

CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 26-28, 2008

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at the Louisville Marriott, Louisville, Kentucky. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (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)
Mr. Robert Molino (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 **Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)**.

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director, Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; and Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel. Ms. Roeann Fulkerson attended in her capacity of Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and Ms. Akemi Makita attended as 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) ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES.

No corrections to the February, 2008 minutes having been submitted, **Eigenhauser** moved to accept the minutes as published. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
1.	Executive Committee via Central Office	Midwest TGIF requests permission to award 1-5 breed awards in Cornish Rex kitten, championship and premiership classes at their show on August 2/3, 2008. The additional breed awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Carried.
2.	Anger	Accept the resignation of the Ontario Cat Fanciers (Region 4), with regret. The timing, prior to the June board meeting, is to avoid sending dues notices and other unnecessary mailings.	Motion Carried. Molino and L. Watson did not vote.
3.	Executive Committee via Anger	Extend Bob Molino's medical leave of absence from judging through July 2, 2008.	Motion Carried.
4.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant to Kitty Angell a medical leave of absence from judging through the last weekend in August, 2008.	Motion Carried. Calhoun did not vote. Angell abstained.
5.	Executive Committee	Approve CFA's participation in the CATalyst campaign, and have CFA and our logo listed on the CATalyst website when launched. The organizational support does not require a financial contribution from CFA, but CFA can provide input and augment the plan with our own efforts as they proceed with the campaign.	Motion Carried. Calhoun did not vote.
6.	Anger	Accept the resignation of Margot Mellies from the CFA Judging Program with regret, and change her status to "retired".	Motion Carried

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
7.	Executive Committee via Central Office	Tonks West requests permission award 1-5 breed awards in Tonkinese kitten, championship and premiership classes at their traditional Sea of Aqua show on April 12/13, 2008. The additional breed awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Carried.
8.	Executive Committee via Central Office	Genesee Cat Fanciers requests permission to change their May 3/4, 2008 show in Rochester, NY from a 2 day, 8AB show to a 1 day, 6AB show. The two affected judges have graciously concurred.	Motion Carried.
9.	Anger	Accept the resignation of Chisato Bess Higuchi from the CFA Judging Program with regret, and change her status to “retired”.	Motion Carried.
10.	Anger	Elevate Chisato Bess Higuchi to “emeritus” status in the CFA Judging Program.	Motion Carried.
11.	Executive Committee via Central Office	Mo-Kan Cat Club, Inc. requests permission to award 1-5 breed awards in Ragdoll kitten, championship and premiership classes at their show on August 9/10, 2008. The additional breed awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Carried. Anger abstained.
12.	Central Office via DelaBar	Grant an exception to policy for the CICC show October 18/19, 2008, to have Darrell Newkirk officiate the Best of the Best presentation, in addition to his regularly contracted show.	Motion Carried. Anger abstained. Johnson and Molino did not vote.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
13.	Executive Committee via Central Office	National Maine Coon Cat Club/Foot of the Rockies request permission to award 1-10 breed awards in Maine Coon kitten, championship and premiership classes if more than 20 entered at their show September 27/28, 2008. The additional breed awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Failed. Angell voting yes.
14.	Executive Committee via Central Office	National Maine Coon Cat Club/Foot of the Rockies request permission to award 1-5 breed awards in Maine Coon kitten, championship and premiership classes at their show September 27/28, 2008. The additional breed awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Carried.
15.	Executive Committee via Central Office	Abyssinian Breeders International requests permission to award 1-10 breed awards in Abyssinian and Somali kitten, championship and premiership classes at their show July 26, 2008. The additional awards will not be CFA scored.	Motion Carried.

Baugh moved to ratify the on-line motions. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(2) APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Credentials Chair Eve Russell presented the following report:

The Credentials Committee will meet on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting we will discuss any problems relating to seating of the club delegates. We will meet again on Friday, June 27, 2008, at 7 a.m. to open/count the ballots for the CFA officer and regional director elections.

Our 2008 membership includes the following persons:

Region 1: Geri Fellerman and Jill Archibald
Region 2: Ann Segrest and Ken Brown
Region 3: Paula Watson and Betty Haden
Region 4: Barbara Schreck and Eve Russell
Region 5: Nancy Dodds and Hilary Helmrich

Region 6: Mary Beth Minkley and Mark McKenzie
Region 7: Pat Lichtenberg and Yvonne Griffin

*Respectfully submitted,
Eve Russell, Credentials Chair*

Baugh moved to approve the tellers, as presented. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(3) TREASURER’S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun introduced CFA’s accountant, Frank Myers, and gave the following report using a standing motion with the right to vote no:

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Total Assets (primarily cash)

Key cash reserves are essentially the same as cash reserves at the end of the last fiscal year.

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services

Income from registration declined at a rate of 9% when compared to the budget. The decline is also 9% lower than the prior year. The table below summarizes the registration categories in which revenue is significantly lower than last year.

The majority of the categories captured in the Ordinary Income schedule did not vary significant when compared to last year with the exception of the following:

- *Club Dues/Application Fees – unfavorable - 11.2%*
- *Certified Pedigrees - unfavorable -18.2%*
- *Registration from Pedigree new category (mostly foreign) – favorable*

Overall, revenue from Ordinary Income was down 3.2% when compared to the prior year.

DelaBar: Last June at the at meeting with the breed council secretaries, we asked them to increase the participation in pre-paid registrations. That was the only increase we had in all of the registration figures, so they did the job that we asked them.

Yearbook and Almanac

Yearbook advertising was down while sales remained close to prior year. Salary and benefit allocations were less than last year. Total production costs were also down but postage

increased. Overall the yearbook lost \$28,000 which was an improvement when compared to the \$48,000 loss of the prior year.

The Almanac income was down when compared to last year. Because the print Almanac was discontinued this past year, the associated reduction in subscriptions and ads primarily drove the revenue loss. The On-line Almanac revenue increased. Salary and benefit allocations attached to the Almanac were less than last year and the production costs were also down as expected, considering the print version no longer exists. The concern moving forward is how the On-line Almanac revenue can support its associated operational costs.

Action Item: *Publications Committee outline a financial plan to be presented to the Board in October 2008 outlining an action plan to address balancing the publications budget.*

Calhoun: We have about the same operating costs to sustain the on-line Almanac, so we need to figure out how to make that balance so that Publications sustains itself. The action item addresses this, because we can't sustain this imbalance. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Central Office

A few noteworthy changes regarding the accounts captured in this category need to be highlighted.

- *Depreciation for all equipment including data processing, furniture, fixtures, printing equipment, and auto are now being captured in the Central Office schedule under Depreciation-all. This is consistent with how this is considered in the Annual Audit.*
- *Website maintenance & Expense is now captured in the Central Office schedule (moved from the CFA Programs schedule).*
- *All accounting/audit costs are now captured in the Central Office schedule.*
- *An account has been added for employee education*

The Central Office schedule is \$130,000 unfavorable to last year but more than \$110,000 of that unfavorability is credited changes to the categories captured in this schedule. The balance is credited to unfavorability regarding maintenance, utilities and office supplies.

Myers: These are non-cash items of expense, so you didn't spend any of your budget to incur the depreciation. What we do is recognize the cost of these assets over a period of time so that it's a period cost. For a 10-year asset, it's a period cost over 10 years. It's a stand-alone. It doesn't make the cash flow. The cash flows when you make a purchase.

Computer Expenses

This schedule reflects \$76,000 in favorability but this is largely due to the realignment of depreciation costs.

CFA Programs

This schedule reflects a positive variance compared to last year of \$50,00 largely due to the following:

- *Awards – favorable - \$20,000*
- *Show Supplies – favorable - \$5000*
- *Misc Committee – favorable - \$6000*
- *Budget Committee – favorable - \$2000*
- *Club mailings – favorable - \$4,700*
- *Web Site Maintenance & Expense moved to Central Office schedule – favorable- \$26,000*

Corporate Expense

Corporate expense is favorable to last year. The change to a conference call instead of an October meeting and the reallocation of Professional fees contributed to \$34,000 in favorability.

Legislative

The legislative spending is slightly under budget.

Overall, CFA lost \$87,796 this past year which includes over \$91,000 in depreciation.

Calhoun: Much of the loss is depreciation, so our cash has not significantly changed.

Molino: This is a one-time realignment of accounting. **DelaBar:** I've asked the Budget Committee to come up with a cash flow statement which is easier for us non-accountant types to understand. Financially, I feel fairly confident saying, we're starting to breathe oxygen.

Regional Treasurer Reporting – Approved at the Feb 2008 Board Meeting

In order to support complete and accurate financial accounting, each region will be required to provide a monthly income statement to Central Office effective February 15, 2008. A template was created by Frank Myers, CFA Accountant for use by the Regional Treasurers. Each month each region should send a completed report to Central Office no later than the 15th of the month.

Several regions are not in compliance with this requirement. This is a critical role in bringing CFA into compliance from a taxable revenue standpoint. It is critical and needs to be a priority.

Action Item: *The regional treasurers will report through the regional directors, and the regional directors will report to the CFA Treasurer and to Central Office, their monthly accounting statements using the tool by the 15th of every month.*

Calhoun: We want to make sure that we are doing things the right way. We need to get reports from all the regional treasurers. We have a "lunch and learn" scheduled with Frank Myers for the regional treasurers or their delegate. **J. Watson:** How does regional reporting show up, and how will it affect the regions? **Calhoun:** The regions use the CFA tax ID number, so all taxable income will be treated with the rest of the income. The regions would not have to submit any claim to the IRS. **Molino:** As there seems to be slowness or reluctance to report

regional treasuries by the appropriate time, what is the incentive to report? Because the CFA identification number is being used and reported, it seems that not including regional treasuries is an understatement of income and loss. It's not a request, it's imperative. The regions must report. **Johnson:** The incentive is keeping our tax-exempt status. **Calhoun:** It is critical and needs to be a priority. When you agree to be a regional treasurer, the responsibility to the region and to the parent needs to be clear and consistent. Tax-exempt status for all regions would be in jeopardy if any region did not perform. We must do the appropriate reporting so that CFA is not called into question. **Johnson:** As a board, we have seen club treasuries and regional treasuries have very sporadic income and expenses. We also have a lot of outflow at certain times of the year. It's very easy to get away from fiscally looking at that every month, because there are months that we have no activity. Monthly reporting gives us a reporting tool for our constituency. The incentives are very varied and great. This would be a very welcome tool as we make changes in our organization. **Eigenhauser:** Our constitution says a regional director can have an account of funds, and the regional director shall account to Central Office at the CFA annual. It doesn't say anything about regional treasuries. We do that as a convenience, a matter of precedent and practice, but ultimately the responsibility falls on the shoulders of the regional directors. Those are the people who we really need to educate and emphasize the importance that this gets done. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

J. Watson: Should regional financial statements be available to anybody that logs onto our website and goes to our financial report? **Myers:** You may want to consider using password protection for the sensitive information.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Myers: Thank you for inviting me to your annual meeting. I started working with CFA in July of last year and I help with the month-end closings and also with the financial closings for the board meetings. The monthly work involves bank reconciliations, going over a trial balance of the general ledger, looking at accounts that might be out of line, answering questions from staff who have accounting questions for me, to help them post journal entries during the month, etc. During what we call hard close, we look at all the general ledger accounts in preparation for the board meetings and we set accruals that don't set on a monthly basis. We spend a little extra time for year-end. I'm here for the organization. I see Allene every month, and I come and check the books every month. **Calhoun:** I would like to add that Frank has done an outstanding job. He has vastly understated what he does and how he contributes to the organization. We really do value him.

(4) 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:

- Received and summarized new Club Membership Applications.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

We have eight new clubs up for consideration at this time, including one held over from the February Board Meeting. Of the eight applications, two are from the US – one in Region 3 and one in Region 7; three are from Japan, one of which was the hold over from the February Board meeting; and we have three from the International Division. CFA is continuing to experience steady growth in Japan and the International Division. Clubs up for consideration are:

Region Three: LaPerm Fanciers International

Region Seven: Maine Street Cat Club

*Region Eight: The Nantan Catdom Club
Chiba Marine Cat Club
Something Heart Cat Fanciers (held over)*

*International Division: Cat-H-Art
Jardin Des Korats
Korean Pride Cat Club*

***LAPERM FANCIERS INTERNATIONAL
Region 3 – Gulf Shore Region Director – James Watson***

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- Twenty-three members
- The President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer have different address. Please note that the office of Secretary and Treasurer are held by the same person.
- Fourteen members belong to other CFA clubs.
- Twenty-two members reside in the US and one member resides in Australia
- No club officers or directors are currently officers or directors in another CFA club.

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- Yes, they plan to incorporate

Club Interest:

- Applying for Specialty Club – LaPerm

Club Activities:

- Sponsor shows
- Ring sponsor
- Breed table display and breed booth

- *Actively mentor and sponsor Junior Showmanship participants that show LaPerms*
- *Already involved in rescue and re-homing*
- *Will do fundraising*
- *Educate and encourage newcomers to breed and show LaPerms at CFA shows and encourage participation in CFA activities*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Intend to disburse funds to the Winn Feline Foundation and to other non-profit organizations as outlined in the CFA Constitution.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce 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:

- *We hope to produce one annual show as soon as funds permit, sponsor or co-sponsor one specialty show with reduced rates for LaPerm owners/breeders. Location of primary show is anticipated to be in the Houston, Texas or surrounding area with good access for the majority of Region 3 members. A Specialty Show is also planned but due to the large geographical area of the membership, would be held in different regions as co-sponsor opportunities or availability permit.*

Additional information:

- *None*

From The LaPerm Fanciers International Constitution:

- *Objectives:*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of LaPerm cats to the CFA standard and to promote the health and future of the breed.*
 - *To promote LaPerm cats through the sponsorship of show rings, exhibits, breed booths, newsletter and web site.*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among LaPerm breeders worldwide.*
- *Membership:*
 - *Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.*

As of this date, June 2, 2008, four negative letters have been received, however, two are from the same person, and copies are presented at the end of this report.

Approval or Disapproval by Gulf Shore Regional Director – James Watson

Janosik: We currently have one LaPerm breed club in existence. We received four negative letters with regard to this club application. **Johnson:** I didn't think we had 23 LaPerm registrations last year, much less 23 people working with LaPerms. **J. Watson:** The majority of the existing club's membership is non-CFA people. This club is trying to establish a CFA presence and representation, and be a CFA club showing LaPerms that meet the CFA standard and working primarily in that direction. Members that belong to the club are people that are interested in helping them get established and going forward with the club to promote the

LaPerm breed in the United States and the CFA standard. **Wilson:** I have a problem with the members who are not LaPerm breeders. **Anger:** I have belonged to the Midwest Persian Tabby Club for about 25 years and I have never bred a Tabby Persian, but that doesn't mean I don't support them and fancy them. There's not an issue with other established cat fanciers trying to help bring in a new breed and see it succeed. **Eigenhauser:** When Maine Attraction first formed, there were a lot of non-Maine Coon members because we needed working people willing to help us put on shows. It was important, to get the club started. There is room in a breed club for allbreed members who can help the club and bring skills to the club and help it function. **Wilson:** I don't have a problem with that, but my question for James is, does Region 3 need another allbreed club to do another show in the Houston area? **J. Watson:** We have room and open dates. **Molino:** In light of the letters, which were very acrimonious, I'm wondering what we are doing? Are we furthering the animosity among breeders and people, or is this a legitimate effort to have a legitimate club for the purpose of putting on shows and furthering the breed? No matter what decision we make, it's going to reflect favorably on one and unfavorably on the other. It seems to me that those differences need to be reconciled before we vote on acceptance. **DelaBar:** In history, we often have had to establish two breed clubs when it is evident that you have two groups that will never work together. **Baugh:** If there is an issue, they really need to work together and get themselves a breed council secretary that will represent everybody. **Johnson:** Our club membership provides us with a lot of consternation because it guides the acceptance of new rules and other things we do to our organization. We constantly seem to be using acceptance of new clubs as a way to resolve disputes between groups of people. We need to think carefully before we use the formation of additional clubs to solve disputes. There's 23 people wanting a new club and 15 are in other clubs. That's not growing; it's just adding new club memberships to our roster. We are not adding people to help our organization grow. I wouldn't be comfortable voting them in when I know the breed council secretary doesn't support it. **Eigenhauser:** The way you participate in CFA politics is to belong to a club. If you are a minority faction in a 60/40 split, you're essentially disenfranchised from any participation in CFA activities if the 60% vote is a lock. Creating new clubs when there's that kind of loggerhead and polarization doesn't solve the problem. The board is not trying to solve the problem. We're trying to franchise people so that they can express their views separately. Each should be able to participate in CFA in some form or another. If they can't play nice together, let them play nice separately. James thinks it's going to work. He thinks that they can play together separately better than they are playing together. That's the way we ought to go. **J. Watson:** The membership of this club are the people that are showing and participating and putting on shows every weekend. This is a group of very established breeders and very active CFA people that are behind the idea that this club needs to move forward, and they need participation and a venue to do that. **Johnson:** Do the movers and shakers of any of our regions who belong to multiple clubs need to form another club to support anything? They already have clubs. A lot of people belong to a lot of clubs and that's like having 5 votes instead of one. There's plenty of clubs they can use to put on a show to support the LaPerms. We consistently approve new clubs to have shows or to support people, and we're giving the same people an additional vote in CFA policy. This is becoming a problem that is making our club structure lose what it was meant to do. **Miller:** This seems to be an allbreed club. There is a tremendous overlap, but my main concern is the possible detrimental effect that it might have on the existing LaPerm club, so I have concerns about this. **DelaBar:** The people in this club are actively promoting the LaPerm in Region 3 – not anybody else. It has been this group. I've gotten all positives from the new group. **DelaBar** called the



Region 7 – Southern Region Director – Peg Johnson

- *Forty-five members*
- *All officers have different addresses*
- *Twenty-two members belong to other CFA clubs.*
- *All members reside in the Southern Region of CFA*
- *Seven members are officers or directors in other CFA Clubs. They are:*
 - *Cain Haley – Board Member, Foothills Felines*
 - *Jack Sweeney – President, Cotton States Cat Club*
 - *Darlene Sweeney – President, Atlanta Allbreed*
 - *Brooke Berger – President, Lucky Tomcat Club*
 - *Pennie Pendleton – President, Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers*
 - *Justin Pelletier – President, Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers*

➤ *No, not at this time*

➤ *Applying for Specialty Club, Maine Coon Cats*

- *Support Region 7 clubs by sponsoring rings*
- *Fund-raising and donations toward Winn Foundation*
- *Actively work to raise public awareness of legislation issues*
- *Actively recruit and encourage new exhibitors and cat fanciers*
- *Sponsor HCM Clinics*
- *Hand out various informational leaflets at shows*

➤ *Any monies left from the club will be donated to the Winn Feline Foundation.*

➤ *Our club was specifically told not to pursue a show. We feel there are many ways we can contribute, and will freely and happily step in and help where we are able or needed. We would hope to be able to ease the burden of many struggling shows throughout the Southern Region by donations, physically helping and through entries.*

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- *We are a large group of breeders in one of the toughest, most competitive areas to show. We need something – a place to feel we have a voice and a group to bring us together. It only took 10 days to get 45 members. We want to work, we want to help, and we want to feel united. We hope to encourage new exhibitors, educate the public, raise money, help struggling clubs. We, as a community of breeders, want to feel we are a viable part of CFA.*

From the Maine Street Cat Club Constitution:

- *Objectives:*
 - *To form a community of breeders and fanciers for the purpose of protecting, preserving and promoting the Maine Coon Cat and its heritage;*
 - *To help educate the public on the benefits and value of all cats, both pedigree and non-pedigree, by the distribution of information and participation at shows;*
 - *To encourage breeding healthy Main Coon Cats according to the standard set forth by the Cat Fanciers' Association;*
 - *To promote membership in the Maine Coon Cat breed council and encourage participation in the cat fancy by new exhibitors and fanciers of the Maine Coon Cat;*
 - *To promote and encourage friendship and common interests among breeders, owners and fanciers of the Maine Coon Cat;*
 - *To encourage awareness and participation in local and national legislation involving matters of importance to the cat fancy through our website and by passing out information at shows;*
 - *To contribute through donations to research efforts to improve the health and well being of the Maine Coon Cat and all cats, both pedigree and non-pedigree, through programs such as the Winn Foundation.*
 - *To promote interest in and knowledge of the Maine Coon Cat through assisting other clubs in the holding of shows, by sponsoring rings at shows, by attendance at shows, by dissemination of educational literature and other public educational efforts.*
- *Membership:*
 - *Maine Coon breeders and fanciers living in Region 7 of the Cat Fanciers' Association shall be eligible for membership so long as the potential member has shown a Maine Coon in a licensed CFA show at least twice in the past two calendar years, is in good standing with CFA and agrees to abide by the CFA Code of Ethics.*

As of this date, June 2, 2008, no negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by Southern Regional Director – Peg Johnson

Janosik: This club wants to be a community of fanciers that can work to promote CFA activities, rather than put on a show. They spell it out quite clearly. **Baugh:** What happens down the road in a year or two? There are no controls on the fact that they applied to be not show producing. **Johnson:** Their original intent was to put on a show, but we have no dates in the Southern Region. We have a lot of Maine Coon breeders in the Southern Region. They feel disenfranchised. 23 of these people don't belong to a club because there are a lot of clubs with closed membership that don't take new members. They would like to have a say and they are willing to work with clubs. These are people that are actively showing, so I support this group. It's a large group of people and they want to have an active club with active breeders and they

are willing to work with other clubs. **Miller:** My concern is that it's unrealistic for any club to exist when they spread out in different states, unless they have some specific plan. Usually, they have something that they're working on together – they have a list or a newsletter or some publication they want to do. This club's goals are so vague. I don't know what they want to do. They were told not to pursue a show. It sounds like maybe they want to help set up shows for other people. They listed their specific breed as Maine Coon but they don't say a single thing about what they are going to do for the breed. Are they going to try to promote it in some way? Will they have booths? I don't see where they are giving us information about why this club is going to be an addition to CFA or help the breed. It sounds like a bunch of people that want to get together and know they can't put on a show, but what are they really going to do? I can't see it. **White:** You don't necessarily need to have a club to help put on a show. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Johnson, Eigenhauser, Shaffer, Baugh, Kallmeyer, Anger and DelaBar voting yes.

NANTAN CATDOM CLUB

- *We hope to produce one annual two-day show in either Industrial Hall of Kyoto, Japan; Osaka Fiber City, Japan; or the Nantan City Physical Training Hall of Kyoto, Japan.*
- *Hope to produce the type of show the members and exhibitors anticipate.*

➤ *None*

➤ *Objectives:*

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

Approval or Disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

Region 8 - Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

- *Eighteen members*
- *The Vice-President and the Secretary share the same address; the other officers have different addresses.*
- *Two members belong to Yokohama Bay Cat Fanciers.*
- *All members reside in Japan.*
- *None of the officers or director are currently officers or directors in other CFA clubs.*

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This application was held over from the February Board meeting with a request for a map to show the location of the proposed show in comparison of the other shows currently held in Tokyo. There have been four attempts to communicate with the Secretary and one attempt at communication with all of the four officers requesting the additional information. No response has been received.

In re-reading the application I would like to point out the following:

- ❖ *Out of eight Club officers only four live in Tokyo*
- ❖ *Thirty-three total club members of which fourteen live in Tokyo, or 42.4%.*

The letter from the Club Secretary seems honest and enthusiastic. These members seem excited to become part of CFA where they can contribute and participate in CFA activities. Their request says that the new club would be available to fanciers that do not currently have a voice in other CFA clubs. There are members of the Something Heart Cat Fanciers that participate in CFA as clerks.

Rather than see these members move to another association, perhaps we could consider an alternative to denying the application. Could we accept the club with the stipulation that they may NOT hold their annual show in Tokyo? I think it is important to consider that NO negative letters have been received opposing this club application.

Below is the information submitted in the February report to the Board of Directors.

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Thirty-three members*
- *The President and one director share the same address and the Treasurer and one director share the same address; no other officers share the same address.*
- *No members are officers or directors of any other CFA Club.*
- *All members reside in Japan.*
- *None of the officers or director currently hold office in other CFA clubs.*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *The club is not incorporated at this time.*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- *Hold one cat show per year.*
- *Hold two or more study meetings, one with a Veterinarian and one with a breeder.*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *When or if the club is dissolved funds would be sent to the WINN Foundation.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce 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:

- Will hold 2 day or Back to Back show in Tokyo because Tokyo has good transportation. Thinking about a one day show for people that can not arrive on time.

Additional information:

Attached to the application was a letter from the Club Secretary, Shusaku Ogawa. Although it is hard to understand, my interpretation of the additional information is:

- *This is a group of proud breeders and exhibitors in CFA, however, they feel that the club situation is not the best at this time.*
- *Many clubs are not accepting new members.*
- *Many of the members hold Clerking Licenses and one member is a teacher at a Veterinarian School. There is much experience in the club and these members feel they have much to offer as a club in CFA.*

From the Something Heart Cat Fanciers 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.*
- Membership:
 - *Membership is open to persons of good character who have mutual interest in the objectives of the club.*

As of this date, June 2, 2008 (which is over eight months from date received) no positive or negative letters have been received.

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

Janosik distributed a map with the location of clubs within the Tokyo region that are currently putting on shows, as well as proposed show halls that this club would like to use. This is a group that feels they don't have a voice. They are very enthusiastic and want to promote CFA. **Baugh:** Anyone that has been in Tokyo knows there are many people and it's an area that can certainly support a fair number of shows. **Satoh** recommends the club. **Miller:** They have a couple of officers with a Tokyo address and only one of the members has a Tokyo address. The rest are all over Japan. Why don't they start a club in Hiroshima or Sapporo? **Anger:** They have to hold shows in large cities, because that's the only place shows succeed. While it might be nice to have a show in Sapporo or some outlying area, it's not going to succeed. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson, Eigenhauser, Miller, Wilson voting no.

CAT-H-ART

International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twelve members*
- *Six members hold membership in other CFA clubs.*

- *All officers reside at different addresses*
- *Ten members reside in France, two in Switzerland*
- *One club member is a director in another CFA club, Chats Sans Frontieres*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club interests:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- *It is our intention to present information about CFA; assist with registration and Breed presentation and sponsor a cat show.*

Disbursement of funds in the event that the club disbands:

- *Answer indicated that they did not understand the question.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce 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:

- *We wish to produce three shows per year. Those would be a September show with six or eight rings in the Biarritz/Bordeaux area; a March show with six or eight rings in the Toulouse area; and a June show with six or eight rings in the French Riviera area.*

Additional information:

- *No additional information given.*

From the Cat-H-Art 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.*
- *Membership:*
 - *Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.*

As of this date, June 2, 2008, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by the International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Janosik: We received no negative response. Darrell Newkirk is in favor of the club. **L. Watson:** There is a tremendous amount of interest and support to really getting CFA going in France. They are so enthusiastic. This is a core of people that are trying to promote CFA, so you will have overlap of associations when we are trying to get people involved in CFA. **Anger:** Previously, a blockage group existed that has now disbanded, so France is opening up. It's an emerging area of its own because CFA was prevented from having clubs and shows. **DelaBar:** This came up at the World Cat Congress meeting. Prior to that time, other associations had

agreements to be able to run shows. They were recognizing each other's judges and pedigrees, etc. Now, France has opened up and hopefully we can get CFA re-established in France. **Miller:** I like what I see here, that many of these people are active breeders and exhibitors. This is a mixture of people in a variety of breeds. It looks like a very energetic group of people that are already very experienced. They are in France and Switzerland. It looks sound. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

JARDIN DES KORATS
International Division - Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

- *None*

From the Cat-H-Art Constitution:

- **Objectives:**
 - *To associate together breeders and fanciers of the Korat cat;*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats, and especially the Korat cat and all other cat breeds from Thailand;*
 - *To promote, preserve and assist the breeding of Korat cats to the standards as accepted by CFA;*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
- **Membership:**
 - *Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership. Members will be active or honorary; only active members are eligible to vote.*

As of this date, June 2, 2008, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by the International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Janosik: They are applying as a specialty club and are interested in being an international club dedicated to the Korat breed and other natural breeds. We have not received any negative letters. Darrell Newkirk supports this club. I contacted a United States Korat breeder, and her opinion was that they welcome it. She went there and met them last summer and said that they are enthusiastic and want to breed to our standards. **Miller:** My concern about this is supporting this natural breed. I'm not sure exactly what that is, but I do know that the pointed Korat is being promoted by some people. I don't see taking in a club that is going to promote breeds that we don't recognize. **Janosik:** They are not seeking the pointed. They want to breed to our standards in the colors that we recognize. **Eigenhauser:** I'm concerned with what looks to be a French club with only 7 French members. If the Korat is that strong in France, they could get 10 people in France that want to form a Korat club. **DelaBar:** As close as they are to Switzerland, France and Monaco, I don't see a problem having members there. That's closer than Houston and Dallas. **Shaffer:** Their constitution spells out that they have three board members, but they didn't list any. **Johnson:** Can we accept an application that doesn't comply with the proposed constitution of the club? **DelaBar:** That's for us to vote on. We can vote it down or table, and then ask them for a corrected application to fit with their constitution. **Janosik** moved to send the application back to the club for additional information as necessary to complete the application, and that we table it until October. **DelaBar** called the motion (to table). **Motion Carried.**

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KOREAN PRIDE CAT CLUB

International Division - Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines:

- *Twenty members*
- *None of the officers have the same address*
- *One member belongs to another CFA cat club*

- *All members reside in Korea*
- *One of the officers may currently be an officer in another CFA clubs.*
 - *It was indicted that the President, Lee Geun-Seon, has been a Vice-President of Korea Cat Club since 2005, but it is unclear if that office is currently held. (Two attempts at communication have been made with no success.)*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club interests:

- *I believe they are applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities:

- *Will hold monthly meetings to promote friendship of club members;*
- *Training regarding pedigreed cat standards and cat care will be conducted;*
- *Will sponsor exhibits and events with other clubs to promote cat welfare in Korea.*

Disbursement of funds in the event that the club disbands:

- *The club finances will be open to all members. In the event that the club disbands, all property and assets will be distributed to a non-profitable organization according to the Constitution of our club.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce 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:

- *Planning to hold a cat show once per year until 2011. Beginning in 2012 we would like to hold two cat shows annually. The cat show will be held at main cities of Gyeonggi Province, Incheon, Suwon etc. These cities are near Seoul and have large populations with a lot of cat fanciers as well.*
- *The cat show will welcome pedigreed cats as well as household pets.*

Additional Information:

- *None*

From the Korean Pride 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.*
 - *To let non-cat fanciers know the value of cats and benefits of being with them.*
- *Membership:*
 - *Persons who are interested in the objectives of this organization and agree with them shall be eligible for membership.*

As of this date, June 2, 2008, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by the International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

(5) 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; Olivier Grin – Elected European Representative; Fund Manager Europe – Peter Vanwonterghem; Fund Manager Asia/LA – Rarteo Lo; Wilson Ng – Elected Asia/LA Representative; Rob Loot – ID Clerking Liaison for Europe; Eric Wang – ID Clerking Liaison for Asia/LA; 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

Club update:

Clubs in the International Division continue to sponsor great CFA shows. We have had new clubs sponsoring CFA cat shows for the first time in Spain, Indonesia, Finland, Switzerland and the far west of Russia in Vladivostok. All these shows were well run and received accolades from the exhibitors.

Over the past year we have added the following seven clubs to the International list of clubs: Chatte Noir Club, China Phoenix Cat Club, Thailand Cat Fanciers, Seoul Cat Club, Victory Cat Club, Dream Cats Club, and RUS Siberia Cat Club.

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to the following eight clubs: Cat Club of Taiwan, Cat Fanciers of the Baltics, Chats Sans Frontieres, Feline Soc of Brunei Darussalam, Gala Cats, Guangzhou Cat Fanciers' Club, Honk Kong International Club and North Adriatic Cat Club.

This is a net loss of 1 club for the Board meeting during the 2007-2008 show season.

Additionally, we have received an inquiry for a club in Malta.

Elected ID Representatives:

Congratulations to Wilson Ng and Olivier Grin who will serve on the ID committee for the next two years as the elected ID Representatives for Asia/LA and Europe, respectively. Thank you to our Michael Schleissner for his service to the International Division Committee. Michael returned to the Committee this past year when Denis Lysterberg was unable to complete his term of office.

Welcome to the Committee:

We welcome Eric Wang to the International Division Committee to serve as the ID Clerking Liaison for Asia/LA. Congratulations Eric on becoming a CFA licensed Master Clerk.

2007-2008 Awards Banquets:

Plans are underway for the Asia/LA and European show and Awards Banquets. Asia/LA is discussed in Mr. Zenda's report. The European awards shows were just approved this past weekend while I was on a judging assignment in Switzerland. I spoke with Michael Schleissner and Cat Friends of Germany will host the 2007-2008 European awards Banquet on their show date of September 20-21, 2008 in Bonn, Germany.

ID meeting:

I held a brief meeting on Sunday Morning June 1 at the ABC Europe show in Switzerland. There an announcement of the European Awards show was made. We discussed quarantine laws for those traveling between different areas of the International Division. Some clubs are having some difficulty with contracting judges for their shows. The clubs are advised to contact Rachel Anger, Liz Watson, Robert Zenda or myself, so that we can go onto the CFA judges lists to help with completing a full slate of judges for the ID club's shows. There was also a brief discussion about the initial stages of moving from a Division to Region for Europe. Liz Watson will be heading this discussion as there are many questions about the advantages and disadvantages that would affect the clubs and exhibitors in Europe.

Rules for Champions and Grand championships:

I have had many discussions with exhibitors over the past few years in regard to some areas of Europe and Asia where the points for Grand championship and Grand premiership, in addition to the reduced winners ribbons requirements, are less than 200/75 points and 6 winners ribbons. We will be doing some statistical analysis of the shows to see if this lower requirements needs to be adjusted.

Europe Liaison Report: Liz Watson

The European Division continues to grow with two new clubs putting on shows and news clubs coming forward for acceptance into the CFA family.

Congratulations to Olivier Grin on being elected representative for the European Division. He succeeds Michael Schleissner. Thank you, Michael, for a job well done.

Congratulations to Cat Fanciers of Finland and the Aby Breed Club Europe for hosting their first shows. By all accounts they were a great success & we wish them many more.

I have been charged by President Pam DelaBar with bringing the European Division to Regional status. One of the first things to be done is establishing a bank account and Peter Vanwonderghem has been working on this. Once this has been completed, fund raising events can be held to boost the treasury as regions need their own to host regional awards banquets. I

will be working closely with Oliver Grin to set up committees that are necessary to the region. This is very exciting for me as Ms. DelaBar, Mr. Newkirk & I believe the European Division is well poised for this significant event which will give them Board representation & officially bring Europe to the table. Thank you to all for your hard work in promoting CFA, your shows, breeders and exhibitors. Your efforts will make this a reality.

There have been questions regarding the show rule which prohibited a cat to go from open to grand at one show. I believe that Mr. Newkirk has addressed that but I will state for the record that that show rule is no longer in effect. With the advent of six ring back to back shows in the USA (essentially twelve ring shows) a cat can go from open to grand and it was felt that Europe would be needlessly punished if the show rule was in effect.

Congratulations to all National winners and Breed winners from Europe. CFA's Kitten of the Year was bred, owned and shown by Paolo Carnevaletti. I am thrilled to pass the title to him.

Manfred Pszak continues to be the show scheduler for Europe and I thank him for his time and effort.

Some of the concerns that will we discussed in the coming months is the continuation and necessity of the Novice class in Europe when Europe becomes a region, the kilometer limitation between shows, the impact of two shows on the same weekend in different locations, and, the ability for clubs in Europe to host back to back shows in the same location.

The CFA Board will meet with the International Division representatives at this Board meeting to discuss their concerns and how CFA can better serve them. Minutes from this meeting will be included in the Board minutes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Watson*

Asia/Latin America Liaison Report: Robert Zenda

Our CFA clubs in Asia continue to perform at a blazing pace. During the 2007-2008 show season 30 shows were held across the division as follows: Hong Kong 5, Singapore 5, Korea 4, China 4, Malaysia 4, Thailand 3, Philippines 2, Indonesia 1, Taiwan 1 and Vladivostok 1. Two shows included Junior Showmanship, and the CFA Ambassador Program has been vigorously promoted, primarily through the efforts of Phebe Low, who is the regional coordinator for this program in Asia.

This is the first year a cat from the Asia Division earned a National Win! A fabulous Blue British SH male, owned & exhibited by Chloe (Li Ling) Chung from Hong Kong, also earned top honors in the Asia Division. Competition for that position was intense, and final placement of the top two cats in the Asia Division was not decided until the very last weekend of the show season, with the 2nd Best cat (a Silver Tabby American Shorthair, also from Hong Kong) finishing less than 50 points behind the leader and also earning National 3rd Best of Breed American Shorthair honors. Both cats were shown extensively in Asia and in Europe.

One positive effect of the decision to separate Asia from Europe in the International Division can be measured by a comparison of cats that earned EPoints by show season:

Show Season	CH	% +	KIT	% +	PR	% +	Total	Total Increase
2007-2008	400	9.9	276	16.5	175	41.2	851	17.4%
2006-2007	364	19.3	237	53.0	124	51.2	725	33.8%
2005-2006	305		155		82		542	

One show has already been held in the Asia Division during the new 2008-2009 show season (Taiwan) and 15 more are now planned, with dates approved by the ID Chair, between May and December 2008. As CFA's star continues to ascend in this dynamic division, competition for show dates is becoming an issue. Continuous coordination with the clubs involved is required, and we are working hard to accommodate club needs within the constraints of the Show Rules.

I conducted CFA Clerking Schools in Shanghai (4/4/08) and Indonesia (4/26/08) and we now have 19 licensed clerks in Asia, to include our very first licensed Master Clerk: Eric Wang from the Philippines. Eric has also recently been appointed as the CFA Clerking Program Liaison for Asia.

Mr. Wilson HB Ng was unopposed for election as the Asia Representative and he will continue the excellent advice and assistance that he has been providing to existing clubs and groups interested in forming clubs in the region. During the past year three new clubs were accepted into the growing list of CFA clubs in Asia. They were: China Phoenix Cat Club – Suzhou, China; Thailand Cat Fanciers – Bangkok, Thailand; and Seoul Cat Club – Seoul, South Korea. The new clubs in Thailand and South Korea have already held shows and the club in China has one planned in December 2008.

The Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore is working hard to produce an outstanding Asia Division Awards Banquet on July 12th followed by a 4-Ring show with on July 13th that will include Junior Showmanship. A copy of the Banquet and Show Flyer is posted on their web site and has been distributed at several shows.



CFA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION (ASIA / LATIN AMERICA) AWARDS BANQUET 2008

Dear Feline friends,

Pleasant greetings from the
Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore!

