

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6/7, 2007**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Saturday, October 6, 2007, via teleconference. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present after a roll call:

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)
Mrs. Kay Janosik (MWR Director)
Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)
Mrs. Yayoi Satoh (Japan Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Not present due to various medical obligations was **Mr. Robert Molino (Director-at-Large)**.

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Ms. Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, and Ms. Akemi Makita, 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.

No corrections to the June, 2007 minutes having been submitted, **Angell** moved to accept the minutes as published. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
1.	Angell (to Executive Committee)	Cancel our hotel reservation for the October Board Meeting and instead conduct the October meeting using electronic teleconferencing.	Motion Carried.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
2.	Anger (to Executive Committee)	Cleveland Persian Society to award 1-5 breed awards in Maine Coon kitten, championship and premiership classes at their show on October 13/14, 2007. The additional breed awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Carried.
3.	DelaBar (to Executive Committee)	Roses for Felines (Region 4) to hold an out-of-region show in Shepherdsville KY (Region 7), in the same location as they have held it since 1999. The show date is October 20, 2007.	Motion Carried.
4.	Anger (to Executive Committee)	Darrell Newkirk and Kenny Currle have submitted to the Judging Program a request to guest judge for a new Russian organization called International Cats Union. Information was submitted by the group. Darrell will be discussing with the group the possibility of becoming a CFA club. A motion for a one-time provisional acceptance of this guest judging assignment was made, due to the unique situation.	Motion Carried.
5.	Angell	Motion to allow an appeal on a protest by the complaining party where the accused party has already fulfilled the penalty/punishment prescribed by the CFA Board of Directors.	Motion Failed. Eigenhauser, Molino, Kallmeyer and J. Watson voting yes. Satoh and Miller did not vote.
6.	Anger (to Executive Committee)	Ratify privacy policy statement that explains how CFA collects information online, what we do with it, and how people can opt out of having their information stored in our records.	Motion Carried.
7.	Anger	Adopt following resolution: Resolved: The Cat Fanciers'	Motion Carried. Satoh and Miller did not vote.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
		Association, Inc. (CFA) and its associated entities will not now or in the future use the name “Purebred Rescue” in any of its endeavors. The corporations now known as CFA Purebred Rescue will change its name so as to delete the initials “CFA,” and said corporations and its associated entities will not in the future use the initials “CFA” or any trade name or trademark of The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. in any of its endeavors.	
8.	Janosik	Motion that a letter be sent from the Chair of the Clerking Program to Ray Edwards asking for an explanation for his performance as entry clerk and master clerk at the Mo-Kan show 8/11-12/07. If there is no valid reason, medical or otherwise, for the club and/or judges not getting their paperwork in a timely manner, then he is hereby put on notice that if the CP Chair gets another complaint it could result in the suspension of his Master Clerk license and the ability to entry clerk for shows	Motion Carried. Miller, Calhoun and Satoh did not vote.
9.	Anger (to Executive Committee)	China Cat Fanciers' request for a format change from 2AB to 4AB. A guest judge, Jan Van Rooyen, has been added to the judging slate.	Motion Carried.
10.	DelaBar (to Executive Committee)	Feline Society of Malaysia/Borneo Cat Club show will not be bringing in a judge for their BOB. They want to use the contracted judges and are requesting the following judging. Top 5 highest scoring kittens Top 5 highest scoring champions Top 5 highest scoring premiers	Motion Carried.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
		They will choose 3 judges from the Friday & Saturday show to judge 5 kittens, champions and premiers, and pick 2 out of 5. The six cats will then compete for BOB by judges' vote. These cats will not be scored for national/regional points.	
11.	DelaBar (to Executive Committee)	Lewis & Clark LH Specialty Club request for a format change for their December 1-2, 2007 show from 8 AB to 7 AB/1 specialty.	Motion Carried.

Eigenhauser moved to ratify the on-line motions. **DelaBar** called the motion. **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, 2007 through August 31, 2007

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Total Assets (primarily cash): *Key cash reserves are higher than year ago due to the investment of the CICC sponsorship dollars.*

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services: *Income from registration continues to decline at a rate of 11.7% in total.*

Other categories that provide perspective that have experienced significant changes when compared to the same period last year include the following:

- *Transfer of Ownership (total) unfavorable - 8.5%*
- *Championship Confirmation unfavorable - 7.7%*
- *Club Dues/Application Fees unfavorable - 34.9%*
- *Breed Council Dues favorable – 11.6%*
- *Certified Pedigrees unfavorable – 9.4%*
- *Registration from Pedigree new category (mostly foreign) ~ \$7,740*

Overall, revenue from Ordinary Income was down 6.7% for the first four months of the fiscal year compared to prior year.

Yearbook and Almanac:

The Yearbook is performing ahead of last year with a 24% increase in revenue. This is primarily due to an increase in the sales of prior volumes and adjustments to shipping and handling.

Both the revenue and expense contributions from the Almanac are declining as the print version of this publication is being phased out. The eAlmanac is up in revenue approximately 13%. Although this is good news the revenue from the eAlmanac will not offset the staffing levels currently in place.

Marketing Income

The sponsorship dollars from IAMS for CICC have been received and are included in the Marketing schedule. This occurred earlier than last year and has increased compared to prior year, therefore the year on year comparison is not relevant.

Central Office

- *Salaries have increased and are consistent with approved salary increases.*

- *Depreciation building, furniture, printing equipment, data processing equipment and auto are rolled up and reported as depreciation building. This was a recommendation by the auditors and our accountant. The roll-up category will be renamed depreciation.*
- *Utilities are unfavorable to last year - 31%*
- *Building insurance is favorable – 25%*

Overall Central Office expenses are approximately 13% higher than last year. This is largely driven by depreciation which is now a summary category in this schedule.

Computer Expenses

In this schedule as reported computer expenses are down significantly to prior year because in prior years this schedule captured Depreciation – data processing equipment. Comparing the two years without considering depreciation in this schedule, the difference (this year to prior) is unfavorable.

CFA Programs

This schedule is down compared to last year, primarily driven by website maintenance. Last year outside contractors were paid for past work. Annual meeting expenses were unfavorable to last year. Breed council expense, show supplies and Winn Foundation expense are favorable to last year by more than 55%.

Corporate Expense

Corporate expense is down compared to last year driven by a reduction in professional fees.

Legislative

The legislative spending is tracking to budget.

Net income for the total period being reviewed is very much driven by the early IAMS sponsorship dollars for the CFA-IAMS Cat Championship which in this reporting period had minimal expenses to offset that revenue. Considering revenue and expenses without the impact of the IAMS sponsorship the net income stands at a loss of approximately \$23,000.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Calhoun: My position was to look at the financials as if the CICC sponsorship money had not come in. I didn't want to give a false read on the financials, because we don't have expenses yet. **Johnson:** Another thing that would help us get a better fix on where we are is to look at the financials through our budget. Are we on track or not? That will give us a better sense of the financials than just a comparison to last year. **Calhoun:** That would give us a better picture of where we thought we would be. Those points of reference are very valid, because when you compare to budget, you are comparing to how well the Financial Committee called it. When you take both pieces of information – what happened last year and what you predict will happen – and look at the whole picture, then you get a better idea. You need both points. It's

important how you perform year on year, and it's important how you perform compared to what your plan is. **DelaBar:** These stats only go to the end of August. Everything may not have been picked up in time by the auditor or by our CPA to get it to the treasurer, but that puts our year to date in a much better light than minus \$23,000. One of the reasons we wanted to bring in extra marketing income is because we knew registrations were falling and we would never get to the status we were back in the early 90's. This was done to be able to continue to offer our programs.

DelaBar: The Board had talked with the Breed Councils about seeing what programs that they could come up with within their breeds to pump up registration. I have yet to see any kind of program come forth by any breed council secretary to get out there and to push registration.

Wilson: I have heard from several Breed Council Secretaries about a competition for increasing registrations. They would like more frequent feed-back than the information we provided in June on the number of pre-paid registrations and the number of actual kitten registrations. I have been asked if we could provide that monthly or quarterly. We need some benchmarking. **White:** It has come to my attention that breeders realize the on-line litter registration exists, but a lot of them don't understand how it works. We should start educating people about how easy and quick it is to register litters. **Krzanowski:** I suggest a user's guide published on the CFA website about how easy on-line registration is. Right now, we only have information on the secure section of the website. If we illustrated how easy and quick it is, perhaps more people might take advantage of it. **Kallmeyer:** On-line registration would certainly help drive our cost structure down.

DelaBar: My buzz phrase has always been, "every pedigreed cat deserves a birth certificate." I'm going to keep pushing this line in my eAlmanac President's messages. Maybe the board needs to think about getting a real competition going among the breeds. **Johnson:** I would like to see "every pedigreed cat deserves a birth certificate" on the front page of our website, with a link to the on-line registration. That's going to be a more global audience than the on-line Almanac. It should become a slogan, and we need to really push that as many places as possible. For the people that are registering their kittens already, that's like preaching to the choir. We need to get to the other folks that aren't registering all their cats and make it a very integral part of our slogan. **J. Watson:** We can also promote that to the breed magazines or newsletters. **Janosik:** One of our targets should be the general public. There is still a large percentage of CFA breeders that do not provide registration slips. We should try to reach those people that might come to our website for information and see that it is important for their cat to have a birth certificate.

Wilson: We should look for an incentive to encourage people to register kittens. It's two-fold - the breeder who we would encourage through the breed council or the web site; and a kitten owner who may buy a pedigreed kitten and may not realize that it's important to have a registration or birth certificate. **Eigenhauser:** We need to frame this in a positive way if we are going to do something along those lines.

Calhoun: Do we want to have some dialogue about registering all the kittens in a litter?

DelaBar: Some people still believe that they can't register everything because then it will kick in a mandatory inspection of their cattery. I'm going to have Linda Berg revisit the numbers and see how we would change it. **Miller:** I don't believe that making any changes in the mandatory inspection would make a bit of difference. It's a low number that hasn't changed for many years. The numbers that are changing are the people that have one or two litters a year. They have dropped dramatically. We're not getting new people in. **DelaBar:** That was a push I had, to

replace ourselves. **Miller:** We should study other parts of the country where we have little or no activity. We need to actively go into some of these areas and see if we can't get some interest.

Wilson: A year ago in Detroit, we had that brainstorming session with talk about raising fees for services. Every organization and company raises their fees, usually on an annual basis.

Do we need to raise our registration fees? **Calhoun:** We have traditionally seen that we don't increase our net revenue when we increase our fees; rather, we have fewer people registering.

DelaBar: Why don't you come up with a proposal for fee increases or restructure at the February board meeting? **Janosik:** On-line registration is less labor intensive, so we could look

at only raising the price of a registration by paper and keeping the on-line registration lower since it incurs less cost. **Baugh:** We need to see what it is costing us to do a registration. We certainly don't want to be losing money on them. Second, the format for dog registration offers many options for programs that are offered, such as microchipping and health insurance, followed up with a monthly email. We need to look at marketing ourselves, because it will help us with revenue.

J. Watson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(3) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Club Membership Chair Kay Janosik presented the following club applications for approval, reserving the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: Kay Janosik

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Victory Cat Club application is still pending with no response to multiple communications.*

Janosik: We have made several attempts to correspond with the club and have gotten no response. I move that we accept the application of Victory Cat Club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

- *Addition of a new question regarding disbursement of funds was added to the Club Membership Application. The new question appears on three of the five applications submitted and is included in my summary of those three and identified with a “*”.*

Current Happenings of the Committee:

Five clubs are up for consideration at this time: one from British Columbia, Canada; two from Japan; and two from the International Division, South Korea and Poland. This shows steady growth throughout CFA, in particular, the Japanese and International Divisions.

<i>Region Two:</i>	<i>West Coast Cat Club</i>
<i>Region Eight:</i>	<i>Japan Tonkinese Cat Club</i>
	<i>Kyoto Skylark Cat Club</i>
<i>International Division:</i>	<i>Seoul Cat Club – South Korea</i>
	<i>Dream Cat’s Club – New Division – Poland</i>

WEST COAST CATS CLUB

Region Two – Northwest Region Director – Mr. Richard Kallmeyer

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Fifteen members*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club*
- *All officers hold different addresses*
- *All members reside in British Columbia except one*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Have plans to incorporate*

Club interests:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- Intend to produce a yearly show
- Plan to become involved in public education, research and rescue. These efforts will be supported through fundraising and involvement in a Pet Expo.
- Plan to provide an online pet placement program.

*Please indicate plans for disbursement of funds in the event that the club disbands: Funds will be disbursed to a No Kill shelter located in British Columbia.

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- Plan to hold one, two-day show per year in either Vancouver or Victoria

Additional information: This is a very enthusiastic group of cat fanciers located on the west coast of Canada who are coming together to promote CFA shows and standards in their area. They are exploring show locations, fundraising projects and the possibility of setting up a rescue program. They have sought advice from experienced CFA members who are willing to advise and assist in these efforts. They are prepared to take the final steps necessary to host a CFA cat show upon approval of their application.

From the West Coast Cats Constitution:

- Objectives:
 - To encourage the breeding of pedigree cats to the Cat Fanciers' Association standards
 - To promote showing pedigreed cats and household pets.
 - To promote interests in, and knowledge of cats through education.
 - To cultivate friendship and common interests among the members.
 - To promote the welfare of cats.

As of this date, September 25, 2007, no positive or negative letters have been received. Approval or disapproval by the Northwest Regional Director – Mr. Richard Kallmeyer

Kallmeyer: We used to have 5 shows a year in western Canada. We have had zero for the last 7 years so we need something to get us going again and this is a good start. **Janosik:** They are an enthusiastic group who is excited about promoting CFA shows and the standards in their area. They have very ambitious goals and will be guided by experienced CFA individuals to hold a CFA cat show if their application is approved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

JAPAN TONKINESE CAT CLUB
Region 8 – Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- Twenty members
- The Vice President and the Secretary share the same address; all other officers have different addresses.

- *Six members belong to another CFA club, one member belongs to two other CFA clubs; other clubs include: Ganba Kobe Cat Club, Sunflower Cat Club and Ruban D'or Chat Fanciers.*
- *All members reside in Japan.*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No answer given.*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Tonkinese Breed Club status*

Club Activities:

- *Hold a show and support exhibitors to attend show.*
- *Hold seminars for breeders and exhibitors.*
- *Promote to spread Tonkinese in Japan.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *Once a year we would like to hold a show in Nagoya, the middle of Japan.*

Additional information:

We had no show in Nagoya, middle area of Japan for the past 6 or 7 years. We would like to hold show in Nagoya if possible. We live in the middle area of Japan and there is only one club in Shiga now. Exhibitors from Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and other areas will be able to attend show in Nagoya pretty easily. The club would like to promote Tonkinese to the cat fanciers.

From the Japan Tonkinese Cat Constitution

- *Objectives:*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigreed cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

As of this date, September 25, 2007, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Ms. Yayoi Satoh

Satoh: I am in favor of this club. **Miller:** This is supposed to be a club in Nagoya. However, it appears that the club officers are not only members of other clubs in the Tokyo area, but it doesn't seem that they are even from Nagoya. **Janosik:** It is to be a Tonkinese breed club which would have their shows in the Nagoya area. **Johnson:** One of the things that we have talked about in the past is that we don't like to see several people with the same address running the club. I get concerned when we use the show location as a criteria for approving a club because that doesn't give us any indication of where that club is going to move in the future or what is really going to happen to it. **Wilson:** For future club requests, I would like to see the number of existing clubs in each region and the number of shows in each region. That information would help us make the right decisions. **DelaBar:** Could you work up visuals on

that? **Johnson:** I need to provide the board with the latest data on regional number of clubs and shows. **Janosik** moved to accept this breed club that is asking to hold shows in Nagoya. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

KYOTO SKYLARK CAT CLUB
Region 8 - Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty members*
- *The Secretary and Treasurer reside at the same address; all other officers have different addresses.*
- *One member belongs to another CFA cat club, the Osaka Philocat Society.*
- *All members reside in Japan.*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No answer given.*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- *Hold cat show and seminars in Kyoto*
- *Support for rescue cat*
- *Participate in cat shows as exhibitors*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *About once a year or a year and half are going to hold show in Kyoto.*

Additional information:

We have over 40 shows in Japan every year, however most of shows are held in Tokyo and Yokohama (Kanto area). We had no CFA show in Kyoto past several years. We would like to hold show and come to join us and enjoy beautiful Kyoto. We wish exhibitors in Kansai area (Osaka, Kyoto and other city) will be able to attend more many show easily.

From the Kyoto Skylark Cat Constitution

- *Objectives:*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigreed cat to the standard of CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

*As of this date, September 25, 2007, no positive or negative letters have been received.
Approval or Disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Ms. Yayoi Satoh*

Satoh: This club doesn't have enough experience to have a cat show. I am investigating right now. **Janosik:** I would like to remove my motion that this club be approved at this time, and I would like to move that the discussion for the Kyoto Skylark Club be tabled until the February board meeting. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

SEOUL CAT CLUB
International Division – Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty members*
- *The President, Vice President and Secretary reside at the same address; the Treasurer and directors have different addresses.*
- *Two members are involved with other clubs. One was Treasurer of Corea Cat Club and the other was the Web Master of Corea Cat Club.*
- *All members reside in South Korea*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed status. (They listed Persian, Exotic, Siamese, American Shorthair and Abyssinian.)*

Club activities:

- *Will work with Corea Cat Club to help expand Korean cat culture.*
- *Hold cat show to let people know about the standard of cat.*
- *Hold many-sided seminars and events.*

*Please indicate plans for disbursement of funds in the event that the club disbands:

Disbursement of our clubs funds (including membership fees) will be making a contribution for foundation which helps to abandoned cats or studies of feline.

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing and the city or cites where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *About twice a year with 2 to 4 rings, will make sure that the club will observe CFA Standards and Show Rules.*

Additional information:

None furnished.

From the Seoul Cat Constitution

- *Objectives:*
 - *To encourage the breeding and improvement of purebred cats, both long and short haired.*
 - *To hold cat shows and seminars.*
 - *To promote animal welfare.*

*As of this date, September 24, 2007, no positive or negative letters have been received.
Approval or Disapproval by International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

L. Watson: The International Division Chair recommends that we accept this club.
Janosik: They have plans to work with another club and expand the Korean cat culture.
Kallmeyer: I had dinner with this club last August, and the officers of the other Korean club also recommended them. They are great people, very young, very aggressive. They want to grow the fancy in that area. The two clubs want to cooperate with each other. **Janosik** moved to accept the Seoul Cat Club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

***DREAM CAT'S CLUB—~~New Division~~
International Division – Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk***

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Seventeen members*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club.*
- *The President and Secretary share the same address; all other officers have different addresses.*
- *All members reside in Poland.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Will be incorporated by July 2008*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Promote CFA standards actively among Polish Breeders.*
- *To do website, have discussion forum and meetings.*
- *Plan to organize and hold two CFA shows per year.*

**Please indicate plans for disbursement of funds in the event that the club disbands: Referred to Constitution, Article 8, Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any property and assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of CFA. In no event shall any such property or assets be distributed to any member of the organization, or to any private individual.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Poznan – a perfect location for exhibitors from Poland and the Western Europe and Krakow or Katowice – location good for exhibitors from both the Western Europe and Ukraine. All the cities have good tourist accommodations and are attractive for tourists.*

Additional information:

None furnished

From the Dream Cat's Constitution

➤ Objectives:

- Popularize The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) among the Polish breeders of pedigreed cats.
- To promote the welfare of cats in general.
- To promote the breeding of pedigreed cats to the standard as accepted by CFA.
- To promote and provide information and education on CFA procedures so that members can fully participate in all CFA activities.
- To sponsor and/or organize and produce cat shows held under the auspices of CFA.
- To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers and cultivate friendship and common interests among members.

As of September 15, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or disapproval by International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

L. Watson: The International Division Chair recommends that we accept this club.
Miller: It appears that this is a club that belongs to another association that is wanting to be CFA but continue with the other association. Is it a problem?
DelaBar: The club is coming over from the other association.
Wilson: They specifically say that this is the CFA division of an existing club, which is apparently a club in the other association.
L. Watson: This is not unusual. For example, in Russia, Nika Feline Center is also affiliated with another association. They put on the CFA show one day, and a show with the other affiliation on the next day. It's possible that that would be the same with this club.
Janosik: They are looking to promote CFA in an area where the other association is the only organization available to them.
Miller: Why are they calling it "New Division"?
Krzanowski: The guidelines and rules for new clubs state that the name of the association may not be part of the club's name.
Eigenhauser: I'm not really comfortable with this kind of shared identity between clubs in two associations, even though they may be sister clubs with overlapping membership in a small area where there is only a finite number of exhibitors, where people are going to cross-register and cross-show. This club needs to have its own identity if it wants to be a CFA club.
Tartaglia: My only objection to the club name is that we do not use "- New Division" as part of the official club name.
L. Watson: If they had not included their affiliation with the other association in their application, we would have known nothing of it. I don't feel we should penalize this club because they have not changed their name from what it was in the other association.
Janosik: They are seeking name recognition instead of a new name that no one would recognize, so they can bring those breeders into CFA. There is no CFA recognition in Poland.
Shaffer: Is there any conflict with our Constitution that clubs can or cannot be affiliated with multiple associations?
DelaBar: Only for seating delegates.
Shaffer: I would be happy to just let the name be Dream Cats and drop the "- New Division".
Janosik: So moved.
DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Johnson and Wilson voting no.

Future Projections for the Committee:

Review new club applications as they arrive.

Action Items:

Voting on the five clubs outlined in this report:

- *West Coast Cat Club*
- *Japan Tonkinese Cat Club*
- *Kyoto Skylark Cat Club*
- *Seoul Cat Club*
- *Dream Cat's Club – New Division*

Time Frame:

October Board Meeting

What will be presented at the Next Meeting:

All new club applications.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Janosik, Chair*

Club Criteria/Analysis Chair Kay Janosik presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Kay Janosik*
Liaison to Board: *NA*
List of Committee Members: *Mary Jane Tesdall*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The voluntary Club Activity Report program has been continued and the completed forms now come directly to me from the CFA website.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The current Club Activity Report is being reviewed to determine if there may be a need for improvements, updates or the need for additional information, such as club historical data.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Continue the study of all CFA clubs by location. Consult with Peg Johnson and Jay Lehman to explore the development of the map of CFA Clubs by region, state and city or address of secretary/general "area" of show.*
- *To have access to this information prior to implementation of a mapping program, we will explore the usefulness of a simple list or spreadsheet containing the information listed above.*
- *Continue the development of an entrance and exit strategy plan for clubs.*

- *Begin gently reminding club members to submit their Club Activity Reports.*

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The Club Activity Summary Report

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Janosik, Chair*

(4) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

International Division Liaison Liz Watson gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Darrell Newkirk*
Board Liaison: *Liz Watson*
Committee Members: *Liz Watson – Europe Liaison; Robert Zenda – Asia/Latin America Liaison; Michael Schleissner – Elected European Representative; Fund Manager Europe – Peter Vanwonderghem; Fund Manager Asia/LA – Rarteo Lo; Wilson Ng – Elected Asia/LA Representative; Rob Loot - ID Clerking Liaison; Alenka Unk - ID Legislative Liaison; Manfred Pszak - Europe show Scheduling; Vera Chan - Asia/LA Show Scheduling; Rob Loot/Henny Wintershoven - ID Website; George Cherrie - Sister Club Liaison*

Recent Happenings in the International Division:

Europe Liaison Report: Liz Watson

- *Many exciting things are happening in the European Division, not the least of which is the desire to become a region in the CFA family. To that end, Peter Vanwonderghem is working on setting up a treasury for the Division.*
- *Thanks to Anna Tuvo who was able to find a show hall and date for her October show. This is the kick off for the European show season with sixteen shows planned before May, 2008.*
- *Grand Spanish Feline Club will be putting on their first show in Madrid, Spain on October 20-21 of this year. This club is CFA's first presence in Spain. It is a back to back six ring show and we wish them much success.*
- *Cat Friends of Germany hosted the European Divisions International awards show and banquet on July 14-15 in Hamm, Germany. Congratulations to all the Divisional winners.*
- *A huge congratulation to Rob Loot who deservingly won the Spotlight Award. Rob continually works for the Division as webmaster, entry clerk, master clerk, & lead cheerleader.*
- *I have been in contact with Manfred Pszak regarding shows on the same date. Some are unavoidable but we will be working together to try and ease the problem.*
- *Both Nike Feline Center (sponsored by Hills) and Chatte Noir (sponsored by Royal Canin) clubs in Russia are putting on six ring shows. Rolandus Union International in*

the Ukraine continues with their eight ring shows which are again sponsored with the help of Royal Canin. Many thanks to these sponsors for their continued support of the cat fancy in Europe.

