreasonably short period of time. **Miller:** I don't think we need to be rigid on this. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Section II. 8.c.	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	ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE: <u>1. Cattery Visits.</u> 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.	Dividing Paragraph 8.c. into two subparagraphs allows the reader to better understand each of the individual elements.
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	must belong to the Breed Council of the breed being examined. Agenting forms (signed by the owner of the agented exhibit) will be part of the Exhibitor's Resume. Complete care and custody of the cat is required by taking the cat to the show, grooming the cat at the show, having the cat in your care the nights at the show, taking it to and from the rings. If possible, the agent should also be responsible for before-the-show bathing and grooming of the cat.	The owner of the visited cattery must belong to the Breed Council of the breed being examined. 2. Agenting. Agenting forms (signed by the owner of the agented exhibit) will be part of the Exhibitor's Resume. Complete care and custody of the cat is required by taking the cat to the show, grooming the cat at the show, having the cat in your care the nights at the show, taking it to and from the rings. If possible, the agent should also be responsible for before-the-show bathing and grooming of the cat.	
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 9.	It is required that an applicant attend a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty for which the application is made.	It is required that an applicant attend a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School <u>within the previous five (5) years</u> for the appropriate specialty for which the application is made.	Time requirements will encourage knowledge of current standards.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 14.	... Equivalent titles from other associations will be accepted through December 31, 2004. Equivalent titles from other associations will be accepted through December 31, 2004. <u>December 31, 2006...</u>	This date was extended at the February, 2005 board meeting to December 31, 2005. This proposal provides an additional one-year extension.
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Withdrawn. [see next]

Section II. 14.	... Equivalent titles from other associations will be accepted through December 31, 2004. Equivalent titles from other associations will be accepted through December 31, 2004. ...	Delete cut-off date entirely.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II.	6. Guest judged for CFA seven	6. G <u>Successfully</u> guest judged for	Expands on the guest
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14.6.	times.	CFA seven times. <u>Evaluation forms are provided by the Judging Program and must be on file with the Judging Program for the seven shows.</u>	judging concept and formalizes the procedure.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 14.8.		<u>8. Applicant must be pre-noticed in the CFA Almanac and/or On-Line Almanac.</u>	Consistent with domestic applications. See Section III.G.5. below.
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Anger: We no longer have a monthly Almanac. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 14.9.		<u>9. Applicant must complete an application and have it signed by the International Division Chair.</u>	Consistent with domestic applications. See Section III.G.5. below.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section II. 15		Add International Division requirements.	See International Division section above.
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Withdrawn.

Section III. G.5.	When all requirements for initial application have been received by the Judging Program Committee no less than six (6) months prior to the meeting, the application will be submitted in its entirety to the Executive Board for consideration at the Board Meeting following listing of the applicant's name in two issues of the CFA Almanac, one of which must be a Member Edition. ...	When all requirements for initial application have been received by the Judging Program Committee no less than six (6) months prior to the meeting, the application will be submitted in its entirety to the Executive Board for consideration at the Board Meeting following listing of the applicant's name in two issues of the CFA Almanac, one of which must be a Member Edition. <u>in the CFA Almanac and/or On-Line Almanac.</u> ...	The Almanac has gone to a bi-monthly publication, and we no longer have a Member Edition. The original intent and timing will remain the same, despite the fact that the language has been updated to coincide with our current Publications policies.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section V.	Trainees are permitted at two-day	Trainees are permitted <u>on Saturday</u>	It is unreasonable to
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A.3.	allbreed shows, one-day all longhair or one-day all shorthair shows, two-day specialty shows (one day given to longhair, and one day given to shorthair) and one-day shows – allbreed rings only. ...	of a back-to-back show , at two-day allbreed shows, one-day all longhair or one-day all shorthair shows, and two-day specialty shows (one day given to longhair, and one day given to shorthair) and one-day shows – allbreed rings only. ...	think that a trainee would receive a thorough evaluation or adequate training at a one-day allbreed show (not to mention the extra burden on the club). However, this being the current trend, a compromise is proposed to include the first day of a back-to-back show.
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DelaBar: We have so many one-day shows. However, no show has to take a trainee.
DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section V. 4.c.	c) Trainees in Japan must do at least two training sessions in the United States. These sessions may be a week apart to minimize expenses. The last supervised color class and the first solo class is highly suggested. Longhair trainees from the International Division are encouraged to train in the United States; shorthair trainees from the International Division are required to train in the United States. Trainees will be permitted to train on consecutive weekends.	c) Trainees in Japan and the International Division must do at least two training sessions in the United States. These sessions may be a week apart to minimize expenses. The last supervised color class and the first solo class is highly suggested. Longhair trainees from the International Division are encouraged to train in the United States; shorthair trainees from the International Division are required to train in the United States. Trainees will be permitted to train on consecutive weekends.	This proposal makes the training more equitable throughout the world.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section V. 10.E.	A first specialty judge will be eligible for advancement to Apprentice status at the CFA Board of Directors meeting held one year after their acceptance as a trainee (i.e. accepted June 2000, eligible for advancement June 2001). A trainee will have two years to complete the required breed/division color class evaluation training. ...	A first specialty judge will be eligible for advancement to Apprentice status at the CFA Board of Directors meeting held one year after their acceptance as a trainee (i.e. accepted June 2000, eligible for advancement June 2001). A trainee First specialty trainees will have two years to complete the required breed/division color class evaluation training. ...	When a trainee has completed his/her color class training, the current rule could cause many months of unnecessary dormant time waiting for the one year time period to expire. It seems unfair to trainees to make them sit, with no apparent benefit
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Anger: This eliminates the waiting period after training. Currently, when you complete your training, you sit out until that one year is up. There is no beneficial purpose to that; rather, it is detrimental. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section V. 10.E. (end)	... (This does not preclude an individual advancing to Approved first specialty and Trainee second specialty at the same Board meeting.)	(This does not preclude an individual advancing to Approved first specialty and Trainee second specialty at the same Board meeting.) <u>In the case where the Second Specialty applicant could have applied for both specialties on the initial application, upon acceptance as a Second Specialty trainee by the CFA Board of Directors, the CFA Board of Directors may waive the requirement that the Second Specialty trainee wait until they are approval pending to begin training.</u>	In those few cases where a single specialty judge is just as qualified in the second specialty as they are in the first, it may make sense to allow them to train in the second specialty without waiting to become approved in their first specialty. This decision can be made by the CFA Board of Directors with input from the CFA Judging Program Committee. The Board and the Committee must weigh the qualifications against having sufficient judging ring experience to be able to go through the training smoothly without having to worry about ring presence and management.
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Anger: If an applicant has equally strong qualifications in both specialties, they must either apply for both specialties when they initially enter the judging program (which is discouraged), or wait until they are approval pending first specialty before applying for second specialty. This proposal allows a third option of proceeding when ready. The contrary opinion is that new judges are building up their ring experience, timing, judging acumen, etc. while working on their first specialty. **Newkirk:** Currently, they have to be approved before they can start training. I understand your intent, but it's not worded right. **Withdrawn.**

Section VII.A.1.	A minimum of two shows must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of those judges residing in the International Division or Japan. Two shows	<u>a.</u> A minimum of two shows must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of those judges residing in the International Division or Japan.	The addition to subsection a. (to define the current open-ended blanket policy), was added at the request of the CFA Board of Directors at their June 2005 meeting.
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	<p>outside the country of the judge’s residence in the International Division will be required by all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories to be eligible for each advancement, and two shows at least 240 kilometers away from the judge’s residence in Japan will be required for all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories before being eligible for advancement consideration by the Executive Board. The judge must not be a current member of the two clubs sponsoring these shows.</p>	<p><u>International shows judged by domestic approval pending Allbreed judges will count as an out-of-region assignment.</u></p> <p>b. Two shows outside the country of the judge’s residence in the International Division will be required by all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories to be eligible for each advancement, and t</p> <p>c. Two shows at least 240 kilometers away from the judge’s residence in Japan will be required for all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories before being eligible for advancement consideration by the Executive Board. The judge must not be a current member of the two clubs sponsoring these shows.</p>	<p>Paragraph A.1. was broken into subsections for ease of reading.</p>
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Newkirk: The reason we don’t count them now is because the shorthair counts have been low. The shorthair counts especially in Europe have now gone up. That’s why we wanted to give these judges credit for shows over there. **DelaBar** called the motion (as to subparagraph a. only). **Motion Carried. Johnson, Eigenhauser, L. Watson, Shaffer and Kusy** voting no.

Anger: Subparagraphs b. and c. are relettered. **DelaBar** called the motion (as to b. and c. only). **Motion Carried.**

<p>Section VII. B.-E.</p>	<p>... two of which must be out of region or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence, before becoming eligible for consideration for advancement to the status of [approval pending specialty judge] [approval pending allbreed judge] [approved allbreed judge] ...</p>	<p>... two of which must be out of region or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence, before becoming eligible for consideration for advancement to the status of [approval pending specialty judge] [approval pending allbreed judge] [approved allbreed judge] in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph A.1. ...</p>	<p>This is the best way to achieve the objective of the previous proposal, while at the same time making Paragraphs B.-E. more concise.</p>
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Anger: This cleans up the repetitive language. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

<p>Section VII.</p>	<p>Apprentice specialty judges ... To</p>	<p>Apprentice specialty judges ...</p>	<p>If the International</p>
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B.	satisfy the eight (8) required evaluations, the judge may officiate at shows for clubs in which they maintain membership; ...	<u>Judges in the International Division must have bred a sixth (6th) CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier.</u> To satisfy the eight (8) required evaluations, the judge may officiate at shows for clubs in which they maintain membership; ...	Division requirements are passed, this coincides with new Section II.15.6 (old Section IX.A.6.).
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section VII. C.	Approval pending single specialty judges ... To satisfy the eight (8) required evaluations, the judge may officiate at shows for clubs in which they maintain membership; ...	Approval pending single specialty judges ... <u>Judges in the International Division must have bred a seventh (7th) CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier.</u> To satisfy the eight (8) required evaluations, the judge may officiate at shows for clubs in which they maintain membership; ...	If the International Division requirements are passed, this coincides with new Section II.15.7 (old Section IX.A.7.).
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Section VII. I.	... Anyone in the Judging Program may be required by the Judging Program Committee to complete further shows when, in the opinion of the Judging Program Committee, this seems advisable.	... Anyone in the Judging Program may be required by the Judging Program Committee to complete further shows when, in the opinion of the Judging Program Committee, this seems advisable. <u>whom the majority of the Judging Program Committee feels would be best advised to complete further shows will have the option of withdrawing their name for consideration for advancement by the CFA Board of Directors. The Judging Program Committee will explain to the candidate the problems with their candidacy, what they can do to rectify the situation and (should the candidate decide to go forward) what the consequences would be if the CFA Board of Directors does not advance them.</u>	This proposal is based on how the CFA Judging Program Committee has been operating for at least the last six years with respect to candidates for advancement whom the Committee feels would be best advised to complete further shows.
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Anger: This clarifies the language so that applicants and advancing judges will understand what is going to happen. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Anger:** Thank you all very much.

(9) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #33).

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

Where there are credible allegations of animal abuse or neglect, and a party refuses to submit to a voluntary CFA cattery environment inspection after requested by the Animal Welfare Committee, CFA services may be suspended until the party complies. On the other hand, if the inspection results are satisfactory, the matter may be withdrawn by the Animal Welfare Committee.

In some circumstances a close relationship may exist between a veterinarian and a party. Without some assurances of objectivity, the inspections may be suspect. The committee is recommending an outside veterinarian in one matter in this report, and would like the Board to confirm that the Animal Welfare Chair has the authority to request the inspection be by an independent veterinarian.

*Respectfully Submitted,
George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman*

Eigenhauser: Sometimes there may be a close relationship between the veterinarian and the accused. In some cases, we may need an objective third party to take a look at the case. I would like to fine tune the procedure so that occasionally we can ask for a cattery environment inspection by a veterinarian other than respondent's usual vet, or a vet of the CFA board's choosing. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(10) CFA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE.

Centennial Committee Chair Liz Watson gave the following report, with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Eric Won has been spearheading many projects and we have some exciting things in store for the celebration.

Caroline Scott and Helmut Kracke have designed our Centennial logo which will be used on printed material. Also, they have created a design for a tie tack/lapel pin which we hope to have funded so that we can distribute them to spectators at the shows during the 2006 show season. Beth Cassely is working on getting us a quote so that we can approach a sponsor.

Barbara Sacco has been contracted to design jewelry based on the Centennial logo. The committee chose her because she will work in both gold and sterling, and we want this to be available in different price ranges so that it is affordable to many people. She has agreed to donate 25% of the monies to CFA.

Kay Janosik is in charge of the Centennial Celebration Challenge which will be run on a regional level starting in December. There will be 2 shows per month in each region. Letters have been sent to the Regional Directors asking for input as to show selection. These will be existing shows. We are not adding new shows to the schedule. Challenge exhibitors will be required to attend 7 of the 10 shows in their home region with points be scored in the region of residence only. Awards will be given for the top cat, kitten and premiership winner in each region. We are working on including region 8 and the International division with a slightly abbreviated format. Also, Kay has asked for input on including agility which would be participating in 1 show per month. We are looking into a National level challenge for the 2006 show season that will begin in April. We have sincere sponsor interest and will know more about it by the next board meeting.

The committee is putting together a booklet which will celebrate our first 100 years. It will be a compilation of previously printed articles, club history, plus new articles highlighting evolution of cat shows, demographics and technology, vision for CFA and a global view of the fancy, exhibitor changes in showing, breeders' perspective and corporate identity. Geraldine Fellerman has agreed to head this portion of the celebration and Mordecai Siegal will be the editor.

L. Watson: Most of this will be reprints, with some new articles written by various authors, such as David Mare. **DelaBar:** We'll see if we can go through our licensing and branding agent. We need to know about the publisher and cost.

Bill Bell has been contacted about designing a signed limited edition print celebrating our centennial. This print will only be sold on the CFA website.

L. Watson: The committee will select in its discretion an artist and a limited edition print.

In order to fund these various projects, Pat Jacobberger has agreed to run Ebay sales of donated items specifically for the centennial. Diane Castor has generously donated a Lalique cat and Bob Bryan has donated some of his art work. These items need not be cat related. Beth Cassely is in charge of procuring items so we ask everyone to look at what you have--or just want to be gone – and contact Beth so that she & Pat can be very busy earning us funding.

L. Watson: We don't have a budget, although we were allocated \$1,000. **Calhoun:** Where is that coming from? **DelaBar:** We'll track money from the auctions. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Action items:

1. *Approval of the above projects.*
2. *At the conclusion of the celebration, any excess funds will be donated to a specific CFA project rather than be included in the general fund. The Committee recommends donating to the CFA Museum fund.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Watson, Chair*

CFA Centennial Cup Challenge

Concept: A series of pre-determined, designated CFA Cat Shows where cumulative scoring in the region of record only will be kept in order to determine the highest-scoring cat in Championship, Premiership, Kitten and Agility that meets the Rules for Participation. Winner for each category will be awarded the title of Centennial Celebration Challenge Winner for each CFA Region and the International Division. This competition is an effort to promote CFA Cat Show and Agility competition to the public and further raise awareness of CFA and promote the versatility and beauty of our cats to the public. At the end of competition we will have on-line voting for Centennial Celebration Challenge Best of the Best - CFA Cat Idol. Only the CFA CCC Regional Winners will all qualify to participate in this phase of the competition. CFA members and the public may cast votes.

2005-2006 Rules for Participation:

1. *Points are accumulated by participation at the Centennial Celebration Challenge (CCC) designated shows within the exhibitor's region of record only.*
2. *Points shall be accumulated by show rather than by Ring. All the points received in every ring of a specific CCC show will be considered the total points for that show. Points counting toward the Centennial Celebration Challenge shall be from only such designated shows and shall only be recorded in the region of record. Points earned at designated shows outside the region of record shall not count toward the Centennial Celebration Challenge. None of the scoring of the Centennial Celebration Challenge will in any way affect the points earned toward Regional/National or any other awards. At the completion of the Centennial Celebration Challenge designated shows for the 2005-2006 show season, a cat/kitten will be credited with the points from all its Centennial Celebration Challenge shows.*

3. *Designated shows shall take place between Dec. 1, 2005 and April 30, 2006.*
4. *The Championship and Premiership series of shows shall consist of 10 shows total for each region, 2 per month, for the 7 regions in the mainland US and Canada. The Championship and Premiership series shall be 4 shows total for Region 8 and the International Division.*
5. *The Kitten series shall be any of the 10 specified regional shows, or any of the 4 for Japan and International Division, that fall within the 4 to 8 month time frame for a kitten.*
6. *The Agility series shall be any show within the region of record that hosts Agility competition.*
7. *Any CFA Registered Championship Cat, Premiership Cat or Kitten shall be eligible for competition.*
8. *Exhibitors must declare their intention to participate in order to be scored for the CCC.*
9. *Exhibitors in the Championship or Premiership categories may compete in any or all of the designated shows in their region of record to be eligible for scoring.*
10. *Exhibitors in the Kittens category may compete in any or all of the designated shows in their region of record during the time the kitten is 4 months of age until 8 months of age.*
11. *Only the cumulative points from the ten (10) specified CCC shows within the region of record shall be used to determine the winner in the US mainland and Canada.*
12. *Agility Competition Exhibitors in the US mainland and Canada, Japan or International Division may compete in any or all shows within their region of record for scoring that hold Agility competition. The winner will be determined by the fastest time on record in the region of record.*
13. *Only the cumulative points from the four (4) CCC shows within the region of residence shall be used to determine the winner in Japan and the International Division.*
14. *A participant may compete in only one category of judging: Championship, Premiership or Kittens. However, a participant may also compete in Agility in addition to the other specified category.*
15. *The winner in each category shall be determined after the final CCC designated show of the 2005-2006 show season. The results will be tabulated to determine the highest cumulative score for each category for each region.*
16. *The awards for each category shall be presented at each Regional Awards Banquet.*

17. *Winners in each region will be announced on or before May 15, 2006.*

18. *After the CCC Regional winners are announced all members of CFA and the public will have an opportunity to vote for the Centennial Celebration Challenge Best of the Best – CFA Cat Idol. Only the CCC Regional Winners in each category shall qualify to participate in the voting.*

19. *Voting will be done on-line with an Official Ballot. Each ballot must clearly specify which cat gets the vote. You may only name one cat per ballot. Ballots must be received by June 10, 2006 to be tabulated.*

20. *All Regional CCC Winners are encouraged to participate in the 2006 CFA Annual Awards Banquet where the cat with the highest number of votes will be named Centennial Celebration Challenge Best of the Best - CFA Cat Idol winner. A presentation will be made with a special award given to the winner.*

L. Watson: This is a regional challenge to begin in December. **Johnson:** Can those that live near other regions go to shows in any region? **L. Watson:** No, they'll be scored in their region of record, for additional recognition as a regional event. **Eigenhauser:** A lot of people would love it if the cats they are competing against are the cats they are scoring against. **Wilson:** How will Central Office score these shows? **Berg:** They will score the shows like they normally would. **Wilson:** What about agility? **DelaBar:** Kay will write up policies and procedures of the actual "how to". **Cummings:** Is there a separate entry fee to enter the challenge? **L. Watson:** No, we thought it should just be for fun. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(11) **SHOW RULES.**

Show Rules Chair Loretta Baugh presented the following Show Rule changes with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Baugh: I want to thank the Committee members, Nikki Crandall-Siebert and Gail Frew.