Our society is indeed honored to be chosen to host this year's CFA International Division (Asia/Latin America) Awards Banquet. Join us for a night of fun-filled entertainment and friendship as we commemorate the winners from Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Thailand, China, Malaysia and Philippines.

This special night we commemorate Asia's best felines all in one sitting! Gracing this event, we have five distinguished guests that we have the pleasure of playing host to:

Darrell Newkirk, International Division Chairperson
Bob Zenda, Far East (except Japan) Liaison Person
Carla Bizzell
Yaeiko Takano
Wilson Ng, International Division Representative

Following the awards dinner, we have a **4-ring cat show** with a special Junior Showmanship ring for the pleasure of your viewing and participation. Nothing matters to us more than your presence at these two events. Thank you for your time and we are looking forward to meeting you and your family soon.

Warmest Regards,
Felix Yeo
President
Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore



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Venue Information:

Asia-Latin America Awards Banquet 2008

Location:
Parkroyal on Kitchener Road

Date:
Saturday, July 12th 2008

Time:
8pm – 10pm

Cocktail reception will
commence at 7pm

Ticket pricing: \$90*

**Early Bird ticket pricing: \$80*
(From now till April 30th)

Royal Canin Cat Show July 2008

Location: The Chevrons
48, Boon Lay Way

Date: Sunday, July 13th 2008

Time: 9am – 5pm

Hotel Information:

Parkroyal on Kitchener Road
181 Kitchener Road,
Singapore 208533

Single Rate: \$205 nett *

Twin Sharing: \$240 nett*

*All prices quoted are in Singapore Dollars.

We look forward to receiving
your bookings soon.

Feel free to contact our friendly
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Respectfully submitted,

Bob Zenda

CFA International Division Liaison for Asia (except Japan)

Action Items: None

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

L. Watson: It is unfortunate that we had some of these clubs leave us. We have growth in both Europe and Asia. **DelaBar:** We need to start focusing again on South America.

(6) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Executive Director Allene Tartaglia gave the following report:

1. **Show Licensing –Experimental Format (back-to-back 6-ring, one day shows, “6x6”):**

Johnson: I am concerned about clubs holding a format that totally changes the landscape of show scheduling. The intent of this format was for areas that are hard to get to, such as Colorado, where they have great distances from other shows, to give them a venue and a way to produce shows and get people to come in. While it’s very exhibitor friendly, especially in today’s economy, the comments we saw from exhibitors at previous 6x6 shows indicate that they won’t attend a show the weekend before or after. I’m very torn about some of these shows. **J.**

Watson: The intent of the 6x6 shows was two different clubs going together to hold two separate shows on the same weekend. Some of these proposals are, effectively, one club putting on a 12 ring show, which is definitely not the intent of the original proposal. **Johnson:** Cat Club of the Palm Beaches and American Wirehair are two separate clubs on two adjacent weekends that combined very effectively, but we are going to see requests from groups of people that are in multiple clubs. It’s anticipated that people who know they can work together will request this format. We are going to see the same show managers, sometimes a lot of the same show personnel, so it’s not two clubs necessarily coming together. While I think the intention is good and it’s good for the exhibitors, I’m very torn about throwing these 6x6 shows in the middle of busy show schedules. I’m very torn about whether to go with exhibitor needs or club needs.

Baugh: As an association, we need to be visible to the public. This is a very exhibitor-friendly format, but not a spectator-friendly format. It definitely has an impact on the adjacent shows. We’re going to find ourselves with less shows, and that has a negative impact for the simple reason that we’re not getting our message out to the public and to the gate that will be coming into these smaller shows, that we are here and we’re available. **Shaffer:** Perhaps we should send the questionnaires to the shows that are geographically close on the weekends prior and post, and see if they notice an impact on their show from the 6x6 show; then, we can make a better decision whether or not they are affecting the shows the weekend before and weekend after. A club in my region moved their show date by one week because they felt they were going to be hurt by the 6x6 show in July. **Wilson:** We see two scenarios. First, two existing show-producing clubs join together – maybe some cross-membership, maybe not – one gives up their traditional weekend and they put on a joint show. Two clubs with common membership want to put on a show, only one of which has a scheduled date but the other may be active in some other way. Second, two clubs go together, one of which is a show-producing, active club and the other is inactive. The concept was for two clubs currently putting on a show to join together, neither of them doing as well as they would like. They truly are two separate clubs, two separate shows, two separate treasuries and that frees up a weekend. **Molino:** We are trying to recognize the obvious – that our shows are at risk, the schedule is crowded. Small one-day shows are becoming prevalent, gates at the small shows are almost non-existent, and we have been looking for ways to creatively establish formats and shows that will ensure that we have a future. The way we’re going now suggests that as a show-producing organization, we’re going to have to face the fact that clubs can’t afford to put on a show because they know up front that they are going to take a loss. This format is an effort to help the clubs and the organization survive. To that end, why do we restrict the shows to be two separate clubs? As we have seen, there’s a lot of

commonality between the clubs. There's an awful lot of extra work and expense in putting on two shows. Why don't we say, as we have done with 8-ring shows, you can have a two day, 6 ring format with as many clubs as you want to join with you and not make the restriction that they have to be two separate clubs? A lot of clubs look for opportunities to participate because they don't have the resources to stand on their own. As far as the impact on existing shows before and after, this is part of an evolution. We're learning, and that we have less shows with more people, in my mind, is better than we have no shows with no people. Those are the alternatives we're looking at. I respect the fact that the clubs prior to and after may be impacted, but I also respect the fact that exhibitors pay a lot more money to drive to a show today than they did 2 years ago. Exhibitors are being faced with very hard economic decisions. Having a show with so many opportunities available to them is a way of saying to exhibitors that we understand the economic burdens and we're trying to arrive at a format so that you can afford to go to a show, and you can afford to properly care for your cats. **DelaBar:** That is what the delegation last year charged us to do. We must be innovative. **Eigenhauser:** I'm a fan of the 6x6 format, but too much of anything isn't necessarily good. If everybody did it, it might become a problem. We need a good mix of shows and a variety of formats and different alternatives for clubs to try different things. I'm concerned about the lack of access to spectators and vendors who would attend a two-day show. It's a compromise that may or may not work, but it's a format that we need in our arsenal. One of the advantages of keeping it two separate clubs is that it potentially doubles the number of available show dates. We can be a little bit flexible on the issue of how separate they should be. We would like to see two completely separate clubs but reality says, there is going to be some overlap and that's going to be one of the things that brings them together. **Johnson:** I disagree that it doubles the show dates. We can't support much more than one of these a weekend in a given region but if there are several in the country on a given weekend, no one is going to have a good show. I do think that it's exhibitor- and possibly spectator-friendly. It will limit our exposure to the public if, instead of having two shows in two towns or cities, we have two shows in one city. There's a lot of different ways to attack the economics of putting on a show. One of the things clubs might need to do is resize their shows. Maybe clubs need to look for facilities for 150 or 160 cats because right now that's what the economy will bear. We have to be cognizant of the number of clubs that want to have a show. If we start saying you don't need to worry about clubs on adjacent weekends, we are setting those clubs up for failure. **White:** We shouldn't be looking at dates in 2009 until we assess the impact that it has had on clubs and exhibitors, and then make a determination if in fact this is something we want to pursue. **J. Watson:** We have clubs that haven't been able to produce a show for several years because of economic reasons. This format gave them the opportunity to come back and put on a show with another club. The intent was to get clubs working together to put on a couple of shows in one weekend. There are some cases where this gives inactive clubs an opportunity to be a viable club again and at some point split off and become a sustainable club. It's not the overwhelming fix-all that people thought it was going to be, but it is a viable project that should go forward with some constraints on how often these can happen so we don't damage a system that works pretty well as it is. **Molino:** I agree that we have to put parameters on this experiment so we can minimize the impact on other clubs, but I'm old enough to remember that there was a lot of opposition to the one day, 6 ring shows. We're bumping up against the same thing here. We've got to deal with some difficult issues, but at the same time move forward with a goal in mind to survive and to expand the reputation of CFA. We need to be creative about what we do to ensure that we have a future. **Miller:** To me, the highlight is the exposure to the

public and the impact on clubs before and after. One element that is a concern to me is getting quick titles. A cat could come in at 8 months as an open and leave as a grand. I'm becoming concerned that our breed standards are now going to be geared toward the 8 month old cat. Then, they don't go to shows anymore and the weekend after doesn't have any cats. **DelaBar:** This format was brought up to help exhibitors and clubs that are essentially isolated. On the other hand, we have to think of CFA of the future.

(a) *Club Names:* *Gasparilla Feline Friends and
Domesti-Katz Cat Club*
Show Date: *April 11-12, 2009*
Location: *Melbourne FL (Region 7)*

Johnson: I'm concerned about this particular show because there is a traditional show the weekend before near Orlando and the weekend after in Richmond. In show scheduling, we try to take into account not just on the same date but the same proximity. I am concerned that this show is going to hurt the shows on the adjacent weekends. There are shows that are very, very much hurting. **Wilson:** Did both of these clubs, Domesti-Katz and Gasparilla, have separate shows scheduled? **Johnson:** Domesti-Katz hasn't had a show in several years, and has been looking for a date. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

(b) *Club Names:* *Golden West Cat Club and
Valley Empire Cat Fanciers*
Show Date: *October 4-5, 2008*
Location: *Palm Springs CA (Region 5)*

Shaffer: Golden West's traditional date is the 4th weekend of September but they couldn't find a show hall so they received approval to move it to the first weekend in October. Valley Empire is an old club that hasn't put on a show in years. They have been looking for a show date but we don't have anything available. Golden West has a facility, and they thought this would be a good opportunity to invite another club to join them. They went out on our regional list and asked clubs if they would like to join them. I am in favor of this show. **Kusy:** This is also a board meeting weekend which takes away quite a few judges. **Baugh:** What is the impact? What are your shows before and after this show? **Shaffer:** Maine Attraction is before and Santa Barbara is after. **Eigenhauser:** We are happy with them putting on the show. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy voting no.

(c) *Club Names:* *Tropical Cats and Cat Club of the Palm Beaches*
Show Date: *September 20-21, 2008*
Location: *Orlando FL (Region 7)*

Johnson: We don't have any non-busy times. The Atlanta club and the Winston-Salem club will be hurt by this. While I would love to see Tropical Cats get a date, I'm not sure putting this show in the middle of a stream of shows is going to be good for this area. **Molino:** Dropping this show down into the middle of a heavy schedule when these clubs already put on more than enough shows doesn't make sense. **Johnson:** They want to do it because they saw the viability of the first show and also they attracted more exhibitors. The novelty helped fill the first couple 6x6 shows and campaigners are attracted to the format because they get 12 rings in one weekend,

and the can accumulate more points. It's going to become a really huge point game out there, that has changed the face of us. As campaigners find these more attractive, the local exhibitors will find them less attractive, and they are the ones that fill our shows. Putting this in the middle of a big schedule isn't good for anybody involved, including this club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

(d) *Club Name:* *Victor Valley Cat Club and
Poinsettia City Cat Club*
 Show Date: *February 21-22, 2009*
 Location: *San Bernardino County Fairgrounds (Region 5)*

Shaffer: This is Victor Valley's traditional date. Poinsettia's traditional date is in November opposite a Region 2 show. They suffered greatly last year because of that conflict and they saw this as a great opportunity. Victor Valley proposed this and they jumped at the opportunity. I am in favor of it. **Wilson:** Is Poinsettia giving up its traditional date in November? **Shaffer:** They are not utilizing the date this year because they are going to be doing this format. **Wilson:** That is the opportunity this type of show gives us. This is the way it's supposed to work. We've got two clubs with traditional dates that have been putting on shows. Now they are joining. They are releasing a date, at least for one year. My question is, are you going to let another club have that date? **Shaffer:** No, there is a show in the Northwest Region and we won't do that. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(e) *Club Names:* *North Texas Cat Club and Cajun Cowboy Cat Club*
 Show Date: *April 18-19, 2009*
 Location: *Dallas/Ft. Worth Area (Region 3)*

J. Watson: That's North Texas Cat Club's traditional date. They are trying to help out Cajun Cowboy Cat Club, so by putting these two together, it should be beneficial to both of them. **Wilson:** Does Cajun Cowboy Cat Club currently have a show on the schedule? **J. Watson:** They don't currently have a traditional show date. **Wilson:** What about membership? **J. Watson:** Cajun Cowboy was in Shreveport, so there's not going to be a lot of cross-membership. About 5 years ago that they lost their show hall and just haven't been viable to put on another show in that area, so it will help them raise funds to get back on their feet. **Janosik:** St. Louis has a one-day show on this weekend. I'm not sure how far away they are. **DelaBar:** 18 hour drive. **Molino:** We have 6 shows nationally that weekend. That's a lot. **Baugh:** Region 4 normally had a show that weekend but now we're not. **Johnson:** Do the Colorado clubs know this has been proposed? **J. Watson:** Yes. They haven't made any comments to me yet. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Janosik, Johnson, Wilson and Kusy voting no.

Completed questionnaires have been received from three experimental shows, National Birman (May), American Wirehair/Carolina Castaways/National Alliance of Birman Breeders/Ocala CC (May), Cat Club of Palm Beaches (May).

Action Item: *Determine tallying process.*

DelaBar: The Show Rules Committee will be tallying the results. **Shaffer:** I would like to suggest that we question clubs with shows the weekend before and after the 6x6 event.

Johnson: We should poll all the clubs in general about the 6x6 format. If they feel it will impact them, they would like to have a say. **DelaBar:** These are pre-noticed to the board members. It would be incumbent on the Regional Directors to come to the board prepared if there is going to be a problem. **Baugh:** These shows need to go to National Scheduling, as well, so that everybody gets input on it. **Molino:** Does the National Scheduling Committee have the authority to give a yea or a nay? **DelaBar:** Yes, and if the club doesn't like the answer they can bring it to the board.

2. **Show Format Request:** *National Birman Fanciers, October 11-12, 2008 show. Requesting permission to award top 5 Birman breed awards in Kitten, Championship and Premiership categories. The additional placements will not be scored for national/regional.*

J. Watson: So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Show Format Change Request:** *Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers, July 19th, Ft Myers FL Judge's contract submitted listing AB as the ring type. The ring type was changed to specialty by the show manager and licensed and published this way. The judge will not judge a specialty ring and will do only AB. A judge contracted to do an AB ring is willing to switch to specialty and let the other judge do the AB ring. However, this requires board approval since show rule 12.04 states "once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in format or a judge's assignment will be permitted except in case of an emergency."*

Johnson: Somebody made a mistake. Let's fix it for her. **Brown:** I so move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Out-of-Region Show Requests:**

(a) Club Name: National Siamese Cat Club
Show Date: October 18-19, 2008
Club Regional Assignment: North Atlantic (Region 1)
Requested Show Location: Rochester NY (Region 4)

Baugh: This has been a traditional date for National Siamese for a number of years. I fully support it. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** White voting no. Molino abstained.

(b) Club Name: Slinky Cats Cat Club
Show Date: December 27-28, 2008
Club's Regional Assignment: Northwest (Region 2)
Requested Show Location: Nashville TN (Region 7)

Johnson: They are trying to fill a hole that the Nashville club left when they stopped putting on shows on that date. **Baugh:** There's a show in Region 6 that weekend. **Janosik:** In Indianapolis. **DelaBar:** How far apart are they? About four hours? **Johnson:** I told them that it was a problem because the Indianapolis show had just come about. They didn't get this in quick

enough. Indianapolis is a one-time event. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Janosik abstained.

5. **CATS Registration Transfer to Regular CFA Registry.** *I believe you are all familiar with the CATS (Cats Ancestry Tracking System) database CFA maintains. For your reference, an overview and guidelines for the program appears below. In conjunction with these guidelines, a photo is submitted for each cat in the CATS database. Our first request for a conversion from CATS to our standard registration database has been completed. It was for two Birmans for which we have 5 generations recorded in CATS. At the time CATS was created, there were no formal guidelines set to convert a cat from CATS to a regular CFA registration other than stating the Breed Council Secretary must approve the transfer.*

I view the transfer of a cat from CATS to a regular registration is the same as if we were presented with a certified pedigree to register a cat initially. If the pedigree meets the requirements of the breed, the cat is registered with no requirements for a photo or input from the Breed Council secretary. I propose we streamline the process of transferring a cat from CATS to a regular CFA registration by conducting a final review of the pedigree to insure the requirements for the breed are met as we do with any other certified pedigree we receive, and CFA register the cat.

Action Item: *Consider proposal to streamline transfer from CATS to regular CFA registration.*

Tartaglia: We're going to see more and more of these transfers. It may become a bit cumbersome and time consuming under the current procedures. I'm asking that we handle the registration of one of these cats with a pedigree the same way as we would any other cat which provides us with a pedigree. It would streamline the process and make things a lot easier.

Eigenhauser: That is in keeping with the original spirit when we created it. There were really two issues we want to address. First, we wanted to address a way of tracking ancestry on new breeds and colors before they come to CFA. Second, when we've got some of these foreign cats that require multi-generational pedigrees before they can be registered with CFA, do we really want to send them to another association for 4, 5, 6 or 8 generations before we get any revenue from it? Once they have completed a requisite number of generations, my thought was that they would transfer to CFA just as they would from any other registry. **Molino:** As long as it meets the requirements on the number of generations that are required, I don't see any reason not to streamline the process. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. **DNA Testing and Registration Change.** *We have received two requests to switch a registration from one type of registration (e.g. Persian Colorpoint carrier to non-Colorpoint carrier or dilute carrying Aby to non-dilute) based on DNA testing. I believe we will see more and more of these requests and we need a policy for this type of situation.*

Action Item: *Create a policy to handle a modification to a CFA registered cat based on DNA testing.*

Tartaglia: We're going to see more and more of these requests, and at some point we need to come up with a policy. **Eigenhauser:** We use the term "CPC" like it actually means something, but all we're really talking about is a non-pointed Himalayan. **DelaBar:** That carries pointed. **Eigenhauser:** Maybe, maybe not. You don't know if it does. The fact that you know doesn't necessarily change some minds that that cat is essentially a non-pointed Himalayan. I don't think the breed council is trying to keep out that one gene. What they're trying to keep out is that line of genes, so the fact that we can identify one gene out of a market basket of genes doesn't necessarily mean that the breed council would welcome these in without an identifying prefix. This is something that ought to be run by the breed councils and they can make decisions on a case-by-case basis. **Miller:** Each situation is different. In the case of the Abyssinians, for many years we have known that some of these 382/383 cats are no longer carrying dilute. If we have the DNA, that's a big step forward. Breeders in that particular breed might want to get rid of that number. Other breeds might not want to because there are polygenes to consider. **Anger:** The prefix number is information. It tells us something about what's behind that cat. I don't know why we would want less information about our cats. More is better. **Brown:** We can change it when the status of DNA changes. I don't like the idea of a color being questioned with somebody waving a DNA certificate from the audience. The phenotypic question is going to be answered but we're not at that point yet. **Molino:** DNA is an evolving science. Before we start relying on it, we would like to have Dr. Brown's professional opinion. **DelaBar:** We need to formulate this as it comes forward. There are several registries registering by DNA fingerprint.

Withdrawn.

7. **Domain Name Registration Policy.** *Currently, there are several CFA-related domain names in use for CFA programs that are owned by individuals, such as cfanewbee.org, cfabreederassist-rescue.org, catgenes.org, etc. Several domain names have been registered through GoDaddy. As we have no access to these GoDaddy accounts, we are unable to make any changes or updates to ownership or the contact info should the current owner no longer be available.*

It should be important that CFA own all domain names that are associated with its various programs, committees, breed councils, etc. It is practical to have a centralized responsibility/ownership of all domains with which CFA is associated. These domain names should always be registered through Central Office so that the ownership of the domain names is consistently with CFA, and a list of currently-owned domain names can be retained and used for renewal purposes.

Timely renewal of domain names is important. If a domain name is not renewed on time, there is a good chance the name will be lost, and someone else could possibly pick it up and use it for a competing site, as has happened in the past.

For several years, we have been registering and renewing domain names for breed councils. Currently, 24 breed councils have domain names registered, with 8 of those being owned by individuals. Ownership of breed council domain names by individuals can lead to major problems, as has happened twice in the past (owner of domain name changes the site to suit their personal purposes and the breed council secretary is unable

to take back control of the site.) For the sake of ownership consistency and maintenance, future domain names for breed council sites should be registered through CFA.

Regional web site domain names are, for the most part, currently owned by the region, although 3 are owned by individuals. Transfer of ownership to CFA is recommended.

A list appears below of some of the many domain names registered for CFA programs, or domain names with “CFA” in them, with owner shown if other than CFA. I recommend we actively pursue ownership, or transfer of ownership, of those domain names that contain “CFA” if they are owned by individuals. CFA’s trademark of the letters “CFA” pertains to material “on the subject of cats.” Use of our trademark “CFA”, in a domain name owned by someone other than CFA and “on the subject of cats”, is an infringement of our trademark. We should actively enforce our copyrights and trademarks in order to maintain ownership of them.

Tartaglia: We’re proposing that all CFA domain names be registered by CFA in a centralized location. **Eigenhauser:** Ownership is just a domain name, which is very inexpensive. Hosting the website is relatively inexpensive but the sky’s the limit. It’s chaotic not to do this. The only proviso I would add is that CFA doesn’t necessarily need to run the website, but ownership of these names by CFA in a central location is absolutely critical so that we don’t wind up losing these through accident or mistake. **Miller:** I support this, but why are we collecting dog genes? **Tartaglia:** When something comes up; for instance, the CatGenes program, we don’t know how large it might become or which direction it might go, and at the time CatGenes was registered, we were trying to protect ourselves. **Calhoun:** Do we have any idea of the incremental cost? Who is paying for this? **Tartaglia:** The breed council websites each cost about \$25-\$30 a year. **Calhoun:** When you say we are responsible for renewals, what does that mean? Are we going to charge this back to the breed councils that control these websites? **Tartaglia:** We could handle the renewal and the board could decide if it’s best to get reimbursed. Most of the breed councils have been doing it for a number of years. **Shaffer:** I don’t have a problem with the regions reimbursing if we get an invoice. **Kusy:** Has money been budgeted for the man hours? We need to see a more complete proposal. **Tartaglia:** We’re not going to maintain the website. We’re just doing the renewal. **Kallmeyer:** First, what do we have to do to “actively pursuing ownership that violate our copyright”? Second, “actively promote our shows” is a good thing. I’m not sure that we have to own that. They’re helping us. **Jacobberger:** You want to own the domain name, which we might license to people who would evaluate the program. Licensing is always a possibility for very little money or even no money, but you want to control the name. As far as enforcing infringements, we used to write a series of letters. That’s how we got cfa.org. Someone else had it so we sent letters to that person, we paid him a little money and finally he transferred it over to us. If you have to do trademark infringement suits, that’s expensive. With a domain provider, that might make things easier because you could address it in any jurisdiction because the provider is nationwide.

Action Items:

- (a) *All domain names for CFA programs, committees, etc. must be registered through Central Office.*

Baugh: So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun voting no.

(b) *Central Office will be responsible for renewal of domain names used for CFA programs, committees, etc.*

Eigenhauser: So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun voting no.

(c) *Actively pursue transfer of ownership of domain names that violate our copyright and trademarks.*

Eigenhauser: “Actively pursue” can mean a lot of things to a lot of people.

Jacobberger: There’s a “use it or lose it” philosophy with trademarks. You’re supposed to enforce your trademark. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Kusy voting no.

DOMAIN NAMES

Domain names owned by CFA:

CFA.ORG

CFAINC.ORG (no longer in use)

CFAINC.INFO (not in use)

CFA-IAMS-CAT-CHAMPIONSHIP.ORG

CATSCENTERSTAGE.ORG (to be used for Outreach Program)

CATSCENTERSTAGE.NET

CATSCENTERSTAGE.COM

CATGENES.ORG (Domains by Proxy, Inc. - in use for Cat Genes web site)

CATGENES.NET (Domains by Proxy, Inc.)

CATGENE.COM (Domains by Proxy, Inc.)

CFA domain names, or domain names with “CFA” in them, owned by individuals:

CFABREEDERSASSIST.ORG (was Linda Berg – not renewed and now owned by someone in India with a cat site)

CFABREEDERSASSIST-RESCUE.ORG (Linda Berg, in use for BAP web site)

CFANEWBEE.ORG (Teresa Keiger, who uses it for NewBee program web site)

CFA-CAT-SHOW.COM (Ande DeGeer)

CFACATSHOWS.COM (George Ridenour – currently no web site in place)

CFACATSHOWS.ORG (George Ridenour – currently no web site in place)

CFASHOWS.NET (Cheryl Theiler – personal site titled “CFA Cat Show Community”)

CFASHOWS.ORG (George Ridenour – currently no web site in place)

Regional web sites:

CFAINTERNATIONAL.ORG (Linda Berg)

CFASOUTHERN.ORG (Jay Lehman)

CFAGULFSHORE.ORG (Gene Wright)

CFANORTHATLANTIC.ORG (North Atlantic Region)

CFAGREATLAKES.ORG (Great Lakes Region)

CFAMIDWEST.ORG (Midwest Region)
CFANORTHWEST (NW Region)
CFASOUTHWEST (Southwest Region)

Breed Council domain names:

ABYSSINIANBC.org
BIRMANBC.COM (Kelli Cajigas)
BOMBAYBC.ORG
BRITISHSHORTHAIKBC.ORG
CORNISHREXBC.ORG
EGYPTIANMAUBC.ORG
EUROPEANBURMESEBC.ORG
EXOTICBC.ORG
HAVANABROWNBC.ORG (Ed Mounib – official site, links from CFA site removed)
 HAVANABROWNBC.US (Ed Mounib)
 HAVANABROWNBC.COM (Domains by Proxy, Inc.)
 HAVANABROWNBC.NET (Domains by Proxy, Inc.)
 HAVANABROWNBC.INFO (Anne Edwards)
JAPANESEBOBTAILBC.ORG
MAINECOONBC.ORG
MANXBC.ORG
NFCBC.ORG (Dawn Shiley)
OCICATINFO.COM (Silvercrest Computer Services)
ORIENTALBC.ORG
PERSIANBC.ORG (ownership transferred 3 times, currently Kathy Durdick)
RAGDOLLBC.ORG
RUSSIANBLUEBC.ORG
SIAMESEBC.ORG (Domains by Proxy, Inc.)
SINGAPURABC.ORG
SOMALIBC.ORG
SPHYNXBC.ORG
TONKBC.ORG (Scott Cowling)
TURKISHVAN.ORG

For upcoming programs or to keep others from registering names similar to ones for CFA programs. All registered through GoDaddy, with Domains by Proxy, Inc. as registrant:

CFAALLCATS.COM
 CFAALLCATS.ORG
 CFAALLCATS.NET
DOGGENE.NET
 DOGGENE.ORG
COMPANIONANIMALID.COM
 COMPANIONANIMALID.NET
 COMPANIONANIMALID.ORG
CANINEGENE.COM
 CANINEGENE.NET

8. On CFA Entry Form, inclusion of a space to “check if new exhibitor”

Rationale: Peg Johnson and I have been talking about (and been talked to by) new exhibitors. At some CFA and other association shows, new exhibitors are given information regarding showing and sometimes a ‘welcome gift’ when they check in. Other times, they’re benched with experienced exhibitors. Some shows have mini-sessions where someone goes over the basics of showing. One entry clerk told me that she sends known new exhibitors to the New Bee site when she returns their confirmation.

However, that is the issue...not every entry clerk knows who every new exhibitor is. Having a place to mark it on an entry form is an easy way to flag these new exhibitors. I posed a question regarding indicating this to the Entry Clerks’ List (to see if it was feasible for a New Bee Class done in the show hall) and they felt that it was easy enough from their standpoint.

Ultimately, I’d like to have a “Welcome to CFA” package that would be available to these new exhibitors and encourage clubs to give them out at check in and would be willing for the New Bee Program to put it together. However, we could certainly begin with some of the articles that already exist and are already available as pdf downloads.

In summation, flagging a new exhibitor would allow the club to:

- Bench them with an experienced, ‘friendly’ exhibitor(s)*
- Give them show / exhibiting information (both prior to the show via the New Bee site, and/or check in.*
- If local, invite them to participate in their club*
- Give clubs and individuals a way to welcome them into the cat fancy.*

Additionally, I will be briefly speaking to the delegation and participating in the Mentor and Ambassador meeting where we will be speaking about these programs to those interested attendees. That would be a good opportunity to present this idea of welcoming our new exhibitors.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,
Teresa Keiger*

L. Watson: Many times, the entry clerk doesn’t know if the exhibitor is new or not. This could be done immediately with the on-line entry form. **Tartaglia:** When the entry clerk has this information, what are they supposed to do with it? **L. Watson:** Pass it on to the club. **Johnson:** If clubs want to do this, they can help new exhibitors and try to make them welcome because we

can't depend on other exhibitors to understand that. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

***The following item is informational.
No specific action is being requested.***

8. **Letter of Commendation re CFA's policy on Declawing.** *A letter was received in the office and I thought it would be of interest to you.*

CATS Program Information

This program allows cats which do not meet CFA's requirements for standard registration to be recorded with CFA for the purpose of establishing a line of breeding. The system is suitable for cats of new breeds and for cats of CFA's recognized breeds when it is not possible to meet the usual requirements for registration, i.e. submission of a certified pedigree from another association.

*Participation in **CATS** is intended to provide an accurate recording of a cat's ancestry and that cat's future generations. The intent is to build a pedigree history for the cat and its offspring. The desired end result is to have recorded a sufficient number of generations (that conform to the usual requirements for the breed) to allow for the **possible** acceptance of the line into CFA's standard registration files.*

*A cat recorded under this system will not be issued the standard CFA certificate of registration and is not guaranteed acceptance or breed recognition into CFA's usual registry. Cats recorded in the CATS system are not eligible for showing in CFA shows except in those shows held in the International Division and Maritime Provinces of Canada where they may be shown as "LISTED" cats. Any awards or points, however, will NOT be credited to the cat's record. For this line to cross over from **CATS** to our standard registration database, all future generations are required to meet the usual CFA registration requirements.*

*Cats may be listed in the **CATS** database, which will be completely separate from our regular system, under the following possible circumstances. Other situations will be considered on an individual basis.*

- 1) Recognized breeds with insufficient number of generations of ancestry to be included in the CFA registry, such as Siamese or Abyssinians with fewer than 8 generations of known and registered background.*
- 2) Recognized breeds with NO ancestral history, such as cats in or from a country with a developing cat fancy, which has no registration association in which to record a cat's history and therefore cannot supply the required certified pedigrees necessary for standard registration.*
- 3) Recognized breeds from organizations currently not recognized by CFA for cross-registration purposes (ICE, ACE, UFO, etc.).*

- 4) *Breeds recognized for registration by other associations, but not by CFA, such as Australian Mist, Burmillas, Snowshoe, etc.*
- 5) *Cats whose breed is not currently accepted for registration in CFA or any other association.*
- 6) *Cats that would not be eligible for registration with CFA due to breeds and/or colors found in the background and which are not accepted by CFA as allowable outcrosses.*

Photocopies of all available documentation (pedigrees, etc., letters, or import documents, if any) should be submitted along with the application, which must be signed and dated by the applicant. At least one color photo must also be enclosed (minimum size 4" X 6"), which will become part of the cat's permanent file and cannot be returned.

*The conversion of a **CATS** recorded cat to CFA's standard registration database will **not** be initiated automatically by CFA once standard registration requirements have been met. It will be the responsibility of the cat's owner to make the request for transfer.*

The request for transfer to the standard database should be in writing from the cat's owner and must include:

- 1) *The cat's CFA **CATS** certificate of registration.*
- 2) *A pedigree (not certified) showing all **CATS**-registered background (names and **CATS** registration numbers) for the required number of generations for the particular breed to be transferred (see Rules for Registration for requirements for each breed).*
- 3) *The required \$20.00 transfer fee.*

The application will require the approval of the Breed Council Secretary to be accepted. Registration in the CATS system does not automatically guarantee acceptance into the standard database.

(7) **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), Bob Johnston (Club Liaison), Donna Jean Thompson, Yayoi Satoh*

DelaBar pointed out that Kitty Angell was not able to attend the meeting, and gave the board members an update on how she is doing. All the board members wish her a continued excellent recovery. Kitty's sentiments follow:

It has been my privilege over the past four years to work with this hardworking, devoted committee. Each person played a distinct part to "bring home the bacon" for CFA. Bob Johnston works so hard for our clubs, and his sensible, low-key manner has defused some pretty volatile situations! Way to go, Bob!

Donna Jean faithfully serves as our major editor and devil's advocate. Yayoi has steadfastly represented the interests of Japan.

Roeann and I had not met before I was chosen to chair this committee, but I can say without reservation that she is the heart and soul of Business Development, both in bringing in outside revenue and also in expanding our name recognition. Because of her integrity and total commitment to CFA, she has won over some of the largest pet industry corporate sponsors in the USA.

As I leave the office of Vice-President, I would like to thank CFA for allowing me to work side by side with Roeann, giving us the chance to put in place many of the branded products and other revenue increasing, name distinguishing business enterprises that we now have under contract.

It is so wonderful to see our logo in public places, alone, or side by side with AKC on many of these products. I also envision the day when our CFA-Iams Cat Championships are as anticipated as Westminster. It's been a wild and wonderful ride!

Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much, nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

~Theodore Roosevelt-1899

Kitty Angell

Ongoing Committee Activities:

4-Sight Manufacturing/License Contracts (CFA Branded Products)

➤ Revenue Received From 4Kids, Paid To CFA from Branded Products

✓ Inception – December 2005	\$58,069.82	Received January 2006
✓ January – June 2006	\$ 2,645.87	Received September 2006
✓ July - September 2006	\$65,000.00	Received September 2006
✓ October – December 2006	\$62,650.02	Received February 2007
✓ January – March 2007	\$ 4,861.60	Received May 2007
✓ April – June 2007	\$66,525.28	Received August 2007
✓ July – September 2007	\$ 3,250.00	Received November 2007
✓ October – December 2007	\$66,875.00	Received February 2008
✓ January – March 2008	\$ 9,245.50	Received May 2008

➤ CFA Nominated for Prestigious Branding Award

The Annual LIMA International Licensing Excellence Awards THE INTERNATIONAL LICENSING INDUSTRY MERCHANDISERS' ASSOCIATION (LIMA)

CFA has received the prestigious nomination for Best Corporate Brand Products of the year. There are only six selected for nomination. Previous winners include Disney, Jeep, Fisher-Price, Inc., Nickelodeon, Hasbro (NASCAR Winner's Circle Program) just to name a few.

The LIMA selection Committee is made up of representatives from various related trade publications, and experts from cross segments of the licensing industry. All winners will be announced at the LIMA Gala and Awards Ceremony held during the International Licensing Show in New York City on June 11th.

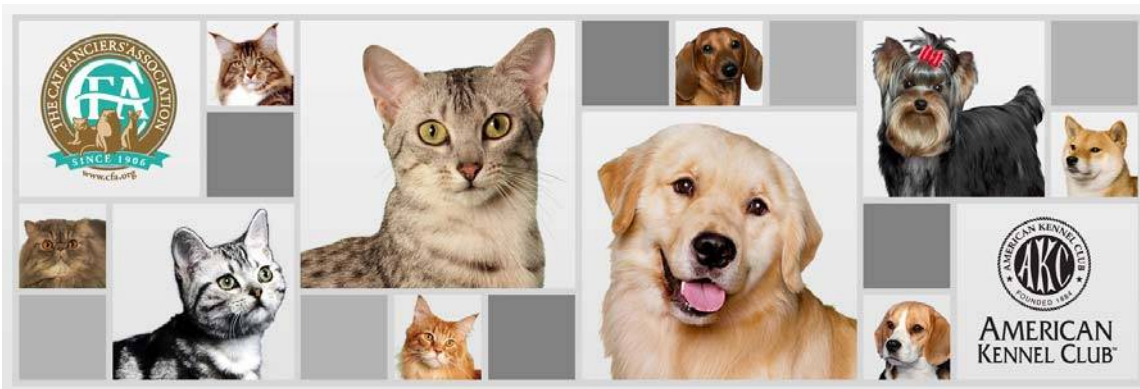
This nomination clearly shows The Cat Fanciers' Association is being recognized as a value with its brand in the commercial marketplace. CFA continues to grow brand recognition and revenue for our organization.



Fulkerson: When you look at the previous winners, the significance is apparent. Allene and I attended this event and it was very prestigious. CFA was very well received and it's a terrific honor for CFA, being such a young branded company.

➤ **International Licensing Show**

- ✓ *4Kids/4Sight will have a large booth at the NYC International Licensing show held in June. The CFA product line will be well represented. Below is the large banner, which will be present.*



Fulkerson: CFA was very well represented right inside the door with a large glass booth and our products.

➤ **Ongoing and Renewed Contracts**

- ✓ ***PetCo***

- *CFA and PetCo are launching a co-branded program at every PetCo store*
- *The line will be co-branded CFA/PetCo*
- *This will be an end-cap program of plush toys, beds, litter accessories and the items will be from the best selling CFA items at PetCo.*
- *This line will join the current CFA Kitten and Active Cat lines*
- *After the end-cap program in 2008 ends this program will be put in line within each store 4 ft section*
- *This program in 2009 will increase sales to an additional \$3 to \$4 Million*

- ✓ ***PetSmart***
 - *CFA Kitten line will be added as in-line items in May. This is incremental to the current in-line individual product items. 4Kids/4Sight is working on third quarter promotions.*

- ✓ ***Wal-Mart***
 - *Wal-Mart's order is \$950,000 for 2008. They will increase the order once Wal-Mart has the space at the retail level*
 - *Wal-Mart tested the CFA Kitten line at one store in January 2008. It did well and will be rolled out to **300 Wal-Mart stores in 2008**, CFA Food will also be placed inline as well.*
 - *Wal-Mart Canada-Jakks is still working with them for 3rd and 4th quarter orders; they have a few items for 2nd qtr 2008 confirmed.*

- ✓ ***Stop & Shop***
 - *Stop and Shop is having tremendous sell thru with the CFA Co-branded line and they are working on wider placement and more shelf space for 2008.*

- ✓ ***ToysRUs***
 - *Will be launching the CFA product line at all **ToysRUs** locations in mid February, 2009. CFA will have a 4-foot section at all stores.*

- ✓ ***Aspen Pet and Grooming Products***
 - *Deal Memo Signed December 24, 2007. \$25,000.00 guarantee paid to CFA at 65%: \$4,875 paid upon signature of the Deal Memo; \$11,375 on or before December 31, 2009. Royalty is 5% of net sales. Initial Term runs through December 31, 2010. Marketing and Ship date is October 2008.*
 - *Nonexclusive license for dental brushes and cleaners, pet hair removers, de-shedding tools, nail trimmers, brushes, combs, topical treatment delivery systems, treatment solutions cartridges, grooming tools sanitizers and storage solutions, grooming towels, shears, and hair cutting tools.*

✓ **JPI Lines**

- *Jakks Pets projections for 2008 at this time are \$5M to \$6M wholesale. Most pet retailers and pet departments purchase only 3 to 6 months out compared to the toy and apparel industry.*

Fulkerson: We're going to see more CFA-branded products out and about. We're getting even stronger with distribution in some of the European countries and in Canada. They are now placing orders and having products launched in 72 countries.

