

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 7/8, 2009**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental, Houston, Texas. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members 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 Altschul (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Mrs. Dee Dee Cantley (SWR Director)
Ms. 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)

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director, and Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel. Ms. Roeann Fulkerson attended in her capacity of Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and Ms. Shino Wiley 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) **RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS**

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
1.	Executive Committee via Anger	Formosa Top Show Cat Club requests on a one-time basis to set aside policy and allow an ACFA judge to guest officiate.	Motion Failed. Miller voting yes. Johnson did not vote
2.	Executive Committee via Anger	Singapore Cat Club requests to change their show format from a 2-ring show to a 3-ring show at their November 16, 2008 show.	Motion Carried.
3.	Executive Committee via Anger	Lewis and Clark LH Specialty Club requests a judging change at their December 6/7, 2008 show by moving John Webster to AB and move Dennis Ganoe into the LH/SH ring, due to a judge cancellation.	Motion Carried.
4.	Anger	Reconsider the following motion, which carried at the October 2008 board meeting: <i>Mr. Molino moved that both ballots include a proposal for a time frame that allows the longhair Exotic to be considered a Persian; that is, a 5-generation pedigree of nothing but longhair cats and a 2-year window by which to claim it.</i>	Motion Carried. Calhoun, Satoh, Molino and White did not vote.
5.	Anger	Reconfirm Mr. Molino's motion that both ballots include a proposal for a time frame that allows the longhair Exotic to be considered a Persian; that is, a 5-generation pedigree of nothing but longhair cats and a 2-year window by which to claim it.	Motion Failed. Satoh, Molino, Meeker, Altschul and White did not vote.
6.	Executive Committee via Anger	The Cat Fanciers of Finland requests to have 15 cages per judging ring rather than 16 cages at their November 9, 2008 show in Helsinki Finland, due to the unexpected large entry.	Motion Carried. Calhoun did not vote.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
7.	Executive Committee via Miller	Allow UC-Davis to draw jugular blood samples by a researcher at the International Show for DNA samples from specific cat breeds that are needed for a genome sequencing project in compliance with any local laws.	Motion Failed. Miller voting yes. Johnson did not vote.
8.	Executive Committee via Anger	Due to a judge cancellation, the Southwest Region requests permission for their December 6, 2008 regional benefit show in Honolulu, Hawaii, to (1) change the format from 4 AB to 3 AB, 1 LH, 1 SH, and (2) due to the low count, allow an exception to Show Rule 15.08n so that the club can use the same ring for both specialty judges.	Motion Carried.
9.	Executive Committee via Anger	Due to another judge cancellation, the Southwest Region requests further permission for their December 6, 2008 regional benefit show in Honolulu, Hawaii, to change the format from 3 AB, 1 LH, 1 SH to 2 AB, 1 SP, 1 LH, 1 SH.	Motion Carried. Calhoun abstained.
10.	Executive Committee via Anger	Due to a judge cancellation, the Vermont Fancy Felines, Inc. requests permission to change their January 3, 2009 format from CH-4 AB, 2 Spec; Kit/PR-5 AB, 1 Spec. to 4 AB, 2 Spec.	Motion Carried.
11.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant permission to Americans West to award Best through 5th Best of Breed ribbons in each class of American Shorthairs (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) with no additional points being awarded, in all rings at their [date not provided] show in Palm Springs, CA.	Motion Carried. Miller voting no.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
12.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant perpetual permission to Americans West to award Best through 5th Best of Breed ribbons in each class of American Shorthairs (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) with no additional points being awarded, in all rings at their [date not provided] show in Palm Springs, CA.	Motion Failed.
13.	Executive Committee via Anger	Japan Regional Director, Yayoi Satoh, is requesting permission to hold a cat show in a facility (description provided) that will also have dogs on the premises but in a separate area.	Motion Carried.

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

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

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

Johnson: Financial reports are snapshots. I understand this is a summary. A summary contains summary data, not just a relational statement with no supporting data. We need more interpretation, more information and data. **Calhoun:** Board members receive monthly detailed financial information. One of the reasons that we use relative numbers is that we publish this information on an unsecure website. That's why some of the information is relative. **Johnson** moved to have a board treasurer's report that gives us more data, so that we can understand the position of the company and vote more intelligently. We have a fiduciary responsibility to the company, so we as board members have to understand what this data means. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Total Assets (primarily cash). *Key cash reserves are lower than a year ago.*

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services. *Income from the registration of litters was down 10% when compared to the same period last year. Individuals show a 6% decline. In total, registration declined 8% compared to prior year and was 2% below budget.*

Other categories, that as key indicators provide points of perspective and show significant change when compared to the same period a year ago, are captured below. A significant change is defined as a year-on-year-change plus or minus 10% which drives a change in revenue of plus or minus \$1,500.

- *Cattery registration ∞ (\$5,585)*
- *Transfers ∞ (\$2,560)*
- *Championship Confirmations ∞ (\$4,290)*
- *Breeder Directory ∞ (\$6,849)*
- *DNA Test ∞ \$73,617*
- *Clerking/Judges License Fees ∞ \$1,950*

DNA testing, although a large contributor to Ordinary Income, had an offset program expense of \$60,695. License fees are lapping a prior year without clerk fees. Overall, revenue from Ordinary Income was \$21,382 more than the same period last year but this is largely due to the inclusion of the revenue from DNA testing.

Miller: What is the \$60,695 expense? **Brown:** CFA pays the lab to run the tests. The difference is the profit to CFA, which continues to increase. **Calhoun:** We're making about 20% profit, so as the activity increases, that percentage would increase and the revenue generated from it would increase.

Yearbook and Almanac.

Yearbook: Yearbook sales are slightly behind last year primarily in the category capturing current sales of the current volume. Accordingly expenses are down as well, largely driven by postage and timing in the allocation of pension expense.

Overall, in comparison to year ago, the Yearbook is at parity when compared to last year.

Almanac: The On-Line Almanac is performing at parity with last year contributing approximately \$32,000 in sales revenue. That with a minor amount of income coming from breeder ads and the accounting treatment of print Almanac subscriptions builds total revenue of \$42,000. Expenses are lower than last year due to the absence of production cost for the print version (\$20,000). But total expenses are \$52,000 which is not off-set by income net a \$10,000 unfavorability at this time.

Compared to last year, the Almanac is contributing \$36,000 less but the prior period included more subscription revenue from the print version.

Calhoun: We eliminated the print version, but we still have essentially the same operating costs to support the on-line Almanac and the Yearbook. What we don't have is the advertising income that we used to get from the print version. One of the things that we thought that would occur is that Publications would make staff reductions to offset those costs. **Johnson:** When we went to the on-line Almanac, there was an assumption it would cost less. It baffles me why we have the same amount of personnel to manage the on-line Almanac. The on-line Almanac is fairly simple and fundamental. I'm not sure I understand the personnel issue with the on-line Almanac costing as much as when we actually produced a magazine and mailed it and distributed it.

Central Office Expense: Central Office expenses are \$11,000 greater than prior year. The period is lapping a prior year that did not include the DNA program expense which results in an unfavorable comparison. Also the allocation of pension benefits have been adjusted.

Computer Expense: Overall costs have increased approximately \$1,500 compared to year ago.

CFA Programs Expense: This schedule is down compared to last year more than \$4,000 largely driven by a reduction in awards costs and website maintenance. All committees submitting budgets were at or under budget.

Corporate Expense: Corporate expense is at parity with last year.

Legislative Expense: The legislative spending is at parity to last year.

SHOW SUMMARY

CFA Iams Cat Championship: The CICC was profitable again this year. The show will contribute \$5472 to CFA's bottom line. Income was lower than budgeted by \$21,000 primarily in gate, exhibitors and slight decline in sponsorship. This was more than offset by expenses that came in lower than expected. This was driven by actuals being lower than budget for the

decorator and Adopt-a-Thon allocations.

Eigenhauser: I question the \$11,000 show committee personnel expense. Isn't there a way to get local people who feel that the show is important to volunteer? **Johnson:** Did we pay any expenses for show committee personnel who exhibited? We need to look into that and stop that in the future. **Calhoun:** We had this very conversation in the past and the board agreed that show committee members could exhibit. **Eigenhauser:** I recall that conversation being more in terms of, would it be deemed inappropriate for a show committee member also to be showing, from a conflict of interest standpoint.

International Show: *The International show lost \$32,000. This was a combination of a \$16,500 shortfall in revenue driven by entries and gate. This was compounded by an over spend of \$12,000. This was largely driven by the expense of the trained cats and an underestimate on show hall expense \$11,600.*

Johnson: One of the things this board asks for over and over again is budget information on these shows. I have a problem when we have budgets for board members that are involved with the show, and we have over-runs. I would like to understand why that was more than we budgeted. These look like boondoggles to the people that are footing the bill for CFA. **DelaBar:** We did not budget for the increase in air fares. We got hit with higher basic costs. **Calhoun:** One of the big drivers around the loss was a show hall over-spend of \$12,000 because the quote that we got from the show hall did not include all the accessorial expenses. **Molino:** Why weren't those expenses included in the contract? **Tartaglia:** We've never had those additional expenses from a show hall. **Molino:** The board has to ratify the payment of that because it's outside the contract. This is how we run into expenses exceeding plan. **DelaBar:** We need to look at the contract before we go any further. **Altschul:** Has the money been paid to the facility? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Altschul:** Even if we look at the contract, can we recoup the money? **Calhoun:** We have paid that bill. The expenses that we were charged are not unusual expenses. **Molino:** Common expenses are normally included in the contract. The fact that they're common doesn't give them an excuse for not having been covered. In situations where you have cost over-runs that are already paid, the normal course of action is for the board to ratify the payment or not. I move that the board ratify that expense so that it is legally payable. **Eigenhauser:** In theory, contracts are a mutual meeting of the minds with all the terms spelled out and completely agreed upon. The reality is, most show hall contracts say, you rent the hall, we provide services according to our "usual and customary schedule". The usual and customary schedule changes from year to year, and they don't even necessarily tell you. That's why you go back to the same halls year after year, so you know what their customary practice is, but a certain amount of add-in is built into every contract. That's a common occurrence. In theory, contracts should all be black and white, with a line item for everything. In practice, you get what you get. **Molino:** Contracts are legal documents that authorize the exchange of merchandise for payment. If it's not included in the written contract, it's outside the contract. To all of a sudden condone this expense because it's ordinary and usual is to say that if it is ordinary and usual, why wasn't it in the contract? If it is outside the bounds of the contract, there is no quid pro quo. I will withdraw my motion until we have the facts and figures to deal with it.

At this point in the fiscal year expenses exceed revenue by \$127,000.

2009 – 2010 Committee Budgets will be due no later than April 15th 2009. Please email all budget requests to Kathy Calhoun @ Kathy_Calhoun@quakeroats.com and send a copy to Central Office,

~~**Action Items: Approve the CFA financial reports for the following months : October, November and December 2008.**~~

Action Item: With the exception of the International Show financials, approve the CFA financial reports for the following months : October, November and December 2008.

Altschul: We have questions on the International show. If we approve this, does that mean we approve what has been spent? **Miller:** Or does it just mean we understand it? **Calhoun:** We always have questions and debates about what is in the financials, but we have to understand that as a board, we are saying that the financials have been presented, we have documented our questions as part of the minutes, and we accept the financials as they stand. However, we have unanswered questions, so we should have those questions answered and made part of the record. Then we can put the action item back on the table. **Molino:** It would be irresponsible for us to approve the minutes with a \$127,000 loss. **DelaBar:** No one at this board approves of the fact that we're in a deficit, for lack of registrations and other things. **Calhoun:** When you approve the financials, you are saying you understand that this is where we are. We can't say we disapprove it and walk away. **Molino:** We have an out-of-contract expense that we're about to ratify. I'm not prepared to do that. **Eigenhauser:** Can we revise the action item to approve the financials, subject to reopening the specific issue that has been objected to. **Calhoun:** The action item is that we are approving the financials we got every month, and with that said, we have reviewed them and digested them. **Johnson:** And that we believe they are accurate. **Calhoun** revised the action item to approve the financials, reserving the right to reopen on that one issue after we have had a chance to review the contract. With that exception, we are approving the financials. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson, Watson, Cantley, Baugh, Molino, Altschul voting no.

Subsequent to an executive session discussion, the following actions were taken:

- Effective December 31, 2009, the CFA regions will no longer use the CFA Tax ID number. **Withdrawn.**
- Effective immediately, all CFA funds (corporate or regional) only be used with the CFA Tax ID number, and be fully reported to the CFA Treasurer and Central Office on monthly basis, reporting all funds raised under that corporate ID number. **Withdrawn** (as existing policy).

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun
CFA Treasurer*

(3) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Business Development Team Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: Kitty Angell
Board Liaison: Pam DelaBar
Committee Members: Roeann Fulkerson, CFA Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Bob Johnston, Donna Jean Thompson, Yayoi Satoh

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

In spite of the downturn of the economy, the Business Development Committee has been able to complete funding for some very important programs in CFA. There are instances where some of our Corporate Sponsors have lessened the amount of spending, and some where more sponsorship money is appropriated.

We are especially excited that JPI through 4-Kids/4-Sight Inc. (our branding company) has renewed their contract with CFA.

Ongoing Committee Activities:

Enclosed please find the Excel sheet outlining the 4-Sight Licensing Solutions Revenue Statement. Notice that the gross proceeds so far total \$649,606.12!

Our last quarterly check, reflecting 3Q08, was for \$48,341.91

Effective as of January 1, 2009 JPI will be paying 10% on Net Sales for Licensed Products

<i>\$75,000 due upon signing this agreement</i>	<i>\$48,750 = 65% to CFA</i>	<i>\$26,250 = 35% to 4Kids</i>
<i>\$125,000 due on or before June 30, 2009</i>	<i>\$81,250 = 65% to CFA</i>	<i>\$43,750 = 35% to 4Kids</i>
<i>\$100,000 due on or before December 31, 2009</i>	<i>\$65,000 = 65% to CFA</i>	<i>\$35,000 = 35% to 4Kids</i>
<i>\$100,000 due on or before June, 30, 2010</i>	<i>\$65,000 = 65% to CFA</i>	<i>\$35,000 = 35% to 4kids</i>

Any amounts that are (i) paid or owed to Licensor as a result of sales occurring prior to January 1, 2009 and (ii) in excess of the original \$500,000 Guarantee may not be used to fulfill Licensee's obligation to pay the \$400,000 amount by which the Guarantee is hereby being increased.