Rule #	Old Wording	New Wording	Rationale
1.18g	The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring.	The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. <u>Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry.</u>	This is a housekeeping change to keep the eligible entries for Exhibition classes consistent with other classes at CFA shows.

Eigenhauser: This is an example of what is wrong with our show rules. We generalize and say, “stop at the stop sign”. Our show rules were created in fits and starts. It’s amazing how many show rules are duplicated. Why can’t we pass one rule that says, there are no wild cat hybrids at CFA shows? Let’s condense and combine, and get the obsolete rules out. I would rather put this in our definition of cat, which is 1.01. **Withdrawn.**

1.19a	The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color is CFA registerable. Winners’ ribbons are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, the winners’ ribbons will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/ Premiers on the second day of a two day show or in subsequent shows until the cat is registered with CFA. Novice class cats are not eligible for National/Regional	The NOVICE CLASS is for listed (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color is CFA registerable <u>and eligible for CFA championship competition (see show rule 32.01).</u> Winners’ ribbons are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, the winners’ ribbons will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/ Premiers on the second day of a two day show or in subsequent shows until	This addition clarifies CFA’s intent that tortoiseshell/calico males, and any examples of the x-linked red gene that may result in a cat that appears male, are not eligible for competition.
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	points. This class is for licensed shows in the International Division and Maritime Provinces of Canada.	the cat is registered with CFA. Novice class cats are not eligible for National/Regional points. This class is for licensed shows in the International Division and Maritime Provinces of Canada.	
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L. Watson: What does this do to some of the novices we see? They're not going to be eligible because of their background. **DelaBar:** The same cat could compete in the novice class many times because we don't know if they are eligible for CFA championship competition. **Withdrawn.**

2.09 b	Altered Cats in the Household Pet Classes	Altered cats and kittens in the Household Pet Classes. <u>Cats shown in this category are permitted to be missing physical parts.</u>	Do we want to allow for HHP to be missing limbs/eyes, etc? This has gotten controversial at some shows as interpretation whether this is allowed in HHP seems varied. If we wish to permit these cats to be shown, we propose an addition to section b. to make an allowance for missing parts in HHP classes
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Dent: Years ago when this issue came up, it was decided that the rule as it is written now would prevail. The philosophy was that these cats were bound to gain the attention and sympathy of the judge, and have an unfair position in the household pet competition. **Eigenhauser:** A lot of the show rules coming from the annual have the blessing of the delegation. We know how the clubs feel. They have had a chance to debate it and have discussed it. This is the kind of change in philosophy that belongs best in the annual and not at the board. I would prefer to see this come out of the delegation and not from us. **Withdrawn.**

6.06	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. No change	Show management shall assign benching cages <u>or security cage space</u> 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	More and more exhibitors are using their own cages - we can clarify the rule to allow cage services to save wear and tear on the cages where able.
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	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.	exhibitor for all cats entered in a 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.	
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Shaffer: This is not specific enough. We've got many different sizes of security cages. What size are we going to provide? **Eigenhauser:** I would like the default to be that you get a cage unless you check the box that says I bring my own security cage. **Withdrawn.**

11.02	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.	Exhibitors with bona fide handicaps shall be responsible for making their special needs known to the entry clerk. <u>Handicap benching shall be provided at no additional cost to the exhibitor.</u> Exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices can request end of row benching during judging procedures by such to the entry clerk.	This enforces that this service must be provided at no additional cost in compliance with ADA guidelines.
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Eigenhauser: People have created an expectation that “handicapped benching” means end of row. Handicapped benching under ADA means reasonable accommodation. There are people with a legitimate need for end of row, but it doesn't necessarily guarantee free end of row. People will treat this as an entitlement for end of row. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

11.08.b.1	The club will notify both the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that if the monies for the fees plus the bank penalty charges, if payment was made by an uncollectible check, are not received within thirty (30) days after notification, that all wins for that show, if applicable, for the	The club will notify both the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that if the monies for the fees plus bank penalty charges, if payment was made by an uncollectible check, <u>and postage in an amount sufficient to cover the four mailings required by CFA Show Rules XI 11.08.1-3</u> are	Due to the current availability of electronically submitted entries closer to show dates, clubs have become more vulnerable too outstanding payments from non-attending exhibitors. The cost of recovering these fees
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	exhibitor's cat(s) will be rescinded. The club must send the initial notification within sixty (60) days of the opening date of the show. Notification must provide the names, registration numbers and entry numbers of all cats entered by the exhibitor.	not received within thirty (30) days after notification, that all wins for that show, if applicable, for the exhibitor's cat(s) will be rescinded. The club must send the initial notification within sixty (60) days of the opening date of the show. Notification must provide the names, registration numbers, and entry numbers of all cats entered by the exhibitor.	has become increasingly expensive, in some cases reducing the fees by up to one third. Exhibitors should be made to bear the cost of their disregard for CFA rules, not the clubs.
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Baugh: This passed by 2/3 at the annual. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

11.08b.2	If the club receives the fees plus any applicable bank penalties within the 30 day period, the club will immediately notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that the exhibitor is now in good standing and no action shall be taken.	If the club receives the fees plus any applicable bank penalties and postage within the 30 day period, the club will immediately notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that the exhibitor is now in good standing and no action shall be taken.	Same rationale as 11.08.b.1
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

11.13	No entry may be benched prior to inspection by the designated veterinarian or prior to presentation to the show secretary, whichever is applicable.	No entry may be benched prior to presentation to the show secretary.	No longer have vet inspections.
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Barnaby: Some shows in the International Division have veterinary inspections.

Eigenhauser: Veterinary inspections are also mentioned in Rule 5.01, 5.02. If we are going to take something out of the show rules, we need to be consistent throughout the show rules.

Withdrawn.

11.18.c	To qualify for the Champion or Premier class on the second day of a two day show, the exhibitor must file a completed Championship Claim form and fee with the master clerk before	To qualify for the Champion or Premier class on the second day of a two day show, the exhibitor must notify the master clerk and file a completed Championship or	This change is a clarification for the exhibitor to conform to the way Sunday transfers are usually and most easily
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	<p>the end of the first day of a two day show. Transferring a cat from Open to the Champion or Premier class is at the option of the exhibitor.</p>	<p>Premiership Claim form and fee with the master clerk before the end of the first day of a two day show. Transferring a cat from Open to Champion or Premier class is at the option of the exhibitor.</p>	<p>handled. The exhibitor must tell the master clerk about the transfer so that the master clerk can write the cat's number on the appropriate form. That is the way most Sunday transfers are handled now. This proposed change simply clarifies that it is the exhibitor's responsibility to actually tell the master clerk about the transfer rather than leaving a form in a pile which the master clerk may or may not process in time. This proposal does not create extra work for the master clerk.</p>
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Baugh: This passed by 2/3 at the annual. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

<p>11.23</p>	<p>All benched entries, with the exception of kittens and Veterans, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing hour. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:</p> <p>a. Entries absent from rings judged after the advertised closing time of the final day of the show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any awards made after their removal provided the show manager is noticed of the cat's absence.</p> <p>b. Household pets may be removed at an earlier hour</p>	<p>All benched entries, with the exception of kittens and Veterans, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing hour. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:</p> <p>a. Entries absent from rings judged after the advertised closing time of the final day of the show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any awards made after their removal provided the show manager is noticed of the cat's absence.</p> <p>b. Household pets may be removed at an earlier hour</p>	<p>This is currently the Show Manager responsibility (15.11)., and more correctly rests with the exhibitor. Delete 15.11 if this passes.</p>
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	<p>than the closing of the show as determined by the show manager.</p>	<p>than the closing of the show as determined by the show manager</p> <p><u>c. Exhibitors must notify the ring clerk in each ring in which they are eligible for finals awards, if they are leaving prior to the advertised closing time.</u></p>	
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Kusy: Technically, almost everyone in the show hall is eligible for the final. What if they use 5 black Persians and one of them didn't get a color ribbon? This is way too broad. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed. Eigenhauser and Shaffer** voting yes.

<p>12.07.a.2</p>	<p>A one day format consisting of six rings held on Saturday only with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. A minimum of 12 judging cages per ring is required for a single specialty ring; 16 judging cages per ring is required for an allbreed or double specialty ring.</p> <p>This format can be used on a Sunday only when the Sunday immediately precedes a national Monday holiday. Shows in Region 8, the International Division and Canada may schedule six ring one-day shows if the Sunday precede a national holiday in the hosting club's homeland.</p> <p>Veteran classes may not be held in conjunction with a six ring one-day show.</p>	<p>A one day show format consisting of six rings held on Saturday or Sunday with an entry of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of All Breed or Specialty rings. A minimum of 12 judging cages per ring is required for a single specialty rings; 16 judging cages per ring is required of an all breed or double specialty ring.</p> <p>Veteran classes may not be held in conjunction with a six ring, one day show</p>	<p>Current CFA Show Rules allow one-day six ring shows on Saturday, or on Sundays before a national holiday in the club's homeland. While Saturday shows may start at any time, Show Rules 13.11.a requires any one-day Sunday show to start at 9:00 am or earlier if 'over 200 entries are entered'. However, many potential show halls are only available on Sunday. This is particularly true if the hall does banquets on Saturday nights, such as at hotels and many events centers. The one-day four ring format allowed on Sundays is no longer attractive to most exhibitors, and few are currently licensed. Experience suggests that one-day six ring shows need not run later than the traditional back to back</p>
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			shows. By allowing one-day six rings on any Sunday (still subject to Show Rule 13.11 regarding starting time) additional show halls may become available. Having choices may help some clubs afford to continue to produce shows.
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Baugh: This passed by 2/3 at the annual. **Shaffer:** We've got many 6 ring, one-day shows in the Southwest Region that are very timely and easily finish on time. **Angell:** I assume you use all California judges because judges who live in the east can't fly out until Monday. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

12.07.b.6	Add as new section	<p><u>A format where three or four judgments per entry are licensed for each day (six to eight rings total), by two separate clubs. One club applies to license Saturdays show format, the second club applies to license Sunday's show format. Said applications must be submitted to the Central Office as a package in accordance with rule 12.04. For the purposes of show flyers, catalog, inviting judges, and licensing fees, the two days will be treated as one show.</u></p> <p><u>[Exhibiting at this show shall not be considered a violation of Show Rule 2.14.]</u></p>	The cost of putting on shows continues to increase, as does the number of clubs that desire to produce their own show, while the number of weekends remains finite. With this licensing format, two clubs could each produce their own show, yet be able to pool resources in terms of show hall, entry clerk and cage service. Last sentence, in brackets, added by Show Rules Committee.
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Baugh: This passed by a majority at the annual. **Shaffer:** Is this more of a headache for Central Office? **Dent:** Sure. **Shaffer:** Is it going to cost us more money to do this? **Dent:** Each club will pay separate licensing fees. **Wilson:** They want to have two separate shows for some purpose which I don't quite understand, yet they don't want to pay separate licensing fees. Are both clubs protected under the insurance? **DelaBar:** The spirit is that they would be working together. **Johnson:** The next year, you have two clubs both saying it's their date. **Eigenhauser:** I

don't see that this adds anything to our show rules, but it's confusing. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

<p>13.05.d</p>	<p>The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of seven (7) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. It is strongly recommended that for a six ring, one-day show a club engage either two licensed master clerks or one licensed master clerk and one certified clerk who is working towards their master clerk license, assisting the licensed master clerk in charge. The minimum compensation for each person working as a master clerk shall be sixty (60) dollars per weekend or forty (40) dollars for a 4 ring, one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.) Payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the date a contract is signed. If no contract exists, payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the first day of the show. CFA licensed certified clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Under 150 entries \$30.00 per weekend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">151-250 entries \$45.00 per weekend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">251-350 entries \$60.00 per weekend</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Under 150 entries \$30.00 per weekend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">151-250 entries \$45.00 per weekend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">251-350 entries \$60.00 per weekend</p>	<p>Licensed ring clerks are in short supply in some areas of the country. Raising the level of payment closer to the current cost of an exhibitor's first entry fee is better compensation for the job ring clerks do ensuring shows run smoothly, while sacrificing their own leisure time to do so.</p>
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	<p>351-450 entries \$75.00 per weekend</p> <p>225 back to back \$35.00 per day</p> <p>or 1 day shows</p>	<p>351-450 entries \$75.00 per weekend</p> <p><u>1 day shows with 1, 2, 3, 4 rings \$35.00</u></p> <p><u>225 back to back shows \$40.00 per day</u></p> <p><u>1 day, 6 ring shows \$45.00</u></p>	
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Baugh: This passed by 2/3 at the annual. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

13.17 and 25.14	<p>In the event that a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, ninety (90) days or less prior to show dates, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, the Regional Director and the Central Office by Western Union Mailgram. If cancellation is ninety (90) days or more from the scheduled show dates, all parties will be immediately notified by certified mail.</p>	<p>In the event that a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, ninety (90) days or less prior to show dates, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, the Regional Director and the Central Office by <u>phone, email, fax or express mail</u>. If cancellation is ninety (90) days or more from the scheduled show dates, all parties will be immediately notified by certified mail, <u>phone, email or fax. E-mail or fax notification receipt shall be verified with an acknowledgement.</u></p>	<p>“Western Union Mailgram”? What is that?</p>
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Eigenhauser: There are two show rules within the proposal; one for under 90 days and one for greater than 90 days. For over 90 days, we currently have certified mail in place. We will be confusing people. **Berg:** Couldn't we just say, “must make personal contact”? **Baugh:** The concern is, how to verify receipt. **Wilson:** It needs to be confirmed in writing. **Eigenhauser:** It should be a two-step process – immediate contact by whatever quick means is available, followed by a hard copy in the mail. **J. Watson:** We're looking for something traceable, when it is very short notice. **DelaBar:** I hope we can find an easy, common sense solution. **Withdrawn.**

15.08.h	Judging cages must be provided with durable non-porous washable bottoms per	Judging cages must be provided with durable non-porous washable bottoms per	Large binder clips have become a popular way to 'secure' the dividers.
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	<p>unit and non-porous washable partitions between cages. Partitions must be securely fastened top and bottom. Tops must be securely fastened on all sides.</p>	<p>unit and non-porous washable partitions between cages. <u>Top and Center dividers, when used, must be secured in a fashion that will prevent a cat from ‘breaking through’ to the other side. This requires tying the divider to the front wire in some manner. Plastic ‘cable’ ties or similar item are recommended. Binder clips, regardless of their size or strength, or the number used, are not acceptable.</u> Partitions must be securely fastened top and bottom. Tops must be securely fastened on all sides. [Remainder of Show Rule unchanged.]</p>	<p>Regardless of the size and number of clips used, cats have repeatedly ‘broken through’. Failure to properly secure these dividers can cause a dangerous scenario to the cat breaking through, the cat in the adjacent cage, the exhibitor and the judge. Cat fights, loose cats and injuries can result. Plastic cable ties sell for about one to one and a half cents a piece. In an 8 ring show, with 16 cages per ring, the cost would be less than \$1.00 for the show. Plastic ties are easily cut off when tearing down and can be swept up. Obviously this does not affect those clubs using single judging cages.</p>
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Baugh: This was passed as a floor resolution because it wasn’t pre-noticed at the annual.
Wilson: I don’t have a problem if they are using the binder clip to help adjust the cage. If the cage is already secured in a fashion that will keep the cat from breaking through, the binder clip isn’t an issue. **Baugh:** I want to see something in the rule that says sides have to be secured.
DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

15.08.k	<p>Adult whole males or neuters, including Household Pets, must not be placed in adjoining cages at any time. For the purposes of this rule, two corner cages at a 90 degree or greater angle to each other are considered to be adjoining cages. When benching cats or kittens in the judging ring, clerks will, where possible, attempt to accommodate reasonable requests made by</p>	<p>Move to Article XVIII Responsibilities of Clerks Add to 18.01</p>	<p>Housekeeping – the benching of cats in the judging rings would fall under the auspices of the chief ring clerk.</p>
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Eigenhauser: This is better than what we have, but I would like to see a ring procedures section that covers everybody as a unit who is acting in a ring. **DelaBar** called the motion.
Motion Carried.

15.11	The show manager should insofar as possible notify each clerk of any entries removed from the show room prior to the start of the finals in his ring.	See 11.23.c	Delete if 11.23.c accepted.
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Withdrawn.