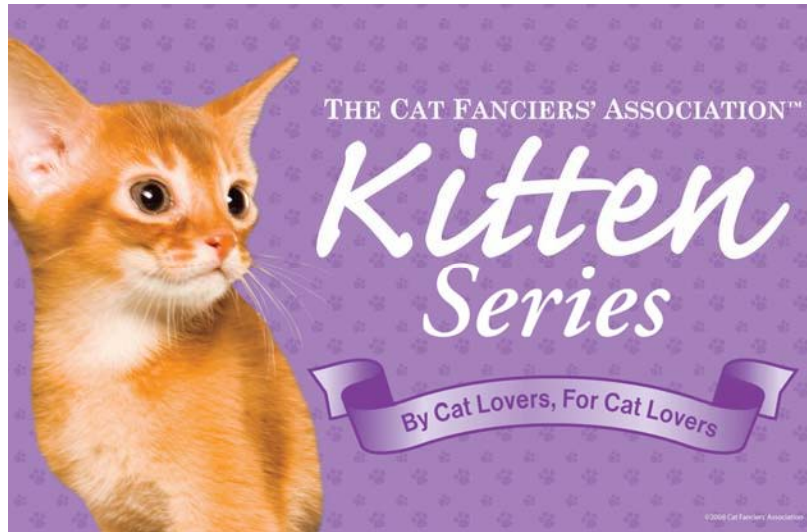
➤ **CFA International: NEW ORDER**

- *Italy (Wonder Foods Distributor)-- Jakks Pets received confirmation on 6 freight containers of each wing panel (6 different Plush Toys) for CFA products. These will be shipped during the 2nd quarter, 2008. The wholesale is approx: \$420,000.00*
- ***Global Pet:*** *Jakks Pets dedicated 16 feet for CFA product line at the booth for Global Pet Expo.*



✓ **JPI Kitten Line**

- *The CFA Kitten line has been very successful and continues to grow with additional products being added all the time.*



✓ **Eternal Image**

- *The CFA memorial garden marker and the CFA licensed urn are both very distinctive pieces. The decision to design and manufacture the garden markers was made to offer animal lovers an affordable way to remember their beloved pets.*
- *A sample of the CFA Memorial Garden Marker and the Pet Urn is shown here. These products will be available this summer.*



✓ **Dakota Collectables**

- Completed twelve beautiful breed specific embroidered designs developed from the photos taken at the NYC photo shoot scheduled by 4Kids and CFA with our exhibitor/breeders and their cats. These are beautiful true representations of some of our pedigreed breeds. Additional breeds will be added to cover all 40 CFA breeds.
- These are currently available for purchase at the Web Site for Dakota Collectables and will be distributed to specialty stores soon.

✓ **Commonwealth Toys**

- Currently being manufactured are fifteen human plush toys. Each is very well made and should be highly desirable by the public.



✓ **Cynful Inc.**

- An agreement between Cat Fanciers' Association, and Cynful, Inc. was signed to authorize the use the new CFA logo on limited and select merchandise such as high quality golf shirts with the CFA logo embroidered on the left chest. The regular retail price is \$29.95. If clubs wish to purchase shirts in quantity with specific club logos or names, the CFA logo would remain on the left chest and the club information would be embroidered on the right chest. Package offerings and pricing will be

adjusted accordingly. Also offered are Oxford shirts, windbreakers and t-shirts.

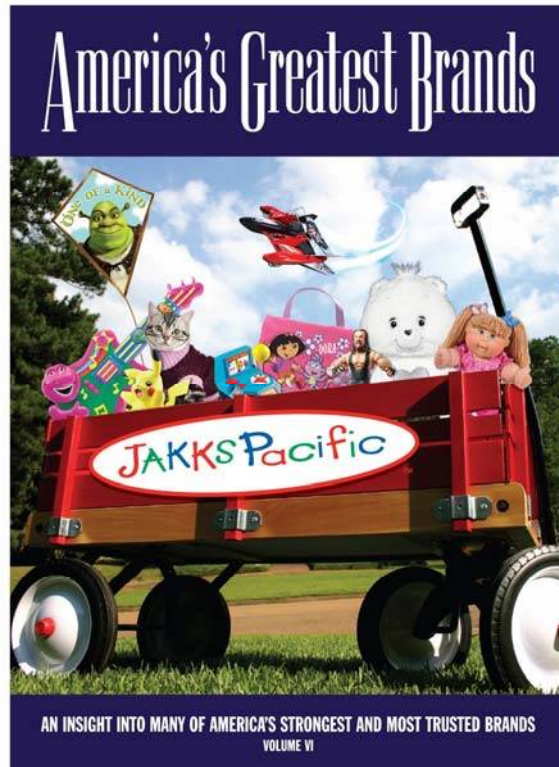
- A standard black presentation portfolio with a zippered closure, padded handle, an interior organizer with 1" 3-ring binder and an 11" x 8.5" pad of paper included will also be available. The CFA logo is changed in color to all-black debossed imprint on the front side of the binder. This binder will retail for \$28.50.
- Cynful, Inc. will donate a dollar from the sale of each piece of merchandise back to the CFA organization for use in its general operating fund or as CFA designates.

✓ **Royaltie\$ Magazine**

- **Royaltie\$ Magazine** is distributed and read by the licensing and retail industries. They discuss current and upcoming trends for products as well as addressing retail marketing. CFA and AKC were the exclusive Brand on both the front and back covers of the new issue of Royaltie\$ Magazine. This is great exposure within the licensing and retail industries because it calls attention to the brand. Included within this issue is an editorial article on CFA. This is expected to open new licensing opportunities.



- ✓ **America's Greatest Brands** featured JPI products and CFA was displayed on the cover of this publication as well.



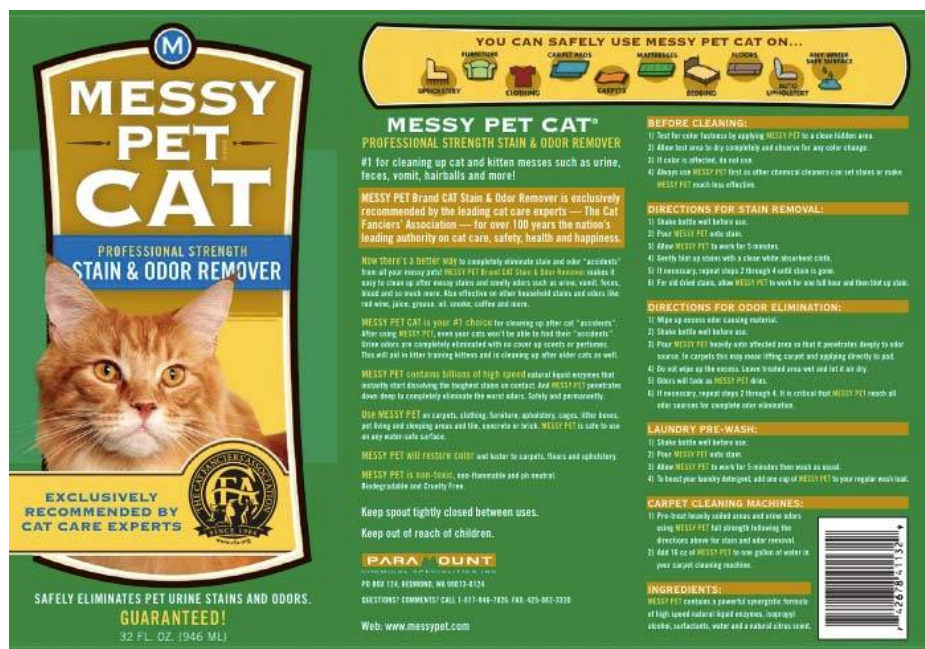
➤ **New Licensing Contracts**

✓ **Motel 6**

- *CFA will be listed for Discounted Rates, much like AARP, AAA, Military, etc. on the Motel 6 listings and web site,*
- *CFA will receive 5% revenue for each nights guests stay,*
- *Will promote the Winn Feline Foundation.*
- *Marketing and Promotional Tie-Ins:*
 - *Motel 6 to create a postcard to be handed out at CFA top 50 shows*
- *Licensee Tie-Ins:*
 - *Sample giveaway of CFA toy when guests check in with a Pet.*
 - *Create a booklet to hand out showing all CFA products along with traveling tips.*
 - *1-800 Pet Supplies/Cat.com coupon when checking in (THIS portion Depends On Board Approval of New Interactive, Growth to the www.cfa.org Web Site).*
 - *Guests Tie-In Offer: A Responsible Pet Ownership Information booklet in each room.*
Events/Shows will be listed.

✓ **Paramount Chemical**

- **Messy Pet**



➤ Public Relations Activities

- ✓ NBC Universal Television Studios www.petside.com partnered with CFA and Proctor and Gamble to provide content to Petside.com.

- Petside will also be linked to a pet-specific site in NBC's iVillage site and promoted weekly on the "Today" show.
- iVillage receives over 40 million hits monthly to their website.
- CFA provides all breed specific content for pedigreed cats. The CFA logo on the cat breed pages is linked directly back to the CFA web site ~ where breeds and colors can be accessed.

✓ Web-Vet, LLC www.webvet.com

- CFA became a strategic partner of WebVet.com in February of 2008. "WebVet's mission is to help you and your veterinarian provide the best possible care for your pets." CFA as a Strategic Partner of WebVet.com, the companies will share content, resources, marketing and promotional opportunities.
- CFA will have the right to provide editorial articles to WebVet relating to cat health and well-being during each month, CFA's contributions will be credited accordingly.
- WebVet will write and feature some editorial content in support of CFA's primary areas of expertise with respect to cats, including but not limited to areas such as breed information, the value of registering one's pet, and registration of pedigreed pets.
- WebVet will provide special coverage of major shows and events related to pedigreed cats. In the United States, these shows and events will be exclusively those licensed by CFA.
- WebVet will provide attribution to CFA for all content provided. On the breed pages, WebVet will provide a hyperlink to the CFA website.

- *WebVet will place the CFA logo on the WebVet home page.*

✓ **Simon & Schuster**

***CFA and Simon & Schuster Announce the 2nd Annual
“Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest”***

MANASQUAN, NJ – May 19, 2008 – The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. (CFA), in partnership with Simon & Schuster, today announced that their “Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest” will become an annual event, with this year’s contest accepting submissions between August 1 and September 15. Full details will be available on CFA’s web site for children, For Kids ... About Cats at kids.cfa.org. The contest is open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and Canada (excluding Quebec), with the deadline for receipt of entries being 11:59PM EST, September 15, 2008.

“This photo contest is an excellent opportunity for cat owners to portray the wonderful and loving relationship that children have with their pet cats,” said CFA President Pam DelaBar. “We look forward to receiving many photos of adorable kids and their cats.”

“It’s a well-known fact that kids love both cats and books,” according to Julie Powell Christopher, Associate Director of Marketing for Simon & Schuster’s Children’s Publishing Division. “We are excited to be partnering with The Cat Fanciers’ Association in this photo contest to celebrate the launch of the children’s book, Hello, Calico!” There are now four titles available in the board book series featuring “Calico” from bestselling author Karma Wilson and illustrator Buket Erdogan, published by Little Simon, a division of Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. The four titles are: Hello, Calico!, Uh-Oh, Calico!, Friends for Calico!, and Play Nice, Calico! (September). The online digital photo contest offers prizes provided by Simon & Schuster, and will also include a variety of CFA branded products. The grand prize winner for the contest will be announced on October 19, 2008, prior to the Best-of-the-Best judging at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show, to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City. There will be 1 grand prize winner, 4 second prizes and 15 third prizes awarded. The grand prize will include an illustrated rendering of the winning photo by Buket Erdogan, illustrator of the Calico series by Karma Wilson. The Average Retail Value of all prizes combined will be over US \$1,500.

Full contest details, rules and online entry form will be available on August 1st at <http://kids.cfa.org/photo-contest.html>.

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✓ **German Film Crew Filmed and interviewed from CICC**

The documentary CFA participated in aired March 25, 2008 at the French/German Network ARTE and was streamed thereafter at the web for one week after its TV-premiere. It was a German resp. French version. So far there is no international version, but the production company is working on generating interest to offer it as they feel it deserves an international distribution.

➤ **Show Sponsorship**

- ✓ Iams ~ Sponsored CFA-Iams Cat Championship, International and 2008 Annual. Education and Outreach presentation in California.
- ✓ Royal Canin ~Thirty Eight Premier and Regional shows, International and 2008 Annual. Publications, YB Ads, Online Banners and White Pages.
- ✓ Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat ~ Sponsored CFA-Iams Cat Championship, International, World Cat Congress, Funding for new CFA Web Site.
- ✓ Sturdi Pet Products ~ Sponsored CFA-Iams Cat Championship awards, International, Annual, and World Cat Congress.

Action Item:

Approve a company to re-develop the CFA Web Site with interaction areas, e-commerce, blogs, user search etc. Report on comparison companies and details will be provided to the Board. Central Office has already received initial sponsorship funds to initiate this project.

[Secretary's Note: Discussion of companies and possible contracts is an executive session matter. Following review and discussion of the action item, a committee was formed to research and investigate.]

Projections for the Future

As always, the Business Development Committee works tirelessly for CFA to bring new and innovative programs to augment and enhance our financial position, as well as to enrich and broaden education on promoting the pedigreed breeds of cat.

Fulkerson: The Business Development Committee has a lot of exciting, new areas that we're targeting to promote CFA and generate revenue for CFA. We have to be in a position to meet the needs of the companies who are coming to us. **Molino:** I never thought in my lifetime in CFA I would ever see branded products with such notoriety, with such prestigious firms. I for one am in awe and congratulate you and the Committee. [applause]

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Angell, Chair

Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

(8) ANIMAL WELFARE UMBRELLA – BREED RESCUE; BREEDERS' ASSISTANCE; FOOD PANTRY.

Animal Welfare Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair:	Linda Berg
Liaison to Board:	Kay Janosik
Committee Members for BAPBR:	Pam DelaBar, Dru Milligan, Betty Haden, Paul Patton, Sue Gleason, Sonya Coulson, Donna Balestrieri, Mark Rowe, Elizabeth Rymph, John Bierrie, Lorraine Shelton, Charlene Campbell, Warren Joubert, DVM, Tom M. Bankstahl, DVM, Mary Siestsma, George Eigenhauser

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The transition with CFA Animal Welfare as the Umbrella is going well. Breeders Assistance is spreading its wings with a new committee chair. The requests for help and general questions has increased, with the economy driving most of the inquiries. We are becoming much more visible and have had inquiries from other registries about the programs and hopefully will start working with them and expand the program in that direction.

We have a great success story out of Florida. Animal Control confiscated 48 Persians and they were released to us. The group in Florida set up a staging area and took care of all the cats and dispersed them to various rescues. We went to the CFA List and received over \$4,000.00 to help with the care and neuter/spay of these cats. In the meantime, Charlene knew the breeder, contacted her and asked her for information on these cats' health records. This lady came out to the staging area, identified the cats, gave them the health information on each cat and left with everyone involved feeling good about how it was handled. This individual has now become involved with BAPBR and wants to tell her story about BAPBR and how we allowed her to be a

part of the process to show it is not always a negative thing. I think this is a great testimonial to how the committee works together from Animal Welfare to Breeders Assistance to Breed Rescue.

Breed Rescue is doing a VERY good job. We have three regions with Rescue Coordinators – the Southwest, the Southern and the Midwest. As you can see from the graphs, the two busiest regions are 6 and 7. I have asked Charlene, who will be at the Annual, to give a presentation at the Breeders Assist/Breed Rescue meeting on Saturday in hopes of encouraging more people to get involved in their Region.

Dru is still building the data base of vets, shelters, rescues and fosters. She has been enormously successful with not having to transport the cats any great distance. Again, her success is based on the Regional Coordinators who are building their data bases of individuals and groups to help when needed.

The food program is still operating and John is thinking up new ways to raise awareness and funding for coupons to buy food. He has contacted some large companies in his area about being sponsored and has had some good response. Royal Canin is still giving us food but has taken a much harder look at amount produced so they are not having the large overflows to give to us.

Paul Patton has created a graph of the past year's food shipment amounts and costs. It follows in this report.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are raising awareness of CFA Breeders Assistance and Breed Rescue with more visibility at shows. Allene has agreed to put the BAP Flyer in the Show Packages in hopes of encouraging clubs to put them in their show catalogs. Different Regions are doing the 50/50 raffles for BAPBR. I attended the WCC and was present in the CFA Booth with a slide presentation of our Rescue in Florida of 48 Persians. Paul Patton has created a card to carry in your wallet, should anything happen to you – who you want to care for your cats. We have the laminators so it's just a matter of getting them at the shows. I had planned on attending the Animal Care Expo with Joan Miller, but it was decided to cancel our attendance with Joan's inability to join us.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue the current expansion of Breeders Assistance/Breed Rescue's role in/with Animal Welfare. Depending on our new budget, I am planning on attending the International Show and the Animal Care Expo next year to be in the CFA Booth to raise awareness. I am hoping someone in the NY area can be in the CFA Booth at Madison Square Garden.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Our growth and progress.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg, Chair*

Janosik: Breeder Assistance is waiting in the wings and they are starting to have some big accomplishments, just as it was designed to. The economy is taking its toll, and there are requests for help and general questions. Our people have stepped up to the plate to accomplish some great things and we can still do more.

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

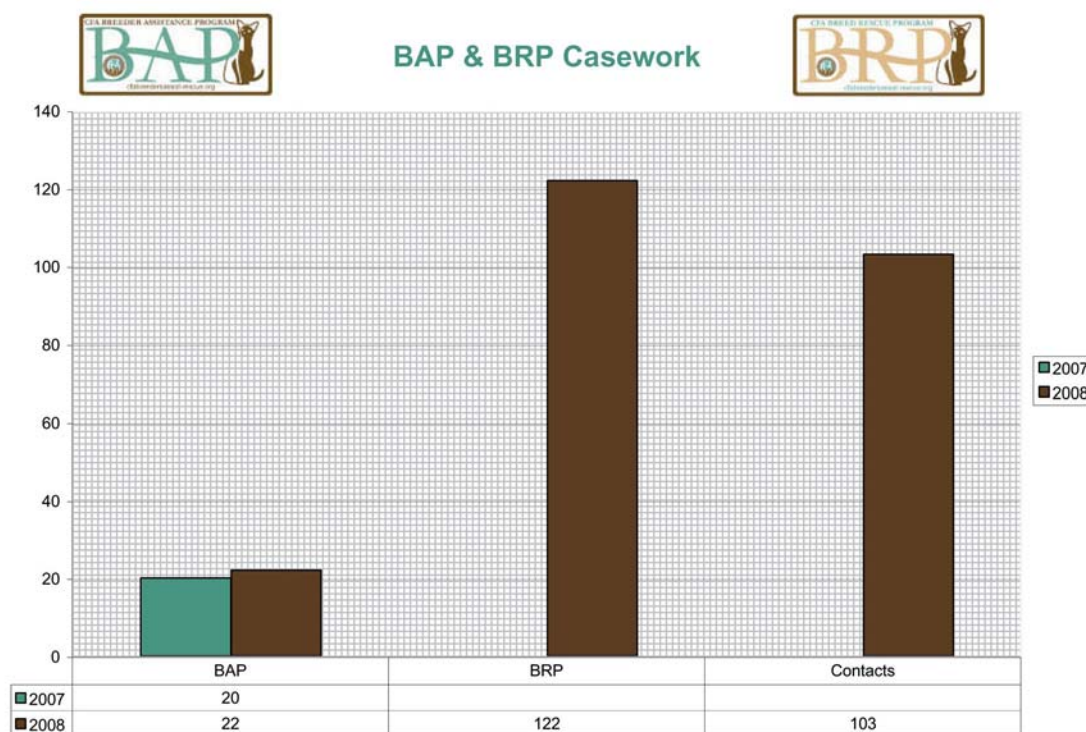
Committee Chair: Sue Gleason
Liaison to Board: Kay Janosik
List of Committee Members: Pam DelaBar, Dru Milligan, Betty Haden, Paul Patton, Linda Berg, Sonya Coulson, Donna Balestrieri, Tammy Roark, Elizabeth Rymph, John Bierrie, Lorraine Shelton, Charlene Campbell, Warren Joubert, DVM, Tom M. Bankstahl,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

I want to thank you for trusting Linda's decision to place me in this position. I believe this is one of the most needed programs in CFA and have made it my priority. This vital program states one strong message. CFA cares. I am in the process of moving from Wisconsin to Texas so Linda is working with me during this transition period.

In the next months I plan on developing:

- *A database for low cost spay/alter clinics, this will build on what Dru in Breed Rescue has already started.*
- *Forms to make it easier for our coordinators to give us reports on their activities.*
- *Work with each Region to find Rescue Coordinators when it is no longer an assist. Only two Regions currently have Rescue Coordinators; the Southern and the Southwest.*
- *Encourage more people to join the program. I think there is still a misunderstanding of*

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Janosik: We are trying to figure out ways to raise funds on our own and not rely on donations to buy cat food. We are raising awareness with more visibility at the shows.

(9) 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*

***Carla Bizzell** – File Administrator*

***Ellyn Honey** – Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Trainee Administrator*

***Pat Jacobberger** – Judges' Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)*

***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:

Retirements:

***Chisato Bess Higuchi:** A resignation letter was received from Chisato Bess Higuchi. The board has changed her status to “retired” with regret, and bestowed the title of “Judge Emeritus”. Bess states, “I have long enjoyed my position as a judge in the CFA. I have many pleasant memories of shows I have judged in Japan, the U.S., Europe and Russia. The breeders and other people I have met through the Cat Fanciers have led to many friendships. Most memorable of all are the many, many beautiful cats I have seen.” Her contributions to CFA and Japan Region are significant. She has been a CFA judge since 1971 and served as the Japan Regional Director.*

Action Item: *Accept request for retirement, with regret.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Anger** moved to grant the title of “Judge Emeritus” to Bess Higuchi. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Margot Mellies. A resignation letter was received from long-time judge Margot Mellies. The board has changed her status to “retired” with regret. Margot began her judging career in 1979 and states, “I have been very proud of my involvement in the CFA Judging Program and will miss that interaction.” Margot continues to attend CFA shows and events under her famous Miribu cattery.

Action Item: *Accept request for retirement, with regret.*

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

Richard Gebhardt. A resignation laws received from legendary judge Richard Gebhardt. The board has changed his status to “retired” with regret. Mr. Gebhardt began his judging career in 1953, was past President of CFA and was the recipient of the CFA Medal of Honor, among many, many other noteworthy achievements. Richard writes as follows:

Where or how do I start this letter and where will it all go? This is probably the most difficult letter I have had to write. As hard as it is to come to grips with it all, the time is right and 55 is as good a number as any to retire as a CFA judge. This is the last cord and attachment to the organization that has been the most dominating part of my entire life – most likely the only reason I have held on this long. Travel is very difficult for me now and long-term contracts are rather foolish.

[Anger takes over reading] What is very sad for me now is going through the years of CFA and cat history of my 63 years since 1945 to resurface not only the great cats but the great leaders of CFA I have gotten to know personally who are myths to most of your fanciers today. They are all gone and I am left with the pride to have known them. I feel completely blessed to have learned from the best and have experienced the greatest development of The Cat Fancy and CFA.

As I write this so fast, so much is going through my mind. I don’t have the time nor the energy to write it all down. These are difficult times now and CFA needs the strong leadership that will develop a format that will be realistic and affordable for CFA and its clubs, its breeders and exhibitors to guide them.

As Bob Winn would always say to me, “Dick, be careful of what you give because you can’t take it back”. The Fancy needs to be more competitive in the classes. The breeds need to be re-evaluated, as there are too many breeds within a breed. I remember in the 40’s when color-breeding was the “in thing”, to have 3 generations of all the same color was the purest of all breeding. Then we crossed the color line using the blue Persian to change and improve the type. You know the cats didn’t mind it at all. All the fears that were there were soon a thing of the past.

I have a lot of thoughts about the breeds and our shows, so my mind is still working. But I can only trust that with you as President, the CFA Board and its delegates will carry on keeping CFA as the envy of the feline world. You see, I have gotten carried away and forgot this is a letter of resignation and not a declaration.

I want to extend my gratitude and love to all of you attending the annual meeting. God willing, perhaps one day we will meet again. God bless you and all the felines that need us and have brought us together.

*Sincerely,
Richard “Dick” Gebhardt*

Action Item: *Accept request for retirement, with regret.*

DelaBar: Dick Gebhardt was somebody I always held in highest esteem as the quintessential CFA President. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

DelaBar: I would like a motion to nominate Dick to be Judge Emeritus. **Baugh** moved to grant the title of “Judge Emeritus” Richard Gebhardt. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Sally Ulanosky: A resignation letter was received from Longhair Judge Sally Ulanosky. Sally began her judging career in 1991, following a successful attempt at the then-experimental “Judges’ Aptitude Test”. Sally bred beautiful Persians under her “Charlee” prefix.

Action Item: *Accept request for resignation, with regret.*

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

Thank You Notes Received: The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Carol Fogarty, Barbara Jaeger, Marsha Ammons, John Webster and Iris Tanner for their recent advancements.

Deaths: We are saddened to report the loss of Werner Kachel on June 6, 2008. In 1996, Werner suffered a stroke which limited his participation at cat shows and cut short his beloved CFA judging career, which began in 1978. He was bestowed Emeritus status in February of 2005. His interest in all things CFA never waned.

Anger: We will miss Werner. He was really quite a gentleman.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Judges’ Workshop: Preparations for the Judges’ Workshop are well underway and this year will feature discussion of the following breeds: Siamese, Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese, Javanese, LaPerm and the newly recognized color patterns of the Ragdoll breed. The Siamese Breed Council Chair is responsible for coordinating all of the presentation material for the “slinkys” and they have selected Betty White as their CFA Judge Advisor. The LaPerm and Ragdoll Breed Council Secretaries are preparing their presentations and are making arrangements for cats to be present for discussion/examination. Although the host Marriott Hotel has a no-animal policy, Allene has assured me that cats necessary for the workshop will be permitted and I have passed that information on to the Breed Council Secretaries.

Judges' Test: This year's Judges' Examination was intended to be directly related to procedures associated with judging that are frequently performed incorrectly. The test was limited to 10 mandatory questions and voluntary "bonus" question. Examinations were timely returned by 127 of our judges and trainees, and also by the SW Regional Director, who also happens to Chair of the CFA Clerking Program. The average score for all the tests received was 95.38 (of 100) and 34 judges & the SW Regional Director submitted "perfect" examinations that scored 100 (27.34%). They are:

Larry	Adkison	Joan	Miller
Marsha	Ammons	Darrell	Newkirk
Loretta	Baugh	Becky	Orlando
Kathy	Black	Carolyn	Owen
George	Cherrie	Paul	Patton
Marjorie	Collier	Brian	Pearson
Ed	Davis	Jan	Rogers
Pam	DelaBar	Lynn	Search
Cathy	Dinesen	Regina	Shaffer
Nancy	Dodds	Judith	Thomas
Kim	Everett-Hirsch	Donna Jean	Thompson
Sylvia	Fitzgerald	James	Thompson
Donna	Fuller	Gary	Veach
Jean	Grimm	John	Webster
Arie	Groenewegen	Annette	Wilson
Wain	Harding	Beverly	Wood
Lorna	Malinen	Ed	Yurchick
JoAnn	Miksa-Blackwell		

All examinations were postmarked on or before the deadline, and I have provided the board with a listing of those Judges who did not submit a test.

The following data reflects the numbers and percentages of judges who received none or less than allowable credit for each test question:

BONUS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
121	15	32	13	28	6	17	61	31	20	53
94.5%	11.8%	25.0%	10.2%	21.9%	4.7%	13.3%	47.7%	24.2%	15.6%	41.4%

One hundred twenty-one (121) creative responses to the "bonus" question involving a judge at a large 2-day show whose clerk is involved in an accident en route and will not arrive at the show until 2 pm (and no other experienced clerks are present at the show) were received. A discussion of the responses and options permissible under our Show Rules will occur at the Judges' Workshop. I will also provide a short presentation about the test results and the appropriate Show Rules at the Workshop.

Thank you for your confidence in my ability to fulfill the responsibilities of this important position!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Zenda

Anger: Non-judge board members are welcome to take the test, and welcome to attend the judges' workshop. We had five board members that made 100%, including Loretta Baugh, Pam DelaBar, Joan Miller, Annette Wilson and Regina Shaffer, Chair of the Clerking Program.

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>
Nancy Dodds	FIFe	Ostkatten CC	Norshipping, Sweden	10/8/08
Kim Everett-Hirsch	Catz Inc	Catz NZ	Tekuiti, New Zealand	8/15/09
Kim Everett-Hirsch	Waratah	Waratah	Sydney, Australia	8/22/09
Donna Fuller	GCCF	Birman Society	Melbourne, Australia	5/25/08
Donna Fuller	CCCA	Western Aust. CC	Perth, Australia	6/1/08
Bob Goltzer	SACC	Transvaal Cat Society	Johannesburg, SA	7/12/08
Bob Goltzer	SACC	OSRBG	Capetown, SA	7/19/08
Darrell Newkirk	GCCF	Companion CC	Melbourne, Australia	4/26/08
Darrell Newkirk	GCCF	Peninsula CC	Melbourne, Australia	4/27/08
Jan Rogers	Independent	Nika Feline	Moscow, Russia	4/13/08
Jan Rogers	ACF	Birman CC	Canberra Inc City	5/17/08
Jan Rogers	ACF	Birman CC NZ	Auckland, NZ	5/25/08
Jan Rogers	NZCF	NZ Cat Fancy	Napier, NZ	5/31/08
Jan Rogers	ACF	2008 National Show	Gympie, Queensland, Aust	6/6/08
Diana Rothermel	CCCA	National Show	Brisbane, Australia.	7/19/08
Diana Rothermel	NSW CFA	Western Dist. Cat Soc.	Riverstone, Australia	7/27/08
Betty White	Independent	Nika Feline	Moscow, Russia	4/13/08

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows: (* Replacement Judge)

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cheryl U'Ren	CCCofA	Shanghai Cat Lovers Soc.	Shanghai, China	2/23/08
Lena Gnatkevich	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/29/08 *
Cheryl U'Ren	CCCofA	Singapore CC	Singapore	4/6/08
Theresa Imboden Johnson	CCCofA	Singapore CC	Singapore	4/6/08
Allan Raymond	ACFA	Feline Fanciers Society	Singapore	4/13/08
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	4/13/08
Victoria Phovalina	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	4/13/08
Michael Schleissner	WCF	France Cat Fancier	Montlucon, France	4/19/08
Cheryl U'Ren	CCCofA	Singapore CC	Jakar, Indonesia	7/6/08
Maj-Britt Stein	FIFe	Foothill Felines	Simpsonville, SC	8/3/08
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	9/27/08
Victoria Pohvalina	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	9/27/08
Svetlana Brodskaya	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/6/08

Irina Kharchecko	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/6/08
Olga Korotonozhkina	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/6/08
Olga Grebneva	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/6/08

Leave of Absence Termination Request: The Judging Program has received a request from Allbreed judge Richard Hoskinson to return early from his one-year leave of absence, commencing July 1, 2008. He has been on a leave of absence since December 15, 2007.

Action Item: Grant the request for early termination of leave of absence. Carried.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **DelaBar:** When it's not for medical reasons, can the Judging Committee grant an early return? **Anger:** As much as we can take care of as a Committee on our own, we will do and include it on our report. I move that we allow non-medical returns from leave of absence to be handled by the Judging Committee. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

Accept as Trainee:

Pamela Bassett (LH – 1 st Specialty)	15 yes; 1 no (Shaffer); 2 abstain (Anger, Satoh)
Hope Gonano (LH – 1st Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)
Melanie Morgan (SH – 1st Specialty)	16 yes; 1 no (Molino); 1 abstain (Satoh)
Kevin Weber (LH – 1st Specialty)	6 yes; 8 no (Johnson, Kallmeyer, Kusy, Miller, Shaffer, J. Watson, White, Wilson); 4 abstain (Anger, Janosik, Satoh, L. Watson)

Advance to Apprentice:

Cathy Dinesen (SH – 1st Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)
Jim Dinesen (LH – 1st Specialty)	15 yes; 1 no (Shaffer); 2 abstain (Anger, Satoh)
Anne Mathis (SH – 1st Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Kathy Calhoun (LH – 1st Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
Dennis Ganoe (LH – 2nd Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)

Advanced to Approved Specialty/Approval Pending Allbreed:

Sharon Powell	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)
John Webster	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Marjorie Collier	14 yes; 1 no (L. Watson); 3 abstain (Anger, Satoh, Shaffer)
Ed Davis	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)
Carolyn Lyons	17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

The Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. Judging Program Mentor Report

The Judges' Mentor Program is now through its first formal year, and it has been a success. We had several trainees with issues over this last year, and we were able to engage their mentors to help turn them around in various areas.

I think that the trainees appreciate having a formal mentor; someone they can rely on and trust.

After much discussion, it was felt that because I am also a Domestic Training Administrator, that there was a potential for a conflict of interest in my handling of both positions, so as of the June 2008 Board meeting, I am transferring my Chair of this program, with the approval of the Judging Committee Chair, Rachel Anger, over to Norman Auspitz.

I am sure Norman will do a great job, and I have already sent him the blank forms that are used. The files will be turned over to him at the Annual.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ellyn Honey, Chair
CFA Judges' Mentor Program
Domestic Training Administrator*

(10) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

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 Vanwonderghem; Animal Welfare: Linda Berg; Legal Counsel: Fred Jacobberger)

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #47). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Chuck Reich is retiring from the Protest Committee after many, many years of service. This will be the last report in which he is participating. Chuck Reich was the longest serving committee member and former chair. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge his years of hard work and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

(11) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee Chair:	Joan Miller
List of Committee Members:	George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger, Phil Lindsley, Jill Abel
CFA Legislative Group:	Joan Miller, Sharon Coleman, George Eigenhauser

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Most State legislative sessions have now ended but the CFA Legislative Group continues to monitor over 100 state bills. This has been the year of mandatory spay/neuter proposals in cities and counties all over the country. Out of approximately 40 proposals only a few have passed - primarily in California and Texas. Each ordinance approved by a government body means another serious threat to the future of pedigreed cat breeding and CFA. Of special concern is California AB 1634 since passage of this bill by a State would propel efforts to propose mandated sterilization and breeding permits for other states.

There is no evidence that any mandatory spay/neuter laws have reduced the intake of cats/dogs in shelters and so far no reports of successful enforcement – when these laws pass animal control relies on complaints to alert them to violators. Proponents claim mandatory spay/neuter will reduce shelter intakes and killing of healthy cats/dogs and save money for animal control. But shelter population dynamics are the result of multiple factors not related to these ordinances. Recently cat intakes are reported to be increasing – possibly because of the economy, lack of low cost spay/neuter services; relinquishments because of home foreclosures and pet bans in rentals. People tend to ignore feral cats when they lack trapping ability or the money to alter and can't find a veterinarian willing to handle ferals on short notice. Kittens born to unowned cats are taken to the shelters while the mother goes on to produce more. Many shelters report a surge in kittens this year and have fewer fostering volunteers able to handle unweaned kittens. Euthanasia of cats/kittens is often 60% to 70% of the total euthanasia

statistics for many shelters. Finding solutions to homeless cat problems is imperative to counter the push for more mandatory spay/neuter laws.

California

AB 1634 Mandatory Spay/Neuter (“Healthy Pet Act”) Assemblymember Lloyd Levine’s 2 year bill failed in the Senate Local Government Committee last July because of vigorous and effective opposition from dog and cat fanciers, AKC, CFA, National Animal Interest Alliance, PetPAC and several other organizations. June 27th is the deadline for all bills to be heard in their second house. AB 1634 must pass in the Senate Committee before going on to the full Senate and there is only one more possible hearing date – **June 18th**. Judie Mancuso, the activist proponents’ leader, has stepped up lobbying with news articles and billboards in the Sacramento area geared to influence the five committee members. She has issued press releases and website information leading supporters to believe that the bill as presented last year will be heard. However Levine promised last July the bill would be modified before coming back to this Committee. We have not seen new draft language since July 2007, making opposition strategy difficult. Dog and cat fanciers are getting ready for a possible hearing and PetPAC has planned a rally for Wednesday June 18.

Breaking news – Lloyd Levine (termed out in the Assembly) was trounced 68% to 32% in the Senate election June 4th by Fran Pavley, who was actively supported by dog and cat fanciers !! He will be gone by January.

The current bill (July 2007 version) -

- Prohibits any person from owning or possessing a cat/dog over 6 months that has not been spayed or neutered unless the person has an “intact permit” issued by a local jurisdiction.
- Fees for intact permits are established by the city or county – (Sacramento County has \$150/animal each year) making hobby breeding potentially very expensive.
- Conditions necessary to obtain an intact permit cannot be met by many cat breeders - not all cats valuable in a breeding program can be shown or are eligible for a show title.
- Changes to existing laws, including new permit fees, would be required in each of the 534 jurisdictions.
- Violation means a \$500 penalty unless the cat is altered or the intact permit is obtained within 30 days.
- Any jurisdiction may adopt a MORE restrictive spay/neuter law.

On the local level California has been a major hotbed again this year for legislative proposals that would be detrimental to CFA, cat breeders and pet owners.

- City of Sacramento – High fee unaltered ; new cat licensing - passed.
- County of Sacramento – mandatory spay/neuter; (with \$150 permit to breed) - passed.
- City of Los Angeles – mandatory spay/neuter of dogs and cats passed. (LA already had a breeder permit law passed in 2000 and a limit of 3 dogs/cats in a residential area.)
- City of Huntington Beach – mandatory spay/neuter law, cat licensing, mandatory microchip, business license in ads - ALL DEFEATED

- *Kern County – mandatory spay/neuter and other provisions – Board of Supervisors meeting is **June 10th***
- *Butte County – Lowering limits on the number of cats dropped June 4; now considering complaint driven “welfare checks” of homes by animal control.*
- *Santa Barbara County – mandatory spay/neuter ordinance – DEFEATED May 2008; Supervisors voted for a task force to return with draft language for a revised MSN ordinance.*
- *Santa Clara County – Board of Supervisors approved on June 3rd support of AB 1634.*
- *Riverside County – mandatory spay/neuter ordinance; mandatory microchip ordinance – both pending*
- *Orange County – Grand Jury report released June 4, 2008 with recommendation for mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. The report is full of errors and biased toward AB 1634 support. Judie Mancuso lives in Orange County.*

Highlights in other states: (Not complete - many State bills were introduced and defeated or died.)