	CUMULATIVE CASH RECEIPTS THROUGH 9/30/08	PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	CURRENT ROYALTIES 7/1/08 - 9/30/08	CFA SHARE	4SIGHT SHARE
LICENSEE				65%	35%

MERCHANDISING

ASPEN PET PRODUCTS	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-	
COMMONWEALTH	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-	
DANBURY MINT	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	-	
DANBURY MINT	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	-	
ETERNAL IMAGE	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	
JAKKS PACIFIC, INC.	579,208.12	506,298.10	72,910.02	47,391.51	25,518.51
DAKOTA COLLECTIBLES	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-	
PARAMOUNT CHEMICAL SPECIALTIES	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	
PRIMARY COLORS	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	1,950.00	1,050.00
TOTAL MERCHANDISING					
U.S. :	644,608.12	568,698.10	75,910.02	49,341.51	26,568.51
CANADA (60/40 split)					
COMMONWEALTH	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	
ETERNAL IMAGE	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL CANADA:	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	-
INT'L SUBAGENT SEGAL (60/40 split)					
ASPEN PET PRODUCTS	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	
TOTAL SUBAGENT:	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	-
GROSS PROCEEDS TOTAL	649,608.12	573,698.10	75,910.02	49,341.51	26,568.51
LESS SHARED EXPENSES	(48,030.63)	(46,780.63)	(1,250.00)	(1,000.00)	(250.00)
LESS RECOUPABLE TAXES EXP	(250.00)	(250.00)	0.00	-	
LESS RECOUPABLE BANK FEE EXP	(7.50)	(7.50)	0.00	-	-
NET PROCEEDS (EXPENSES) FOR CURRENT QUARTER:				48,341.51	
CURRENT AMOUNT DUE TO (FROM) CFA:				48,341.51	

Email from Roemann 1-12-09:

Attempting to follow up on information for the Board report, I contacted 4Kids Accounting Department. Wanting to verify the revenue to be received by CFA, please see below the confirmation of "the estimated dollar amount payment to CFA for 4Q08 (4th quarter 2008) from the 4Kids contract is ... \$94,682.39".

Also today I received confirmation from Hill & Associates ... they have lost their partnership

account with PetMate. This means the club Raffle program previously offered will no longer be available. Even though belts are tightened, this does not project a negative outcome. It is very positive. CFA has wonderful, solid validity and information to the “cat owning” public.

Roeann

- ✓ ***Eternal Image*** – *This is a picture of the final garden marker for the urn designed by Eternal Image. They should be on the market by early 2009.*



- ✓ ***Other manufacturing companies contracted to produce CFA Branded Products are:***
 - *JPI*
 - *Dakota Collectibles*
 - *Aspen Pets*
 - *Paramount Chemical*
 - *Commonwealth*
 - *Primary Colors*
 - *Danbury Mint*

 - ***Motel 6 and Studio 6 came to a final agreement of terms. In a condensed version, Motel 6 and Studio 6 will pay CFA a commission at the rate of 5% of the standard guest room rate (not including tax or any applicable rebate or other discount) for all rooms at participating locations used and paid for by guests that use CFA ID Numbers.***



✓ **MindTouch-** For the last 2½ years we have been trying to find a company to bring our website into the 21st Century. We are losing revenue money daily by not having the ability to use advertising to the benefit of CFA. Both sides are working on the finalization of a contract.

✓ **Major Corporate Sponsors**

➤ **Iams Co.** We were saddened to learn that Bud Most is no longer CFA's Single Point of Contact for P&G Pet Brands. We are, however, in touch with the new point of contact and discussing funding for the CICC Show. We believe that the same amount of funding will be made available as there has been in the past. More news on this project to follow.

➤ **Royal Canin 2009 Royal Canin Annual Sponsorship Overview**

2 Premier Exclusive Events	\$ 5,000
Garden State and National Capital	
3 Premier Events	\$ 5,000
Santa Barbara \$ 2,000	
Pick 2 at \$1,500 each \$ 3,000	

<i>Annual Event</i>	\$ 5,000	
<i>International Show Contract</i>	\$ 7,500	\$12,500 moved to Publications
<i>CFA Web Banner "Breeds & Colors"</i>	\$ 9,600	1 year on CFA Web Site http://www.cfa.org/breeds.html **Includes 1 Use Breeder List
<i>CFA Fanc-e-Mews Banner</i> <i>Includes Listing in Classified Ads</i>	\$ 2,200	<i>Breed Spotlight Fanc-e-Mews</i> <i>Classified at Fanc-e-Mews</i>
Sub-Total CFA	\$34,300	
<i>Publications 2-Year Agreement</i>	\$15,896	Divide in half \$31,792 = \$15,896 each year

Cost Agreement based on two year(s) term

Total from Royal Canin to CFA \$50,196

**** CFA Breeder List is one time with Banner purchase. One time carry over from 2008. An additional usage of two times has been incorporated into the "Annual Publications Package" partnership. This provides Royal Canin a "Four Times" usage of the CFA Breeder list during 2009 partnership year for Email Blast or Direct mailings.**

- **2009 Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Annual Sponsorship**
- ✓ **CFA Web Site Advertising**

Dr. Elsey's video in three locations on CFA Web site during 2008:
Breeds Page
Fanc-e-Mews online
CatsCenterStage.com

In 2008 the Dr. Elsey Video is on the Breeds page, Exhibitors Corner page and the Health page of Fanc-e-Mews

<http://www.cfa.org/breeds.html> **\$9,600.00**

<http://www.cfa.org/exhibitors/index.html>

<http://www.cfa.org/ezine/health.html>

Same pricing and terms as 2008
Added in 2008 to offset low return at World Cat Congress
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In 2008 the Dr. Elsey Banner is on Fanc-e-Mews, Features page

<http://www.cfa.org/ezine/features.html>

Included in above pricing

Dr. Elsey Logo and link to Dr. Elsey home web site on CFA's Sponsors page

<http://www.cfa.org/sponsors.html>

Included

Annual National Sponsors receive this placement at no additional costs

Exclusive to be the only litter company: Dr. Elsey Skyscraper &/or Leader Board banners on three page locations, rotating page locations, throughout

\$9,500 **In addition to**

2009 CFA web site

- Fanc-e-Mews, 1 year Banner Advertising** **Included**
- Fanc-e-Mews, Classified Ad** **Included**
- CatsCenterStage.com - Video or Banner Ads on two key pages, rotating throughout 2009** **Included**

✓ **Amyloidosis Research Project \$5,000**

There is no genetic test at this time for Amyloidosis in the cat. Most investigators feel that this disease has a genetic basis. This may very well be associated with an immune system defect that is activated by a virus. A recent paper that was associated with human Amyloidosis suggests that it may be a Herpes virus that acts as a triggering agent in those people with this genetic system defect. This may very well be present in felines that are susceptible amyloidosis. It has been reported that amyloid deposits have been found in the feces of captive Cheetahs.

A discovery in this project would have far reaching benefits for both human and feline researchers since there are amyloid deposits found in Alzheimer's patients.

This project would tie into creating a unique litter formula since amyloid deposits involve the kidneys and the bowel.

✓ **Breed Council Sponsorships Proposed 41 Breeds participation**
\$20,500 potential maximum \$500 each of the 41 breed councils

CFA has forty-one recognized pedigreed breeds. Each breed is represented by their National Breed Council. Members vary within the breeds from a few to several hundred. Most Breed Councils have a Web Page. CFA Central Office sends notification/information and packages to every Breed Council, Breed Council Member(s), three times per year.

The proposal is that each Breed Council would request participation for Dr. Elsey's sponsorship and would be required to:

- 1. Place the Dr. Elsey logo/banner with link to Dr. Elsey's web site, on their BC Web Site Homepage*
- 2. The participating Breed Council would also send to their members via their internet list, an Educational Article from Dr. Elsey, three times during the year.*
- 3. CFA Central Office will include within the mailings (three times annually) information, literature, coupons or other material of your choice.*

Although we are just in charge of disseminating the money to the Breed Councils, this committee would hope that the councils might start a special fund for their breed. Eventually the money, together with added monies in the form of memorials, etc., could be used for research projects on any health problems regarding the breed. Or, the money could be used to educate the public regarding the breed.

CFA Show Sponsorship

- Official Litter 2009 CFA-Iams Cat Championship \$7,500**
- ✓ **Adopt-A-Cat at the Garden \$3,000**
- International show 2009 Bronze Sponsor \$5,000**

- ✓ **Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat litter has committed to be represented as a Premier Sponsor at "three" major show/events in 2009. Total of \$5,200.**

1. City Beautiful Cat show, Sanford, FL Co-Lead Sponsor
2. Garden State Cat show, Summerset, NJ Co-Lead Sponsor
3. Abyssinian Midwest Breeders, St. Louis, Mo Sponsor

The following regional shows will also receive funding from Dr. Elsey's totaling \$19,100:

Miami Florida Cat Fanciers

Oregon Cats, Inc.

Wichita Cat Fancy

Carolina Sophisticats

Lincoln State Cat Club

Coastwind Cat Club

Front Range Cat Fanciers.

Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club

TGIF

Amarillo Cat Fanciers

Cincinnati Cat Club

Seacoast Cat Club

Foothills Felines

Mo-Kan Cat Club, Inc.

Crown City Cat Fanciers, previously SW Fundraiser

Sandhills Cat Club

Alamo City Cat Club

Indy Cat Club

Cotton States Cat Club

Lewis & Clark LH Specialty

Phoenix Feline Fanciers

(Lucky Tomcat and Crown City have already received their sponsorships)

***Note: Bob Johnston requests that the clubs keep sending in their surveys each year. Our funding may be down for the present, but that doesn't mean that it is going to stay that way.**

Total sponsorship from Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter \$84,400

New Licensing and Projects underway:

- **Eukanuba** *See Addendum to this Report
- **Skinit.com** (There is a deal memo in process) CFA will receive approximately 20% of sales from using designs of our pedigreed cats and CFA logos. This product is a stick-on "skin" for I-Pods, Blackberries, laptops, MP3 Players, etc.
- **Primary Colors (4-Kids/ 4-Sight)**-This is a nonexclusive license for list pads; journals; sticky notes; address book; assorted notepads; magnets; notebooks; back-to-school items to include: binders, notebooks of assorted sized, portfolios, pencil cases; stationery paper.

Guarantee: \$15,000

Royalty: 8% of net sales

<u>Payment Schedule</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due date</u>
	\$3,000	upon signature of Deal Memo
	\$4,000	on or before 9/1/2009
	\$4,000	on or before 9/1/2010
	\$4,000	on or before 6/1/2011

Distribution Channels: arts/craft/hobby chain stores, book store chains, catalog mail sales, department stores, pet store chains, drug store chains, event/venue/arena, home furnishing chains, small independent retailers, mid-tier retailers, mass retailers, sporting goods stores, supermarket chains, toy store chains, TV home shopping, warehouse/club stores, off price chains, close-out stores, dollar stores, internet.

Action Items: None

Projection for the Future: Our team looks forward to aggressively securing more funding and producing higher name recognition for CFA. We do, however, endorse only the most respected products and place our logo only on those products that we feel are beneficial to cats.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Angell, Chair

Roeann Fulkerson, CFA Director of Marketing and Public Relations

(4) **“MEET THE BREEDS” CONCEPT AND EVENT.**

Submitted by: Pam DeLaBar and Kathy Calhoun

Overview:

The American Kennel Club is producing a Meet the Breeds Event on October 17-18, 2009 at Jacob Javitz Center in NYC. Meet the Breeds is a very popular portion of the AKC Eukanuba Dog Championship held in Long Beach CA every December. The popularity is so great that AKC is spinning off a stand-alone Meet the Breeds event for 2009. AKC has invited CFA to partner with them in what will be an historic event with pedigreed cats and dogs being represented together at the same event.

AKC has secured two major PR Firms to promote this event and conservatively estimate 35,000 spectators.

Adopt-a-Cat will continue to be included with Meet the Breeds. The Mayor's Alliance is in complete support of this opportunity for 2009.

Iams is in support of the event, however, we do not have a firm dollar amount at this time.

The timing of this invitation is serendipitous, as the CFA-Iams Cat Championship has lost its show hall effective with the 2009 show. Madison Square Garden is undergoing renovations that will decrease the area we currently use for the show by 50%. It is no longer a viable option for the show to be held at Madison Square Garden.

A search for alternative locations in the city was done which resulted in two possible locations. The first being the Penn Plaza Pavilion located directly across the street from the Garden. It consists of two levels with narrow escalators connecting the two floors and there are no ancillary services provided. We would have to contract out for everything, including food and beverage, cleaning, security, trash pick up, etc. The only thing provided for the rental fee is the space. Several CICC show committee members have seen the facility and there are major concerns relative to traffic flow especially related to ticket sales and space available for the Best of the Best presentation stage as well as the ever-popular Breed Showcase. The other considered location is Jacob Javitz which may not be a good alternative this year because of Meet the Breeds. Iams is not in support of combining the CICC with the Meet the Breeds event. However, they are still in support of CICC and are investigating ways to make the show even bigger and better. Unfortunately, this most likely means there will be no CICC show for 2009 with the focus being on resuming the show in 2010.

National Birman Fanciers' traditional show weekend is October 17-18. They agreed to move their show in 2008 and are willing to work with us on show dates this year as well. In fact, they prefer the second weekend but need some assurance they can remain on the second weekend and we will stick with the third weekend. Although Meet the Breeds is not a regular championship show, we will be relying heavily on local breeders/exhibitors to proudly showcase their cats in the breed booths and take part of other events being planned such as Agility, educational rings,

etc. Therefore, it would be beneficial to Meet the Breeds and to National Birman Fanciers' to have these events on different weekends.

Action Item:

Approve CFA's participation with AKC in the Meet the Breeds event to take place October 17-18, 2009 at Jacob Javitz in New York City.