16.09	The show secretary must fill in orders for marked catalogs. Should it become impracticable to fill any such order, the purchase price of such marked catalog must be promptly returned to the person ordering it.	Delete this rule	Clubs do not offer this, with a stipulated fee, on their show flyers. (Then show rule 16.08.1 could become 16.09.)
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

16.10 h and Inside back cover "Show Records Data File Information	the diskette containing show entry information (see Data File Information at the back of this booklet). A processing fee of \$100.00 is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring;	The diskette containing show entry information (see Data File Information at the back of this booklet) <u>unless the file has been sent directly to Central Office by the Show Entry Clerk or Show Secretary.</u> A processing fee of \$100.00 is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring	Central Office now accepts emailed files for show records scoring which fulfills this requirement. This change makes that process "legal".
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

18.04	The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and	The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons	Mentions Veterans, but not HHP. If we are
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	<p>rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Winners, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, and all Finals awards in championship, kitten and premiership classes. 1st place ribbons and Finals are marked for the Veteran Class. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.</p>	<p>and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Winners, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, and all Finals awards in championship, kitten and premiership - classes, <u>merit award ribbons for HHP</u>. 1st place ribbons and Finals are marked for the Veteran Class. All absentees and transfers including transfers to Champion or Premier after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.</p>	<p>starting to take them seriously, maybe we want to add them here.</p>
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Eigenhauser: The clubs pay the same \$1 scoring surcharge to score the household pets as they do any other cat. We can at least mark them in the book. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

18.09	<p>The chief ring clerk is responsible for notifying ALL chief ring clerks when the judge in his/her ring disqualifies any cat or kitten that bites or that, in his/her judgment, is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.</p>	<p>The chief ring clerk is responsible for notifying ALL chief ring clerks when the judge in his/her ring disqualifies any cat or kitten that bites or that, in <u>the judge's</u> judgment, is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner</p>	<p>Clarifies this is the judges determination, not the clerk.</p>
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

20.11.d	<p>All headings (name of breed, color class number and color class name) should be centered or printed flush left on the page;</p>	<p>All headings (name of breed, color class number and color class name) should be centered or printed flush left on the page; When <u>a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern</u></p>	<p>Housekeeping. It is indicated that the color/tabby pattern must be entered in the judges' books, but not in the formatting for catalogs.</p>
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		<u>indicated on the entry form must be printed under the name of the entry.</u>	
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Anger: This is opposite of the way we are doing it now – for what purpose? **Johnson:** All the clubs have entry clerking programs and we’re using these programs to produce catalogs the way we see them today. This is going to have a big impact on the clubs. **Withdrawn.**

22.02	In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 150, for Championship entries of 150 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion. 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 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 150 , for Premiership entries of 150 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.	In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 150, for Championship entries of 150 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion. 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 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than <u>75</u> , for Premiership entries of <u>75</u> or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.	Correction to current rules
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

24.07	The PROVISIONAL BREED CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten of a breed not accepted for Championship competition when CFA has approved a provisional standard for that breed. Cats entered in the Provisional Breed Class are eligible only for awards in the Provisional Breed Class. The listings in the catalog should	The PROVISIONAL BREED CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten of a breed not accepted for Championship competition when CFA has approved a provisional standard for that breed. Cats entered in the Provisional Breed Class are eligible only for awards in the Provisional Breed Class. The listings in the catalog should	To clarify for entry clerks and for purposes of catalog and judges’ books. Housekeeping.
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	appear at the end of the non-championship division.	appear at the end of the non-championship division. <u>Color class numbers are listed in Article XXXIV. For kittens, the letter “K” should be added. For Premiership, the letter “P” should be added to the color class number.</u>	
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L. Watson: Does that mean changing the software? **Shaffer:** I don't think we need the K and the P. **Withdrawn.**

26.02.b.1	If driving, mileage at the current IRS yearly allowance (<i>note: the 2005 rate is 40.5 cents per mile</i>), or the equivalent of Coach Class airfare, whichever is less.	If driving, mileage at the current IRS yearly allowance or the equivalent of Coach Class airfare, whichever is less. <u>Note: The IRS updates this figure annually, and publishes it on November for the coming year.</u>	This has been an area of confusion. Some people presume this rate, changed every year in the Show Rules, is the rate for the entire show season, when the rate changes each calendar year. We'd like to clarify for those confused by the parentheses, that the rate changes each calendar year. Making the new rate effective with the IRS rate is more equitable, especially given the rising cost of fuel. The current IRS rate could be part of the info in the Show Package to the clubs and noticed to Judges in advance.
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Baugh: If the rate goes down or up, we could use the current rate. **DelaBar:** Right now we're not getting some entries because of gas prices. I hate to see any additional fees. This is not the time for us to be doing this to the clubs. **Newkirk:** It should be whatever the current rate is, to be fair to everybody. **Eigenhauser:** This is not what it really costs to drive a car, this is simply an IRS estimate. This was never accurate to begin with. I don't see why we can't pick a number for the year so you can budget and plan, without having to call up the IRS to see if the rate has gone up or down. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed. Newkirk, Watson, Calhoun, Cummings** and **Baugh** voting yes. **Barnaby** abstained.

26.02.b	If traveling by air, Coach Class	If traveling by air, Coach	Show rule does not
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	airfare. Judges, unless specifically told in writing not to do so by the contracting club at the time the original contract for the show is signed and returned to the judge by the club, shall attempt to purchase advance fare Coach Class tickets that are generally non-refundable and that are usually substantially lower in cost than regular Coach Class tickets.	Class airfare, <u>PLUS ASSOCIATED COSTS OF FLYING (mileage, tolls, parking, etc.)</u> . Judges, unless specifically told in writing not to do so by the contracting club at the time the original contract for the show is signed and returned to the judge by the club, shall attempt to purchase advance fare Coach Class tickets that are generally non-refundable and that are usually substantially lower in cost than regular Coach Class tickets.	allow for any associated costs of flying which would include mileage to airport, airport parking expense, and limo or taxi. This change assures actual costs of travel are all covered.
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Eigenhauser: How does this differ from 26.02.a.? **Angell:** It's redundant. **Withdrawn.**

27.04	Entries co-owned by a judge or owned by a member of the judge's household are not eligible for competition in any ring at a show at which that judge is officiating, provided that this restriction shall not apply to the judge who is judging Household Pets or Veterans only.	Entries co-owned by a judge or owned by a member of the judge's household, <u>or those owned by an exhibitor who works with that judge in a direct line of management,</u> are not eligible for competition in any ring at a show at which that judge is officiating, provided that this restriction shall not apply to the judge who is judging HHP's or Veterans only.	This scenario can (and does) exist. Adoption will preclude any impression of favoritism/advantage by prohibiting the circumstances.
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L. Watson: I would like to see it taken out of conduct of judges and put in exhibitors' responsibilities. This is one situation and we are proposing a show rule for one incident. **Wilson:** It belongs in both places. **Anger:** If there is a specific situation that is causing a problem, let's address the specific person and the specific incident. Doesn't a clerk work in a direct line of management with the judge that weekend? **Shaffer:** It would also apply to Central Office staff because they are in a direct line of management. **Kusy:** There are several situations right now. This is not aimed at clerking for a judge. The issue is, if the judge is finaling a cat for their boss, and their boss does their evaluations and raises. **DelaBar:** Common sense should prevail. **Anger:** As a judge, I can't control who puts a cat in my ring. After extensive executive session discussion, **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

32.01 NOTE	The following breeds and colors are recognized as	Note: Male cats of any color(s) resulting from an	All of the 'girl colors' are not listed. This
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	<p>entitled to win Championship or Premiership honors.</p> <p>(NOTE: Male cats of any of the following colors are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition, but are eligible for an AOV class as provided in Article XXXIII): Shell Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Shell Blue-Cream, Shaded Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream Smoke, Silver Patched Tabby (Torbie), Blue-Silver Patched Tabby, Brown Patched Tabby (Torbie), Blue Patched Tabby (Torbie), Tortoiseshell, Calico or Dilute Calico, Van Calico or Dilute Van Calico, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Blue-Cream Smoke & White, Blue-Cream, Tortie Point, Blue-Cream Point.)</p>	<p>XXY genetic makeup are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition but are eligible for an AOV class as provided in Article XXXII. These colors include, but are not limited to the following... Shell Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Shell Blue-Cream, Shaded Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream Smoke, Silver Patched Tabby (Torbie), Blue-Silver Patched Tabby, Brown Patched Tabby (Torbie), Blue Patched Tabby (Torbie), Tortoiseshell, Calico or Dilute Calico, Van Calico or Dilute</p>	<p>makes the statement more general and prevents colors that are girl colors', but not listed to be restricted to the proper class</p>
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Johnson: Our rules are for exhibitors. Exhibitors are going to look at this and say, “what’s an XXY genetic make-up”? This is going to confuse some people. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

32.01 MAINE COON CAT	<p>MAINE COON CAT</p> <p>Silver Tabby (<i>classic, mackerel</i>)</p> <p>Silver Tabby & White (<i>classic, mackerel</i>)</p> <p>Red Tabby & White (<i>classic, mackerel</i>)</p>	<p>Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel and patched)</p> <p>Silver Tabby & White (including vans) classic, mackerel and patched</p> <p>Red Tabby & White (including vans)</p>	<p>Corrections needed to current rules</p>
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

TURKISH ANGORA	<p>TURKISH ANGORA</p> <p>Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class</p>	<p>Add to this Color Class: Smoke & White [black smoke and white, blue smoke and white, cameo</p>	<p>Corrections to current rules</p>
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	1848 1849 <i>(Black & White, Blue-Cream, Blue & White, Calico, Cream & White, Red & White, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted and, where applicable, patched</i>	smoke (red smoke) and white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) and white], Calico smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke.	
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

BRITISH SHORT-HAIR	Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class 2546 2547 <i>(Blue-Cream, Tortoiseshell, Calico, Van Calico, Dilute Calico, Van Dilute Calico, Solid Color and White, Van Solid Color and White, Tabby and White, Van Tabby and White.</i>	Add patched Tabby and white to this color class.	Corrections to current rules
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Baugh: The show rules indicate gold-eyed white British Shorthair. That needs to be changed to be consistent with the standard. Under the solid color class for British Shorthair, change to *black, blue, cream, red, blue-eyed white, gold or copper-eyed white and odd-eyed white.* **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

13.05.g		When Translators are to be provided to judges in foreign assignments, they may be ring clerks, master clerks, or other show officials. These translators are to only translate as required by the officiating judge and show committee as necessary to perform their duties. Translators are not allowed to make personal comments other than might be necessary to enhance the translation process and must never make comments regarding the judge	The show rules don't cover anything about having Translators and the Clerking Manual specifically states that a clerk should NEVER repeat a judge's comment(s). The intent in the Clerking Manual: Ring Conduct: item 5 (page 7) in the is warn against gossiping. It was never intended to rule out clerks translating for
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		or exhibits outside the translation activity.	judges on foreign assignment. So when read to the letter, as done in Japan, it would disallow the use of clerks as Translators. We need to allow clerks to translate, if they can. I'm sure there are many times when a clerk needs to relay information to/from an exhibitor/judge - more so when the clerk speaks English and the language of the land is other. Having this new show rule in place will make it clear for all just what a translator's job actually is.
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Shaffer: The Clerking Manual specifically states that clerks are not allowed to repeat anything that the judge said. The intent was to prohibit gossiping, rather than preventing a clerk or other show official from translating for one of our judges. **Eigenhauser:** If the Clerking Manual is the problem, then the Clerking Manual is the solution. **Shaffer:** It could be in both places. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Angell, Johnson, Eigenhauser, Barnaby, Wilson, DelaBar** and **J. Watson** voting no.

25.12	A judge may not accept two shows at different locations in any one weekend in the United States and Canada.	A judge may not accept two shows (including two six ring one-day shows) at different locations in any one weekend in the United States and Canada.	Now that we allow six ring, one day shows on either Saturday or Sunday, we need to clarify the rule. A club has approached a judge who is already judging a 6 ring one-day show on Saturday, and asked them to do the same thing on Sunday, different location, same weekend.
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L. Watson: Are we putting any [distance] parameters on this? **Baugh:** It would be discretionary. **Eigenhauser:** I don't see why adding 2 rings has suddenly changed people's understanding of what a show is. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

26.02.b.1	If driving, mileage at the current IRS yearly allowance (note: the 2005 rate is 40.5 cents per mile), or the equivalent of Coach Class airfare, whichever is less.	If driving, mileage at the current IRS approved allowance or the equivalent of Coach Class airfare, whichever is less.	Same rationale as first proposed change. Plus the fact that the IRS adjusts the rate to reflect <u>current</u> prices. This change would benefit both clubs and judges in that current rates would be applicable. Clubs and judges would benefit as the rate varies up or down and neither would be bound, for a full 12 months, to rates that are high or low.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Baugh discussed Show Rule 2.11. If a club wanted to ban an exhibitor for a year or refuse entries, no violation would occur. **Eigenhauser:** Clubs need to be aware when they do this that they are sticking their necks out. That's why we have the protest process.

Baugh discussed NA/IM's on kittens. **DelaBar:** The spirit of that was to return credibility to the championship title. Kittens can change and develop, so the rule only applies to adults. **Baugh:** That's the way the show rule reads current and will stay that way.

(12) **CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee members – Joan Miller, Tom Dent, Fred Jacobberger, George Eigenhauser, Phil Lindsley.

Federal

The Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (PAWS) SB 1139/HB 2669 has been the focus of the CFA Legislative Group ever since May 2005 when it was introduced. CFA's website has featured Alerts and instructions on contacting congressional members expressing our opposition. StatCounter monitoring indicates that the legislative pages receive approximately 200 visitors daily. Numerous updates and action alerts have been posted to the CFA lists and forwarded to dog fancy lists, national and State Pet-Law lists. Clubs have copied and circulated flyers –for the cat loving public, exhibitors/breeders and for the rescuer community. The Legislative Group has been responding to hundreds of emails daily providing information and answering questions.

The first hearing on the PAWS bill is expected to be scheduled in late September in the Senate Agriculture Committee - "Research, Nutrition and General Legislation" Subcommittee chaired by Senator Rick Santorum, the Author of PAWS. Senator Santorum's office is currently working on amendments to the bill to address some of the language confusion, poor drafting and stakeholder opposition. Through my communication with this office, we do not expect them to back away from the core of this bill – the federalization of the breeding of home-raised animals who are sold directly at retail to the pet owners. CFA is concentrating on the eleven states of these subcommittee members urging strong constituent pressure. We are asking Subcommittee members to oppose the bill entirely and to instead instruct the US Department of Agriculture to convene a Study Committee to investigate the facts and define problems surrounding large scale marketing of pets in America, including an evaluation of the current enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and assurance that there will be adequate stakeholder input in this process.

The American Kennel Club continues to support the PAWS bill stating there is a growing problem of mass importing of dogs and huge unregulated numbers of breeders selling through the media and Internet directly to the public. AKC insists that these problems require federal regulation yet we have seen no valid information to substantiate these claims, particularly for cats. CFA and others counter that if states face problems of substandard animal facilities these should be addressed through state cruelty or facility licensing laws. AKC has assured rescue groups that they will not be federally licensed if they do not make a profit. However, the Animal Welfare Act is concerned with animal welfare and not profit making. AKC has stated that if the bill is passed they will see that the regulations will be suitable for residential environments. Rulemaking could go on for years to determine how home based breeders can be regulated separately from existing Class A commercial dealers.

The CFA Legislative Group is working closely with a core group of dog fanciers on strategy to stop this legislation. Many AKC Parent Clubs, State Federations of Dog Clubs, state and local

clubs, rescue groups and individuals strongly oppose PAWS and are included with organizations, dog and cat clubs on the “Opponents List”, which is verified through official club officer contact and letters to congressional members. We have cooperated with the TICA Legislative Committee to encourage the mailing of packets with comprehensive materials from both CFA and TICA to each member of the Senate and House. CFA is also working with the Organization of Professional Aviculturists as well as with the American Rabbit Breeders Association in opposition to the PAWS bill.

The American Veterinary Medical Association Board of Governors voted to support the PAWS bill with some language objections. This was a big disappointment and again indicates that CFA must have more ongoing contact with the AVMA.

We are planning a full page ad to be placed in Roll Call Magazine, a publication that is read by every congressional office in Washington, DC. We need donations from dog clubs and cat clubs for this lobbying effort, which will be timed just before the scheduled hearing in September. The CFA Legislative Committee has approved matching funds from the Sy Howard Legislative Fund.

CFA has asked for the opportunity to be on one of the invited panels at the hearing. At the time of the CFA Board meeting in October I will have an update on the results of the subcommittee hearing.

National Conferences & Events

AVMA Annual Convention and World Veterinary Congress – July 16-20 2005, Minneapolis
CFA had a booth at this conference – I attended with Allene Tartaglia and Dr. Susan Little. This was a good opportunity to network with veterinarians and corporations present as sponsors and exhibitors. I attending several veterinary sessions and included the one day special American Veterinary Medical Law Association symposium.

Pet Night on Capitol Hill – *On September 22nd CFA will again be an Affiliated Sponsor for the 9th Pet Night event hosted by the Animal Health Institute (AHI). This event gives us the opportunity to interact with an estimated 900 members of Congress, staff, spouses, USDA agency heads, veterinarians and pet industry and pharmaceutical industry representatives in an informal setting. CFA legislative network liaisons from the DC/Virginia area and our Executive Director, Tom Dent will represent CFA. This year the celebrity pets are the dog who played “Moses” and Himalayan Persian who played “Mr. Jinx” in the blockbuster hit film, Meet the Fockers. The Sy Howard Legislative Fund matches club donations to make CFA’s sponsorship possible and to provide gifts in the goodie bags for this important event in Washington, DC. We appreciate the Washington, DC, Virginia and Delaware clubs who provide donations. On September 23 Tom will be at a meeting of the national coalition formed by the AHI to discuss public affairs issues of mutual interest.*

Conference on Homeless Animal Management and Policy (CHAMP) – *I will be in Anaheim, CA, on September 8-10th for this gathering of leaders in the animal welfare community. Sessions of interest include feral cat management, government supported programs for spay/neuter, vouchers and veterinary participation.*

State legislation

Almost all state legislative sessions have now ended for 2005. CFA successfully opposed many detrimental proposals - this was another year without a single bill that directly affected cat breeders enacted in any state. We are grateful to the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, (PIJAC) for providing CFA's State Bill Tracking system, keeping us aware of all new introductions, bill text, committee locations and upcoming hearings.

***Massachusetts House Bill 1346** was the greatest threat to breeders this past year. This bill, if it had passed, required anyone who bred and sold kittens/puppies from more than ONE litter per year to be regulated as a "commercial breeder" licensed and inspected. In June many dog fanciers and a few cat fanciers testified in opposition to the bill before the State Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. On August 1st the Joint Committee voted to send the bill "to study", which effectively killed it for this year.*

Local jurisdiction legislation

Tracking city and county proposals continues to be difficult. Cat fanciers send us newspaper articles about pending ordinances but often too late to mobilize effective opposition. Proposals are presented in parts of the country where there are few cat fanciers willing or able to take the lead, to monitor commission meetings or attend city council hearings. With even a single person's help to obtain the language for a proposal in advance we can provide the information, legal analysis and tools necessary to defeat these ordinances. We do have a vast contact network established with dog fanciers, cat registries and other animal related groups and can help fanciers find local allies.