Florida

Palm Beach County – mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs/cats 6 months or older; Palm Beach had a breeder permit but this ordinance only allows the “breeding or studing” of a dog/cat up to 2 litters per year per household. More than 2 litters means a commercial breeder. An intact license for each dog/cat is \$75 and only allowed for registered animals meeting show competition certification. To breed the animal requires the additional breeding permit with many requirements including inspections. Dog fanciers hired an attorney; CFA fanciers worked hard meeting with County Commissioners, writing letters, speaking at hearing and urging postponement and a long range plan. The Sy Howard Legislative Fund provided a grant for newspaper ads. In spite of huge opposition efforts by cat fanciers, many dog fanciers, rescue groups, veterinarians and individuals the ordinance PASSED in February 2008.

Volusia County – mandatory spay/neuter of dogs/cats over 6 months. On May 1, the County Council approved, in principle, a draft spay-and-neuter ordinance, and set **June 5** as the date for discussion/possible vote on the new law which is to have some exceptions for show animals. NAIA FL is taking the lead in opposition.

Hawaii –

Animal hoarding - Gov. Linda Lingle signed into law June 2008 a bill making “animal hoarding” a misdemeanor. This law passed quickly with a last minute change to make it a crime to possess more than 20 dogs and cats without adequate food and in injurious conditions. The definition of “hoarding” established by Tufts University describes the phenomenon as a rare mental illness not related to a particular number of animals a person possesses but the fact that the person does not recognize the suffering or the lack of care. This Hawaii law is now the first in the US to associate a number with “hoarding”. Several other detrimental bills did not pass in Hawaii.

Illinois –

Chicago – mandatory spay/neuter of dogs/cats over 6 months with exceptions for animals owned by licensed breeders. Criminal background checks will be required for a license to breed – Council meeting is **June 11th**.

Kentucky –

Louisville – ordinance passed December 2007 and primarily affects dogs; cattery/kennel licensing was already required. New amendments include \$300 dealer license and \$150 kennel/cattery license (for up to 5); impound of animals found to be unlicensed twice; microchip of intact animals. One intact animal means inspection by animal services. Unlicensed cat or dog impounded for any reason (no exception for disasters) must be altered. Any sale or transfer must provide buyer's name and address to animal services. A law suit was filed in 2008 to challenge this law and is still in progress.

Minnesota – **SF 121 The Dog and Cat Breeders Act** would require state licensing and inspection of kennels/catteries. Fanciers prevented this bill from being heard this session.

Nevada –

North Las Vegas passed a mandatory spay/neuter by 4 months ordinance unless one has a fancier permit – limit of 6 cats/dogs.

Oklahoma – **HB 3192 Pet Quality Assurance Act** would create a license for breeders, inspections; high fees; microchip required; breeder liability for any “congenital, hereditary or medical conditions” with payment of all veterinary costs for the life of the animal – shelters exempt. DIED in Committee February 2008

Rhode Island – **H7354 state cat sellers' bill** would require that any cat or kitten offered for sale or adoption must be altered or the seller has to provide a spay/neuter certificate. DIED in Committee

Texas –

Dallas – mandatory spay/neuter by 4 months without a breeding permit; fee is \$500 per dog/cat each year with requirements – must be registered, owner member of a dog/cat club approved, restrictions on breeding dogs/cats with “genetic defects” (hairless? folded ears??) limit of one litter per year for a female dog/cat and other restrictions; also limits numbers of cats/dogs to 6 per dwelling or 4 if a unit shares a common wall – up to 10 dogs and cats if written document allowing unannounced inspections. City Council hearing is **June 18th**.

Houston – Breeder permit for dogs and cats went into effect October 2007. Was buried in a dangerous dog ordinance and passed with no notice of hearings.

San Antonio – Mandatory spay/neuter of dogs; cats sterilized on second impound; litter permits required; limits on number of cats/dogs allowed reduced; feral colony requirements. Passed October 2007.

CFA Fanc-e-Mews - Legislative page

Articles on public affairs matters and animal sheltering issues are in every issue to help build awareness of the general public. Published since the February 2008 Board meeting:

- *March/April 2008 – “Why Can’t I Have That Kitty – Shelter policies mean some animals needlessly die”, by George Eigenhauser. This is a discussion of why cats are killed in shelters rather than adopted. It is now on the CFA website.*
- *May/June 2008 – “Cat Leash Laws”, by George Eigenhauser. Can confinement laws be proposed as solutions to nuisance problems of free-roaming cats or distain for bird hunting, but this leads to trap and kill attitudes and limit laws. CFA advocates alternative approaches.*

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

In addition to daily contact with legislative teams around the country.....several other matters.

Vermont Supreme Court case – non-economic damages

CFA is part of the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition to address the “guardian” term and non-economic damage laws. We meet with the group following the “PetNight on Capitol Hill” event each fall and participate in teleconferences.

An important test case is now pending before the Vermont Supreme Court. Plaintiffs want compensation for emotional loss following the death of two cats due to an improperly constructed medication. AHI hired top tort lawyer specialists to prepare an amicus brief with the Vermont Federation of Dog Clubs in late March opposing awards for these damages. CFA was asked to join on this brief with no cost involved. The AKC and PIJAC did add their names to the brief and the AVMA and Vermont Veterinary Medical Association filed their own similar briefs. I was out of the Country and not able to bring this to the CFA Executive Committee to ask for approval on very short notice to meet the early April deadline. However I hope we will consider joining AHI in the future on similar cases, which are expected to be initiated by the animal rights group, Animal Legal Defense Fund. Pet litigation and demands for emotional loss would lead to increased veterinary costs and could make breeders subject to high recovery for damages should a pet sold later die.

The Gertrude Maxwell Save-a-Pet Act, just passed in Florida, May 2008. The Act calls for an Organization within the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide grants for shelters, services in times of emergencies, and to develop and disseminate pet care education materials. The concept will be initially funded by Ms. Maxwell and the organization will raise funds and distribute the grants.

The Act stipulates one member each from the following organizations - Florida Veterinarian Medical Association, Cat Fanciers’ Association, Florida Association of Kennel Clubs, a humane organization (designated by the Commissioner), Florida Animal Control Association, National Rifle Association, a consumer member not affiliated with any of the other associations and the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee.

I have talked with the designee for the Commissioner of Agriculture who contacted CFA. After considering several excellent people in Florida the Legislative Committee recommends Pat Hawk to be the CFA member of the Board of Directors for this Organization. Her background includes raising and showing three breeds of dogs, showing horses and 4 breeds of cats over the years. She has worked with wild life rehabilitation and has been associated with the West Volusia Humane Society as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors for many years; she helped care for cats when Hurricane Andrew hit in 1992; is Chair of Fundraising for the NAIA of Florida and is currently on the Board of KitnHevn feline rescue. We consider her to be eminently qualified and she is willing and able to travel to meetings in Tallahassee. See Action Item #1

“Grassroots Public Affairs Advocate” recognition award –

CFA cat fanciers give a huge amount of time and money for legislative battles when they are called upon. I feel it is time to formally recognize one or two individuals each year for special praise before the delegation at each CFA annual. Many times the people who have really come through for us in their local communities or on the State level are not necessarily those who are well known in the country for campaigning cats or other CFA activities. We often work with relative newcomers, owners of a few pedigreed altered cats, or people retired from active breeding. These individuals truly put CFA first and we hope the CFA Board will agree to an annual “Grassroots Public Affairs Advocate” recognition award to start at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Suggestions for procedures:

- Award made during the Legislative Committee report before the delegation;*
- The winner (s) would designate \$250 to be donated by CFA in their name to a chosen animal related charity (local humane society, their local group working on legislation, rescue group or a CFA Regional Legislative fund, etc.) In addition \$500 toward the recipient's travel/hotel expense to come to the Annual to receive their award. This means that if one person were selected it would cost \$750 and two people - \$1500. The funds would come out of the Sy Howard Legislative Fund*
- Selection of recipients. No one knows who is doing extraordinary work more than the three in The Legislative Group. I'd like to suggest that we three come up with the selection (s). This would not be a "popularity contest" - it would reflect hard work, sometimes behind the scenes efforts with little knowledge of others in the cat fancy. One or two people would be selected each year.*

Hopefully in addition to recognition for hard work on behalf of CFA this would be an incentive for people to get more involved in legislative advocacy. See Action Item #2

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group: ongoing goals

- Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*

- *NAIA conference in August – Creating Pet Friendly Communities; tools to communicate the facts; methods to solve sheltering problems; lobbying workshops; media training; social marketing concepts for animal related issues.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Legislative Roundtable Meeting – Louisville, Saturday, June 28th.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding. Jill Abel has assisted in this area. She and Donna Isenberg write personal thank-you's to our donors.*

Action Items:

1. ***Gertrude Maxwell Act** – approve the Legislative Committee recommendation for Pat Hawk to serve on the board of the Gertrude Maxwell Save A Pet Direct-Support Organization as the official representative from CFA. Pat should be required to submit a summary of every meeting of the organization to the CFA Legislative Committee and consult with the Committee when necessary.*

Miller: Pat Hawk has a very good background. I feel that this is something the board should approve and I would like to make a motion that we approve Pat Hawk to be our representative on behalf of CFA. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. ***Public Affairs Advocate Award** - Allow the Legislative Committee to further refine this concept and to announce that this award will be given at the 2009 CFA Annual.*

Miller: We are aware of the people that work so hard on legislation. There is no way we can repay them for their efforts. I would like to have a grass roots public advocate award that the legislative group could select because we have the closest contact with these people, and to not only recognize them for their work but actually designate some funds for them. We would work out the details among ourselves. **Molino:** To avoid any kind of criticism, you would establish the selection criteria so that it's clearly not a popularity contest? **Miller:** Yes. Very often, the people that work with us very closely are not necessarily showing cats. This is something that would be worthwhile. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair

(12) CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

CICC Liaison David White presented the following report:

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

The CFA-Iams Cat Championship show was approved at the February 2008 CFA Board meeting in Houston, TX., based on an early commitment from our co-sponsor, Iams. The sponsorship objective was achieved and the signed contract was received on May 17th for the CICC show to be held October 18/19, at Madison Square Garden in NYC.

The CFA-Iams Cat Championship show committee would like to extend their appreciation to the CFA Board for their support. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our co-sponsors and CFA partners, P&G Pet Care, Iams/Eukanuba for their continued support to this valuable CFA media event.

The committee would also like to extend their thanks to the Mayors Alliance for NYC Animals and the Maddie Fund, as well as Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter for their continued sponsorship again this year as the official cat litter for this show. Petsmart and World's Best Cat Litter will also be back with us this year. We welcome and appreciate their continued support for this special event.

Special thanks are also extended to the CFA Business Development Committee, chaired by Kitty Angell. This committee continues to work tirelessly in the background to promote and fund many of our CFA events. Thanks for a job well done!

Committee Activities:

Following the Board meeting, due to the date change from the second weekend to the third weekend in October, required due to an Olympic qualifying team event scheduled at the MSG facility, several of our 2008 judges previously contracted were not able to judge the 2008 show. The committee immediately contacted the 2009 slate of judges and was able to exchange several judges previously drawn for the 2009 slate to the 2008 slate. The 2008 judges who were not able to judge the 2008 show were then contracted for the 2009 slate. Our judges for this year are Gene Darrah, Diana Doernberg, Walter Hutzler, David Mare, Barbara Sumner, and Liz Watson. Darrell Newkirk is our Best of the Best Judge.

With judges contracted and sponsorship confirmed, other contracts were signed and confirmed for the following:

- ✓ *MSG facility*
- ✓ *Hotel*
- ✓ *PR Representative – First Press Release issued in May*
- ✓ *Entry clerk and cage service*
- ✓ *Web site maintenance*

While contracts were being taken care of, we also:

- ✓ *Confirmed Show Committee personnel and had numerous ad hoc discussions with committee personnel regarding space requirements affecting the floor plan, vendor and special event areas, budget and PR initiatives.*
- ✓ *Prepared the preliminary budget.*
- ✓ *Confirmed special events:*
 - *Adopt-A-Cat - Partnering with Mayor's Alliance of NYC and the Maddie Fund, we will again host the Adopt-A-Cat in conjunction with the CICC show*
 - *Iams trained cats*
 - *Agility*
 - *Breed Showcase*
 - *Tess, Best of the Best 2007 Winner, will be back to welcome our guests as they enter the show hall*
 - *Speaker presentations - TBD*

Ongoing Activities:

- ✓ *Madison Square Garden requirements (decorator, tables, chairs)*
- ✓ *Hospitality Requirements for Press Preview and during the show*
- ✓ *Website updates continuous*
- ✓ *Decoration Plans including enhancement of Best of the Best area*
- ✓ *Signage; printing and catalog needs*
- ✓ *Rosette requirements*
- ✓ *Press Preview plans and additional PR initiatives*
- ✓ *Newspaper ad design and placement*
- ✓ *Banner design – BoB from 2007, "Tess" will be featured*
- ✓ *Corporate and Specialty vendor contracts sent*

Good News:

- *PR representative was contacted as early as March for interviews about the CICC show. Several committee personnel have already been busy giving interviews for magazines and radio spots promoting the show.*
- *Simon & Schuster announced the 2nd Annual "Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest" on May 19th, as an annual event with this year's contest accepting submissions between August 1 and September 15. Full details will be available on*

CFA's web site for children, "For Kids ... About Cats" at kids.cfa.org. The winner will be announced at the show shortly before the start of the Best of the Best Presentation.

- *Fox's NY morning show, "Good Day New York" will be broadcasting "live" from the site of the press conference (October 15) at the Garden.*
- *Interest from CBS Early Show, Today, and Martha Stewart, as well as multiple other radio and TV representatives contacted for additional PR initiatives.*
- *Video Clip on Marquee at MSG will be displayed again this year: A 15 second video clip of multiple CFA breeds, the CFA 100 year logo, and the Iams logo will run consistently in a 15 minute loop as one of the videos on the MSG Marquee schedule of events. The MSG display Marquee is located on 7th Avenue directly in front of the main entrance to the Garden. This clip will run 24/7 until 19 October, providing another excellent opportunity to increase our gate.*
- *Street Banners, a new PR initiative last year, will be repeated again this year. 100 street banners (50 for the CICC show, and 50 for the Adopt-A-Cat) will hang again this year from the street light poles around the MSG facility and surrounding blocks prior to the show. The banners are two sided, and feature pictures of CFA cats, cats for adoption, information on the CICC show and the CFA and Iams logos.*
- *Best of the Best Winner this year will receive a Trophy in addition to other prizes.*

Other Issues:

- *BowTie will not be providing a Spectator Guide this year for the CICC show.*
- *Breeder advertising will be offered in the CICC catalog.*
- *Breed Rosette sponsorship will be offered via the Breed Council and Club Secretaries.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Although the CICC show made a profit in 2007, and the budget reflects an anticipated profit for 2008, the committee will continue to watch costs closely due to increased rates in union labor and hotel accommodations.*
- *The committee continues to work towards their goal of producing a well run, well attended show offering tremendous media potential to CFA.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Updated information.*
- *Following the show, an after action report will be submitted to include financial information as well as feedback and recommendations from committee personnel.*

Respectfully Submitted,

//s// Pam Huggins, Chair, CICC

//s// David White, Show Manager, CICC

(13) CLERKING PROGRAM.

Clerking Program Chair Regina Shaffer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Regina Shaffer*
List of Committee Liaisons: *Rob Loot, Masayuki Okada, Eric Wang*
List of Committee Members: *Laurie Coughlan, Mike Jacobi, Mary Kolencik, Carol, Krzanowski, Jackie La Torres, Rob Loot, Shirley Michaud-Dent, Masayuki Okada, & Sande Willen*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerks Status: Statistically, our greatest number of clerks reside in Region 8 with 68 licensed clerks. The least number of clerks by area are located in Region 3 with 27 licensed clerks.

Since my February 2008 Report we have added sixteen (16) clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 355 clerks of various levels: Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) we increase by one to a total of 25, Master Clerks (MC) increase by five (5) to a total of 123, and Certified Ring Clerks increased by ten (10) to a total of 207.

All Clerking Program Manuals have been updated and have been mailed along with the 2008 Clerking Test to all currently licensed clerks. Shirley Michaud-Dent did the majority of the manual updating this year. Mary Kolencik and Sande Willen developed the test with input from Rob Loot, Masayuki Okada, and others. Our testers this year included all our committee members. I wish to extend my personal Thank You's to everyone involved.

I am pleased to announce the addition of our new Clerking Program Liaison ID-Asia, Eric Wang, of the Philippines. Eric is also the first licensed Master Clerk in the ID-Asia.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking Schools: The interest in the Clerking Program continues to grow, as we have had six clerking schools from January to April 2008. Three of these schools was held in the States, one in Japan, one in ID-Europe, and one in ID-Asia. These schools were taught by two MCs working towards their MCI, a MCI, a Judge, and a Judge/MCI. We have three schools planned in the coming months both out of the country: Japan and Canada.

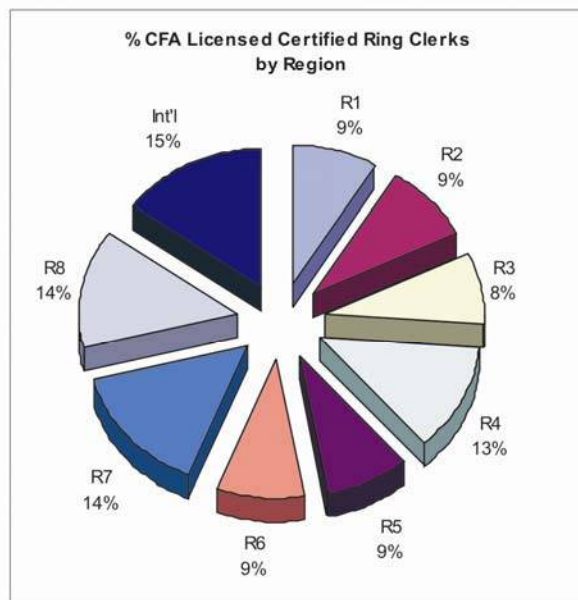
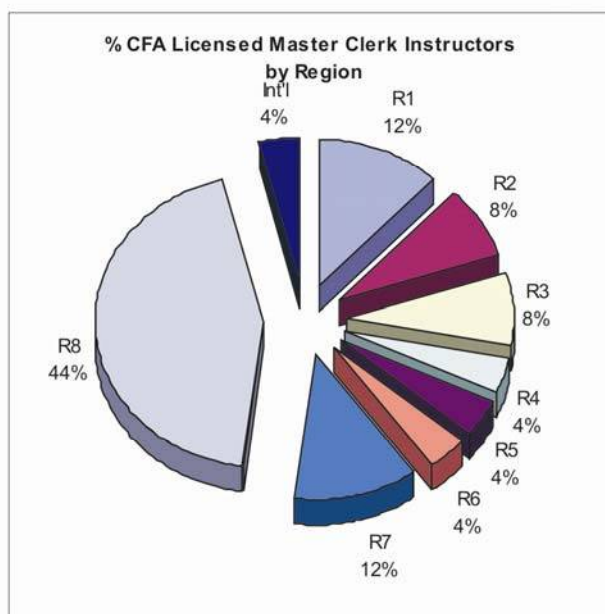
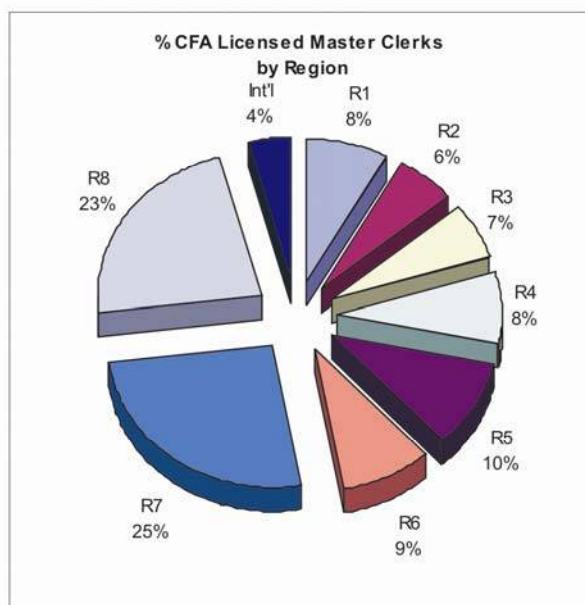
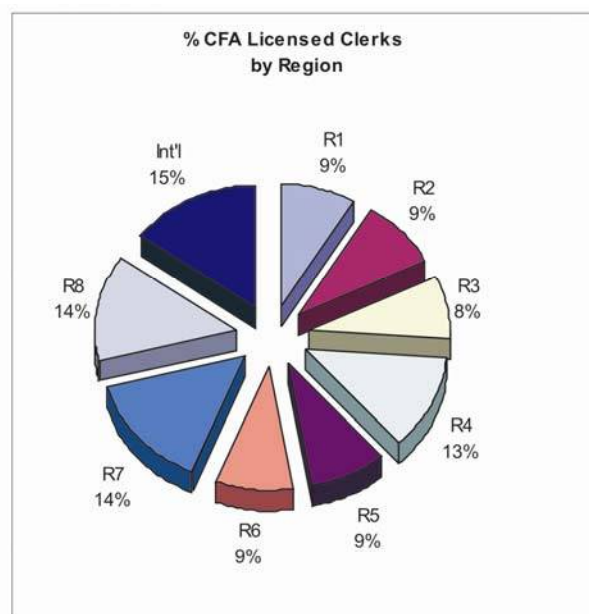
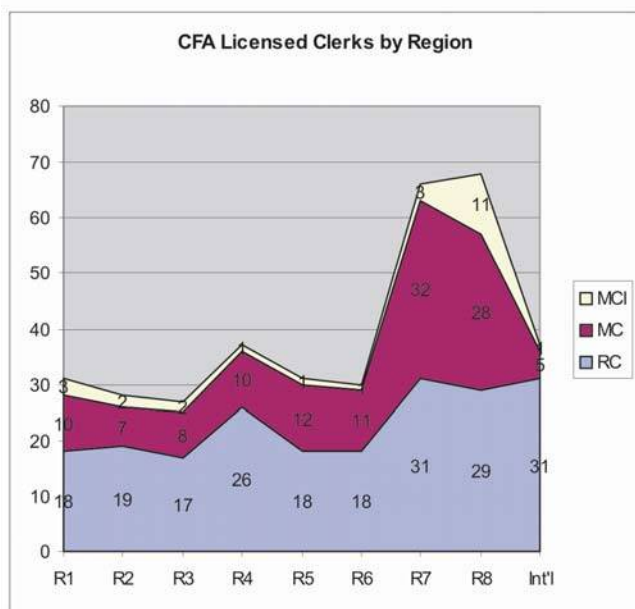
Future Projections for Committee:

Continued status of the Clerking Program.

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer*



<i>Clerks Status</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>MC</i>	<i>MCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
R1	18	10	3	31
R2	19	7	2	28
R3	17	8	2	27
R4	26	10	1	37
R5	18	12	1	31
R6	18	11	1	30
R7	31	32	3	66
R8	29	28	11	68
Int'l	31	5	1	37
Total	207	123	25	355

Shaffer: I am pleased to announce the addition of our new clerking program liaison for Asia, which is Eric Wong of the Philippines. Eric is our very first licensed master clerk in Asia.

(14) PUBLICATIONS.

Publications Chair Carol Krzanowski presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Several months ago Art Graafmans was invited to join the Publications Committee, and he graciously agreed to serve. Art's expertise in the publications and printing fields will be invaluable as we strive to broaden the appeal of both the Online Almanac and the Yearbook while streamlining our operations to conserve time and resources.

The Online Almanac underwent many changes over the past year in order to take over much of the content formerly published in the printed Almanac. As content was added it became increasingly difficult to organize it logically for ease of use, and early this year the Publications Department began the task of completely redesigning the site for launch with the June 2008 issue.

The 2008 Yearbook was mailed on March 14, 2008, nearly one month earlier than in recent years. A big thank you goes to the publications staff and particularly Shelly Borawski for the extra effort it took to meet our goal of mailing the Yearbook earlier this year. The book was very well received and all feedback we received about this edition was extremely positive.

Production of the 2009 Yearbook has already begun and advertising packages have been mailed. It proved challenging to establish Yearbook advertising and sales prices for 2009 due to the state of the economy. We were able to keep the same price schedule as last year by cutting costs in other areas, namely staff. Our Editorial Assistant position has been reduced from full time to part time at 20 hours per week, and we are sharing an existing staff member from the Registration Department for the part time position: welcome, Pat Spagnolia. The Editorial Assistant is a key member of the team who has traditionally assisted in a number of areas, including clerical support, research and proofreading. Reduction of this position to part time places an additional burden on the remaining publications staff, Shelly Borawski, Kelly Jones and Carol Krzanowski; however, we will do our best to maintain the high level of accuracy for which our publications are known.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Online Almanac

The Online Almanac (OLA) currently has 1,392 subscribers, up 109 from the 1,283 subscriptions reported in February. There have been 210 new subscribers to the OLA since December 1, 2008, which we hope is a direct result of the increased content in this online publication. Stat counters were recently installed on the home page, current downloads page and features page to assess

usage and better enable us to plan future expansion of the site. The counters will eventually be added to all pages. As expected, there is a huge spike in page hits when each new monthly issue of the Online Almanac is available.

In March we began emailing subscribers when a new issue of the OLA is available. At the present time we are only able to send a generic notification with the issue month noted, but we are looking into the possibility of customizing the notice to include specific features and other items of interest that might be offered each month. A significant number of our email notices have been rejected as potential spam, however, and it is important that all subscribers place the Online Almanac email address <onlinealmanac@cfa.org> on their “allow” list so that they will not miss any notices.

We are proud to announce the launch of the newly redesigned Online Almanac with the June 2008 issue. Everyone in the Publications Department played an important part in developing the new site, but special thanks go to Kelly Jones for constructing the site and adding the special touches that make the OLA easier to navigate. Along with a new look, the Online Almanac has been reorganized to offer a number of departments, much like the printed Almanac had in the past. Some of the new departments include CFA Board of Directors, Central Office staff, breed council secretaries/committee chairs, photographers and CFA business. Not only do these departments make the site more user friendly through better organization, but they also add the capability to further enhance and expand the publication in the future as the need arises.

The home page now has a table of contents showing the main areas of the OLA and what can be found in each area. Its five main headings and the items beneath them mirror the tabs under our masthead and their drop down menus, which will assist readers in finding their department or area of specific interest.

The Archives section has been greatly expanded due to popular demand, and now includes e-points by breed/division for season-end 2007-2008 as well as monthly e-points archive files, starting with the December 2007 e-points. New features and regular columns have been added, along with more Mewline items and Winn Foundation information. We are in the process of revising the Online Almanac User Guide available on the CFA web site at <http://cfa.org/almanac/>, which provides an overview of what can be found in the publication.

In December, we began featuring pictured grands/DMs in the Online Almanac. While this feature got off to a slow start initially, it has grown over the past months as more readers saw the pictured grand/DM section and decided to take advantage of the opportunity to include their cats. The section is done as a PDF file, so that readers may print copies easily if they wish to do so. In addition, each group of pictured grands/DMs is available online for a period of three months for increased viewing. We would like to encourage everyone to picture their grands/DMs in both the Online Almanac and the Yearbook. As an option, payment for grand/DM photos in both publications may be submitted online through the CFA Online Catalog at <http://www.cfa.org/catalog/photos.html>.

We are preparing to begin a Classified section of the Online Almanac for both commercial and breeder advertisers. The breeder Classifieds will offer banner listings limited to 25 words or less, along with a link to the advertiser’s web site. Banner ads in the inaugural Classifieds section are being offered to Yearbook advertisers. More details about this incentive program will be provided in the Yearbook portion of this report.

To make it easier for readers to access the Online Almanac, the CFA web site has added a graphic link on the Exhibitor's Corner just beneath the Legislative Alerts, as well as a link under Publications in the Online Catalog and a Fast Find link on the bottom left of the CFA web site home page. All three links take readers to the secure services login page where they can sign in and go to the Online Almanac.

Attached to this report for reference is a list of content, formerly published in the printed Almanac, noting where that content can now be found.

Many thanks are due to the individuals who have submitted articles as well as their time and effort to help the Online Almanac succeed. This publication has come a long way since its inception and will remain a work in progress as it continues to grow. Potential articles and ideas for new features as well as comments and suggestions are always welcome and can be emailed to onlinealmanac@cfa.org.

Yearbook

The CFA Yearbook is THE official record of CFA history; its significance cannot be denied. Now that we no longer have the printed Almanac, it is more important than ever before that we ensure our CFA history is recorded in the Yearbook not only for our own benefit, but also for the benefit of future cat fanciers.

We were pleased that we were able to mail the 2008 Yearbook earlier this year, and we plan on mailing the 2009 edition even earlier. Everyone can help us meet that goal by submitting ads, complete with all the pieces and payment, as early as possible. Here is a look at some of the features planned for the 2009 Yearbook:

- *Breed articles on the American Wirehair, Burmese, and the Bi-Color & Calico Persian;*
- *An article about the healing power of cats;*
- *A report on the first annual Cats & Kids Photo Contest;*
- *PR tips for show-producing clubs;*
- *The International Division article;*
- *And for the first time ever in the Yearbook, the always entertaining articles on the top 25 national winning cats in championship, kittens and cats in premiership.*

A number of these articles are already in and work has begun on them as well. As of this writing, we are missing only 11 breed introductions for the 2009 Yearbook, which is much better response than last year. Numerous email reminders were sent to the breed council secretaries/committee chairs to be sure the write-up remained at the top of their to-do list.

This year we are stepping up our efforts to promote the Yearbook in a number of ways. The commercial advertising package was completely redesigned to be more attractive and professional in appearance. A copy of our commercial package is attached to this report. As an added incentive for commercial advertisers, we are offering a free banner in the Online Almanac for one year with the purchase of an ad in the Yearbook. Roeann Fulkerson is utilizing our new commercial package and approaching corporations on our behalf to solicit their ads – thank you, Roeann!

We are also offering our other advertisers an added incentive this year. Any individual, club or region that purchases a full page ad in the 2009 Yearbook will receive a free Classified listing in

the Online Almanac from September 2008 to September 2009. The Classified listing is limited to 25 words and includes a link to the advertiser's web site, if desired. In addition, we are offering a discount on the purchase of two or more full page ads in the Yearbook. An advertising package is attached to this report.

Yearbook ads are already coming in, and we will be closely monitoring who is submitting them so that we can follow up with potential advertisers by telephone and email. This marketing effort to solicit ads will be personally conducted by Shelly Borawski and Carol Krzanowski beginning in July, and it will be targeted to previous advertisers who have not yet submitted ads for this year. We also plan on utilizing the various email lists to solicit advertising.

An invitation to advertise in the 2009 Yearbook will be included in the delegate bags at the Annual. The invitation not only solicits ads, but invites potential advertisers to stop at the Yearbook table in the back of the Annual Meeting room, where Shelly Borawski and Carol Krzanowski will accept ads and assist advertisers by answering any questions they may have regarding design, photos or text. A copy of the invitation is attached to this report.

The CFA Yearbook needs your support – be a part of history! We invite all breeders, exhibitors, clubs and regions to participate in the 2009 Yearbook and to help make this edition the best one ever. The deadline for advertising in the 2009 Yearbook is Thursday, July 24, 2008. Advertise in the Yearbook and purchase the Yearbook for yourself, your local library and your veterinarian's office. Help promote CFA and educate the public on the beauty and value of pedigreed cats.

Future Projections for Committee:

Work will continue to improve and promote both the Online Almanac and Yearbook, in addition to streamlining our operations to better serve our customers. We will continue working with Roeann Fulkerson and the Business Management Committee to provide commercial advertising opportunities in the Online Almanac and Yearbook. The intense targeted marketing effort to solicit breeder, club and region advertising for the Yearbook will be conducted during the month of July.

Action Items:

None.

What Will Be Presented at Next Meeting:

We will provide updates on the state of commercial advertising the Online Almanac and Yearbook, as well as status reports on 2009 Yearbook advertising and production. A report on the response to Classified advertising in the Online Almanac will be provided.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Krzanowski: I would like to reiterate that we really need the support of the board in promoting the Yearbook, both sales of the book and advertising in the book. We have a major push this year, and we will have a presence at the annual meeting tomorrow. We are going all out this year to try to make this book a success. We have a lot of good articles planned, and I really hope that everybody will get on board with it. **Miller:** The on-line Almanac advertising

has to have some pizzazz. We've got to do a lot more to get people interested in the on-line Almanac. **Krzanowski:** Our goal is to have a flashy announcement. We want to have a picture of the cover cat that we are featuring. We want to list the articles that are being featured in this month's issue, just to pique everybody's interest, so we are working on that. **White:** Could we offer a trial membership, so exhibitors can see what's out there, get excited about it and hopefully they will continue their subscription? **J. Watson:** HBO does their free movie of the month. **Krzanowski** will look into it.

(15) **WINN FELINE FOUNDATION.**

Winn Feline Foundation Chair George Eigenhauser presented the following report:



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

Winn Programs:

- **Veterinary Honor Roll:** To date, over 130 veterinarians have been honored under the program, and have received the beautiful framed certificate to display in their clinic waiting room. Veterinarians from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Sweden, and Denmark have been honored. For more information, see the Veterinary Honor Roll page on our website (www.winnfelinehealth.org).
- **Sponsor A Project:** Three projects were selected from our February 2008 grants for this new program. Individual donors, clubs, organizations or companies may sponsor specific projects for a minimum donation of \$500. The sponsor's name is added to the list of the project's supporters on Winn's website and in any Winn publications produced about the project. Sponsors receive exclusive pre-publication reports on the progress of the chosen project as they become available, and a final report at its conclusion. To date, over one dozen individuals and clubs have become involved with project sponsorship.

Winn Grant Awards 2008:

- The Winn board, along with its veterinary reviewers and consultants, met on Feb. 1, 2008 to determine the award recipients for 2008. Ten projects were funded for a total of \$135,860, including two breed-specific projects on hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and four projects from the Bria Fund for FIP Research.

Office of the Executive Director (Janet Wolf): Much of the Executive Director's time is taken up with issues of donor management and solicitation management, as well as the day to day activities of running the Foundation. Some other activities include:

- Hiring and training an administrative assistant, Carol Joy Jacobson. Carol Joy is also working part-time for CFA and works out of Central Office.
- Worked with breed groups to secure funding for the two breed-specific grant awards
- Prepared and issued the request for proposals for the 2008 Winn/Miller Trust grant awards
- Reviewed and coordinated submission of articles for the CFA Yearbook and Winn's 40th Anniversary Commemorative booklet

40th Anniversary Committee: Winn celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year with special projects. A commemorative booklet has been prepared to highlight the history and achievements of the Foundation. The booklet will be distributed to CFA board members, delegates to the CFA Annual meeting, and attendees at the Winn Symposium. The funding for the booklet was generously supplied by Fort Dodge Animal Health. Editorial services were donated by Beth Adelman and graphic design was donated by Paul Sternberg. Material for the booklet was provided by many people, such as Joan Miller, Dr. Niels Pedersen, Dr. Paul Pion, Dr. Susan Little, Steve Dale, Beth Adelman, Betty White, and Pam Johnson Bennett. The cover features a beautiful print by artist Jamie Perry. Other commemorative Winn items will be in each delegate bag. At the CFA annual meeting, a special presentation on Winn's history is part of the agenda.

Financial Committee/Treasurer: Betsy Gaither has completed Winn's year end and provided all required information to our auditor, Frank Meyers. Winn is one of the beneficiaries for the Crezentia Allen estate and a partial disbursement has been received. Winn has also been notified that we are one of the beneficiaries under the terms of the estate of Wilton Wheeldon. Although final accounting is not complete, Winn is likely to receive a substantial donation for the Endowment Fund. Wilton's sister, Christine Willingham, a CFA exhibitor (Kuanjin Cattery) and long time friend of Winn, was instrumental in preserving these funds for several worthy charities.

Corporate Partnerships: Winn has finalized an agreement with WebVet.com to provide feline health content for this new pet health resource due to debut this summer. Winn has also finalized a partnership with HomeAgain microchips (Schering-Plough Animal Health) to promote cat microchipping. Schering-Plough will be donating a percentage of its microchip sales to Winn this summer.

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

- Winn Health News for the online Almanac
- "Winn and the Winds of Change" article for the 2009 CFA Yearbook
- Pet Memorial Program article for the American Assoc. of Feline Practitioners newsletter
- Progress reports on finalized Winn grants

Winn Symposium 2008: The 30th Annual Winn Feline Health Symposium will be held June 26, 2008 in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY. Our speakers include Dr. Valeria Scorza (Colorado State University) on diagnosis and treatment of diarrhea in kittens, and Dr. Jody Gookin (North Carolina State University) on an emerging disease, feline *Tritrichomonas* infection. Winn is now an approved continuing education provider for

veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The Symposium is generously supported by IDEXX Laboratories and Pfizer Animal Health.

Internet Presence: Content is updated frequently on the main Winn site. Winn's Feline Health News blog (www.winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com) publishes abstracts of veterinary journal articles, including those arising from Winn-funded research. The blog was launched in May 2007. Recent postings include:

- Tzannes, S., D. J. Batchelor, et al. (2008). "Prevalence of *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia* and *Isospora* species infections in pet cats with clinical signs of gastrointestinal disease." *J Feline Med Surg* 10(1): 1-8.
- Stokol, T., M. Brooks, et al. (2008). "Hypercoagulability in cats with cardiomyopathy." *J Vet Intern Med* 22(3): 546-552. **Winn-funded research.**

(16) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.

CFA International Show Committee Liaison Kitty Angell gave the following report:

Committee Chair: **Emily M. Turner**
Liaison to Board: **Kitty Angell**

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

As I reported at the February board meeting, the committee members have been appointed and several of them are already hard at work. Other members of the committee will go to work as we get closer to show time.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Ande DeGeer has developed a program to handle our Specialty Vendors that is working very well. She and Karen Lawrence are coordinating their efforts to keep timely information on our Specialty Vendor web page. I think this program will be a model for future Internationals. This is a large job that continues all year long right up to the opening moments of the show. I want to publicly thank Ande and Karen for the work they have done and will continue to do all year long.

Rob Miller our transportation coordinator is currently working with several bus companies in the Atlanta area to provide the transportation for our exhibitors during the show.