DelaBar: At the request of AKC, Allene, Roeann and I met with AKC President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Sprung and his staff at AKC headquarters in New York City in December. They proposed having CFA partnering with them in a Meet the Breeds event, which would give us a great deal of exposure. This would be the first time in history that the cat fancy and the dog fancy have come together in such a major event. There would not be a show in conjunction the event, but we could have agility, art shows, education. We get 35,000 square feet. The booths would be 10x10. We would want to emphasize function, origin and history of the breeds. [Secretary's note: a video presentation was then shared with the board, showing examples of the breed booths from the Eukanuba Dog Championship Show.] **Miller:** I went to the Eukanuba show. They have stage sets and wear costumes. **Tartaglia:** Some of the breed booths are very elaborate, with the people wearing costumes. They really get into the history of their breeds. **Johnson:** We don't have this kind of elaboration. Is someone is going to pay for the breed booths and then certain people are going to bring their cats to represent the breed? **DelaBar:** This would be something that we would go to our breed councils for. We can help them get equipped. **Altschul:** This is planned instead of the MSG show, so what happens to the show? **DelaBar:** We need to find a new venue for it. Our major sponsor has come forward and committed to providing a substantial portion of the expense because our cat show brings in more advertising hits than any other event. **Altschul:** To understand the concept, we're looking at spending money to promote a single event, hoping that the breed councils will get their breed council members to skip a show weekend to come there with their best cats? **DelaBar:** People do that for their breeds and their association. **Meeker:** It sounds like a very exciting thing to partner with AKC. Why don't we do it in lieu of the International show? **DelaBar:** The reason CFA began the International was to promote CFA. It has since evolved into a different entity, so 5 years ago we began the New York show as our PR show. Iams found that the New York event gets more hits than anything else they do for advertising. Going in with AKC will keep CFA on a national level. I don't want us to go a year without any type of PR to keep us out in the public. We're looking at something that is going to be a successful event. Iams wants us to have it in a venue that has name recognition like Madison Square Garden does. It has to be New York. **Johnson:** To feel comfortable, I need to know if we are going to do an International this year, in addition to this event. This is a whole new format, so we need to have more information. Logistically, we need to understand how it will work. **DelaBar:** Two years ago, we approved the CICC contingent on sponsorship. Would the board be interested in something like that? **Johnson:** That was the premise of what we voted on then and it worked out. I would like to make sure that we have some sort of statement that there will be no money out of the coffers of CFA to cover this event.

White: Isn't there another show on that same weekend? They're not happy about it. **Johnson:** If there's not a MSG show, what difference does it make? **Tartaglia:** I spoke with the club and they are willing to work with us. They can get a show hall on either weekend, but they

would like some assurance that they're not going to be bounced back and forth between weekends. They don't want to stand in the way of this opportunity. **Baugh:** There is also a show in Rochester, New York. We have to be careful with show scheduling, because we can't keep moving dates back and forth.

DelaBar: We have to approve the concept, to go forward. **Wilson:** Think this is a good opportunity and I hope we can take advantage of it, but we need to see a realistic budget. **Eigenhauser:** I'm intrigued by the concept, but I need to see a budget. Realistically, how soon can we have one? **Miller:** We need to promote our breeds and it's a good opportunity. However, when we're budgeting we have to not only consider the over-all cost, but the fact that if we want to get people to participate, we're going to have to fund some of their expenses. I'm wondering whether every breed will be represented or whether they will have a limited number of breeds. At least 3 or 4 people should be present in each booth. **Johnson:** People that can speak well. **Wilson:** As this gets fleshed out and if we go forward with it, with a realistic budget we can live with, we could promote this through the breed councils. This is a promotion opportunity and it needs to be sold that way to the breed councils in a positive manner. We have to have the right cats there and the right people there who can speak. We need to have a plan to give the Breed Council Secretaries at our meeting in June. **Kusy:** We're going to have to depend on the North Atlantic Region and the Southern Region. We have to be realistic and offer them some compensation. **Tartaglia:** The plan has always been to offer a stipend to the breed councils. **Johnson:** We want to rely on people that can represent CFA the best and try to encourage those people to attend. But, we have to be realistic about what we expect of the breeders and exhibitors in our organization, how they think and feel. We need to be listening and taking it as information. **Eigenhauser:** We're all tossing out questions on a budget we haven't seen yet. It might be more productive to table this until we have a budget. **Tabled.**

[from Sunday] DelaBar: Meet the Breeds is open to our imaginations. We might want agility, because that's always a big crowd pleaser. We want lots of vendors. The vendor opportunity is going to be phenomenal. We want the breed booths. We could have art competitions to get the school kids involved. **Miller:** What about doing a dramatic presentation like we did for the International, with the gorgeous lights and a stage set with beautiful platforms custom designed for this? It would be absolutely marvelous. There's also an opportunity for this to be a big social event, with a formal party on Saturday night with the AKC people – dog people and cat people mingling and having a dancing party. I don't think that's ever been done. We could make this a glamorous New York affair that people would really love. **White:** Do we have a proposal from AKC? **Tartaglia:** We have a proposed budget and what they are expecting us to pay. **White:** They're expecting us to foot 25% of the bill and we get 25% of the revenues back? **Tartaglia:** We would keep any cat-related vendor income, but we would get 25% of the gate income. **White:** Is our sponsor committed to the same level that we received in the past? **DelaBar:** They are committed to a substantial sponsorship. **Tartaglia:** There will not be a show with this event. **DelaBar:** Our sponsor wants to keep the brand of the CFA-Iams Cat Championship Show. They don't want to lose that identity. All they have to do is nail down a venue. Right now, what I need is this board to go ahead with this concept. **Wilson:** The concept is great and I think we should participate. However, I'm uncomfortable voting on anything without a budget. **DelaBar:** We can't have a budget until we approve the concept. **Johnson:** We're approving to go forward and seek a budget, but we're not approving to spend the money. **Eigenhauser:** Or sign a contract. **Cantley:** We're talking about a glamorous PR event for CFA,

that could make CFA synonymous with cats, just like AKC is synonymous with dogs. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(5) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.** [Note: unless otherwise indicated, **Eigenhauser** has a standing motion, reserving the right to vote no.]

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

(a) *Club Names:* *Cat Club of Palm Beaches, American Wirehair Int'l, Carolina Castaways, Ocala Cat Club, National Alliance of Birman Breeders*
Show Date: *May 23/24, 2009*
Location: *Orlando FL (Region 7)*

Johnson: I recommend we support this. This is one of the few places in our schedule that will allow a 6x6. They freed up a show weekend, which is very beneficial. They had a successful show, so let them try it again. **Kusy:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(b) *Club Names:* *Bougalie Rebels Cat Club, Arkansas Feline Fanciers*
Show Date: *July 11/12, 2009*
Location: *Mandeville LA (Region 3)*

Altschul: I recommend this one, although I was unable to find them a date outside of hurricane season. Arkansas Feline Fanciers was a show-producing club until 5 years ago. They have been unable to put on a show in Arkansas, but now they have several new members. Bougalie Rebels has really suffered the last several years. **Johnson:** There's a Tampa show that weekend. **Meeker:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Watson abstained.

(c) *Club Names:* *Wild Blue Yonder, Metroplex*
Show Date: *August 29/30, 2009*
Location: *Denver CO (Region 3)*

Altschul: This club used the July date last time. I asked them to move their date, as it affected the other Colorado show that month. This format was well received by the region and we would like to see another one. We have no shows in August. **Anger:** These are the two clubs that originally presented the proposal for the experimental format, so they obviously have a great need for it. **Meeker:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(d) *Club Names:* *Superstition Cat Fanciers, Kino Kat Klub*
Show Date: *September 5/6, 2009*
Location: *Phoenix AZ (Region 5)*

Altschul: Region 3 has no problem with this. **Baugh:** I have a problem with it. There are two 6x6 shows back to back and it's also the weekend before National Capital. We're looking at impact. **Cantley:** We have some scheduling problems here with four 6x6 shows within two months of each other. **Johnson:** We spent a lot of time talking about impact of Houston on San Diego, and shows that are far apart. National Capital is one of our premier shows, and is a group of clubs already. Having a 6x6 the weekend before National Capital could be detrimental to that show and I don't want to hurt one of our premier shows. **Molino:** The National Capital show is a draw and it will always be a draw. The Kino Kat Klub hasn't had an opportunity to put on a

show in a very long time. I see this as a way back for them, so I would like to give them the opportunity to come back. Superstition tried valiantly to keep shows in Phoenix. The clubs in that area need help and support. **Cantley:** These clubs are both smaller clubs. Their exhibitor base comes mostly from California. This show probably will not impact campaigner-type shows the following weekend. **Altschul:** They are more likely to get Colorado exhibitors coming to the Phoenix show if they don't have a Colorado show the weekend after it, so by combining the two Colorado shows and moving them to the end of the month, you're more likely to get your Colorado people to come. **Cantley:** I so move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Johnson, Petersen and Baugh voting no.

(e) *Club Names:* *Foot of the Rockies, Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers*
Show Date: *September 26/27, 2009*
Location: *Aurora CO (Region 3)*

Altschul: I am impressed with these two clubs. These are two of the oldest producing clubs in CFA and they definitely need this show. I urged them to consider this weekend. Rocky Mountain will lose their traditional weekend, but they are willing to do this because it is more important to continue to produce shows than to keep their traditional weekend. It will open up our schedule a bit more. My region can definitely support two 6x6's across two months in Colorado. **Johnson:** The weekend of 26/27 has a huge number of shows. There's two traditional shows in my region that weekend. Adding a 6x6 has a serious impact on the whole country. **Kusy:** This is a tough weekend. There are several big shows that weekend. I'm concerned about judges. **Altschul:** They have already contracted judges. **Johnson:** They are struggling to make those shows, because it's a big weekend. We agreed that it impacts shows the weekends before and after, and possibly across the country. Weekends where we have 7 or 8 shows in the U.S., all the clubs struggle. **DelaBar:** Do Colorado exhibitors ever show outside of Colorado? A region that only has 30-some shows a year needs everything they can get. **Johnson:** The reason this is of such concern is the impact to clubs that have been putting on shows year after year. It does have an impact. **Molino:** This is a region that is very geographically dispersed, so it's difficult for them. They have a very hard time drawing entry. I don't think they are going to impact any other shows. **Johnson:** I'm not saying don't have a 6x6, I'm saying this is a bad weekend for it. **Watson:** I can appreciate what Peg is saying, but by taking this attitude, you're denying this old club in Colorado and you're denying those people in Colorado the opportunity to be able to attend a show. 30 shows in a region is not a lot of shows. **Johnson:** They've got a lot of free weekends to work with. This isn't a good weekend. **Calhoun:** I'm looking at the schedule. You've got Timonium, you've got Minnesota, you've got Syracuse, you've got Queen City in Ohio, you've got Washington. All these two-day shows are already on that weekend. I don't see how they can not be impacted. **Cantley:** I call for the motion. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Satoh, Watson, Molino, Altschul, White voting yes. Kusy, Meeker and Anger abstained.

(f) *Club Names:* *Cenla Cat Fanciers, Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club*
Show Date: *November 14/15, 2009*
Location: *Alexandria LA (Region 3)*

Altschul: I support this show. We have two shows in the Gulf Shore Region that weekend, one in Colorado and one in Louisiana. They have always affected each other. Cenla

has traditionally been on the 3rd weekend of January and will be giving up their January date in 2010. That will help the Loveland club. Baton Rouge has moved into November, and then they found out that their show hall was no longer available. Cenla has been looking for a new weekend, and this situation came up. This was two show-producing clubs, one's giving up a weekend and going into a part of our schedule that is not heavy. Greater Baton Rouge is the club that Vaughn Barber founded, and we don't want this to become inactive. **Calhoun:** Salt Lake City is on the same weekend. **Altschul:** They are 1,500 miles apart. **Johnson:** How many shows that weekend? **Calhoun:** Two others; Dayton and Salt Lake City. **Johnson:** Capital Cat Fanciers in Washington shouldn't be a problem. **Meeker:** Region 2 doesn't have any conflict with the Gulf Shore. **Baugh:** 6x6 shows are magnets for the people that are flying and campaigning. **Altschul:** That's why I want to limit the allbreed rings, because you get more local exhibitors. The two 6x6 shows we have had were mostly supported by local people. We had the normal amount of out-of-region people that you would expect for a 225 show. **Molino:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(g) Club Names:	Oregon Cats, Lewis & Clark LH Club
Show Date:	December 5/6, 2009
Location:	Portland OR (Region 2)

Meeker: I would like to say positive things about this. This is two old clubs in our region. This is one of our premier shows for the region for the year. They are both fairly good sized, well-known, long-producing clubs. There are no shows in our region the weekend before or after. **Baugh:** If this has been a successful show for years, why does it need to be a 6x6? Why can't they keep the format they have? **Meeker:** It has not filled, the gate has been poor, the show halls are becoming outrageously expensive and these clubs can't afford to do another show without some help or they are done. This is our one premier Christmas show in the region. **Eigenhauser:** This would crush the Maine Attraction show. We have a traditional show date the first weekend of December. We fill most years. We moved off this date this past year because we were looking for a cheaper show hall. We go back to our traditional date in 2009. There's a huge population center in the bay area and northern California, and we split the exhibitors. We live or die, depending on if we can get Oakland and San Jose and San Francisco and Sacramento exhibitors to drive down to southern California. If we're competing with 12 rings, we're dead. We might as well cancel the show. **Meeker:** At the last show, there were a fair amount of exhibitors that flew up to the Lewis & Clark show when it was 8 rings. **Eigenhauser:** Maine Attraction wasn't on their weekend. **Cantley:** Your exhibitor base would be split, which is going to harm the show, but I don't think it's going to totally kill it. **Johnson:** An exhibitor base that splits – that is the reason we have the National Show Scheduling Committee. If you have 40 exhibitors in the middle and they normally go to your show, that's \$2,000 or more for a club. Clubs are squeaking by on nickels and dimes, so a 20/20 split will hurt a club. I'm concerned about the whole country and when we have big shows all over the country, we can't support them. We're not saying, "don't have it in your area"; rather, some weekends aren't appropriate. **Calhoun:** The shows that are on that weekend are Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio and shows in Rosenberg, Texas, Germany and Russia. **Johnson:** There's Greater Baltimore and Massachusetts with Black Tie & Tails. A lot of big shows that weekend. **Molino:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Watson, Brown, Molino, Altschul and Meeker voting yes.