Most counties form a task force or "animal services commission" to discuss pending legislation over a period of time. The motivation for local ordinances is usually the belief that laws will reduce the numbers of cats and dogs killed in the shelters. We need more CFA cat fanciers willing to find out about these commissions, participate in their counties and to provide alternatives to legislation.

Cat fanciers are actively working to oppose proposals in:

***Austin, TX** – in August the Advisory Animal Commission voted (7 to 1) to recommend an extremely onerous ordinance for mandatory spay/neuter of all cats and dogs except those with breeder permits. Permits to keep an intact animal would cost \$100 with an identifying microchip required. The holder of an intact permit for a female cat/dog must purchase a "breeding permit" for \$500 per litter with numerous provisions and restrictions. So far no Council Member has agreed to sponsor this ordinance. Fanciers have been contacting the Mayor and all Council Members urging them to not support mandatory spay/neuter and to instead enforce existing animal control laws and to increase public education, improve animal control operations and relationships with rescue groups. There is a large and growing problem with owner surrendered cats in Austin that could be helped through more free or low cost spay/neuter programs.*

Florida – 4 counties have proposed ordinances (Orange, Palm Beach, Sarasota and Citrus). Dog and cat fanciers have formed a multi species coalition, Florida Animal Owners Alliance, Inc. (FAOA), to have more strength in fighting these proposals.

Orange County's revised draft contains a definition of "hobby breeder" – someone who does not sell more than 20 offspring or 2 litter per year. Those who sell more than 2 litters per year would be considered "pet dealers" who must annually register with animal control and allow unannounced inspection of their homes.

Albuquerque, New Mexico; The proposed "HEART" (Humane and Ethical Animal Regulations and Treatment) ordinance is still in draft form. It would impose a permit for intact animals and also litter permits. No more than two litters would be allowed per year along with standards of care, permanent ID, such as microchip, and required altering of all cats and dogs prior to sale. The proposal only allows 6 companion animals, 4 of the same species – without a special permit, but a person cannot keep more than 2 intact animals of the same species.

Lansing, Michigan – a proposed pet limit law is being drafted.

Santa Clara County, CA – In July Dr. Elliot Katz of In Defense of Animals (IDA) presented a "guardian" amendment to the county animal ordinance at a meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission but the measure failed to obtain the required majority vote of 4 ayes out of 7 because of two unfilled voting positions (the vote was 3 in favor, 2 opposed). This amendment may now go directly to the Board of Supervisors. Two cat fanciers are on this Commission; one of whom is the elected Chair for the next year.

Sacramento, CA – The proposed City/County draft ordinance imposes high license fees for unaltered dogs (\$200) without proof of participation in canine events, cat licensing, breeder licensing, forced vaccination for cat rabies and other "common diseases" and selling requirements. There are few cat fanciers in this county willing to take an active part in opposition. If the proposed ordinance is passed we can expect it to move throughout California.

San Francisco, CA - For many years this city, when Richard Avanzino was President of the SF/SPCA, avoided legislative approaches and instead created innovative programs to enable citizens to do the right thing, which led to greatly reduced euthanasia rates in the city and county. This has changed. The San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare has now proposed a draft ordinance making it illegal for a person to cause a dog or cat, owned or harbored, to breed without first obtaining a breeding permit giving the person permission to breed the dog or cat with an annual fee of \$100 for each dog/cat allowed to breed.

Volunteer help is needed

Lynn Thompson is no longer able to continue as the Sy Howard Legislative Fundraiser. If there is a cat fancier willing to take on this volunteer job in conjunction with the CFA Legislative Committee please contact me for more information concerning the job responsibilities. We have several fanciers who regularly forward CFA Alerts and Updates to other lists, but we could use one or two more individuals who are regularly online and would be willing to do this.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Miller

Chair, CFA Legislative Committee

(13) **ANIMAL WELFARE/PUREBRED RESCUE.**

Animal Welfare/Purebred Rescue Chair Linda Berg gave the following report:

The mandatory Cattery Inspection for breeders of more than 75 kittens in a calendar year report was supplied by Central Office. For the first time this 6 month period there was not one breeder who had bred more than 75 kittens that didn't already have a Cattery of Excellence. Going back three years I had 60+ for that whole year and all of them had to have an inspection. It appears that when the renewal comes up now they do it on their own! I am still working on rewriting the Cattery Inspection Form. These are some of the things that have come out of my research but still gathering:

- *Require a vet other than their own for the inspection.*
- *Require a statement that they have thought about providing for their cats should something happen to them. If they have not it should at least put the thought into their heads for the future.*
- *Cats in the cattery should be microchipped. (This also coming from what happens if the person dies and no one else knows the animals it helps with identification and placement.)*

Some other thoughts that have come from various sources are:

- *Is the surrounding yard free of trash?*
- *Is there an odor emanating from the house?*
- *Are all the cats caged or do they run free in rooms?*
- *How many litter boxes and how many cats?*
- *Does the caretaker appear to be able to take care of the number of cats present?*
- *Do they run free in the whole house? If so, under what conditions?*
- *Is there a separate room for grooming and washing?*
- *What arrangements are made for the disposal of litter?*
- *Interior of the home.... Every room must be visited. Please provide floor by floor number of rooms etc.*

I realize that some of these are too stringent but I think that we definitely need to make some changes. Animal Control sees things obviously from a different angle but they run into things on a daily basis that could help us make the COE more respected with small tweaks to make it a little tighter in restrictions.

*Linda Berg
CFA Animal Welfare*

Pat Jacobberger wrote the following:

I propose that you put together a blue ribbon panel of some of our most well-respected judges whose cats are thought to be provided for in exemplary conditions. They should be willing to submit to an inspection using CFA's minimal standards in order to sit on this panel. Once they

are all known, through the inspection process, to be providing a Cattery of Excellence level, they should be told, by you, about the various situations that have been known to occur in the homes of some of our judges – without naming names. With the understanding that this is not a “witch hunt” their charge would be something like the following:

- Develop a plan to screen the catteries/homes of every new judging program applicant that requires an inspection, with photos, of their cattery/home.
- Develop a plan of ongoing, yearly inspections that judges will undergo in order to remain on the CFA panel. Photos would not be required nor would Cattery of Excellence – only CFA Approved Cattery.
- All these inspections would take place with the following caveats:
 - All current judges are “grandfathered” from having to participate but encouraged to do so.
 - Any “grandfathered” judge understands that should there be any concern regarding conditions in their cattery/home, they will be required by the BOD to submit to an inspection.
- If a judge cannot maintain their cattery/home in such a way that they can pass a yearly inspection which yields a CFA Approved Cattery the following would occur:
 - The first and second time, they are counseled and assisted in cleaning things up and placed into a more aggressive program of inspection.
 - The third time, they are dismissed from the program until they can pass an inspection as a CFA Cattery of Excellence. Thereafter, they must pass at that level to be retained on the judging panel.
 - Administration of this program could be at the delegation of the BOD but probably would fit nicely within the Animal Welfare Program (better get Linda some help . . .). The timing of the yearly inspections could be done so that the information would be available for the February BOD meeting where re-licensure is addressed. But, I’m sure the panel could identify the nitty-gritty of such a program.

I feel very strongly about the need to do something in a proactive way. Some of the problems we have had in the past are the result of neglect, some the result of a change in a judge’s lifestyle or personal circumstances. But if we don’t do something to help our judges and show the rest of the fancy that the CFA Judging Panel is serious about providing the proper care to their cats either in a cattery setting or simply a home setting, we are missing the boat. I shudder to think of us all sitting in front of the TV some night when CNN shows footage of the arrest of someone on charges of animal cruelty/neglect and having that person identified with a caption that reads “Susie Smith (or Billy Brown) - CFA All breed Judge.”

Action Item: Put together a committee to look into this and address concerns.

CFA Purebred Rescue Board Report

As of the middle of August, PCRFB had been actively involved in the rescue almost every breed. In addition, we have aided transport and pull arrangements for many breed and general rescues and facilitated (no expenditure of our funds) domestic kittens getting to vets and rescuers. As of

this date, approximately 1450 of the purebred cats we rescued have already been placed in caring adoptive homes.

Several rescues shut their doors for weeks or months (Maine Coon Rescue, PurrsAbound Siamese Rescue) or permanently (Midwest Siamese Rescue), the Scottish Fold Rescue Coordinator was hit first by a computer meltdown and then had to evacuate for the flood and will not be back online anytime soon. National Aby Rescue lost their coordinator and was struggling with dealing with any shelter pulls even before that. This resulted in a marked increase in the number of purebreds needing rescue that we normally aren't concerned with. As if that wasn't enough to make this year difficult, we lost our Gulf Shore coordinator to death in a fire and our Mid-Atlantic Coordinator is battling Lymphoma and a brain tumor and, at least for the time being, is no longer able to help coordinate rescues.

For this year to date, we have spent, \$11,395.07 and have taken in \$13,502. The balance in our accounts is \$3,708.26 (some funds were left from last year) and we have an additional \$1000 in bills outstanding and we are expecting at minimum \$1000 additional charges.

There are still many, many animals outside the hurricane area who are in as dire straights and most of the funding apparently is going to the hurricane animals. This summer has been horrible with an avalanche of cats needing rescue. We ask you to PLEASE help PCRB, it seems many people have forgotten our efforts in the flurry of the national disaster and our funds are running low.

*Betty Haden
Linda Pollack Mercer, M.D.*

Berg: In the first 8 months of the year we had double what we had at this time last year, as far as rescue. We transported cats from Louisiana to Tennessee through a network, so it cost us nothing to get them there. We got our 501(c)3 as of Friday morning, so Purebred Rescue now is a separate organization. If your clubs are looking for a place to donate money, CFA Purebred Rescue really needs funding right now. Donations are now tax deductible.

(14) **DISASTER RELIEF.**

Disaster Relief Fund Chair Pam DelaBar: Due to the recent disasters, things are not well in the Gulf Shore Region. We have well-known CFA exhibitors in our region that no longer have homes. James and I definitely appreciate everything that has been done for both the CFA Disaster Relief Fund and the Gulf Shore Disaster Relief Fund. **J. Watson:** I would like to thank everyone that contributed. As of September the 28th we have collected \$15,785.40. That includes raffle proceeds that have come from Sturdi Products. We have disbursed almost \$4,000. We have had good response from all of the regions, and from individuals across the country. **DelaBar:** CFA can replace records that were lost to disasters – championship confirmations, grand certificates, etc. **Dent:** We have worked with people in the past who lost their homes to fires and other types of disasters.

(15) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser presented the following report:

The Winn Feline Foundation will hold its fall board meeting in Chicago, IL on Friday, September 30, 2005. This meeting will be the first held since our board was reorganized following our June election of officers. We will be assessing the projects and initiatives we have in progress.

Winn is co-sponsoring the 2nd Tufts' Canine and Feline Breeding and Genetics Conference being held September 30 - October 1 in Sturbridge, MA. This conference brings together breeders, owners, and veterinarians and is the much-anticipated follow-up to the 2003 conference, also co-sponsored by Winn. I will be welcoming the participants on behalf of Winn on the morning of September 30 as well as presenting a lecture before traveling to Chicago for our board meeting.

Steve Dale will be giving a short presentation at our board meeting on how Winn can work more effectively with the media. Steve continues to be a tireless supporter and promoter of Winn. Winn will also be featured in articles to appear this fall in Cats and Kittens Magazine and Cat Watch, the newsletter published by the Cornell Feline Health Center. In addition, one of veterinary medicine's premier publicists, LeaAnn Germinder, has featured Winn on her website (www.goodnewsforpets.com). Winn's grants appear in a special feature in the News Release Center and were publicized in a recent mass e-mailing to subscribers of the website's free newsletter.

Winn will have a presence at the CFA International show and the Cat Writer's Association conference in November. I am the CWA keynote dinner speaker this year and will also be giving a lecture and sitting on a discussion panel on veterinary issues.

The Winn board is very excited about a new philanthropic collaboration with Hartz Mountain Corp. Hartz has engaged in a number of similar collaborations in recent years, such as their current effort to benefit the American Veterinary Medical Foundation with the Vetpals™ program. Hartz is developing a new line of cat toys in collaboration with Winn. Money from sales of the collectible toys will be donated to Winn to fund research. The new program will launch in 2007 and will have considerable impact on the monies we have available to fund worthy research projects.

We continue to explore potential partnerships with other interested corporations to help cover our administrative costs and to help us expand our educational efforts. We are pleased that our application to participate in the National Combined Federal Campaign has been accepted again. This provides an avenue for federal employees to donate to Winn via payroll deductions.

Another exciting initiative is the launch of our first direct mail campaign. A letter with a specially designed donor card will be mailed this fall to a select list of pet-owning households in New Jersey. Our Executive Director, Janet Wolf, has worked hard on this project in conjunction with board members. The move to direct mail has been contemplated for some time by the Winn board as part of our long range plan to increase donations from outside the pedigreed cat fancy.

Several board members have been hard at work on producing written materials for Winn. George Eigenhauser is working on an informational series on planned giving. Betty White continues to do an excellent job producing our Winn Health News and assists with other written materials including our semi-annual newsletter. Hilary Helmrich is well underway with the Feline Genetics CD, planned for release in 2006. This CD is expected to be an important resource for breeders and a valuable addition to Winn's "library" of educational resources.

Winn will say goodbye this fall to Dr. Mary Tompkins, who served as one of our veterinary consultants for two terms. Mary's guidance and advice have been invaluable and we will miss her. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Steve Chu, a veterinary research scientist and Senior Vice President with Fort Dodge Animal Health, has agreed to accept the position as Winn's newest veterinary consultant. Dr. Chu's résumé includes teaching experience at the University of California, Davis where he received his Ph.D. in Microbiology, as well as a long list of honors, patents and peer-reviewed publications. It is a testament to Winn's stellar reputation that we continue to attract outstanding veterinarians and scientists to volunteer their valuable time and expertise to assist us.

Dr. Chu's first duties with Winn will be as part of our Miller Trust grant review panel this fall. The San Francisco Foundation, administrator of the Miller Trust, makes monies available to Winn every year to fund studies at a list of designated veterinary schools. This year, our panel has 19 proposals to consider for funding, and our review takes place via a teleconference held in mid-September.

This past June, it was announced at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine conference in Baltimore that Dr. Kate Meurs, Dr. Mark Kittleson and their colleagues had discovered the gene responsible for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) in Maine Coons. Winn is very proud to have been a supporter of this research for many years. In the near future, Maine Coon breeders will have a genetic test to replace the difficult and expensive ultrasound screening that has been their only tool for detection of HCM. Unfortunately, this disease affects many breeds as well as untold numbers of non-pedigreed cats, and Winn hopes to help support further research via the Ricky Fund.

A major project we've had underway for many months concerns financial reorganization and the search for a new Treasurer. Tom Dent's term as Treasurer expires in June 2006 and we are evaluating a list of people who have the requisite experience to serve as Winn's new Treasurer. Not only must we make a smooth transition to a new Treasurer, but also for the first time, we will have a Treasurer outside CFA's Central Office and we must tackle the complications that brings. Fortunately, Winn has several endowment fund investments that have performed outstandingly and we are re-evaluating our investment strategy in an effort to improve the yield of our portfolio.

A major effort has been underway this year to develop databases and administrative tools to facilitate project tracking and improve our donor management. We've focused on developing our own public relations tools through efforts such as an improved press release program. We also hope to expand our communications with veterinary schools to encourage more students to focus on feline medicine when they graduate.

Finally, I am both pleased and honored to serve as Winn's new President and would like to thank CFA and its board of directors for its support of Winn over the years. Our two organizations have a mutually beneficial relationship and I am dedicated to seeing the relationship prosper.

*Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline)
President, Winn Feline Foundation*

Eigenhauser: We talked about doing a direct mail campaign with a target date of the end of October.

(16) TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.

Technology Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer gave the following report:

*The **For Kids .. About Cats** site, designed by Karen Lawrence, launched on June 29th to rave reviews and mega-hits. As of August 30th, the site has received 70,360 page loads which averages 1,082 page loads per day! On any given day, stats show visitors from numerous different countries around the world.*

A poignant photo was placed on the CFA home pages with links to news about the disaster. Many generous contributions to the CFA Disaster Relief Fund were made by the CFA community.

We have experienced a 1% year-on-year decrease in web hits over the previous year for June to August. September showed a tremendous upswing to 1.91 million, our highest ever.

We would like to caution our CFA community about the use of copyright photos from the CFA web site. Recently, CFA purchased a photo from Reuters pertaining to disaster relief. The purchase contract had stipulations on use and display. The photo was borrowed, modified and displayed on another web site violating our contract with Reuters. Please contact CFA before using the photos and other proprietary material on the site.

User comments: *Notable comments received recently:*

- *“Art helps people in strange ways. We just received a phone call from a happy mother whose daughter had lost her cat due to the Hurricane Katrina. Trying to placate her daughter’s sorrow, the mother suggested following the Conni Gordon Art Lesson found in the kid’s section of the Cat Fancier’s Association website. http://kids.cfa.org/images/conni_gordon.gif Her daughter’s tears turned to delight when she realized her cat’s memory would live forever through art.
Signed, Conni Gordon”*
- *John Spelman of Toowoomba, Australia requested permission to use our information in training of his Animal Management Officers, and local schools. We granted that permission, and he writes: “Thank you very much for allowing us to use your material. What we mainly want to use is the breed profiles, it will be used solely for use by the Toowoomba City Council and for our Education and Identification purposes only with full acknowledgment to your Website showing full copyright to you. On a personal note, your Website is great – the detail, descriptions of the cats and colours is by far better than any other site I have seen.”*
- *Saika Ismail, Birmingham, UK, was granted permission to use photos from our web site in a classroom presentation. Her email read: “I am very impressed by the images of different breeds of cats on your site. I am a teacher of pupils aged 11-16. I would like to use some of your images as part of a presentation for pupils. May I have your permission to use the images to help pupils to understand the ideas of selective breeding and the impact on the variety of cats.”*

- Teri Ensley of Friends of the Animals Foundation, Seattle, writes: “I volunteer with a cat rescue ... may we reprint and include your articles on ‘toxic plants’ with our adoption packages?”