We are providing requested information in a timely fashion to Creaxion, our public relations firm. At the present time they are releasing information to the media and working with several publications for future articles. Starting in late August or early September they will intensify their efforts to provide our show with maximum exposure in the Atlanta area and those cities within a day trip distance of the show.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will open the entry on August 1 at 9AM ET and close on November 5, 2008 at midnight ET or when we reach the 900-entry limit. Please see the attached show flyer for additional information.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emily M. Turner, Chair*

Turner: We are working on transportation and with our public relations firm. Press releases have already gone out. Several magazines are going to be doing articles for us. As we get closer to the show, we will start advertising.

(17) 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, Roeann Fulkerson, Donna Isenberg, Fred Jacobberger, Kay Janosik, Peg Johnson, Karen Lawrence, Allene Tartaglia, Liz Watson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Outreach and Education Committee continues to have regular teleconferences to formulate direction. We are currently focusing on the membership concept.

Overall goals – CFA Outreach and Education Program

- *CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide educational programs and events*
- *Promote respect for all cats through a CFA pet owner membership project that would provide revenue*
- *Increase involvement in CFA*

“CFA AllCATS” membership concept: “CatsCenterstage.com”

Mission Statement

“To promote respect for all cats – random bred, pedigreed and feral – through participation, education, communication and advocacy”

The objectives for this program -

1. *Include cat owners beyond those with pedigreed cats (the other 95%) with the overall goal of increasing respect for all cats and establishing a grass roots group of allies in support of CFA activities including pedigreed cat breeding.*
2. *The program is to be revenue producing for CFA.*

3. *Create a separate website linked from the CFA website. We envision this to be interactive with constantly updated, fresh material. To compete with many other existing websites it is essential that ours be unique and professional. This will require a staff and therefore corporate sponsorship. We continue the process of developing various categories to finalize a marketing plan.*

Several factors have made this project challenging.

- *We decided to re-examine the proposed name “CFA Allcats” because it implies that CFA would enroll and accept any cat for activities such as agility or household pet showing cats and that is not the case. We are now considering, and have the domain for “CatsCenterstage”*
- *This name includes “cats” – important for search engines. It also allows us to include random-bred cats and pedigreed cats (but gives discretion regarding breeds not recognized by CFA).*
- *The concept is to provide a membership for pet owners who would enroll their cats and receive tangible benefits like discounts on programs, hotels, products, etc. and offer information like grooming, health care, book and product reviews; participation in contests, etc. We have investigated what is already on the Internet and have found numerous websites offering similar benefits for free. Further work is needed to refine the revenue producing goal. Our website may incorporate or expand the existing Fanc-E-Mews website. We would have a members only portion.*
- *Producing articles and handling interactive forums with a dependence on cat fancier volunteers is unrealistic based on previous experience with getting constant, reliable and interesting material for Fanc-e-Mews and the Almanac. We must have a plan that will attract enough financial support for a paid staff, professional writers and experts.*

Just a few of the competition websites – www.zootoo.com ; www.CatChannel.com ; www.catster.com; www.petconnection.com; www.petside.com (CFA provides breed information for this NBC/Proctor & Gamble website.)

Current Happenings of Committee:

CFA as a resource:

CFA is now a partner with www.webvet.com , which is about to be launched to provide veterinary and animal care information for pet owners similar to webMD for humans. We will want to work with the Winn Foundation to provide material and give them exposure to a broad public.

We referred numerous grooming experts to be interviewed for “FABULOUS FELINES – The Original Beauty Book for All Cats and Their Pet Parents”, by Sandy Robins (TFH Publications; to be released in 2008)

Donna Isenberg was a judge on the popular Animal Planet Network television show called “Groomer Has It”. This is a dog program for groomers similar to American Idol. For one episode aired in May the contestants were grooming long haired cats. Donna is now recognized on the streets of Los Angeles as a TV star.

Joan Miller was a guest on PetLife Radio in April to discuss homeless cat population issues; also the guest of www.cathobbyist.com for a webinar discussion on legislation. I also had an article published in Cat Fancy Magazine, June 2008 – “Pedigreed Cats in Peril” This discussed how rare some of the pedigreed cat breeds are and that, compared with many wildcat species, some would be considered vulnerable or endangered. I will be interviewed for Cornell Cat Watch magazine on the history of tabby patterns Monday June 9, 2008.

The CATalyst Summit, was held February 5-6, 2008 in Palm Springs, CA; hosted by the American Association of Feline Practitioners and Pfizer. I was invited to attend this outstanding meeting of veterinarians, epidemiologists and others who have been involved in cat issues. The purpose was to address the status of cats in pet owner households, veterinary needs and how organizations and veterinarians can help shape the future for cats. The group is now working on a new website and several educational programs and we expect to be a resource for this effort.

Educational programs and events:

The Costa Mesa Pet Expo was a big success in California, April 11-13, 2008. We provided three days of talks all incorporating wonderful cats. Thanks to a grant from Iams Corporation this pilot program could be expanded to numerous talks with nine speakers and five experienced ring assistants. We appreciated working with Tonks West Cat Club, the CFA Ambassador Program and Sandee Gilbert who was the coordinator to arrange for the cats and other details. We experimented with interaction allowing the audience to touch some of the cats with owners' permission on the presentation table. By forming a line and disinfecting hands the visitors learned about show protocol and were delighted with the opportunity to touch a Sphynx or a gorgeous Persian coat or play with an Aby on a leash. It was a big hit and the cats seemed to enjoy it as much as the crowd. A more extensive report is available and can be sent to those interesting in a pet expo or show education program.

Guidelines have been developed for clubs to use (education ring procedures, assistant job descriptions, etc.) I am interested in hearing from clubs that have education programs to exchange ideas on what works.

Production of an educational DVD is underway. This is the first in a series with support from Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter. Initial filming began at the San Diego Cat Club show in January and we have had a conference call with the production company to discuss the next steps.

Miller: The Costa Mesa Pet Expo was another wonderful educational program. We received Iams support, which allowed us to do some things that we couldn't have done before. I hope that they will be interested in doing it again. We got it organized and it was very successful.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to work toward a marketing plan for the CatsCenterstage project.

Our next conference call is scheduled for June 17, 2008. We plan a meeting at the Annual on Wednesday June 25th.

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

Miller: The membership concept has been difficult because we have lots of competition out there. If we're going to be successful in reaching the public, and particularly having a revenue-producing membership, we have to offer something unique. We have to find our niche, so we're struggling with that. What we decided is that we are going to start with a website for everything that cats do that is appealing to pet owners and pet contests and kids' things. We're going to hopefully get interactive things going there. Once we get it working and start getting people coming to this website, then we're going to be in a position to have a marketing plan. People want to have interaction with photos of their cats and we want to be able to do more with this concept. It still needs a lot of work, but it gives us an idea of where to go.

(18) 2008 ANNUAL MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE.

Great Lakes Regional Director Loretta Baugh presented an update on the 2008 Annual.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE.

Committee Chair:	Becky Orlando
Liaison to Board:	Regina Shaffer
List of Committee Members:	Art Graafmans, Rose Wheeler, Barbara Jaeger, Chris O'Malley Jeanne Scholz-Snyder, David Mare, Donna Isenberg, Andrea Bohren, Penni Richter

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

During the last 4 years we have secured the hotel; met and chose a theme for our annual; established Committee Chairs; selected artwork for our theme; held numerous fund raisers; set up our web site; selected an Executive Committee to make major decisions.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We have designed our delegate pins and are ready to purchase. We have a written statement for full sponsorship of our Delegate Bags. We are currently finalizing our budget. We made a recent visit to the hotel to make adjustments to the rooms used for various events and obtained menus for food and dinner items. The first letters/e-mails to clubs for donations for the delegated bags has been sent. We are holding one raffled artwork at the 2008 Annual. We have set our vendor pricing and have contracts ready to distribute.

Future Projections for Committee:

Finalize budget; begin looking for clubs and or volunteers for hospitality nights; finalize delegate bags and mfg; begin vendor solicitations; set menus and negotiate pricing.

Action Items:

Select delegate bag design, select mfg. Secure commitments to host hospitality nights

Time Frame:

Finalize Action Item above no later than 1/1/09

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Our goal is to finalize the Annual Budget and delegate bag selection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Orlando, Chair

(19) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Annette Wilson

List of Committee Members: Debbie Kusy, Julie Keyer

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- ✓ *Preparing for June 28, 2008 BC Secretaries Meeting with CFA BOD*
- ✓ *Scheduling meeting between Exotic and Persian BC Secretaries*
- ✓ *Reviewing draft Breed Standard changes*
- ✓ *Updating database with MISC breed activity*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. ***Breed Council/Committee meeting with CFA Board at June, 2008 Board Meeting – scheduled for Saturday, 6/28/08, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Agenda to be distributed once finalized.***
2. ***Meeting with Exotic and Persian BC Secretaries schedule with Breeds & Standards Committee to follow directly after the CFA Annual Meeting on Friday, 6/27/08. Purpose: to see if common ground can be found to allow showing of Longhaired Exotics.***

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 descriptions*** for the increased number of breeds in the ***Breed Standards*** publication have grown to require more pages than can be bound in the current format. *The Breeds and Standards Committee agrees that common color*

descriptions could be printed at the beginning of the Breed Standards publication with exception descriptions by breed. For common descriptions, just the color name would be included by breed. Option is to bind the standards using a more expensive process. This is a continuing project .

Action Items: None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *brief update on BC Ballots.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Kusy and Annette Wilson, Co-Chairs

Kusy: We have been discussing on line offering an incentive to the breed council with the most pre-paid registrations. One of the largest increases is the Siamese breed. **Wilson:** Just knowing that your breed is ahead of another breed is incentive. **Miller:** The media asks what our top 10 breeds are. That can give them some promotion opportunities.

(20) FELINE AGILITY.

Agility Committee Liaison Pam DeLaBar presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Carol Osborne*
Board Liaison: *Kay Janosik*
Committee Members: *Bonnie Smith, Jay Collins, Barb and Russ Reimer, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Linda Shaffer, Wanda Martin along with 9 Regional Coordinators*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Held the International Agility event in April, 2008. The Agility event was a terrific success. Many lessons were learned, however, about combining with other pet extravaganzas. The organizers used the cat show as an aside to their event. The gate was not encouraged to come upstairs and so, even though the publicity was grand on our part, the Expo folks took all the attention. Participation by the cats running Agility was fabulous as were the cash rewards. We cannot say enough in thank you to those who donated to make this possible and to Cincinnati Cat Club, who put on the show. We ran over 25 cats (not including the newbies who just sat) and scored for prize money the top 10 who finished the course and got the bonus points.*
- *This being the end of the season, we can summarize fairly accurately. We have had 19 shows that reported scores and 142 cats who scored and another 50+ who ran with no score.*
- *The numbering of cats (HHP) is going smoothly.*
- *FAC has moved from simply entertaining (which, certainly it is,) to a legitimate competition in CFA.*
- *Recently, a Certified Ring Master in region 6 put on a stand- alone demonstration of CFA Agility at a Vet school demonstration. It was a tremendous success and brought many positive accolades to the program. She used her own cat and put on demos at scheduled times. Kudos to her!!*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *We continue to train, coach and encourage cats to learn to run the course.*
- *We continue to try to educate clubs on how to add Agility to their format.*
- *We will train and certify Ringmasters at the Annual on Saturday.*
- *We will hold a cat training seminar at the Annual on Saturday. This is led by Linda Shaffer.*

Future Projections of Committee:

- *It is hoped that clubs will appoint a member to do PR and sponsor (local) procurement. We believe that this is the way to support Agility at the shows and thus make it a profitable activity. Monetary concerns are the reasons we are told that clubs do not want to have Agility.*
- *We are continuing to request monetary support on some level from CFA. We have proven time and again that there is enormous benefit to CFA clubs and to CFA when the public is exposed to Feline Agility Competition. This benefit ultimately translates to better name recognition of CFA to the public. Currently the term "Agility" is linked in the minds of the public to AKC. FAC can help change that! Unfortunately, CFA clubs are not always in a financial position to offer FAC and financial support, on some level, is needed to assist these clubs.*

Action items:

- *Request \$2500 from CFA to be used as seed money to financially subsidize rental of FAC equipment for clubs that wish to utilize FAC to promote their show but can't afford the cost.*

Janosik: The request would be small increments. We need to get feline agility out there more. We are hoping that clubs will come forward and hold more agility competitions. **Miller:** One of the things we talk about in Outreach is what can we offer to the general public. One of those things is agility. The public doesn't necessarily care who is the highest scoring cat. We would like to select an agility cat and follow that cat through the season. We would have photos in the home where they are working with their cat, bathing the cat, and photos with the cat at a show. We would like to do the same thing with a Household Pet. **No action.**

- *We ask that a check box be added to the licensing form to indicate if Agility is to be at the show. A simple way to let us know and to have the symbol added to the show list.*

Molino: How far in advance do we print? **DelaBar:** We don't print that many forms at one time because of all the changes. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- *We ask that CFA take over FAC scoring by receiving and maintaining the final Agility scores turned in to Master Clerks by Certified Ring Masters at shows holding FAC.*

Janosik: The agility cats have their own identification records. **DelaBar:** Is Central Office aware of this system? We can discuss this on Sunday. **No action.**

Time Frame:

As soon as possible, preferably in the next budget.

What will be presented at the next meeting:

Report on advances of FAC in CFA.

Plans for expansion of FAC competitions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Osborne, CFA FAC Chair*

At this time, I would like to express my gratitude to all those on the committee who have been so supportive and inventive. It is time, now, for a new leader for CFA FELINE AGILITY. I would ask to be replaced as chair of this committee and would ask that Kay Janosik take my place.

Thank you, one and all, for your support!

Carol O.

(21) CFA FOUNDATION.

Liaison Bob Molino presented the following report:

The Foundation meets after the Annual Meeting each year, the first part of the report will be devoted to discussion of the Foundation Board meeting.

Elections were held by the Board for officers (terms for one year):

*Hilary Helmrich, President
Karen Lawrence, Vice President
Rachel Anger, Secretary
Jan Rogers, Treasurer*

The Board appointed Ben Spater as legal counsel for the Foundation.

The Board voted to change the name of the organization to the Feline Historical Foundation to better show our mission and invite the participation of all people interested in cats and their history.

We are in the process of filing the amended Certification of Incorporation to reflect the name change with the appropriate State and local officials.

We are redrafting the pamphlet that describes the Foundation and will discuss this at our meeting in June 2008.

Our acquisitions this year included two sets of CFA yearbooks which duplicate what is currently in the CFA Archives. It is the intent of the Board to sell these items to cat fanciers and put the income into our Treasury.

Jane Barletta has been cataloguing the magazines at the Central Office so that we can put the listing online for anyone who wants to go to the office to do research. Similarly, we now have a

current list of books at the CFA office to offer researchers. We are not a lending library, but the materials are there for anyone doing research who wishes to visit the office.

The donations of objects and artwork were catalogued in 2006 and a list is available on our website. Donations since that time need to be catalogued and that will be a project for this year.

The Foundation has a website: <http://www.felinehistoricalfoundation.org>. We are in the process of putting our collection on the site for interested cat fanciers.

We have been notified recently that the Foundation has received a substantial donation from the Estate of Wilton Wheeldon, a cat fancier from Texas. This donation will allow the Foundation to have funds for appraisal and acquisition of one or more pieces of art for the Foundation collection as well as operating funds for years to come.

The Board of Directors of the Feline Historical Foundation will meet on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

*Hilary Helmrich
President*

(22) HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE.

Chair Liz Watson presented the following report:

I know we are all aware of the financial strain our breeders and exhibitors are experiencing with rising fuel costs, increased mortgage payments and the effects of an encroaching recession. Therefore, I would like to reintroduce a concept I brought to the CFA Board a few years ago: revising our system of national and regional awards. I strongly feel we must really think “outside the box” to tailor CFA awards to continue to attract and retain our fanciers while requiring the same high standards CFA has expected throughout our history.

I initially proposed the following:

- 1. National awards would emphasize breed awards in kittens, championship and premiership.*
- 2. A Top 25 kittens, championship, and premiership would be awarded at Regional level.*

We do have at this time several other courses of action that we could take while keeping the focus – and emphasizing – regional accomplishments. We also can adopt more than one course of action or a combination of actions. Currently, AKC recognizes dogs at breed level with two (or more) high profile shows providing competition and public recognition, essentially Westminster at Madison Square Garden, and the Eukanuba Championship of Dogs. We could accomplish much of the same with our CFA – IAMS Cat Championship and our CFA International Show (with some minor date adjustments).

Another course of action would be a “qualifying” concept in which cats, kittens, and premiership would earn “points” throughout the year. Those earning “XXXX” amount of points would “qualify” for a “Cat of the Year” competition (judged by a panel of judges) close to the end of the show season with the results not announced until the Awards Banquet. (We could even invite foreign association judges to the panel.)

There are any number of combinations, courses of action, which would ensure competitiveness and a forum to showcase our outstanding cats. We do, however, need to face what could be a tough time for the cat fancy. Our fanciers will possibly have fewer discretionary dollars to spend showing their cats. We on the CFA Board of Directors need to provide them a forum to showcase their cats and ensure we give them value for their time and dollar.

Action item: *I propose establishing a committee (to include fanciers) to study various courses of action and develop a plan to revise CFA national and regional awards.*

Pam DelaBar

DelaBar: We have economic considerations and we need to brainstorm how we are going to have shows to emphasize breed awards in kitten, championship and premiership. Also, to have our two top shows – the CICC and the International –correspond with the Westminster championship for dogs and get the public targeted towards these shows. For instance, in South Africa, once you accumulate X number of points, you qualify to be in the Cat of the Year competition, which is determined by a panel of judges. No one knows who the top cats are until a banquet that is held that night. It's a very exciting affair. I have researched a few ideas and courses of action to get people thinking about how we can change. I want to establish a committee that will brainstorm this. **Baugh:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** An initial committee was then formed, including Baugh as chair, Johnson, White, Janosik, L. Watson.

(23) JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP.

In the absence of **Junior Showmanship Liaison Kitty Angell**, **DelaBar** presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Emily M. Turner*
Liaison to Board: *Kitty Angell*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Because of lack of funding and participation in the current Junior Showmanship program, the Committee is requesting that the Program be suspended effective immediately.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Committee would like to use the remaining Junior Showmanship funds as seed money to develop a new Junior Showmanship program that will be more appealing to young people interested in the cat fancy and will present fewer problems to the show-producing clubs. Teresa Keiger has agreed to join the Committee and lend her talents to the "new" Junior Showmanship program. If the board approves, this new program will be presented at the February 2009 board meeting and, if approved, could be in place for the 2009-2010 show season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emily M. Turner, Chair
CFA Junior Showmanship Program*

(24) CFA MENTOR AND AMBASSADOR PROGRAM REPORT.

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Mentor Program Chair:	Mary J. Sietsema
Liaison to Board:	Liz Watson
List of Committee Members:	Art Graafmans, Willa Hawke, Teresa Keiger, Karen Lane and Jodell Raymond
Advisor/Mentor to Committee:	Pat Jacobberger

Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! As of June 2008 we have 309 mentors and 991 protégés – we are almost at ONE THOUSAND protégés! Many of our mentors are working with 2 or 3 protégés and with our ever growing list of protégés we are working on ways to encourage more breeders/exhibitors to become mentors. We have been expanding in the International Division as well.

The Mentor Core Committee held our 2008 Planning Meeting in Art Graafmans' new business facility the weekend of February 16/17. We appreciate Art Graafmans generous offer of his facility along with his full coverage of travel expenses for all core committee members.

The Committee felt that while the CFA Ambassador Program has been included within the CFA Mentor Program both programs have expanded so much that it would best to divide them into separate programs. Willa Hawke, Chair of the Ambassador Program, has done an excellent job promoting and managing the Program and the Core Committee will continue to support both programs. Art Graafmans has agreed to continue his sponsorship for both programs and we are grateful for his support.

Roeann Fulkerson has continued her search to find additional sponsorship for the Ambassador and Mentor Programs and we appreciate all her efforts. In late Fall '07 Roeann was working with Royal Canin for publication sponsorship for the Mentor Program and as of our Feb 2008 Planning Meeting it was not yet finalized. We hope to hear positive news soon.

We are sad to report that Marva Marrow felt it was best for her to resign from the Core Committee due to her new business ventures although she has offered to continue to assist with our publications and be available as needed for future projects. Marva has been involved with the Mentor Program from the very beginning and will be greatly missed! We wish her the very best in her new business.

Teresa Keiger, creator and Chair of the CFA New Bee Program, was invited to join the Core Committee and we are happy to announce she accepted. Along with her creative talents and computer knowledge Teresa will add so much to the committee and we look forward to working with her.

Current Happenings of Committee:

New Bee Program: *Teresa Keiger continues to make great progress with the New Bee Program. She has been working on an informative "user friendly" website, www.cfaneewbee.com, and has*

set up a Yahoo Group Email list where the “newbies” can get tips and advice from experienced exhibitors and learn all about exhibiting in CFA. Teresa has also created a flyer for the New Bee Program and we hope to have it in each and every CFA Show Catalog.

CFA June 2008 Annual: *The Ambassador and Mentor Programs will be sharing a “Social Gathering” on Friday night, June 27th, 6pm – 8pm. The gathering will be sponsored by Art Graafmans. Announcements will be made at the Delegate Meeting.*

Future Projections for Committee:

The Core Committee plans to have a meeting in September 2008 and will have a full report available for the CFA Board Meeting in October 2008.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary J. Sietsema, Chair*

Agenda item for BOD meeting – June 24, 2008

Cc: Liz Watson, Mentor Committee liaison

Cc: Peg Johnson

Item: On CFA Entry Form, inclusion of a space to “check if new exhibitor”

Rationale: Peg Johnson and I have been talking about (and been talked to by) new exhibitors. At some CFA and other association shows, new exhibitors are given information regarding showing and sometimes a ‘welcome gift’ when they check in. Other times, they’re benched with experienced exhibitors. Some shows have mini-sessions where someone goes over the basics of showing. One entry clerk told me that she sends known new exhibitors to the New Bee site when she returns their confirmation.

However, that is the issue...not every entry clerk knows who every new exhibitor is. Having a place to mark it on an entry form is an easy way to flag these new exhibitors. I posed a question regarding indicating this to the Entry Clerks’ List (to see if it was feasible for a New Bee Class done in the show hall) and they felt that it was easy enough from their standpoint.

Ultimately, I’d like to have a “Welcome to CFA” package that would be available to these new exhibitors and encourage clubs to give them out at check in and would be willing for the New Bee Program to put it together. However, we could certainly begin with some of the articles that already exist and are already available as pdf downloads.

In summation, flagging a new exhibitor would allow the club to:

- Bench them with an experienced, ‘friendly’ exhibitor(s)*
- Give them show / exhibiting information (both prior to the show via the New Bee site, and/or check in.*
- If local, invite them to participate in their club*
- Give clubs and individuals a way to welcome them into the cat fancy.*

Additionally, I will be briefly speaking to the delegation and participating in the Mentor and Ambassador meeting where we will be speaking about these programs to those interested attendees. That would be a good opportunity to present this idea of welcoming our new exhibitors.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me

*Sincerely,
Teresa Keiger*

(25) SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Roger Brown, DVM

Brief Summation of Immediate past Committee Activities:

- 1. Monitoring CFA's new CatGenes DNA Program*
- 2. Communication by phone and e-mail with clients about the CatGenes program*
- 3. Presenting the CatGenes program at the World Cat Congress in Houston, TX*
- 4. Coordinating website changes and instructions to be placed on CFA's official CatGenes web site*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- 1. I continue to solicit and collect hair and buccal swabs from cats as a resource for the development of VeriSNP tests*
- 2. I have asked Breed Council secretaries to compile a list of genetic defects or genetic tests they feel are important to investigate for their breed.*
- 3. New DNA tests have been added to our array.*
- 4. Investigation of a secure web site for reporting results*
- 5. Marketing the CatGenes program to other registries*
- 6. Education for the proper submission of samples to the CatGENES laboratories*

CatGenes

CFA's DNA project was launched at the end of December 2007. Since that time we have added five new tests to our present array. These tests were added at no additional cost to the client. They are as follows: 1. Dilute coloration, 2. Black coloration, 3. Hair length, 4. Sex markers, 5. B Blood group.

The report was reconfigured to be divided into three groups, making it easier to understand by the layman. We divided the report into the Identity Profile, Disease Profile, and Physical Characteristics (color profile). A key to understanding the CatGenes report was designed and

added to our CatGenes website. The same key for understanding our genetic reports will be printed on the back of each individual report that is mailed to the client.

Numerous other changes have been added to the website to help eradicate some of the problems that the laboratories have been experiencing. We continue to work very hard to address any and all problems that are occurring, and to streamline all of the many functions of the CatGenes program. We look forward to a secure website that will allow the laboratories to report secure genetic results over the Internet. This will be particularly helpful for those in Foreign Countries where mail may not be timely.

Test kits are now mailed directly from the CatGenes laboratories to address the delay between an Internet order and receipt of testing kits. Before June 1, a sub contractor of our two laboratories was doing this. His work was not satisfactory and resulted in a number of problems for the program.

There are many new tests our laboratories have already evaluated that will be ready to add to our present array, as money becomes available.

Unfortunately there have been problems associated with time delays and certain tests that have had to be run individually because of defective probes from a manufacturer. These problems have been and are being addressed. Hopefully they will be behind us soon.

It is difficult to believe that this program is less than six months old. We have expanded the DNA tests available to include some tests that are available at no other laboratory in the world at any cost. Yet, we are still doing this for \$39. In the present market, this is still a bargain for just one of any of the fifteen tests we are offering.

*Roger Brown, DVM
CFA Director-At-Large
CFA Scientific Advisor*

Future Projections for Committee:

- 1. Search for new DNA tests that can be added to our present array*
- 2. Discuss want lists from all Breed Council Secretaries for Genetic Disease and Performance profiles that they feel are most important for their breed*
- 3. Compile a master list and assign priority to the above information*
- 4. Continue to educate breeders and exhibitors about the value of utilizing CatGenes for identity and breeding programs*
- 5. Work on a new array that would be separate from our current array.*
- 6. Continue to investigate a Microchipping program for CFA*
- 7. Continue working on a program that would allow CFA to develop a multi-tiered program that would market CFA services such as Pet Health insurance, CatGenes, Microchipping, and certified pedigrees. This program can not be designed until the Microchip industry has settled some of it's own internal problems however, further investigation indicates that most of these problems have been addressed. I hope to have a tentative program available for our discussion at the October board meeting.*

Action Items:

Adding the –D suffix to the registration number of those cats that have been tested through CFA’s CatGenes program at Central Office’s discretion.

Brown: The laboratory will provide the Central Office with the cat’s name and registration number. The test results will not be provided. **DelaBar:** Because of the restrictive field, we would have to delete something. Allene proposed that if the board passes this, that we delete the volume number, which is when a cat first becomes a parent. It’s up to this board to decide how important that is. **Kusy:** That would be a major programming thing. Everywhere a cat’s registration number appears will have to be reprogrammed. I think that’s a major expense. **Molino:** What are we certifying? **Brown:** We’re certifying that the cat has been genetically tested and that it has an identity fingerprint. **Molino:** But it doesn’t tell us if it’s the right color or breed, so, what’s the point? **Eigenhauser:** My concern is that people will misunderstand what this means. If you put a D suffix on there, 6 months ago it will have gotten a different market basket of tests because so many new tests have been added. We are a registry of cats and I don’t think this will have the right effect when we buy our cats, sell our cats or breed with our cats. If this means we have verified that the cat had been DNA tested against its parents, as a registry that’s a useful piece of information to have. **Brown:** If the D is there, that cat could be checked or verified if one of the parents is on file. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Brown voting yes.

Time Frame: None

What will be presented at the Next Meeting?

1. Update on the DNA CatGenes project
2. Update on the CFA Microchipping project
3. A multi-tiered program associated with CFA’s to market CFA’s services with will include CatGenes, Pet health insurance, microchipping, and certified pedigrees. A new program to assist pedigreed animal rescue through microchipping and DNA fingerprints.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM*

(26) TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.

Technology Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Dick Kallmeyer
Members: Karen Lawrence, Connie Sellitto, Allene Tartaglia, Peg Johnson (IT system replacement)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA web site 5.2 million page loads in March – May, 2008. These numbers are down by 21.6% over the previous year. However, the May numbers are low due to an outage at our service provider with

resultant loss of statistics. Year to year growth for June to May over the previous period was 5.7%. **CFA for Kids ... About Cats** had 55,829 page loads in the March through May time frame. 18,050 (32%) were unique visitors, 91% of these first time visitors.

Catalog sales are booming - Jan-May sales are at 61% of what last year's total sales were, so it looks like a banner year. Monthly sales have been up 60-70% over the same months last year.

The online entry forms that link directly to entry clerks have been accessed 6,239 times since they went online on January 22nd.

We're doing the photo contest with Simon & Schuster again this year. The web site will accept entries between August 1st and September 15th, with winner announced at the CICC show.

Comments:

"I came across cfa.org and just wanted to tell you how much I liked it. It is very informative and a great site for cat owners." - Steve Daleke

"Hello, and thank you for providing so much information for cat lovers. I frequently check your toxic/non-toxic lists before purchasing plants." - Beth Ritter

Current Happenings of Committee:

FANC-E-MEWS

Karen Lawrence, editor, has released the May/June edition of **Fanc-e-Mews**, CFA's free online magazine, includes articles:

- Top 10 Breeds
- Making the Move with Fluffy and Fido
- Mesothelioma and Cats
- New Multi-Sensory Cat Wubba Toy Perks Up Even the Most Jaded Feline - Petmate's Cat Window Perch Has Kitty Sitting Pretty
- Protecting Your Pet from Pesky Parasites
- Petmate's New Microban Pet Bedding Helps Everyone Rest Easy
- Product Review
- Poet's Corner
- Just for Laughs
- Cat Leash Laws.
- Genetics and Your Cat.
- Hot Weather Care Tips for Pets
- Words You Don't Want to Hear
- How to Keep Foul Breath at Bay
- Breed Spotlight: Oriental
- Catch a Show!
- What's On?

The next issue of FANC-E-MEWS will feature articles:

- CFA's Top Cats
- Winn Feline Foundation research Grants
- Help! My Pet Just Ate a.....

- *Product Review of Petmate Oval Deluxe Pet Bed with Microban*

NEW ON THE SITE:

- *Fast Find list on the opening page for quick access to:*
 - *Breed profiles*
 - *Breeder referral*
 - *CFA forms*
 - *FAQ*
 - *Fanc-e-Mews*
 - *Herman Online*
 - *Legislative alerts*
 - *Logon – online services*
 - *Logon – Online Almanac*
 - *Board meeting minutes*
 - *CFA show schedule*
 - *CFA timetable*
- *Links to the International Show and CICC will be added shortly*

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

DelaBar: I will do this before a larger audience, but I want to thank Kay, I want to thank Dick, I want to thank James for the hard work you have done and your input for the growth of this Association. You have definitely been appreciated. And to Kitty Angell, she has done a phenomenal job, not only as the past Secretary of CFA but also as its current Vice President. I thank you all. [applause]

2008 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 26, 2008

(27) President Pam DelaBar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with a State of the Organization address.

Welcome to the 2008 CFA Annual Meeting. I want to thank you all for coming. We have one of the largest banquets we have had in ages. This seems to be an exciting time, and just a short message before we get into our other reports. We are here to discuss the year in review; finances, innovation, events and a few reflections and sage advice.

Finances. Short and sweet, we are finally breathing oxygen. [applause] When you have to set a new course and lay down a new foundation to make it strong and make sure you're not going off on tangents, it does take time for these changes to take place. We do have increasing registrations, so I must commend the breed council secretaries. We asked them last year to help pump up the pre-paid registrations for the breeds and they responded. Each breed council responded very well and I thank you all for showing one bright spot in our registrations. Kathy, of course, will go over this a bit more but essentially we are looking at depreciation as an accounting figure. Strip that away from what we brought in, we show about \$3,000 ahead of schedule, so as I said, we are finally breathing oxygen.

Innovation. We held our first teleconference board meeting in October. It was a savings of approximately \$18,000 for CFA doing that teleconference meeting. [applause] I think the board will continue this for the October board meetings, because it did run better than expected. There were several of us at Central Office. We had a big screen where we could tell who was on line, who wanted to speak. It was Debbie Kusy, David White, myself, of course Central Office staff, conducting.

Events. We had our CFA-Iams Cat Championship at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and the World Cat Congress. We're very proud of the CICC, which we call the CFA-Iams Cat Championship, turned an excellent profit this year that will really kick into the fund for next year, plus help out our International Show. We had street banners of lovely cats all around Madison Square Garden, up 7th Avenue and down 2nd Street. It was just absolutely wonderful to see CFA and our CFA cats. We brought in Code 3 Associates which drew people, who were going to the truck like crazy. In fact, one of the local stations did interviews from inside BART – stands for Big Animal Rescue Truck. Our Press Preview Party was also a success. I want to thank each and every one of the exhibitors who came and participated in that with your cats. I just saw our new kitten toys. Phenomenal support from our major sponsor Iams and Dr. Elsey.

The World Cat Congress. The World Cat Congress is made up of nine of the largest cat registries in the world. This is the first time that CFA has ever hosted the World Cat Congress. We held it in Houston, because we needed the big facilities. We started off with a wonderful seminar. We had several other presentations. Kathryn Silvia came in with the American Bobtails. We had judges' training because judges from other associations are not familiar with the way that we do our judging. One thing that they really don't do in other associations is hang ribbons; they just write reports. Lovely show hall. Houston Cat Club did a phenomenal job. The ring decorations were based on where the judge was from, so we had three judges with Texas rings, Kathy from Illinois, Cheryle U'Ren from Australia, Ingrid DeWett from South Africa, plus the Secretary and myself.

Reflections and Sage Advice. We weren't always kind to each other this year. The psychologists have said that rumor and gossip is always so much more attractive and believable than fact, but I do want to caution the fancy that cyber slander is also a punishable offense. The last case that I heard about, the plaintiff was awarded \$11.3 million. Finally, just remember that the person you may despise may have that rare blood type that you have. One of my mentors when I started out in Siamese many, many years ago was Jeanne Singer. She wrote the preface to our standards. One of the things she told me was to do each breeding as if it was my last, so I took a few corollaries off of that. The DelaBar Corollary is, "Live each day as if you were going to die tomorrow, but keep going as if you were going to live forever, and make a difference." Be a positive force for CFA. Thank you.

(28) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF DESIRED).

DelaBar declared a quorum, with 407 delegates checked in.

(29) CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2007 MINUTES.

Eigenhauser moved to approve the minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(30) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING.

DelaBar appointed Fred Jacobberger as Parliamentarian for this Annual Meeting.

(31) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 2008 Annual Meeting, Fred Jacobberger advised the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting: (1) The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates. (2) Motions (a) to table or (b) to move the previous question or (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted. (3) Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments. (4) The seconding of motions shall not be required. (5) The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate. (6) Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending. (7) An affirmative vote of no less than 100 votes is required to compel a roll-call vote. (8) When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Constitution of the CFA, Inc., its charter, bylaws and applicable rules of law, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting. **Eigenhauser** moved to adopt those rules. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(32) TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Kathy Calhoun:

Calhoun: *Good morning everyone. I hope that while you are here in Louisville, you have a chance to see some of the countryside and maybe get out to a horse farm or something like that. Debbie Kusy and I managed to get over to Three Chimneys on Wednesday. It was wonderful – so peaceful and beautiful. I'm trying to figure out how I can move to Kentucky. Since that's not what's happening, let's talk about what is happening. Let's start with what's happening with CFA's finances, starting with the portion of the core business that generates income, which includes processing registration, registration services such as name changes,*

leases, transfers, generating pedigrees, club-related activities, breed council and license fees. Those types of activities generated income of about \$1.3 million. Then there are the expense categories; operating expenses, which includes salary, building maintenance and utilities, supplies, computer systems, CFA Programs, and our legislative activities. Operating expense was about \$1.4 million. As you can see, these expenses exceeded revenue. Let's talk about one of the primary reasons or the primary drivers of that deficit.

If you compare the last two seasons, we registered 26,000 litters in the 2006-2007 season. This dropped to 24,000 litters this past season, which is about 2,000 fewer. The scenario is similar in individual registration. 2006-2007 show season, we registered about 35,000 individual cats. That number dropped down to 29,000 individual cats and kittens in the last season. This total decline decreased income by about \$53,000 compared to the prior year.

Let's talk about Publications. With the discontinuance of the print Almanac, CFA realized savings in respect to lower production costs, because we only produced the magazine for half the year, and a reduction in operating costs needed to support the published magazine. The on-line Almanac, while it increased revenue slightly, that increase is not sufficient to offset the cost to support that activity. So, the Publications Committee has been tasked to work on that shortfall. The yearbook's performance improved when compared to last year but we still lost money there. If you look at the total Publications category, we lost approximately \$54,000. Again, I want to say that the Publications Committee is really working to energize publications and make that category a self-supporting category.

So, let's talk about the two CFA sponsored shows. The International Show was put on hiatus, so to speak, for 2007 but we will be back this next November in 2008 in Atlanta, and we are very excited about that show. The New York Show was a huge success last fall, making well over \$31,000, and we are really, really excited to be back in New York and realize another successful show, so we really hope that everyone comes out to support that show.

So, let's summarize. We talked about ordinary income, that our revenue and our expenses to support our operations, we lost about \$126,000. Publications, about \$54,000. The shows made \$31,000, and you might look at some of the individual show reports. The way we do our accounting, we look at the show as an entire year category, so there could be some expenses for the next year that fall into that category, that will adjust that number so I wanted to pull that out.

Results of our marketing efforts and other income. Overall, we lost about \$87,000. So, OK, why are we happy? Why are we saying that we're breathing oxygen? Why are we a little giddier than last year? We look at that number, that \$87,000, as Pam said, a lot of that is around depreciation. We had almost \$92,000 in depreciation, which really does not affect our cash flow. Overall, looking at it as a cash flow perspective, we made about \$3,000. I would call that a great year, which it is. I think it's worth a round of applause.

So, what are we going to be doing next year? We talked about the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show in New York. We are very much looking forward to another successful show. We've got a great committee, great sponsor on that, and we should be as successful if not more so this year, this season. The International Show in Atlanta, easy to get in and out of Atlanta, cheap air fares even in this economy, so you've just got to plan ahead. Lots of new initiatives going on. We need to focus on promoting our publications, energizing that, do the right things there, promote CFA as an organization, and to energize our registrations. We are a

registry. We do a lot of other things, but we are a registry, so we really need to energize that. We need to be very conservative around our spending.