- *There has been some concern raised regarding Europeans attendance at the Hong Kong show. As it stands now, Russia & Ukraine are considered class 3 countries. Therefore, it is not possible to show in these countries and then show in Hong Kong within a six month period. I'm sure that the people in the Asian Division are working toward future resolutions.*

Respectfully submitted

Liz Watson, European Division Liaison

Asia/Latin America Liaison Report: Robert Zenda

The Asia/Latin America section of CFA's International Division continues to move forward at full speed ahead! Since the CFA Annual Meeting, eight clubs have hosted Championship Shows, one Junior Showmanship competition was held, two clerking schools were conducted, a Breed Orientation Seminar was presented and the CFA Ambassador Program has been aggressively marketed at several shows. In addition, 11 more shows are now licensed or planned before the end of the 2007-08 show season and two more clerking schools are planned. We now have 14 licensed clerks in the Asia/LA America Division with several more very close to completing their requirements.

Following is a listing of club events and accomplishments and a preview of what is already on the planning boards for the near future:

Jul 7, 2007 Feline Society of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) Cat Show: 4AB-DelaBar, Morgan-Blythe(G), Newkirk, Zenda In addition to the prominent presence of the CFA Ambassador Program presence at the show, the China Great Wall Cat Club hosted a display of two ancient native Chinese Breeds, the China White and the Li Hua Mau.

Jul 8 2007 Feline Society of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur): 2nd Asia Division Awards Banquet accomplished with style and class featuring traditional dancers & a grand entrance with everyone outfitted in traditional garb. Awards were presented by Pam DelaBar (CH), Newkirk (KIT), Zenda (PR) & Wilson Ng (Breed) and the event Master of Ceremonies was Miss Malaysia. Dr Moonya Akmal, President of the Feline Society of Malaysia presented CFA with a beautiful Malaysian batik cat painting. It was accepted on behalf of CFA by President DelaBar).

Jul 15, 2007 Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore Cat Show: DelaBar, Zenda, Nagayama, Maeda

Jul 22, 2007 Cat Fanciers' Club of Thailand (Bangkok) Cat Show: 4AB-Zenda, Nagayama, Maeda, Shimada

Aug 18, 2007 Philippine Cat Lovers' Society Breed Orientation Seminar: Becky Orlando, Instructor

Aug 19, 2007 Philippine Cat Lovers' Society Cat Show: 4AB- Orlando, Harding, Hayata, Ueda.

Aug 24, 2007 Singapore Cat Club Clerking School: Yayoi Satoh, Instructor

Aug 25, 2007 Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club Clerking School: Dick Kallmeyer, Instructor

Aug 26, 2007 Singapore Cat Club Cat Show: 4AB-Satoh, Barnaby, Ueda, Williams

Sep 1, 2007 Hong Kong Shorthair CC Cat Show: 4AB-Auth, Ueda, McIntyre, Rothermel

Sep 15-16, 2007 China Cat Fanciers Cat Show (Beijing, China): 4AB-Bizzell, Orlando, Harding, Van Rooyen(G)

Oct 21, 2007 Formosa Top Show Cat Club Cat Show (Taiwan): 1AB-Tamura

Nov 10, 2007 Hong Kong Cat Fanciers' Club Cat Show: 4AB, 1Spec-Myers, White, Helmrich,, K. Lawrence, Lyons (LH/SH)

Nov 11, 2007 Thailand Cat Fanciers Cat Show (Bangkok): 4AB-Y Takano, K Takano, Hayata, Raymond(G)

Nov 17-18, 2007 Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society Cat Show: 4AB-Veach, Trevathan, Anger, DelaBar

Nov 17, 2007 Royal Cat Club (Vladivostok, Russia): Rick Hoskinson, Instructor

Nov 18, 2007 Royal Cat Club Cat Show(Vladivostok, Russia): 2AB-Hoskinson, Ueda

Nov 23-25, 2007 Feline Society of Malaysia (Additional Sponsor Borneo Cat Club) Cat Show: CH-6AB, 2Spec, Kit/PR-7AB, 1Spec, BOB, JS, Agility: Everett-Hirsch(AB/BOB), B. Moser(AB/BOB), Rothermel(AB/BOB), Watson(AB), U'ren(AB), TBA(AB), Ayers(LH/SH-CH; AB-Kit/PR), Vanwonderghem(LH/SH/JS)

Dec 8-9, 2007 China Purepet Club 1st Cat Show (t) (Beijing, China)

Dec 15-16, 2007 Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Society Cat Show: 7AB, 1Spec, JS Breed Showcase: Jacobberger, Miller, Hawke, Satoh, Zenda, Newkirk(AB), DelaBar, Vanwonderghem(LH/SH), Tamura (Breed Showcase) .

Feb 16, 2008 Exotic & Persian CC Cat Show (Hong Kong): 4AB-TBA

Mar 22-23, 2008 3/22-23(P). PROC, HONG KONG, KWUN TONG: Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club Cat Show (Kwun Ton): 4AB-Maeda, Nagayama, Baugh, Black.

Apr 3, 2008 Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society Clerking School: Bob Zenda, Instructor

April 4-5, 2008 Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society Cat Show: 4AB-Zenda, TBA, TBA, TBA

July 2008 – Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore – 3rd Asia Division Awards Banquet & Cat Show) 4AB-TBA

One controversial issue that does require consideration by the CFA Board of Directors is the number of points required to complete Grand Championships and Grand Premierships in the Asia/Latin America Division. As the record will show, there are an increasing number of one-

show Grands being completed, primarily in Hong Kong because of the larger shows hosted there and larger numbers of Champions and Premiers than we see elsewhere in the Division. I recommend that consideration be given to increasing the number of points required only in Hong Kong to 125 for Grand Champion (from 75) and to 50 for Grand Premier (from 25) beginning with the 2008-09 Show Season. The data does not support increasing these point requirements in any other country in the Asia/Latin America Division.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Zenda
CFA International Division Liaison for Asia*

New Club Applications:

This meeting we have two new club applications for the International Division. First, we have The Dream Cat's Club – New Division Przeclaw, Poland. We also have for consideration Seoul Cat Club from South Korea.

Mr. Zenda sent the following in regard to the Seoul Cat Club application:

I recommend that the Seoul Cat Club be accepted for membership in CFA. Two of the officers of this club have had considerable experience as members of another club located in South Korea and are familiar with CFA Show Rules and processes.

Approval of this club will provide an opportunity to expand knowledge and CFA and our pedigree cats in South Korea's largest city.

*Bob Zenda
CFA International Division Liaison for Asia*

Spotlight Award Winners:

Congratulations to Rob Loot (Europe) and Russell Law (Asia/LA) for their selection as the spotlight award winners for the 2005-2006 show season. Both of these fine gentlemen are extremely hard workers promoting and helping to advance CFA in their respective areas of the International Division.

ID Funds Managers:

We have appointed Peter Vanwonderghem (Europe) and Rarteo Lo (Asia/LA) are the persons to head up the Divisional funds accounts. We still have not arrived at a name for the committee members, but hope to have that nailed down soon. They will set up a fund much like the regions have here in the U.S. Peter is working on getting this set up and we will report back to the Board when his work is completed.

Future Happenings:

President Pam DelaBar, Mr Robert Zenda and I will be judging the Hong Kong Cat Lover's Society show in December. We have planned a meeting with the AFCD officials on Monday after the cat show.

Special Thank You:

The members of Cat Friends of Germany and the members of Feline Society of Malaysia hosted their respective shows and award banquets for the 2005-2006 show season. Both of these clubs have extremely hard working members and their efforts paid off handsomely. I was honored to judge both of these shows and can tell you that both clubs deserve accolades for their outstanding achievements in producing great shows and wonderful awards banquets. On behalf of all the breeders, exhibitors, award winners and committee personnel, we THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Action Item:

Amend the show rules to require 125 pts for Grand champion and 50 pts for Grand Premier for Hong Kong ~~shows~~ residents.

*This report is respectfully submitted by,
Darrell Newkirk, Chair
CFA International Division Committee*

L. Watson: This is for shows held in the city/island of Hong Kong. **DelaBar:** Not only shows held, but would it mean that the people residing in Hong Kong would need 125 points to Grand Champion and 50 points to Grand Premier? **L. Watson:** Yes. They have a quarantine. I will put that in the form of a motion, that we amend the show rules to require 125 points for Grand Champion and 50 points for Grand Premiers for Hong Kong SAR residents.

Eigenhauser: In the past, we have had a two-tiered system. You either meet the number of points that we have set now for the International Division, or you meet the number of points that we have for the mainland. Now we are creating a third set of numbers. I'm not sure we should be customizing grand points for every particular area. We should leave them at 200/75 and 75/25.

Kallmeyer: There is a significant difference in exhibitors at the shows in Hong Kong versus the rest of Asia. Hong Kong will have several shows with very generous entries. It's not ready for 200 based on number of shows, but certainly exhibitors at one show. **Tartaglia:** Every time we do something like this, it further complicates the grand scoring system and we have to do program changing. The process of scoring grands is much more complex than national and regional because of all these exceptions we have, and you are adding another exception.

Johnson: We're more global than we have ever been and it's getting confusing. **Kallmeyer:** Part of the problem applies to the rules for quarantine. There is a limit to cats that can come into Hong Kong to be shown. If you live in mainland China, Thailand or the Philippines, you are barred from quarantine. **Shaffer:** We need to address Show Rule 9.03.c. regarding the ratio for a cat that is shown there but belongs to someone residing somewhere else. What percentage is going to apply? **Eigenhauser:** We're going to need two conversion formulas; one to convert from the 200/125, another one to convert from the 125 to the 75 if we're going to have a three-tier system. This needs to be thought through a lot more. **Kallmeyer:** It needs to be laid out a little more explicitly. **Wilson:** I would like to see some numbers. The report says there is an

increasing number but what are we talking about? What's being shown? How many are there? What are their counts? We could make better decisions with more data. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

L. Watson: I would like to publicly thank Loretta Baugh for helping collect rosettes for the International Division. She has continued to do that and I wanted to express my appreciation.

(5) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Roger Brown, DVM

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

No past activity.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- 1. Visited DNA Diagnostic Center in Fairfield, OH.*
- 2. Visited Shelterwood Laboratories in Timpson, TX.*
- 3. Evaluation of both Laboratory's DNA Programs*
- 4. Evaluation of staff, equipment, and capabilities of each Laboratory.*
- 5. Evaluate each Laboratory's ability to perform paternity/identity, genetic disease prediction, and coat color and length profiles.*
- 6. Recent events required last minute minor revisions to my report.*

DNA DYNAMICS

The CFA Board of Directors voted in February to approve a contract between CFA and DNA Diagnostic Center (DDC), located in Fairfield, Ohio. Considerable time passed while DDC reviewed and completed their budget approval process for the design and implementation of the web site they were to host for CFA. In the meantime, CFA was contacted by another lab which offered new and exciting technology to execute a feline DNA program. The Business Development Committee asked that I visit both of the labs, and evaluate their feline programs, not only for identity, but also for the prediction of genetic disease and color profiles.

My first visit was to DDC in Fairfield, Ohio. At the time of my visit in mid-August the CFA contract had not yet been signed with DDC. DDC struck me as a good, dedicated organization housed in a large modern brick building. A major portion of their business consists of human forensics. For this reason, many areas were off limits to me. Chain of custody involves strict requirements when dealing with evidence.

There are two primary methods for evaluating DNA. These are STR (short tandem repeats), and SNP (single nucleotide polymorphisms). DDC lab uses STR's which they call single satellite points. This technology is more efficient when dealing with a high throughput of human samples for human forensics and human identity-paternity testing.

DDC primarily uses tetra-nucleotide repeats in humans. These repeats are easier to read because they have fewer mutations. In the feline, di-nucleotide repeats have the lowest mutation rate, but are not as easy to read. This results in complicated interpretation and can produce

poor consistency when reading results. The more inbred the cat, the more STR's that must be used to achieve identity. To summarize, the feline DNA does not lend itself to efficient interpretation using di-nucleotide STR's. Other repeats may be used, but they require more lab time since they may have to add additional panels to achieve identity.

The DDC sample collection kit uses cotton cheek swabs to collect DNA samples.

At the present time the DDC Lab is offering two tests.

(1) Identity-paternity fingerprint

DNA Profiling	Analysis of DNA microsatellite markers to identify the unique feline genotype using a primary panel of markers	\$40
Extended DNA Profiling	A secondary panel of additional unique markers is sometimes needed for differentiation among very closely related individuals	\$30
DNA Parentage	Comparison of an offspring's specific microsatellite markers to those of the parents to confirm parentage.	\$20/litter

(2) PKD (Polycystic kidney disease)

PKD Testing	DNA Testing for Polycystic Kidney Disease among Persian, Himalayan, Exotic, British Shorthair, Scottish Fold, and Persian-related cats	\$35
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As you can see, these tests are each priced individually. DDC has promised more tests in the future, but is unable to offer a specific time-line.

My second visit was to Shelterwood Laboratories in Timpson, Texas. This lab uses the second primary method of evaluating DNA (Single Nucleotide polymorphisms), called SNP's as a nickname. DDC uses Short Tandem Repeats commonly called STR's or single satellite points. Shelterwood Laboratories works in conjunction, and is partnered with The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of the Texas A&M University System ("TAES").

TECHNOLOGICAL MAGIC

Just imagine being able to send your cat's hair sample to a laboratory, and receive a report within a couple of weeks that provides an identity/paternity fingerprint as well as an up to date genetic disease and color profile. Does this sound like science fiction? No, the electronics and nanotechnology fields at MIT have very recently provided the scientific community with a machine that has these capabilities. It was validated at John Hopkins and is now in use there. As a matter of fact, up to 48 cats per assay, 3 assays per machine can be run in ten minutes. 144

cats can be tested at one time in one machine. 64 SNP tests can be run simultaneously on the same sample. Thousands can be tested in one day. Some of these tests have been around for many years, but this machine makes them affordable to almost everyone.

*This technological magic may be one of the most exciting DNA breakthroughs since the sequencing of the human genome. CFA has the opportunity to have exclusive access to this space age electronic miracle for all registered pedigreed cats **WORLDWIDE**. We would have the exclusive right to market a DNA package not only through CFA, but also to all other registries. In addition, this package of tests will be offered to ALL random bred Domestic SH/LH cats whose owners wish to have their DNA and health information.*

The system used by Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System (“TAES”) is SNP technology (Single nucleotide polymorphisms). SNP tests are not new. They have been around since the 1990’s, but they were so time consuming that scientists were about to give up on the process. The technological magic that has just been invented rapidly processes and reads SNP tests with accuracy that approaches 99.9 %. This is done within seconds and eliminates the need for human interpretation of test results.

Four systems (at the time of purchase) existed in the United States. Shelterwood Laboratories in Timpson, Texas /A&M University System (“TAES”) owns one of the four. They also have the only provisional patent issued for the use of this system in animal DNA evaluation. Shelterwood Laboratories is owned by Dr. Melba Ketchum, a veterinarian who is in a very close working relationship with Texas A&M University. She has worked with Dr. Gus Cothran, a clinical professor with the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, since the 1980’s. Dr. Cothran was at the University of Kentucky until two years ago when Texas A&M recruited him. Together they have done a great deal to pioneer blood typing and DNA studies for many of the horse registries. The point I am making is that they each have more than 25 years experience working with registries. Their learning curve to work with a feline registry would be very short. Dr. Ketchum also does both human and animal forensic work, and is on call as an expert witness throughout the United States.

Shelterwood’s DNA panel will initially include the following:

- (1) Identity/paternity fingerprint*
- (2) Mucopolysaccharidosis MPSM (lysosomal storage disease)*
- (3) Mucopolysaccharidosis MPS1 (lysosomal storage disease)*
- (4) Polycystic Kidney Disease*
- (5) HCM (hypertrophic cardiomyopathy) Ragdoll*
- (6) HCM Maine Coon*
- (7) Albino*
- (8) Cinnamon-Red*
- (9) Siamese points*
- (10) Burmese points*
- (11) Chocolate-Brown*

In the very near future, tests for hair length, hip dysplasia, other colors, and even patterns should be added as new SNP tests are developed. With a modest amount of research money, tests

for immune system defects could even be added. Up to 64 new tests can be run with no added cost to CFA or the owner. About 50 of the original test would be needed for the identity/paternity fingerprint profile. Extreme inbreeding may require more than 50 tests to achieve an identity/paternity profile.

Additional colors, diseases, and performance genes are now being mapped. SNP technology allows endless addition of trait and disease tests. Because the tests are evaluated by the computer, there is a diminished chance for errors, and the turn-around time in the lab is short. Each sample is bar coded when it enters the lab, and is anonymous to everyone but the owner. Privacy of client medical records is strictly enforced at Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System ("TAES"). DNA material left after testing would be split and archived at both Shelterwood Laboratories and Texas A & M.

A few short months ago it would have seemed impossible to say that CFA could offer the breeder a method of planning a mating that will reduce genetic disease by disclosing hidden carriers, and allow the breeder to predict colors possible in progeny of the selected parents. Using this lab and SNP technology will allow scientific selection of partners!

Reading the completed DNA report will be very simple. There will be a paternity/identity profile, and a genetic disease profile. The owner of the cat will be able to see if both parents carry a disease trait or just one parent. In other words, you will know both homozygous and heterozygous. Hidden traits will be uncovered to take some of the guesswork out of selecting breeding animals.

Kitty Angell, Roeann Fulkerson, and I visited Shelterwood Laboratories Aug. 28th. We had in-depth discussions with Dr. Melba Ketchum and Dr. Gus Cothran. I was able to spend an extra day with Dr. Ketchum watching the lab handle samples, and exploring scientific technique with their equipment. We were all impressed with their dedication to their work, the equipment they were working with, and their staff.

CFA is the largest and most respected pedigreed cat registry. It is only fitting that we should lead the way using the newest DNA technology to maintain our reputation as the most credible registry worldwide. These same tools can be used to reduce genetic disease, predict colors of progeny, determine coat length, and uncover hidden carriers of undesirable traits.

CFA entering into the contracts with Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System ("TAES") will have the opportunity to pioneer the use of DNA for identity, genetic disease reduction, and color selection. Many of us dream of CFA as the world's first registry to use feline DNA technology. This is now a possibility.

Fred Jacobberger has reviewed and approved the contractual agreements between CFA and Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System ("TAES"). This are the same contracts that were ratified by the board with DDC in February. The specific financial terms will be disclosed in closed session.

We choose the parents that will bring kittens into the world. SNP testing for multiple genetic diseases may just be the Holy Grail that will allow breeders to reduce feline suffering from diseases that do not have to be present in this world of ours.

I recommend Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System (“TAES”) to CFA without reservation.

Future Projections for Committee:

- 1. Search for new DNA tests that can be added to the present profile.*
- 2. Implement the addition of these new tests to our present testing array.*
- 3. Inform and educate CFA breeders and exhibitors about the value of utilizing DNA tests for identity and their breeding programs.*
- 4. Education for the proper submission of samples to the laboratory.*

Action item:

- 1. To ratify the contractual agreements between CFA and Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System (“TAES”)*

Time Frame:

ASAP

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- 1. An update on the DNA project*

*Roger Brown, DVM
Director-At-Large
CFA Scientific Advisory Committee*

Brown: The Business Development Committee asked me to visit two DNA labs. The second lab that I visited was Shelterwood Laboratories, and I saw things there that literally took my breath away. They had a machine that would run 64 separate DNA tests on the same sample in a period of seconds. The machine can do thousands of samples in one day with 99.9% accuracy. The machine does all the work. DNA requires interpretation and it literally takes human error out of the equation. At the time this system was purchased, there were only four in use in the entire world. Shelterwood Laboratories owns a provisional patent on this equipment to test animal DNA. They have offered CFA an exclusive to use their testing equipment to market DNA testing to all pedigreed cats worldwide and throughout all registries. We can also market this test to other people over the counter. This would tie in with the shelves that we are using for the CFA-registered toys, for people that have pets that want additional DNA information, as well as an identity fingerprint on their animals. Shelterwood Labs has pioneered work in blood typing and DNA for many of the horse registries, so they have more than 25 years experience of working with registries. The test that they are offering us would include an identity and paternity

fingerprint, as well as the tests listed in the report. Markers are being developed that will involve tests for hair length, hip Dysplasia, other colors and possibly patterns. These 64 tests can be run simultaneously on the same cat from the same sample and soon this will be increased to 128 tests. The tests that they run are medically confidential. CFA exhibitors and breeders choose the parents that are going to bring kittens into the world. This testing will allow us to scientifically pick those parents and we can avoid multiple genetic diseases that will save a lot of feline suffering. There are diseases that don't have to be present in this world of ours. The technology that we are dealing with is SNP technology – S-N-P – and this stands for single nucleotide polymorphisms. It has been around since 1990. It was so time-consuming, and interpretation was so difficult that scientists put on hold this entire system of examining DNA until this machine was developed. We have seen the lab, we have talked to the scientists, we watched them do their work and certainly I for one have never been so impressed by something that is brand new and available. The sample that we will be sending in will simply be hair samples and we have a method of collecting these hair samples that is very easy. It's not painful and it will allow material for the tests, as well as material to go into two separate DNA banks – one at Shelterwood and one at Texas A&M.

Miller: Would there be any link to the ISAG – the International Society of Animal Genetics – so that samples could be used by scientists? [NOTE: **Miller** subsequently visited the Sherwood Laboratories and discovered that they very proudly announce their connection with ISAG International.] **Brown:** The amount of genetic material for use would be limited, other than the material used to develop new tests. It would not be shared yet. **Miller:** It would really be advantageous for us if there could be some kind of genetic counseling that would go with this program. **Brown:** This would be very helpful. There are a lot of things that can be placed on the CFA website and I would be more than glad to implement this. One of the most exciting things about SNP technology is it tells the person if they have a carrier. This test will show that, as well as colors. It allows for intelligent genetic selection. We can use science to select partners to pair together. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to hear a lot more about Shelterwood. I understand they have a good technology, but that does not guarantee it will be successful. Are they geared up to do it? Is their head in academia or in the business world? **Brown:** They have 25 years of experience working with registries. They know how to work with registries, they know our problems. The laboratory is supported by a large university and peopled by individuals that have experience with DNA and are pioneering SNP technology. We don't take this selection lightly. It is possible to collect hair samples from 10-day old kitten and get a genetic code with disease markers. We will have information on that kitten before it ever goes to another breeder. It is amazing how many problems this would solve. If this program becomes a reality, people that are buying breeding cats will demand a genetic profile, disease profile, color profile. It also allows us when we are placing kittens, to provide genetic assurance that we have tried to give them an animal free of genetic disease. I am convinced without reservation that this is the road we need to follow. Scientists are good about sharing data. If something they discover that is going to help animals, it will be shared. This is an unwritten rule in the scientific community.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the contractual and financial terms, **Brown** moved to approve the action item, to ratify the contractual agreements between CFA and Shelterwood Laboratories/Texas A&M University System (“TAES”). **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Miller abstained.

(6) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Acting Executive Director Allene Tartaglia gave the following report:

1. **Club Name Changes.**

- a) *Current Name:* Lakeside Cat Fanciers (Region 6)
Proposed Name: Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club
Other existing similar club names: None
Reason: The President of the club has moved to Southern Arizona and, in an effort to “get the area going again by putting shows on in the Tucson area” they wish to change the name of the club to something more appropriate to the locale. Any shows will be considered out-of-region and require the approval of the Midwest and Southwest Regional Directors. The soonest this club could be reassigned to the Southwest area is in 5 years.