The new 4-kids site generated many favorable comments:

- “Karen and all who made this kids’ site possible -- BRAVO BRAVO BRAVO!!!! It is really fun, compelling, informative -- EXCELLENT work - I am really impressed! What a feather in our caps! I am sooo excited about this.”
- “WOW! WOW! WOW! I just found out about this website and I have to say I am very impressed! I heard that Karen Lawrence developed it - it is GREAT! I love the graphics! It is simple to navigate! It looks clean, organized, and eye-catching all in one! Not only is it informative, colorful, and educational - it looks like lots of fun!!! I want to send a link to all my friends, kids I know, and my kitten buyers! Fantastic job!!!!”
- “What a GREAT SITE!! I just looked it over and I’m extremely excited about it. Very thorough with fun graphics & tons of information for kids of all ages. I really couldn’t find anything that I just didn’t think was fantastic. GREAT JOB!”

GENERATING INCOME

Breed Council Renewals:

- We accepted online rapid renewals of breed council memberships for 4-1/2 days prior to the August 1st deadline. In that short period of time, 56 breed council memberships were renewed.

Amazon Bookstore:

- Jan-Mar, 289 items shipped, revenue decrease over previous order

Online Sales:

- 1,182 online catalog orders were placed for the June-August time period
- We continue to sell out-of-date as well as current yearbooks.
- We’ve added award jewelry items from Precious pets to the catalog
- There is a sale on the **CFA Complete Cat Book**

FANC-E-MEWS

Fanc-E-Mews now reaches over 20,000 users. The September/October edition of Fanc-e-Mews is now online at <http://www.cfa.org/ezine>. Highlights include:

- The CFA/IAMS Cat Championship Comes to New York City
- For Kids .. About Cats web site
- Announcing the CFA Pet Healthcare Plan
- Profile of Carole Nelson Douglas
- Feline Philately: Cats on Stamps
- What Is the CFA Foundation?

- *Poet's Corner*
- *Just for Laughs*
- *Questions and Answers About PAWS*
- *Health issues*
- *Breed Spotlight: Bombay*

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CFA WEB SITE?

- *The Ambassador web site has all been incorporated into the Mentor Program area of the CFA site.*
- *As of September 1st, CFA has subscribed to a stats counter that will provide the in-depth stats that are required by 4Kids Entertainment. The summaries provided by the stats counter give us extremely detailed information on site visitors.*
- *A new page pulls together links to everything on the CFA site about breed councils - <http://www.cfa.org/breed-council>*
- *Animal hoarding article*
- *Minutes of June board meetings and Annual meeting*
- *NW and breed photos have been added to showcase the 2004-2005 winners*
- *CFA forms in Chinese*
- *A variety of new jigsaw puzzles, word search games and a word jumble game have been added to the kids site*

WHAT'S PLANNED:

- *Feline Agility web pages.*
- *Breed articles on the Singapura, Smoke Persian and Shaded Persian*

CFA WEBSITE TRAFFIC REPORT

<i>Month</i>	<i>Pages Viewed</i>
<i>June, 2005</i>	<i>1,604,261</i>
<i>July, 2005</i>	<i>1,555,639</i>
<i>August, 2005</i>	<i>1,375,492</i>

Action item: *Web redesign proposal to be discussed in closed session.*

Respectfully submitted, Dick Kallmeyer

Eigenhauser: We used to include the judges' addresses in the hard copy Almanac. We still have them in the Yearbook but not the on-line Almanac, even though it is password protected. I move that we put the Judging Panel information on the on-line Almanac, which is in the protected portion of our website. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(17) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Clerking Program Chair Regina Shaffer gave the following report:

Since my June 2005 Report we have added 6 clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 324 licensed clerks of various levels: 25 Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) an increase of one, 129 Master Clerks (MC) an increase of four, and 170 Certified Ring Clerks an increase of one.

The interest in the Clerking Program continues as we have had 10 clerking schools held since my last report – one in May, three in June, four in July, one in August, and one in September. These schools were held mostly in Asia/Japan. We had schools in South Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, China and three in Japan, plus three in the States (CA, VA, and MI). These schools were taught by 4 judges, 3 MCIs, and 5 MCs; we also had one assistant. Most of the schools were for new students, although one of the Japanese schools was a refresher course for already licensed Clerks to go over the new show rules for this season.

Discussion has taken place on the Clerks-list to design a new Catalog Correction form. This form should be easier for folks to use and includes pre-printed statements for the most common corrections. (See attached Sample)

A situation has come up wherein a clerk had been asked to Translate for a Judge. Looking at the Clerking Manual, it would appear that clerks cannot translate as they are not allowed to “repeat a judge’s comment on a cat or attempt to explain the judge’s reasoning for any award.” While the statement in our Manual was made in reference to “gossiping” I don’t believe it was intended to disallow any clerk from performing as “Translator/Interpreter” for any judge attending a foreign assignment. I have asked Loretta to include a new rule for Translators/Interpreters in her report on Show Rules. I would hope that this rule can put into place immediately to facilitate the needs of our judges & show officials

ACTION ITEM: *Authorize an Entry Clerking School to be held on Thurs prior to the CFA International Show, in conjunction with the Breed Awareness School. We will need to set the fees and number of students for this session. Special equipment needed: computer projector & screen.*

With the success of the trial EC School, this appears to be a good time/location for another school. (See attached report on the EC School).

Shaffer: I have been able to get a computer projector and screen donated. The student fees of \$40 per student should cover all the necessary costs. We can set a minimum number of students at 15, with a maximum of 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. immediately prior to the International Show. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Regina Shaffer
Clerking Program Chairperson*

CATALOG CORRECTION REQUEST

Catalog Number _____ Date _____

Cat's Name _____

Registration Number _____

Corrections to be Made (*Check all that apply*)

- _____ 1. Add/Correct registration number
- _____ 2. Correct Birthdate _____
- _____ 3. Correct Cat's Name _____
- _____ 4. Correct Regional Assignment to Region _____
- _____ 5. Correct Owner: _____
- _____ 6. Sex: Should be (*circle one*) M F N S
- _____ 7. Color Class No: _____
- _____ 8. Color Description: _____
- _____ 9. Sunday Transfer: (*circle one*)
Open to CH Open to PR
CH to GC PR to GP
- _____ 10. Other: _____

Owner/Agent Print Name

Owner/Agent Signature

Master Clerk Signature

Distribution:
WHITE COPY -- Master Clerk.
After making correction, return to
Central Office with show records.
YELLOW COPY -- Club copy.
Keep with club's show records.
PINK COPY -- Exhibitor.
Keep for your records.

Shaffer moved to approve the catalog correction request form. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

CFA Entry Clerking School held on July 30, 2005, Beaumont, California.

The school was sponsored by the Las Flores Cat Club with Regina Shaffer instructing. Regina is a license Master Clerk and has been ECing for well over 15 years.

We had 13 of the 15 students register actually attend. They ranged from CFA newbies to an Allbreed Judge. In the middle were several Licensed Ring Clerks and one Master Clerk. Some folks had many years show experience and club/show production experience. One person had been an entry clerk years before and was taking the class as refresher course. Only 5 students had no clerking experience.

Upon arrival to the school, each student was asked to complete the top part of the Instructor Evaluation Forms and to write on the back what was their reason was for coming to the school and I wanted them to be honest. I gave them an example of: "I want to be an EC and make \$10,000/yr!!" Not everyone responded, but those that did included the following: to learn how the job was performed & consider being one; I'm not planning on being an EC, but as Show Mgr, I want to know what an EC does & how the s/w programs work, where the glitches are, etc.; I want to be more involved in CFA and want to learn the function of an EC, meet other CFA members, start a home business, and something to keep me busy; I'm considering being an EC and need to get more info on the process & I've considered writing a s/w program that everyone is satisfied with; I'm retired & I would like to be an EC, am looking forward to the involvement in other club shows & contact with people & making a contribution to the shows; I thought it would be helpful in showing my cats & it would be a good learning experience; we need more ECs and I want to know more about show production.

The class was scheduled to begin at 10 am. We had a late start and didn't really begin till around 10:30 am. All materials were in place prior to students' arrivals. We were fortunate enough to have the use of projection equipment in which to view materials from my laptop. All information on screen was also presented as hard copies to each student at arrival. We had a short 30 min lunch and returned full force back into the program. The instruction ended at 5:30 pm (30 min late).

Overall the student evaluations stated that the facilities were better than good. Ratings were 7 Excellent, 3 Goods, and 3 not rated. One person felt there could be more space and a couple had trouble seeing the screen/reading the class handouts. (Note: The CD presented to each student had all the hard copy course material included as well as complete samples of all reports, and PDF's of catalog masters, sample benching chart, sample show schedule, sample judge's book for Veterans classes, and sample catalog page for JS for student's use.).

With limited exception the students felt that the length of instruction was adequate. However, two students felt that more time was needed as there was a lot to be covered and perhaps utilizing two days would have been better. Having one day to review show rules, basics entry

clerk duties and the other day to review the software packages/entering data, reviewing reports, etc.

Overall, most students thought the instructor was outstanding. Comments were: Lots of info from a very experience/knowledgeable EC; kept focused & on track; clear presentation; very organized, great visuals; speaking & presentation were clear & well defined.

Comments on course content included needed to spend more time on benching; better explanation/help with Veteran classes, importing files to PDF for catalog printing/finalizing the catalog. (Note: An invitation was given to the class for anyone interested in participating in actual show benching, to come back on Sunday and assist benching the upcoming show. No one took me up on this offer.)

The supplied course materials were well received.

My perception of the EC School:

I didn't realize just how much work it was to put this all together. I spent many hours creating the materials and making sure I had every aspect covered. For each student I had a CD, and 4 printed packets covering over 100 pages. Two detailed packets reviewing the 2 most common s/w programs: Entry Max & Clerk 2K. One packet with numerous sample of entry forms including poor copies/handwriting, missing data, agents, online/fax/mail entry forms, etc. One packet with the course Outline, a sample flyer, a sample schedule, a benching chart, a sample Veteran's judging page, and a JS catalog page (all of these handouts were included on the CDs as well). A current copy of the Show Rules and the Show Manual was also presented to each student. Since I had never solo taught a class before, I really wasn't sure that I would be able to cover everything in the time that I had allotted. The class did start a bit late, but ended only as late as it started – basically utilizing all the time planned.

Discussion drifted from time to time, but I was able to bring everyone back to the task at hand. We reviewed various show rules that applied to EC and those that EC often do even though they are designated responsibilities for other Show Committee members. We discussed color descriptions, color numbers and registration prefixes; the importance of always including eye color for solid Whites in the description, and how important the various reports, especially the financial reports, are to the clubs. We discussed the various types of paper for printing Judges' Books & MC Catalogs (NCR tractor vs. loose). We discussed JS & Veterans and how much extra work these classes on are the EC – neither program is setup for them – you have to create catalog pages & judges' sheets (Vets) and there really isn't any instructions on how to do it out there. We discussed the variety of phone calls/emails the EC receives; that not all of these would be from exhibitors; you get calls/posts from vendors, gate, advertisers, etc. and how do you handle these. We talked about what equipment is needed to do the show, and reviewed the two s/w programs I had available.

While I was hoping to be able to have "hands-on" working s/w programs to demonstrate, both programs failed. One program wouldn't work on my laptop – however, a student had her laptop and was currently working her first show using the same program and so we were able to

demonstrates it using her equipment & s/w. The other program for which I was given a demo version (this demo version was included on each student CD), wasn't performing well on my laptop and actually crashed a couple of times. The s/w programs' problems were especially frustrating for me, as I had them both working fine on my laptop a couple of weeks before the school.

I encouraged those really interested in giving ECing a try, not to rush out and buy the Professional version from any of the s/w providers, but to get their clubs to buy either the single license or multi-show license and try it out. That while they may be ready to roll, they may find it's not their cup of tea.

Overall, I think the class was a great success. I believe all the students went home with a deeper respect and understanding of what an Entry Clerk does. As with any Clerking School, I know that not all these students will go on to be ECs, but I do believe that several will give it a try.

If CFA decides to go the way of licensing ECs, I would suggest along with attending a CFA Entry Clerking School, additional requirements of attending a CFA Clerking School and passing the Clerking Test. The importance of basic show mechanics and understanding the show rules should be mandatory for any EC. Performance demonstration of Ring Clerking would certainly be an advantage, but at this stage, I'm not sure 100% necessary.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer
CFA Clerking Program Chair*

(18) **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP.**

Junior Showmanship Liaison Kitty Angell: We expanded the program and now are looking at obtaining funding of \$47,000 annually. I am going to do the Junior Showman competition at the International. Willa Hawke with the Ambassador Program had a suggestion to do a tour and allow them to open it up to all children that want to walk around with me.

(19) **CFA MENTOR PROGRAM.**

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

CFA Mentor Program

- *Core Committee make-up: A tremendous amount of the work that is done by this committee is done by Mandi Wooldridge (SWR), Willa Hawke (GSR), Marva Marrow (SWR) and Eric Won (SR). In November 2005, we regretfully accepted the resignation of Susan Cook-Henry. Her contributions to the program and the group were incalculable and we miss her tremendously. We are currently seeking a replacement.*
- *Program statistics as of September 2005 – Mandi Wooldridge has worked tirelessly to initiate and maintain our pairings:*
 - *472 protégés*
 - *266 mentors*
 - *441 pairings*
- *The third annual Mentor Program Dinner held June 18, 2005, coordinated by Mandi Wooldridge and Willa Hawke, was another sell-out. A fourth dinner is planned in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting in Reno, NV, June 2006.*
- *Official CFA E-Mail Lists: There are over 405 people participating on the CFAMentoring List. There are 144 mentors participating on the CFAMentor List. Maria Parisi (GSR) is List Administrator for the CFAMentoring List and does an excellent job!*
- *The Core Committee met in Phoenix, AZ September 17-18, 2004 to address a number of issues:*
 - *Mentor Program Dinner – Reno, NV 2005. The program will be developed following the return of a survey of our mentors related to what kind of a program would serve their needs.*
 - *Future articles for the Mentor Program Manual. Our editor, Marva Marrow (SWR) will be seeking authors for the following topics: Euthanasia – Knowing When to Let Go; Basic Genetics; Disaster preparedness, breed-specific grooming articles.*
 - *The CFA Science Advisory Panel will review current articles and any new articles that contain medical advice.*
 - *We asking them to evaluate “matters of fact” as opposed to “matters of opinion.”*
 - *We are not asking them to edit the material.*
 - *We are asking them to identify areas where cautionary notices are needed.*
 - *We are asking them to add new knowledge and verify the veracity of written material related to the care and treatment of cats and the use of over-the-counter medications/products.*
 - *The CFA Mentor and Ambassador Programs at the CFA International Show 2005.*

- *The CFA Ambassadors will be coordinating the tours for the 2005 CIS. There is a tremendous amount of excitement regarding this activity.*
- *Once again, we will coordinate the “Family Project Activity,” “Kitty Search.”*
- *We are asking Hartz to once again, provide us with give-aways for the spectators and exhibitors.*
- **Expectations/Requirements/Qualifications for Mentors and Protégés.**
We continue to receive a large amount of feedback from our users – protégés and mentors - regarding the suitability of people who are enrolled in the program in either capacity. In the past, we have not addressed the “qualifications” for mentors or protégés but we all feel that the time has come.

In an attempt to better meet the needs of mentors and protégés and to make it easier for us to pair people and follow the process we are instituting the following changes to the application forms.

- *The following will be added to the Mentor Application:*
 - **Provide three references one of which is your Regional Director.** *We do not see this as a major time consuming activity for the RD’s. We simply want to make certain that our mentors are people who are known to live in the region and that there are no major issues of concern.*
 - *Identify the areas in which you are interested in mentoring: club membership, showing, rescue, animal welfare, nutrition, pet therapy, education, grooming, genetics, and CFA processes.*
- *The application for the protégé will also change to incorporate the following information:*
 - *What is your experience in exhibiting and/or breeding animals?*
 - *What are your goals and objectives?*
 - *In which areas are you interested? Self education, Jr. Showmanship, pet ownership, rescue, animal therapy, grooming, breeding, showing, etc.*
- *There has also been a large amount of feedback throughout the past several months regarding the competence, ethics and suitability of mentors and protégés. We propose and will implement the following expectations for both mentors and protégés:*
 - **Mentors**
 - *Expectations*
 - *Willingly follows CFA show and registration rules.*
 - *Self-confidence without arrogance.*
 - *Able to control emotions and temper both with humans and cats under all circumstances.*

- *Serve as a guide to the cat fancy and not necessarily provide a point of sales for kittens or cats.*
- *Respond to protégés in a timely manner.*
- *Respond to leadership of the CFA Mentor Program in a timely fashion.*
- *Open and honest with the protégé regarding questions, thoughts, issues and other subjects related to their show and/or breeding programs.*
- *Impartial in judgment, guidance and instruction.*
- *Set an example of good sportsmanship.*
- *Act in the best interests of the protégé.*
- *Maintain a non-prejudicial attitude and a positive manner at all times.*
- *Provide an open line of safe and confidential communication for the protégé.*
- *Willing to develop a relationship based on trust and mutual respect.*
- *Recognize one's limitations and be prepared to refer to a qualified individual.*
- *Ethics/Values*
 - *All individuals who apply as mentors to the CFA Mentor Program:*
 - *Are honest.*
 - *Provide irreproachable care to their cats under all circumstances.*
 - *Have always dealt fairly and honestly with anyone in his or her experiences in the cat fancy.*
 - *Always treat their peers and newcomers with respect and dignity.*
- *Qualifications*
 - *Has shown a cat to grand champion/grand premier.*
 - *Has been active in the cat fancy for at least five years.*
 - *Can demonstrate a working knowledge of the methods related to entering shows, registering cats and kittens and completing other paperwork related to CFA activities.*
 - *Is a member of a CFA club, a member of the breed council for their specific breed and/or has participated on a regional or national committee.*
 - *Provide three references one of which is the Regional Director.*
- **Protégés**

- *Expectations*
 - *Willingly follow CFA show and registration rules.*
 - *Understand that a mentor is there to provide guidance and direction and not to sell show or breeder quality cats.*
 - *Respond to mentors in a timely manner.*
 - *Respond to the leadership of the CFA Mentor Program in a timely fashion.*
 - *Be open and honest with the mentor regarding questions, thoughts, issues and other subjects related to show and/or breeding programs.*
 - *Willing to acquire information about the breeding and showing of cats by attending a CFA show (where possible).*
 - *Able to accept responsibility for your own decisions and actions.*
 - *Willing to seek guidance in one's efforts in entering the cat fancy.*
 - *Willing to accept that things may not happen quickly regarding the acquisition of cats and recognition of success.*
 - *Willing to inform the program when things are not going well with the mentor/protégé relationship.*
 - *Willing to develop a relationship based on trust and mutual respect.*
- *Ethics/Values*
 - *All individuals who apply as protégés to the CFA Mentor Program:*
 - *Are honest.*
 - *Are prepared to provide irreproachable care to their cats under all circumstances.*
 - *Are willing to deal fairly and honestly with their future contacts in the cat fancy.*
 - *Always treat the people they encounter with respect and dignity.*
- *Qualifications*
 - *Serious interest in showing and/or breeding pedigreed cats.*
- *“Grand-Fathering” and review of qualifications*
 - *All existing mentors are assumed to meet the qualifications as of 10/15/2005.*
 - *All existing mentors are required to maintain and adhere to the published expectations and ethics/values established by the CFA Mentor Program.*

- **Further screening for Mentors and Protégés.** *In our experience with this program over the past three to four years, we have found several unsuitable mentors. Unfortunately, we have also received a number of “FYI” communications from one breeder or another condemning the practices/conditions of other breeders. This is disconcerting and problematic. In order to protect protégés from already known poor behavior and to protect mentors who are applying for whom we may receive an “FYI” communication in the future, I have asked Linda Berg, Animal Welfare to review each mentor and protégé applicant for existing issues related to animal welfare. This will not be an involved process, rather, it will be a quick check to be sure there are no open files concerning any applicant.*

CFA Ambassador Program

Sheila Parvin (MWR), program Team Leader, has been the moving force behind this program. As a result of Sheila’s work, along with Willa Hawke, Chair, the Ambassador Program continues to grow and expand.