So, one of the things that I always like to end my segment with is a big “thank you” for my committee. Without the Budget Committee, we would be in the dark. We’ve got members on that committee that are really dedicated to CFA and spend a lot of time on the phone, a lot of time in travel, a lot of time trying to think of new approaches. I would really like to thank our committee. Bob is a phenomenal contributor to the budget committee and has been for years. Barb Schreck had a tough year, and we are so happy to see Barb back with us. Pam DelaBar is on all committees, but she is very, very active on our committee. Pam is amazing. I don’t know how she keeps track of everything she keeps track of. Just a phenomenal president and a phenomenal figure. I want to thank you, Pam. [applause] Allene, what can I say? Another phenomenal presence in multi-roles. We want to really, really thank Allene. And I want to thank CFA for giving me the opportunity to serve another year. This is always a joy. I really enjoy the role (unless abstain wins). Thank you for the past. Chuck Gradowski is our closer on the budget committee. We try to be good stewards of the finances, but we never finish. We never finish. Chuck brings a calmness. He puts it all together and I so, so much appreciate Chuck Gradowski.

So, one of the things that, at this annual we wanted to do – we got a lot of feed-back. We’ve got the annual report in your delegate bags. We have brought Frank Myers, the CFA accountant, with us for this meeting, so he’s going to come up and talk to the group in just a minute. On Saturday, we have a session at 1:00 for the regional treasurers or their delegate. We would like to have every region represented at that meeting. We’re going to talk about roles and responsibilities of a regional treasurer, we’re going to talk about best practices and we’re going to talk about CFA reporting. That’s a very important meeting. That’s very critical. We’ll also have Frank at that meeting, as well. So, again, thank you so much for another year. I introduce to you Frank Myers.

Frank Myers: So I don’t get charged a \$5 fine, my name is Frank Myers and I’m from Central Office. I started providing services to CFA last July, so I have been around about a year. I visit Central Office once a month and help them close their books at the end of the month. It involves looking at the bank statements, looking at the bank reconciliations, assisting with some of the accruals that we have to make on a monthly basis, reporting the payroll and taking a look at the general ledger accounts on a monthly basis to make sure they are OK. We do a little more extensive work on the months that we’re going to close for board meetings, so if there’s a board meeting coming up, we spend a little more time to make sure the accounts are good. So, that’s what I do on a monthly basis.

I was invited here to discuss the financial statements for you. This is the first time the delegates are receiving a copy of the financial statements and they were put in your delegate bag. Page 2 is the statement of financial position, with is the non-profit language we use for our balance sheet, so it shows the assets, liabilities and net worth of the organization. In this statement, we’re showing the April 2008 figures, compared with April 2007. It gives you a picture of your financial position as of your fiscal year end. On page 3, statement of activities, again this is the language or the jargon that we use for non-profit organizations. This would be the interest statement. At the top, it shows revenues by category, by specific functions of the organization. We have a column for temporary restricted assets. This would be for contributions that were received for a specific purpose and once that purpose has been carried out, the monies are transferred over to unrestricted as part of the general fund. Page 5 is the statement of cash

flows and I think this shows pretty dramatically why our cash position is much better and why we are operating better for fiscal 2008 than we did in fiscal 2007. The statement of cash flow separates the activities of the organization into operating activities, investing activities and financing activities. Now, we have no financing activities here because we have no debt. If the organization had debt, then we would see financing activities in the captions and the statement of cash flows. So, the statement of operating activities gives you a snapshot of what's happening to our cash position, based on how we operate the organization and how we did with our activities for the year. So, we started out with a loss for the year but when you see net cash divided by operating activities, we have a positive number for 2008. We want to continue to show a positive number in that category.

The investing activities involve purchase of planned equipment, which would be computer software and office equipment. So, our cash position was pretty flat, relatively the same from year to year, but that's a good indicator that cash provided by operating activities was positive. I will be here until the break, so if you want to see me or have a specific question, I would be glad to answer those questions. If not, you can contact Allene Tartaglia at Central Office and she can relay your question. She can reach me at my office.

We had one other hand-out I wanted to mention to you that was in the packet. There was a description of Form 990N, which is a new reporting for non-profit organizations that had less than \$25,000 in revenue. Prior to this form, if you were a non-profit with less than \$25,000, you didn't have to report to the IRS. You may have had to report to your local department of charities at your state level, but you did not have to report to IRS. Now, the IRS is saying whether or not you have more than \$25,000 in revenue, you are required to report on this Form 990N, and it's a very simple reporting. They are only going to ask you if you're still in existence and if you are at the same address, so it's going to be basically a memo type report that you're sending to them. It's important that you report on an annual basis. If it goes more than 2 years or 3 years, you automatically lose your tax-exempt status. You have to go through the entire process of receiving tax exemption from the IRS all over again, so it's incumbent on you for the smaller groups, for the cat clubs out there, that you file this form on an annual basis to maintain your tax-exempt status. I want to thank you all for bringing me in. If you have any questions about the financials, I'll be here during the break and you can see me then, or else you can call Central Office and they will be glad to get me in contact with you. Thank you very much.

(33) CATGENES PROGRAM: Scientific Advisory Committee Chair Roger Brown:

The CatGenes program has some very ambitious goals. We are offering affordable genetic testing for cats WORLDWIDE ACROSS ALL REGISTRIES. Each DNA test will give an Identity fingerprint, disease, and color profile. These tests are conducted with cutting-edge technology utilizing SNP's and other mutations. They are run using a method that was recently invented by MIT, and validated by Johns Hopkins. This equipment interprets tests with 99.9% accuracy; HOWEVER, each set of results is reviewed by a molecular biologist as an additional safeguard.

The DNA program began 6 months ago and has made great progress. We have added five new tests to our array without increasing the fees. Time lags have been a problem, and these have been dealt with by reducing the time between ordering and receiving test kits, and offering the option of receiving DNA reports via e-mail as of June 1st. Initially the test kits were mailed by a sub-contractor. This frequently resulted in an unacceptable time delay and mistakes were made that were a major problem in delays.

So, as of June first, the kits are being mailed by the laboratory.

We are hoping to have a secure web site (as soon as possible) that will be used to report DNA results without the time lag of mail systems. This will be particularly helpful for those breeders living out of the country.

In the short time span between December and June, the CFA CatGENE's program has processed more than a thousand DNA samples.

CatGenes uses two laboratories that have the ability to run many thousands of tests in one day. These laboratories are DNA Diagnostics, Inc. and Texas A&M AgriLife. Our selected laboratories have spent millions of dollars on equipment, and have a patent pending on the use of this new technology for all animals. They are the only ones in the world, at this time, that are capable of using this technological magic for our cats. These unusual methods will allow you to receive \$300 to \$400 worth of DNA tests for \$39. I consider 15 tests run on one cat for \$39 to be a gift to cat owners worldwide.

Additional tests for diseases, colors, and performance genes will soon be mapped. SNP technology allows endless additions of trait and disease tests. However, research money is needed to conduct each investigation. It requires between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to locate and validate each test.

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 them when MIT invented a method that rapidly processes and reads them in a matter of seconds. This is the advanced technology that the CatGenes program offers you.

Sixty-four tests are run simultaneously on one sample, and this may soon be increased to one hundred and twenty-eight. About 40 to 50 of these tests will be needed for the identity fingerprint, and the rest are allocated for disease, color, and performance profiles.

All remaining DNA is split and archived at both DNA Diagnostics and Texas A&M.

Client privacy is strictly enforced at both laboratories. Each sample is given a bar code as soon as it enters the lab, and is anonymous to everyone but the owner of the cat.

Hair samples collected from newborn kittens will have adequate DNA for testing, but you may also collect ½ to 1 inch of umbilical cord from each kitten. These samples must be placed in a paper envelope and carefully identified. You must devise some method of identifying each kitten from which the sample was collected. This will allow you to match incoming reports with individual kittens.

Reading the CatGenes report will be very simple. There will be an identity profile, a genetic disease profile, and a color profile. The owner will be able to see if both parents carry the trait, or just one parent. If it is a + they carry the trait, and if it is a – they do not carry the trait. In other words you will know both the homozygous and the heterozygous. Hidden traits will be uncovered that will take some of the guesswork out of selecting breeding animals. There will be a printed guide for interpretation of the results on the back side of your cat's DNA report. The same guide can also be found on the CatGenes.org website.

With the CatGenes SNP tests you will be able to plan matings that reduce genetic disease by disclosing hidden carriers, and be able to predict colors possible in progeny of selected parents. For the first time we can scientifically select partners.

CatGenes chosen laboratories are run by two internationally known molecular biologists. Dr. Melba Ketchum a veterinarian that owns DNA Diagnostics, Inc., and Dr. Gus Cothran a clinical professor with the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M. Together they have completed a great number of pioneer blood typing and DNA studies for many equine registries. They have more than 25 years of experience working with pedigreed animal registries. Both also do animal and human forensic work, and are on call throughout the United States as expert witnesses.

Please ask your breed council secretaries to compile a list of DNA tests that you would like to see added to our present array. From this list we will compile a master list and assign priority. As money becomes available for research, we will add new tests to our program.

We choose the parents that will bring kittens into the world. SNP testing for multiple genetic diseases will allow breeders to reduce feline suffering from diseases that don't have to be present in this world of ours.

(34) AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: Team Member Jodell Raymond presented the following report:

For those of you in attendance last year, this part should be a review!! But, just in case you haven't seen a CFA Ambassador yet, stand up our Ambassadors and Regional Coordinators, and thank you so much for your tireless efforts!! I would like to say a special thank you to Art Graafmans. Without Art, our program would not be possible, so Art, could you please stand up? [applause]

CFA Ambassadors are simply willing to share! They open their hands in welcome and hearts in friendship. And it is amazing the wonderful things that happen when they do! We are 275 strong and adding to our numbers on a weekly basis!

Opening our hands in welcome and hearts in friendship extends beyond national boundaries. CFA Ambassadors have consistently demonstrated that they have been ready and willing to work in every region of the world. This past year, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Hong Kong RC Phebe Low, a very large percentage of our Ambassadors have come from Asia.

All of the activities add up to Making a Friend for CFA!

To Date: We have 14 Ambassador Coordinators in the U.S. and abroad. None of our efforts would be accomplished without our dedicated regional coordinators who track and organize activities.

So go on and sign up!! The sign up form is on the CFA Site. Curious and interested in finding out more information? The Ambassador and Mentor Open House Reception is in Suite 501 from 6-9 pm this evening. All are welcome!

In closing, I just wanted to end with the Story of Billy and Deborah. I think this story so appropriately demonstrates what happens when we open our hands in welcome and hearts in

friendship and so embodies the best of what CFA through its Ambassador program has to offer the public at large.

It is a story of the heart and I have told this story a number of times with the permission of the breeder Carol Houlne and thought it was very appropriate to share with you all and asked Carol for permission to tell it once again.

A few years ago there was a two year old blue mackerel tabby exotic neuter. His name was Billy. To know Billy was to love Billy. Billy just looooooved everyone and everything was just a happy happy happy cat. About Billy Carole has said, "You know he was not the brightest light in the camp, but he was a joy and delight to have around."

How do those couple of lines from Donna Norris's I AM YOUR CAT Poem go?

Do not think of me as a simple creature, for I can see angels you cannot see. I can feel the vibrations and wonders of the Universe you can not feel."

Carole was running Billy for a regional win a few years ago and worried she was not going to make it into the top 25. Well, Billy went to a show in Bermuda that year. As fate would have it at the show there was a 12 year old girl named Deborah who was there with her mom Grace. Deborah has Cerebral Palsy and as part of that disease also suffers from a severe seizure disorder. Common to all individuals with cerebral palsy is difficulty controlling and coordinating muscles, making even very simple movements difficult.

At the show, Deborah and Grace were walking down the aisle and they came upon Billy sitting on his grooming table getting ready for a ring. Deborah saw Billy, her eyes lit up and she wanted to touch him.

And....for the first time in her life, Deborah's hand went from a clenched fist to an open palm so that she could pet Billy.

A soft touch of my paw on your cheek when you are troubled.

Seeing how Deborah reacted to Billy, Grace asked Carole about buying Billy for Deborah. Carol said that she did not have the heart to charge them for a cat that obviously had a higher purpose and told them that when the season was done she would give Billy to them to keep in a forever home.

Well, long story short. Billy did get a regional win. It became a team effort to run numbers to make sure that Billy got his RW. And as for Billy, he now lives with Deborah and her family. Grace says that she has to kick Billy out of Deborah's room at night because the two of them will play all night long. And when Deborah is having violent seizures he goes to comfort Grace knowing there is not much either one can do for Deborah at that moment. Deborah's brother shows Billy at shows and we may have a future judge in our midst because he can recite the exotic breed standard backwards and forwards.

So, all we ask with the CFA Ambassador program is to open your hands in friendship.

(35) NEW BEE PROGRAM: Teresa Keiger:

The CFA New Bee Program was started just over a year ago to help ease the new exhibitor's entrée into the cat fancy. Rather than have the new exhibitor trying to blindly figure things out on his own, the New Bee Program offers practical advice, as well as a support system.

The Program has 3 main intentions.

- 1. To teach the CFA Show Rules as they are written. Not as how the person benched next to you in the show hall says they are, or 4 out of 5 posters on the CFA list think they are.*
- 2. To teach show hall etiquette and protocol, as well as give practical exhibiting information. How to read a show schedule. How to do catalog corrections. How to act (and not act) in the judging ring.*
- 3. To instill a sense of value beyond just winning. Not every accomplishment in the show ring (or the show hall) involves a rosette – and it is easy for a new exhibitor to think that they have failed if they don't make a final.*

The New Bee Program consists of:

- 1. A website with downloadable articles*
- 2. A Yahoo group consisting of new exhibitors AND experienced exhibitors who help answer questions*
- 3. New Bee classes, taught either before the show, on Saturday night, or at the show itself (with all participants benched together).*

Sound interesting? Perhaps like something that you or your club might like to support? Well, then here's how you can!

- Where do you find new exhibitors? In the show hall! Place an ad for the New Bee Program in your show catalog. The Entry Clerk for every show receives a pdf of the program's ad when Central Office contacts them about supplies. OR it is available for download on the New Bee website.*
- Place a link on your club's website to the New Bee site.*
- Tell your protégées and new exhibitors in your club about the program.*
- Determine who might be a new exhibitor at your show before the show starts. Take them aside, welcome them, and give them some of the handouts from the New Bee site (such as reading the show schedule, making corrections). Some entry clerks have told me that they even send the website url with the show confirmation to exhibitors that they know are new. One goal of the New Bee Program is to put together a downloadable "Welcome to CFA" package for this express purpose.*

Want to know more about this program? Have questions, suggestions? Want to volunteer? Come to the CFA Ambassador, Mentor, and New Bee Program reception tonight from 6-8 pm. (insert location) There's also program information in the delegate booklet and it includes my contact information.

(36) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.

Credentials Committee Chair Eve Russell gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified.

DELEGATE FORMS

<i>Delegate Forms Mailed</i>	<i>March 6, 2008</i>
<i>Received Delegates On CFA Website</i>	<i>Updated Daily</i>
<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Postmarked May 1, 2008</i>

Delegate Form Postmarked after Deadline of May 1, 2008

<i>Selkirk Rex Breed Club</i>	<i>Region 2</i>
<i>Colorado Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 3</i>
<i>Devon Rex Breed Club</i>	<i>Region 4</i>
<i>Last Chance CF International</i>	<i>Region 4</i>
<i>Crafty Cat (The)</i>	<i>Region 7</i>
<i>Carolina Castaways</i>	<i>Region 7</i>
<i>Cats Eye Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 8</i>
<i>Kyoto Skylark Cat Club</i>	<i>Region 8</i>

*Motions were made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** these delegate forms.*

Delegate Form Missing Signatures

<i>Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 6</i>
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*A motion was made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** the delegate form*

More than 2 Delegate Forms for one person

<i>Dutch Purrpuss Club</i>	<i>International Division</i>
<i>Feline Fanciers of Benelux</i>	<i>International Division</i>
<i>Singapore Cat Club</i>	<i>International Division</i>

*A motion was made and carried to **REFER THIS MATTER TO THE REGISTRATION DESK FOR REVIEW OF THE DELEGATES FOR THESE CLUBS. THE PERSON NEEDS TO PROXY AT LEAST ONE OF THESE DELEGATE FORMS.***

Proxy Form Received, No Delegate form filed

<i>Ocicat Trust Japan</i>	<i>Region 8</i>
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*A motion was made and carried **NOT TO SEAT THE DELEGATE BECAUSE NO DELEGATE FORM WAS RECEIVED.***

OFFICERS/REGIONAL DIRECTOR BALLOTS

<i>Officers/Regional Director Ballots Mailed</i>	<i>March 21, 2008</i>
<i>Reminder With Copy To Club President</i>	<i>May 9, 2008</i>
<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Received June 2, 2008</i>

Ballot Received after June 2, 2008 Deadline

<i>Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club</i>	<i>Region 3</i>
<i>Michicat Pet Club</i>	<i>Region 4</i>
<i>Chatte Noir Club</i>	<i>Region 9</i>

*A motion was made and carried **NOT TO ACCEPT THE BALLOTS FROM THESE THREE CLUBS BECAUSE THE BALLOTS WERE RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE.***

Ballot Received in unmarked envelope

<i>Wichita Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 3</i>
<i>Aloha Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 5</i>
<i>Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore</i>	<i>International Division</i>
<i>Thailand Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>International Division</i>

*A motion was made to **ACCEPT THESE FOUR BALLOTS BECAUSE THEY WERE RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER.***

Ballot not sealed

<i>Southeastern Michigan CF</i>	<i>Region 4</i>
<i>Vertu Blanc Cat Club</i>	<i>Region 8</i>

*A motion was made to **ACCEPT THESE TWO BALLOTS BECAUSE THEY WERE RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER AND WERE SEALED BY CENTRAL OFFICE.***

Envelope Opened in Error at Central Office

<i>Valley of the Moon CF</i>	<i>Region 2</i>
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*A motion was made to **ACCEPT THIS BALLOT BECAUSE IT WAS RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER.***

Request for Invalidation of Ballot

<i>Friendly International</i>	<i>Region 8</i>
<i>Pocahontas Cat Club</i>	<i>Region 8</i>
<i>Somali Cat Family</i>	<i>Region 8</i>

*A discussion was held and it was determined that the issue was not in the scope of the Credentials Committee duties. A motion was **MADE AND CARRIED TO REFER THESE ISSUES TO CENTRAL OFFICE TO RESPOND TO THE CORRESPONDENT WITH INFORMATION AND DIRECTION.** The ballots were accepted.*

<i>Tokyo Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 8</i>
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*A discussion was held and it was determined that the Credentials Committee did not have enough information to deal with the issues in the request. A motion was **MADE AND CARRIED TO REFER THESE ISSUES TO CENTRAL OFFICE TO RESPOND TO THE CORRESPONDENT FOR INFORMATION NEEDED.** The ballot was accepted.*

FRIDAY

The Committee met at 7 a.m. on Friday morning to open, review, count and tally each club ballot.

After opening envelopes and determining that ballots were completed properly (signatures were present, numbers of ballots cast were clear and the appropriate number of boxes were checked). Any questionable ballots were reviewed by the committee.

Ballots were invalidated for the following reasons:

Name of club missing: 2

Signatures missing: 1

Incomplete ballot (one or more officers, regional directors not checked): 15

One club submitted two identical ballots (one vote not counted): 1

The Regional Director Ballots were counted by Committee Members who did not reside in the region being counted.

Election Results were as follows:

CFA OFFICERS:

Office of President:

Pam DelaBar*	262
George Eigenhauser, Jr.	229
Abstain	13

Office of Vice President:

Joan Miller*	482
Abstain	22

Office of Secretary:

Rachel Anger*	482
Abstain	22

Office of Treasurer:

Kathryn M. Calhoun*	468
Abstain	36

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

North Atlantic (1):

Debbie Kusy*	49
Abstain	14

Northwest (2):

Carol Freels	30
Ginger Meeker*	38
Heidi E. Murphy	4
Abstain	2

Gulf Shore (3):

Carissa Altschul*	25
Beth Grant-Field	3
Peggy Shulman	21
Abstain	3

Great Lakes (4):

Loretta Baugh*	49
Abstain	8

Southwest (5):

Dee Dee J. Cantley*	22
Regina Shaffer	21
Abstain	1

Midwest (6):

Nancy Petersen*	61
Abstain	2

Southern (7):

Raymond H. Cherrington	27
Peg Johnson*	48
Abstain	5

Japan (8):

Yayoi Satoh*	36
Yaeko Takano	20
Abstain	1

Auspitz moved to destroy the ballots. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried. President DelaBar** recognized outgoing board members Kitty Angell, Dick Kallmeyer, James Watson, Kay Janosik and Regina Shaffer, and thanked them for their years of service to CFA.

(37) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller apprised the delegation of recent updates in the legislative world.

Joan's presentation to the delegates highlighted the June Legislative report to the CFA Board emphasizing the power of California's AB 1634 mandatory spay/neuter State bill and the efforts to defeat this. The core of this bill was amended by the end of June to completely take out the mandated sterilization yet the proponents are pushing for these laws all over the country. Several examples were discussed.

The presentation covered the overall concepts of "Defensive Advocacy" and "Positive Advocacy", which is the general direction for CFA's legislative goals.

DEFENSIVE ADVOCACY:

- *We must protect pedigreed cat breeding, the feral cats and pet ownership.*

CFA opposes:

- *Coercive legislation*
- *Limit laws*
- *Mandatory spay/neuter*
- *Breeder permits – inspections; limits on numbers of litters per year; high permit fees; seller/transfer restrictions*
- *Mandatory microchipping*

- Veterinarians – records to animal control

Who is behind this legislation?

- Animal rights activists
 - Community task force members
 - Local shelters
 - Lawmakers
- Animal control agencies

HSUS - \$90 million for legislation

PETA – ultimately stop all breeding

We do not –

- Introduce legislation and lobby for its passage
- Engage in litigation to overturn passed laws
- Take on animal rights organizations

We do support organizations capable of these activities.

POSITIVE ADVOCACY!

Action for cats and pet owners:

- CFA programs – cat welfare, breed rescue, high cattery standards, cat identification
 - Promote trap/neuter/release of feral cats
 - National Council on Population Study and Policy; community surveys to define problems
 - Outreach – to the public, to other organizations, education – raise the value of cats.
- PUBLIC AWARENESS.

As an example of how we can build public awareness, Joan showed photographs showing the “PAWS in the PARK” day in Los Angeles. This was an event planned by local AKC clubs to promote “Responsible Dog Ownership” day held all over the country annually in September. The dog fanciers invited us to take part this year and thanks to support from Royal Canin we were able to have a large tent and presentation set up, beautiful examples of pedigreed cats, the CFA booth and several vendors. We had an all-day educational program for the public, a petting table to allow park strollers to interact with the kittens and cats and talk to their owners and a grooming demonstration table. Everyone was amazed to see cats at this park event. The cats were curious, interested in the dogs going by with owners, not stressed or fearful and very relaxed in this environment. The public was excited to see these outgoing and beautiful cats of various breeds in the park. Some were leash trained and ventured outside the tent on to the grass. One great photo is of an Abyssinian and Great Dane nose to nose, also an Ocicat and Persian sniffing the nose of a pet pony. An important factor in getting the public to understand why we oppose unfair breeder regulations and mandatory spay/neuter is for people to actually see why pedigreed cats are such good pets and therefore should continue to be available. The reception at PAWS in the PARK was outstanding and we hope to get our cats out into the community more often.

(38) JUDGING PROGRAM. Judging Program Chair Rachel Anger:

For the benefit of those of you who were not here last year, I would like to provide a bit of history and an update. When I arrived at the Annual last year, I discovered that my computer had some creative additions thanks to my kids, who had to delete my word processing program

to make room for such important applications as Halo 3, Grand Theft Auto and Myspace. This year, I am happy to announce that my friend and cattery partner has spent the past few days cleaning my computer up and re-installing Word. When I get home, my kids will be delighted to learn that they will be spending the summer at the library. There goes my Mother of the Year award. Again!

It has been an interesting year for the Judging Program Committee, and I would like to introduce to you the hard-working members of the Committee, who are dedicated to the continued excellence of the Judging Program and our goal of always bringing to you the best judges in the world:

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*

***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)*

***Pat Jacobberger** – Judges' Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)*

The Breed Awareness and Orientation Workshop was held in conjunction with the Region 4/Region 6 gala, and also an excellent workshop was held just last night on the pointed slinky breeds. Those interested in attending the newly-named Judging School and Breed Awareness Workshop can look forward to that at the Atlanta International Show.

For each judge in the CFA Judging Program, the journey began with a dream. We could compare the journey to running an obstacle course. The first round, the application process, is called “this is your life” beginning with an applicant’s accomplishments being condensed into an application which is scrutinized by the Committee, then the board. The process is complete with what we call the “kiss and cry” stage, when in most cases a congratulatory telephone call is received and off they go to train. I would like to acknowledge the judges who were accepted as trainees since we met last year. If each person would stand as I call their name, please, and remain standing. By the way, we will do this “drive through” style, and some of you may know the rules in that case – the 5 clap rule. 5 claps for each person.

Accept as Trainee:

Marsha Ammons (LH – 2nd specialty)
Pamela Bassett (LH – 1st specialty)
Hope Gonano (LH – 1st specialty)
Melanie Morgan (SH – 1st specialty)

You may be seated. Trainees work in the ring with a training judge. Any trainee will tell you that this phase is called “trial by fire”, where the trainee has to impress not only the training judges, but all of you exhibitors who observe us. From the ring, you all look something like this. After a trainee completes the necessary training sessions and receives a favorable recommendation from the trainee administrator, they go back to the board for advancement, to hopefully begin their judging career. Judges who have completed their training and who are now apprentice judges are as follows. Again, “drive through” style please.

Advance to Apprentice Specialty:

Carol Fogarty (LH – 2nd specialty)
Lorraine Rivard (SH – 1st specialty)
Michie Shinmoto (LH – 1st specialty)
Megumi Yamashita (SH – 2nd specialty)
Makoto Murofushi (LH – 1st specialty)
Cathy Dinesen (SH – 1st specialty)
Jim Dinesen (LH – 1st specialty)
Anne Mathis (SH – 1st specialty)

Clubs evaluate these judges, and after eight satisfactory evaluations, they revisit the board for another trial by fire in their request for advancement to approval pending. Judges in that status are as follows:

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Kathy Calhoun (LH – 1st specialty)
Dennis Ganoe (LH – 2nd specialty)
Barbara Jaeger (SH – 2nd specialty)
Sharon Powell (SH – 2nd specialty)
Iris Tanner (SH – 2nd specialty)
John Webster (SH – 2nd specialty)

Now it is on to more jumping through hoops. The final step of “approved” is a long-awaited time that the advancing judges look forward to very much. Success here means that they get to throw away the postage paid envelopes to their file administrators, and no more club evaluations!

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Marsha Ammons (SH – 1st specialty)

Speaking of specialty judges, at this point, I would like to share with the clubs an option that is available to you when your club is considering your judging roster. We have many benevolent clubs that contract our advancing judges, to give them a chance to show their stuff.

With the onset of the 6x6 shows and one-day allbreed shows, the opportunities for advancing judges are getting fewer and fewer. However, most allbreed judges are just as willing to help our newer judges advance in the same spirit of benevolence, and they would be glad to judge the other half of a specialty ring opposing a single specialty judge.

Back to our obstacle course. The course isn't over yet. When our specialty judges have successfully completed all levels of the program, they are then advanced to approval pending allbreed. Three judges have joined the allbreed ranks this year:

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

*Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
Sharon Powell
John Webster*

Finally, the judges who have completed the obstacle course are those who have achieved the highest level in the CFA Judging Program. – approved Allbreed. Please help me congratulate the following individuals on attaining this most coveted level:

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

*Vicki Abelson
Marge Collier
Ed Davis
Carolyn Lyons
Edward Maeda
Peter Vanwonderghem
Bev Wood*

I would now like to honor all of our CFA judges by having them stand, as Liz Watson says, “for your appreciation and your applause”.

I would also like to quickly acknowledge those service award recipients who will be honored at the banquet tomorrow.

Iris Tanner – 5

*Gloria Hoover – 10
Edward Maeda – 10*

Kayoko Koizumi – 15

*Kitty Angell – 20
Leslie Falteisek – 20
Vicki Nye – 20*

*Teruko Arai – 25
Nick Fischer – 25
Jean Grimm – 25*

Bob Goltzer – 30
Evelyn Prather – 30
Gene Darrah – 30

Kim Everett-Hirsch – 40
Muriel Slodden – 40

Richard Gebhardt – 55

As I look through the room, I see some of the people who will sign up for this same journey, to be your judges of the future. I hope those people and the Judging Program Committee of years to come will carry on the fine traditions of CFA's judges from 100 years ago and all of the individuals we have just discussed who have set a very high bar.

Finally, we say good-bye to several judges who have resigned or retired this year, including Sally Ulanosky, Margot Mellies, Bess Higuchi as Judge Emeritus and Richard Gebhardt as Judge Emeritus. And, we very recently said a final good-bye to our friend, Werner Kachel. In 1996, Werner suffered a stroke which limited his participation at cat shows and cut short his beloved CFA judging career, which began in 1978. He was bestowed Emeritus status in February of 2005. His interest in and love for all things CFA never waned.

Our judging pool genuinely desires to see each club succeed. It is through the hard work of our member clubs and their volunteers that helps CFA to succeed. On behalf of the Judging Program and all the judges who achieved advancements this year, we would like to thank those clubs and exhibitors for their consideration of and confidence in our panel of judges, and to thank the board for your continued support. Thank you.

(39) WINN FOUNDATION. Winn Foundation President Susan Little DVM, DABVP presented the following report:

Little: *Good morning. It is my pleasure this morning to update you on some of Winn's activities in the past year and to share with you the celebration of Winn's 40th anniversary. The core of Winn's activities every year is to fund feline health research that will benefit all cats. We have two grant programs every year. The Miller Trust Program occurs in the fall, and last fall we were able to award six grants, for a total of more than \$99,000. [applause] Our traditional grant program occurs in February of every year, and this year we were able to award 10 grants for a total of \$135,000. [applause] This included two projects to find the genetic mutations responsible for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in several cat breeds, very important work, and three Bria Funds FIP projects which demonstrates Winn's on-going commitment to solving the puzzle of FIP. Altogether, our total awarded this year is in excess of \$235,000. To my knowledge, this is the most Winn has ever been able to award in grants in a single year, and what a wonderful way to celebrate our 40th birthday. I would like to acknowledge the special donors in this past year. Thirty-five donors gave more than \$1,000 to Winn in the past year, and I would like to thank the Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees club for being a member of that distinguished group. Thank you, club members.*

Winn has been the beneficiary of important estate donations this year. Crezentia Allen, many of you may remember as a well-known, ground-breaking cat photographer, and Wilton Wheeldon, Chris Willingham's sister. These individuals and their families were very generous to

Winn, and we are very grateful for their foresight in thinking of ways to benefit cats, not just now but in the future. Thanks very much to these people and their families.

Once all the disbursements from these estates are received, which will take some time – these things do – we expect that Winn’s endowment fund will reach \$2 million by the end of the 2010 fiscal year, and that is about double what we are at now, so that will indeed be an amazing milestone. As usual, copies of our audited financial statements are available from our treasurer, so if you are interested, please contact myself or Betsy Gaither. We will be happy to provide you with them.

Joan mentioned microchip identification earlier this morning. It’s a sad fact that most cats don’t have any form of identification. They don’t wear collars and most of them aren’t microchipped, so the truth is that only a small percentage of lost cats are ever reunited with their owners. Most pet owners don’t realize that even cats that live indoors can become lost and escape in ways that they may not anticipate, so even indoor cats we believe require identification. Winn is very proud to partner with the Schering-Plough HomeAgain Pet Recovery Network to raise awareness amongst pet owners about the importance of microchip identification. The HomeAgain program has generously pledged to donate \$1 to Winn for every cat that’s microchipped and enrolled from June through August of this year, so our thanks to HomeAgain.

On Wednesday evening at our Winn board meeting, our officers were elected for the coming year. Our Secretary is George Eigenhauser. Thank you, George, for serving another term. Our Treasurer is Betsy Gaither. Thank you, Betsy, for continuing your excellent job of monitoring our finances. Our Vice President is the incomparable Betty White. Thank you, Betty. And, I can tell you that I am more than proud to serve another term as Winn’s President, working with my outstanding team. Thank you. Of course, I do want to mention our other board members, Steve Dale and Fred Jacobberger, who serves as our legal counsel. We also have two staff members. Janet Wolf, our Executive Director. Thank you, Janet. This year, we have been able to hire an administrative assistant, Carol Joy Jacobson, which some of you met last evening at the Winn Symposium. Carol Joy is working for Winn out of Central Office and Winn owes a great thanks to CFA for making it possible for us to hire this much-needed administrative help as we grow. Thank you.

It is now my pleasure to honor someone I have been honored to work with the last few years at Winn, and that’s Dr. Betsy Arnold. Betsy has served as a grant advisor to Winn for at least the last 20 years. Nobody is really sure how long she has been working for us. Betsy’s expertise has helped select the best projects for funding and countless cats have benefitted from her efforts, both with Winn and as a veterinarian, so Betsy, I’m very proud to be able to give you this token of our appreciation. The Winn Feline Foundation recognizes Betsy Arnold, Veterinarian Advisor, for outstanding service. Thank you. [applause] It is through the volunteer work of dedicated people like Betsy that we’re able to accomplish our goals for feline health, so I can’t stress how important the treasures like Betsy are to us.

Each of you should have received in your delegate bag a copy of our beautiful 40th anniversary book. This book was prepared with the assistance of many volunteers and contributors who truly made it a labor of love, and I am so proud of all those efforts. I would like to thank Jamie Perry, who’s beautiful cover art graces our book, and to Steve Dale, who’s leadership brought this project to its fulfillment. I hope you all enjoy reading about Winn’s history in our book. I also would like to give special thanks to Fort Dodge Animal Health, who

generously undewrote the complete cost of producing this book for us, importantly allowing Winn to take on this landmark project of documenting our history without spending one single dollar of donations. So, please visit the website, healthy cats for life dot com, which is a joint production of Fort Dodge Animal Health and the American Association for Feline Practitioners, and thank our sponsor.

I would now like to introduce Joan Miller, who served as Winn's President from 1990 to 2006. Joan, along with Hilary in a few moments, are going to help me tell you about Winn's last 40 years. Thank you, Joan.

Miller: *The Winn Foundation is very close to my heart and its mission to promote the health and welfare of cats by developing or participating in projects for research and education has been fulfilled. I met Robert Winn once in 1978, and I think it was just before he died. He was a powerful person with great foresight. The interesting aspect of the Winn Foundation's creation was the situation that presented a big problem. CFA was making so much money, we were at risk of losing our non-profit status. At a delegate meeting like this one, a club proposed contributions for veterinary scholarships. It was decided that the board would consider something. Robert Winn was CFA's attorney and very interested in the health of cats. He was the one who suggested, instead of a scholarship for individual students, why not start a foundation to benefit many cats, as well as many veterinary students? In those days, there was little or no feline research being undertaken. So, the Winn Foundation was established by the CFA Board at the 1968 December board meeting. They put \$100 into the Winn Foundation and \$25 to set up the charter. Elizabeth Freret, an Abyssinian breeder and the person who started the Japanese Bobtail breed in America, was Secretary. Jean Rose was the Executive Director of CFA and first Treasurer, and Robert H. Winn was the first President of the new foundation.*

When I came on the board in 1978, 10 years after Winn was founded, there were only two universities doing feline research for the benefit of cats. Up to that time the board had been reluctant to award any grants because they were attempting to build an endowment. My own thought was that we would not receive any donations if we didn't spend any money. The University of California and Cornell University were the first to receive funds for feline research. When I became President in 1980, one of our earliest grants went to Dr. Niels Pedersen. It was \$5,000 and we thought this was a lot of money. In the early days, we worked hard to develop awareness of the Winn Foundation. One of the most important goals was to build interest of the clubs and fanciers. A major step was the first Winn Foundation "benefit show". Cats Chicago in 1988 put on a fantastic and successful show and they gave us \$20,000. That was the largest donation we had ever received. Another very important goal in those days was to establish an endowment, which was a dream of Robert Winn from the very beginning. The endowment fund was set up with the first bequest that we received, which was \$10,000 from the Marsha Dial Hopkins estate in 1985. I was excited to hear today that the endowment fund is now close to \$2 million.

Another important landmark while I was President was an intensive strategy planning meeting in 1994. During our discussion of long-range planning, we decided to change the name of the Foundation to reflect more closely our mission. Instead of the Robert H. Winn Foundation, we became the "Winn Feline Foundation", so that we would emphasize feline but still remember Bob Winn. There are many people who contributed to the Foundation during the 16 years that I was President and I want to acknowledge a few of those people. Rosemond Peltz was a well-known Burmese breeder who brought me on the board in 1978. Tom Dent came on the board in

1975 and he worked hard for the Winn Feline Foundation for over 30 years. Edward Anschutz was our attorney for many years. Becky Jones and Diana Doernberg were dedicated board members, as well as Margot Kruskall and Kathy Rokaw. Sy Howard was also Winn Attorney for many years; Hilary Helmrich was Vice President before becoming President and Janet Wolf was a board member before she became Executive Director. Gayle Hand, with her nursing profession, was a valuable board member. Allene Tartaglia and Michael Brim were also great contributors. Though not members of the board, they came to every meeting and we appreciated all they did for the Winn Foundation.

We established a Scientific Review Procedure that I think is still unmatched by any similar foundation. The Winn Foundation has an efficient and fair procedure for receiving and evaluating research protocols, and this is critical to the success of the Foundation. Outstanding researchers have been advisors over the years. Several veterinary researchers went beyond just advising us on projects for grants. Dr. Paul Pion participated in the 1994 planning meeting as well as Dr. John August, another prominent veterinarian. Dr. Brian Holub, who breeds American Shorthairs and has a wonderful clinic in Massachusetts; Dr. Betsy Arnold, who for 20-some years, have also helped the Winn Foundation. Dr. Margot Mellies provided excellent advice; and, Dr. Audrey Hayes, who is living in Paris now but was at the New York Animal Medical Center and a board member. We really appreciate the contributions of all those people who worked to build the Winn Foundation in the difficult formulating years. [applause] I am very proud to have been able to participate in the Winn Foundation.