(h) Club Names: National Maine Coon, National Birman Fanciers
Show Date: May 2-3, 2009
Location: Temple TX (Region 3)

Altschul: This is two separate breed clubs with no overlap. It's the only show in the Gulf Shore Region in May. The shows are both traditionally in May. I like the idea of two breed clubs. They are requesting a combined catalog. **Eigenhauser:** It would be interesting to see a show immediately after the end of the season, to start with a new cat, a whole new campaign, whether it's going to have less of an impact on the shows before it than shows that are within the same season. I'm curious to see how this works out. **Altschul:** We had this on the same weekend last year and it was extremely successful.

Tartaglia: I have no problem with the issue of one catalog. My only issue is that, for scoring purposes, the master clerk catalog be two separate catalogs. Jan Rogers confirmed that is the plan, so I don't oppose having one catalog. **Wilson:** I have a problem with one catalog. It's two separate shows. **Kusy:** Why do they want to do that? **Altschul:** To save money. They will print less pages because they are going to do it in a format where the entry is in the center. If a cat is entered both days, they will have lines on both sides. If a cat is entered one day, you have lines on one side, so it is going to save a significant amount of paper. **DelaBar:** It's an experiment. **Baugh:** I realize it's an experiment, but we set the guidelines. Since they are set, we need to adhere to them. **Calhoun:** The other shows on the weekend are Rebel Rousers in George, a show in Concord, New Hampshire, there's Genesee in Rochester, New York, there's Greater Lancaster Felines in York, Pennsylvania, **DelaBar:** Nothing west of the Mississippi. **Molino:** It's exciting that we have an experiment to try one catalog. It's a great opportunity. **Eigenhauser** moves, as is, with the one catalog. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson voting no.

(i) Club Names: Golden West Cat Club, Valley Empire Cat Club
Show Date: October 3-4, 2009
Location: Palm Springs CA (Region 5)

Cantley: Golden West is an established club that has done many shows in September. Because of some changes with the National Scheduling Committee, their permanent date will be the first weekend in October. Valley Empire used to be inactive, but they came together with Golden West and worked out the first 6x6 show in our region. **DelaBar** read the following statement: *To All Concerned Board Members and Madame President: I am writing on behalf of the clubs I have listed below...because we just were informed that a request to have 6x6 show the week before and the week after our prestigious and profitable traditional show has been submitted for board approval. We are absolutely opposed to a 6x6 show proceeding either one week before or one or two weeks after a scheduled show that has been historically taking place in a region. The ramifications monetarily are devastating to the show sandwiched between this 12 ring show. Even in one month...if there are choices to be made, the exhibitor will the majority of time choose the most rings offered. The show that has been approved at the end of the show season will devastate other historically fine shows. In fact, one show (Sushi Cats) in the Southwest Region has canceled their upcoming traditional show which is held the week before, because they cannot take the risk of losing money. We know we are all looking for new, innovative ways to re-invent ourselves, but we and many others feel this is not the way to go. By*

destroying what we already have to make way for new is counter productive. When the one day 6 ring show was accepted...it changed the social aspect of showing and CFA....and not for the good...adding one more day to that format is overkill. Now to the impact on our cats.....please give thought to what a 12 ring show...plus if the exhibitor is lucky enough to have the cat make finals, there is the potential of a 24 ring show that weekend. I know the choice can be made to not show both days....but, the one and only show we attended, I believe it was changed by one cat.....the choice to choose this show is made because of the format. It was explained to us that if a choice between a traditional show is presented and a 6x6, it is always going to be the 6x6....get in get out. The second weekend in October, is now the Paul Raine's Solid Color Cat Club (a long-standing show producing club, that has not been able to produce a show because of non-available regional show dates)..it is to be held October 10 and 11, 2009 in Santa Barbara, CA. This show date was for the Southwest's Annual Fund...and how has been given to Paul Raine's Club. Last year, after the 6x6 that was presented in Palm Springs California....we had to beg, borrow and implore people to enter after filling two years in a row...and having over 190 the year before...this show is a spectator event, combined with media in Santa Barbara....we are still being sponsored by Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey's...we are recognized as one of the premier shows in Region 5....we are hoping to continue to do so for CFA.... however if this format is approved we will be forced to cancel as we cannot afford to take the financial risk. The board has been acting without any input from affected clubs when approving this format. Please think twice about licensing the shows that have applied before and after our show...and for all the potential shows to come. Sincerely Donna Isenberg, President Crown City Cat Club, Secretary Paul Raine's Solid Color Cat Club, and Representative for the following clubs opposing 6 x 6 Shows: Burmese Club of Southern California, Crown City Cat Club, Hemet Feline Fanciers, Las Flores Cat Club, Santa Monica Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Paul Raine's Solid Color Cat Club, Sushi Cats. **Kusy:** These same two clubs did this show last year and I voted against it last year because this is a heavy weekend, it's a board meeting weekend which takes many of our judges. If you look at the evaluations, virtually every exhibitor at the show said, "we don't have to go to a show next weekend." **Meeker:** We finally worked out a Revelers a show date, which is the previous weekend. We need to give them a chance to get back on their feet. **Calhoun:** If we want the best cats to turn around and come to New York, what is the impact going to be on that? **Kusy:** I'll move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, Cantley, Watson, Brown and Molino voting yes.

(j)	<i>Club Names:</i>	<i>Exotic Breeders, Cleveland Persian Society</i>
	<i>Show Date:</i>	<i>October 10-11, 2009</i>
	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Parma OH (Region 4)</i>

Withdrawn.

Tartaglia: I have two points of clarification. Any future requests for experimental formats will not be coming from the Office. They going to the National Scheduling Committee. **Miller:** I would like to comment that I was so impressed with the proposals that we received from these clubs. A lot of time and effort was put into them. I would like to compliment the clubs for the work that they did to give us all the considerations and information and details.

2. **Out-of-Region Show Requests**

None

3. **Show Format Requests:**

- (a) Club Name: Siamese Alliance of America
Show Date: May 23, 2009
Location: Lebanon PA
Request permission to hang top 5 ribbons in Siamese Kitten, Championship and Premiership classes for scoring top Siamese at the show only. Official scoring will be done as usual.

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

4. **Club Name Change**

- a) Current Name: Great Lakes Great Cats
Proposed Name: Great Lakes Great Maines
Region: Great Lakes (Region 4)
Conflict w/Existing Names: None
Reason: Club consists mostly of Maine Coon breeders/owners

Baugh: When the club was formed, it was mostly Maine Coon people, and it was called Great Lakes Great Cats. I concede the name change, but I like the other one better. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- (b) Current Name: Americas Singapura Alliance
Proposed Name: International Singapura Alliance
Reason: Club now has members from the International Division and they would like the club name to reflect this.

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

5. **Club Resignation**

- Club Name: Peace Bridge Aby Fanciers (Great Lakes Region)
Reason: Inactive club with no plan or interest in producing shows.

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

6. **Multiple Season Kittens, "Straddle" Kittens**

During the process of reprogramming for the new rule which scores kittens in the current season or the next show season based on when they age out, two issues have come up: regional assignment and color class assignment.

Regional Assignment: Any straddle kitten will start its show career on or after the 1st weekend in January deadline for regional assignment. The show rules state "A kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either a.) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten,

or b.) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a. or b.) occurs first.” and “The regional assignment for any cat/kitten which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten earns points.” These rules don’t precisely address how regional assignment should be determined for a kitten earning points in two different show seasons. We are basing the regional assignment for a straddle kitten on the second rule listed above (regional assignment determined at the first show in which a kitten earns points).

Action Item: *Endorse Central Office policy for straddle kitten regional assignment.*

Tartaglia: We have an issue with what we call in the office “straddle kittens” that will be scored in the new show season. They start in this show season, but they age out in the next show season. Because of the new show rule, and they will be scored in the 2010 show season. During the programming to accommodate this change, we came up with a few issues. One is the regional assignment. How do we determine the regional assignment for these kittens? They start in one show season with a regional assignment, then will be ending in another show season. Technically, it’s a new show season but for the kitten, it isn’t. We’re proposing that the regional assignment for the kitten is set when the kitten is first shown. This is in line with what we do for any cat or kitten that is shown after the first weekend in January. If the cat is shown for the first time on the second weekend in January, the regional assignment is set at that time and it doesn’t change. That is our current show rule, whether it’s a cat or a kitten, the first time it’s shown after that January 1st weekend deadline. We’re proposing that we apply that same rationale for these straddle kittens. The first time they are shown, the region is set. **Meeker:** What if the kitten is sold to another owner? **Tartaglia:** The current rules address that, as well. It is the same. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Color Class Assignment: *There are usually a number of color class changes every year and it is probable straddle kittens will compete in two different color classes (one for the current season and one for the new season). Although kittens aren’t officially awarded color class awards, we still assign a kitten to a color class as we do an adult. There may be some regions which give informal color class kitten and premiership awards. We will be scoring straddle kittens in the assigned color class for the season in which it is eligible for an award even if it does not earn points in the “new” season. It would be a programming nightmare to maintain a prior season and new season color class structure for the purposes of scoring straddle kittens.*

Action Item: *Endorse Central Office policy regarding color class assignment for straddle kittens.*

Tartaglia: As you know, there are color class changes every year that we implement within the show season. In this instance, we have a kitten that’s being shown starting in February. It’s color class is changed because of the new show rules. In May it will be shown in a different color class. We’re proposing that the kitten will be scored in the new color class in the show season that it’s going to end and get a possible award in. Even if it started out in a different color class, it’s going to be scored in the final color class, even if the kitten does not earn points in the new show season. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Show Catalog Addenda**

At the October 2006 board meeting, I presented a change to show rule 15.01.1, specifically to charge a \$50 fee per addendum and allow the cat to be scored regardless of the reason. We would no longer spend time determining if it was a permissible addendum. Discussion at the board table resulted in the fee being added but still having to research and determine whether or not the addendum was permissible. I would like the Board to reconsider my original request. Addenda which are not accepted create a difficult and unpleasant situation for all involved. The show personnel who have to communicate with the exhibitor, the exhibitor thinking they've made a trip to the show for naught with no points given and the CO personnel in following up with an already unhappy exhibitor. If we are going to continue to charge the \$50 fee, I believe we should score the cat. It was mentioned we could be faced with a large number of addenda for a show. I believe the \$50 fee is enough of a deterrent and we will see no more addenda then we do now.

Action Item: *Modify show rule 15.01.1 to allow scoring of any addendum cat which has paid the \$50 fee.*

Tartaglia: This would eliminate the amount of time that we spend researching the validity and getting all the data. Our goal was to do away with the research. It's a difficult situation. **Wilson:** That means that with a payment of \$50, we're going to let people pay at the door. **Eigenhauser:** Considering the possibility that 75 cats may show up at the door, we have to bench them because CFA show rules say we have to bench them if they pay the fee. It would be disastrous. If we're going to allow people to enter shows at the door, that's a decision the clubs have to make, not the board, because they're the ones who are going to have to deal with the chaos at the door of every show. If we're going to make this fundamental change of how clubs bench and how clubs do business and how clubs do their catalog, this has got to be vetted before the clubs. **Altschul:** There's no show rule that says they have to take the addendums. If a club chooses to have an addendum, then they will no longer have to provide documentation. That's the club's choice. **Kusy:** We should be compassionate on an individual basis, but to open the door like this is very dangerous. **Eigenhauser:** Even if we make it clear in the rules that a club has the absolute right to refuse an entry on that date, this is going to create chaos. **Wilson:** It has always been incumbent on the exhibitor to verify that their entry has been received. My understanding is that addenda are for entry clerk errors. It's the obligation of the person entering the show to confirm whether or not they are in the show. I have a problem with saying a club can take entries at the door. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Altschul and DelaBar voting yes.

8. **CFA Breeder Directory/Online Cat Breeder Referral Service (CBRS)**

CFA has two options available to individuals to search for a breeder, the CFA Breeder Directory and the Cat Breeder Referral Service (CBRS). Breeders can subscribe to either or both of these. The CFA Breeder Directory was the original search option and is not an online service. The database is manually maintained by office staff and breeder listings are either emailed, mailed or faxed. The more recent and automated version is CBRS. This is a totally automated subscription. The breeder signs up online and inputs and maintains their information. The information is available to individuals doing an online search. We can also print out a hard copy and send it to someone looking for a breeder if they do not have computer access.

We had 467 subscribers to the Breeder Directory in 2005. It has dropped to 219 in 2008. We have 579 listings in the online CBRS. I propose, effective May 1, we offer only one search service, the CBRS. We would contact our Breeder Directory customers and offer them a subscription to CBRS of comparable length to what they have remaining in their Breeder Directory subscription.

Action Item: *Eliminate the Breeder Directory, effective May 1, and offer subscribers the option to subscribe or extend their subscription to the CBRS.*

Cantley: What is this going to save us in cost? **Tartaglia:** It will save us a minimal cost, but it's confusing that we have both. **Wilson:** What is the revenue for the breeder directory?

Tartaglia: To subscribe to the on-line Breeder Referral Service is \$44.95. That includes up to 5 breeds and breed council members receive a \$10 credit. I believe most people on the Breeder Directory will move over to the CBRS. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

9. Club Membership Lists

CFA's constitution states "Each member shall, with the payment of dues, forward to the Central Office of this Association a complete list of its members together with their addresses, and a list of the then current officers of the club, which lists shall be certified by the Secretary of the member club." The word "certified" has been interpreted to mean "signed" by the secretary. In today's electronic environment, it seems appropriate that an email from the club secretary with the membership list attached or included in the body of the email is "certified."

We currently accept faxes. Emails are preferred to faxes as sometimes a fax is unreadable.