Numbers Enrolled

- *There are 199 people enrolled as CFA Ambassadors on a worldwide basis. The largest number of ambassadors participates in North America.*
 - *Seven in Europe – coordinator is Alenka Unk*
 - *Slovenia, Germany and The Netherlands*
 - *Nine in Asia*
 - *Three in Hong Kong*
 - *Six in Japan – coordinator is Mr. Hiroshi Shinmoto*
- *Japan*
 - *The Ambassador Handbook has been translated into Japanese.*
- *Europe*
 - *Translation of materials needs to be addressed.*
- *North America*
 - *The Ambassador Program now has space on the CFA web site. Ande DeGeer (SR) developed much of the web site information with the guidance of Sheila and Willa. Ande also re-designed the Ask Me! pins and the booklet that ambassadors distribute to the public (see below).*
 - *There are Ambassadors in each of the North American Regions as well as coordinators for each. Regional Directors! Please thank these people the next time you see them in your regions! They do a lot of good work representing CFA to the public.*
 - *North Atlantic Region Coordinators*
 - *Carol Lovgren*
 - *Isabelle Bellavance*
 - *Geri Fellerman*
 - *Cherry Douglas*

- *Northwest Region Coordinators*
 - *Mark Rowe*
 - *Geree Martin*
 - *Gulf Shore Region Coordinators*
 - *Amy Hayden Castamore*
 - *Diane Zintgraff*
 - *Belinda Ernest*
 - *Diane Finch Smith*
 - *Great Lakes Region Coordinators*
 - *Jodell Raymond*
 - *Marianne Toth*
 - *Southwest Region Coordinators*
 - *Mary Seitsema*
 - *Dee Dee Cantley*
 - *Midwest Region Coordinators*
 - *Max McGovern*
 - *Sue Gleason*
 - *Sheila Parvin*
 - *Southern Region Coordinators*
 - *Ann Strople*
 - *Linda Peterson*
 - *Karen Helmold*
- *Tours at the CFA International Show*
 - *The CFA Ambassadors Program is in charge of tours at the CIS. Geree Martin and Mark Rowe are coordinating the scheduling of the tours. Sheila and Willa are developing the “script” that tour guides will use.*
- *Ambassador Program “What’s Going on at the Cat Show?” This is a handout that has been prepared for Ambassadors to give to spectators at shows. The pamphlet identifies the awards that are given in the judging rings and explain the intricacies of the activities of a cat show, was designed by Ande DeGeer with guidance from Sheila Parvin and several ambassadors.*
 - *25,000 copies have been printed and donated to the program by Art and Kristi Graafmans of Newport Beach, CA. They have our undying gratitude.*
- ***The Ambassador of the Year Award (AOTY) – “The Greatest Achievement is Recognition By Your Peers.”***
 - *We are moving forward and requesting approval from the Hartz Mountain Corporation for the Ambassador of the Year Award. The first will be awarded during the CFA business meeting at the 2006 Annual Meeting. This is not intended to be a winner/loser process. Ambassadors will be nominated by their peers and the decision will be made by the Mentor Program Core Committee with input from the Ambassador Program Team Leader, Sheila Parvin. Criteria for selection include:*
 - *Recruitment activity.*
 - *Evidence that the individual moves beyond the boundaries of CFA into the community.*

- *Evidence of risk taker behavior.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Jacobberger, Chair
CFA Mentor Program*

Cummings: Pat has done such a tremendous job on this, somebody is going to have really big shoes to fill.

(20) **EDUCATION (PRODUCTS) COMMITTEE.**

CFA Educational Products Chair Jo Ann Cummings gave the following report:

The children's web page has been well received. It was launched the latter part of June, and as of September 9, it has received over 78,000 hits. Karen has created an eye-catching, colorful flyer that lists the information on how to access the web page. This can be printed out and distributed to parents, teachers or to anyone who is interested in viewing the site. The flyer can be found at: <http://www.cfa.org/forms/forkids.pdf>.

About once a month I was sending out notices to the CFA list concerning the children's web page, plus the information regarding the Show and Information brochure created by Jan Dick. Now I am starting a new policy of mailing the information to the club secretaries about six weeks before their show.

The last of the recognized breed presentations has been sent to Karen Lawrence. Karen is reviewing them and may replace some pictures, her picture inventory is far superior to mine. We hope to have all the breed presentations available to the judge's list soon.

*Respectfully Submitted
Jo Ann Cummings, Chair, Education*

(21) **PUBLICATIONS.**

Publications Chair Donna Brawner presented the following report:

Media Review

The Publications committee, after reviewing financial statements and previous recommendations for the Yearbook and the Almanac, propose the following recommendations to produce viable and profitable publications.

Brawner: The Yearbook Committee comprised of Betsy Gaither, Chris Willingham, Allen Scruggs and I met this summer. We came up with some ideas for the Yearbook and the Almanac. The first premise was to address the financial problems that Publications has faced. Second, we wanted to promote CFA in a way that will appeal to a national audience. Roeann has found a publisher that deals with finding niches in the marketplace. CFA could be recognized nation- and worldwide, and here's how we plan to do it.

I. 2007 Yearbook:

A. Proposal:

- *The audience for the yearbook needs to be enlarged beyond just CFA. Surveys show that about 67 percent of Americans own cats. CFA needs to tap this market with a book that not only appeals to current CFA members, but also to a worldwide market.*
- *A coffee table book that features hundreds of pictures of exquisite cats with appropriate articles and content is a niche CFA is uniquely qualified to fill: CFA has the exhibitors; the exhibitors have the pictures; and CFA has a book already in place that just needs tweaking to appeal to this audience.*

B. Benefits:

- *Attract new exhibitors to the cat fancy and Junior Showmanship.*
- *Attract more breeders advertising due to increased market exposure.*
- *Attract more national advertisers (with specials for veterinarians) due to increased market exposure.*
- *A new delivery date of November 1 would more appropriately tie to the show season and target the holiday market.*
- *Attractive publication that presents the best cats to all cat lovers.*

C. Implementation:

- *The 2007 yearbook is tentatively to be renamed: CFA Yearbook of Pedigreed Cats of the fancy for the family*
- *To provide adequate time and personnel to produce the new yearbook, we propose that the Almanac be printed in newspaper format on newsprint, quarterly. Publish this in-house.*
- *Utilize the staff time to produce a yearbook that appeals not only to exhibitors, but a national and international market.*

- *Make this publication available in stores that include PetSmart, PetCo, Barnes and Noble, and Borders. On-line to be marketed as well. The Director of Corporate Marketing will assume this function.*
- *Review publishers to select one with expertise that can both publish and promote the new yearbook. Emphasize Internet links to promote sales. (See exhibits of AKC publications). Advertise in the same venues as the American Kennel Club (AKC).*
- *Select an outlet to promote book in veterinary publications.*
- *Assign specific personnel to solicit breeder/owner advertising. Corporate advertising would be the responsibility of the Director of Corporate Marketing. Solicit personnel to sell breeder ads and if needed, offer commissions.*
- *Set advertising goals based upon the cost of the book and the projected number of books sold.*
- *Content of the CFA Yearbook of Pedigreed Cats will be revised annually for appropriate content. Examples of articles to include: articles on breeding emphasizing cattery management or husbandry; the latest advances in medicine; history of CFA with features on Robert Winn and illustrious breeders.*
- *To create a larger market, expand coverage of the international market, feature articles on showing household cats, and a feature on agility.*
- *Deliver by November 1st to sell at the International Show and for Christmas gifts.*
- *To appeal to a wider audience, create for each breed, in an easy-to-read format, a scale detailing the personalities, characteristics and traits of a particular breed. On a one-to-five scale such topics could include a vocal cat versus a non-vocal cat, activity level, shedding, interaction with children, other cats and other pets, size, body style, long hair or short hair, and grooming information.*
- *Consider having renowned individuals write articles for the yearbook. Ask them to appear at book signing events. The President and Vice President of CFA could also participate in such events.*
- *Authors, such as Anitra Fraser of *The Natural Cat*, could be approached to promote our book and we promote hers. This is usually done either on the back or inside of the dust jacket. There are also books published by veterinarians that might benefit from this dual promotion.*
- *A catalog of CFA products could be included at the back of each book and the CFA website in the front of the book. Other appropriate CFA web sites could be included in a topical index.*
- *For articles in the yearbook, use corporate sponsors to finance the page. Example: an article on nutrition by Iams.*
- *Missing deadlines is one of the chief reasons for a yearbook to ship late and to incur financial penalties from the publisher. If a contributing writer fails to submit an article on time, the managing editor has the right to replace said article with whatever he or she deems appropriate. Late articles should not be accepted to avoid setting an inappropriate precedent.*
- *Encourage other members of CFA trained in Journalism to submit articles for published in the yearbook with a by-line.*

- *Advertising prices in the CFA Yearbook of Pedigreed Cats needs to be revised based upon needed revenue for the book. Discounts should be offered for camera-ready ads or electronically transmitted ads to save staff time.*
- *Advertisers who miss their deadlines will be charged a late fee of one-half the price of their ad plus their original ad price. They will be given one additional week to submit their ad. After that, the ad is cancelled and their money is not refunded. Missed deadlines are one of the causes of the book being delivered late.*
- *Use a talented artist from CFA to design the cover to save art illustrator fees. To compensate the artist, offer a free ad in the yearbook.*
- *A feasibility study is strongly recommended to support the proposed yearbook changes.*

Brawner: We will have to look into the proposal and the publisher will have to come back with what it feels would work and what we feel is good for us – a two-way street. We would like to expand the coverage of our big media shows so that we appeal more to the international market. Liz had a great contributing idea to build each book around a theme. Advertising deadlines are a huge issue.

II. The Almanac:

A. Proposal:

- *With the on-line Almanac meeting the needs of most of the fancy and the financial situation of the printed Almanac, we propose, as stated above, that the Almanac be printed in newspaper format on newsprint, quarterly. Publish in-house.*

B. Benefits:

- *Financial losses will subside.*
- *Will free up staff time to work on new yearbook.*
- *Will allow those who do not have Internet access the choice of still subscribing to the Almanac.*
- *Almanac advertisers can place their dollars in the yearbook.*

C. Implementation:

- *Print Almanac in-house to cut publication expenses.*
- *Base subscription fees upon publication expenses and postal rates.*
- *The Almanac will provide exhibitors with information about:*
 - *Show calendars*
 - *Scoreboard*
 - *Website URL's*
 - *Central Office CFA directory*
 - *Legislative group*
 - *CFA email addresses*
 - *CFA meeting calendar*
 - *New club applicants*
 - *New judge applicants*
 - *Declaration of officers and directors*
 - *CFA services, fees, and publications*

- *Photographer show schedule*
- *Clerking School Schedules*
- *Listing of CFA judges*
- *Listing of CFA clerks*
- *Donations*
- *CFA minutes*
- *CFA Timetable*
- *Selected articles*
- *Statistical reports*
- *CFA Junior Showmanship competition results.*

Brawner: We propose further streamlining the Almanac to four publications a year, to put the emphasis on the Yearbook. What subscribers want out of a printed Almanac is something they can curl up in bed with, jot notes down on.

III. Action Items:

After reviewing the proposal, benefits and implementation suggestions for the yearbook and Almanac, the publications committee requests that the board ratify the following action items:

- *The tentative name, that will be at the top of the cover, is: CFA Yearbook of Pedigreed Cats ...of the fancy for the family*
- *At the bottom of the jacket will be: Current Year*
- *Breeders Guide Enclosed*
- *Produce a hardback book with dust jacket to be available in November each year.*
- *Include photos of National Winners, Regional Winners, Distinguished Merit cats, Grand Champions and Grand Premiers for the current show season.*
- *Feature articles regarding mentors, new exhibitors, junior showmanship and current health issues, etc.*
- *Include a breeder referral list with appropriate disclaimer.*
- *The Madison Square Garden Show and the International Show of the previous year will be featured in the current yearbook.*
- *A feasibility study to determine if changing the direction and scope of the yearbook is valid before expending money and effort.*
- *Quarterly editions of the Almanac to be printed in-house or as inexpensively as possible.*
- *Set up a tracking system of CFA pedigreed cat owners who show, but do not breed cats, on the CFA mailing list to generate buyers for the yearbook and advertising. These people could represent a significant majority of people who have been overlooked—like me—but are interested in being of service to the fancy.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna R. Brawner, Chairman, Publications Committee*

Miller: I like our modern approach of the Yearbook. It appeals to the general public, but the Almanac is our own. I'm wondering about the loss of advertising. In the Almanac, they can

get a very flashy picture right away, not just once a year in the Yearbook. **Brawner:** We are looking at the big picture. The Almanac continues to lose money, even after being downsized. The Yearbook has been compromised because of the pictures in the Almanac. I would rather see my cat in a national book than an almanac, because the whole world is going to see my cat. We felt very strongly about doing a hard-backed book with a dust jacket, like the cover of this year's book but it will have strength and stability on the binding. Some people had problems with the bindings breaking. **Anger:** Are we going to retain the size book that we have now? **Brawner:** We need the publisher's advice because he would be the expert in appealing to a national audience. We want to go for the #1 size that people buy, so that's part of the feasibility study. **Krzanowski:** Our printed Almanac subscriptions have dropped dramatically. **Johnson:** The drop in subscriptions is telling us what people think about the Almanac. The information is more current on the website. The Almanac has outlived its usefulness and profitability. **Eigenhauser:** I can see the Almanac as being more of a newsletter and giving up the slick, glossy pictures if we have to. However, the CFA board meets 3 times a year, not 4. Going to a quarterly system means the Almanac will always be out of sync with the board meetings. If we went to 4 times a year for an Almanac, that would kill it. It would be too infrequent to be considered a newsletter. **Baugh:** Publications on disk is the way of the future. **Miller:** It's important to find out how people read the Almanac. How do they want to get their information? **Newkirk:** I see a lot of exhibitors traveling with their Almanacs to the shows. The fancy is telling us that the printed Almanac is not dead. **Angell:** If that's the case, then we are going to have to charge more. We can't keep losing money like this. **DelaBar:** The fancy has to realize that because of a \$47,000 deficit, we have to do business smartly. **Barnaby** moved to authorize a feasibility study. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Johnson: We have a policy that says you can't advertise anything that isn't an official CFA award. We have people who want to say, "I've got the 200th best cat in CFA" because they are proud of it. These are not actual awards, but they are factual achievements. We are losing ad money and we're not with the spirit. If somebody is proud to be the 100th best cat in CFA, we need to let them say that in their ad. It's something we can verify, it's about CFA. People are proud to be in CFA and this policy needs to be expanded. **Eigenhauser:** When we are talking about something (like points) that Central Office produces, it's just a matter of looking on the list. We are being too rigid. **Kallmeyer:** If you make a claim, you could submit the points to verify. **Miller:** I don't like to see us diminish the importance of our official awards. We need to stick with our current awards. **Johnson:** We have discussed this previously. We have already made this change. **Wilson:** The consensus at that time was that Central Office would use "common sense". We've got to give them policies. **DelaBar:** Our publication policies should be looked at by the Publications Committee for future Yearbooks.

Johnson asked about archiving the on-line Almanac beyond the current month. **DelaBar:** I want us to be able to offer past online issues on disk. **Krzanowski:** We leave articles on the features page for a long time.

(22) **ETHICS COMMITTEE.**

Ethics Committee Chair Peg Johnson gave the following report:

The focus of the CFA Ethics Committee over the next year will be to establish Code of Ethics for various CFA member groups including: Board Members, Judges, Clubs, and Exhibitors. CFA already has a code of ethics for Breeders which is attached. This report will provide an overview of the ethic's committee plan for your review and approval including a draft Board Code of Conduct and recommendations for Judge Code of Conduct.

The first step for the Ethics Committee has been to review material on writing a code of ethics. This material included definitions of various types of codes of ethics, common elements of codes, samples of codes from various companies and organizations, drafting recommendations, and implementation recommendations. An overview of this research is presented below.

Definition

A Code of Ethics is a declaration of the intention, suggestion, or requirement to follow certain beliefs, principles, or rules to promote integrity, civility, decency, and the pursuit of excellence. As codes are used, applied, publicized, and advocated, they reinforce, legitimize, and strengthen the conduct and behavior outlined in them. Codes sometimes include sanctions for members who do not follow them.