Shaffer: The club secretary now resides in the Southwest Region. She wants to activate the club and make it a Region 5 show-producing club. This club is going to sponsor a show in May of 2008, which will be the Southwest Regional fundraising show. I hope that you all vote for this change. **Baugh** moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Current Name:* Persian Fairies Cat Club (Region 8)
Proposed Name: Cat Walkers Japan
Conflict with existing club names: None
Reason: The number of club members breeding shorthair cats is increasing and they would like to rename the club to better reflect its allbreed membership.

Satoh had no comments. **Eigenhauser** moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- c) *Current Name:* Pounce ‘N’ Paw Cat Fanciers (Region 2)
Proposed Name: The Fresno Cat Club
Conflict with existing club names: None
Reason: To promote a positive relationship and support within the city of Fresno and surrounding communities.

Eigenhauser moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- d) *Current Name:* La Paz Cat Club (Region 5)
Proposed Name: Hawai’i Hulacat Club
Conflict with existing club names: None
Reason: The club has been “transferred” to Hawaii from California and the current name has no relevance to its new Pacific Island home. The club members will be able to more

effectively represent and promote the cat fancy to residents of Hawaii with this new name.

Shaffer: I recommend the change. The secretary and the entire club membership is in Hawaii and they are hoping to put on or co-sponsor a show. **DelaBar:** I recognize Wayne Park's strong influence in this club and its history. **Eigenhauser** moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Club Membership Conflict.** *Compadres de los Gatos and Hillcrest. Two sets of delegate forms and duplicate club fees were presented for the 2007 Annual for Compadres de los Gatos and Hillcrest by different groups of 'members.' The Credentials Committee handled the matter regarding the seating of a delegate and they voted that the groups involved in the dispute (for both clubs) failed to name new officers in the manner required by the CFA Constitution. They did not have signatures of all the existing officers, and some of the signatures they did have were from individuals who were not eligible to name new officers. The Credentials Committee ruled ballots submitted by the clubs to be ineligible and did not seat the delegates from either group. The committee felt the presidents and secretaries were not legally appointed/elected and therefore, they were not eligible to sign the delegate forms or ballots.*

The committee dealt only with the legality of the delegate forms and ballots. They did discuss the standing of both clubs and felt it was not in their realm of responsibility to determine the fate of the clubs, i.e., whether they are considered not in good standing and/or dropped from membership. They felt that unless the Board specifically assigns them the task of making that determination, their responsibility ended with their decisions related to the ballots and delegate forms.

Action Requested: *Resolve the issue by either determining the proper slate of officers/membership for the clubs or resolve the matter in some other fashion.*

Shaffer: We have two different sets of identical slates of officers and club members that were submitted to CFA for each of these clubs. Both of these clubs, prior to this problem, had the secretary and treasurer as an individual who was suspended a year ago. The Credentials Committee determined that the clubs were not eligible to vote. We understood that to mean that they were not eligible to be clubs. At the June meeting, I spoke to some members of both groups and suggested that perhaps what they should be doing is applying for new club status and retire these clubs. My interpretation was that both of these clubs were in agreement with this concept and that is my recommendation. I move that Compadres de los Gatos and Hillcrest are no longer recognized clubs and that they can reapply if they so desire. **Kusy:** Have they paid their current dues? **Shaffer:** Both groups paid dues for 2007 so their dues would need to be refunded.

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

3. **Litter Application – Limit Number of Breeders.** *There is a 30 space limit for a breeder name on an application. In most instances, this is sufficient. However, we are seeing more and more applications being submitted listing numerous breeders. In most instances, the lease section of the litter application is completed so the formal ownership of the dam is not changed. The practice of including 3, 4 or more names as breeder on a*

litter application seems to increase as the deadline for Breed Council membership approaches. Including so many names requires abbreviating first and last names to the point where the names are unrecognizable. Although the field size for breeder name could be increased, consideration needs to be given to how much information can be printed on a registration certificate. If the amount of information printed on the certificate increases, then the size of the certificate will need to be increased, the certificate redesigned and software reprogrammed. There will be additional costs to produce the blank certificates and mail the completed certificates. The time may come in the future when a complete redesign of all registration certificates is appropriate and expanding field names at that time could be considered. In the interim, a limit to the number of breeders on a litter could be considered. Or perhaps disallow 'leased' breeders as qualifying for the purposes of Breed Council Membership similar to how we disallow the use of a breeder name which was added after the original registration of a litter.

Action Requested: Restrict the number of breeders permitted on a litter or disallow 'leased' breeders as qualifying for Breed Council membership.

Tartaglia: I'm suggesting that we limit the number of breeders to be listed on a litter application to 2 or 3. **Eigenhauser:** My suggestion would be if we are going to cap it, we should make it at least four because if you've got two catteries with a couple in each cattery, four would seem like a reasonable number. I move that we restrict the number of breeders permitted on a litter to four. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Kusy, Baugh, Satoh, Eigenhauser, Wilson and White voting yes.

DelaBar: There is a 30 space limit for a breeder name on the application. **Tartaglia:** We have to abbreviate names to the point we don't recognize who the person is. **Angell:** I feel like it takes only one person to put a tom and queen together. Therefore, even though there might be multiple owners, the person that actually did the breeding should be listed as the breeder. **Johnson:** I agree that we're getting into the situation where we're seeing multiple ownership on cats for various and sundry reasons, and all co-owners are not normally involved in the breeding of that cat. We're getting into these consolidated kitties where they are owned by dozens of people. **Calhoun:** You are limited to 30 spaces, and that is the official breeder of record on that cat. The breeder should figure out how to manage those 30 spaces. **Tartaglia:** I will withdraw it. If there situations come up that are excessive, I will bring them to the attention of the board as an example and we can look at it then. I will gather examples and bring them to the board at a later date.

4. **Litter with Multiple Sires.** *(Tabled from June 2007 meeting). There are infrequent instances when a litter is the result of more than one sire, and CFA's policy has been to register the litter with only one sire. The breeder must choose which sire to list. I believe there was a discussion several years ago at the Board level that CFA consider accepting more than one litter application and listing different sires. We are unable to find the formal reference to this and I'm fairly certain the Board never officially passed this policy. Now that we have DNA testing available, do we want to consider the option of registering separate litters for the same birthdates and dam but with different sires if the DNA testing can verify the parentage?*

Action Requested: consider a policy change to allow a litter to be registered with different sires if substantiating DNA evidence is provided.

Anger suggested adopting a policy similar to AKC, who has had the registration of multiple-sire litters in place for some time.

6. **Annual Meeting Site Selection.** *As many of you are aware, one of my ongoing responsibilities for many years has been to work with the regions in the search for an appropriate site for the Annual Meetings. This process has required travel time for me to see the viable options. There is very little cost to CFA for this purpose as the hotels and the Convention Visitor's Bureau in the applicable area pay for mostly all expenses, with the exception of airport parking on my end. However, I believe my presence in the office as much as possible is a priority and I propose this responsibility be turned over to the regions effective with the selection of the 2014 Annual Meeting (selected at the 2009 Annual). For the past several years, I have been working with Pat Zollman at Helms Briscoe, the global leader in meeting procurement, to narrow down the options. Pat contacts all the CVB's and hotels to ascertain what options are available to us and she helps negotiate the final contract. There is no cost to CFA for this service and, due to Helms-Briscoe's huge buying power, Pat is able to obtain rates equal or less than what CFA has been able to obtain on their own. I am confident each region has qualified people to take charge of the selection process. I think it is important to continue with Pat Zollman's involvement and I will provide guidance whenever needed.*

Action Requested: Task the regions with leading the Annual Meeting site selection process effective with the selection for the 2014 Annual Meeting.

DelaBar: This will allow Allene to focus her attention elsewhere and cut down on travel expenses. **Baugh:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The following items are informational. No specific action is being requested.

7. **CO Personnel.**

Overtime: *We are on schedule with reducing overtime by year-end. Please note there may be instances in the future when overtime will need to be authorized due to unexpected absence from the office of an employee and the need to cover their workload, and this type of situation will be closely monitored (e.g. illness beyond a day or two).*

Resignation: *Marion Donohue will no longer be with the company effective 9/28/2007. She is retiring to pursue other interests and to spend more time with her family. Marion has been with CFA for 9 years, and as most of you know, has been efficiently and accurately handling club matters and other areas such as Breed Council balloting, business card and stationery orders, club dues reminders and delegate forms. We are carefully reviewing Marion's job responsibilities to see where we can streamline in hopes of reassigning the majority of her job to other employees and not hiring a new staff member at this time. Fortunately, Marion has agreed to come in on an "as needed" basis to help out with some of the larger mailings she has always done for us. I will keep you*

posted on this matter.

Tartaglia: Marion is continuing to work for the Winn Foundation a couple of hours a week. The CFA Board of Directors wishes to thank Marion for her 9 years of service to the organization, and we wish her well.

8. **Roof Repair.** *The roof repair is completed and I'm pleased to report there have been no leaks so far and there has been a good amount of rain. Once we get through the winter season with no leaks, I'll feel comfortable in starting some interior work to repair damaged ceiling tiles and wallpaper.*
9. **Employee Manual.** *James Watson contacted me in August offering his assistance in formalizing/creating a CFA Employee Manual. I'm hoping we will both have the time in November and December to work on this and have the project finalized by the February Board Meeting.*

(7) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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

Committee Chair: *Rachel Anger – Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight*

List of Committee Members: *Norman Auspitz – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; File Administrator; Judges' Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)*
Carla Bizzell – File Administrator
Ellyn Honey – Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Trainee Administrator
Becky Orlando – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)
Neil Quigley – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School
Donna Jean Thompson – Domestic Trainee Administrator
Annette Wilson – File Administrator
Bob Zenda – Judges' Education (Workshops, Judges' Test)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank You Messages: *The Judging Program has received notes of appreciation from George Cherrie, Arie Groenewegen, Marjorie Collier, Dennis Ganoë, Anne Mathis, Holly Ayers, Jeff Janzen, Teresa Keiger, Kathy Calhoun, Cathy Dinesen and Jim Dinesen for their recent advancements.*

Dropped from Program: *The Judging Program is sorry to announce that, following a one year leave of absence granted in June 2006, Stephen Gardea has been dropped from the Judging Program.*

Resignations: *Following an executive session discussion, Approved Shorthair Judge Kazuko Kurokawa and Approved Allbreed Judge Kenji Takano have been transferred to the status of “not accepting assignments at this time” and the requests to resign tabled.*

Leave of Absence: *The Judging Program has received a request from Allbreed judge Richard Hoskinson for a one-year leave of absence commencing December 15, 2007 and ending December 15, 2008.*

Action Item: *Grant leave of absence.*

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Breed Awareness and Orientation School (BAOS): The Midwest/Great Lakes Region Gala on November 17/18, 2007 will host the CFA BAOS (formerly known as the Judging School). Interested parties may contact Allene Tartaglia at Central Office for registration details.

*Morning Session: Introduction and Judging Program Application: Norman Auspitz
Morning Session: Cat Coat Colors and Patterns: Pat Jacobberger*

*Afternoon Session: LH Breakout: Pat Jacobberger
Afternoon Session: SH Breakout: Norman Auspitz & Jeri Zottoli*

Saturday Laboratory Session (tours) will start at 11:00 a.m. and will last about 3 hours. CFA approved allbreed judges will guide the tours and concentrate on the appropriate specialty. We expect to have 3-4 groups of 3-5 students for each group.

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>
Mary Auth	Catz Inc	Nine Lives Cat Club	New Zealand	5/11/08
Darrell Newkirk	GCCF	Companion CC	Victoria Australia	4/26-27/08
Darrell Newkirk	Int Cats Union	Int Cats Union	Moscow, Russia	12/2/07
Ken Curre	Int Cats Union	Int Cats Union	Moscow, Russia	12/2/07
Vicki Nye	FIFe	Vastsvenska Kattklubben	Gothenburg, Sweden	9/13/08

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

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	12/107
Irina Kharchenko	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	12/1/07
Victoria Pohvalina	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	12/1/07
Jan Van Rooyen	SACC	China Cats	Beijing, China	9/16/07
Cheryl Uren	CCCA	Borneo Cat Club	Borneo	11/23/07
Allan Raymond	FCCV	Thailand CF	Bangkok, Thailand	11/11/07
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	10/13/07
Rod Uren	CCCA	Singapore Cc	Singapore	8/26/07

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

Advance to Apprentice:

Makoto Murofushi (LH 1st Specialty) 18 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Sharon Powell (SH 2nd Specialty) 18 yes

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Marsha Ammons (SH 1st Specialty) 18 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Vicki Abelson 18 yes
Edward Maeda 18 yes
Beverly Wood 18 yes

Action Item: Approve advancements, as presented.

Action Item: Adopt the following proposed Judging Program Rule changes:

Rule #	Old Wording	New Wording	Rationale
V.A.4.3.	Trainees in Japan and the International Divisions must do at least two sessions in the United States. These sessions may be a week apart to minimize expenses. The last Supervised Color Class and the first Solo Color Class is highly suggested.	<p>Trainees in Japan and the International Divisions must do at least <u>complete</u> at least two sessions in the United States <u>working with judges from the United States</u>. These sessions may be a week apart to minimize expenses. The last Supervised Color Class and the first Solo Color Class is highly suggested <u>completed in Japan or the United States</u>.</p> <p><u>Trainees in the International Division, Europe, must complete two sessions working with judges from the United States. These sessions may be completed in Europe or the United States.</u></p> <p><u>Trainees in the International Division, Asia/Latin America, must complete two</u></p>	At the time this rule was accepted, the number of cats shown in Japan and Europe was small. This is not the case today. With the rising costs of airfare, hotel and other expenses, does it seem fair to ask our Japanese and International Trainees to incur such high expenses when we don't ask the same from the US Trainees?

Rule #	Old Wording	New Wording	Rationale
		<p><u>sessions working with judges from the United States.</u> <u>These sessions may be completed in Japan, Asia or the United States.</u></p> <p><u>If these sessions are completed in the United States, they may be held a week apart to minimize expenses.</u></p> <p><u>It is highly suggested that the last Supervised and first Solo sessions be completed with Judges from the United States.</u></p>	

Anger: This addresses trainees in Japan which allows a little more flexibility for them. The cats in Japan are now of excellent quality. Our U.S. judges will get a good snapshot of how the Japanese trainees are doing. This change will allow the Japanese trainees to save some money and not spend so much time over here training in the United States. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

VIII.I.1-4 (reletter existing I.-N.)	[insert]	<p><u>I. 1. Satisfactory completion of the bi-annual Judges' Test with a score of 85 or higher is a requirement for relicensing.</u></p> <p><u>2. Judges receiving a score of less than 85 must be retested with an alternate test within 90 days of receiving the original test results, with a score of 85 or higher. Retests are subject to a re-take fee equal to the licensing fee, which is due with the licensing fee.</u></p> <p><u>3. If the retest score is less than 85, the judge will complete a Refresher Course.</u></p> <p><u>4. Tests postmarked after the deadline will be subject</u></p>	Currently, the judges' test has no pass or fail, no time deadline or even a requirement that it be turned in. Because the intent of the test is educational, minimum guidelines should be set forth.
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		to a fee equal to the licensing fee, which is due with the licensing fee. A judge who has failed to return his/her test shall not be relicensed.	
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Anger: This is a rewrite of a previous proposal pursuant to a board request to come up with a methodology for scoring the judges' test. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Future Projections for Committee:

Preparation and administration of the 2008 Judges' Test.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

(8) **ANIMAL WELFARE/PUREBRED RESCUE/BREEDER ASSIST.**

Animal Welfare Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Linda Berg
Liaison to Board: Kay Janosik

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

With the continued growth of CFA Breeders Assistance and Breed Rescue I am referring a lot of the smaller cases that should fall under BAP rather than Animal Welfare. My scope is still Animal Control cases, 75 kittens and people with numerous complaints.

Current Happenings of Committee:

I have received my 75+ kitten report for February thru August. There were only two catteries on the list, both of them never having had an inspection. All others are not letting theirs lapse.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue the current expansion of Breeders Assistance/Breed Rescues role in/with Animal Welfare.

Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg, Chair*

CFA Breeders Assistance/Breed Rescue Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Linda Berg
Liaison to Board: Kay Janosik
List of Committee Members: Pam DelaBar, Dru Milligan, Betty Haden, Paul Patton, Sue Gleason, Sonya Coulson, Donna Balestrieri, Tammy Roark, Elizabeth Rymph, John Bierrie, Lorraine Shelton, Charlene Campbell, Warren Joubert, DVM, Tom M. Bankstahl, DVM

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

It has been a very busy few months. Our regional groups are getting new volunteers to work on Rescue and on Breeders Assistance. Our Coordinators have been busy constantly since June and have done a tremendous job of taking care of all the rescue cats coming our way. We are not transporting but taking care of them in their own areas with fosters or individuals who have gone in and gotten them and found them forever homes.

We are doing large assists/rescues also and so far all have been done with few catches. We should be very proud of all of our CFA family who stepped in to help in these situations!

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are holding fundraisers such as 50/50 raffles at many shows across the country. We are having our fliers published in as many show catalogs as we can. We will be at Day in the Park in Los Angeles in the CFA Booth on September 15th and would like to be in the booth in NY also and believe we have a volunteer lined up.

We have purchased with donations three laminators which we will use as fundraisers. I have attached a copy of a card we will laminate. It is in case of emergency card. You will carry it in your wallet if someone needs to be notified you've been injured etc and to go in and take care of your cats.

The increase in Breeder Assistance inquiries and new cases has tripled in the past few months. We have had some big cases and have accomplished what the program was designed to do. With these big cases and the fact it is all staying confidential I am confident we will see a steady increase and Animal Control should see less large intakes.

On that note, I have recently been getting calls from different officers I have met at conventions with Joan Miller. They want to know if we can help them with situations of large numbers of cats that are going to be confiscated. In several cases now I have told them about CFA Breeders Assistance and Breed Rescue. They have told the individuals they will not take the animals into custody if they will allow BAPBR to come in and get them. The breeders have agreed to make sure their cats do not have to go into a shelter/compound situation.

The AC officers have been very pleased to see us taking care of our own and that they do not have the large influx of cats/kittens to care for indefinitely. They obviously have been sharing info of our assistance because the calls are coming now from officers I have not met.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to expand our program. We need Rescue Coordinators so if the Regional Directors could ask for volunteers at their next Regional Meeting that would be great. Stress they do not need to do any rescue just coordinate with individuals/groups etc.

Get a list of rescues on the website

Get Guidelines completed for Rescue

We are making picture ID cards for our Regional Coordinators to prove they work for us. One of them was turned in for sick cats in the garage and the police would not believe the cats were just there to get well and would be going on to forever homes. They said, we have a badge; what do you have to prove who you are?

We sent the articles of incorporation. She is an officer on them and I sent a letter telling them she did work for us and they could call our lawyer Fred J to verify... she is legal for now but we will all have ID cards and CFA is going to print business cards also for these individuals.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Accomplishments to date.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Berg*

Janosik: The transition is going very well, and this program is working exactly like it was designed to. It has been proven that these cases can stay confidential, so if breeders need assistance, they should come to the Breeder Assistance Program. They have fosters, so the cats go directly into homes. They have had fund-raising efforts and are going to offer “in case of emergency” cards. **DelaBar:** Linda has done a phenomenal job in establishing this program from the ground up and has really found good people to work with. Thanks to Linda and everybody that is working with her.

(9) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #30).

Chair: *George Eigenhauser, Jr.*
Committee Members: *Chuck Reich; Betsy Arnold and Norman Auspitz (member and Judging liaison) (Japan liaison: Kayoko Koizumi; International Division liaison: Peter Vanwonterghem; Animal Welfare: Linda Berg; Legal Counsel: Fred Jacobberger)*

Action Item:

That the tentative ruling procedure for protests be amended as follows:

After the tentative CFA Board decision, the parties will be notified in writing of the results. If desired, the Respondent may request a full hearing, which would be held at the next regular Board meeting. The request must be made within 30 days of notification and a \$250.00 filing fee must be paid within the 30 days. The Complainant shall have no right to request a hearing.

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

(10) **SHOW RULES.**

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

Committee Chair: *Loretta Baugh*
List of Committee Members: *Peg Johnson; John Hiemstra*

Annual meeting: 428 votes: 2/3 = 287, 1/2 = 214

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<p>The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.</p> <p>SHOW RULES</p> <p>May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009</p> <p>EXHIBITORS, CLUBS AND SHOW OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO ALL REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE COUNTRY IN WHICH ANY CFA SHOW IS HELD.</p>
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Eigenhauser: I want to be careful that CFA does not become an enforcer of laws.
Jacobberger: This is a neutral statement. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Rule #	Old Wording	New Wording	Rationale
1.18b.	The VETERAN CLASS is for any male or female, altered or unaltered, not younger than 7 years on the opening day of the show that if the owner chose to, could otherwise be shown in the championship or premiership classes. Veterans are not eligible for any Best-in-Show awards other than what might be awarded to veterans only.	The VETERAN CLASS is for any male or female, altered or unaltered, not younger than 7 years on the opening day of the show that if the owner chose to, could otherwise be shown in the championship or premiership classes. Veterans are not eligible for any Best-in-Show awards other than what might be awarded to veterans only. <u><i>Cats entered in the Veterans Class are ineligible for competition in competitive categories (Championship & Premiership) at the same show.</i></u>	The intent of the Veterans class was for competition among veterans. Entries should not be permitted to also show in Competitive classes. The rule was slightly ambiguous. The clarification removes any doubt. Presented by Show Rules Committee.

The discussion indicated that in some parts of the country, Veterans were judged in all the rings and the regular classes, and in other parts of the country they are judged in one ring.
Baugh: The existing show rule is not specific as to whether an exhibitor can enter their cat both

in the Veterans Class and in the competitive category. **Miller:** I don't see any reason why an exhibitor couldn't show in both. The Veterans Class was never intended to be high competition. It was for fun and the recognition of mature cats that are still highly competitive. **DelaBar:** If they compete in both classes, no matter how the show is scheduled, a judge might have prior knowledge of the competition. That could be a problem. **Shaffer:** There's no way around that unless you have a different slate of judges doing the Veterans classes. **Johnson:** I would hate to see clubs lose the entries for people showing their Veterans. We don't have a lot of cats coming in for these classes, but I do feel that if they are at the show and people want to show them in the other rings, we should allow the clubs to get that income and have those extra entries. I don't think that we need to change this rule, especially without the delegation approving it. It's always been a one-ring event in my region. We need to promote this in a different way, because I think the clubs are missing an opportunity here. **Wilson:** If Veterans were in all the rings, that would mean they are being handled more times than the show rules allow. I'm not against the Veterans class – I just think they should pick one or the other. **Eigenhauser:** Do we really want these older cats to be on table 16 times during the course of the show? I see our core value as being the welfare of the cat. When a cat has been judged 16 times, is that really in the best interest of the cat? **Miller:** I can't recall a show where Veterans were in every ring. I have been the only judge handling Veterans, and I don't see why that couldn't be possible. Certainly I agree that they shouldn't be show 16 times a day. If there's only one Veteran's ring, I don't think it's a stress for the cat. **Shaffer:** When they are judged in all the rings, the Veterans are included in the total show count, so that's 10 less entries a club can take in the other categories. **Baugh:** Are judges supposed to get paid for judging the same cats twice? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Angell, Miller, L. Watson voting no.