Action Item: *Interpret the word "certified" as it applies to the presence of a club secretary signature on a membership list submitted to the Central Office, to permit an email from the club secretary with the membership list attached or included.*

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

10. 2008 Annual Meeting Unpaid Cleaning Room Charges

There were 20 guest rooms with cats at the Annual Meeting in Louisville this past June. Some of the cats were brought for the Judge's Workshop. Of these 20, four rooms required extra cleaning due to odor. I personally "toured" all 20 rooms Sunday night at 9:30 with the manager on duty (MOD). The MOD grew up with cats and was quite reasonable in his assessment of the rooms. None of the rooms were trashed; it was simply the problem with odor. You could even faintly smell the odor from one of the rooms through the closed door and this was after the room had been vacant for at least 24 hours. This is the first time in many years we've had this sort of problem, whether for an Annual Meeting hotel or for one of the cat show hotels (CICC or CIS) and never for this many rooms.

All the hotels we use for our Annual Meetings have a no pet policy but with several assurances I've always been able to persuade the hotel to agree to a few cats. One of the assurances is that we back our people and if there is a problem, we will pay the charges and then collect on our end from the individuals. This usually is the tipping point and they agree to have the cats. This is

the first time in my history with CFA (27 years) that we have had to cover any charges. The total cleaning charge paid by CFA is \$2,450. The last contact I had with the four individuals indicated I would be bringing the matter to the Board if the issue was not resolved. Three of the four individuals have either paid in full or a repayment plan is in place. I request the one individual who has still not paid be disallowed from using CFA's services until the amount is paid. The person would not be on a formal suspension and published in the Online Almanac. We would handle the matter internally and not provide any services (registration, YB, Almanac, etc.) until the amount is paid (\$515).

Action Item: *Disallow services to the individual until the amount due from the Annual Meeting is paid in full.*

Tartaglia: To protect our reputation so that we can contract with hotels in the future and have them allow cats, I assure them we stand behind our people. If there are additional cleaning charges, we cover the fee and then deal with our people directly. I'm looking for a way to come to an agreement with one individual who feels that they shouldn't have to pay. **Eigenhauser:** As much as I want to see CFA reimbursed for this, this is clearly a disputed item. We are hearing one side. I don't want to find somebody guilty and sentence them until I have heard their side. The thing to do is cite them to the next board meeting, or give them an opportunity to present their claim in writing at the next board meeting and give them an opportunity to respond. If they don't convince us that they are not responsible, then we may have to suspend their services until it is paid. **Molino:** I would like a report from the hotel to verify the condition. An independent review from the hotel would be helpful, and an opportunity to explain themselves would be helpful. **White:** Did the hotel provide you with a bill of services rendered for those four rooms? **Tartaglia:** They did. **Eigenhauser** withdraws the motion and **Cantley** amends the motion to contact the person in question, who will bring to the board their side of the story so that we can make a determination. **Molino:** I would like a statement from the hotel. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

11. Scoring and Color Change

An exhibitor changed the color of her cat from red and white to red tabby and white after competing as an Open and achieving the Champion title. The color change was made at a show on the recommendation of one judge. The exhibitor was admittedly not familiar with show rule #2.08 which states in part "Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete in the open class." The exhibitor has not officially changed the cat's color to red tabby and white and wants 39 grand points earned competing as a red tabby and white to count towards grand as a red and white. This situation of color changes happens from time to time and the show rules have always been followed. We have explained to the exhibitor several times we cannot make an exception to the show rules. From my perspective there is nothing different with this situation than any other involving a color change and it should not be exempt from the show rules. However, the exhibitor insists something be done and it was suggested the matter be brought to the Board for a final decision.

Action Item: *Uphold the Central Office ruling to follow the show rules with regard to color changes.*

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

12. **Transfer of Ownership Authorization for Barbara Azan**

Barbara Azan, Azima Turkish Angoras, died November 17, 2008. Barbara's cattery was registered in 1972 and she has been an active breeder since that time. Barbara died intestate and Sue A. Howland is requesting she be granted authorization to handle transfers of ownership for cats belonging to Barbara, register kittens in her possession at the time of her death and register one litter which was born after her death. Ms. Howland states Barbara Azan repeated told her for the two years preceding her death that Barbara wanted Ms. Howland to take responsibility for the care and placement of the cats. We have notarized statements from two other individuals, Angela Manookian and Denise Tobin, housekeepers and caretakers, confirming Barbara Azan's statements relative to Sue Howland taking responsibility for the cats should Barbara not be able to. Barbara has two sisters, Judy Kudzin and Nancy Chizik, who have stated they would take all the cats to the pound if the responsibility of the cats were left to them.

Action Item: Authorize Sue A. Howland to handle the final registration and distribution of Barbara Azan's cats/litters, once written authorization is received from the known heirs.

Eigenhauser: If the heirs to the estate want to abandon the property, I see no reason not to allow this, with the assurance that these sisters are the heirs and that they relinquish any involvement with the cats. The last thing we want is a situation where somebody places cats in good faith out of an estate, and an heir comes forward and makes a claim. **Altschul:** We need to know specifically who her heirs are, and obtain a signed statement. We need to act on this very quickly. **Jacobberger:** Our involvement is limited to registrations. To be clear, we're not authorizing anybody to take care of the cats or to take ownership of them. Our only responsibility is to determine who is going to be signing our registration papers. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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No Action Required

13. **Annual Meetings**

Pat Zollman, from Helms Briscoe, will be attending our Annual Meetings at no expense to CFA. She will assist with hotel matters (catering, etc.) but mostly will familiarize herself with our program so that she is better able to work with the regions in the selection process for future Annual Meeting locations. Some of you may recall Pat is the person I've worked with for many years in researching locations for Annual Meetings. She is one of the top producers in the company and has extraordinary contacts in the industry. It might be worthwhile to schedule a 1/2 hour familiarization meeting with the Regional Directors and Pat on either Thursday or Saturday at the Annual Meeting.

Tartaglia: Pat Zollman from Helms Briscoe helps contract with the annual meeting hotels. She is in a better position to help the regions find an appropriate facility for our future annual meetings. **Molino:** What is her motivation? **Miller:** Where does she get her money? **Tartaglia:** She receives a commission from the hotel and is able to get good rates for us because

of the buying power of Helms Briscoe. They work with all the hotels. She does the leg work and gets a commission directly from the hotel's marketing budget. **Molino:** Long term, how do you see this going? **Tartaglia:** I've been utilizing her for about five years. It's a huge time saver for me and a great service. **Wilson:** There's no question that they have relationships and get discounts that they can bring to the table. I see this as a huge plus, not only from their experience in doing this type of thing, but also alleviating a lot of leg work. **Molino:** I'm not necessarily convinced, nor do I understand why Central Office has taken over this role. **DelaBar:** We've got better bargaining power as an international organization than the individual regions. **Tartaglia:** Some people are great at negotiating a contract, but not everyone has the experience to know what to ask. We were trying to bring some consistency to the process. By utilizing someone like Pat Zollman, it gets me out of it but keeps that consistency. Her specialty is contracts, so we're very well covered in any of the contracts we have. **Baugh:** I was under the impression that this was going into effect for the annual to be held in the Gulf Shore region. **Tartaglia:** That's correct. **Baugh:** I have event planners in my region that are extremely qualified. Are we mandated to use Helms Briscoe, or can we do it on our own? **DelaBar:** We need to have an overall policy for all our regions. **Tartaglia:** The region is going to make the choices, but Pat will be doing the leg work and the negotiating with the assistance of the region. This is the way we've been doing it for a number of years and it is working pretty well. **Altschul:** I've been working with Pat on selecting a location for the Gulf Shore. For those of you who haven't worked with her and are nervous about it, it has been very helpful and she has been working with us long enough that she knows what our requirements are. **Kusy:** Everyone needs to understand that this doesn't cost us anything. She is only facilitating meetings. It's a win-win. **Molino:** I just want to make it clear that she doesn't have any signature authority to obligate anyone. **DelaBar:** Correct.

14. Regional Financial Reporting

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the frequency region's submit financial reports. Monthly reporting is required. A reminder if the reports are not submitted on a regular basis starting with January's reporting, monies owed to a region for their 1/2 of the show entry surcharge will be withheld.

Contractual Oversight. [NOTE: this unassigned discussion took place on Sunday and is being included here for ease of reading]

Calhoun: Disconnects have come up between the board and contracts that are being signed in Central Office. The board would probably feel more comfortable if we had another set of eyes overseeing contracts that are in an amount over a set threshold. **DelaBar:** No expenditure can be authorized that is more than –**Eigenhauser:** Zero. It's based on profit, so it's zero since we have been losing money. **DelaBar:** That's in the Constitution. We just have to make sure it's followed. **Calhoun:** We haven't been doing that. **Molino:** When we sign a contract, that obligates us to pay for something. **DelaBar:** We've got people we hired to do that for us – the person we appoint every year to run the business of this association on a daily basis, and that's our Executive Director. **Calhoun:** We have a contract with a hotel in Atlanta. There was a disconnect and now we're committed. It is my job as Treasurer to be responsible for the budget at the end of the year. I'm the one that stands in front of the delegation and tells them that we lost money, but I'm not part of that decision process. I'm very uncomfortable with that. **DelaBar:** So,

you want to be in on all contracts that commit us to an expenditure? **Calhoun:** Yes, over \$5,000. We should be able to have a review period for contracts. **DelaBar:** I want to make sure we don't get tied up in waiting to execute. **Calhoun:** Sometime between day one and two weeks, I would be available. **Tartaglia:** It appears that what has prompted this was the signing of the contract for the 2009 hotel for the International. **Molino:** That's not the only one. **DelaBar:** I agree with oversight, but we've got to depend on the people we pay to do this. **Eigenhauser:** It's appropriate for our Treasurer to have oversight of expenditures over a certain amount. It's appropriate that that include items where we are getting a certain amount of money, but it obligates us to expend money in an amount that exceeds the threshold amount. Every big business has checks and balances, and our Constitution makes our Treasurer our #1 check and balance on financial matters. I can't see why there would be an objection to our Treasurer reviewing and signing off on these contracts, and having an opportunity to raise an objection. It's the least she needs, to be able to do her job. **DelaBar:** Excuse me, but Allene also needs to be able to do her job. **Anger:** We're going to have a hard time explaining how we have potentially lost tens of thousands of dollars on a hotel contract that none of us knew about. The entire Executive Committee was there at the event when the contract was signed, but we were never consulted. Having oversight on those types of things certainly can't hurt. **Calhoun:** At the end of the day, I am the one that has to explain this. Two sets of eyes are better than one. Some expenses never make it in the budget because we aren't aware of them. **Altschul:** The whole purpose of the Treasurer is to control the money. It falls on her shoulders, and we absolutely we need to give her that ability. **Molino:** There is a constitutional provision that names the Treasurer as the chief financial officer of this organization. This brings independent authority to approve obligations for the organization. If she or he chooses to put a cut-off that obligates us in any way to pay something or pass through, then it's within her prerogative. The clubs are looking to her for fiscal responsibility and fiduciary responsibility, and that's a heavy task, especially if she doesn't have the authority to do what the Constitution tells her to do. **DelaBar:** She not only has the authority, she has the responsibility. I am trying to ensure the day-to-day things that Allene has to do. **Calhoun:** I can't imagine there would be that many contracts of that nature that I would be inundated to an extent that it would hold up the operations of Central Office. My motion is that all obligations of \$5,000 or more be signed off; the treasurer has to endorse those expenditures prior to the financial commitment. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(6) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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; Mentor Program Administrator; File Administrator
Carla Bizzell – File 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)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Retirement: The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Diane Dunn, Approved Allbreed judge. Diane has been a CFA Judge since 1980. We wish Diane the very best in all her endeavors, and look forward to seeing her at upcoming shows and events.

Action Item: Grant retirement status to Diane Dunn from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.

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

Retirement: The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Ruth Parker, Approved Allbreed judge. Ruth has been a CFA Judge since 1968.

Action Item: Grant retirement status to Ruth Parker from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.

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

Leave of Absence: Allbreed Judge Midori Shimada has requested a one-year medical leave of absence from the Judging Program, commencing immediately and ending with the February 2010 CFA Board Meeting.

Action Item: Grant a one-year medical leave of absence from the CFA Judging Program to Midori Shimada.

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

Leave of Absence: Approved Shorthair Judge Yoshiko Yamada has requested a two-year medical leave of absence from the Judging Program, commencing immediately and ending with the February 2011 CFA Board Meeting.

Action Item: Grant a two-year medical leave of absence from the CFA Judging Program to Yoshiko Yamada.

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

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>
Kathy Black	Independent	Nika Feline Ctr	Moscow, Russia	2/22/09
Pam DelaBar	WCF	World Show	Samara, Russia	6/13/09
Pam DelaBar	CCCA	Western Dist Cat Soc.	NSW, Australia	7/18/09
Pam DelaBar	CCCA	CCCA National	Perth, Australia	7/25/09
Wain Harding	FiFe	Jubilee Show	Copenhagen, Denmark	3/28/09
Yukiko Hayata	LOOF	Assoc. Les Chats	Paris, France	1/24/09
Vicki Nye	FiFe	West Swedish CC	Gothenburg, Sweden	10/31/09
Wayne Trevathan	FiFe	Gothenburg CC	Gothenburg, Sweden	2/14/09

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

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Olga Abramova	WCF	Chatte Noir CC	Chelyabinsk, Russia	10/18/08
Maj Britt-Stein	FiFe	Palmetto CC	Columbia, SC	2/28/09
Lena Gnatkevich	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/21/09
Maria Koretskaya	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/21/09
Cheryl Pollock	CCCA	Sarawak CC	Sarawak, Malaysia	12/20/08
Olga Rakitnyh	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/21/09
Kai Ruonala	FiFe	Cat Fanciers of Finland	Lahti, Finland	3/14/09
Michael Schleissner	**	Cats World Club	Celje, Slovenia	10/18/08
Michael Schleissner	**	Wannabees CC	Ocean Shores, WA	10/25/08
Michael Schleissner	**	Dutch Purrpuss CC	Wijchen, Netherlands	11/1/08
Michael Schleissner	**	Cat Fanciers of Finland	Helsinki, Finland	11/9/08
Miguel Sierra	FiFe	Poppy State CC	Dixon, CA	1/17/09
Cheryle U'Ren	CCCA	Formosa Top Show CC	Tainan, Taiwan	10/26/08 *
Cheryle U'Ren	CCCA	HKCLS	Hong Kong, China	4/4/09
Rod U'Ren	CCCA	Shanghai Cat Lovers	Shanghai, China	1/10/09
Andrew Ustinov	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/21/09

* = replacement judge

** = currently not licensed applied to CFA 2/09

From the Judges' Association: *To: The Members of the CFA Executive Board*

At our most recent annual meeting in Louisville, members of the CFA Judges Association had a lengthy discussion concerning payment for services to CFA Judges at licensed CFA Shows.