Common Elements

Preface

Purpose and Values

Adherence to By-laws and Rules

Compliance with Laws

Confidentiality

Fiduciary Responsibility

Honesty-Integrity

Duty of Care

Conflict of Interest

Quality

Professional Conduct

Respect

Fairness

Equality

Sanctions

Plan for Writing a Code of Ethics

- 1. Get endorsement from the President and Board*
- 2. Determine topics to be covered in code*
- 3. Produce a code*
- 4. Review code with Board*
- 5. Issue the code and make it known*
- 6. Affirmation of the code*
- 7. Practice the code*

8. *Enforcement of the code*
9. *Regular review of the code*
10. *Distribution of the code*
11. *Insert a copy in the Annual Report*

CFA Ethics Committee Plan

CFA Board of Director Code of Ethics

1. *Produce first draft of code of ethics – October 2005 – Attached*
2. *Review draft with CFA Board of Directors – October 2005*
3. *Integrate Board suggestions into code - November 2005*
4. *Distribute updated draft of code of ethics to CFA Board – December 2005*
5. *Review and approve CFA Board Code of Ethics – February 2006*
6. *CFA Board affirmation of code – February 2006*
7. *Publish code on CFA website – March 2006*
8. *Review code annually – February Board meetings*
9. *Practice the code – Ongoing*

CFA Judges Code of Ethics

1. *Contacted JA and JPC for assistance writing code for judges – August 2005*

JA (Willa Hawke) and JPC (Rachel Anger) accepted

2. *Produce first draft of code of ethics – February 2006*
3. *Review draft with CFA Board of Directors – February 2006*
4. *Integrate Board suggestions into code - March 2006*
5. *Distribute updated draft of code of ethics to CFA Board – April 2006*
6. *Review and approve CFA Board Code of Ethics – June 2006*
7. *CFA Board affirmation of code – June 2006*
8. *Publish code on CFA website – July 2006*
9. *Review code annually – February Board meetings*
10. *Practice the code – Ongoing*

CFA Exhibitor Code of Ethics

Establish plan – February 2006

CFA Club Code of Ethics

Establish plan – February 2006

Action Items

1. *Get CFA Breeder Code of Conduct published on CFA website.*

Johnson: Can we get this where we can find it? **Kallmeyer:** We'll do something.

2. *Board approval of Ethics Committee plan.*

Angell moved to approve the plan. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. *Board feedback on CFA Board of Director Code of Ethics.*
4. *Board feedback on CFA Judges Code of Ethics initial recommendations.*
5. *Board approval to add employees to list of groups to be covered by code of ethics.*

Johnson: We're going work with the Management Committee on employee code of ethics.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Johnson
CFA Ethics Committee Chair
CFA Southern Region Director*

CFA Breeder Code of Ethics

As a breeder who uses the services of the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats,

I understand I have certain responsibilities to pedigreed cats and to the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA).

I am aware that I am representative of CFA breeders in my community.

I will breed my cats with the intent of improving the breed and to produce healthy, happy kittens.

I will deal honestly with the purchasers of my kittens and cats.

To the best of my knowledge and ability I will not, without prior disclosure, sell any kitten/cat that is sick or has been exposed to an infectious disease.

I will not sell or place kittens prior to their attaining a proper level of immunity against common infectious diseases.

I will place cats directly to the new pet owner or in a manner that will enable contact with the ultimate owner to provide on-going education and advice.

I will strive to house my cats in a manner exceeding the CFA Minimum Cattery Standard.

I will ensure my cats are kept in a healthy environment and I will ensure they receive the proper veterinary care as needed.

I will maintain appropriate cattery records and will correctly register litters and cats.

I will work honestly with my fellow breeders and provide timely and correct litter registration information to those who use my cats for breeding.

I will mentor new breeders to ensure they have a solid information foundation.

Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Board of Directors Code of Ethics was adopted by the CFA Board on month day, year.

Preamble

The Cat Fanciers' Association is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt association formed to register pedigreed cats breeds, sanction CFA clubs, shows, and events, protect the hobby of breeding and showing, and enhance the well-being of all cats. CFA's principle membership consists of CFA cat clubs. The business of the association is managed under the direction of the CFA Board of Directors. This code of ethics serves as a code of conduct for association volunteers and staff in their capacity as board members. Members of the board affirm their endorsement of the code and acknowledge their commitment to uphold its principles and obligations by accepting and retaining membership on the board.

Mission

CFA's mission is to preserve and promote the pedigreed breeds of cats and to enhance the well-being of all cats.

Board of Directors Code of Ethics

Members of the board (including ex officio members of the board) shall at all times abide by and conform to the following code of conduct in their capacity as board members:

- 1. Each member of the board of directors will abide in all respects by the rules and regulations of the association (including but not limited to the association's articles of incorporation, constitution, bylaws, and show rules).*
- 2. Each member of the board of directors will at all times obey all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and will provide or cause to provide the full cooperation of the association when requested to do so by those institutions and their persons set in authority as are required to uphold the law.*
- 3. Members of the board of directors will conduct the business affairs of the association in good faith and with honesty, integrity, due diligence, and reasonable competence.*
- 4. Except as the board of directors may otherwise require or as otherwise required by law, no board member shall share, copy, reproduce, transmit, divulge or otherwise disclose any confidential information related to the affairs of the association and each member of the board will uphold the strict confidentiality of all meetings and other deliberations and communications of the board of directors.*
- 5. Members of the board of directors will exercise proper authority and good judgment in their dealings with association staff, suppliers, and the general public and will respond to the needs of the association's members in a responsible, respectful, and professional manner.*
- 6. No member of the board of directors will use any information provided by the association or acquired as a consequence of the board member's service to the association in any manner other than in furtherance of his or her board duties. Further, no member of the board of directors will misuse association property or resources and will at all times keep the*

association's property secure and not allow any person not authorized by the board of directors to have or use such property.

7. *Each member of the board of directors will use his or her best efforts to regularly participate in professional development activities and will perform his or her assigned duties in a professional and timely manner pursuant to the board's direction and oversight.*

8. *Upon termination of service, a retiring board member will promptly return to the association all documents, electronic and hard files, reference materials, and other property entrusted to the board member for the purpose of fulfilling his or her job responsibilities. Such return will not abrogate the retiring board member from his or her continuing obligations of confidentiality with respect to information acquired as a consequence of his or her tenure on the board of directors.*

9. *The board of directors dedicates itself to leading by example in serving the needs of the association and its members and also in representing the interests and ideals of the cat fancy at large.*

10. *No member of the board of directors shall persuade or attempt to persuade any employee of the association to leave the employ of the association or to become employed by any person or entity other than the association. Furthermore, no member of the board of directors shall persuade or attempt to persuade any member, exhibitor, advertiser, sponsor, subscriber, supplier, contractor, or any other person or entity with an actual or potential relationship to or with the association to terminate, curtail, or not enter into its relationship to or with the association, or to in any way reduce the monetary or other benefits to the association of such relationship.*

11. *The board of directors must act at all times in the best interests of the association and not for personal or third-party gain or financial enrichment. When encountering potential conflicts of interest, board members will identify the conflict and, as required, remove themselves from all discussion and voting on the matter. Specifically, board members shall follow these guidelines:*

o Avoid placing (and avoid the appearance of placing) one's own self-interest or any third-party interest above that of the association; while the receipt of incidental personal or third-party benefit may necessarily flow from certain association activities, such benefit must be merely incidental to the primary benefit to the association and its purposes;

o Do not abuse board membership by improperly using board membership or the association's staff, services, equipment, resources, or property for personal or third-party gain or pleasure; board members shall not represent to third parties that their authority as a board member extends any further than that which it actually extends;

o Do not engage in any outside business, professional or other activities that would directly or indirectly materially adversely affect the association;

o Do not engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behavior directed toward association staff, members, officers, directors, meeting attendees, exhibitors, advertisers, sponsors, suppliers, contractors, or others in the context of activities relating to the association;

o Do not solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, free trips, honoraria, personal property, or any other item of value from any person or entity as a direct or indirect inducement to provide special treatment to such donor with respect to matters pertaining to the association without fully disclosing such items to the board of directors.

Johnson: This should focus on anyone who is employed by CFA in a volunteer or full-time situation. We might not need to have a code of ethics for every different person in the organization. There might be a global code of ethics that should be practiced by all. **DelaBar:** We need to look at reinstating the practice of swearing in board members.

(23) **AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE.**

Awards and Honors Chair Rachel Anger moved to discontinue any official awarding of 26th best cat. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Baugh: Comments were made to me about dissatisfaction that the national awards were smaller than the breed awards. **Johnson:** I have gotten input that they were lovely, but some regions gave out awards that are bigger than the national awards. **Anger:** Comments can be referred to me. Until now, all I have heard is positive things and we have gone forward on that assumption. There is no trophy that would truly acknowledge the amount of work put into winning it.

(24) **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

Business Development Team Chair Kitty Angell presented the following report:

Angell: In June, we sent sponsor appreciation plaques to our corporate sponsors, followed up with a letter expressing appreciation for their support.

Kitty Angell, Chair

Committee Members: Roann Fulkerson (CFA Director of Corporate Marketing), James Watson, Donna Jean Thompson, Kayoko Koizumi (Asian Interests)

Many wonderful things have occurred since the last Board and Annual meeting in June. The Business Development Committee would like to update the board on the progress of the programs approved and reported on at the last two meetings. As previously shared, the priority of these programs was the concept that they be available to ALL cats and All cat lovers.

4-Kids Entertainment

4Kids Entertainment is moving forward quickly and aggressively now in CFA's representation of our Brand. After a review, 4Kids was authorized to employ Frederick & Froberg as the company to design the artwork and blueprint for CFA's marketing image. A new logo was designed which will be used for all national public marketing of all packaging. CFA's target is the 90.5 million owned cats in the U.S. today.

- 1. 4Kids Entertainment now has a completed CFA Property Guidebook, which they will use in ongoing negotiations with prospective manufactures of our many Branded items.*
- 2. The CFA Style Guide has been completed. The Style Guide outlines the specifications to manufacturers on exactly what is acceptable for use in presenting CFA products, both by selection and for presentation in advertising and packaging.*
- 3. 4Kids has launched CFA as a Property on their Corporate Web Site with a link to our own CFA home page. <http://4kids.homeunix.com/properties/catfanciers.html>*
- 4. The following companies have been contacted for interest in a licensing or endorsement agreement; Eukanuba/ Iams, Mars Inc. (Pedigree, Sheba, Whiskas), Nestle Purina, Meow Mix, and Greenies (who is being asked to create a cat treat for breath, like they've done so successfully for dogs.)*
- 5. Del Monte is very interested in an endorsement position for their "Nature's Recipe" line of cat food.*
- 6. Currently being negotiated is a core business deal with Pet Pals (a division of Jakks Pacific) for CFA branded cat food, treats, toys, beds, scratchers, litter box/accessories, perches, and carriers. This same company holds the license for AKC toys, treats, collars, leashes, jackets, and health aides. They have done a very strong job of developing the AKC line at Target,*

PetCo, PetSmart, grocery and are currently pitching mass accounts like Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

- 7. For marketing purposes and accumulation of valuable statistics and demographic information, it was determined a Stat Counter was necessary for the CFA Web site. Karen Lawrence implemented this flawlessly, effective September 1st. The CFA Web site is now able to track how many hits, from where they are coming in, what search words and search engines are being used to access the CFA site as well as how many unique visitors and how long they stay on the site. This, as well as a depth of additional valuable information, is being accumulated and a monthly report is provided to 4Kids for their use. To back up a bit, we have always had a certain amount of stats, just not the in-depth statistical data needed by 4Kids. This new counter enables us to provide much more statistical data than in the past.*
- 8. 4Kids Entertainment is working on several promotional areas for the 100th Year Centennial Celebration to tie in with CFA's plans.*
- 9. Currently 4Kids is looking to a "partnering with a media personality" and will have that person be a "designer" for a co-branded CFA line available in-store. This is similar to what has been done with Barry Kieselstein-Cord and AKC.*
- 10. Currently precise photos of actual kittens and adults are being selected. After selection is made, these kitten/cat photos will be used on most of the product packaging. Once the specific photos are selected the details will be negotiated with the photographer(s) for use by CFA.*

Unfortunately, the fact that Central Office allowed our copyright/trademark to expire in 2002 lost some headway for us. Now that the copyright/trademark has been restored, progress has been made for CFA in the area of bringing the CFA Brand to the public.

Fulkerson: We have another contract that will be directed to clothing and more towards the human aspect of CFA marketing. Negotiating a contract with a company that is already in possession of shelf space is very important. The recording of the new trademarks/copyrights is included in the development agreement with 4Kids.

Fulkerson: Companion Animal Recovery ("CAR") is willing to develop a stronger relationship with CFA. We are in the developmental stages but it's very sound. It's going to be an additional revenue program. **Miller:** I have worked with CAR on a pamphlet that had the reasons for microchipping a cat, which is very different than dogs. The head of CAR is a veterinarian who knows about genetics, so we are on solid ground.

Pet Partners Incorporated, LLC "Pet Partners Insurance"

- 1. Registration Data being sent to PPI monthly from Central Office.*

<i>Total # Cat registration</i>	<i>14411</i>
<i>Total #Valid Email</i>	<i>1792</i>
<i>Total % with Email addresses</i>	<i>12.43%</i>

2. *Information to date is very concerning. It is unclear why the records being forwarded to PPI are significantly less than reflected for actual registrations for 2004 as published in the April/May 05 Almanac, reviewing the Breed Registration Totals (page 105) showing statistics of 41,606 cats registered from January 1 to December 31, 2004, the monthly totals below reflect approximately half the number of cats being registered this year, reflected on data transferred to PPI on a monthly basis.*
3. *The new PPI-CFA website has been launched at www.cfaphp.com This Web Site is a direct link for PPI and CFA.*
4. *Email marketing letter to offer \$20 trial plan and mention the full annual plan is being prepared.*
5. *Addendum to the Agreement between the CFA and PPI to allow PPI-CFA to offer coverage for dogs as well.*
6. *Fanc-e-Mews Aug/September online newsletter is contributing to some strong interest and increased sales results. Karen Lawrence included a very nice article for this publication telling about the CFA-Pet HealthCare opportunity. The three days following this Fanc-e-Mews publication going online; ten CFA \$20 dollar policies and eight CFA full policies were sold.*
7. *Implementation/activation of the CFA 60 day Trial period for pre registered kitten*
8. *New four color tri-fold brochure, 20,000 delivered to Central Office September 12, 2005. The Business Development Committee will determine the best distribution that will allow tracking of results.*

Wilson: If you pre-register, the number you get is not a registration number. **Fulkerson:** We're addressing that, so breeders can get this 60 day coverage immediately.

CatBank.org

Roeann and I had a meeting on August 9th with BioArts Research, Newdle Corp and Mike Hodnett to work out the final details prior to the official launch of CFA's CatBank.org.

You can visit www.CatBank.org to see the progress of this website. Breeders/exhibitors, as well as the public can register to receive pertinent updates, as they become available. All links and ownership records have now been officially transferred to CFA.

You will each be given a packet at the meeting to take back to your constituents explaining (in laymen's terms) the exact operation of our new database.

- *Breed Posters and CD/DVD's*

After an initial approach by Royal Canin to sponsor this project, the company rescinded its offer. They stated that they restructured their budget to go in another direction. The sponsorship of this project is still being pursued.

- *API Program*

The “alter” portion of the Alter-Protect-Insure program is still without backing. We are hoping to have a resolution to this before the next board meeting. All other facets of the program have been addressed.

- *Other Revenue Building Projects*

Roeann will discuss other planned projects with the board during our meeting. We are working with numerous diverse companies (Dyson Vacuum Cleaners, to give you an idea) to produce revenue for CFA. Our flat economy has become a hard sell, but the strength of our almost 100-year-old company puts us in good stead with many corporations.

I would like to ask each of you, Central Office included, to please place a consistently positive spin on our organization. A positive approach always generates more interest than a negative approach. Our organization has enjoyed a great deal of dignity and respect. Let’s try to keep generating the formidable history of this great registry.

Fulkerson: CatBank has been structured with on-line registration in 5 languages. **Angell:** Breed-Reader will be a test through CatBank where you can actually take your cat’s DNA and find out what genetic make-up it has. **Miller:** What if I want do to my household pet?
Fulkerson: It would be \$35-\$40.

Action Items:

Ratify the number of mailings to be used for CFA Pet Healthcare.

Angell: We tried to think of how we could get this to the most people without duplication. We came up with the following mailings: individual registrations; breed council membership mailing; show packets; notification for judges’ dues; ownership transfers. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Ratify the Management Committee, assisted by Kitty Angell and our attorney Fred Jacobberger, to prepare a new contract for Roeann Fulkerson, our Director of Corporate Marketing. This contract will be written to promote and protect the best interests of both CFA and Ms. Fulkerson.

Angell: It is in the best interests of CFA to get a contract written that will protect the interests of both parties. It will be a three-tiered contract consisting of a base salary, a capped commission, and a percentage commission for corporate advertising. **DelaBar:** This will be approved by the Personnel Committee, which are the officers. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to know the range of what the committee is considering. I would rather give the committee the assignment and have them report back to the board. **DelaBar:** We can ratify it in February.

Miller: I would assume you are going to come up with a reasonable salary and you are going to protect us. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Angell, Chair*

(25) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Management Committee Chair James Watson presented the following report:

James Watson, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Peg Johnson, Annette Wilson, Gloria Hoover, and Anne McCulloch

Subject: Regional Directors/Board Members Guidebook. Job descriptions.

Due to the fact that the implementation of the Management Committee recommendations will not be funded until CFA gets some money, I would like to start with some organization of the Board and operating guidelines put in place. In an email to Rachel we discussed the fact that she receives various committee reports and they come in a variety of formats. I think it would be of benefit to CFA if there were an established format to use, an outline, so that the reports will be uniform in structure. This should help new committee chairs and other new members of the board understand what is being presented. As a side benefit, it should make the Secretary's job somewhat easier. This report is presented in, what might become, a uniform report template in MS Word so that we can just overtype the fields with the information for the board meeting. This will help us all when trying to find information during the meetings.

As you all know the Management Committee recommendations to have job descriptions and good business practices implemented at Central Office was approved but, without funds, this project is on hold. I think it would be a good time to set the proper example and start with the Board of Directors. I have been told that several attempts have been made to establish "job descriptions" for the board and they have been met with a certain lack of cooperation. I have asked for your individual take on the responsibilities of your current position.

Your Job Description.

What are the responsibilities of a Regional Director?

What do you actually do as a Regional Director?

What are the responsibilities of a Director at Large?