<p>1.18f</p> <p>Note: This is presented in its entirety, as it was at the Annual. Rationale is the same for all sections 1.18f through 28.17</p>	<p>The HOUSEHOLD PET CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry not otherwise eligible. Household pets are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a disqualifying trait(s) as listed in the standard for that particular breed are eligible for entry in the Household Pet Class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. (See Article II - Eligibility for Entry.)</p>	<p>The HOUSEHOLD PET CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry not otherwise eligible. <i>Domestic kittens and altered cats who have been declawed are eligible for entry.</i> Household pets are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a disqualifying trait(s) as listed in the standard for that particular breed are eligible for entry in the Household Pet Class. <u>Declawed Pedigreed cats are not eligible for entry in Household Pet Class.</u> Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. (See Article II - Eligibility for Entry.)</p>	<p>Rationale for 1.18f through 28.17: Pet cat owners with a new interest in the cat fancy may not be aware of all the facts concerning declawing. Allowing domestic declawed cats to compete in Household Pet Classes gives these pet owners an opportunity to experience the cat fancy and to garner information from other exhibitors about declawing.</p> <p>Passed at Annual 235 yes, 184 no, 6 abstain</p> <p>Submitted by Carolina</p>
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2.09g	New section	<u>Declawed cats and kittens in Household Pet Classes.</u>	As most judges have 'looked the other way' when confronted with a
3.08	Any entry that is entered contrary to these rules will be disqualified in all rings by the show committee. The judge will disqualify any entry (including declawed cats and kittens and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles) entered contrary to these rules if such an entry has not previously been disqualified. The Central Office will disqualify in all rings and void any wins of any entry that is entered contrary to these rules should such entry not have been previously disqualified.	Any entry that is entered contrary to these rules will be disqualified in all rings by the show committee. The judge will disqualify any entry (including declawed cats and <u>kittens in non Household Pet classes</u> and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles) entered contrary to these rules if such an entry has not previously been disqualified. The Central Office will disqualify in all rings and void any wins of any entry that is entered contrary to these rules should such entry not have been previously disqualified.	Declawed Household Pet, these proposed show rule changes will solidify what is current practice. Note that declawed pedigreed cats are not eligible for entry in Household Per Classes.
10.01	Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 4.11), micro-chipping or, in the case of Household Pets, devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e. claw covers. (See paragraphs 11.11.01 & 28.10.)	Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 4.11), micro-chipping or, in the case of Household Pets, <u>declawed cats or those with</u> devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e. claw covers. (See paragraphs 11.11.01 & 28.10.)	
28.10	Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 4.11), micro-chipping, or in the case of Household Pets, devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e. claw covers. (See paragraphs 4.10.01 & 11.11.01.)	Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 4.11), micro-chipping, or in the case of Household Pets, <u>declawed cats or those with</u> devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e. claw covers. (See paragraphs 4.10.01 & 11.11.01.)	
28.17	a. The excessive use of white powder, or chalk, or the use of any colored powder, colored chalk, tints, color rinses or other artificial coloring or concealment media on a cat or kitten entered in a CFA show is strictly forbidden. The plucking of buttons or lockets; the use of any device, substance or chemical; e.g. tranquilizer, hormone, antihistamine, that will alter the natural actions or	a. judge will disqualify any entry entered contrary to these rules, including declawed cats or kittens <u>in non Household Pet classes</u> and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles, if such entry has not theretofore been disqualified.	Eliminate a,b,c, e for clarity

	<p>appearance of a cat or kitten, is forbidden. Evidence of such, as determined by the personal opinion of the judge, will result in the immediate disqualification of the entry.</p> <p>b. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten for a defect listed in the “Disqualify” section of the show standards for a particular breed or color.</p> <p>c. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that cannot be judged in the judging ring or that is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. (See Paragraphs 28.13c and 28.13d.)</p> <p>d. A judge will disqualify any entry entered contrary to these rules, including declawed cats or kittens and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles, if such entry has not theretofore been disqualified.</p> <p>e. When an adult male is disqualified for not having two descended testicles, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet “DISQ-UT” [undescended testicle(s)]. If the entry is disqualified for any other reason, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet “DISQ.” (disqualified).</p>		
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Baugh: This was passed at the Annual with 235 votes. It needed 287 votes for 2/3.

DelaBar: If CFA passes this, this will essentially terminate CFA in the international arena. This is something that is very serious and I feel it puts CFA in the wrong light when we’re dealing with animal welfare and animal legislation. It’s not just about getting more household pets in local shows.

Eigenhauser: I have two fundamental problems with this. The smaller problem is, they distinguish between pedigreed cats being shown in household pet and mixed breed household pets. If declawing is either good or bad, it should be straight across the board for anybody showing in household pet. It’s saying a cat with papers’ claws are more valuable than a cat without papers. The bottom line here is, declawing is not something we favor. Declawing is something we discourage. We have one way to express our displeasure with declawing, and that’s to not allow declawed cats to enter our shows. This board needs to stand up for what is an important value to CFA.

Miller: We have had an official position statement on declawing approved by the board 10 years ago. There is a definite feeling that this might bring more entries into the show. I think in this case that is being short sighted. The argument I recall hearing on the floor was to get the cats in the show hall and then we can educate. I cannot imagine people

starting to talk to those that have declawed cats and embarrassing them by saying, “we don’t like declawed cats”. The education aspect of this is really not feasible. There are parts of the country where declawing is considered routine, but on both coasts declawing is dropping down quite a bit as veterinarians don’t do it like they used to. But, the most important thing is what CFA says to the humane world. We have great respect for our early position for declawing, that it does not benefit the cat, and I feel that we would lose our position of respect around the world, as Pam has said, so I really strongly hope that this board will stand up for what is right. There is no way that we should be condoning this and I don’t think that education in the show hall is anything that will actually happen. **Johnson:** It’s not just about entries in the show hall. It’s about people being introduced to the fancy that have only declawed household pets at home. Our delegation was reacting to the aspect of more entries, and they were also trying to figure out ways to get people into the fancy. Clubs are having to turn away people with declawed cats, so those are the people that don’t have the chance to be involved with us. Maybe there’s other ways they could, but getting their kitty in the show is the way most of us got involved in the cat fancy, so I am very torn on this personally. **Calhoun:** This sets up two classes of animals. I just cannot condone this by any stretch of the imagination. **DelaBar** called the motion (as to the entire group of proposals). **Motion Failed.**

1.19c	The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office or filed with the show master clerk by the end of class judging on the first day of a two day show.	The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, <u>claimed on-line</u> or filed with the show master clerk by the end of class judging on the first day of a two day show.	Housekeeping. Presented by Central Office
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2.05	When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible for competition in that judge’s ring. a. This rule does not apply to shows in Hawaii or when a substitute judge officiates in a Best of the Bests competition. b. A cat or kitten not entered in a ring because the advertised judge is the breeder may be judged by a substitute judge in that ring. c. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten,	When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible for competition in that judge’s ring. a. This rule does not apply to shows in Hawaii or when a substitute judge officiates in a Best of the Bests competition. <u>b. This rule does not apply to shows where a Trainee is performing color classes. In the event a cat bred by a Trainee is presented to the ring the Trainee shall request not to handle the entry, stating it is inappropriate due to prior knowledge.</u> b. A cat or kitten not entered in a	Trainees are sometimes faced with a cat of their own breeding in the ring. We need to establish how they should handle this. With the rising costs of exhibiting, is it fair to ask exhibitors to skip a show, or ring, because an individual is color classing? What happens when an exhibitor arrives at a show and discovers the breeder of their cat is color classing?
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	<p>or the cat or kitten is owned by a member of his/her immediate family which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily “x’d” out of that judge’s ring.</p>	<p>ring because the advertised judge is the breeder may be judged by a substitute judge in that ring. c. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, or the cat or kitten is owned by a member of his/her immediate family which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily “x’d” out of that judge’s ring.</p>	<p>In this scenario, choice of entering or not is not an option.</p> <p>Trainees should not be placed in the position of asking people to whom they have sold cats not to exhibit at a show.</p> <p>The Committee offers two options: either to request not to handle, stating prior knowledge or to handle and assess it objectively and fairly.</p> <p>Presented by the Show Rules Committee</p>
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Wilson: I would assume that every trainee would be objective and fair, but I would also expect them to be able to handle situations where they can appropriately say that they need to be excused from handling an entry. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Miller, Shaffer, Kusy and J. Watson voting no.

<p>2.11</p>	<p>The show committee may refuse to accept an entry received after the specified hour on the advertised date for the closing of entries, or after the advertised limit of entries has been reached.</p>	<p>a. The show committee may refuse to accept an entry received after the specified hour on the advertised date for the closing of entries, or after the advertised limit of entries has been reached</p> <p>b. <u><i>The show committee may refuse to bench an entry(entries) if the club has noticed on their show flier that payments at the door must be made in cash and the exhibitor attempts to make payment in another form.</i></u> <u><i>The show committee may refuse to bench an entry (entries) of an exhibitor the club has notified in advance that said exhibitors entries would be accepted on a cash only basis, if that exhibitor attempts to make payment in another form.</i></u></p>	<p>Current show rules do not allow clubs to protect themselves in the event they have stated ‘entry payments at the door must be in cash’, or if they have an exhibitor who has given the club problems in the past, and the club accepts the entry with the promise ‘it won’t happen again’. What rules do the clubs have to back a decision to refuse to bench?</p> <p>Presented by the Show Rules Committee.</p>
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Baugh: Clubs are putting in their flyer that they will only accept payment of cash at the door. What happens when the exhibitor comes to the door and they don't have cash? Does the club have the right to refuse to bench the cat? **Johnson:** This is a bit rampant in my region, too. **Eigenhauser:** I think we ought to bounce this to the delegation to see how clubs want to handle this. Right now, clubs are making do on their own and seem to be doing fine. **Calhoun:** We need to have more definition of how the exhibitor will be notified. **Kusy:** If you turn them away, technically they still have to pay for their entries because they are entered in the show. If they entered and you accepted their entries, they have to pay for them. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

4.03	It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership and when required, registration number. (See Paragraph 2.03.)	It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, <u>region/division of residence</u> , and when required, registration number. (See Paragraph 2.03.)	The region/division is an important part of a show entry and there is currently no reference made to region/division being part of the correct entry information Presented by Central Office
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Tartaglia: The show rules ask for correct information. There is no reference to region or division of residence. Region is so important to scoring, we thought it was important that there be some reference that it be correct. **Shaffer:** Maybe this will get people to start paying attention to what is actually in the catalog, because they are supposed to check that. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4.05.01	New Show Rule	It is the responsibility of the owner to indicate the correct region/area of residence on the entry form using the following designations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, A or E (see CFA's Constitution, Articles VIII and IX for region and division boundary specifications). 1=North Atlantic, 2=Northwest, 3=Gulf Shore, 4=Great Lakes, 5=Southwest, 6=Midwest, 7=Southern, 8=Japan, A=Asia/Latin America-International Division, E=Europe-International Division.	Housekeeping. There is no information provided in the Show Rules regarding details about region number designations. Presented by Central Office
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Baugh: These abbreviations are not currently in the show rules. **Shaffer:** The entry programs don't have a designation A or E for Europe. They are all under 9 for International Division. **Tartaglia:** The entry clerk programs need to be corrected and hopefully that will be done before the new show season because this is a problem for us. We don't know what division somebody in Region 9 resides in (Asia/Latin America or Europe). **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

8.03	Six (6) Winners Ribbons won under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) four (4) Winners Ribbons won under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia and Asia (except Japan) four (4) Winners Ribbons won under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Cats who receive their first 4 winners ribbons on day 1 of a 2 day or back-to-back show are ineligible to transfer to champion/premier for the second day of judging.	Six (6) Winners Ribbons won under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) four (4) Winners Ribbons won under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia, <i>Israel</i> and Asia (except Japan) four (4) Winners Ribbons won under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Cats who receive their first 4 winners ribbons on day 1 of a 2 day or back-to-back show are ineligible to transfer to champion/premier for the second day of judging.	Israel has less CFA show activity than either Russia or Asia. Presented by Show Rules Committee.
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Tartaglia: This came about as a request from someone who lives in Israel. **DelaBar:** Do we have a club in Israel? **Angell:** I don't think we have ever had a show there. **Withdrawn.**

11.03	It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, exact color/tabby pattern, and when required, registration number. (See paragraph 2.03, 11.04.)	It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, <u><i>region/division of residence</i></u> exact color/tabby pattern, and when required, registration number. (See paragraph 2.03, 11.04.)	The region/division is an important part of a show entry and there is currently no reference made to region/division being part of the correct entry information. Presented by Central Office
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

11.04.a	It is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number, the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as printed in the catalog is correct.	It is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number, <u><i>region/division of residence</i></u> , the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as	Same as for 11.03 Presented by Central Office
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

11.08a	Each entry must be accompanied by the stipulated entry fee. If the club opts to accept fax or email entries, such entries must be paid in full within 10 days of receipt or prior to the start of the show, whichever is first.	Each entry must be accompanied by the stipulated entry fee. If the club opts to accept fax or email entries, such entries must be paid in full within 10 days of receipt or prior to the start of the show, whichever is first. <u>Clubs requiring cash payment at the door for faxed or e-mail entries must so state this fact prominently in the show flier.</u>	This has become a fairly common practice in some areas of eth country. It is important that this information be noticed in advance. Presented by Show Rules Committee.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no. **Eigenhauser:** If we're going to require them to put it in the show flyer, why wouldn't we put it in Article 19 that says what has to be in the show flyer?

11.08b	<p>b. If the club sponsoring a show finds, after the opening of a show, that an exhibitor's check for fees is not collectible, or the fee for a faxed or emailed entry is not paid, the following actions shall be taken.</p> <p>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, and postage in an amount sufficient to cover the four mailings required by CFA Show Rules 11.08.1-3, are 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.</p> <p>2. 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 that the exhibitor is now in</p>	<p>b. If the club sponsoring a show finds, after the opening of a show, that an exhibitor's check for fees is not collectible, or the fee for a faxed or emailed entry is not paid, the following actions shall be taken.</p> <p>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, and postage in an amount sufficient to cover the four mailings required by CFA Show Rules 11.08.1-3, are not received within thirty (30) days after notification, that all wins for that show <u>weekend</u>, 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.</p> <p>2. 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</p>	<p>With the ever increasing costs of show production, every entry is important to a club's resulting bottom line for that show. Most of the time, the entry that has not been paid is absent from the show, so there are no points to rescind. By rescinding points earned as <u>any</u> show held on that weekend, this change would more likely prompt the exhibitor to pay the club in a timely fashion.</p> <p><u>Passed Annual by 2/3.</u></p> <p>Since this was a floor resolution it does not go into effect immediately.</p> <p>Presented by Tornado alley Feline Fanciers</p>
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	<p>good standing and no action shall be taken.</p> <p>3. If the full payment (as prescribed in section 2) is not received within the 30 day period, the club will notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office of that fact within seven (7) days by certified, return receipt mail. CFA Central Office will then rescind all wins earned by the exhibitor's cat(s) for that show and suspend all CFA services and inform the exhibitor by certified, return receipt mail. A \$100.00 processing fee shall be payable to CFA by the exhibitor. All CFA services will be suspended to the exhibitor until the processing fee and the debt to the club are paid. Once points are rescinded they will not be reinstated if the exhibitor ultimately pays the outstanding fees.</p>	<p>Office that the exhibitor is now in good standing and no action shall be taken.</p> <p>3. If the full payment (as prescribed in section 2) is not received within the 30 day period, the club will notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office of that fact within seven (7) days by certified, return receipt mail. CFA Central Office will then rescind all wins earned by the exhibitor's cat(s) for that show <u>weekend</u> and suspend all CFA services and inform the exhibitor by certified, return receipt mail. A \$100.00 processing fee shall be payable to CFA by the exhibitor. All CFA services will be suspended to the exhibitor until the processing fee and the debt to the club are paid. Once points are rescinded they will not be reinstated if the exhibitor ultimately pays the outstanding fees.</p>	
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

12.03	<p>No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions: etc.</p>	<p><u><i>All show licenses are subject to the scrutiny of the National Scheduling Committee which shall review any and all request for changes in date and/or location. All requests for new shows that do not meet the definition of 'traditional dates' as defined in the Show Rules must process through National Scheduling. The request for approval by National Scheduling shall be initiated by the Regional Director. Clubs desiring to make changes must notify both the Regional Director and the Regional Scheduler to initiate the process.</i></u></p> <p>No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions, etc.</p>	<p>This put some teeth into National Scheduling and advises clubs that ALL changes, and ANY new shows, other than those defined as 'traditional' must go through National Scheduling.</p> <p>Presented by the Show Rules Committee, as requested by the board.</p>
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Eigenhauser: Clubs need something reasonable so they can protect their traditional date. This proposal makes a federal case out of any change whatsoever. I don't see why this should be

National Scheduling issue. We should create a minimum threshold to build in reasonableness. The current rules say “traditional date”. This says “date and/or location”. **Janosik:** “Scrutiny” means to examine. It doesn’t say “approval”. We need a clear definition. **Tartaglia:** If we are going to pass something like this, it needs to be clearer or it becomes an administrative nightmare. **Johnson:** My region is changing show halls all the time, not just within cities. I would like to see something like this. We have already voted that location has to be approved. We need the input of the National Scheduling Committee chair if we are going to do anything like this. **J. Watson:** If a show is moving from one end of the state to another, that needs to be discussed and that is what the National Scheduling committee is about. Major changes need to be looked at. **Baugh:** We are attempting to get clubs to come to the regional director before they consider moving. **DelaBar:** Location is dependent upon each region. We have to be specific and we can’t use all-encompassing criteria for each region. **Eigenhauser:** Rather than trying to redraft this on the fly, we should send this back for them to come back with a list of criteria.

Withdrawn.

12.07a	<p>The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. 2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings held on Saturday or Sunday 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>Veteran Classes may not be held in conjunction with six ring, one day show.</p>	<p>The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. 2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings held on Saturday or Sunday 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>Veteran Classes may not be held in conjunction with six ring, one day show.</p> <p>3. <u>Cats/kittens entered in a one day show on Saturday and in a one day show on Sunday of the same weekend shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in Paragraph 2.14 provided that both shows are held in the same location.</u></p>	<p>Many clubs and exhibitors are struggling financially due to rising costs associated with producing and attending cat shows. This places some clubs in the position where they can only afford to offer a six ring format and some exhibitors in the position where they must enter fewer cats or attend fewer shows. This resolution provides a way for clubs to reduce cost of producing shows and for exhibitors to get more judging rings for their entry, travel and lodging dollars.</p> <p>For exhibitors, a six ring format provides only 75% of the judging rings at 90% of the cost, compared to entering an eight ring show. For clubs, a one day six ring show typically</p>
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		<p>generates fewer entries. Less spectator gate, reduced vendor participation and less income compared to a two day, eight ring show.</p> <p>The proposed resolution would allow exhibitors to choose to attend one or two, one day six ring shows on the same weekend provided the shows were held in the same location. Exhibitors could choose to go to either or both shows based on their individual judgment as to how many rings their cat or kitten prefers. When compared to attending a two day, eight ring show, and exhibitor attending two six ring one day shows would get 50% more judging rings for the same travel and lodging costs. The entry fee for the second six ring show is the only difference in the total cost making this format more economical for the exhibitor.</p> <p>The proposed resolution would allow two clubs to produce day, six ring shows on the same weekend in the same location. The clubs could share the expenses of producing the show including show hall</p>
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			<p>setup and rental, equipment rental, exhibitor transportation, concession services, advertising and show supplies. Each club is likely to attract more entries and vendors than they would have for shows held on separate weekends. This coupled with the reduced cost of producing the show would lead to increased income for the clubs.</p> <p>Passed Annual favorably.</p> <p>Presented by Front Range Cat Fanciers, High Plains Cat Club, Wild Blue Yonder Cat Club.</p>
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Johnson: A lot of new formats have been presented in an experimental mode before we made them part of the show rules. I would rather see this as an experimental format first.

Shaffer: I don't like this proposal. 12 judgments, possibly 24 rings with finals over 2 days is way too much. What about multiple catalogs? If the whole purpose of this is to save money, I don't

see how the clubs will do that. **Wilson:** I'm having a problem with cats being handled this often. If a cat or a kitten is shown in all the rings on both days, it's being handled 12 times and if it

finals, it is being handled 24 times or somewhere in between. **Baugh:** Most judges in a 6 ring, one-day show do not take the cats out for a final. **L. Watson:** I was under the impression that

you could enter the Saturday portion or the Sunday portion, or both if you chose to. **DelaBar:** You're correct. **Angell:** It doesn't say that the judges have to be different. **Baugh:** It says

elsewhere that judges can only judge one show a weekend, so that is a moot point. I have a number of clubs in my region that are enthusiastically waiting for this to pass. They want to be

able to go together and put a show on. My motion would be to approve this as an experimental format. **Janosik:** This was favorably supported by the delegation, so we need to listen to what

they are asking for. **Shaffer:** There is not enough information here to identify what that experimental format is going to entail at this point. **Eigenhauser:** The last experimental format

we approved was the one day, 6 ring show. Kittyhawk come forward with a proposal and guidelines, and we approved that one club to do it the one time. They came back to us with a

report on how it was done and how it went. Then we opened it up as an experimental format to any club that wanted it. We had a specific test case wherein we authorized an individual club to

come forward with a proposal to do it, and that should be the way to do it now. Let them come

forward with the show and see how it works out before we write a blank check for any club that wants to do it. **J. Watson:** I assume an experimental format would be for one year. **Johnson:** The experimental format leaves quite a bit open, but I think the board can allow a few clubs try this. I don't think this is going to be as popular a format in some areas of the country as you might expect. **Baugh:** If a club is prepared to present this in February, would they be able to license a show for next year? **DelaBar:** We can establish an experimental format at any time. The motion was **Withdrawn** and **Baugh** moved to accept the format on an experimental basis, commencing May 1, 2008, as approved by the board, with requesting clubs to submit a proposal to the board for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Shaffer and Kallmeyer voting no.

12.07.a.2.	<p>2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings held on Saturday or Sunday 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>2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings held on Saturday or Sunday 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; <u>Shows with less than 150 cats – a minimum of 12 judging cages is required for an all breed or double specialty ring; shows with over 150 entries:</u> 16 judging cages per ring is required for an allbreed or double specialty ring</p>	<p>Small entries do not require, nor can small show halls accommodate large judging rings. Shows with small entries can be comfortably held with smaller judging rings. Clubs are finding it difficult to find, and cost prohibitive to rent, large halls.</p> <p>Presented by Show Rules Committee.</p>
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Tartaglia: When will the clubs know that they have less than 150 entries? How will they contract for a smaller show hall if they're not going to know until the Monday before the show if they have less than 150 entries? **Baugh:** 12 cages in the judging rings would make it far better for gate and roomier for the exhibitors if they had that as an option. **Angell:** I am speaking highly against this. It's a scheduling nightmare no matter if you have 150 cats or 225 cats. I have been in a lot of shows where they only had 12 cages even though they are required to have 16 and it is a mess. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Angell, Miller, DelaBar, Brown, Kallmeyer, Kusy and White voting no.

13.11.a Same as 15.03	<p>No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more than 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. All one-day Sunday shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-</p>	<p>No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more than 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. All one-day Sunday shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over <u>175</u> entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-</p>	<p>175 entries is more rational than 200. 200 on a Sunday start later than 9 AM makes for a late show for exhibitors and may negatively impact judges travel.</p> <p>Presented by Show Rules Committee.</p>
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	Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)	Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)	
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Eigenhauser: I have been to a couple of shows where there were under 200 entries, so it's kind of a consolation for not having a good count at the show and everybody seems to enjoy it. I haven't heard a huge hue and cry in the fancy to adjust it to 175 because 200 is way too high. I have never heard anyone complain about it at all. If we're going to change this, this is the kind of thing clubs should decide. Let's send it to the delegation. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

15.01.1	Should the show manager permit a cat/kitten whose entry information is not printed in the catalog to compete, the show manager shall provide a written statement of explanation, for the review of the CFA Central Office, which shall determine if the entry was eligible for competition. The show manager's statement and all documents pertaining to his/her decision must be submitted with the show package to the Central Office. Entries deemed not eligible by the Central Office will not receive credit for any award(s) achieved at the show (see paragraph 20.06). The show manager must prepare an addendum to include all information for any entry not included in the show catalog, which is to be posted with the master clerk and included with the official show records submitted to the Central Office. A fee of \$50 per addendum will be charged to the club/entry clerk/show service and must be submitted with the show packet.	Should the show manager permit a cat/kitten whose entry information is not printed in the catalog to compete, the show manager shall provide a written statement of explanation, for the review of the CFA Central Office, which shall determine if the entry was eligible for competition. The show manager's statement and all documents pertaining to his/her decision must be submitted with the show package to the Central Office. Entries deemed not eligible by the Central Office will not receive credit for any award(s) achieved at the show (see paragraph 20.06). The show manager must prepare an addendum to include all information for any entry not included in the show catalog, which is to be posted with the master clerk and included with the official show records submitted to the Central Office. A fee of \$50 per addendum will be charged to the club/entry clerk/show service and must be submitted with the show packet. <u>Payment of the \$50 non-refundable fee does not guarantee acceptance of an addendum by the Central Office.</u>	Presented by Central Office.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

15.03 Same as 13.11.a	It is the responsibility of the show manager that the judging begin at the advertised hour. All one-day Sunday shows and the Sunday portion of a back-to-back	It is the responsibility of the show manager that the judging begin at the advertised hour. All one-day Sunday shows and the Sunday portion of a back-to-back	175 entries is more rational than 200. 200 on a Sunday start later than 9 AM makes for a late
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	show MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered (see 13.11a.).	show MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over <u>175</u> entries are entered (see 13.11a.).	show for exhibitors and may negatively impact judges travel. Presented by Show Rules Committee.
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Withdrawn.