During that meeting it was mentioned that "Many in CFA always use AKC as an example to follow. Dog judges can negotiate their fees after a certain point in time and make far more than we do for doing far less. For example, when this person last judged for FIFe the fee was 85 euros per day which considering the number of cats handled and our devalued dollar is about \$2.00 per entry and that's if you judge the maximum per day (about 60) and \$3.00 per entry if you handle the average number (about 40)."

It was noted that the last pay raise which CFA judges received was so many years ago that accurate recollection could not be made without further research. (I believe it was during Kitty Angell's term as JA President in the early 90's). It was also pointed out that when that last pay raise was awarded, raising the fee from \$1 to \$1.10 it was done with the proviso that incremental increases would be routinely awarded thereafter. As you know, this has not been the case. By majority vote the JA meeting attendees requested that we petition the CFA Executive Board once again as follows:

That Approved All Breed judging fees be increased \$0.15 per cat with an incremental increase of \$.05 per cat each year thereafter for the next 5 years.

I ask that each of you please consider this and enact on it accordingly during your February Board meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Willa K. Hawke, President &
Rick Hoskinson, Secretary
CFA Judges Association*

Action Item: *Consider the Judges' Association's request for a raise.*

Anger: In researching the history of raises, judges were given a raise at the February 1988 board table effective May. They had a raise that was approved October of 1983, and in February of 1999 they had a raise that was effective May 1. **Kusy:** This should come from the floor of the annual. **Anger:** The last three raises all came from the board table. **Eigenhauser:** The fact that the last several raises have come from the board, but for clerks and others has come from the annual, is exactly why it has to go to the annual. It's perceived that the board is dominated by judges and that it's not necessarily in full congruity with the wishes of the clubs and exhibitors. If you make a good case to the delegation, they'll vote what's fair. **Watson:** I would like to believe that, but judges are in the minority. Clerks make up a lot of the delegation. When it comes to raises for the clerks and the master clerks, those raises go through. **Anger:** Regarding the financial impact, if you consider the raise of a nickel and you have 6 judges at a 200 entry show, that makes a \$60 difference to the bottom line. **Molino:** It is said that the CFA Judging Program is the best and most professional in the world, and I believe that is true. All of us aspire to be ambassadors. It's humiliating for judges to have to go before the delegation and beg to have a raise that is only fair. I would like to know that our professionalism is appreciated.

Let the judges who are on the board not vote and let the rest of the board vote. **DelaBar:** I have judged on all continents except for Antarctica. CFA and TICA are essentially the only judges that get paid. Instead of money, I would like respect. You've got to earn it. The majority of us have. I cannot vote for a raise at this board table, although we deserve every bit of that and more. **Molino:** I appreciate what you're saying. Respect equals remuneration. CFA judges are professionals and they get paid a fee for being professional. It doesn't have to be an emotional issue. **Johnson:** This is somewhat of a consternation. We have clubs that barely make it, but it goes back to budgeting. Some clubs spend a lot on decorations, some spend a lot on food, some spend a lot on rosettes. For a club to say, "we need to find \$60 extra so the judges can have a raise after 10 years," that's not a big deal. I don't think the judges are ever going to get a raise from the floor. **Meeker:** I'm looking at this as a business issue. Many times, we look at it emotionally. Someone who is considering becoming a judge is going to spend thousands and thousands of dollars to get to where you people are, and may never make that money back. From a business standpoint, that isn't healthy. We have the finest judges in the world, but we have to start somewhere in respecting the job that's being done. **Eigenhauser:** I don't see this as having the same kind of business analogy as that. We don't breed cats because we're going to make money; we do it because we love the breed. It's a hobby that we do because we love it. I have faith in the delegation. Put this in front of the delegation and reasonably justify your request. **Molino:** How many years are we supposed to do that? **Wilson:** This should go to the delegation with sufficient support from judges that are willing to get up and speak about why they should get a raise. There are other options. One is a per diem for meals. It works for this board to have a per diem. **Altschul:** This expense is going to be passed on to the exhibitors, who are going to have to pay more for entries. Instead of entering 3 or 4 cats, exhibitors will enter 2 or 3. We don't need to pass any more fees on to our exhibitors. **Molino:** It's an insult to say that we're going to pass it on to the exhibitors. 150 exhibitors passed on by \$60 is 40 cents an exhibitor. We're having an emotional discussion over 40 cents. **Miller:** I can remember this going before the delegation many times. The delegates represent clubs, and they are always looking after the interest of clubs. Judges haven't had the same ability to stand up before the delegates. I believe the Judges' Association deserves some recognition by this board about this matter. The action item talks about 15 cents an entry and there are 8 judges, so we're talking about \$1.20 that we might have to raise an entry. Clubs vary in what they charge for entries, so they have that flexibility. It would be appropriate for judges on the board to abstain, but out of courtesy to the Judges' Association that is trying to stand up for the judges, and I very much appreciate what they're doing, we should take a vote. This will go on for years before the delegates, and it will never get through there. **Molino:** Abstention is not a requirement. It's a personal decision. I want to say one thing to Joan; your comment about showing respect for judges and the JA is one of the most important things that I have seen happen at this meeting. After 25 years, no one has ever said thank you. I am one judge who is eternally grateful for someone to stand up and say, "thank you, you have our respect." I really can't tell you how much I appreciate that. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, White, Satoh, Baugh, Altschul and Kusy voting no. DelaBar, Miller, Calhoun, Anger and Wilson abstained.

Johnson: We had some excellent ideas in that discussion that I would like to see instituted, such as discontinuing judges' gifts. We need to encourage clubs not to give gifts, because there are still clubs that go out and buy gifts for judges, as well as having a per diem on food so that a club can more appropriately budget for judges. **Miller:** Instead of discontinuing judges' gifts, you might have guidelines as to what is appropriate, i.e. donations to some of our

programs, such as Outreach, Legislation, the Winn Foundation. That's very appreciated by me, when I'm judging. **Johnson:** We could propose a show rule such as, "clubs will not provide individual gifts to judges as part of their judging, but can continue to make donations." **DelaBar:** Get with Loretta and the Show Rules Committee.

Cantley moved to reconsider the above motion. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Miller, and Molino voting no. The motion being back on the table, discussion commenced.

Cantley: I believe a raise would be a good thing, but it will be hard for our constituents to swallow an automatic raise each year. We don't know where the economy will be in a year or two. **Molino:** The Judges' Association tried proposing a year-by-year raise, but the reality is 10 years by 10 years. If you don't like the automatic nature of it, make it subject to board approval, instead of making us plead every few years. **Miller:** The Judges' Association has tried so hard. If they have to go back every year for 5 cents, we're wasting more time. To bring it before the delegates is another waste of time. **Baugh:** 15 cents is going to make the delegates unhappy. An additional increment is going to make them more unhappy. We can make them happier if we take the increment out. **Molino:** We need to accommodate some reasonable expression. This raise is not going to be the reason that a club misses its budget. **Calhoun:** Even with registration fees, we don't address it and then all of a sudden it's a big deal. Any raise is more palatable if you address it. Clubs can plan with a 5 cent raise a year. Taking it in smaller steps would be easier to budget, and it keeps us from coming back every year and going through the same discussion. **Cantley:** Either a raise or increments would be easier to swallow. **Eigenhauser:** I'm not thrilled with us doing it, rather than putting it to the delegation, but I'm willing to support it if it means that we can get something through that will appease the judges this year, and then next year we can revisit it. **Altschul:** Another way to look at it is to go with a 15 cent increase across 3 years and see how palatable that is to the clubs. **Johnson:** There will be a backlash over an immediate 15 cent raise. It might be better to set the expectation over 3 years or 5 years. It would be more palatable to spread it out. **Anger:** The last time judges got a raise, that was how it was supposed to be implemented, but every time it was revisited, the additional raise was turned down. **Meeker:** Is this only for allbreed judges? **DelaBar:** Yes. If the clubs can't afford the expense, they can hire approval pending allbreed judges. **Anger** restated the original motion. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Molino voting yes. Miller, DelaBar, Anger and Wilson abstained.

Cantley: I like the idea of 5 cents per cat per year for the next three years for approved allbreed judges. That makes it more palatable for the clubs. **DelaBar:** Effective 1 May. **Molino:** I have lived through this scenario many times, and incremental funding over a period of time goes away. **Cantley:** We're voting it in for the next 3 years, unless we come back as a board and determine that it is causing a hardship. **Molino:** Who would have to initiate that? **Jacobberger:** This will become a show rule. The delegation has concurrent powers with the board on adopting show rules. You could adopt a show rule today, they could change it at the annual meeting, you could change it again in October. **Eigenhauser:** If the concern is the delegation overturning this, I would think you would rather have a gradual, incremental raise. The more they don't like something, the more likely they are to overturn it. A big increase now and a continuing increase over time is far more likely to get overturned than a gentler, more incremental approach. **Altschul:** Clubs do have a certain amount of power and we have to respect their decisions. If we

were to present the original motion, they absolutely would vote it down. If we present it this way, there's a good chance that it will stand, because they understand the reasons. **Cantley** moved that approved allbreed judging fees will be increased by 5 cents per cat, with an incremental increase of 5 cents per cat for a total of 3 years, effective May 1, 2009. 15 cents total over 3 years.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy, Altschul and White voting no. Miller, DelaBar, Anger, Wilson, Baugh and Satoh abstain.

White: Being that we just increased judges' fees, we should increase the licensing fees from \$25 to \$30 a year, effective January 1, 2010. **Watson:** Is the reason simply because judges got a raise? **White:** No, I don't think \$25 to relicense a judge each year is sufficient. **Watson:** We don't get anything for that fee. What is it costing the association to relicense us? **DelaBar:** Standards and show rules. **Tartaglia:** Judges' contracts, supplies, Judges' workshop. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Update on Workshop Attendance: Seven judges were sent a reminder letter, stating that they must attend the workshop in California, and that no further extensions would be entertained. Technically, these judges would not be eligible for relicensing, as they have not complied with the provisions of Judging Program Rule Section VIII, Paragraph H, which states:

Attendance at a CFA Judges' Workshop or Breed Awareness and Orientation School at least once every seven years (commencing 2002) is a requirement for relicensing.

Last year, a clarification was requested from and granted by the Board, who was queried as to whether or not "commencing 2002" meant including 2002 or after 2002. It was determined that the most liberal interpretation of the rule would apply and judges would be granted until 2009 to complete the requirement, as long as the licensing issue was addressed. Therefore, the resulting technicality is addressed in the following action item.

Action Item: *Grant the judges who have not complied with Judging Program Rule Section VIII, Paragraph H, provisional relicensing until the next reconvening of the Board after the 2009 Judges' Workshop at the CFA Annual Meeting in Indian Wells, California. Any judge not in attendance will be dropped from the Judging Program. The judges who were in attendance will be brought up for consideration to fully licensed status.*

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

*Reconsideration of Scoring Due to Judge Error: At the Cats R Us show in Austria held January 24/25, 2009, a Norwegian Forest Cat open in premiership was shown as two different colors. It got 3 winners ribbons on Saturday as a silver **torbie** and white, and 3 on Sunday as a brown tabby & white.*

All three judges on Saturday failed to catch the incorrect color description of "silver torbie-white". CFA has not had "torbie" in the color descriptions of any standard for many years. Further, silver patched tabby and white is quite different from brown tabby and white. The first judge on Sunday made the transfer. Because the Saturday judges were already checked out and gone, there was no opportunity to correct the obvious error.

The exhibitor was let down all along the line – from an email exchange with the entry clerk, to the ring clerk, to the judges. The cat competed in 6 rings and was awarded winners' ribbons, which we are requesting to be credited toward her title of Premier.

Action Item: As it was the judges who failed this exhibitor, who is a non-English speaking novice from another association, the Judging Program feels responsible for the breakdown of the professionalism we expect and demand from our judges. We request an adjustment to the scoring to allow all the winners' ribbons to count.