Helmrich: *I want to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak briefly. Susan, thank you. And for Joan, a big round of applause. Joan was my mentor when I joined the Winn Foundation in 1985, and at that time we were just beginning to give out grants of any substance. We were able to be a part interesting, new, and exciting projects because we were like a pilot program for many of these veterinary schools. At the time I joined the Foundation, there were 29 veterinary schools in the U.S. and Canada who participated in our programs. At that time, we used to get all our grants from two places – Cornell and from UC-Davis. I can remember that some of our constituents who were giving money said, “you can’t give everything to UC-Davis and Cornell.” So, one of the things that was my goal when I joined the Foundation was to get more people interested in our program for grants and awards the research perspective, so every time we have a new university or every time we found a new group of researchers, we tried to contact them or at least send them some information about us, saying, “we have money” and “we give grants”. Each year, we found new and exciting people who would come to us and ask us to do work. I met some of those researchers early in their careers and continue to correspond with them today. Over the 25 years that I have been associated with the Foundation I have watched them grow from their very early research to what they are today, well known and authoritative people in their fields – Paul Pion is one of those wonderful people who came to us a very young researcher with an idea that taurine was taken out of cat foods and would make cats sick or even die.. We funded a very small pilot project for them; within 6 months taurine was back in our pet foods and Paul was on the cover of Science magazine. So, things like that are things that the Winn Foundation can do that are very important in the beginning research areas.*

My goal, when I took over from Joan, was to establish worldwide recognition of the organization. We were well known by then in the US and Canada by both researchers and cat fanciers. We were not known in Europe or Asia. And, there are cat organizations around the world who did not know of us. In fact, there were other organizations discussing competing

Foundations. My goal was to encourage those organizations to contribute to Winn instead of donating elsewhere. I think that goal has been recognized. I also wanted to maximize our financial stability. We needed to know that, as we grew further, our funds were stable and growing for the organization. That growth allowed us to hire an Executive Director to work for us and allowed us to fund some administrative areas that were lacking. So, that is something that was a big part of my time with the Winn Foundation.

I also wanted to diversify grant awards. I wanted to diversify our grant awards to meet our breeders' needs, as well as those of the general public. So, early on, I tried to get new genetic testing available to us. We were the very first group to fund feline genetic testing for cats. We did that through small grants from the Winn Foundation to individuals who were doing scientific research long before we had organized testing. Dr. Urs Giger was instrumental in identifying and developing a test for feline blood groups. I worked with him to get his research started and his first paper on the subject published.

I remember attending that first seminar and one of the topics of that seminar was felines herpes virus. I couldn't figure out why the kittens I had would get sick and have snotty little noses, and their eyes would get cloudy.. The speaker told the group that it was feline herpes virus infection, which meant something to me as a medical professional, and I started to research that and was able to eliminate it from my cattery very quickly.. Our endowment fund was established in 1985. In 1989, was the first time that we gave out more than \$100,000 in any one year for grant awards. Then, we did not have the Miller Trust, so we are at our own disposal to get funds in and give funds out without any proceeds coming in from the Miller Trust. Our first genetic identification studies were done at that same point in time. In 1993, \$1 million cumulative in grants were awarded, and there were \$1 million cumulative received, mostly from Cat Fanciers in CFA.

Around that time, we also did something different for ourselves and people interested in breeds. We co-sponsored the first international symposium on FIP. It was run at UC-Davis. As I remember, Janet Wolf was instrumental in getting that to happen, and I don't think it would have happened by now if she hadn't been working on that directly with Nils Pedersen. Joan talks about how we renamed the Winn Feline Foundation, which allowed us to grow to a much larger institution, and I really think that's an important and positive thing. It allows us to go out and talk to the public and recognize what we do.

In 1998, we co-sponsored the first Feline Genetic Diseases conference at the University of Pennsylvania. Urs Giger was one of the first people to look, if you will remember, on blood grouping issues and that first article that described 5 generations were actually my Abyssinians, because I had 5 generations that were available to look at, which was what he needed to write that paper and definitively talk about blood grouping..

The Winn website was launched at the same time, and I don't know how many of you know that Karen Lawrence worked on that for us. She was a CFA contractor and in her spare time she set up, launched, ran and maintained the Winn website for many years.

In 1999, the endowment fund reached half a million dollars. We spent some more money and worked on the second international feline genetics conference. Again, we were able to help researchers to bring their very latest information and talk amongst themselves about what new genetic things were being identified, what people could work cooperatively together about, and

what we have found now is that researchers around the world are talking to one another, researching together, and sharing information.

In 2002, a fellow that we all know, Steve Dale, came to us and said that his cat Ricky had died, and that he would really like to establish a fund to focus on hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and thus we started down a very long road which many of you have been interested in because we can now identify hypertrophic cardiomyopathy genes for the Maine Coon and are working on several other breeds.. We have samples for the American Shorthair cats that were done many, many years ago through the work of Gayle Hand,. Our total grant awards in 2002 topped \$2 million, so you can see that we were just rolling along very nicely. In 2004, the endowment fund reached \$1 million. I was very proud of that because that was one of my goals. My personal goal was to get the endowment fund over \$1 million so that we could fund at least a couple of projects a year.

In 2005, the Bria Fund for FIP was established and it seems to be growing. We now have protocols coming in for FIP, and perhaps with all this genetic work, we will be able to identify and find the gene mutations that cause that. In 2007, after I had left the Foundation, the Houston Cat Club was the first club to reach \$100,000 in total donations. That's a really big milestone. Our total grant awards topped \$3 million cumulatively. Our new website was launched and I guess it is working very well. The veterinary honor roll was launched, so you can see that we have matured, we are now beginning to expand out into the world.

Little: *Thank you very much, Hilary and Joan, for helping me with our 40th Anniversary retrospective. As past presidents, these two amazing ladies have given me huge footsteps to fill. Thank you. I just want to spend the last few minutes highlighting some of the advances of feline health that we have been involved with. I like to tell veterinarians that even if they have never heard of Winn, every day in their practices when they are helping cats, whether treating disease or preventing disease, they are benefitting from work that has been supported by Winn, even if they are not aware of it. So, a very short list of some of these advances that have played a crucial role include the link between taurine deficiency and heart health, which we have already mentioned. The importance of blood groups, testing for feline leukemia virus and FIV. The importance of measuring blood pressure in our senior cats was previously unrecognized and undiagnosed. The safety of early-age altering. Ground-breaking tools for pet population control. Work goes on to unravel the mystery of FIP. The importance of diet in the treatment of feline diabetes really revolutionized the treatment of that disease. New treatments for feline asthma have also changed how veterinarians like myself in practice treat that disease. And, of course, now we have genetic testing for many feline diseases, but the first ones were polycystic kidney disease and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy mutations. Finally, myself and the current board members and all past board members owe a huge "thank you" to CFA, who's vision led to the founding of Winn, and who's support over the years has enabled us to grow and thrive, and stand in front of you today proud and tall. Thank you. Also, a big thank-you to all of you in the audience – the breeders, the pet owners – it's your donations that have enabled us to do this amazing work over the years. Without you, it would not have been possible. Thank you. To our supporters who make events like last night's symposium possible, and our wonderful anniversary book. Thank you. Finally, to the veterinarians and to the researchers whose efforts to improve cat health benefit every single one of us and our beloved pets. Finally, I can confidently say that Winn has and will continue to make a difference in the health and welfare of cats, and every one of you I hope will continue to help us help cats. Thank you.*

(40) ANNUAL MEETING 2009. Southwest Regional Director Regina Shaffer gave a presentation on the 2009 Annual Meeting site, the Esmeralda Resort, Indian Wells, California, with an invitation to attend.

***Shaffer:** We got brochures from our lovely hotel there in the hot, hot desert. You all came out for the wonderful event we had in Tucson and the one that we had in Scottsdale. All I could tell was that you all had a great time, and I know you're going to have another great time. Mark your calendars! Come join the fun in the Southwest Region June 25-28, 2009, at the CFA Annual Meeting held in Indian Wells, California. This "Endless Summer" party is being held at the Esmeralda Resort and Spa, a mere 15 miles east of downtown Palm Springs. Our luxurious 7-story hotel sits at the base of the Santa Rosa mountains, with clear, blue skies and afternoon breezes. All our meeting rooms, lounges, restaurants, bars are located under one roof for your comfort. That means, when you went to those places in Tucson and Scottsdale with bungalows here and there, and you had to walk out in the heat – the dry heat – this time, you don't have to walk out of our lovely air conditioned building at all, unless you want to visit one of the beautiful pools, and we have three lovely swimming pools. One even has a little sandy beach. A full, comprehensive spa, two golf courses for those of you who love to golf, or maybe your spouses, two tennis courts, a fitness center, a coffee café for mornings, a pool bar where you can just swim up and say, "margarita please". And live entertainment nightly. If it's adventure you seek, close-by attractions include Jeep rides, hot air balloons, fabulous living desert, the Joshua Tree National Park, and the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway that will take you up the big mountain peak for a beautiful, breathtaking view of our desert valley. If you seek shopping, close by you can shop in El Paseo which is the Rodeo Drive of the desert. They have all the finest shops there. You will have a great time. Or, you can visit Capistrano Outlets, with over 150 shops. The Palm Springs Museum and the Indian Wells Symphony offer special events for those of you that want to stay a few extra days. If you are a gaming person, we have five large casinos within a few minutes of our hotel, and most of them offer free shuttle rides to and from the casinos. All this for a great room price of only a mere \$124 a night with no 10% resort fee and free self-parking. We did a great deal negotiating rates for you. It's going to be fun. We want you all there. We've got a great, fun-packed annual planned, so mark those dates – June 25 through June 28, 2009, and we will all see you in beautiful Indian Wells, California.*

(41) ANNUAL MEETING 2013. Northwest Regional Director Dick Kallmeyer presented a report on the 2013 Annual Meeting, which will be held in Portland OR.

***Kallmeyer:** I work in the IT industry. As regional director, I spend a lot of time on the web avoiding real work, especially as regional director, but one of the things I found searching there was something called the 6 degrees of freedom and the idea is basically that with 6 levels of people, I can establish a contact anywhere in the world, with any person in the world. So, I was looking at contacts between this year's annual – a great one in Louisville – to our 2013 annual. Turns out, in 1803, of all things, a guy, an army captain, came to a local residence here in Louisville; a guy named William Clark, and said, let's go on an expedition to the west coast. That guy was Meriweather Lewis. So, Lewis and Clark actually left from Louisville early July, like the end of this annual, and they went out to the west coast. And so, it's very appropriate that we go from the city of the Run for the Roses to the City of the Roses in 2013 in Portland, Oregon. Now, it turns out, I can't tell you exactly where yet, but we're looking at three venues. Two of the venues are hotels right downtown. You will be able to take the light rail directly from the airport to the hotels. There's free transport within the city limits. The third venue is actually Kim*

Everett's house, so bring your sleeping bags [laughter]. It is a long walk to town, though. See you in Portland, Oregon in 2013.

(42) 2008 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 407

Number of votes for a simple majority: 204

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 271

DelaBar instituted a \$5 “fine” for delegates who fail to state their name and club at the microphone. Any cell phone that goes off is a \$10 “fine”. Proceeds go to the Sy Howard Fund.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

None.

Proposed Show Rule Resolutions

-1- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Change scoring to ring by ring scoring with changes to the following:

1.04 A BENCHED CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in each individual ring. ~~in at least one ring. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show.~~ Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for scoring purposes for that ring only.

1.04.01 A BENCHED CHAMPION or Premier is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in each individual ~~one~~ ring as a Champion or Premier. ~~Cats transferred to Champion or Premier, or Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two-day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.~~ Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes for that ring only.

Article XXXVII National/Division/Regional Award Program Show Points Section Official Show Count section 3 as follows:

3. A cat/kitten handled by a judge in one ring ~~is counted as competing in all rings~~ will only be counted in that ring.

RATIONALE: Ring by ring scoring has been discussed for several years. It will more accurately reflect the actual competition taking place at cat shows.

Peg Johnson: A little background on how these show rule resolutions came to be. In the Southern Region, we often have discussions at shows about concerns of exhibitors and things they might like to change. I collected the things that we talked about and am presenting them to the delegation. Some of these we have talked about for several years, including this first one, to

ring-by-ring scoring. People feel this would more accurately reflect the actual competition taking place, rather than putting a cat in one ring to artificially inflate the count to manipulate end-of-year scoring. This rule would prevent some folks that are really concerned about getting the most points from circumventing the rules, but it would not prevent them from figuring out a way to get around this rule. The points would actually reflect the cats competing and it would encourage entries. If we don't make any change, we are certain that nothing will change, so I would like to see if the delegation has any appetite for this or if we should start talking about something else.

Tartaglia: Ring-by-ring scoring is certainly something we can do in the office, but it comes at a cost. We feel the best way to do this would be programmatically; however, there is a lot of up-front cost for that. **Norm Auspitz:** These rule changes, and this one in particular, have intended effects and unintended effects. For those people who know how to use the current rules to their advantage, they could manipulate counts ring by ring, as opposed to show by show. **Bruce Russell:** I do not feel that this is a friendly proposal. It's not friendly to the master clerks and clerks; it's not friendly to the Central Office; and it's really not friendly to the exhibitor. It's going to lead to a lot of confusion. **Sande Willen:** I have spoken with many other master clerks and the overwhelming feeling is, we've got enough to do already trying to keep things accurate. This would be a disaster for us. **Nancy Dodds:** This is not a new type of scoring. One of the reasons we have today's scoring as we do is because the other was so unsuccessful and manipulated so much by people who didn't want their competitor's cat to win. **Johnson:** We hear this as a solution many times when people talk about the activity of putting a lot of cats in a show to change the count. If we are bothered by this practice, we need to think of other ways to encourage exhibitors to take on ethical, fair competition practices and we need to go forward in a more positive manner. This isn't a viable solution, so let's think of some other ways to improve the fancy.

Withdrawn.

-2- *Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XI Responsibilities of Exhibitors 11.08 as follows, to take effect immediately:

Add to the end of 11.08 b 1.

"The club will notify both the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that if the monies for the fees plus the bank penalty charges, if payment was made by an uncollectible check, 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 weekend, 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. The club may elect to notify CFA Central Office by fax, email, or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure that CFA receives the notification within the sixty (60) days."

Add to 11.08 b 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. The club may elect to notify CFA Central Office by fax, email, or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure that CFA receives the notification within the 30 day period. CFA Central Office will then rescind all wins earned by the exhibitor's cat(s) for that show weekend ..."

Add to the end of 11.08 b 4.

"CFA Central Office requires a photocopy of the certified post office receipt for all certified letters sent to the exhibitor in accordance with this rule. The club may send the photocopy to CFA Central Office by fax, email, or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure that CFA receives the photocopy within the appropriate time period."

RATIONALE: A club member or entry clerk that has to go through the full rule 11.08 process to collect unpaid entries has to make four trips to the post office. The first trip is to send the first certified return receipt letter to the exhibitor, after which the entry clerk has to leave the post office to find a copy machine to make a copy of the receipt. The second trip is to send notice and the copy of the receipt for the first letter to Central Office by certified return receipt mail. The third trip is to send the second certified return receipt letter to the exhibitor, after which the entry clerk again has to find a copy machine to make a copy of that receipt. The fourth trip is to send notice and the copy of the receipt for the second certified letter to Central Office by certified return receipt mail. The poor person has to drive between post office and copy machine so many times and fill out so many cards and forms at the post office that some of us are almost ready to pay the late exhibitor's fees ourselves!

When Central Office was asked why a certified letter was required for their notices, the answer was that that is what is in the show rules now. This means notification by some other method for CFA should be enough as long as the club ensures the notification is received by CFA. The proposed changes allow those clubs who want to send notices to Central Office by certified mail and pass the cost onto the tardy exhibitor to still do so. But the proposed changes add the option of using another method to send notices to Central Office as long as the club ensures receipt within the necessary time frame. This could be done easily with a phone call or an email. And adding the fax, email and regular mail options will make life a great deal easier for the club trying to collect money from a tardy exhibitor.

Debbie Kusy: If someone bounces a check to your club, you no longer have to send a certified letter to CFA; only to the person who bounced the check, saving the club certified letter charges.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

-3- *Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XI Responsibilities of Exhibitors 11.08 b 1 as follows:

"Notification must provide the names, registration numbers and entry numbers of all cats entered by the exhibitor and whether payment by money order or certified bank funds is required."

RATIONALE: This change makes it clear that clubs may require payment by a guaranteed form rather than personal check from those exhibitors who are late and subject to the certified letter process.

Kusy: If someone bounces a check, when you ask the person to pay, this would allow the club to ask them to pay by money order or certified bank check to ensure that the second check won't bounce. **Dodds:** I'm not sure why we need a show rule for this. If a person is not going to pay, this isn't going to enforce it. **Jane Barletta:** I just went through a great deal of agony trying to collect money from an overseas exhibitor paying by Western Union. I would like to make sure that this also includes my choice of payment, not limit it to the two examples that are listed.

Mary Kolencik: You get to say either money order or certified bank check or regular. This also protects the exhibitor because it defines the form of payment. **Dianne Curfiss:** Our club collected cash at a show and our club is afraid this rule would keep us from accepting cash.

Kusy: You can take cash, check or whatever, but if you want the certified check or money order, then you specify that.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

-4- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XI Responsibilities of Exhibitors 11.18 d as follows:

“To qualify for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class on the second day of a two day show, the owner/agent must notify the master clerk and must file a correction form with the master clerk before the end of the first day of a two day show. Transferring a cat from Champion to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership class is at the option of the exhibitor.”

RATIONALE: This change was presented from the floor at the 2005 annual and was passed with a favorable recommendation from the delegates. Because of an oversight, it was not included at the October 2005 board meeting for consideration. That same year, the change to require notification for transfers from open to champion/premier, show rule 11.18 c, was presented at the annual, passed, and put in the show rules. We need to make the process consistent in both types of Sunday transfer.

This proposed change clarifies that it is the exhibitor's responsibility to actually tell the master clerk about the transfer rather than just leave a form on the master clerk's table. With the proposed change, the master clerk still has a paper trail for the transfer but can now be sure to write the number on the Sunday transfer sheet before the end of the day without checking all the catalog correction slips in the pile.

Kolencik: It would be helpful to master clerks if they are told that you want to transfer your cat. This says that you have to do both a paper record and verbal notification. This also helps the exhibitor to ensure that the cat gets transferred. **Donna Fuller:** Who is to say that you did or didn't verbally tell someone something? This invites controversy. We don't want something verbal to be part of show rules. **Dodds:** “Must notify the master clerk” does not say that it has to be verbal. There are going to be problems with interpretation. This is not clear. It doesn't tell us what has to be verbal. **Barbara Schreck:** I agree in spirit with the proposal, but it's vague. It just says, “notify”. It doesn't say verbal. It doesn't say written. What is notification? I would like to see a more specific description of what notification means. **Monte Phillips:** The wording that's being revised here is to make it identical to the wording that currently exists in Rule 11.18c for transferring open. **Justin Pelletier:** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to retrieve their copy of the correction form. That should be your notification, and what secures the transfer. **Kolencik:** We have show rule after show rule that says you will notify

the clerk of this, you will notify the judge of that, and we all understand what notify means in those show rules. I want to emphasize what Monte pointed out. This is how it is written in the first rule, and it makes it parallel. I also want to re-emphasize that we passed this before. This is a way of making sure the exhibitors know what to do.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

-5- *Rome Cat Forum*

RESOLVED: Change show rule 11.26 as indicated below to add clerks and judges to the rule.

Exhibitors, clerks, or judges must not make any comments on exhibits within the judge's hearing. Nor should they challenge the judge's decision at any time. Any decision based on the judgment of a judge acting under these rules is final.

RATIONALE: Expanding the rule to include clerks and judges is housekeeping to cover all parties involved and protects judges from clerks and other judges disrupting their rings with comments or challenging their decisions.

Johnson: Exhibitors, clerks or judges shouldn't make comments about the cats, nor should they challenge the judge's decision at any time. People shouldn't be challenging judges' decisions and they also shouldn't be talking in front of the judge when the judge is judging, whether you are a clerk, an exhibitor or another judge. **Laurie Coughlin:** I believe this is already covered by the clerking manual, the judges' ethics statement and by exhibitor rules. I see no reason to add a rule along these lines. **Darrell Newkirk:** The way this is worded, if we are a judge in the ring, we couldn't even talk about the cats unless we put our finger over our ears. **Fuller:** If you are talking in a normal voice during your finals, you are probably within the hearing of another judge, and this would prohibit that. **Cathy Galfo:** According to this, if the judge makes a mechanical error, the clerk cannot correct it. **Carolyn Osier:** The clerk could not tell me to be especially careful with an unhappy cat. **Johnson:** We have a lot of rules that show up in multiple places, so I will withdraw this.

Withdrawn.

-6- *Touch of Class Cat Fanciers, Black Tie And Tails Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE XII, SHOW LICENSES, Rule12.03(c) as follows:

~~Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of the Regional Director for the region in which the show is planning to be held. Any show changing their show location 50 miles or more from the previous year must seek permission from the Change of Location Committee. This is made up of the Regional Director, two alternating members of the National Scheduling Committee and two exhibitors drawn by lottery.~~ Written permission must accompany the show license application. Shows being held in the International Division must have the authorized signature of the Chairman of the International Division if they are applying for a show date different from the previous year's show.

RATIONALE: Any club changing their location presently must do so with the permission of the Regional Director and or the National Scheduling Committee. Most often this decision is left in

the hands of one person, the RD. Sometimes, it is impossible to reach your RD. What then? “Let us not forget that when you put absolute power in the hands of just one person, it leads to absolute corruption, absolutely.” The 500 mile rule still stands to protect the surrounding regions. This needs to change to a Change of Location Committee in order to be an impartial judgment. We need broader guidelines in terms of changing show halls as they are so hard to get and rather than just saying change of city, it needs to be a distance of 50 miles. In today’s systems of highways, 50 miles is not a great distance to move your show hall.

This is strictly a housekeeping issue that makes the show rule so much easier to read. This puts in place checks and balances and common sense.

Pauline Joy: Two clubs protested our being 23.7 miles from the border of Massachusetts because we lost our show hall. We had no choice. We would like a Change of Location Committee so this would not be left in the hands of one person. **Kolencik:** The rationale says it’s a housekeeping issue. I can’t support enshrining two committees into the show rules. **Lynne Sherer:** In reading the original show rule, it says “held on a weekend or in a city different”. The weekend part is not addressed in the new suggested show rule. **Joy:** We weren’t concerned about changing weekends. There are other parts of the show rules that cover the weekends. This part of the rule only covers change of city.

Motion Failed.

-7- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XV Responsibilities of Show Manager 15.01.1 as follows to take effect immediately:

“A fee of ~~\$50~~ \$25 per addendum will be charged to the club/entry clerk/show service and must be submitted with the show packet. Payment of the ~~\$50~~ \$25 nonrefundable fee does not guarantee acceptance of an addendum by the Central Office. No more than \$100 in total addendum fees will be charged to one show.”

RATIONALE: The addendum fee was passed by the board at the request of Central Office at the October 2006 board meeting. The intent of the fee as stated in the minutes is two fold – to be a deterrent to clubs submitting addendums and to cover the cost of the extra work involved to process an addendum. The current \$50 fee per addendum is excessive in cases of legitimate addendums.

A \$50 fee per addendum seems like an appropriate penalty for invalid addendums in cases where a club knows an addendum will be denied but takes the entry fees and submits the addendum anyway. But it is a harsh penalty on legitimate addendums where the club has to do the addendum or risk a protest. Even the best entry clerks make mistakes. With online entries being accepted just a few days before the show and confirmations taking the form of replies to emails, it can happen that an entry clerk confirms an entry but then does not enter the cat for whatever reason. In such a case, the club has to do an addendum or risk a protest from a justifiably angry exhibitor who did everything they could to confirm the entry. This excessive fee pits clubs against exhibitors with the overworked entry clerk stuck in the middle. Some clubs will refuse all addendums, even those that are legitimate, to avoid the fee. Some volunteer entry clerks may stop entry clerking. Our show rules should not be making the work of the entry clerk harder or causing strife between exhibitors and clubs.

This proposed show rule change meets the original intent of Central Office when they proposed the addendum fee. It will deter clubs from making addendums for any reason just to get the entry fees, it will offset the cost of processing addendums, it will give entry clerks an incentive to be better at their jobs without punishing them too harshly for mistakes, and it will allow clubs that make legitimate addendums to do so without losing the entire entry fee.

Kolencik: This is the best I could come up with after talking to a lot of people. The \$50 addendum fee per entry is hurting some of our clubs, who are only affected if the entry clerk made an error. On the flip side, some clubs are abusing the addendum process because they want to take last-minute entries. I understand the point of the fine but sometimes it's really necessary and does the club deserve to be fined? This cuts the fine down to \$25 and limits the total cost to clubs to \$100. I hope that, even if this isn't the solution, maybe somebody can come up with something. **Elizabeth Kohler:** How about if make the entry clerk pay? **Paul Ruzinsky:** Sometimes it's not the entry clerk's error. I could go on and on with examples. If you fine the entry clerks, you're going to lose them. **Kolencik:** Quite a few of our entry clerks are volunteers. Charging the entry clerk isn't the right answer.

Motion Failed.

-8- *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XVI Responsibilities of Show Secretary as follows:

16.06.2 The show secretary shall provide each ring clerk with one catalog to be marked for the judge. In addition, the ring clerks and trainee clerks may wish to record a second fully marked catalog for their own usage. The show secretary shall provide a second catalog to a ring clerk or trainee if requested.

RATIONALE: The CFA Clerking Manual states that “the clerk should obtain catalogs from the show secretary. The number to be maintained is determined by the show rules.” Show rule 18.03 requires that the ring clerk mark a catalog for the judge. The show rules do not require ring clerks to mark a second copy, but many ring clerks prefer to maintain two catalogs for their own records. This is essential practice for trainees. When a ring clerk enters a cat in the show, the ring clerk will most likely use his/her own catalog as the second catalog. But there are times when the ring clerk needs an extra catalog, such as when the ring clerk does not have an entry in the show. It is not too much to ask that the club provide a second catalog. Most clubs do this automatically. Some do not. The proposed show rule would require clubs to provide a second catalog only if the ring clerk wants one.

Kolencik: Many of our ring clerks have been trained to mark two catalogs, one for the judge and one for the clerk. Most clubs will give the ring clerk a second copy but there are a few that have refused. **Willen:** I was always told that the clerk always maintained their own copy of the catalog, as well as the judge’s. We were always provided them. It’s a bad practice not to give a clerk their own copy of the catalog so they have a record of what went on in their ring. **Renee Weinberger:** How is a club to know how many extra catalogs they are supposed to bring? It comes down to money. **Bob Belfatto:** Our catalogs cost \$6.25 each at our last show.

Motion Carried with a favorable recommendation.

-9- *Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XVIII Responsibilities of Clerks 18.13 as follows:

“The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be posted in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, ~~the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets, the error may be corrected by the judge.~~ the judge cannot change the sheets to add or change an award on a cat that has already been handled except in the case of a mechanical error. The judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board. *

*If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s).

The preceding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.”

RATIONALE: As the rule is currently written, the only way a judge can correct a class sheet once the master clerk has posted it is if there was a mechanical error. The intent of this rule is to prevent a judge from changing or adding awards to a class/division/final once they have already hung the ribbons and the master clerk has posted the sheets. But master clerks are not all interpreting this rule the way it was intended.

Suppose after a few rings an exhibitor discovers that their male kitten is really a female (this has happened). If there were no other kittens in the breed/division or if no other kitten's ribbons would change as a result, the exhibitor might ask the judges that already handled the kitten to change its sex to female to keep any points it may have earned. If the master clerk has already posted the class sheets, rule 18.13 must be applied. There are several different opinions among master clerks as to how to apply the rule. Some say the class sheets cannot be changed because a mis-sexed kitten is not a mechanical error, some say that the sheets can be changed because it won't change any of the awards. Other examples include changes in color class and color description. This rule needs to be applied consistently to be fair to all exhibitors.

Since the intent of the rule is to prevent judges from changing or adding awards, the proposed wording clarifies the intent and leaves it to the judge's discretion whether to reopen the class and change the sheets. It will be up to the judge whether to correct the sex of a kitten, judge an absent cat that is now present, correct a color class or color description, correct an age, etc., so long as no other awards on already handled cats change. The master clerk will not be violating the show rules by allowing the judge to change the class sheets for these reasons.

Kolencik: The show rule says the sheet can only be changed if there was a mechanical error, and I don't consider changing the sex of the kitten to be a mechanical error. We have a situation where master clerks are applying the show rule inconsistently. I'm trying to make this show rule more consistent. I want to take the decision out of the master clerk's hands and put it into the judges' hands. **Virginia Wight:** I agree with the spirit of this rule, but I don't think this proposal does that. I don't think it fixes anything. **Nancey Abbott:** It depends on the situation. If there is one kitten in that class, the judge has the right to change it. This makes it black and white. **Kolencik:** If each of us is doing something different, there is something wrong with the show rule and it needs to be addressed.

Motion Failed.

-10- *Siamese Alliance of America, Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Show Rule Articles XXI, XXIII and XXVIII, add the following rule to each article as 21.01.01, 23.04.01 and 28.22.01 respectively:

Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang breed awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office. These additional breed awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or national awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board or Central Office to ask judges to hang additional non-scored breed awards.

RATIONALE: According to show rules 21.01, 23.04 and 28.22, judges are not allowed to make awards other than those provided for in the show rules. But several breed clubs try to promote their breed by offering additional awards to those breeds at their shows. Siamese Alliance is one

of those clubs, and each year we ask permission from the board to allow our judges to hang top 5 in breed in the Siamese and to allow one judge to pick a Best Siamese in Show from the highest scoring Siamese in each category. The extra placements and awards are not scored by CFA, they are just an incentive for Siamese exhibitors to come to our show and compete for special breed awards. The board has never turned down our request, so this formality could be avoided by clarifying in the show rules that extra non-scored breed awards are allowed and do not violate prohibitions on extra awards found elsewhere in the show rules.

Kusy: Clubs come to the board and request additional awards, and they make it clear that the awards are not scored. The board has always approved the requests. This would say that you no longer have to ask the board. **Eigenhauser:** The rationale says there hasn't been a problem getting this past the board, so the present system appears to be working. But, there have been circumstances where the board has occasionally turned down a request. If you want to create a set of optional awards in the show rules, do it, but this rule will say you can do top 100 if you choose, without ever checking with anybody, or you've got a system so confusing and so convoluted that nobody can follow it. It's a good sentiment, but there's already precedent in our show rules for optional awards. We need to come back with a more specific proposal. **Kolencik:** I thought this was specific, because it's only about the breed awards. **Auspitz:** A little common sense goes a long way. If we make it a little more specific and then if you want something else, you can go to the board. **DelaBar:** As a point of information, the only time we have ever said no is when they wanted to hang more than what we award at the International Show for breed; otherwise, a lot of these requests are turned around with 24 hours. **Kusy:** I don't know that the executive board should have to be bothered by something like this.

Motion Failed.

-11- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add show rule 27.15 as follows:

Judges must not discuss exhibits at a show which they are officiating with other judges prior to the official end of the show, outside of notification of aggressive behavior.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping to reinforce current judge rules to prevent judges discussing exhibits during the show and to allow each judge to evaluate each exhibit based upon presentation without outside input.

Johnson: Before anyone says that I don't believe our judges have integrity or that we don't have an outstanding judging panel; please know that I believe CFA has the best judges anywhere. I have discussed this proposal with exhibitors and several judges. Some agree and some don't. President DelaBar has mentioned that we sometimes need to use common sense. Common sense isn't always common. We always say that our rules should only state the obvious. Some of these concerns are because everybody doesn't understand the obvious. If it is only restating the obvious, I'm not sure it does any harm. As a fancy, we need to understand the concerns that all of our exhibitors have. This proposal discourages comments that are often made innocently by people who don't do this consciously or on purpose. It's an extension of Show Rule 27.08 which talks about judges not talking to other judges in the rings. This may be in other places and it is stating the obvious. We are trying to make sure it is obvious to everyone.

Phillips: We already have a Judges' Code of Ethics. What we are discussing is the equivalent of

ethical versus unethical behavior. The constitution already calls out what you do with cases of unethical behavior. I don't see where we need to write more rules when you've already got it covered. [cell phone situation occurs, speaker **Auspitz** states that "it (his phone) is on vibrate".

The Silver Slip of the Lip Club: Pat Jacobberger: Pat Jacobberger and Eve Russell of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club, a non-sanctioned CFA club that only meets at the annual meeting. We spend our time sitting and waiting for people to slip up. There have been a few of you today, but this is the best one yet. As part of the presentation, we have to go through a wee bit of historical annotation. **Eve Russell:** And now we're members of the Great Memory Bank Club, who can't remember where they meet. **Jacobberger:** Sometimes we don't remember who we are, either. Besides Nancey Abbott, there's Eve, myself, Joan Miller. Other notable individuals who have been inducted into our ranks have been Hazel Lindstrand, Dick Gebhardt, Tom Dent, Alta Summerville, Joan Pocica, Sharon Rogers. I think one of the most notable ones, and this is so that we can all remember that the all-time slip of the lip came from Linda Swope at the Southern Regional Annual some time ago, when she reported that there were still tickets available for the banquet and she would be out on the couch ready to take your money. So anyway, Norm, for your "it's on vibrate" we hereby unanimously induct you into the Silver Slip of the Lip Club. [applause/laughter]

Auspitz: Other associations have rule upon rule about what judges are allowed to say, and what exhibitors are allowed to say to judges. Our own rules, our ethics, our constitution obviate the need for these particular show rules. Give us a chance. If somebody has violated something or you feel he has acted unethically, you have an avenue. You have a Judging Program Chairperson. If you think you see a problem, write a letter and it will get resolved. If a judge has done something in the perception of a particular exhibitor, it is addressed and they must respond. **Cheryl McConnell:** We are getting to the point where we have rule upon rule, and it comes down to the ethics and integrity and the professionalism of the people involved in this association. If you have a judge that does this, if you don't feel like writing a letter, then don't hire them. **Johnson:** One of the things people don't understand is that there are avenues for handling this and that we let people know when things they are doing bother us. Everyone in this room does a better job when someone tells them what they're concerned about, so it's our responsibility to come forward and let people know when things they are doing concern us. The Judges' Code of Ethics are on the website now. As Norm said, if you have a problem notify the Judging Committee so they can deal with it internally. You need to feel free to call people when you think there is a concern or a problem.

Withdrawn.

-12- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add show rule 27.16 as follows:

Judges should not influence other judges to final cats or promote individual exhibits during the show season.

RATIONALE: Judges are charged with evaluating cats in an unbiased manner based on the show standards. Promoting individual exhibits to exhibitors, clerks, or other judges does not display objective evaluation.

Withdrawn.

-13- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add show rule 27.17 as follows:

Judges should not discuss regional or national standings or potential from the judging ring.

RATIONALE: Judges displaying knowledge of CFA standings in the show ring is unprofessional and undermines CFA's reputation.

Withdrawn.

-14- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add the following to Article XXXVII National/Division/Regional Awards Program Eligibility as section 5.

5. Cats shown by CFA judges accepting assignments for the current show year (or individuals in their immediate household) which they have not bred are ineligible for all national and regional awards including breed awards.

RATIONALE: Campaigning cats is a conflict of interest for judges and is not in the best interest of growth in CFA. The cat fancy is one of the only places a person is allowed to compete for awards for which they have an active role in scoring.

Limiting CFA judges' eligibility for national and regional awards to cats they have bred does not prevent judges from showing cats from their own breeding programs to regional or national wins as they work towards the betterment of CFA breeds. It does not prevent judges from participating in cat shows with cats they may obtain for their breeding program or households or obtaining championship, premiership, or grand titles.

This show rule addition will prevent judges from competing for awards with cats they have not bred while they have a say in the outcome of regional and national awards.

Johnson: I want to talk a little bit about what this proposal is. This is a very simple change. Judges and their household members will not receive regional awards or national awards for cats that they have not bred. What it doesn't do is discourage breeder/judges from continuing to work with their breed and receive recognition for such. It doesn't prevent them from adding cats to their program and receiving grand championship titles for those cats. It doesn't prevent the judges and their households from showing cats, making finals, granding cats, making friends, traveling, having fun or enjoying their beautiful cats. It doesn't prevent the training judges from agenting cats. It doesn't prevent retired and inactive judges from showing and competing. It also doesn't prevent anyone from figuring out a way around any rule. Campaigning cats is a conflict of interest for judges and is not in the interest of growth in CFA. Why is pretty simple. The folks that are receiving the awards and campaigning the cats are having a say in the final outcome. We talk a little bit about who this really impacts. How many judges does this impact? Most of them don't show. They don't intend to and they focus on their judging. For others, it isn't a big impact on them because they're not campaigners and they like to go out for an occasional show, grand a kitty, have fun, go to a restaurant or drink wine. Or all of the above. A handful of judges do

focus on striving for regional or national wins. Of those that bred the cat, it doesn't impact them either. So, it really impacts a few individuals who obtain cats from other people and feel like they would like to strive for regional or national wins. What are we changing? They can do anything they want to do with a cat, they can go to any show that they want to go to, they can be wherever they want to be; they just are not eligible for an award. As big as this change sounds, it's pretty simple really. It impacts a few people for a huge impact on CFA, on how we're viewed, our reputation. **Ronna Colilla:** Why should "individuals and their immediate households" be punished for a decision? My daughter was 12 when her father applied to the CFA Judging Program, and she had no voice in it. This rule will impede a CFA future judging candidate who has been in the cat fancy since she was one year old. While showing her cat last year, she had to sit home because her father was judging shows. She watched her cat drop in the rankings while her dad finished the competition. If this amendment passes, I implore the CFA board to grandfather all current CFA judges and their families, because had that been a condition of the CFA Judging Program, some may not have applied. This amendment affects her directly. She is CFA's youngest licensed chief ring clerk (got it at 11), youngest licensed master clerk (got it at 13). She is a responsible, intelligent young woman and has been working towards applying to the CFA Judging Program. This amendment would take that goal away from her. Showing cats is where each judge started, and showing cats keeps each judge abreast of what it's like to be an exhibitor. Trust the judges you hire. You cannot legislate good ethics. **Bruce Russell:** This proposal sets up two different classes of judges when we're saying that some of them can show and some of them can't. Some of the judges that are showing cats that they haven't bred even run breeding programs anymore, but they still enjoy showing. If we decide that we don't want the judges to show at all, then we should just say that. The next thing that bothers me is how it affects people in the household. Also, you've got new judges coming along that are looking for good cats to show because they're always encouraged to show the best cats they can get, but if they can't get regional or national awards with these cats, who is going to want to give these judges cats to show? **Barbara Gradowski:** This is saying that judges are not going to judge the cats that you are presenting, they are going to be judging the owner of the cats. You're going to lose some very good judges because a lot of us met in the fancy and became spouses, significant others, breeding partners.

Slip of the Lip Club: Jacobberger: The Silver Slip of the Lip members arise to the microphone. I believe this is the first time in history that the Silver Slip of the Lip Club will make two awards in one year. Barb Gradowski, we welcome you into this organization.
[applause]

Nancy Jenkins: For those entering the Program, there is still a lot of showing that they have left to do. The point system requires them to get regional and national wins on the cats. If we start limiting those going into the Program from showing, you are really stopping real progress. There are a lot of young individuals who live in those households. This gets down to the fact that when a CFA judge shows a cat, it will be an excellent example of the breed.