What do you actually do as a Director at Large?

What are the responsibilities of a Board Member?

What are the responsibilities of a Committee Chair?

The office of President, Vice Pres, Secretary and Treasurer are a little more defined in the Constitution but I would like to hear from you also.

We really need some input on Director at Large. They seem to have no defined responsibilities.

The sum result of this project will be a Regional Directors/Board Members Guidebook. This will be given to current board members but will be of most benefit to new board members. The Guidebook will include just the basics and should not become a work of literature in several volumes. It can be a PDF file to put on your computer or in hard copy. Updates should be minimal. The intent is to compile everyone's input and establish a workable set of job descriptions and guide lines we can all work with. I know someone out there has copies of previous attempts at this project. If you have them, I would like to see what was done before.

Action item: Approve the concept and finalize the content.

Time frame: Completed by June 2006 board meeting.

What will be presented at the next meeting? The completed document ready for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

James Watson, Committee Chair

J. Watson: The key purpose of the Committee is to establish proper procedures and an operations manual for Central Office. That is going to be expensive and we have no budget to cover it, so a great place to start is with a guidebook and job descriptions for the board. We also prepared guidelines for generating standardized committee reports. The key objective is fiduciary responsibility. We all have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the organization. This is nothing new, but we don't have it in writing. I was able to incorporate existing material into some generalized statements that I found on the internet, as well as from previous board meeting information and the CFA Constitution. This will give us a better idea of where we are and what the people who put us here expect of us – what we're doing to promote CFA and be responsible to our constituents who put us here. **Johnson:** This is about board members and having in writing how things work. **J. Watson:** Phase I is to get the board members' job descriptions finalized. Phase II is to develop specific job descriptions for on-going committees. This will result in more consistency as the board turns over throughout the years. **J. Watson** moved to approve the concept at this meeting, initial review at the February, 2006 board meeting and finalize the content at the June, 2006 board meeting. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(26) **MARKETING RESEARCH COMMITTEE.**

Marketing Research Chair Peg Johnson gave the following report:

The CFA Market Analysis Committee purpose is to provide the CFA Board with statistical market information that will help the Board make decisions. The first step is to identify what statistics would be useful and what statistics are available. Statistics have been grouped by market segment. An initial draft of statistics that might be useful was reviewed by Tom Dent, Dick Kallmeyer, Gina Lehman and I. Tom will be identifying which statistics are available and which might be easily available.

The purpose of these statistics would be to provide the Board with data on the following questions, among others:

- *What is actual growth or decline in registrations?*
- *What breeds are declining or growing?*
- *Are registrations declining or growing in particular areas?*
- *How are number and location of shows affecting show entries?*
- *How do show formats affect show entries?*
- *What breeds of cats are being shown, and where?*
- *Are there areas we should target for growth?*
- *In what areas are we losing shows?*
- *Is agility affecting show entries?*
- *Who are our sponsors?*
- *How and when do sponsorship levels change?*

Plan:

1. *Review requested statistics and determine which are most important.*
2. *Update list with any missing statistics.*
3. *Determine how statistics will be delivered and how often.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Peg Johnson, Chair*

Johnson: We broke CFA into segments – cats, breeders and catteries; shows, exhibitors, clubs and partners. I would like to have automatically produced reports so that we can see trends and figure out what direction we need to go. **Kallmeyer:** Positive deviance describes our situation. We need to determine what we are doing well and focus on finding out how to do those things better. **Johnson:** I would like feedback of stats that might be important to capture. **DelaBar:** A statistical analysis can give us a good idea of where growth can happen, so that we can get our market share of the cat population.

(27) **ANNUAL MEETING – 2006.**

Northwest Regional Director Dick Kallmeyer presented an update on the 2006 Annual. **Kallmeyer:** Everything is on track. **DelaBar:** This is our centennial celebration. **L. Watson:** It's going to be a big celebration.

(28) **FUTURE BOARD MEETING SITES.**

DelaBar: In October 2006, we are going to meet in Detroit at the Marriott Detroit Airport. **Krzanowski:** The board previously voted to hold October meetings in Chicago or Detroit, and occasionally Newark, and in Houston in February.

(29) **CFA FOUNDATION REPORT.**

Liaison Rachel Anger presented the following update: **Anger:** The CFA Foundation is a separate corporation, which will evaluate the contents of boxes currently being stored in Central Office. The Foundation is also considering the concept of a traveling museum. Thanks to Chair David Mare for traveling to Central Office to assess the storage situation, and to Bobara Pendergrast for her expertise in helping to evaluate the Foundation's property.

(30) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Committee Chair: Annette Wilson

Committee Members: Debbie Kusy, Peg Johnson

Current Subject: Early Advancement (Ragamuffin) and Wild Blood Issue (PixieBob)

The Breeds and Standards Committee has been working with various breed councils on the upcoming ballots. Central Office has provided the ballots for committee's review prior to mailing.

PREVIEW:

- 1. Two breeds currently at Provisional Status will be applying for advancement to Championship Status at the February Board Meeting: **Siberian** (LH Specialty Ring) and **American Bobtail** (LH Specialty Ring). Material regarding these breeds will be provided to board members prior to the February Board Meeting.*
- 2. Two new breeds have applied for Miscellaneous acceptance: **Asian Cat** and **PixieBob** (see below).*

CURRENT ITEMS:

- 1. The **Ragamuffin** breed committee secretary (Ragamuffins are currently at the Miscellaneous Level), requested to advance to Provisional despite not meeting the 5 year requirement for advancement from MISC to PROV. Note that the Ragamuffins were accepted for MISC status at the same meeting that the Board approved the breed advancement matrix including five years at MISC prior to advancing to PROV. **The Committee recommends no action**; the advancement matrix should apply as it stands.*

Wilson: The Breeds and Standards Committee believes the advancement matrix should stand. **Dent:** Prior to the matrix, there was a pamphlet for rules governing the acceptance of the advancement of new breeds and standards. The requirement was also in that pamphlet and has been in place for a long time. **Wilson** moved to ratify the Breeds and Standards Committee's recommendation of no action on the premature advancement of the Ragamuffin. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- 2. The **PixieBob** breed has applied for acceptance under Miscellaneous Breeds. The question for us this weekend is whether or not to accept or reject the application based on the issue of wild blood behind the breed. PixieBob breeders openly discuss (in their breed literature and on their websites) that the cats are descendants of wild cats interbred with domestic cats. The PixieBob application to CFA acknowledges only that there are two cats behind those being registered that are 12.5% Asian Leopard Cat. They consider any other reference to wild cats to be part of a "legend" used to market the breed. However, unless we are able to require DNA testing for Wild Blood as part of the registration process, we would be taking the word of all PixieBob breeders that their cats are free of wild blood when that is very possibly not the case. It is the Committee's opinion that the PixieBob application should be*

rejected and not brought forward at the February, 2006 Board Meeting. For reference, from the CFA Rules for Acceptance of New Breeds and Colors:

“The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cat. Furthermore, the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.”

ACTION ITEMS:

A. *Move to reject the PixieBob application for new breed registration/Miscellaneous Status.*

Wilson: If we accept the PixieBob for registration, we would have no way of knowing who is registering what cats, or what’s behind them. **DelaBar:** Does the application meet our stated policy? **Miller:** Wild cat DNA will show up in the first generation, but after that, it’s almost like a recessive. Chances are the wild cat DNA won’t show up several generations later. The applicants are going by the fact that you can’t find the wild cat DNA. The DNA has to be determined with the early origins of the breed. After that, it’s lost. **Eigenhauser:** I don’t want them to spend their money coming to our meeting if they’re not going to come close. On the other hand, they ought to be able to present their scientific evidence. I don’t think they are ready to do that now. The science may some day be there, and when they can present scientific proof, we’ll look at it. **Wilson:** We’re going to have an opportunity to talk about that and all the other issues then. **Wilson** moved to reject the PixieBob application for new breed registration, miscellaneous status, based on wild blood. **Eigenhauser:** I would hope that we would encourage them to continue looking at DNA testing, because down the road there may be a way to exclude those lines. Then they will be subject to the same chance as everybody else. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING:

The Breed Council ballot results will be reviewed and presented; BC Secretaries are welcome to speak on behalf of their members.

Applications for advancement will be presented;

Applications for new breed(s) with representative examples of the breed(s) will be presented;

*Respectfully submitted, Annette Wilson
Chair, Breeds and Standards Committee*

(31) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

Since our last report in February, 2005 the CFA Feline Agility Competition has mushroomed with many more clubs adding this new format to their shows. These shows include:

*National Capital
Rose City Cat Fanciers
IAMS Cats New York Show
CFA International Show
Phoenix Feline Fanciers
Just Cat-in-Around Cat Fanciers
National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches
Oregon Cats, Inc.
Queen City Cat Club
Cleveland Persian Society
Dimes and Dollars Cat Club
San Diego Cat Fanciers
Poinsettia Cat Club
Cleveland Persian Society
Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers, Inc. (Toledo, OH)
Black Tie & Tails
Cotton States Cat Club
Hidden Peak Cat Fanciers
Freestate Feline Fanciers*

Kelli Cajigas has designed several logos for the FAC Committee to review, all of which are outstanding. They can be black and white or in color. The Committee liked all of them and finally decided on one which was in color with a gold CFA emblem at the top and 3 red, white and blue shorthair cats jumping at the bottom with lettering Feline Agility. Kelli also included two cartoon logo drawings of a Birman and a Persian which are very clever and could possibly be used. We submit all of Kelli Cajigas' logos for the CFA Board to review. Since three major shows which attract a great deal of attention from the media the FAC Committee felt it would be important to have one of the new logos displayed at these shows on or near the agility rings. Since the Board meeting was not going to be until October we asked CFA President, Pam DelaBar, if she would poll the Board with our request for special permission to use these logos at National Capital,

CFA International Show and the IAMS Cats New York

Show. President Pam DelaBar polled the CFA Executive Committee and this permission was granted. We thank the

Committee for this permission. The entire CFA Executive Board will now have an opportunity to review all the logos and also the enclosures with this report.

David Peet, FAC Regional Representative for Region 7, has ordered three 18"x36" banners for the side of the agility set and one 3'x6' banner to hang overhead.

Carol Osborne, our Feline Agility Competition (FAC) Coordinator for the Ringmaster/Attendant Training Program, Rules & Regulations and Scoring Procedure, has contacted a vendor who is interested in using the logo for t-shirts which hopefully will be available for the National Capital show to start with. National Capital will kick off the use of the new logo.

We have added more good people to our Committee. There is a good deal of talent in the cat fancy and we are tapping into it. Currently the following committees have been set up:

CFA Feline Agility Competition (FAC) Technical Advisor on equipment, obstacles, agility ring set up and awards – Wayne Mull.

*CFA Feline Agility Competition (FAC) Coordinator – Ringmaster/Attendant Training Program, Rules & Regulations, Scoring Procedure – Carol Osborne.
Photography Credits : Dave Peet, Mary Jane Tesdall, Steve Baylus, Cynthia Linner.*

Film Editor: Bob Zenda

Preliminary web site Wanda Martin with Carol Osborne

Assisting with information on FAC. Preliminary web site www.cfafelineagility741.com

CFA Web Page : Karen Lawrence

Wanda will be working with Karen Lawrence to move all the information over from our temporary web site as it is better to have everything under one tent. Allene Tartaglia has also contributed in designing the FAC entry form as has Carol Osborne with official FAC scoring and sign up sheet.

Karen Lawrence modified the agility logo showing the 3 red, white and blue cats to use on the CFA Show Schedule Website for shows having the agility competition which was a great idea.

The Rules & Regulations for FAC have taken a great amount of time and effort completing the job. Carol Osborne along with Wayne Mull, Wanda Martin, Carmen Martino and Kim Everett-Hirsch gathered suggestions from exhibitors who helped put this preliminary set of rules together.

FAC Show Scheduling: FAC Regional Representatives will be responsible for keeping track of what shows in their area are scheduling FAC formats with their shows or any special FAC only shows. It is the responsibility of all CFA clubs who schedule FAC formats to advise Allene Tartaglia of the CFA Central Office of this so she can include them in the CFA Show Listing. We

have asked the FAC Regional Reps to also provide Allene Tartaglia with a list of all this FAC shows in their region to double check she receives all the information.

FAC Regional Representatives:

Region 1 – Doreann Nasin
Region 2 - Kim Everett-Hirsch
Region 3 - Becky Carazzone
Region 4 – Wayne Mull
Region 5 – Barbara Reimer
Region 6 – Mary Newmarch
Region 7 – Dave Peet
Region 8 - tba
Region 9 - tba

FAC agility cage & equipment vendors:

Region 1 – Doreann Nasin
Region 2 – Andy Sperry
Region 3 – Houston Cat Club
Region 4 – Wayne Mull
Region 5 – Carmen Martino
Region 6 – Mary Newmarch - tba
Region 7 – Dave Peet
Region 8 – open
Region 9 – open

Ringmasters:

Wayne Mull – Kentucky
Karen Mull - Kentucky
Jay Collins – Oregon
Carol Osborne – Virginia
Wanda Martin – Maryland
Doreann Nasin – Conn.
Terri Zettler - Florida
Bonnie Smith - Ohio

Trainee Ringmasters:

Carmen Martino – California
Denise Christianson – New Jersey
Marge Smith – Pennsylvania
Charlene Smith – Florida
Mary Newmarch – Wisconsin
Becky Carazzone – Texas

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *We request the CFA Board's approval of the FAC Logo(s) designed by Kelli Cajigas for use only by clubs affiliated with the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*

Kusy: I don't like the way the tails stick up into the CFA logo. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Kusy** voting no.

2. *We recommend that the CFA Executive Board of Directors enlist their Marketing Committee to market the FAC logo(s) for advertising and other products, crediting Kelli Cajigas for the use of her logo designs.*

We ran a test t-shirt using the logo which Cats Closet made up for sale at the National Capital show and all 100 sold out. 13 of the shirts were donated by Cats Closet who also sponsored the FAC Agility ring. 3 of the shirts were provided to show committee members. Test t-shirts using the logo will also be available for sale at the IAMS Cats New York show and the CFA International Show for sale which were the other two shows to test the logo out.

The CFA Executive Board's approval is needed before any other clubs can use the logo for shirts or other products as well as : Would the clubs be able to keep the proceeds from the sales or would CFA require a portion of the sale?

Withdrawn.

3. *We recommend that the CFA Executive Board allow CFA only Feline Agility Competition (FAC) shows be held by CFA clubs.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. *We recommend that the CFA Executive Board allow FAC "boot camps" which are utilized for training sessions be listed in the CFA Show Schedule.*

DelaBar recommended we hold off until we describe "boot camp". **Withdrawn.**

5. *We recommend that the CFA Executive Board authorize the use of the CFA Feline Agility Competition (FAC) Rules & Regulations.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. *We recommend that all shows holding the FAC format include information in their show fliers regarding agility competition and use the approved CFA FAC entry form as stated in the FAC Rules & Regulations.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

7. *We recommend approval by the CFA Executive Board to allow the use of the FAC Sign in and Score Sheet and Scoring System for Agility.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The CFA Feline Agility Competition (FAC) is still in the trial stages which will require further refinement to fine tune it so this new format will be uniform throughout CFA shows. The results thus far have proved very promising for this fun event which provides a venue for both pedigreed and non-pedigreed (HHP's) to compete on a different level than in conformation classes. Wins in FAC classes are based entirely on how a cat runs the course and not on its physical beauty. Exhibitors of nearly all ages can compete in this class with their cat(s). Not only is this new class fun but the publicity can and has drawn large attendance to watch this new event. It's just as much fun watching the exhibitors run their cats through the course as it is watching the cats themselves.

We respectfully ask for the CFA Executive Board's support to continue with this new format and it is our hope to broaden the scope of the program once all the bugs are worked out to where class competition can include runs for beginners, intermediate and advanced. The possibilities are limitless. We are also looking into trying different types of equipment out. Joan Miller suggested some obstacles that go up as cats love to climb. We are working on that now.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kim Everett-Hirsch, Chairman
CFA Feline Agility Competition (FAC)
Committee*

(32) **SHOW SCHEDULE COORDINATION.**

Show Schedule Coordination Liaison Debbie Kusy presented the following report:

I have been busy getting things going with the national scheduling committee since the creation of this committee and my appointment as chair. My initial goal is to establish a central scheduling system for CFA shows. I have set up a bulletin board system for the committee members on a username/password required website. All seven regional directors in the United States have signed up and gotten logged into the site. Additionally, regional schedulers from two of our regions are also participating. At the suggestion of Pam DelaBar, Terri Zettler is participating as a committee member in addition to the regional directors.

This bulletin board will serve as a central repository for show scheduling discussions among the actual show schedulers. By having all of the information regarding new show requests and upcoming show date changes in one place, regional directors and their show schedulers can be armed with information on what is happening across CFA with show scheduling before approving/disapproving new shows or new dates.

We are also in the initial stages of discussing criteria for show date approval. While I initially thought this could be a set of national criteria, it seems like our regions are so vastly different from coast to coast that there is not a “one size fits all” set of criteria. I plan to help the regional directors get regional criteria set up for each of the regions that do not have this already and to establish a basic set of national criteria.

Action Item: *Request that the board approve the following procedure for new show scheduling and existing show date/location changes.*

All new requests for show dates and changes to existing traditional shows in location or date should be routed through the regional director and national show scheduling chair. From the date of receipt of the request, there will be no more than 10 calendar days for research and discussion regarding this new show/date. After this time, the club requesting the show will be advised of the outcome. If a show is approved, the regional director or his designee will notify Central Office and the club. If a show is not approved, the national scheduling committee chairman (with the regional director) will work with the club to find a more suitable date.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gina Lehman
National Scheduling Chairman*

Kusy: If the show is approved, the regional director will notify Central Office and the club. If the show is not approved, the national scheduling committee chairperson, with the regional director, will work with the club to try to find a new date. **DelaBar:** We’ve got to have control. **Johnson:** The regions all have guidelines. We have a 500 mile rule. It doesn’t have to be in my region for me to say a show isn’t viable. **Johnson** moved to accept the action item. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Angell moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(33) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

HEARINGS:

Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

05-016 *CFA v. Crutcher, Sheila*
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY on both counts. Recommends sentence of one year suspension of all CFA Services and a \$1,000 fine.

APPEALS:

Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

04-047 *CFA v. Easterling, Joni*
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY on both counts. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.