Petersen: I'm very sympathetic to the exhibitor, but this happens frequently at shows, and we don't routinely correct it. **Eigenhauser:** If we're going to make an exception now, then we're going to have to allow an exception whenever a judge doesn't catch a color change. It needs to be fair for everyone or it's not fair for anyone. It's easier to simply uphold the show rules. **Molino:** As much as I agree with that, in the interest of international good will, we should allow this. We do a lot of things for the International Committee that we don't do for the continental United States exhibitors. **Watson:** I can certainly see both sides. It wasn't caught until Sunday so there was no way to have the Saturday judges change it, as is often the case here. **Miller:** Sometimes the judges' book is difficult to read. **Baugh:** The problem is that when there is only cat in the class, we are sometimes not good about reading the color class description. When you're in a hurry, you don't always look at that color. **DelaBar:** Shame on us. We just got a pay raise. **Withdrawn.**

Pre-Notice of Application: The following individuals have been pre-noticed for application to the CFA Judging Program and are scheduled to be presented to the Board in June 2009 for acceptance:

Etsuko Hamayasu Tokyo, Japan	(Longhair - 1st Specialty)
Rika Inatomi Tokyo, Japan	(Shorthair - 1st Specialty)
Koji Kanise Osaka, Japan	(Shorthair - 1st Specialty)
Doreann Nasin Franklin, CT	(Longhair - 1st Specialty)

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

Accept as Approval Pending AB from Another Association:

Michael Schleissner 17 yes; 1 abstain (Satoh)

Advance to Apprenticeship:

Melanie Morgan (SH 1st Specialty) 17 yes; 1 no (Molino)

Sandra Stewart (LH 1st Specialty Reconsideration) 1 yes (Miller); 16 no; 1 abstain (Satoh)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Carol Fogarty (LH – 2nd Specialty)

*9 yes; 7 no (Molino, Cantley,
Watson, Petersen, DelaBar, Altschul,
Baugh; 2 abstain (Satoh, Anger)*

Makoto Murofushi (LH – 1st Specialty)

18 yes

Megumi Yamashita (SH – 2nd Specialty)

18 yes

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Kathy Calhoun (LH – 1st Specialty)

17 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)

Advanced to Approved Allbreed:

John Webster

18 yes

Action Item: *Relicense Judges: All judges are presented to the Board for relicensing, with the exception of the following for non-payment of annual licensing fee: Teruko Arai, Lynn Search, Kenji Takano, Yaeko Takano, Yoshiko Yamada. [NOTE: see June 2009 on-line motions or the February 2009 summary for a correction.]*

DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Anger, Chair

(7) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Chair: Annette Wilson
Committee Members: George Eigenhauser, Jr.; Betsy Arnold, Joel Chaney, 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 Annette Wilson gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #31). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

(8) **DISCIPLINARY HEARING.**

08-005 ***CFA v. Veach, Gary***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (f & g)
Violation of CFA Show Rules 11.26, 11.27 and 27.14
Violation of CFA Judging Program Rules, Section X (A, B & D)

Motion for a finding of GUILTY of Section X of the Judging Program Rules. **Carried (vote sealed).**

Motion for 1 year probation and a \$500 fine. Both parties (Veach and Stevens) shall receive a letter of reprimand to be placed in their permanent file. **Carried (vote sealed).**

Summary: *Jan Stevens alleges on 11/05/07 she received a phone call from Respondent about the Cotton States show, berating her for not finishing a cat co-owned by Veach and Omar Gonzales. Explained that in her opinion cat was limping, but Veach continued to challenge decision. Later that day received another call from Respondent saying another judge influenced her decision. A few weeks later at the Space Coast show, both were officiating. Complainant heard that Respondent had commented Friday night he wanted no contact with her. Saturday morning Complainant greeted Respondent and asked for clarification of the previous remarks. A disagreement ensued. On Sunday Respondent approached Complainant and resumed verbal abuse.*

Respondent notes that cat had been best in show at previous large shows. Only made two finals of 6 rings at Cotton States. Notes his 20 year history of showing and Gonzales 30 and could not understand how a top winning cat could miss the rings. Admits making 11/05/07 call, but denies challenging decision and alleges Complainant never said call was inappropriate during the call. Said made second call after Gonzales talked to Rachel Anger. Veach said that Gonzales said that Anger said that Stevens said that Loretta Baugh said bad things about the cat. Alleges Complainant had mentioned to Anger in confidence discomfort over comment by Baugh. Not sure if comment included the word "crippled." Says at Space Coast show did comment about not wanting involvement with Complainant but didn't expect action to be taken. Says Saturday morning Complainant entered his ring stating, "I understand you are not speaking to me." Alleges Dick Kallmeyer and Diana Rothermel had been there chatting but had to leave because of the hostile conversation that ensued.

In rebuttal Complainant denies a "conversation" with Baugh about the cat, but just one comment. Says she went into Veach's ring at Space Coast show Saturday morning but was cordial. Has letters from Kallmeyer and Rothermel that they didn't hear substance of conversation.

Jacobberger explained the hearing procedure to the parties. Each party will give a statement, followed by questions from the board. The President will be the moderator. The board has reviewed all of the materials submitted by the parties.

Stevens cited the Show Rules and Judging Program Rules which she believes Mr. Veach violated: 11.26, "Exhibitors must not challenge the judge's decision", and 11.27 and 27.14, "Unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XV, Sections 4(f) and (g) of the Constitution." CFA Judging Program Rules, Section X, Conduct of

All Trainees and Judges, Paragraphs A, B and D. I am bringing this forward because I believe the board needs to make a stand, to ensure that other judges do not have to encounter this type of behavior in the future, whether it is from Mr. Veach or other exhibitors. His behavior is directly at odds with the philosophy and rules of CFA. Thank you. **Veach** asked about the comments allegedly made by Baugh. **Stevens:** Mrs. Baugh's comments have no bearing on my protest. **Veach:** I believe they do. They are the essence of why you and I had a conflict. **Stevens:** There was one comment made, and that does not have any bearing on this protest. **Veach:** I feel that I am only here today because of that comment. **Stevens:** You are here because of your actions and your inappropriate behavior towards me. **Veach:** That comment was the essence of why you and I came to a conflict. **Stevens:** No, the conflict was when you did not behave in a manner that you should have. **Veach:** You approached me in my ring. **Stevens:** I came in as a fellow judge, wanting to know why you refused to talk to me. **Veach:** I asked you to leave three times and you refused. **Stevens:** You never asked me to leave the ring. This protest is about the inappropriate behavior that you showed against me. **Veach:** I feel that this situation could have been easily avoided if you had respected my request for you to leave.

Veach: I regret that it was deemed necessary for us all to be here today. I never questioned Jan's decision about my cat. Jan, you have my deepest and most sincere apology if you ever thought I did. I also apologize for having to expose the breach of confidentiality between you and Rachel in order to try and get to the truth. I recognize that you have suffered through this situation. This is a situation that will never repeat itself, for many reasons. It is regretful that so many have been hurt and so much time has been wasted. Thank you.

Jacobberger opened it to the board for questions. **Johnson:** Gary called you after the Cotton States show and questioned your non-placement of his cat? Was he questioning your decision? **Stevens:** Yes. **Johnson:** Gary, what would you do if I called you up after a show and said that I didn't like your placement of my cat? **Veach:** My conversation with Jan was not of that context. We were dumbfounded as to how our cat suddenly wasn't doing as well as it had in previous shows with the same judges. In order to understand if there was something different about our cat, I called Jan, as a friend, hoping that she could share with me her observations. **Johnson:** Why would you call her back and then accuse her of being influenced by another judge? **Veach:** I called back to investigate what I had heard. It was not to imply that she was persuaded by this comment, but rather to get to the crux of what was going on that we were unaware of. **Johnson:** I am perplexed why you would push it further. We need to carry ourselves with decorum and dignity as much as possible. **Wilson:** I need to understand why you thought it was appropriate to call a presiding judge at the show and ask them why they didn't use your cat. **Veach:** I didn't ask why she didn't use my cat. **Wilson:** Did you call the other judges and ask them the same question? **Molino:** I find it very distasteful that two judges are in this forum together. When two people end up in a forum like this, both people have contributed to it. What was your expectation out of this conversation? **Veach:** To gain insight as to what was happening. I absolutely regret that call and would not repeat that situation in the future. **DelaBar:** The protest is predicated on what happened at that show on Saturday and Sunday. **Stevens:** Yes. **Johnson:** I thought the call was part of it. **Stevens:** I am protesting what happened on Saturday and Sunday. **Johnson:** But not the call on 11/05? **Stevens:** I thought that everything had been resolved with that. **White:** So, as far as you're concerned, you both agreed that call was not confrontational in nature and you went away with a resolve? **Stevens:** I thought the situation had

been taken care of privately and that there would be no need to take up the board's time with a protest.

Molino: Before the show began, why would you have knowledge that Gary didn't want to talk to you? **Stevens:** It came through another judge on Friday evening. **Molino:** Another person is involved who is an intermediary, carrying information back and forth? So, we have people interfering with facts. You have been long-time friends, so it is not unreasonable to expect you to ask Gary, "why don't you want to talk to me". **Stevens:** That is why I asked him. **Molino:** As a judge myself, I would have considered the source. I don't understand how it grew from hearsay into where we are today. **Altschul:** When you knew that Gary was upset with you, do you feel it was appropriate for you to go into his ring and question him? **Stevens:** Yes. **Watson:** Gary states that he asked you three times to leave his ring. **Stevens:** He said, "I want to distance myself from you." I needed to know why he told people that he did not want to speak with me. **Meeker:** If you knew there was some kind of rift between you and Mr. Veach, why would you go into his judging ring at the show and potentially create an atmosphere that could have turned out to be detrimental? **Stevens:** I felt that it was my right to ask what I had done. I felt that he would at that point at least say what I had done wrong. **Watson:** You asked him what it was, he told you, you didn't like it and you filed a protest. **White:** He could have been more professional. **Meeker:** I'm seeing this as creating a confrontational situation before a show. Taking it up in private out of the judging arena would have been more appropriate. **Stevens:** He abused me verbally and that's where the protest comes from. On Sunday, he came out of his ring and called me a liar. **Jacobberger:** What took place on Sunday? **Veach:** Jan was passing my ring and I said to her, "I just want to let you know, you did lie to me." **Stevens:** Mr. Veach has broken show rules, constitution rules, Judging Program rules, as well as the Code of Ethics. His inappropriate behavior is directly at odds with the philosophy and the rules of CFA.

(9) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

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

Committee Chair: Liz Watson

Summation of Committee Activities

Receive and summarize new Club Membership Applications.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

We have three new clubs up for consideration at this time. Of these three, one is from Region 7, one is from Region 8, and, one is from the International Division. Clubs up for consideration are:

<i>Region Seven:</i>	<i>Maine Street Cat Club -- reconsideration from June, 2008</i>
<i>Region Eight:</i>	<i>Narita Cat Walk</i>
<i>International:</i>	<i>Swedish Cat Paws</i>

**MAINE STREET CAT CLUB
Region 7 (Southern) – Peg Johnson, Director**

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Fifty six members*
- *Club officers do not share an address*
- *Nineteen members belong to other CFA clubs*
- *No club officers or directors are currently officers or directors in another CFA club*

Have you incorporated or plan to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Specialty club--Maine Coon Cat*
- *Promote the welfare of the Maine Coon breed*

Club Activities

- *Will be working with Crafty Cat Club and Central Carolina Fanciers' Club to help produce their shows*
- *Sponsor rings of other clubs in need*
- *help with breed rescue*
- *provide assistance in any way needed*

Disbursement of funds should club disband

- *Any property and assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of CFA*

- *In no event shall any such property or assets be distributed to any member of the organization, or to any other private individual*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows

- *As there is no place in the schedule for new CFA shows, the club will continue to work with clubs as listed above*

Additional information

- *None*

From 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, b the distribution of information and participation at shows*
 - *To encourage breeding healthy Maine Coon Cats according to the stand set forth by the CFA*
 - *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 continue through donations to research efforts to improve the health and well being of the Maine Coon Cat ad 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 holding 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 CFA shall be eligible for membership so long as the potential member has shown a Maine Coon Cat in a licenses 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 January 14, 2009, no negative letters have been received.

Approval or disapproval by Southern Regional Director -- Peg Johnson

Johnson: I'm very much in favor of this club. One of the things that we find difficult is that there are not a lot of clubs that accept new members. This club has 56 members with only 23 being members of other clubs. That says a lot about what they are bringing into involvement with CFA. It's an energetic, young group. We have no available dates in our region, so they are starting to partner with other clubs to help provide manpower and resources. They have done

fundraising and would like to promote the Maine Coon. There are people from all over the region on this list. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

NARITA CAT WALK CLUB
Region 8 (Japan) – Yayoi Satoh, Director

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty club members*
- *The Vice-President and Secretary share the same address*
- *Two members are members of other CFA clubs*
- *Two members are Directors in other CFA clubs*
 - *Kaori Takada, Cat Walkers Japan*
 - *Etsuko Hamayasu, Cat Walkers Japan*

Plans to Incorporate

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club interest

- *Allbreed*

Club Activities

- *To spread the splendor of the cat and want to try for the fun through the show and the improvement of the cat*
- *To hold a study meeting regularly every 2 years and want to spread the enjoyment of the show*
- *Hold a show every 18 months and let new members participate in the show*

Disbursement of funds should club disband

- *In the event of the dissolution of the club, any property and assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of the CFA*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows

- *There are several clubs in eastern Kanto but most of them are not very active at the moment.*
- *We participate actively in shows, and, although we are small, we are very active in holding study meetings. Want to hold shows in Tokyo, Ibaraki, Chiba, and want to increase show population in neighboring prefectures*
- *Believe Narita is a very good prospective location for future shows since it is near the International Airport, easy for foreign people to visit, and the facilities are inexpensive*
- *Intend to hold a show every 18 months with a view to obtaining new show population and new location for show*

Additional information

- *None*

From Narita Cat Walk Club 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, clerking schools, workshops, and promote interests in and knowledge of cats through educational information*
- *To cultivate sentiments of friendship and common interest among cat fanciers*
- *To advance in every way possible the interests of breeders and exhibitors*
- *Membership*
 - *The membership will consist of people who love cats and who are interested in promoting our objectives*

As of this date, January 14, 2009, no negative letters have been received. There is one letter of recommendation from Kayoko Koizumi.

Approval of disapproval by Japanese Regional Director -- Yayoi Satoh

Watson: This club wants to put on shows in Narita, Ibaraki and Chiba, which is quite a way from Tokyo. **Satoh:** There are no CFA clubs or any cat club in this prefecture. It is not true that that this club stands for Narita airport. I recommend the club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

SWEDISH CAT PAWS
International Division – Darrell Newkirk, Chair

Constitution and By Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Eighteen members*
- *Secretary and Treasurer are the same individual*
- *One member belongs to another CFA club*
- *No club officers or directors are current officers or directors of other CFA clubs*

Plans for incorporation

- *None*

Club Interest

- *Allbreed*

Club Activities

- *Produce shows*
- *Promote responsible breeding and ownership*
- *Share knowledge about cats and showing*

Disbursement of funds should club disband

- *To donate all assets to the Feline Winn Foundation*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows

- *Organize at least one show a year for all breed and possibly specialty rings*

Additional Information

- *To help promote CFA in Scandinavia, particular in Sweden and encourage the registration of cats within CFA*

From Swedish Cat Paws 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 promote and encourage kindness to all animals and to assist in the prevention of cruelty and maltreatment of animals*
 - *To encourage the spaying and neutering of any and all cats not specifically being used as part of a viable breeding program in order to reduce the excessive trend to over-population of, and tragedy among, unwanted domestic cats*
- *Membership*
 - *People interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership*

As of this date, January 14, 2009, no negative letters have been received.