15.08.e New section g; re-number remaining items in section	A minimum of twelve (12) judging cages must be provided. It is recommended that sixteen (16) or more judging cages are provided in each ring.	A minimum of twelve (12) judging cages must be <u>provided in each ring at shows with less than 150 entries</u> . It is recommended that sixteen (16) or more judging cages are provided in each ring <u>at shows with more than 150 entries</u> .	Consistency with 12.07.a.2 Presented by Show Rules Committee.
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Eigenhauser: Putting this in adds nothing and I think it makes it confusing. **Withdrawn.**

15.08.f	New section F, re-number remaining items in section.	<u><i>In u-shaped rings corner cages must be positioned with a minimum of 12 inches between the corners.</i></u>	Corner cages are often positioned without regard to the proximity to other cats. Cats are frequently practically within a ‘paws reach’ of each other. This needs to be remedied. Presented by Show Rules Committee.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

27.01	A judge may not transport, supervise the transporting of or in any way be cognizant by personal act of the entries made at a show at which he/she is to officiate.	A judge may not transport, supervise the transporting of or in any way be cognizant by personal act of the entries made at a show at which he/she is to officiate. <u><i>Judges may not travel to shows with exhibitors whose cats are entered in the show where the judge is to officiate. While it is not encouraged, traveling from airport to hotel/show hall in an exhibitor vehicle shall not be construed as a violation of this rule, provided the show management (having no other option), has made the arrangements for an exhibitor to transport the judge. In this event the exhibitor’s entries must be</i></u>	On rare instances, a small club may have no option but to send an exhibitor to pick up a judge. It is hoped that entries will not be in the vehicle, but in the event they are, it is vital to have a rule that will prevent the judge from seeing the entry. Presented by the Show Rules Committee at the request of the CFA Board.
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		<u><i>placed in the rear of the vehicle, away from the judge, and covered/screened in such a way to prevent visibility of the entry.</i></u>	
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Baugh: This is the result of needing a more specific definition of judges being transported at shows by exhibitors. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

28.20 VETERAN CLASS	VETERAN CLASS Awards made in the Veteran Class shall be as follows: Those individual entries deemed worthy shall receive a first place ribbon. The awards for Veteran Class shall be Best, Second Best, Third Best, Fourth Best, Fifth Best and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat. When two or more Veteran Rings are held concurrently, a Veteran Best of the Bests competition may be held.	VETERAN CLASS Awards made in the Veteran Class shall be as follows: Those individual entries deemed worthy shall receive a first place ribbon. The awards for Veteran Class shall be Best, Second Best, Third Best, Fourth Best, Fifth Best and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat. <u><i>If</i></u> two or more Veteran Rings are held concurrently, a Veteran Best of the Bests competition may be held. <u><i>All Breed Judges and double Specialty judges may judge Veterans classes as either All Breed or Specialty rings. Single specialty judges MUST judge these classes as Specialties, and only for the specialty for which they are licensed.</i></u>	Apparently there is some confusion, and some variance in the way these classes are judged by Specialty judges. This proposal clarifies what is allowed. Presented by Show Rules Committee.
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DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Article XXXVII NATIONAL/ REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM Scoring. (first paragraph)	At the completion of the show season, a cat/kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings (40 for kittens).	At the completion of the show season, a cat/kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. <u><i>A kitten will be credited with the points from it's highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.</i></u>	Some kittens are currently penalized by their date of birth versus show season recognition dates, as their period of kitten eligibility is split over two seasons. With little choice at recognition, many split season kittens are not shown, or are shown minimally for ring experience in preparation for adult careers. Allowing every kitten four months of eligibility may encourage more showing of kittens at the beginning and
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			<p>end of the show year, to the benefit of show producing clubs, and will provide opportunities for more kittens to realistically compete for recognition without adding to existing awards. The year in which any kitten is scored will be determined by its last week of eligibility as a kitten.</p> <p><u>Passed Annual by 2/3.</u></p> <p>Presented by Global Egyptian Mau Society, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers, Greater Baltimore Cat Club</p>
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Jacobberger: The constitution provides that once it passes the delegation by 2/3, it is a show rule. **Eigenhauser:** We could, by affirmative act, remove it but if we do nothing, it goes into effect. **Baugh:** My concern is that the kitten has to be scored in the year in which it ages out. If you have a regional/national win on a kitten and it ages out in May, you're not going to be eligible for a win of any sort until the later year. **DelaBar:** There are some major problems with this. At this point in time, we do not have the ability to score split seasons. **Tartaglia:** We will have to do some reprogramming. Kittens are automatically going to be scored in the next show season. If a kitten has been shown until it's 7 months old and is not shown in the new show season, it's still going to be scored in the new show season even though it was never shown. I think that people didn't understand what they were voting on at the annual. **Johnson:** I don't personally support this, but I disagree with Allene. They have written this many different ways and they presented it with choices. If too many people get caught in the trap where they would have had a regional win, every rule is just a rule for as long as we want it to be. They can change it back if it doesn't work. **Eigenhauser:** I don't agree with this either but it has come up often enough and the delegation really seems to want it. I'm convinced that while it's a bad idea, it's what they want and they understand what they did. **DelaBar** called the motion (to ratify). **Motion Carried.** Angell, Anger and L. Watson voting no. Kusy abstained.

[Secretary's Note: A subsequent electronic board vote was conducted to clarify which show season this will go into effect. **J. Watson** made the following motion: *Scoring for kittens in 2007-2008 (current show year) follows the current rules and all points are zeroed on May 1,*

2008. This is consistent with CFA policy regarding new rules taking effect starting with the new show year. There will be NO carryover points into the 2008-2009 show year. The new rules will apply to the 2008-2009 show year as voted on by the delegation and ratified by the board.

DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.]

<p>Article XXXVII NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM Add a section titled “International Division Definition” before International Division awards.</p>	<p>New section</p>	<p><u>International Division Definition</u> <u>For the purposes of year-end awards, The International Division is split into two separate areas, based solely on the owner’s principal residence: Asia/Latin American (A) and Europe (E). Asia/Latin America consists of: (country names need to be filled in).</u> <u>Europe consists of: (country names need to be filled in).</u></p>	<p>The countries which constitute the different areas of the International Division need to be defined. Presented by Central Office</p>
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DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

<p>Article XXXVII NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM Awards</p>	<p>Hawaii Awards</p>	<p><u>Hawaii Division Awards</u></p>	<p>Housekeeping. Presented by Central Office</p>
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DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

<p>Article XXXVII NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM</p>	<p>Regional Assignment 1. Regional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership. 2. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the residence of the owner or any one of the co-owners. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office a.) before the show at which a new region is listed AND b.) before the last show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full weekend in January. It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show</p>	<p>Regional <u>Divisional</u> Assignment 1. Regional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership. 2. Region/division is assigned based on the region number listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten earned points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 & 7). 3. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the residence of the owner or any one of the co-owners. It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records.</p>	<p>The rules are not clear regarding regional assignment and what is required to effect a change in regional assignment. Breaking out the rules into smaller portion\’s will hopefully highlight the various points. A note has been added to the beginning to alert the reader all the rules in the section should be read. Presented by Central Office</p>
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	<p>records.</p> <p>3. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>4. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January. Transfers of ownership which would cause a change in regional assignment must be received in the Central Office prior to the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the cat/kitten is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January, will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January evidenced by the region number listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten earned points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>5. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the region listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are, a.) that the master catalog received in the Central</p>	<p>4. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>5. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 & 8).</p> <p>6. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the show at which a new region is listed (see #7).</p> <p>7. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the last show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full show weekend in January (see #6).</p> <p>8. A cat/kitten whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the cat/kitten is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January.</p>	
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	<p>Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b.) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form.</p> <p>6. A kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either a.) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b.) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a. or b.) occurs first.</p> <p>7. An adult cat is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>8. Changes in regional assignment are not permitted after the first full show weekend in January for any reason including a transfer of ownership.</p> <p>9. The regional assignment for any cat/kitten which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten earns points.</p>	<p><i>Original #'s 5-9 remain unchanged and will be renumbered if this change is approved.</i></p>	
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Tartaglia: This was an attempt to make the regional assignment and transfer date area clearer. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

<p>ARTICLE XXXVII AGILITY</p>	<p>New Section</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 38</u></p> <p><u>FELINE AGILITY</u> <u>COMPETITION</u></p> <p><u>1.01 PURPOSE: The purpose of Feline Agility Competition is to enhance the cat shows by giving a place for the cats to show their athletic ability. They will be judged on speed and accuracy in running the course.</u></p> <p><u>1.02 CLUB RESPONSIBILITY</u></p>	<p>Addition of agility specifications in Show Rules</p> <p>Presented by Agility Committee</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>To provide a setting for Agility</u> b. <u>To provide a Certified Ringmaster</u> c. <u>To provide a steward for the ring</u> d. <u>To provide a table, paper towels and disinfectant.</u> e. <u>To provide lunch for the Certified Ringmaster.</u> f. <u>To complete the CRM Evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person.</u> <p>1.03 <u>SPECIFICATIONS OF ENCLOSURE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>The size of the enclosure shall be not smaller than 20'x20' and not larger than 32'x32'. Any combination of these that total 400 to 1024 sq. ft. is allowable.</u> b. <u>The enclosure consists of panels of fence that shall be at least 6 feet high with a slanted top (slanted inward) or a covered top. The mesh shall be strong enough to keep cats in and still be easy to look through.</u> c. <u>Portable flooring that is non-slip must be used in the ring regardless of the existing floor.</u> d. <u>The door shall be in one of the panels of the fence and shall be placed at the most convenient place for access to the ring. The latch shall open from inside and outside the enclosure.</u> <p>1.04 <u>OBSTACLES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Standard course:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>10 obstacles consisting of:</u> ▪ <u>1 set of stairs 3 steps up and 3 steps down with a non-slip</u> 	
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		<p><u>surface. Minimum total height is 24".</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Tunnels (2) 4 to 8 feet long each with a diameter of at least 12".</u> ▪ <u>Hurdles (4): 1 bar (4") 2 bar (8"), 3 bar (10") 4 bar (12") Measured from floor to top of bar.</u> ▪ <u>Weave poles. 3 or 4 poles 18" apart</u> ▪ <u>Hoops (2). 12" from floor to bottom of the hoop and approximately 18" in diameter.</u> <p>b <u>Beginner course: The same as above except removing the 3 and 4 bar hurdles</u></p> <p>c <u>Advanced course: TBA</u></p> <p>1.05 <u>CERTIFIED RINGMASTER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>The Certified Ringmaster is one who has trained and has passed the test provided by the Coordinator of Ringmasters.</u> b. <u>The Certified Ringmaster is in charge of officiating at the ring and is responsible for the placement of the obstacles.</u> c. <u>The CRM officiating shall have an agent showing for him/her if he/she wishes to enter the judging competition. If there is more than one CRM officiating, one of them may leave the ring to show in another class.</u> d. <u>The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her Cat for exhibition or scores in Agility (for Regional/National) but must not compete for prizes in Agility for the</u> 	
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		<p><u>show in which he/she is officiating.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. <u>No food or treats are permitted in the Agility ring at any time.</u> f. <u>During the timed run, the handler must not touch the cat.</u> g. <u>The CRM must complete the Ringmaster's report and send it to the designated person.</u> h. <u>The CRM must give the club an evaluation sheet for them to send to the designated person.</u> i. <u>Each CRM will complete and pass a test every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the Coordinator for Ringmasters and Training</u> <p>1.06 <u>ENTRY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Entry fees will be determined by the club.</u> b. <u>Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA Feline Agility Competition form. If the cat is not entered in any other class, it must be pre-entered and a cage provided.</u> c. <u>Cats entered during the show by coming to the ring, must sign the sign-in sheet and fill out the entry form.</u> d. <u>All entries must be benched. The Agility cat may accompany a cat entered in the regular judging and thus be considered benched.</u> e. <u>Entries may include pedigreed cats, HHP, and shelter cats.</u> <p>1.07 <u>TOYS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Laser lights are</u> 	
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		<p><u>allowed, but only in the agility enclosure</u></p> <p>b. <u>Any cat toy is acceptable</u></p> <p>1.08 <u>HANDLERS</u></p> <p>a. <u>A handler is a person who leads the cat through the Agility course.</u></p> <p>b. <u>Low heeled shoes are required.</u></p> <p>c. <u>It is the responsibility of the handler to be sure that he/she and the cat are physically able to run the course.</u></p> <p>1.09 <u>SCORING</u></p> <p>a. <u>A maximum time of 4 minutes 30 seconds is allowed per run.</u></p> <p>b. <u>The time of the run will be determined using the number of minutes and seconds for the run rounded to the nearest 100th</u></p> <p>c. <u>The time is started when the cat's first paw touches the first obstacle and ends at the first paw's touching the floor after the last obstacle.</u></p> <p>d. <u>The cat will receive 15 points for each obstacle completed while running counter clockwise. Bonus points will be added for cats who complete all obstacles in order within the maximum time limit. (4 min. 30 sec)</u></p> <p>e. <u>The bonus will be figured by subtracting the cats' actual time from the maximum time allowed and added to the 150 points for completing all obstacles.</u></p> <p>f. <u>The total score will be the best of three runs for any one show. In the event of a tie, the</u></p>	
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		<u><i>cats involved will be given a run-off to determine the winner.</i></u>	
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Miller: On 1.07, they say any cat toy is acceptable. Has anybody defined a cat toy? For instance, are clickers allowed? **DelaBar:** There hasn't been anything that is considered to be objectionable. **Johnson:** Whenever we pass something with this many specifics in it, you know we are going to be changing it later. **Kusy:** I agree these rules are too specific. 1.02e says you have to provide lunch for the CRM. We don't have that for the judges, clerks and stewards. Is there going to be a protest because they didn't get a hot dog? **Johnson:** I have a problem with the officiating CRM competing for national points in a show that they are in – the people taking the measurements and judging the cats in agility can also compete. **DelaBar:** When something is starting out, you have to allow as much participation as possible, to allow for growth. **Janosik:** When the Certified Ring Master's cat competes, someone else doing the scoring. It's hard to get people that want to come and do the ringmaster if there is no benefit. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy, Johnson and Shaffer voting no.

I have been approached by exhibitors and judges asking for an interpretation of the following rule:

“Rule 25.10 A judge has an obligation to fulfill a mutually signed contract except in verifiable, extenuating circumstances. A judge may not cancel a judging contract in order to exhibit.”

I have always interpreted this show rule literally. If I cancel a show, a cat that has my name listed as an owner is ineligible to compete in any show held on the weekend of the cancelled show. Other, somewhat ‘looser’ interpretations have been presented to me, i.e.:

1. *If a judge cancels for verifiable medical reasons, they are allowed to exhibit.*
2. *If a judge who cancels a show co-owns a cat with another individual (spouse, partner, friend), it is acceptable for the cat to be shown on the cancelled show weekend by the other owner(s), or an agent, either*
 - a. *with the judge-owner in question not present, or*
 - b. *with the judge-owner in question present in the show hall/show ring, but not physically putting the cat in the show ring.*

My answer is the rule doesn't allow for such exceptions. We have stated repeatedly that judges are ambassadors for our association. Our judges must be extremely conscientious in adhering to our rules and requirements, attempting to prevent any perception of inappropriate or questionable activity. A judge, while in the ring or at a show as an exhibitor, is ‘under the microscope’ at all times, and need to hold themselves to the highest standards. My interpretation, literal as it is, leaves no room for any perception other than adherence to the rule.

I'm requesting for a CFA Board directive regarding the intent and interpretation of this show rule. We need to determine what the correct interpretation should be, and advise our judges what is expected so the rule can be applied to everyone equally.

If, indeed, we wish to allow such an exception, we need to amend the wording of the show rule to state this. While I don't endorse changes, I have included suggested wording for exceptions should the Board's interpretation be a less literal interpretation of the Show Rule.

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR CHANGES:

Rule 25.10 A judge has an obligation to fulfill a mutually signed contract except in verifiable, extenuating circumstances. A judge may not cancel a judging contract in order to exhibit, subject to the following exceptions:

1. A judge canceling a show for verifiable medical reasons may exhibit on that weekend.

-AND/OR-

2. A cat co-owned by a judge may be shown or agented on the weekend a judge has cancelled a show provided the judge-owner is not present in the show hall

-OR-

3. A cat co-owned by a judge may be shown or agented on the weekend a judge has cancelled a show. The judge-owner may be present in the show hall/show ring but may not participate in the physical act of showing the cat.

Wilson: I don't think that a clarification in order to exhibit was the intent of this rule. The rule already says, "except in verifiable, extenuating circumstances". I don't know that we need to further encourage the thinking that we need to clarify this and list every possible alternative. **Eigenhauser:** When it says "in order to exhibit", the problem is, if you interpret the rule that way, you are judging people on their intention and not their actions. We should create an objective rule. How do we know what someone's purpose is? **Baugh:** I have no problem with a verifiable reason. There has been so much discussion and various rules proposed at the annual to prohibit judges from exhibiting, that I want to do everything in my power to protect that rule. Everybody needs to have the same interpretation as to what this means. **Eigenhauser:** If we are going to be asked this question, we should err on the side of caution. Judges are high profile and need to be on their best behavior, even when they are exhibiting. You should avoid the appearance of impropriety when you are a high profile figure in CFA. **Anger** proposed a new policy in the case of a judge who is unable to complete his or her assignment for "verifiable, extenuating circumstances", as Show Rule 25.10 currently reads. The judge must contact and receive prior approval from the Judging Program should the judge then wish to attend another show. The original intent of Rule 25.10 of not cancelling a contract in order to exhibit will be upheld. [Note: the judges were subsequently notified of this policy.] **Baugh:** As long as we have a paper trail and we know that it needs to go through the Judging Program some way, that would be excellent. **Shaffer:** We ought to leave this up to the Judging Program to monitor, as a policy.

(11) **CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.**

CICC Liaison David White presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Pam Huggins
Liaison to Board: David White
Committee Members: David White (Show Manager)
Allene Tartaglia (CFA Director of Special Projects)
Roemann Fulkerson (CFA Director of Corporate
Marketing and Public Relations)
Kathy Calhoun, Show Treasurer

Committee Activities since June Board Report:

Following the Annual in June, the Committee continued to work towards completing the various aspects of the show. Bi-weekly conference calls with IAMS and various show committee members have been productive.

Topics discussed included partnering our PR initiatives towards the mutual goal of beneficial and non-duplicative PR as well as determining all major aspects of the show.

White: We have 6' banners posted around Madison Square Garden. They look exceptional, to highlight and showcase the show.

Ongoing PR Initiatives:

- *First Press release approved and distributed to all CFA media list members, more than 100 pet editors and producers nationwide, as well as all NYC photo and assignment editors for advanced planning notification purposes.*
- *Fox's NY morning show, "Good Day New York" will be broadcasting live from the site of the press conference (October 10) at the Garden. Cats and exhibitors are supportive and will be present with their cats for pictures, interviews, and agility displays. "Fox and Friends" is again interested in a segment either prior to or during the show.*
- *"Regis and Kelly" have confirmed they will have the winners on their show, Monday, October 15th.*
- *Connecticut "Pet Talk" CFA wants to do a segment on a CFA exhibitor and their cat getting ready for competition in the show. A CFA exhibitor has graciously accepted the opportunity and is willing to participate. Although not completely firm at this time, the show host wants a Connecticut guest for a live tape appearance on Sunday, September 16 at 2:45 pm in the studio live in Norwalk, CT.*
- *Pictures, text, and design of the street banners determined, and provided to the designers. Banners are to be completed and hung on street lamps around the MSG facility by the third week of September.*

- *The 15 Second video clip used last year for the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show has been updated and provided to MSG. The video clip consists of multiple pictures of CFA cats and judges ending with the CFA and Iams logos. This clip will run consistently in a loop as one of the videos on the MSG Marquee which is positioned on 7th Avenue directly in front of the main entrance to the Garden. This clip will run*
- *24/7 until 15 October, providing an excellent opportunity for more visibility to the general public to increase our gate. The url of the video clip is:
http://ftp1.videoresources.com/Login
Please note you must use the following Login and password to access the video clip:
User: catshow07 Password: 11827*
- *Bowtie (Cat Fancy) Spectator Guide content provided and under review for final approval and printing. This guide serves as a handout to all spectators and press.*
- *Newspaper ads are currently under design and will be placed the first week of October. We are fortunate to have a professional printer (CFA exhibitor) volunteer her services to design the ads this year.*

White: We had one set-back this week. We found out Monday that we only had 4 vendors. We were able to regroup and re-strategize, so we have now gone from 4 vendors to 28, filling the vendor spots. We had to discount the vendor space significantly, to get vendors to come to the show, so we will see a slight drop in income in regards to vendors as a result of the discount that we had to give.

Special Events Planned:

- *Iams is providing the “**Trained Cats**” again this year – always a huge hit with the spectator’s and press. Their presence will be built heavily into the PR.*
- ***Code 3 Associates**, dedicated to animal disaster response and disaster preparedness training will be present this year. Their Mobile Command Vehicle (B.A.R.T. Big Animal Rescue Truck), which is a huge, self-sufficient, disaster-relief tractor trailer unit will be parked directly by the Garden and open to the Public. Code 3 Associate Personnel will be present to explain how they respond and operate in emergency or disaster efforts. We also anticipate the presence of this huge truck displaying the CFA logo will draw attention and entice more spectators to attend the show.*
- ***Cat Agility**, will be present this year. The Agility area was relocated to the main floor and towards the entrance of the show hall last year, rather than in a separate room. Moving the location greatly enhanced the exposure and participation of agility. Press and crowds loved it.*
- ***Breed Showcase**, always one of the favorite with the crowds and press will also be present again this year.*

- *Iams (Dr. Bernadine Cruz) and Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat(Dr. Bruce Elsey) will each serve as speakers to address the audience and answer questions. We look forward to their participation.*

Sponsorship Update:

- *Defer to the Business Development Report for updated sponsorship information.*

Other activities completed or to be determined: (TBD dependent on final entries and vendor space requirements)

- *We have a number of Breed Councils that have sponsored the Best of the Best rosettes. This will cut down on the expense of rosettes. This is the first time in a while that we have opened up sponsorship for Best of the best and it was well received.*
- *IAMS is providing IAMS cat food coupons for each cat that makes it into Best of the Best, Agility placements and a special allotment of cat food for the top 3 cats in show. Best in show will receive 400 lbs of cat food from IAMS.*
- *Best of the Best Judge Replacement– The Best of the Best Judge extended an offer to the CICC Show Manager to allow her to withdraw and be replaced, due to her concern over the exorbitant cost of her airfare and related expenses. The show committee accepted her gracious offer. Larry Adkison was available and will be the Best of the Best Judge this year.*
- *Clerks and Master Clerk contracted.*
- *Space requirements and floor plan, stage and presentation area discussed; goal is to increase size of stage and BoB presentation area; space dependent on final entries and vendors; (TBD)*
- *Madison Square Garden requirements (decorator, tables, chairs) (TBD);*
- *Rosette Requirements; Decorations; Signage; printing and catalog needs; (TBD).*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *The committee continues to work towards their goal of producing a well run, well attended show offering tremendous media potential to CFA.*
- *Following the show, after action comments and feedback will be solicited and submitted for consideration.*

What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Financial information will be made available as soon as it is received from Central Office and the CFA Treasurer.*

Respectfully Submitted,

//s// Pam Huggins, CICC Chairperson

//s// David White, CICC Show Manager

Miller: *Vogue* magazine had wonderful coverage of the show. I'm looking forward to doing the breed showcase. **Anger:** Friday's *New York Times* has an ad of a darling little Sphynx – a very prominent, beautiful ad. **White:** We ran ads in the *New York Post* and the *New York Times* last week and this week advertising the show. **Wilson:** I would like to have a little more detail a week before the show about whether this is coming in on budget or not. **Tartaglia:** I believe we are on budget. Most of our expenses have not occurred yet. **Wilson:** With all the concerns about having to cancel one show for this show, I would expect the board to have a report with basic financial information, with all of our officers apprised. I don't have that comfort level right now. **Johnson:** I think a financial status so everybody feels comfortable is appropriate. **DelaBar:** The board is getting just as much information out from this show as they ever have on the International Show. **Johnson:** We always wanted more. We need to be sure we are getting information on a timely basis. **DelaBar:** I think that everybody will be very pleased with the results on this show with the work the people have done.