Belfatto: This is one way to prevent a further decline in the cat fancy. It's time we do something a little drastic. **Baugh:** I registered my cattery in 1957 and started judging in 1965. I grew up in CFA. My husband and I met in this association. I felt myself blessed to find someone who shared my interest. Both of us were exhibiting, both of us had national winners before we married. We had children and we stepped back from doing any active breeding in cats. About 5 years ago, Tom got involved again. He has a ball. He absolutely loves it. He is loved and respected in this region, and it has just been great. Judges are held to a higher standard. We campaigned a cat this year, yes. The last week of the show season, I went to a show knowing full well that if I hung the

ribbons the way they should be hung, I could knock my own cat out. I hung them the right way. Please do not force me to make a decision between my husband and this association.

McConnell: I understand the reason for the rule, but it goes back to looking at yourself first and being realistic about what you are showing. **Liz Watson** spoke about a cat she showed, along with her husband. Let me tell you what going out to show this cat did. I got an entirely different perspective. I've been judging for a long time. I wasn't breeding anymore and suddenly here I was. Nobody was paying me to come to this show. I had to buy my own food and pay my own room. Suddenly, I began to realize that we show because we love it. It taught me a lot. I found it to be a very rich and rewarding experience. I would hate to have been unable to do that.

Johnson: This isn't about showing, it's about campaigning. Nowhere in this resolution does it say that spouses can't go out and show. **John Colilla:** Judges sweat for the blue ribbon, we sweat for the brown ribbon, we sweat for the black ribbon. I really learned to appreciate exhibiting last year. **Ellyn Honey:** I have a husband that is sometimes an exhibitor. One of the problems that we have as judges is, if we have a cat that we have fallen in love with or maybe a breed that we are not used to working with, if we want to show that cat, we cannot back out of a contract. We cannot come up on May 1st and say, I am going to show a cat. There is a long-standing show rule. If I were to campaign a cat, I would not want to judge my own competition, because I would not be comfortable with the perception, not necessarily the reality. That being said, this language is not what we want. You are going to need a show rule that says a judge can take a sabbatical for an entire year. **Justin Simpson:** In Minnesota we are experiencing a decline in our entries and I would be opposed to any rule that would discourage people from showing their cats. **Johnson:** This has brought up a lot of discussion. Change takes courage. Change means sacrifice. Growth takes both courage and sacrifice. In CFA, we are seeing declining entries. We are seeing seasoned exhibitors becoming discouraged and leaving the fancy because of things they perceive happening in CFA. We've got new exhibitors coming in and they leave before they barely get started. We've got a lot of programs trying to encourage new people. Teresa Keiger talked about the New Bee Program and said, "I'm trying to teach people there's more about the fancy than just winning". Who more than our judges should think about this, and who more than every one of us should think about this? What this resolution does is restrict a few people from campaigning cats they didn't breed. It takes nothing away from their experiences, showing cats they need for the Judging Program, showing cats that they love, meeting new people, getting out with the public. It only means they don't get to walk up at the end of the year and get a prize. The reason that it's a conflict is, they have a say in who gets the prize. There are very few competitive activities where the judges get to have a say in who gets a prize, and they get a prize, too. I would encourage judges who get a beautiful cat who wanted a pet or a breed they love to go out, go to shows, meet new people, encourage new breeders, make new friends, travel to new places. All we are restricting here is the obtaining of wins. We're not restricting showing. The future depends on new people, new breeders, and not on judges getting more awards.

Motion Failed.

Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions

–15– *National Birman Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America*

RESOLVED: The use of CFA's CATS (Cat Ancestral Tracking Service) should be extended to include the pedigree information of cats from foreign registries that are registered in CFA by using those foreign pedigrees. Examples of this information may include the date this information was received, the name of the foreign registry, the cat's identification number in that registry, cat's name, breed, color, sex and birth date.

RATIONALE: This should allow Central Office to reference ancestors in the CATS database where this information has already been acquired by CFA, potentially easing CFA registration in the International division.

Presented by **Jim Rogers. Tartaglia:** I'd like to clear up the misconception that missing pedigree information is caused by the CATS database not being linked to CFA's regular registration database. The missing information occurs from non-CFA registered cats in the background of cats registered in our regular database using another registry's pedigree. I appreciate your wanting this valuable information printed on a certified pedigree, not merely as an attachment. For many years, we at the Central Office have talked about this challenge...and a challenge it is! Unfortunately, this challenge is not easily resolved. Linking to the CATS database is not, necessarily, the answer. The key to CFA's database is the litter number. Cats in the CATS database do not have a litter number. Both parents must be CFA registered to register a CFA litter and obtain a unique litter number. The litter number is what allows the flow of information from one cat to another in a cat's pedigree. When we encounter a non-CFA cat in a pedigree, the flow stops, a dam occurs, and there is no access to the rest of the information. A cat registered from a pedigree with non-CFA cats is assigned a litter number of 999999. Currently, we manually enter 2 generations of non-CFA cat information for cats registered from a pedigree. Shortly we will be expanding to 3 generations. This more than doubles the amount of information manually entered from 6 cats to 14 cats. Our system knows to look for this foreign cat information if a cat has the 999999 litter # and this cat information is included on a CFA pedigree. If a CFA registered cat is encountered during this search, the dam opens back up and the information starts to flow again. Unfortunately, the addition of the 3rd generation will not totally resolve the situation. However, we hope it will lessen the likelihood of missing information on a CFA certified pedigree. We would have to change our entire way of registering cats and litters to fully resolve the situation. At this time, the only way for us to produce a totally complete CFA pedigree for a cat with non-CFA background is to manually enter all non-CFA cats for each generation at the time the cat is registered or to manually fill in the information on a certified pedigree at the time it is ordered. Either method is labor intensive and costly, the amount of the labor and cost dependent on the number of non-CFA cats in the background.

DelaBar: The majority of cats that are in the CATS program have no pedigrees. The purpose of the CATS program was to start tracking the future generations of this cat so at 5 or 8 generations, the cat could be registered. This information you are asking for is not going to be there to begin with. It's very hard for us to certify something that we ourselves have not generated. **Kolencik:** Some people get the imported pedigree or it says "see file", but other people aren't getting that information. They're not even getting a copy of the pedigree that was brought in. All we want is that information in any way we can get it.

Motion Failed.

-16- *National Birman Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America*

Should the aforementioned resolution #15 pass, then additionally

RESOLVED: CFA's pedigree database should be modified to allow linkage to the CATS database to allow printing and verification of "extended" pedigrees.

RATIONALE: This should allow CFA customer's who pay for pedigrees to receive the appropriate number of (paid for) generations, whether all relevant cats were registered in CFA or not, given -pedigree form modifications.

Withdrawn.

-17- *Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club*

RESOLVED: The CFA Board should reduce the fee(s) for breed council membership by \$5 which should not include mailing the show rules and show standards for the reduced fee. The breed council application should include an option to order paper copies of those documents at a fee to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

RATIONALE: Since the show rules and show standards are available for free on the Internet, this resolution should save CFA and breed council members money. Many breed council members are online and can get these documents easily. The money saved by no longer bulk mailing these documents to breed council members should be enough to allow a decrease in breed council membership fees. Those who still want the printed copies can pay extra for them at the time of the application.

Kolencik: I want to thank Allene at Central Office for making the show rules available on line for free. It has been tremendously helpful. [applause] This resolution would flip the fee structure around so that only those that want the hard copies would pay for them and it would drop the cost for the rest of us. Now that those are available on line, we can have a \$5 decrease since both of those are available on line and we no longer get the issues of the Almanac.

Motion Failed.

-18- *Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club*

RESOLVED: The CFA Central Office should no longer mail show rules to club secretaries. However, CO should still include one copy of the show rules in every show package.

RATIONALE: Every club secretary receives a free copy of the show rules in the mail early in the season. If someone is a secretary of multiple clubs, that person gets multiple copies. If the show rules and show standards are available for free on the Internet, this resolution will save CFA money. Any club that wants a copy can get one easily on the Internet. Licensed clerks and judges will still get a hard copy in the mail, and there will still be one hard copy of the show rules in the show package.

Kolencik: Last year, I collected over 12 copies of the show rules. I don't need that many copies, and I wonder how many people really do. Now that they are on line, can we stop mailing one to the show secretary? **Wight:** Central Office is sending out a lot of paperwork to people who don't need it. On forms such as the breed council application, I'm suggesting a box where you opt for paperwork. That way, you have to ask for it instead of it automatically being sent to everyone. **Tartaglia:** Certainly, it cuts down mailing costs and makes mailings easier. However, I would speak against having boxes to check on forms. It complicates the mailing process and involves programming changes. **Campbell:** If someone doesn't have a hard copy of the show rules, it could lead to quite a problem. I'm in favor of keeping it the way it is. **Coughlin:** I cannot tell you how many times someone has come to me and said, "do you have a copy of the show rules?" As the club secretary, I have a copy of the rules. As a matter of record, every club should receive a copy of the show rules. If you want to opt out or share them with others, fine, but I do think we should receive them. **Kolencik:** I thought we could cut out a bit of paper and save some money. They are on line. **DelaBar:** Our treasurer, who is tight with money, says, "give your extras to new-bees".

Motion Failed.

–19– *Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club*

RESOLVED: The CFA Central Office should make the Clerking Manual, Clerking Guidelines and Procedures, and Master Clerk Manual available in electronic format such as PDF for free to licensed clerks and those clerks who have started training. Central Office should then remove the hard copy of the Clerking Manual from the show package.

RATIONALE: These documents are for sale as hard copy and as PDFs on the CFA Website. Licensed clerks get a hard copy at the time of the bi-annual test, and this should not change. We rely on the information in these manuals to take the test and correctly do our jobs. It's easy to misplace these documents, and we don't get another free copy until the next test. Since CO has PDF copies of these documents, clerks and those training to become clerks could benefit from electronic copies to replace lost copies, or to make it easier to read and search the documents. Free electronic copies of these documents should be available on request and sent as email attachments to any clerk or trainee clerk who asks for them.

Kolencik: It has been very helpful to have the show rules electronically. This is a request to make the clerking manual and clerking guidelines available to clerks electronically.

Motion Carried.

Resolutions From the Floor

–20– *Russian Blues West*

RESOLVED: CFA resume printed publication of a Quarterly-like document to be published after each board meeting, to include as a minimum the board minutes, a judge panel list with snail mail addresses and phone numbers, the judge applicants and the Central Office department contact list. This should be mailed to all club secretaries and breed council members, and be available to any other interested parties for a nominal subscription fee; \$5 or \$10 a year.

RATIONALE: There is currently no easy source of this information and nothing that you can take to a club meeting to select judges for a future show or to know who is applying to the Judging Program so that comments (negative or positive) may be made. Even if some of this information is available in the on-line Almanac, it is very hard for low-tech folks to find and totally unavailable for those not on line.

Fuller: A lot of us can't find things on line. It's nice to have a paper copy for reference. CFA should provide for members the minutes and the important rosters of primary service.

DelaBar: It killed each and every board member when the decision had to be made to stop the Almanac. We are currently looking at other ways, but it's going to have to be something that does not cost the association money. Whatever we do has to be a pass-through cost, and people should be aware of that. Nothing would make me happier than to go back to our beautiful publication.

Fuller: I'm suggesting something printed in black and white, like the old Quarterlies. No advertising, no frills – just the basic information that you can't really find anywhere else. **Anger:** I want to cover where our applicants are being pre-noticed. It is all electronic. We are posting it on the CFA-News list. We like to have it on the CFA list, and it's also on the CFA website. I've asked the regional directors if they would put it on their regional websites, as well, so we're really trying to make a concerted effort to get it out there, so people have an awareness of who is coming up in the Judging Program. We're really proud of our applicants. If there is an inexpensive publication method, that would be great but I just did want everybody to understand that we're covering that notification process as best as we can. **Joy:**

The current disciplinary actions and suspensions need to be added. They used to be there in the Almanac and now I don't now how people are going to be aware of that. **P. Jacobberger:** Why not put that information in an email to club secretaries? **Jean Grimm:** I think this can be produced cheaply by outsourcing. People really, really miss having a hard copy in their hands.

Curfiss: All CFA has to do is expand their emails and it will get out to the membership.

Johnson: I don't know if we need to start mass mailings to all the club secretaries because some are not computer savvy. I would hope that every club could afford to support CFA by having an on-line Almanac subscription to get all the information. You can disseminate that information by printing it. **D. Kallmeyer:** I would rather pay for a subscription to a quarterly issue for this information, just to make sure I've got it. **Eigenhauser:** The suspensions are in the public portion of the CFA website. The on-line Almanac is not really convenient. Things like the judges' list ought to be in a printable format to make it easier for people to print out and carry with them, just like the White Pages. There ought to be a way to provide some of these basic pieces of information for people that don't have internet access. Only a handful of people don't, but as an organization, we need to represent everybody, even those people who aren't technologically up to speed, or who just want a paper copy that they can take with them. **Fuller:**

I would like to see the basics. A lot of us would be willing to subscribe to it for the cost of postage. I'm asking for a very low budget publication. **DelaBar:** It has been one of my dearest wishes to get a publication, no matter how simple, put out from our Central Office.

Motion Carried.

–21– *International Havana Brown Society; Pfanciers United for Fun*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 15.08(a) as follows:

- a. The show manager must provide illumination most closely simulating daylight (full spectrum light, color temperature 5000-K) ~~as may be reasonably available~~ in each judging ring sufficient to allow thorough examination of each entry.

RATIONALE: Remove the phrase *as may be reasonably available*. When this show rule was originally adopted, daylight bulbs were not easily obtained. Today, there is a wide range of daylight simulating bulbs readily available. Poor lighting affects the judging process and puts all of the breeds at a disadvantage; obviously, some more than others. In poor or improper lighting, judges must struggle to evaluate the eye color, coat color, ticking, patterns, etc. of the cat on the table. This change would “level the playing field” for ALL breeds.

Presented by **Norma Placchi. Auspitz:** In this day and age, this resolution has a lot of merit. **Barletta:** If you’re going to regulate the wattage of the bulb, this does not imply that you must provide fixtures. What happens when you have sunlight in one part of the room and not in the other? **Belfatto:** In the show rules, they call for a specific light. Some show services don’t know this. Secondly, some show halls have mercury vapor lights. **Bruce Russell:** When you are dealing with different show services, it’s difficult to legislate a particular type of bulb. It’s important that there is illumination directly over the judges’ tables. Some judging tables have lamps over them and some don’t have any lights over them, so the judges are working in the shadows. I would like to at least see illumination over the judging table. **Kathy Black:** In many of our show halls, because of cost, we may not have the ability to change the lights. While the resolution says you have to have this, you may not have control over the building so that’s not always possible.

Motion Carried with a favorable recommendation.

–22– *Mark Twain Feline Fanciers; Abyssinian Midwest Breeders*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XII, Show License, Section 12.03, to add (f).

- (f) That Regional Directors must declare the date of their annual Awards Show and Banquet no later than September 30th of the year prior to that show.

RATIONALE: By giving an 8 month notice of intent, Regional Directors will allow impacted clubs whose traditional date is disrupted a reasonable time frame to alter their show date or cancel their show.

Newkirk: Everybody wants to go to their regional show. However, other regions need notification so that we can make amends so that we don’t lose money at our show. Had we had this information ahead of time, we could have changed the format of our show. **Johnson:** Anybody who is producing a show knows how hard it is to get a show hall. Couple that with a hotel that you like to eat their food, that allows you to have cats and it’s almost an impossible situation. My committee of four people worked for 15 months to find us a place for our regional. There is no show in the country that has a lock on any date. We do apologize, but this is going to happen from time to time. We wish we had known sooner, too, because to change at the last minute is not easy for us, either. **Kohler:** There needs to be some regulation to encourage regional directors and show committees to plan further in advance so it does not affect the outcome of other shows. **Baugh:** I don’t think it’s out of line to ask for at least a 6-9 month window to know in advance. **Johnson:** We’ll try to do that, but I’m not sure making a show rule

is the solution. **Keiger:** We really wanted to have it locked up last July, but we couldn't. We did the best we could, and that's going to happen. **Baugh:** Jerry Hamza in our region has been in entertainment for 30 years. He has said to me more than one time, if a club needs to find a show hall in any part of the country, he has venues all over this country and he will do his very best to help you. **Newkirk:** All we're asking for is a little consideration so that get timely notification of when those regional shows are going to be.

Motion Carried.

-23- *Houston Cat Club*

RESOLVED: The Houston Cat Club will have an experimental format of 6 allbreed, 4 specialty rings for the January, 10-11, 2009 show. This is an exception to Show Rule 12.07b stating that a two day show permits up to eight judgments per entry over the two days. No entry will be judged more than 5 times per day. There will be 3 AB and 2 LH/SH rings each day.

RATIONALE: The 12 ring show weekends have received very favorable response from exhibitors. Large venue shows, such as the show sponsored by the Houston Cat Club, have the space to put on a 2-day show with more than 8 rings and a maximum of 450 entries. We are requesting a trial of 2 additional rings for our show, increasing from 8 to 10 rings. This would attract exhibitors, providing them with a cost effective way to have more rings during a weekend.

CFA needs to protect the traditional two day shows. A two day show gives the judges more time to evaluate the cats and interact with the spectators. The judges also provide breed education and appreciation for both experienced and prospective exhibitors.

The Houston Cat Club is a 450 show with 130,000 square feet of show hall. We can easily accommodate the two additional rings without compromising the integrity of the traditional Houston show.

Kenny Currle: To enhance the Houston Cat Club's 56th show, they asked me to petition the delegation for approval for a special experimental format for this two-day venue. With the very successful back-to-back 12 ring shows, we don't want to see the larger shows die. They are trying this particular format to see if it does actually help, not only with entries and interest, but it also makes it for a cost-effective show for everybody involved.

Motion Carried.

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

MEETING WITH EXOTIC AND PERSIAN BC SECRETARIES

June 27, 2008

At the February, 2008 board meeting, the CFA Board directed the Breeds & Standards Committee Co-Chairs to facilitate a meeting with the Exotic and Persian Breed Council secretaries to find a way that Exotic Longhairs could be shown without requiring a change to the CFA Constitution.

Present:

Annette Wilson, Co-Chair Breeds & Standards Committee
Debbie Kusy, Co-Chair Breeds & Standards Committee
Nancy Petersen, Secretary, Persian Breed Council
Becky Orlando, representative for Exotic Breed Council
Carla Bizzell, also representing Exotic Breed Council
(Note: Peter Vanwonterghem, Exotic Breed Council secretary was unable to attend.)

Opening: The meeting was opened with a statement that this was not to re-hash issues previously discussed but to see if common ground could be found to structure a way to allow judging by phenotype. Each party would have to draw their 'line in the sand' and then we could find areas to negotiate.

The Exotic 'line' is to show their longhairs.

The Persian 'line' is to not register or call Exotics Persians.

Discussion: There are two issues that would need to be addressed by the Board in order to allow exhibition of LH Exotics:

1. The current Breed Definition Policy (WIAB) would be negated:
 - a. Set aside permanently
 - b. Amend for this purpose only
 - c. Ignore policy
2. Show Rule 2.04 (Each cat or kitten must be entered as the breed under which it is registered) would be amended or eliminated.

Kusy suggested a way to show the LH Exotics phenotypically but score them genotypically: LH Exotics would be shown in the Persian class but would be scored (for regional and national awards) in the Exotic class. They would compete with the Persians (only the catalog would indicate by registration number which cats are Exotics) but any accrued points from shows (regional/national points) would score the cat as a LH Exotic, not a Persian. This way 'mimics' would be shown and judged together but awards would be given in separate classes/divisions. A Longhair Exotic could not be Best Persian in the region (or in CFA).

This solution was discussed at length and seemed to be the best concept and one that the two Breed Council secretaries were willing to discuss in a positive manner with their members.

A LH Division of Exotic could be added to the CFA scoring system for award purposes only; there would be no need to add a LH Division to the existing Exotic breed standard (note: this point was clarified at a later time)

Other items discussed during this meeting were:

Persian Outcross – the Persian BC wants to eliminate the outcross to the Exotic immediately. Ending the outcross after three or five years was suggested; however the Exotic BC wants a longer outcross period.

Exotic Registration Rules – the Exotic BC representative suggested that they would be willing to enact registration rules such that:

1. LH Exotic x LH Exotic would NOT be registerable in CFA.
2. LH Exotic x Persian would NOT be registerable in CFA

Persian Registration by Pedigree – the Persian BC continues to ask for an 8 generation pedigree requirement (Persian x Persian) for registration by pedigree.

Persian vs. Exotic Color Classes – there are color classes for Exotics that do not exist in the Persian standard (i.e., spotted tabby). The Exotic BC representative agreed that the Persian standard would be followed in all regards (spotted tabby Exotic LH's would not be eligible for competition). There would be no new color classes added to the Persian standard to facilitate this solution.

Intent of the CFA BOD – both parties asked that the intent of the board on this issue be clarified at the October, 2008 board meeting. Both BC's would prepare ballots to poll their members but if the board is not in favor of this solution, would not have the ballots mailed. They do not want to continue to go through the polling process if the board is not going to seriously consider this 'solution.'

Summary of Meeting: It was agreed that Becky and Nancy would discuss this in a positive way with in their BC Meetings on June 28: LH Exotics would compete with Persians at CFA shows but be scored as Exotics for regional and national wins in a LH Exotic Division created for scoring purposes.

Initial Feedback: Following their BC meetings, the following was reported verbally:

Persian – if the LH Exotics must be shown, they'd rather have them shown as LH Exotics in a separate class, not with the Persians. They would want the outcross eliminated in that case—let the Exotic breed stand on it's own.

Exotic – they would rather not show the LH Exotics if the Persian outcross is eliminated.

Next Steps:

1. Provide this report to the CFA BOD (verbally and briefly done at the June 29 board meeting).
2. Exotic and Persian BC Secretaries to review this report and provide further input.

3. Exotic and Persian BC Secretaries to prepare ballot/polls for their respective BC members; working together and with the B&S Committee to be sure the ballots are clear and cover all issues in a way to provide the appropriate feedback to the CFA BOD.
4. Breeds & Standards Committee to ask the CFA Board to discuss and consider this issue at the October, 2008 board meeting, specifically for a sense of whether this is the direction in which the organization wishes to proceed. Will the Board eliminate or amend the WIAB policy? Is the BOD willing to eliminate or amend SR 2.04?
5. Proceed with balloting process as usual and vote on issue at February, 2008 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kusy

Annette Wilson

Co-chairs, CFA Breeds & Standards Committee

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING

Saturday, June 28, 2008

International Division Chair Mr. Newkirk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Liz Watson – Europe Liaison, Robert Zenda – Asia/Latin America Liaison, Olivier Grin – Elected European Representative, and International Division guests Suki and Mathew Lee, Paolo Carnevaletti, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors. The following agenda items were discussed.

Vet inspections at ID shows

Show scheduling in the international Division

Consideration of Points for Grands and winner ribbons for championships

-) Multiple Winns
-) OPN to GRC in one weekend
-) Exhibitors list with Countries
-) Voting rights for inactive clubs (in Europe)
-) Proposals from inactive clubs
-) Europe becoming a Region
-) Novice Class

BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING

Saturday, June 28, 2008

Breeds and Standards Chair Mrs. Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chairs (or their representatives) present, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. CFA pre-paid registration stats – what are BC's doing to encourage?
3. CFA Breed Council eligibility – committee to work on reviewing
4. Attracting new breeders – input from BC's
5. Coordination of BAP and Rescue with Breed Councils
6. Adding color classes – what stats does the board need?

7. Sharing info among BC's with import policies, use of genetic testing
8. BREED COUNCIL RENEWALS – encourage membership to renew by 8/1/08!
9. Other items from floor if time available

Important dates for Breed Councils (traditional or non-official dates in italics):

August 1 (8/1/08): Membership application deadline for breed councils and committees
August 1 (8/1/08): Applications for new or advancing breeds/new colors due to CO
August 1 (8/1/08): Breed Council members to have ballot items to BC secretaries
August 15 (8/15/08): Notice to “affected” breed councils of new breeds/colors
Sept. 1 (9/2/08): Breed Council ballots from BC secretaries received by CO
**Oct. 24 (10/24/08): Breed Council ballots mailed to BC members by CO*
**Dec. 15 (12/15/08): Breed Council ballots – deadline for return to CO*
Jan. 1 (1/1/09): Breed Council membership year begins

***any Breed Council considering proposals or ballot items that might ‘affect’ another breed should at a minimum notify (and preferably work with) any affected breed council secretaries to eliminate ballot delays. Contact the Breeds & Standards Committee chair to facilitate.*

ARTICLE XI - BREED COUNCIL

Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards. The rules governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules listed below

BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES

PURPOSE

The CFA Breed Councils were established in 1970 to serve as advisory bodies on breed standards to the CFA Executive Board. The Breed Councils channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the Breed Council Secretary elected by each specific breed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Have a CFA registered cattery name.

Are at least 18 years of age or older.

Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.

A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

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

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

OR

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

FEES

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

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

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

BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY

Requirements for Eligibility:

Current CFA membership in the specific breed council.

Current CFA club membership.

A secretary may not hold his/her position in more than one council at a time.

Election:

A secretary for each breed council will be elected FROM the membership and BY the membership of that breed council.

Elections will be held every two years in even numbered years during the month of December.

A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for secretary of a breed council by submitting his/her declaration in writing to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held.

Ballots for the election of breed council secretaries must be mailed to the Central Office in accordance with voting instructions printed on the ballot and must be returned in the official ballot envelope.

Only those breed council members who have paid their dues by August 1 next preceding the December in which the election is held shall be eligible to vote in the election.

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

Vacancies:

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

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

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

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Sunday, June 29, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, June 29, 2008 for its post-annual meeting, organization and business session. **President DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Board of Directors present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Joan Miller (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)
Miss Carissa Altshul (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Mrs. Dee Dee Cantley (SWR Director)
Mrs. Nancy Petersen (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)
Mr. Robert L. Molino (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)
Vacancy (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.

After receiving birthday wishes with from the Board of Directors, **DelaBar** thanked Loretta, Jo Ann Cummings and Region 4 for hosting a lovely event. Everything went very smoothly. The banquet was a class act. [applause] **DelaBar** recognized new board members: Dee Dee Cantley from Region 5, Nancy Petersen from Region 6, Ginger Meeker from Region 2, and Carissa Altschul from Region 3, and welcomed them to the board.

(43) RATIFICATION OF CFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CFA ATTORNEY.

DelaBar: The first order of business is to appoint the CFA legal counsel. Fred has graciously consented to remain on as our legal counsel. I need a motion. **Anger:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

DelaBar: The second order of business, I would like to appoint Allene Tartaglia as Executive Director. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

DelaBar: I also need a motion to give Central Office the authority to conduct the day-to-day operations of our association. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Jacobberger then asked **President DelaBar** to stand and affirm that she will comply with the Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics. **So Affirmed.** **President DelaBar** then asked the Board to stand and affirm that they will comply with the Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics. **So Affirmed.**

(44) BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun presented the following report:

Committee Members: *Barbara Schreck, Chuck Gradowski, Bob Molino, Pam DelaBar, Kathy Calhoun*

The Budget Committee met several times over the past 60 days and offers the attached budget for CFA Board review.

Operating Income

- *Registration*
 - ◆ *Both individuals and litters have been reduced by 10%*
 - ◆ *Prepaid registration and cattery registration have been held to last year's actuals*
- *Transfers and championship confirmations have been reduced by 10%*
- *Breed council and club dues at parity to last year*
- *Clerking and judges' fees reduced to \$6,000*
- *Website sponsorship increased \$23,000 in anticipation of new sponsors*

Operating Income Recommendation \$1,276,456

International Show

- *The International Show Committee presented a budget showing \$3,900 in profit. \$71,800 will come from sponsorship. Gate is conservatively based on 206 levels (second year San Mateo)*

International Show Revenue Recommendation \$3,900

CFA-Iams Cat Championship

- *The CICC Committee presented a budget including \$11,034 profit. Sponsorship level \$250,000. Both exhibitor level and gate reduced when compared to prior year. Total expense is \$339,620 largely covered by sponsorship.*

CFA-Iams Cat Championship Revenue Recommendation \$11,035

Almanac

- *First full year since the Almanac has been discontinued shows a \$22,750 loss driven by operating costs exceeding the sales expected from the on-line Almanac.*

Almanac Net Income/Expense Recommendation (\$22,750)

Calhoun: We don't have the revenue that we would have gotten from subscriptions. We also don't have production costs that we would have gotten from a print magazine, but we are still showing a deficit and we would like to get our arms around that. We want to see Publications support itself. **DelaBar:** We used to have a publications company printing out spectator guides. Perhaps we could ask them to print a Quarterly-type publication that we can get out to our member organizations. **Fulkerson:** I've already made a formal request to them for that. The publisher is in review with her executives. **Johnson:** Also, we are looking at our

website to make it more commercially viable. I wonder if there are things we can do to our on-line Almanac format and content to make it more commercially viable. **Krzanowski:** We're looking into various options.

Yearbook

- *Sales expected to be down slightly compared to last year.*
- *Production and distribution costs held to last year's level.*

Yearbook Net Income/Expense Recommendation **(\$21,044)**

Central Office

- *Depreciation estimated at \$91,400*
- *Website maintenance increased by \$2,300. Expectation is that performance standards be made available by September 1.*

Central Office Expense Recommendation **\$1,090,658**

Calhoun: There are several ways that you can measure website performance. **Molino:** We also talked about content of the contract. What is it that we are contracting to do? That comes first, and then the performance standards support, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the tasks that are agreed upon.

Computers

- *Professional services even with last year.*

Computers Office Expense Recommendation **\$21,700**

Calhoun: We don't anticipate doing anything dramatic in the area of computers. We will be evaluating how to make the office more streamlined, but we didn't budget for any major computer changes next year.

Marketing

- *The Business Development/Marketing Team has committed to \$315,775 in corporate sponsorship. This does not include club/event disbursements.*

Marketing Net Revenue **\$215,982**

Calhoun: This figure represents dollars that are going to CFA as an entity, not towards events. Some of it is the branding, some of it is publications money that has been disbursed to the appropriate schedule. We try to be very concise and make sure that we didn't double-count anything.

CFA Programs

- *Several committees did not submit requests.*

CFA Programs Expense Recommendation **\$174,100**

Calhoun: We did not have good response from the board on budget requests for next year. **Molino:** It's quite simple; no budget, no money.

Corporate Expense

- *Assumption is that October will continue to be a conference call.*

Corporate Expense Recommendation **\$89,500**

Legislative

➤ *Budget held to 2007/2008 levels.*
Legislative Expense Recommendation

\$77,000

Outreach Expense Recommendation

\$1,200

OVERALL INCOME

\$14,420

General Applications

- *Postage increased by 3% to offset an anticipated postal rate increase.*
- *Salary and related costs have been increased by 3.2% over actual in last year*

Committee Calendar

<i>mid-July 2008</i>	<i>Budget Committee meeting</i>
<i>September 2008</i>	<i>Financial close</i>
<i>January 2009</i>	<i>Financial close and event recap</i>
<i>April 13, 2009</i>	<i>Budget requests due</i>
<i>May 2009</i>	<i>Financial close</i>
<i>Week of May 18</i>	<i>Budget Committee meeting/financial audit</i>
<i>Late May 2009</i>	<i>Financial audit</i>

Action Item:

- **Approval of the 2008-2009 Operating Budget**

Respectfully Submitted by
Kathy Calhoun

Calhoun: We don't think we were too overly conservative or aggressive. We are fairly confident that we should come in positive, but probably not negative. **DelaBar:** However, we will be breathing more oxygen next year, and we are still doing cost saving measures. I did not fill the vacancy in the director-at-large position. We are in cost-reduction mode wherever possible. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Miller, Anger, Calhoun and Eigenhauser abstained.

(45) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Ambassador Program	Willa Hawke, Chair (Carissa Altschul, Liaison)
Animal Welfare/Breeder Assistance	
Program and Breed Rescue	Linda Berg, Chair (Ginger Meeker, Liaison)
Analysis and Strategic Planning	Nancy Petersen, Chair
Annual Meeting 2009	Becky Orlando, Chair (Dee Dee Cantley, Liaison)
Audit Committee	Bob Molino, Chair
Award Review Committee	Peg Johnson, Chair
Breeds and Standards	Debbie Kusy, Chair (assisted by Nancy Petersen, Julie Keyer, Kathryn Sylvia)
Business Development Team	Kitty Angell, Chair (Pam DelaBar, Liaison); John Clark, Donna Jean Thompson, Yayoi Satoh (Asian interests), Roeann Fulkerson (business planning)
CFA Cat Agility	Kay Janosik, Chair (Carissa Altschul, Liaison)
CFA Community Outreach/Education	Joan Miller, Chair

CFA Foundation	Hilary Helmrich, President (Rachel Anger, Liaison)
CFA IAMS Cat Championship Show	Pam Huggins, Chair (David White, Show Manager/Liaison)
CFA International Show	Emily Turner, Chair (David White, Liaison) Kitty Angell
Clerking Program	Regina Shaffer, Chair (Debbie Kusy, Liaison)
Club Membership	Liz Watson, Chair
Codes of Ethics	Peg Johnson, Chair
Credentials	Eve Russell, Chair
Disaster Relief Fund	Pam DelaBar, President
Executive Committee	CFA Officers; Peg Johnson
Finance/Budget	Kathy Calhoun, Chair (assisted by Chuck Gradowski, Bob Molino, Barbara Schreck)
Honors and Awards	Liz Watson, Chair
International Division	Darrell Newkirk, Chair (Liz Watson, Liaison/European Liaison; Bob Zenda, Asia/Latin America Liaison; Dick Kallmeyer)
Judging Program	Rachel Anger, Chair
Legislative Committee	Joan Miller, Chair
Management Team	James Watson, Chair (Pam DelaBar, Liaison)
Mentorship	Mary Sietsema, Chair (Dee Dee Cantley, Liaison)
New Bee/Junior Showmanship	Teresa Keiger, Chair (Dee Dee Cantley, Liaison)
Ombudsman	Pam Huggins
Personnel	CFA Officers and Executive Director
Program Promotion/Development	John Clark, Chair (Joan Miller, Liaison)
Protest Committee	Annette Wilson, Chair
Publications	Carol Krzanowski
Scientific Advisory Committee	Roger Brown, Chair (Ginger Meeker, Geri Miele)
Show Rules	Loretta Baugh, Chair
Show Schedule Coordination	Gina Lehman, Chair (Debbie Kusy, Liaison; all Regional Directors on committee)
Technology (office automation/website)	Bob Molino, Chair (Kathy Calhoun, Dick Kallmeyer, Peg Johnson, David White, Fred Jacobberger)
Winn Foundation	Dr. Susan Little, President (George Eigenhauser, Liaison)

DelaBar: This is a living document. For the stability of our transition with several new board members, we are going to keep things stable right now. When you're in a state of flux, stability is very important. **Anger** moved to ratify the committee appointments. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(46) NEW BUSINESS.

Donation to Winn Feline Foundation. Eigenhauser: By tradition, we have always made a donation to the Winn Feline Foundation when our shows made money. In fact, we often donated when these shows lost money, to show our support of Winn. I would like the board to consider a donation to Winn. **Miller** moved to donate \$3,000 to the Winn Feline Foundation. **Molino:** It is important to demonstrate continuing support, but the magnitude of the support, given this coming year and what we expect to accomplish, to have more monies available the following year seems to be appropriate. **Calhoun:** I fully support Winn as an entity, but we have to be very realistic that we are really not in a position to make the donations that we have made in the past. We are turning a corner, but I hesitate to be too overly optimistic. **Molino:** We took as much risk as we could in developing this budget without becoming irresponsible. Drawing down on our expected profit seems inappropriate. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser abstained.

Johnson: The Madison Square Garden show has become an entity within CFA and a very high media focus. Since that show is the most likely to be profitable and has higher visibility, I move that a donation to Winn from that show would be in line and give CFA a great PR plug. **DelaBar:** We already have a charitable entity associated with at our Madison Square Garden show, and that is the Mayor's Alliance of New York Animals Adopt-a-Thon. **Calhoun:** It's somewhat of a misnomer to think that there is only one bottom line. Whatever show it comes out of, we are still taking it from the \$14,000 bottom line. Are we going to do it or are we not going to do it? The decision is not really based on where the donation dollars come from. **Watson:** What I am hearing people say is that we should not donate to Winn this year, but wait and see how much oxygen we're breathing. The entire board supports the Winn Foundation but we have to be cognizant of this organization that we are trying to turn around. As much as we may in our hearts wish to donate generously, it would not be prudent to allocate money that we may not have. **Baugh:** We have a responsibility to be very cautious with our funds. While I totally support Winn, I am very hesitant to spend money that we don't have until we have it. **Eigenhauser:** It doesn't mean Winn will going to go out of business if we don't get a donation; it means one project less. **Johnson** withdraws the motion. As we see the year progress, we can always readdress this after we have actuals.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary*

(47) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

On Wednesday, June 25, 2008, the Hearings Committee met to hear two appeals.

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 recommendations.

07-043 ***CFA v. Kurokawa, Kazuko***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 3 (a & c) and 4 (g)
Violation of Judging Program Rules, Article X A & D
GUILTY. Sentence of permanent suspension of all CFA Services and restitution to Japan Region in the sum of 8,320,877 yen¹.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

07-055 ***CFA v. Martin-Borja, Jennifer***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (d & g)
GUILTY. Sentence of five year suspension of all CFA Services, a \$5,000 fine, and restitution to Southwest Region in the sum of \$223.10. The suspension to continue in effect until fine and restitution paid.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

Administrative Suspension: The following case was reviewed by the Protest Committee and a recommendation was presented to the Board for Administrative Suspension, which may be lifted at such time as the conditions are met.

07- 049 ***Caggiano, Lorraine v. Schultz, Angelia***
Administrative suspension of all CFA services until Respondent completes and passes a CFA cattery environment inspection. If Respondent successfully conducts such an inspection and pays the applicable late fees the matter can be reopened for further consideration.

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:

¹ The Protest Committee is aware that with a life suspension of all CFA services there is little likelihood that Respondent will pay any restitution. However, it was included in the sentence in the belief that restitution should always be included as part of the sentence when there is a taking of funds.

- 07-013** ***CFA v. O'Day, Mary***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.
- 07-064** ***CFA v. Nelson, Karen***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (b)
GUILTY. Sentence of fine of \$250.00.
- 07-066** ***CFA v. Hamilton, William***
Violation of CFA Show Rule 11.27
GUILTY. Sentence of a letter of reprimand.
- 08-020** ***CFA v. Gill, Vicki***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (b)
GUILTY. Sentence of a fine of \$500.00.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).