(12) **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

Business Development Team Chair Kitty Angell presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Kitty Angell*
Committee Members: *Roeann Fulkerson (Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations), Donna Jean Thompson, James Watson, Yayoi Satoh, Bob Johnston*

Ongoing Activities:

- **4-Sight Current Manufacturing/License Contracts (CFA Branded Products)**
 - **Jakks Pacific Inc. (JPI)** - *Our Active Cat toys are still a hot item in the stores that carry them. According to Alyssa Tucker, Senior Vice-President, Marketing & Licensing Sales 4Kids Entertainment. "The House Mouse" is still the #1 selling cat toy at Petco! We are starting to get placement with other rodent items, i.e. Possum due to the success of the House Mouse." K-Mart has reported that after the success of the CFA line they are restructuring and re-sorting their pet section in all stores. They will also be setting more products in line.*
 - **CFA Meals-** *The CFA Travel Convenience Meals have been selling out at Stop & Shop (300 stores) and they are already in a replenishment program at all stores. Initial placement and launch: Stop & Shop is placing an order of 2 skus in all stores. Wholesale projection is \$350,000 for launch. Zellers CND (580 stores) will be launching the CFA Meals in all stores September 2007, including supporting the program with advertising.*
 - **CFA Kitten Program-Wal-Mart** *has placed the complete line in one store for an end cap test. Wal-Mart will then select the best sellers and place these items in line at all stores. As of the middle of September the CFA Products in store are selling thru!*
 - **Eternal Image:** *Approval of the specific design for CFA was completed in August. This should be available to the public by year end.*
 - **Dakota Collectable-** *Fourteen of our CFA breeder/exhibitors graciously and at their own expense, took their time to travel to New York City with their special cats, to have photographs taken. 4/Sight contracted a pet photographer for a special private photo session. The resulting 1,500 plus photos are now owed by CFA and will be available for marketing packages, press and public relations as necessary. Previously CFA has not owned photos as the photographer who takes pictures has actual ownership. The cost involved with licensing, renting or leasing the use of photos by these photographers is extremely expensive. Due to the fact Dakota requires photos which are not owned by anyone else, CFA is able*

to provide these pictures. Most of the top ten breeds were photographed. These photos are now available on the market in embroidery patterns. Arrangements have been made for another photo session in conjunction with CFA-Iams Cat Championship. It is hopeful an additional ten breeds will be photographed with numerous additional breed photo choices, thus giving CFA ownership of the current top twenty breeds and over 3,000 pictures from which to select.

- ***Danbury Mint** – Two mailings for special cat related items were mailed during the previous three months. The mailing list was a combined ownership list of individuals who had registered cats with CFA. There were three or four individuals within these lists provided, who were concerned about receiving items from a CFA partner. It was determined CFA would offer an Opt-Out option for those who do not wish to receive special offers from the CFA partners.*

- ***DNA Lab Progress-** The previous 3 ½ years, Roeann and I have worked tirelessly to bring CFA into a DNA-based registry. It seems like technology has changed faster than we can write contracts! But this is a good thing because Dr. Roger Brown has some very exciting news to share with you in his report. With his expert help, the Business Development Committee has partnered with our new Scientific Advisor and worked to keep CFA on the cutting edge of these invaluable scientific tools.*

- ***CFA Pet Healthcare-** October 1st, Pet Partners Insurance changed carriers from National Specialty Insurance Company to Markel Corporation, a Richmond, Virginia based company that underwrites about \$10 billion written premiums annually. Markel will significantly strengthen PPI's business in terms of both marketing and operations. The policies will be priced by region, reflecting local pet healthcare costs. The change will result in primarily rate decreases for the feline policies, a few increases as well. Prior to this, there have been no increases in CFA policy rates since the inception of our contract in November 2004.*

- ***Show Sponsorship***
***CFA/IAMS Cat Championships, New York, New York-** Many wonderful opportunities have presented themselves after we obtained the primary sponsorship money from **The Iams Company** of \$245,000 (\$220,000 in cash and an additional \$25,000 specified for the Trained Cats, which directly increases the spectator gate) for this show at Madison Square Garden, the second weekend of October.*
 - *We were contacted by Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Company to help with their launch of a new children's book, "HELLO, CALICO", the first in a series of board books from children's author Karma Wilson. More books starring Calico will be coming out in February 2008 and May 2008. CFA and Simon & Schuster held a "Cutest Cat and Kid" Digital Photo Contest starting 8/15/07 and ending 9/30/07. There will be 5 judges: Karma Wilson, Kitty Angell representing CFA, a member of the Cat Writer's Association, a senior editor from Simon & Schuster and another representative from CFA yet to be determined. There are already over 100 entries!*

Winners will be announced at the CICC Show on Sunday, October 14th, prior to the Best of the Best announcement. We are looking forward to partnering with Simon & Schuster in many other areas of the publishing field.

- **Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter Company** has also contributed substantially to this event by increasing their sponsorship again this year. They are the Official Litter for the show. This will be the first year Dr. Elsey himself will attend the event and he will be featured as a guest educational speaker during the weekend at both the championship show and the Adopt-A-Cat. This company has given \$5,000 for Adopt-A-Cat.
- **Adopt-A-Cat-** Is once again a major event for the show. The New York Mayor's Alliance, with the Maddie's Fund, in conjunction with the strong additional sponsorship from Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat and PetSmart is being held for the third year. The Mayor's Alliance have said this single event is their most important annually and is directly responsible for the adoption of over 1,200 cat/kittens during the preceding three years.
- **Feline Agility-** will also be offered with Donna Jean Thompson serving as Ringmaster. This event is being promoted nation wide with publicity in the home towns of those owners who have entered their cats in the competition. Publicity is being accomplished in conjunction with Pearce Promotions, the PR firm for Proctor and Gamble.
- **Television Coverage-** "Pet Talk" a popular show, which runs on Connecticut's primary cable TV outlet will afford the CFA-Iams Cat Championship a great media opportunity. A CFA breeder/exhibitor and resident of Connecticut attending the CICC show, has been selected to represent CFA in this television coverage. The Pet Talk show host will dedicate two 30-minute shows to the CICC by having our breeder/exhibitor on their program and then follow the CICC exhibitor as they are at the show.
- **Bowtie Publications-** is supplying our Spectator Guides, which not only gives the public a taste of beautiful pedigreed cats, but also provides show information, health, and other educational cat related articles. Included is a wonderful introduction and explanation to who CFA is and what we do.

Angell: I would like to mention that Bowtie's publication does an outstanding job of our spectator guide. They are incredible. This is extremely important for the public and I really have to take my hat off to Bowtie for doing this for us.

- **Street Banners-** This year Titan Outdoor Advertising was contracted to design and hang 100 street banners in and around Madison Square Garden and the 34th Street downtown area in NYC. These will promote and advertise the CFA-Iams Cat Championship. Seven beautiful pedigreed cat photos were selected for these Street Banners. CFA budgeted for the cost of 50 Banners and Mayor's Alliance

covered the cost of 50 Banners. These Street Banners were put up a month preceding the show and will remain through the ending of the show.

- *Marque at 7th Avenue Madison Square Garden- Again this year the large primary video marquee at 7th Avenue in front of Madison Square Garden will air a thirty- second video spot featuring CFA pedigreed cats, the 2006 Best of the Best winner and both the CFA and Iams logos. This video will publicize the date and time of the show.*
- *CFA Individual Club/Show Sponsorships Our Club Liaison, Bob Johnston, has been taking in club survey applications and information. Once compiled and reviewed by the Business Development Committee, the results will be presented to our major sponsors, **Royal Canin, Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat, Greenies Feline Treats, World's Best Cat Litter, Sturdi Products and PetSMart** for individual show sponsorship. The sponsors will decide on the demographics, not only in population, but also in relationship to cat ownership. To refresh your memory, the shows to receive sponsorship in January 2008 were announced in 2007. The February/ December selected clubs/shows will be announced after the first of the year.*
 - *The Business Development Committee has been working with Dr. Elsey's and Royal Canin during the previous sixty days to negotiate and determine the monetary allocations of sponsorship funds for the 2008 show season and has already received conformation for continued funding.*
- *Dr. Elsey's in addition to annual sponsorship and their newly launched Breeder Program (which was featured at the June Annual in Austin) has established a new Grassroots Breeder Program. Selected breeders within each region throughout the USA will promote the five types of litter offered by Dr. Elsey's, including Ultra Scoopable, Kitten Attract, Senior, Long Haired, and the original Cat Attract. The selected breeders in each region will be provided marketing information, litter box solution pamphlets and small signage to display at their benching area at shows. As compensation for talking about the products to other breeders and spectators at the shows they attend, these breeders will receive twelve free bags of Dr. Elsey's litter products monthly.*
- *Pet Oxygen Mask Program (w/Disaster Relief) - The Pet Oxygen Masks matched contribution Disaster Relief program continues to be a huge success. To date, approximately 125 sets of the 300 masks purchased by CFA have been distributed nationally by and through several CFA clubs. One club having presented three sets to a local fire department was instrumental in saving the lives of three cats and a dog from a fire only a week after being presented. The Pet Oxygen Masks continue to make local and state news weekly by news of pets' lives saved when fire rescue has the masks available. To date, there are now hundreds of pets who have survived disaster with the use of this wonderful life saving product. The masks were recently on display at the CFA Education and Outreach Program's initial event launch: "Paws in the Park" in Encino, CA on September 15th.*

- **Partnering with the CFA Education and Outreach Program-** *The Business Development Committee secured \$35,000 funding for a DVD/CD to be created for CFA Education and Outreach program. These funds remain available for this project. The delay in distribution in part is due to the tremendous time required to fight and postpone the California AB1634 legislation. Joan Miller, in conjunction with Allene, Roeann and I, will be prioritizing this project with the goal for completion by Spring 2008.*

Future Projections:

1. *Actively seeking new ways to bring in revenue to CFA, in addition to what is garnered through registrations and CFA-related activities.*
2. *Working to establish name recognition – making sure that everyone, worldwide, knows the name “CFA” and what it entails in support and recognition of the CFA Mission Statement.*
3. *Elevation of the value for all cats world wide.*

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Angell, Chair
Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations*

Angell: One of the things that we have really tried to address is getting corporate sponsorship for smaller clubs and we have done so. We have asked for input from any clubs in CFA through an application. Foothills Felines went out of their way to show their appreciation to the national sponsors that gave them money. They worked hard to get gate and exposure for the sponsors. We are fortunate that Royal Canin is very breeder oriented. Dr. Elsey’s believes the breeders can show their kitten buyers the importance of their litter. **DelaBar:** We will reissue the sponsorship guidelines to the clubs. [Discussion ensued with several suggestions for the best way to get the guidelines out to all clubs, and to promote what CFA is doing for the clubs.]

Eigenhauser: Basically, there are two issues here. One is, getting out information about how to communicate with CFA to get before the national sponsors. Bob Johnston does a good job on that. The piece of information we need to get out is, who clubs should and should not be contacting. That much information ought to be available easily. The website is the place to put this information.

(13) **CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Joan Miller*
List of Committee Members: *George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger,
Phil Lindsley, Dawn Shiley-Danzeisen*
CFA Legislative Group: *Joan Miller, Sharon Coleman, George Eigenhauser*

California State Assembly Bill 1634 “Healthy Pets Act” – This bill introduced in February 2007 mandated spay/neuter of all cats and dogs with conditions for an intact permit that would be impossible for cat breeders to meet. The bill was heard in the Senate Local Government Committee on July 11, 2007 but withdrawn from voting by the Author, Assemblymember Lloyd Levine. Speakers at this hearing included myself, John Hamil, DVM; Bill Hemby of PetPAC; Angie Niles with shelter data analysis; Douglas Surber of SaveOurDogs and Jeff Leacox on behalf of AKC. Lassie and his owner, Bob Weatherwax, were present at the hearing and numerous fanciers. George Eigenhauser, Jean Grimm and I spent time visiting committee member’s offices several days before the hearing. There were press conferences and a large rally as well as an AKC lobbying seminar. The successful opposition was the culmination of an enormous cooperative effort unparalleled since CFA has been involved in legislative advocacy. We thank the many individuals who walked the corridors in Sacramento, and contacted their own legislators and veterinarians. Over 10,000 letters were written to the Senators in opposition to this bill. We were able to influence the California Veterinary Medical Association to remove their sponsorship. Every dog and cat organization worked together to stop AB 1634.

Special thanks to the many clubs and individuals who donated to the Sy Howard Legislative Fund so that CFA could provide \$25,000 for the production of two effective television commercials aired every day the week before the hearing with the message that opposition was a great diversity of animal interested people, not just breeders. For more information on the efforts leading up to this success go to the CFA website legislative page.

Some form of AB 1634 will be introduced in January 2008 as a revised or new bill to be heard again in the Senate Local Government Committee. We are currently working on strategy to oppose whatever Assemblymember Lloyd Levine and his campaign director, Judi Mancuso, come up with.

Sacramento County, California – *The County of Sacramento passed a mandatory spay neuter ordinance that went into effect the end of June 2007. The new law states “no owner shall possess or harbor within the County any dog or cat over the age of four months that has not been sterilized, unless such person holds an unaltered license, unaltered license with reduced fee, or is otherwise exempted.....”. The reduced fee is only for “competition” dogs and cats who are NOT bred. Otherwise the fee is \$150 per dog/cat plus rabies vaccine is required.*

Henderson County, North Carolina – *In September the proposed animal ordinance with mandatory spay/neuter and breeder permit requirements was removed from the September 19th public meeting. Thank you to all who wrote letters in opposition to the ordinance.*

Other activities:

National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) and the Orange County Dog Club, August 19 – I attended this meeting with dog fanciers in Bloomington, California. We discussed pet population problems in California and legislative strategy. There were presentations by Patti Strand, Mark Cushing, Attorney and others.

Home Again/Schering-Plough Meeting and Expert Panel - Chicago August 30 - 31, 2007 – I was invited on behalf of the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy to be on this panel with those who had knowledge of shelter medicine and animal welfare issues related to pet identification. Presentations and discussions helped us to better understand the needs and current issues surrounding micro-chipping and scanning of cats and dogs. My presentation was on the deterrents to accepting or considering micro-chipping from the cat owner's perspective as well as microchip advantages for cats related to travel, importing and exporting.

Legislative page – CFA Fanc-e-Mews recent articles – <http://cfa.org/ezine/legislation.html>

These articles are for the general public to help build awareness of issues and our views.

- July/August 2007 – **“The Price is NOT Right !”**, by Joan Miller. This explains the impact of California AB 1634 on pet owners and how the bill would be a loss to the general public as well as to breeders of pedigreed cats and to California communities.
- September/October 2007 – **“Are There Responsible Breeders”**, by George Eigenhauser. The facts do not support the assumption of PETA that breeding is the cause of shelter killing of dogs and cats. Responsible breeders help reduce shelter populations, improve animal health and are the ideal source for healthy pets with predictable type and personalities.

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

National:

USDA report on microchip regulation –

The USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service issued the Report on Regulation of Pet Microchipping in July 2007. Currently APHIS requires identification for dogs and cats used in research, wholesale trade or exhibition – acceptable methods include tags and tattoos. APHIS supports microchipping and its regulatory authority is limited to Animal Welfare Act regulated entities. The USDA does not regulate pets. APHIS published a request for comments and hosted 6 public meetings around the country. George Eigenhauser and I attended one of these meetings. The report includes comments on the existing status of microchipping.

Only 3 to 5% of the estimated 60 million dogs and 70 million cats are microchipped. Of these 98% are microchipped with a 125 kHz chip. More than 20 countries require pet owners bringing pets into these countries to microchip with 134.2 kHz microchips. Despite efforts to distribute universal scanners that can read multiple frequencies 80% of the scanners in the US can only

read 125 kHz chips. Most comments received were in support of either the ISO 134.2 kHz or the AVID or HomeAgain brands of 125.kHz microchips.

APHIS concluded that it would be difficult to put in place Federal regulations on pet microchipping at this time but expressed interest in working with microchip manufacturers, humane organizations, veterinarians and others to explore options to increase the effectiveness of microchipping. They advocate educating the public about the technology advantages and limitations, the importance of updating information in the manufacturer's database. The AWA regulated entities may use microchips and a proposed rule would formalize this current policy.

ANPRM for federal import regulation -

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have issued, on July 31, 2007 an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that would revise regulations covering the importation of dogs and cats as well as ferrets and African rodents. They are considering the need for additional regulations to prevent the introduction of zoonotic diseases into the United States. Comments are due by October 1, 2007.

HHS/CDC currently regulates the importation of dogs and cats into the US. These animals are subject to inspection for evidence of infectious disease. Also there are restrictions on the importation of dogs to prevent rabies, but currently no international health certificate or unique identification is required nor rabies vaccination for cats.

HHS/CDC requests comments on the impact of any changes. Some of the issues to consider related to cats:

- *Establish a minimum age for importation of dogs, cats, ferrets?*
- *Rabies vaccination required for all dogs, cats, ferrets?*
- *Valid international health certificate from country of origin as a condition for entry?*
- *Require a unique identifier (tattoo or microchip)?*
- *Database of identifiers be maintained – who would maintain this?*
- *Restrict importation of dogs, cats, ferrets to only those ports of entry staffed by HHS/CDC?*
- *Possible exemptions to importation requirements for dogs, cats, ferrets traveling with their owners abroad and returning?*

I plan to send comments on behalf of CFA as an international organization. Individual cat fanciers can comment electronically – www.regulations.gov

Or by email – animalimportcomments@cdc.gov

Read the ANPRM at – <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/anprm/index.htm>

PETA campaign - "There's No Such Thing as a Responsible Breeder". This campaign is against all cat and dog breeding. The recent billboard in NYC is directed to dog breeders, but PETA may turn attention to cat breeding as the CFA Iams show publicity increases.

George Eigenhauser's article for the current issue of Fanc-e-Mews was specifically written to help counter this campaign and present our views to the pet owning public.

CFA has asked for this newest assault to be added to the Agenda for the coalition meeting on September 21st in Washington DC following PetNight on Capitol Hill.

There will be a meeting in the AKC New York office on November 1, 2007 and CFA will be there to discuss this and other issues with the pet industry and AKC.

The following was circulated by PETA:

What's Up Now, Breeders?

PETA is ratcheting up our campaign against cat and dog breeders, and this beautiful billboard in New York is the first of a number of strong statements you can look for over the next few months designed to remind people that buying animals from breeders or pet stores when millions are dying in shelters is, simply put, irresponsible and cruel. Of course, the real villains here are the breeders themselves. Not only are these people directly contributing to the animal overpopulation epidemic in this country—they're also making a tidy profit out of it (in case it's not immediately clear, I don't have an awful lot of sympathy for animal breeders). There's some more information on this topic here, and I'll keep you posted as this campaign progresses—we've got some great stuff on the way ...



Pet Night on Capitol Hill – CFA is again a sponsor of the 11th annual “Pet Night on Capitol Hill” in Washington, DC. The event provides an opportunity for CFA representatives to meet congressional members, staff, spouses, veterinarians, governmental agency officials, pharmaceutical and pet industry leaders in an informal atmosphere. Pet Night is hosted by the Animal Health Institute (AHI).

State and Local activity:

City of Los Angeles, California – at its meeting of July 23, 2007 the Board of Animal Services Commissioners voted to request that the City Council direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to allow the Department of Animal Services to spay or neuter any animals taken in or subject to enforcement and to require microchipping of any animal to obtain a valid breeding permit. A draft was submitted on July 30 that is an outright attack on any breeding of pedigreed cats or purebred dogs considering the bureaucracy, expense and intrusion. Although the City already requires a permit to breed, no breeders can comply due to zoning restrictions and a limit of 3 dogs or cats. CFA is aggressively working with dog fanciers to defeat this ordinance.

Huntington Beach, California – City Council voted to write a new ordinance that would mandate spay/neuter of all cats and dogs 6 months old and require microchipping with reporting to animal control. Door-to-door canvassing is planned to enforce the law. CFA has circulated flyers at local events to gain public support. We submitted comments to Bill O'Reilly, Fox News, when we heard that the main Councilmember proponent would be interviewed – this led to some good questions revealing the animal rights agenda behind this proposal. When the ordinance is scheduled for a hearing we will need a large turnout and are currently building a contact list.

San Antonio, Texas – A complex 39 page revised ordinance has been proposed with several new policies and changes that are detrimental to cat and dog breeders and feral cat caregivers. Sharon Coleman has completed for CFA an exhaustive analysis of this ordinance comparing new provisions with existing laws. We are currently summarizing the impact on cat breeders and will offer guidance to cat and dog fanciers. Some of this ordinance is housekeeping or restructuring. Other parts are serious anti-breeding proposals including high fees for unaltered cat licenses; dog intact permits; limits of one litter per year; reducing the number of cats allowed from 10 to 8 and other provisions.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

As outlined previously:

- *Ongoing networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers to understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and to know how to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests. CFA is a member of the National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy.*
- *Continuing to find new ways to provide perspective on the cat fancy views to those in the media, writers, animal related fields and government. The CFA Legislative Group will attend the Cat Writers Association conference in November.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Increased efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding. Jill Abel and Donna Isenberg are assisting with donation thank-you's.*

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

(14) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Management Committee Chair James Watson presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

1. *Board of directors' code of ethics included in the guidebook.*
2. *New Contents page and copy of the code of ethics are attached and should be inserted in your copy of the Directors' guidebook.*
3. *A complete electronic copy, with revisions, provided to Board of Directors.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is continuing to work on Committee job descriptions.

The committee will be working with Allene and Central Office to produce a Policy and Procedure Manual.

Future Projections for Committee:

Allene has subscribed to a Human Resources website that will allow us to use "boiler plate" policy formats and customize them to fit CFA's established policy and procedure. I plan a trip to CO after the MSG show so we can go over existing memos that cover CFA's current policies.

White: What specific policies are you looking to put together? **J. Watson:** Currently, Central Office doesn't have an official bound book that is the policies and procedures, or an employees' handbook. We have never had the budget for a management company to come in and help us with this. Central Office employees have a job description, in the form of a daily activity of the things that they need to do each day to move things through the system. **J. Watson:** Job descriptions for the employees at Central Office would require on-site time. **Wilson:** Having job descriptions for the positions is important but very few of us are qualified to do them. It needs to be done because it's the only way you can evaluate performance. Getting employee policies together in one place is a good start but the employee job descriptions and evaluations based on those certainly needs to be done. **Baugh:** The Building Committee can't take a step forward until we have an idea of the actual duties in the office. **Calhoun:** One of the fundamental elements in making this project successful is to have goals and objectives, and identify what they are trying to improve. It's a big job. If you don't put it in writing, people don't know how they are supposed to improve. The committee has a budget to work with this year.

Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Our plan is to have a CFA Central Office Policy and Procedure Manual for approval at the February board meeting.

Addendums to the Board Members Guidebook as they develop.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Watson, Chair*

(15) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Kay Janosik presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Carol Osborne*
Board Liaison: *Kay Janosik*
Committee Members: *Bonnie Smith, Coordinator for Certified Ringmasters, Training and Scoring*
Scorers: *Region 1- Doreann Nasin*
Region 2-Jay Collins
Region 4-Bonnie Smith
Region 5-Barbara and Russ Reimer
Region 6-Andrea Dorn
Region 7-Steve Baylus
Jay Collins, Agility Equipment Coordinator
Kim Everett-Hirsch, Publicity, Public Relations and Awards Coordinator
Linda Shaffer, Junior Handler Program
Wanda Martin, Webmaster, Photography and Video Coordinator

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Presented a “train your cat” seminar at the Annual in June*
- *Have continued to develop the program*
- *Presented a request for sponsorship to the CFA board.*
- *Worked on new, Advanced course design*
- *Continued to promote Agility at CFA shows and to educate clubs as to the value of the competition*
- *Presented the first, ever National Agility Awards in June*
- *Have had 11 shows in the following regions: 1-2, 2-2, 3-0, 4-2, 5-2, 6-1, 7-2*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Currently offering training sessions for cats and handlers at some shows. Linda Shaffer has done a great job at this.*
- *Have certified one Jr. Handler so far and are working on others.*
- *Are preparing for a large show in April that should gain national prominence.*
- *Are enjoying the addition of Agility to the CFA website. Thanks to Karen Lawrence, we are now included in cfa.org. Visit us at <http://agility.cfa.org/>*
- *We are presenting for your consideration, the show rules for Agility to be added to the CFA show rules.*

- *As of this writing, there are only 8 shows on the calendar for CFA shows that show the Agility symbol. We know there are more, but getting them reported to CFA is a problem. We are working on it.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *To continue the training of cats and handlers.*
- *To train more Certified Ringmasters and Jr. Handlers*
- *To put on a National Agility Event in connection with the Cincinnati Cat Club and a marketing group putting on Everything for Pets. This will take place in April, 2008.*
- *To move the score keeping in to Central Office. This will involve numbering the Agility cats who are not registered already.*
- *To obtain national sponsorships to allow more clubs to consider hosting Agility*
- *To increase awareness of the activities by encouraging clubs to report when they are having Agility so that the logo can be put on the calendar.*

Action Items:

- *We again ask that CFA either allow our PR person, Kim Everett-Hirsch to find sponsorship for Agility, or take it on themselves to do it.*

Janosik: They are looking for sponsorship money to help underwrite this program and some of the cost for the clubs. **Angell:** Kim Everett-Hirsch does a 110% job of anything that she is given to do. Has the Committee approached her to find sponsorships? **Janosik:** They are looking for approval for her to do that. **Angell:** If we appoint Kim as the person that finds sponsorship, I would certainly support that. **Janosik** moved to allow Kim Everett-Hirsch to proceed as the PR person and coordinate sponsorship with the Director of Marketing and Public Relations. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- *We ask that, at the beginning of the next show season, the scoring be taken over by Central Office. The score sheets would be turned in to the Master Clerk at the end of the show and mailed with the show package to the office. (no extra work for the Master Clerk)*

Anger: I'm in favor of having Central Office score agility. If we are getting to the level of an award system for agility, it should be based on official scoring with oversight. **Janosik:** Scoring doesn't have to be any more detailed than Central Office having custody of the official scoring sheets. The Committee felt this would give more legitimacy to the awards. Do the agility cats need to be printed in the catalog before they may be scored? **Tartaglia:** The entry form will be sufficient. **Calhoun:** If we are going to do this, there should be some sort of surcharge to go back to Central Office; possibly 50 cents instead of a dollar, split with the regions. **Eigenhauser:** When we're talking about whether or not to apply the scoring surcharge to agility, I want to point out that we apply it to household pets and Central Office does absolutely zero scoring for the household pets. I don't see why we would charge any less than a dollar for agility. **Wilson:** Any new projects Central Office takes on should have a cost analysis, but definitely we should

have some revenue to at least partially offset the scoring. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger and Janosik voting yes.

Janosik moved that the Agility Chairperson be the official scorer and be required to submit the forms to Central Office. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- *We ask that a numbering system for cats not registered be instituted so that they can be scored properly.*

Withdrawn.

- *We ask that the Board approve the naming of the event in April in Cincinnati, the CFA National Agility Show and let us advertise it as such.*

Baugh: I am concerned because this is a one-time event. **Janosik:** Agility participants will come from all over the nation. This is going to be their recap for the season. **DelaBar:** It should have a name that would lead us to believe there is a cat show and an agility event.

Johnson: The proposed name gives the impression that this is a CFA-sponsored event. I would rather they find another way to promote agility. **Eigenhauser:** If they simply say “a national agility cat show”, we don’t really need to be concerned about it. **Baugh:** Rather than calling it a “show” or an “event”, I think it should be called a competition, because that’s what it is.

Withdrawn.

- *We ask that the attached rules, titled Article 38, be included in the official Show Rules of CFA*

Time Frame:

Now

What will be presented at the next meeting?

- *More reports on training. Perhaps the establishment of a CFA Agility program on training cats.*
- *A report of more shows*
- *Hopefully a report on sponsorship*
- *Report on plans for the upcoming National Agility Event*
- *Plans for more events*

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Osborne, Chair*

(16) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Clerking Program Chair Regina Shaffer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Regina Shaffer
List of Committee Members: Rob Loot, Masayuki Okada

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerks Status: Since my June 2007 Report we have added eight (8) clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 329 clerks of various levels: Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) stay level for a total of 24, Master Clerks (MC) increased by two (2) to a total of 118, and Certified Ring Clerks increased by six (6) to a total of 187.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking Schools: The interest in the Clerking Program continues to grow as we have had eight (8) clerking schools from May to August 2007. Three (3) of these schools were held in the States and the remaining five (5) overseas with three (3) in Japan and one (2) in the International Division (Asia). These schools were taught by three (3) MCs working towards their MCI, four (4) MCI, and one (1) Judge. We also had two assistant instructors starting their way onto MCI. We have five (5) schools planned in the coming months including two (2) in Europe and one (1) in Russia.

Future Projections for Committee:

Updating, as necessary, all clerking manuals and preparing the 2008 Clerking Test.

Time Frame:

Late April, Early May 2008

Action Items:

None

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer, Chair

DelaBar: Good work with the growth of the clerks and master clerks in the International Division. You have some excellent clerks in Malaysia and Singapore.

(17) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no.

Committee Co-Chairs: Debbie Kusy; Annette Wilson
List of Committee Members: Julie Keyer, Kathryn Sylvia

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Held meeting with Breed Council secretaries on June 29th with good participation and chaired BCS meeting with BOD on June 30th with many discussion items.

Reminded all BC secretaries of deadlines for ballot items.

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *Inquiries received on prospective new breeds includes “York Chocolates,” “doll-faced Persians” and Siamese x Manx cross. It’s always interesting.*
2. *We are currently reviewing **Breed Council ballot items** with Central Office and that will continue until the projected mailing date in early November. There are a large number of ballots again this year.*
3. *Applications for advancement have been received (and will be taken up at the February, 2008 meeting):*
 - *LaPerm (from PROV to CHSHP)*
 - *RagaMuffin (from MISC to PROV)*
 - *Ragdoll Mitted and Colorpoint Patterns (from AOV to CHSHP)*

Future Projections for Committee:

- ***Provisional and Miscellaneous Breed Report forms** are still under review. We would like to revise this form to provide better information in a measurable manner. We would also like to be able to use the same form for AOV’s that might be evaluated for future movement to championship (i.e., colorpoint and mitted Ragdolls)*
- ***Color description project.** This is a continuing project that has become overwhelming; we are adding more volunteers so the job can be broken up and shared out. Julie Keyer has this about half completed.*

Action Items:

None.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Breed Council Ballot Results, new breed and pattern advancements.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson and Debbie Kusy, Co-Chairs*

(18) CFA MENTOR PROGRAM.

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Mary J. Sietsema*
Liaison to Board: *Liz Watson*
List of Committee Members: *Willa Hawke, Marva Marrow, Karen Helmold, Jodell Raymond, Art Graafmans*
Advisor to Committee: *Pat Jacobberger*

Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! We now have over 800 protégés and almost 300 mentors. We are welcoming more protégés than ever and are working hard to pair each and every one. Many of our mentors are working with 2 or 3 protégés. We have been expanding in the International Division as well.

The Mentor Program sponsored a meeting Friday evening at the 2007 Annual in Austin, TX - "Mentor Forum: Session for Education, Networking, and Idea Exchange" with guest speakers Jodell Raymond and Teresa Keiger. The meeting was well received and attendees enjoyed the desserts and beverages.

The Ambassador Program, Chaired by Willa Hawke, sponsored a meeting Saturday afternoon at the 2007 Annual and the room was filled to capacity! Jodell Raymond, Team Leader, announced the arrival of our new banners and each Ambassador Regional Coordinator was given a banner for their region. These banners, approximately 32" wide and 6' tall – free standing, were well received by all and we are excited to have them. We would like to thank Phebe Low for her assistance in helping order and deliver them from Hong Kong!

Current Happenings of Committee:

Funding/Sponsorship: *We were disappointed to lose our sponsorship with Hartz the end of 2006 and have been actively searching for new sponsorship. We are pleased to announce that Willa Hawke has been working with Art Graafmans and he has generously offered to sponsor the Mentor and Ambassador Programs for the next three years! Art resides in the Southwest Region and has been actively involved in many aspects of CFA for over 10 years. He fully supports the Mentor and Ambassador Programs and his generous sponsorship will allow us to continue our annual Mentor Core Committee Meetings, extensive coverage of Madison Square Gardens shows and the returning International Shows, presentations at the upcoming Annuals and provide both programs with the printed materials needed for continued education and successful growth in CFA!*

New Mentor Training Course: *Teresa Keiger has joined the Mentor Program with her impressive new "New Bee" Class and we are very excited! This class is geared toward the "newbie" and will also assist in training instructors as well as mentors.*

Program Chair: *Teresa Keiger*

The New Bee Program is progressing nicely in its development.

After its announcement at the 2007 Annual, Program Chair brought on Kathy Black and Emily Turner as Program Members. Kathy has had a long-term interest regarding teaching new exhibitors, and Emily (as Junior Showmanship Chair) is a natural fit for the program.

We launched both the website and its companion email list in early July. Prior to the email launch, I recruited several experienced exhibitors whom I knew had an interest in the program and/or helping new exhibitors. If we were to have ‘voices of experience’ on the list, they also needed to be ‘voices of reason.’

In the meantime, I continued to fill out the New Bee website with articles. I anticipate this being an ongoing process as subjects arise and interests evolve. Mary Kolencik had been working on some similar articles for the catshows.us site and graciously offered to write additional articles for the New Bee site.

Instructors

To date, Jacqui Bennett, Maureen Kramanak, and Emily Turner have expressed interest in becoming New Bee course instructors. Jacqui and I will be teaching a class at the Southern Region show in November, and Maureen and I will teach another course at a date TBA.

Outreach

Most Regional websites now have a link to the New Bee site so that potential new exhibitors can get information about the programs. There is also a 1/2 page catalog ad available on the site that a large number of clubs have agreed to publish in their show catalogs. The committee believed that these were the best (and simplest) ways to reach our new exhibitors

Our Asian exhibitors have also expressed an interest in the New Bee Program, and we hope to have Chinese and Japanese versions of the site available in the near future.

Future Projections for Committee:

The CFA Mentor Program will continue our expansion efforts in the International Division with plans for a more established presence in Japan.

The Ambassador Program is currently working with Phebe Low on purchasing more of the “Ask Me!” Ambassador banners. We hope to make them available to all Regional shows and clubs in CFA.

The Core Committee will be having our annual meeting on September 29, 2007 and a full report will be available for the CFA Board Meeting in February 2008.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary J. Sietsema, Chair
CFA Mentor Program*

Ambassador Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Willa Hawke*
Liaison to Board: *Liz Watson*
Team Leader: *Jodell Raymond*

As most of you remember, Jodell addressed the delegation at the CFA Annual Meeting to update them on our progress and to personally invite the delegates in attendance to join our Ambassador group. She provided a delightful slide show and interesting discourse for the audience. As Jodell told the Delegates, the Ambassador mission only provides a snapshot to all of the great things that go on each week.

The CFA Ambassador Program was developed to create an informed cadre of individuals throughout CFA who are committed to educating and reaching out to spectators at cat shows, in the hopes of attracting new and active members of CFA who will become engaged participants in whatever facet of the fancy that they enjoy.

On Saturday, the Ambassador group had a very informal get-together in the Gulf Shore Region's suite (Thank You James Watson) and we packed the suite. There was standing room only with 34 Ambassadors in attendance and three Regional Coordinators in attendance. Our meeting was the talk of Saturday as to how packed that suite was!! It was great to meet the Ambassadors face-to-face and to have Ambassadors from every region in attendance! The enthusiasm in the room was so contagious.

To date: we have over 250 Ambassadors covering the seven U.S. regions and Hong Kong, Europe, Malaysia, Singapore, and Russia. And we are adding to that number by just having signed up several new Ambassadors at the Annual meeting.

Ambassadors in attendance at our Saturday meeting included:

*Marta Franc, Cynthia Tunello, L. Carson, Mark Rowe, Regional Coordinator, Susan Cook Henry, Karen Helmold, Regional Coordinator, Bob Zenda, Becky Shields, Aleandra Buskey, Deb Kuchler, Camelle Chaney, Sonya Coulson, Ruth Simmons, Art Graafmans, Erika Fetz, Edward Raymond—(thanks to Ed who got our snacks), Linda Fried, Judy Gunby, Cynde Gain, Carol Fogarty, Charlene Campbell, Lyn Knight, Patsi Anderson, George Eigenhauser, Isabelle Bellavance, Geri Fellerman, Lydia Stevenson, Rarteo Lo, Phebe Low/Regional Coordinator-Asia, Carol Allen, Mary Sietsema, Mentor Program Chair, **Jodell Raymond, Ambassador Program Team Leader and Willa Hawke, Ambassador Program Chair***

In our session among the topics were discussed:

- *Missing materials, such as buttons, booklets, or cage toppers.*
- *Banners from Hong Kong*
- *Spectator guide location*
- *Address Updates*
- *Show etiquette in answering spectators questions*
- *Ideas that are working within each region*

Many thanks to Phebe Low and Rarteo Lo from Hong Kong for their efforts to help us get stand-alone Ask Me display banners to help promote the CFA Ambassador program to exhibitors. Phebe and Rarteo came all the way from Hong Kong to deliver these banners!! Right now there is one banner for each region. In addition to the Ask Me Banner, there is a ribbon display banner which explains what the ribbons mean. At present, we have a total of two of the ribbon display banners for everyone to share.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for the past support you have given our group and to welcome Art Graafmans to our ranks. Art provides our printing and mailing and has recently agreed to become our sponsor. He is truly a wonderful Ambassador for all of CFA. Thank you Art.

*Respectfully submitted,
Willa K. Hawke, Chair
CFA Ambassador Program*

(19) PUBLICATIONS.

Publications Liaison Kitty Angell presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Carol Krzanowski*
Liaison to Board: *Kitty Angell*
List of Committee Members: *Shelly Borawski, Kelly Jones*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The final issue of the printed Almanac, the October/November issue, is now at the printer and will be mailed in early October. This issue features the regional/divisional award winning cats, the regional/divisional Spotlight Award winners and the annual DM statistics and listings. The DM article will be published in a future issue of the Online Almanac.

A letter to Almanac subscribers was published on the inside front cover of the August/September Almanac and again on page 6 of the October/November issue. The letter brings the readers' attention to the fact that the Almanac is ceasing publication and talks about the transition to the Online Almanac. An Online Almanac User's Guide was developed and published in the October/November Almanac. The User's Guide will be added to the Online Almanac as well. A copy of the letter and the User's Guide is attached at the end of this report.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Almanac Conversion

On September 12, 2007 we printed and mailed 865 notices to the remaining subscribers of the printed Almanac. In addition to the mailed notices, we sent approximately 650 emails to those individuals who had an email address on file. The notice contained instructions and a redemption code that the subscriber could use to either subscribe to the Online Almanac or extend an existing subscription. Subscribers were encouraged to convert the Online Almanac and as an added incentive to convert early, we offered to extend the online subscription an additional day for each day prior to October 31, 2007 that they convert. An additional notice was also posted to the CFA-News list alerting subscribers to watch for their redemption certificates to arrive by email and/or mail.

The conversion process appears to be going smoothly thus far. While we have received some questions from subscribers about the process and/or the Online Almanac itself, the inquiries have been relatively low in number. To date, 285 subscribers have converted to the Online Almanac, one has requested a credit and one has requested a cash refund leaving 578 yet to convert. The equivalent cash values are as follows:

<i>\$5146.42</i>	<i>285 Subscriptions converted</i>
<i>\$35.33</i>	<i>Credit issued</i>
<i>\$14.50</i>	<i>Refund</i>
<i>\$9566.45</i>	<i>578 Subscriptions not yet converted</i>

Total subscriptions to the Online Almanac now number 1204. It is important to keep in mind that these numbers are changing daily as more conversions are initiated and redemption certificates used. Updated figures will be provided at the board meeting.

Online Almanac

The staff has been re-organizing several areas of the Online Almanac in anticipation of offering various features from the printed Almanac. We have already begun moving some information over from the magazine, and this will continue over the next few months. We are attempting to make the changeover as seamless as possible by gradually adding more departments and features within the existing Online Almanac structure, and at the same time organizing the new and existing information for easy access.

The archives area of the Online Almanac is being expanded in order to better meet our subscribers' needs. A number of archived reports, files and articles are already available, and we plan to make archived e-points files available soon as well.

Krzanowski: We developed a user's guide for the on-line Almanac that was written for the person who did not have much computer knowledge. This user's guide is going to be made available within the on-line Almanac and we're also going to adapt it for use on the CFA website within the CFA on-line catalog to give people an idea of what they can find. **White:** When are we going to get to a point where we're going to be able to offer advertisement on the on-line Almanac for breeders? **Krzanowski:** We will be working with the Director of Marketing and Public Relations on some commercial advertising. **Fulkerson:** It's already committed. **Krzanowski:** We are hoping to offer breeder advertising in the Spring.

Yearbook

The staff continues to work at streamlining the production process, and a number of changes have already been implemented. At this time we are ahead of schedule as compared to last year, and we appear to be on target to meet our goal to complete this book in time for earlier mailing. This is despite the difficulty we had in obtaining a number of breed section introductions as well as promised feature articles. Currently there are still several feature articles outstanding, and we are approaching the time when we may have to proceed without them in order to remain on schedule.

The deadline to submit advertising for this book has passed, even though we are still receiving inquiries from potential advertisers. Within the next week or two, we will determine if the breed section layouts allow extra space for additional ads. As soon as we know which breed sections may have empty half or full-page spots at the end to fill, we will post solicitation notices to the various email lists for late ads to fill those spots.

At this time we have 163 ads, which is 34 less than last year. This decrease can probably be attributed at least partially to the advertising rate increase implemented for this Yearbook. However, from past experience we know that we will receive more ads once we put out a final call for late ads to fill empty spaces. We will also continue to accept late full-page ads as long as we can accommodate them, as they are easy to place. It is disappointing to note that there are

six breeds with no breeder advertising at all, but we are hopeful this may change somewhat after we put out the final call for late ads.

Krzanowski: We have an exciting cover this year. A very famous Japanese artist has created two pieces of original art work for us to select from. We feel very honored to be able to display his art work on our cover this year, and we hope that you will love it as much as we do.

Angell: As a person that has worked with writing deadlines my entire working life, I suggest that we instigate a zero tolerance policy.

L. Watson: We may wish to formalize that when a person runs for a breed council secretary, that one of their duties is writing or designating someone to write a yearbook article to promote their breed by the deadline. I don't understand why they're not willing to showcase their breed.

Baugh: The more tolerant we are, the further they are going to push the envelope. We need to establish a deadline and adhere to it.

Krzanowski: As long as we have agreement on the board that that's the policy we want to establish, I would be more than happy to do that.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

(20) **CFA COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EDUCATION.**

CFA Community Outreach/Education Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Joan Miller*
List of Committee Members: *Pam DelaBar, Roann Fulkerson, Kay Janosik, Peg Johnson, Liz Watson, Donna Isenberg, Karen Lawrence, Allene Tartaglia, Fred Jacobberger*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The long-range goals of the Outreach and Education programs were outlined in my report to the board, October 2006. The plan is to reach a greater public audience that will look to CFA as a primary information resource on cats. We want to develop a structure and process to include the many pet owners who have random bred pets as well as those who have pedigreed pets. There are others who have similar objectives and numerous websites on cats, but CFA has a wealth of unique knowledge and expertise not yet fully developed nor made widely available to outsiders. Because of the ambitious scope of this envisioned plan we will need corporate sponsorship and gradual involvement of interested cat fanciers.

“Cat Friends” concept - *The Committee has had several conference calls to discuss developing a membership/enrollment program for owners of pet cats. We have talked about our target “customers” and how to reach them; what services and programs would be offered; what is revenue producing and what is considered prestigious enhancement; what existing CFA programs could be incorporated; staffing, partnering with sponsor(s); the need for a marketing plan, design of promotional materials, new products, advertising and the many other facets of this plan. We have identified several fanciers who would be an advisory panel/focus group to provide input and critique ideas.*

Educational programs - *Building on the model of “breed showcase” type education using cats I have started to develop a variety of talks for the general public and others we want to reach. Gradually speakers are becoming experienced. In spite of numerous books and websites with cat information the public seems especially responsive to talks with actual cats present so this is a niche for CFA. We have presented all day or two day programs at the San Diego Cat Fanciers January show and the Costa Mesa Pet Fair in April.*

PAWS in the PARK – Pilot Event - *This was the first time cats have ever been part of an American Kennel Club “Responsible Dog Ownership Day” annual event. Dog fanciers in Southern California invited CFA to set up a program and display of cats in Balboa Park, Encino, California on September 15, 2007. Donna Isenberg was the liaison and primary person responsible for this event in the Park and she did a great job. We were extremely grateful for sponsorship from Royal Canin. This enabled us to have a large tent for the cats, all the tables and chairs and other materials needed, plus funds for publicity. The tent held the CFA booth, toys donated by Jakks Pacific, Siamese Rescue, a petting/grooming area, pet sitter, oxygen masks, and loads of information about cats, upcoming shows and various CFA programs. Sharon Lund was there for Royal Canin’s display. Richard Katris was there recording this*

historic event! Allene Tartaglia, Roemann Fulkerson, Regina Shaffer and Karen Lawrence were all there.

I presented topics in the education area all day with wonderful pedigreed cats who seemed curious but totally unfazed by the many dogs passing by on leashes. We greatly appreciated those willing to bring their cats - people at this event had never seen a pedigreed cat – many thanks to Donna and Bruce Isenberg, Carolyn Osier, Regina Shaffer, Penni Richter, Chris Thomas, Bruce Gary, Mary Thorsness, Ann Patrick, Cyndy Byrd, Andrea Bohren, Bryan and Dee Dee Cantley and Hanne Gauger for coming with their special showoff cats. These cats were all great ! Cat fanciers held dogs on leashes to allow interested people to enter the presentation area and enjoy the talks or petting table. We had an outstanding picnic lunch created by Donna and lots of fun. To see some of the first photos of this event – go to <http://nysahill.net/events.html>



Aby meets Great Dane at PAWS in the PARK

Current Happenings of Committee:

I am continuing to seek opportunities for pilot educational programs targeted to four audiences: general public, veterinary community, shelter community and potential new cat fanciers/breeders.

Future Projections for Committee:

Set up a committee conference call to move forward on the “Cat Friends” plan to reach the cat owners with non-pedigreed pet cats.

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Miller, Chair

(21) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser presented the following report:



President: *Dr. Susan Little*
Liaison to CFA Board: *George Eigenhauser*
Executive Director: *Janet Wolf*
Board Members: *Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Betsy Gaither, Fred Jacobberger, Betty White*

The activities of the Winn Feline Foundation since the last report in June 2007 are summarized as follows:

Winn Programs:

- *Veterinary Honor Roll: This program was launched at the CFA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX and has proven an instant success. Over 30 veterinarians have been honored to date, and have received the beautiful framed certificate to display in their clinic waiting room. For more information, see the Veterinary Honor Roll page on our website.*
- *Pet Memorial Program: A new brochure has been designed by a professional graphic designer as we renew efforts to promote this program that gives veterinarians an opportunity to make a donation when a client's pet dies. Currently, the program is not well known within the veterinary community. Each veterinarian named to the new Veterinary Honor Roll receives a package of information on the Pet Memorial program in the expectation that more veterinarians will support Winn.*

Office of the Executive Director: *Janet Wolf has been occupied with many activities for Winn, including the following initiatives:*

- *Issued the call for proposals with a deadline of Dec. 4 for Winn's next round of grants*
- *Processed the proposals received for the Miller Trust grant program; the grant review teleconference is scheduled for Sept. 28*
- *Planned the upcoming Winn board meeting in Chicago*
- *Provided materials for inclusion in the attendee packages at the Tufts' Canine & Feline Breeding and Genetics Conference*

- *Added new direct mail sources*
- *Served as temporary liaison for breed-related studies and helped breeders establish a new fund for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) research in the Turkish Angora*

Veterinary Conferences: Winn co-sponsored the 3rd Tufts' Canine & Feline Breeding and Genetics Conference, held Sept. 12-14 in Sturbridge, MA. Dr. Little was an invited speaker at the event, and also gave a presentation on Winn's activities in funding feline research. Through the efforts of Dr. Little and Steve Dale, presentations on Winn were also made at major veterinary conferences, such as the World Small Animal Veterinary Association meeting in Australia, the American Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Washington, DC and the Central Veterinary Conference in Kansas City, MO.

Media Relations Committee: Members of the committee have been developing a 2008 campaign designed to increase awareness about Winn with the pet-owning public and within the veterinary profession. Ads are planned for Cat Fancy magazine, as well as certain veterinary publications. The assistance of a professional graphic designer has resulted in eye-catching productions, such as ads that will appear in the spectator guide for the upcoming CFA-Iams Cat Championship show. Committee member Steve Dale produces a monthly "Winning Ways" podcast that is accessible through several venues, such as iTunes, the WGN Radio website, and Winn's own website. Winn is currently featured on the front page of the newly re-launched website Catwellness.org, an industry-sponsored site from the publishers of GoodNewsForPets.com that promotes feline health care.

Finance Committee: Committee members reordered Winn's investments by moving certain monies from under-performing funds to triple-A bond funds to provide consistent investment income sheltered from the current market fluctuations. A preliminary disbursement of \$60,000 received from the Crezentia Allen Estate was invested. The total disbursement from this Estate is expected to be approximately \$100,000. Treasurer Betsy Gaither is reviewing the management recommendations of our auditor for presentation to the board at the upcoming meeting. Betsy has also filed the federal and state reports required of Winn as a registered charity.

Publications: Betty White continues to produce articles and newsletters for Winn, including:

- *Winn Health News #18 (available in the Almanac and on Winn's website)*
- *Two articles for the next CFA Yearbook*
 - *"Winn Salutes Another Houston First"*
 - *"Winn Goes Global"*

Winn will continue to provide content for the Almanac once it moves to its full online version. George Eigenhauser is working on a planned feature article on Estate donations to Winn. On occasion, writers or photographers donate images, articles or publications to Winn for use on our website or for fund-raising purposes. Fred Jacobberger is preparing a release form for these donations to ensure Winn's rights of use are clearly defined.

Winn Symposium: *The 2007 Winn Symposium was a great success, thanks in part to sponsorship by Royal Canin. Planning is well underway for the 2008 Symposium, as speakers have been contacted, and preliminary agreements for sponsorship have been drafted. Winn is now an approved veterinary Continuing Education provider, allowing the 2008 Symposium to be advertised to veterinarians and veterinary technicians in the Louisville, KY area.*

Winn Website: *Site content is updated frequently. Recent updates include:*

- *Veterinary Honor Roll program*
- *Tufts' Canine and Feline Breeding & Reproduction conference information*
- *Library additions*
 - *Notes from the 2007 Winn Symposium lectures*
 - *Current editions of Winn's two newsletters*
 - *Purina ProClub newsletters (by kind permission of NestlePurina Petcare)*

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Susan Little
President, Winn Feline Foundation*

Eigenhauser: The Winn meeting won't be until later this month but we did have a telephonic conference in September for the Miller Trust grant and our tentative disbursement amount was \$130,000.

(22) **TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.**

Technology Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Dick Kallmeyer
Members: Karen Lawrence, Connie Selitto, Allene Tartaglia,
Peg Johnson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA web site had 6.4 million page loads for June to August, 2007, up 11.5% over a year ago. There were 1.3 million unique visitors (88% first time visitors).

Online sales were \$91,770 for June to August, 2006.

A privacy policy for CFA was added to the site in August. The policy explains how CFA collects personal information through it's web sites and how it handles that info, plus provides information on how to "opt out". Having a privacy policy in place was required prior to the launch of the photo contest.

On June 20th, CFA was contacted by Julie Powell Christopher of Simon & Schuster regarding the launch of a new children's cat book, "Hello, Calico!" Discussion led to the development of the "Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest" which is being hosted on the For Kids ... About Cats web site between August 15 and September 30. Simon & Schuster generously donated books to be given away as prizes, as have other CFA corporate sponsors. Simon & Schuster staff, and their legal counsel, were extremely helpful in working with both Karen Lawrence and Roeann Fulkerson to develop the contest protocol and details, rules, advertising, etc. The grand prize winner will be announced by Ms. Christopher prior to the Best- of-the-Best judging at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship Show.

Current Happenings of Committee:

WEB PAGE LOADS:

- June 2,141,427
- July 2,180,196
- August 2,164,097

FANC-E-MEWS

The September/October edition of **Fanc-e-Mews**, CFA's free online magazine, will include:

- Information on the CFA-IAMS Cat Championship coming to New York City on October 14 & 15.
- "Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest".
- On September 15, Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) will join the Southern California Responsible Pet Owners Coalition, to include cats in the "PAWS in the PARK" event.

- *A legislative group report explains that responsible breeders preserve the historical background, unique look and style of their breeds, and also help to preserve valuable traits within the species so that future generations of pets can enjoy good health.*
- *CFA's Breeder Assistance Program and the Food Pantry program.*
- *The ASPCA is warning cat owners that they may unknowingly be putting their pets at risk when opening windows in high rise buildings.*
- *The HEALTH section discusses vision loss in pets and treatment. Also included are details of the Winn Feline Foundations 2007 grant awards for feline health research.*
- *BREED SPOTLIGHT highlights the Ragdoll*
- *PRESS RELEASES announcing new products and programs - Petmate's New Shabby Chic Pet Bed Delivers Refined Luxury; Duckyworld to Test First Large Cat Catnip Toy at Wildcat Sanctuary; and, Petmate is Committed to the Environment through Recycling.*
- *NEW! - CONSUMER PRODUCT REVIEWS report on the CFA branded cat toys, plus a review of FileoDex, a personal data storage and home inventory program.*
- *POET'S CORNER features Betsy Stowe, an award-winning freelance writer and photographer, and JUST FOR LAUGHS features cartoonists Stephanie Piro, Steve Langille and Jerry King.*

FOR KIDS ... ABOUT CATS

FOR KIDS had 90,526 page loads in the June through August time frame. 18,667 were unique visitors, 94% of these first time visitors.

NEW ON THE SITE:

- *Press releases were added to the site for the CFA national winners, the photo contest and CFA's participation in Paws in the Park.*
- *A new web site area was developed for Feline Agility at agility.cfa.org.*
- *All photos for the 2006-2007 NW and breed winners were updated on the site. A newly designed breed slideshow was developed and is now available.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Add directions on how to complete a delegate form, proxy form, and ballots.*
- *Members of CFA's cat clubs in China are interested in translating breed profiles for use on the web site.*

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

Kallmeyer: The new New-Bee Program is a new partnership with us. They have a website which CFA will maintain, and they will retain editorial ownership. When people come to our website, we have to start looking at ways for them to be inter-active. **Miller:** Polls get

people thinking about things. Anytime the board wants input from the fancy, let's have a poll. We really need to explore the interactive use of the internet on our website. **Johnson:** More interaction gives us a way to get focus feed-back when we need it.

(23) **CFA FOUNDATION REPORT.**

Liaison Stan Barnaby presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Hilary Helmrich
Board Liaison: Robert Molino
List of Committee Members: Karen Lawrence, Rachel Anger, Jan Rogers, David Mare, Lorraine Shelton, Jane Barletta, Ben Spater, Esq.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Foundation Board of Directors met on Saturday June 30 , 2007 to discuss the business of the Board.

Officers were elected for a two-year period:

President: Hilary Helmrich
Vice President: Karen Lawrence
Secretary: Rachel Anger
Treasurer: Jan Rogers
Legal Counsel: Ben Spater
Directors: David Mare, Lorraine Shelton, Don Williams, Jane Barletta

Our Treasurer reported on the assets, income, and expenses for the Foundation. The Board directed the Treasurer to find a suitable investment for \$15,000.

A discussion was held regarding the domain name for our website. After a vote of the Board, we have registered the domain name **FelineHistoricalFoundation.org**.

The Board has appointed a new attorney for the Foundation. His name is Benjamin F. Spater, from Truck and Huss Attorneys at Law, San Francisco. The contract to provide legal services has been signed. The services will be pro bono.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Board has requested Karen Lawrence to write a proposal to continue the sale of excess duplicate yearbooks through CFA's Online Catalog, with the proceeds going into the Foundation treasury. To date, we have sold 180 out-of-print yearbooks through CFA's online catalog, with another 4 currently listed as available.

At this time, we have numerous duplicate yearbooks and studbooks in storage at the Central Office plus, one full set of yearbooks donated by Olen Wilford; several soft-sided yearbooks and a stud book donated by Miriam Faulkner; and anticipate receiving 19 yearbooks from another cat fancier.

We continue to purchase first editions of cat books whenever possible, and we actively scan online sources for appropriate feline historical memorabilia and artifacts.

Future Projections for Committee:

1. *A mission statement for the organization is being drafted in anticipation of requests for donations.*
2. *The brochure for the organization is being updated to make it more interesting for the public.*
3. *We anticipate the sale of duplicate yearbooks to augment our treasury.*
4. *Development of a web site for the CFA Foundation.*

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Hilary Helmrich, Chair*

(24) **ANNUAL MEETING – 2008.**

Great Lakes Regional Director Loretta Baugh presented an update on the 2008 Annual. Jo Ann Cummings is doing a beautiful job. Also, special thanks to James Watson for the information and data he has given us. We are well underway and it's going to be a great Annual.

(25) **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.**

President DelaBar announced an additional committee appointment for the year 2007-2008:

CFA International ShowEmily Turner, Chair (Kitty Angell, Liaison)

Baugh: I have questions and concerns about the International show. Our major shows in the last two years have not filled. Are we going to consider the concept of the large entry that we have always had in the past, or are we are going to look at scaling it down? Do we need to have 12 judges? I also have a major concern about CFA finances and wonder whether we need to go forward with this, or if we should have a commitment for sponsorship before we go forward. I would like to see more figures before we commit. I would also like to see what the actual format is going to be, because I seriously question whether we can get the type of entry we have gotten in the past. **DelaBar:** The financial picture is picking up. The committee is going to put together a budget and bring it back to us in February. **Johnson:** What caught up with the major shows is that exhibitors get discouraged showing and spending the money to go there, no matter how much fun they are. The big shows have gone through a cycle where they got really big, maintained momentum, and then one day people just don't enter. I don't know how much we can compare entries with those shows and the International. **L. Watson:** People are tired of going to shows where there is little chance to do anything. I don't necessarily feel that that's the way it is at the International Show. That show is for people from all over the world and it's really more of a breeder get-together. I don't think we can compare it with the other shows. **Baugh:** Does CFA really need to be in the show producing business? **Calhoun:** We're at a place financially that we shouldn't assume anything. It is very appropriate that we have a budget in February. At that time, we will know what happened with the New York show.

(26) NATIONAL SHOW SCHEDULING (APPEAL).

According to Donna Hetherington, Secretary of Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers, the request for appeal of the Tornado Alley denial was withdrawn on Friday, September 28th in an email to Allene Tartaglia.

I don't wish to debate the reversal of that decision now, nor do I wish to debate the need for a National Scheduling Committee. There is a great need for this committee. It is in our best interest to insure the support of current CFA clubs and their "traditional" dates, but we must also insure the continued growth of CFA through the encouragement and support of new clubs & new shows. I don't know why this has become so personal for the Rocky Mountain club. Asking to hold a show is not an attack on another CFA club and it is an unnecessary distraction for Tornado Alley's request to be portrayed as such.

Please consider why the function of the NSC is of particular concern to the Midwest Region. We have the misfortune of having lost SIX of our "traditional" shows in the last 3 years. Yes, SIX! The current method that is used to determine if a show will or will not be approved is vitally important to us. We are bordered by two regions that each have fairly full show calendars. With the current UNDEFINED guidelines we fear it will be extremely difficult to ever get a show approved in the MWR. The Colorado Springs club has concerns that they may not survive with another year of low entries – but they survived after the 2005 show when they only had 176 (only 6 more than last year) entries and in 2003 when they had 189 entries.

When you look at recent actions of the NSC it is clear that no uniform guidelines have been followed. The committee is currently working to draft a set of guidelines, however, my request to you today is to suspend the actions of the committee until such time that these guidelines can be submitted to the full board for approval. Reasons for this request are:

- *No current show rule requires the National Scheduling committee approval before a show license can be denied. While there is additional wording being recommended by the show rules committee at this meeting, the new rule still does not require approval, only scrutiny.*
- *There are VAST inconsistencies in past rulings and actions of this committee. Examples are:*
 - *Not all new shows are required to have approval of the NS committee before the Regional Director gives approval. (Shenandoah Valley?)*
 - *Not all moves greater than 100 miles are required to have NSC approval (Mid-Michigan Kalamazoo show moved to Mt. Clemens – approx 130 miles).*
 - *Not all clubs are required to seek approval prior to changing weekends- (Sign of the Cat, move from 4th to 5th without committee approval, also National Capital's move from 2nd to 1st; weekend next year and other shows scheduled around Labor Day, Easter, Thanksgiving etc.)*
 - *At times, information is posted for members to consider with regard to conflicting shows and mileage to a proposed location/show and other times no info given.*

- *The time limit given for show consideration varies from case to case (sometimes 10 days, other times it is longer).*
- *RDs are not always required to comment on approval of a show.*
- *The requirement to post requests multiple times in an attempt to gain input is another example of inconsistency.*
- *There are times when only distance is a factor and other times distance and population density are both factors.*
- *There is a clear need for a process of arbitration as demonstrated in recent events.*
- *We need clear and concise definitions to terms commonly used when determining the effect of a new show, such as: a.) a definition of numbered weekends as opposed to “holiday related weekends”; b.) description of “long standing” club; c.) distance required for move approval; d.) clearer definition of “traditional” date; d.) distance required for new show approval.*
- *One way to validate the decisions of this committee would be to have a number of exhibitor members. These could be mutually agreed on between the Regional Directors so that the intent to gain a non-biased point of view is met (i.e. Credentials Committee).*

I hope this illustrates the need for oversight. As you can see, this is not a short list of examples. I believe that any decisions regarding the approval or denial of a show license should be made with rules that have the complete approval and support of the Board of Directors.

Denial criteria should also be included in show rule 12.03.

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Suspend the actions of the National Scheduling Committee until a full set of Board approved guidelines are in place. The actions and decisions of this committee should relate to measurable criteria. The rules used to approve or deny a show should be available for everyone to see, just as the actions of this board.*

[see third action item for more discussion] **Janosik:** The actions and decisions of this Committee should relate to measurable criteria. The rules used to approve or deny a show should be available for everyone to see, just like the actions of this board. **Kusy:** If the Committee’s actions are suspended, in the meantime, we will have a free for all. How would we handle show requests in the meantime? **Janosik:** Each regional director in charge of their own region. **Johnson:** You can’t be in charge of your own region because we affect each other. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Janosik voting yes.

- *Reverse the recent decision to deny Midwest Enthusiasts Of Wonderful Sphynx (MEOWS) their traditional show date, the last weekend in July. The club has held 2 shows this weekend, which also happened to be the 5th weekend in July, and now are being told their weekend does not exist. As stated above clubs in CFA routinely move between the 4th and 5th, 1st and 2nd weekend etc. without approval.*

Withdrawn.

- *Re-examine and consider a reversal of the decision to deny Tornado Alley's show request for the last weekend in April based on the examples above.*

Janosik: Our region faces a unique situation in that we have lost so many of our traditional shows. I am asking for more than the appeal of this one decision. I also ask that we have board-approved guidelines in place that would apply to all regions equally and fairly. Specific and transparent rules and terms with definitions that everybody has to follow are needed, based on real numbers and real facts. We need more than just the regional directors on this Committee. **Baugh:** National Scheduling definitely needs to have some specifics and rules in place. We need to attract new exhibitors, and our new exhibitors are not going to be the ones that are traveling distances. **Kusy:** This board approved guidelines in 2006. The same circumstances don't apply in the east coast that apply in the Midwest. It is impossible to apply the same rules. We discuss things on a committee level and come to a consensus. We have to protect the established clubs, and that is the goal of this committee, as well as finding dates for the new clubs. **Johnson:** I am very concerned that we've got clubs that have been in CFA for 30+ years and all of a sudden they have to deal with things that are hurting their shows. 20 entries can make or break a club. I understand needing to fill weekends in different areas, but I am concerned that we aren't taking into consideration some of these clubs that have held traditional show dates and are struggling, and have supported CFA for 30+ years. I don't want us to throw the baby out with the bathwater trying to make everyone happy with show scheduling. **J. Watson:** We are trying to keep clubs afloat. The Scheduling Committee is made up of all the regional directors or their scheduling people, so we talk amongst ourselves and work out solutions. We aren't ever going to get a set of rules that is going to work. What we have to be able to do is look at each situation individually and apply common sense to come up with a solution. There is no option for Colorado Springs. They can't move somewhere else and have a show. In the Midwest Region, the Kansas City show was originally in Illinois. Had they put on another show in the same area, there would have never been an issue. We need local clubs where people can drive to their shows but if we put on a show in one area and it causes the other show in another area to go out of business, then what's the argument for those people that now don't have a show to drive to? The people in between these two locations make up the entries that will either make or break the show. If you make a situation where people have to decide, that's going to reduce the entries for both shows. Our area is unique in that we've got so much space between our shows and our clubs. Tornado Alley's show in conjunction with a pet fair last year was a wonderful thing. They agreed then that it was a one-time deal. **Wilson:** Was Tornado Alley told that it was a one-time show last year, and both clubs understood that? **Janosik:** Yes, they agreed to it in writing, thinking that meant that it wouldn't count toward their traditional date. Then they came back to me and said, why can't we ask again? There were no rules that I could point them to. **Wilson:** I don't see any reason to appeal the decision of the Committee. **DelaBar:** In April 2006, Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers had 225 entries. In April 2007, they had 170 entries, 55 down. **Johnson:** That's a lot for a club to lose. **Janosik:** In 2005, their entry was 176 and in 2003 it was 189. They are asking for a method for arbitration because they feel that they didn't hurt the other club. **Brown:** Only one Region 3 exhibitor entered the Tornado Alley show last year. In the Midwest, Nebraska is down to two shows, Iowa is down to one show, and we're dealing with a loss of clubs and shows. We need to think about losing clubs as a result of not

having show dates, as well as losing clubs as a result of not having enough entries. **DelaBar:** Everybody would like to see a show come back to the Midwest Region. The location is the problem. **Janosik:** It was recommended that they move the show back to the Chicago area, but that would put them less than 450 miles away from Erie. This goes back to my original statement that we need defined rules approved by the board with definitions that spell out everything clearly so that everyone can understand. **Johnson:** If we can get people going to both shows, everybody wins. If Tornado Alley finds a location in another part of the region, it wouldn't matter who put on the show. We have to protect our clubs, and that's what makes scheduling difficult. We have to look at the perspective of both clubs. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to see a range; if your show is more than X miles away from the next show, the Show Scheduling Committee will automatically approve it unless there's a good reason not to. Right now, no one knows what criteria is being applied. We're not sure it's being applied consistently. Most people will probably agree that it shouldn't be applied consistently because markets are different sizes, but there's a perception in the fancy that this is made up as it goes along. The Committee needs to refocus its priorities. The goal is not to give every club a guaranteed entry. We need to give each club a fighting chance but let the market control. If we keep focusing into smaller and smaller clusters of exhibitors in bigger and bigger shows, we're going to lose our entry. **Baugh:** What I look at in addition to the longevity of a club is, what is the benefit to CFA of the club putting on the show? I have a problem if it comes down to a club that is doing the same old thing versus a young, exuberant group. I do want to say, I think competition is healthy. We also have to look at density and mileage. The perception is that a lot of decisions are arbitrary – they are not, but if we give our clubs some very basic guidelines on what we are doing and why we are doing it, there might be a little less animosity. **J. Watson:** The arguments that we need new clubs, we need new people coming in, we need people to put on a show in an area where there's not a show; those are all good arguments but if we do that at the expense of an existing club, that's not good either. The Scheduling Committee does the best they can to work out a situation where everybody can win. **Johnson:** This is a very business-related discussion. Years ago, we had a much larger market base. Now, clubs are happy if they get 200 entries and they are adjusting their expenses. The guidelines apply to everybody. We don't need to discourage people from having shows. This club knew it had one-time permission last year, and we need to support the Committee's decision. I have published guidelines for the region, because I need to let everybody know that we have a level playing field. **Janosik:** My regional guidelines do not apply in this case. **DelaBar:** We're not going to have guidelines that apply across the board, because we are so diverse. **Kusy** moved to uphold the decision of the Show Scheduling Committee, to deny Tornado Alley a show in Kansas City on the last weekend of April, 2008. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun and Janosik voting no. Anger abstained. **Eigenhauser:** I wish to have it noted that my vote was because the previous year was one time only.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kay Janosik*

Eigenhauser moved to adjourn. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(27) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

On Friday, October 5, 2007, the Hearings Committee met to hear one appeal. The following board members were present: Kitty Angell, Rachel Anger, Roger Brown, Pam DelaBar, George Eigenhauser, Kay Janosik, Peg Johnson, Richard Kallmeyer and Joan Miller. Also present were CFA Attorney Fred Jacobberger, Animal Welfare Chair Linda Berg and Executive Director Allene Tartaglia.

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 by the Hearings Committee. The Hearings Committee submitted their findings to the Board of Directors with a recommendation as to the action that should be taken. The CFA Executive Board subsequently ratified the recommendation.

06-060 **CFA v. Goettel, Sharon**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY on both counts. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.
Motion Carried (vote sealed).

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

06-076 **CFA v. Harpham, Stephanie**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (g)
GUILTY. Sentence of suspension of all CFA Services until proof of repayment of \$500.00 restitution to Complainant. If not paid prior to termination of suspension in previous matter (06-018 suspension effective 3/12/07-3/12/09) suspension will remain in effect until restitution is made.
Motion Carried (vote sealed).

07-016 **CFA v. Dowding, Lee**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article II, Article XV Section 4 (b & e)
Violation of CFA Show Rules 1.18a, 2.01a and 2.12
GUILTY. Sentence of stern letter of reprimand.
Motion Carried (vote sealed).

07-019 **CFA v. Wilson, Jennifer**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (b)
GUILTY. Sentence of one year suspension of all CFA Services and a \$350.00 fine.
Motion Carried (vote sealed).

This case was reviewed by the Protest Committee and a recommendation was presented to the Board in June 2007. The case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and an appeal was received by the Complainant. Following clarification of

the *Tentative Ruling Procedure for Protests* in which it was determined that a complainant shall have no right to request a hearing (see index item #9 above), final disposition is as follows:

06-066 **CFA v. Johnson, Susan Ann**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (g)
GUILTY. Sentence of \$750 fine.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).