Watson: Mr. Newkirk recommends this club. **DelaBar:** We need to have a CFA club in Sweden. **Watson:** They want to promote CFA in Scandinavia, particularly in Sweden, and encourage the registration of cats within CFA. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(10) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

International Division Liaison Liz Watson gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Darrell Newkirk*
Committee Members: *Liz Watson – Europe Liaison; Robert Zenda – Asia/Latin America Liaison; Olivier Grin – Elected European Representative; Wilson Ng – Elected Asia/LA Representative; Dick Kallmeyer – Board appointed member; Fund Manager Europe – Peter Vanwonterghem; Fund Manager Asia/LA – Rarteo Lo; 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

We have had interest in CFA clubs in Malta, Kuwait and Brazil. Applications are in progress currently for two of these countries.

An International Division committee meeting was held in December at the Cat Friends of Germany show. We discussed the issues surrounding setting up the account for the Europe area of the International Division. It was discussed that the clubs would charge an additional Euro to help seed the account. This is being discussed on the list. Most clubs seem to be willing to help establish the fund. Work is also progressing under the direction of Liz Watson and Olivier Grin in regard to the establishment of Europe as a CFA Region. Another issue discussed at the meeting was in regard to scoring of Europe Cats in Asia and vice versa.

I will be in Bremen, Germany in March and will have a meeting at that show.

The Europe awards show and banquet will be held in Helsinki, Finland on August 15-16, 2009. This is a relatively new club and they have held 3 successful CFA shows. They are very hard working fanciers and look forward to a great show and banquet.

Europe Liaison Report: Liz Watson (no report)

Europe Representative Report: Olivier Grin (no report)

Watson: They are very excited about becoming a region, so hopefully this will continue to move forward. That has been the goal.

Asia/Latin America Liaison Report: Robert Zenda

The most significant accomplishment has been the translation of the CFA Show Rules into

Traditional Chinese. I have farmed a copy out to both Mike Yuan Gao (China Cat Fanciers) and Vivian Qian Zheng (Shanghai Cat Lovers' Club), our most active clubs in mainland China, for review and comment. I believe we will have a nice, finalized product to present to the Board at the June meeting.

The Borneo Cat Club held their first CFA show and the Sarawak Cat Club also held it's first CFA show in Kuching, Sarawak "Cat City."

The tentative location of the Asia DW Banquet is Bangkok, and they are requesting that permission be granted for additional "honorable mention" recognition ribbons or rosettes be awarded for placements below the DW level, i.e., 16-25th Best Cat, etc. I support this initiative because it would permit recognition of some cats from countries that cannot participate in sufficient shows because of severe quarantine restrictions. Although these additional awards would not confer any title, they would be greatly appreciated and result in increased attendance at the Asia DW Awards event.

I did meet with the Li Hua folks in November and I asked John Webster to join the meeting as well. We saw, handled and discussed 7 examples of the breed from several different backgrounds, and the similarity of structure was very apparent. I took photos of each of them and made some notes that I am using to modify the latest draft standard they presented to me at the meeting. There is no doubt in my mind that these cats are different enough from any currently recognized breed to deserve consideration for acceptance if and when they accomplish the requisite number of registrations. This will be discussed more fully in Debbie Kusy's report.

Asia/Latin America Representative Report: Wilson Ng (no report)

Club applications:

We have one new club applicant from Europe to present at this meeting. Swedish Cat Paws has applied for club membership with CFA. Anneli Sargas from Fotskal, Sweden is the club secretary. Anneli is very active in the shows in Europe and we are grateful to her in supporting CFA in Sweden. If approved, we will again be represented in Sweden. The International Division committee is in favor of approval of Swedish Cat Paws application for club membership.

Molino: Do we have a plan to separate Latin America into its own division? I don't see anyone devoting much attention to Latin America, and it's a vast market. Someone who speaks fluent Spanish could focus on this growing market. **DelaBar:** We have a club coming in from Brazil. They are full of energy and really looking forward to getting Brazil charged up again.

Action Item:

Approve Bob Zenda's request to allow the presentation of 16th-25th Best Cat, Kitten and Premiership "honorable mention" awards at the 2009 Asia/LA awards ceremony.

Watson: I support this initiative because it would permit recognition of cats from countries that cannot participate in sufficient shows because of the severe quarantine restrictions. Although these additional awards would not confer any title, they would be greatly appreciated

and result in increased attendance in the Asia Divisional Awards event. **Wilson:** Who is going to pay for these awards? **Molino:** They're not official CFA awards, so they will pay for them. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

(11) **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); Roanne Fulkerson (CFA Director of Marketing and Public Relations); Kathy Calhoun (CFA Treasurer)

Committee Activities since October Board Report:

Following the October board meeting, the show committee met several unexpected challenges as final details were put in place for the 6th annual CFA-Iams Cat Championship (CICC) show held at Madison Square Garden in New York City, on October 18-19. The live TV feed for the press conference, although previously confirmed, was possibly not going to happen, several show committee personnel would not be able to be present due to emergencies, a number of press preview or breed showcase personnel or cats had to be replaced, and on Friday morning prior to set-up, we had to find a replacement Master Clerk. With all of the last minute challenges in hand, we wished the best for our friends and committee personnel who couldn't be with us and looked forward to another successful show.

PR Initiatives:

The first part of the week preceding the show is always spent with numerous interviews on the part of several committee members as they arrive in New York. Whether by phone or in person, we depend heavily on these pre-show endeavors and the press preview on Wednesday for the success of the show. This year, in addition to the CFA participants present with their cats, the agility ring demo, and Iams trained cats, we set up a judge's ring, and Pam DelaBar explained what the judge looks for when judging the cats. We also had face painters with 4 models present who displayed full body or face painting depicting cats. The live feed was "on again" and the press preview was a huge success. In addition to the press preview inside the facility, we also had tremendous visibility outside of the MSG facility this year.

- *Partnering with Mayor's Alliance, we used bus wraps this year depicting the Iams, Mayor's Alliance and CFA logos, as well as information on the show, a picture of Tess, the JBT "Best of the Best" winner from 2007, and an additional cat opposite Tess to represent the Adopt-A-Cat held in conjunction with the show. The bus wraps covered one entire side of the two story NYC tourist buses which ran consistently for four weeks throughout the streets of New York prior to the show.*
- *We added a new partnership to the 2008 show -- the Empire State Building (ESB) "Tower Lights" which is a free program offered to special events occurring within the city. The CICC show was accepted as a Tower Lights partner based on the application submitted to the ESB committee which is reviewed against other applicants. ESB, in turn, displayed the show colors in lights on the top 3 levels of the Empire State building. The lights reflected*

the CICC show color theme from Friday evening preceding the show through Sunday evening following the show. The ESB web site lists the events selected as “Tower Partners” on their web pages. The history of the Tower Lights is very interesting and may be viewed on the ESB web site at the following url:

http://www.esbnyc.com/tourism/tourism_history_timeline.cfm?CFID=29569106&CFTOKEN=95150366

It was really quite spectacular and rather emotional to look at the top of the Empire State Building and see the CICC show colors (orange, purple and gold) shining over New York and throughout the city.

- *In front of the facility was the MSG Marquee which we have for the past 3 years. The marquee runs a video in a constant loop showcasing the MSG events including the CICC show. The video was in full color and included pictures of CFA cats and judges ending with the CFA and Iams logos prominently displayed. This video was immediately followed by another showing the cats that would be available during the Mayors Alliance Adopt-A-Cat held in conjunction with our show, also displaying their logo.*
- *Recent update provided by our PR person in early January indicated almost a million “hits” in print, broadcast, radio, or online (newspapers, magazines, TV, radio stations, and internet sites world wide).*
- *Fox’s NY morning show, “Good Day New York” broadcast live again this year from the press preview.*
- *Top three winners were on live with the “Regis and Kelly” show on Monday following the CICC show. This segment was re-broadcast again on January 1, 2009, as one of the most watched segments for their show.*
- *Martha Stewart show cancelled their invitation for the winner only of the 2008 show because they could not have an exclusive.*
- *David Letterman show – repeated one liner comments about the show on multiple evenings.*
- *All major TV networks (ABC, NBC, and CBS) plus CNN, USA, Reuters, Associated Press, Animal Planet, and more were present throughout the show and for Best of the Best presentation.*

Special Events at the show:

- ***Iams booth and launch of their “Home for the Holidays” program.*** *This program has successfully helped place thousands of homeless cats into their forever homes.*
- ***Iams: “Trained Cats”*** *performed throughout the show – always a huge draw with the crowds and press. A natural draw for follow-on TV spots and very well received again this year.*

- **Iams** (Dr. Bernadine Cruz) spoke to the audience several times throughout the weekend and also had follow-on TV sessions following the show.
- **Adopt-A-Cat, New York City Mayor's Alliance.** The Adopt-A-Cat, held in conjunction with the CICC show enjoyed another successful event and successfully placed more cats and kittens into their forever homes.
- **CatGenes**, (Dr. Roger Brown) provided several presentations and open sessions during the show providing information about DNA for cats. Crowds were quite receptive and very interested.
- **Cat Agility**, located on the main floor and towards the entrance of the show hall, enjoyed large crowds and constant press attention as always.
- **Animal Planet filming**; a crew from Animal Planet was present throughout the show filming for the new "Cats 101" program **airing on Animal Planet in early January 2009.** They filmed and conducted interviews with the breeders and exhibitors throughout the weekend.
- **Breed Showcase**, always one of the favorites with the crowds and press constantly surrounding this area.
- **"Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest"** winner announcement at CICC show; the second year CFA partnered with Simon & Schuster's Children's Publishing Division for the online photo contest.
- **CFA Information Booth** manned by Central Office Staff (Carol K., Gwen F., and Shelly B). The booth is always overwhelmed by spectators and press personnel alike and is an integral part of this show. The information provided, either by the CFA brochures, the CFA breed video, and especially the staff who stand tirelessly and respond to hundreds of questions throughout the weekend, is invaluable to the show.
- **Best of the Best Presentation** – this is what the show is all about! It is truly amazing how many New Yorkers stay to cheer for their favorite cats and winners. Lights, camera, and action, are definitely the words to use while New Yorkers, press and media reporters surround the stage area in anticipation of the presentation of the Best of the Best winner. There truly is no place like New York to draw the media coverage which helps CFA and our primary purpose – promote the welfare of all cats.

Sponsorship Update: Iams and Dr Elsey's feedback very positive, they were pleased with the show and press coverage.

Projections for Committee:

- Following the show, after action comments and feedback were solicited for committee awareness towards improvements for 2009 show.

- *Preliminary figures by CICC Chairperson and Show Manager indicate another profitable show for 2008 and anxiously await financial information from Central Office and CFA Treasurer.*
- *Although entries were down due to the date change required by MSG and Olympic trials in conflict with our normal date of the third weekend, as well as the increase in the number of shows held on the second weekend, this information was taken into consideration by the committee when preparing the budget for the 2008 show. Vendors and sponsors were also down due to the number of shows held on the same weekend. This was equally anticipated and taken into consideration when budgeting.*
- *Almanac Article written and published in online CFA Almanac.*
- *Yearbook article currently being drafted.*

To be determined: CICC 2009 show.

- *Dependent on sponsorship and Board approval.*
- *Defer to CFA Treasurer and Executive Director for financial information.*
- *Defer to CFA President and Executive Directive to provide details regarding 2009 venue due to MSG renovation.*

What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting: TBD

Special Note: *As Chairperson and Show Manager, David and I would like to thank our co-sponsors, Iams, and the CFA Board for their continued support of this show. Thanks also, to the Central Office personnel and staff for their constant hard work and support to the CICC show committee members and thanks to everyone who continue to volunteer their time, hard work, and support to the show with their participation and dedication to CFA. You did a superb job!*

*Respectfully Submitted,
 //s// Pam Huggins, CICC Chairperson
 //s// David White, CICC Show Manager*

DelaBar: I personally want to thank you and David for doing a magnificent job. This is one event that has really helped put CFA on the map, and I know Iams is thrilled. **Huggins:** Obviously, expenses were an issue. The “decorator fee” terminology is tables and chairs, trash cans, show set-up, and pipe and drape. Another question was, why do some of the committee members have to come in earlier? We come in for interviews and preparation for the press preview. We’re going to the Garden to check on the facility and catering. The judges are wonderfully supportive of this show. There is no way to explain the crowd. You can’t move in that show hall. It’s been a pleasure to see it come to fruition. **Molino:** Has the New York City spectator group come to expect our show on a certain date every year? **Huggins:** Absolutely. **Molino:** They have begun to understand that the cat show is on a certain date. New Yorkers anticipate things like that. **Huggins:** We had well over a million media hits, and they anticipate it

to reach 5 million. **Johnson:** This has become such a big event for us. Will we lose momentum if we don't have a show this year? **Molino:** That's why I wanted to talk about it. That's why I brought up the expectations. **DelaBar:** One of the problems is the venue. **Cantley:** We don't have to lose momentum. If we do something in place of this, we can transfer all the excitement and momentum into that.

(12) **CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

Committee Chair: *Emily Turner*
Liaison to Board: *David White*

The 2008 CFA International Cat Show was held in Atlanta, GA at the Georgia International Convention Center. While not the financial success that we wished it to be it was in every other way successful.

We had 721 entries with a good showing from Asia and Europe.

The show hall was beautiful and the service provided by the staff was excellent.

The comments that were heard from exhibitors, judges and volunteers were very positive. The gate was good but not as big as we had hoped.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those exhibitors who attended, the judges, the Central Office Staff but most of all the many volunteers that it takes to put on a show of this magnitude.

There are several people that I must mention by name in no order of their importance. Ande DeGeer who worked tirelessly all year securing our specialty vendors, Connie Wardlaw and Cyndi Lewis who handled hospitality, Dave and Shirley Peet our great entry clerks. Dave and Shirley are a joy to work with. Roeann Fulkerson who works to provide us the funds to put on the show and of course, Allene Tartaglia.

Action Items: *None.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Turner, Chair*

White: Now is the time to discuss future plans. Obviously, we can't continue to lose money year after year and expect to survive. **Anger:** The report has a very casual attitude about the financial loss. I was quite surprised that there wasn't more accountability or a more proactive position taken on the financials. The report does not address why money was lost or what we can do in the future to keep the show alive. It was certainly an event that was absolutely tremendous. **Johnson:** It's a show that a lot of exhibitors still love, but the lack of promotion of this show was unnerving. For all the money we spent, people weren't building it up. A huge number of people worked on this show and most of them are not mentioned in this report. We should have continuity with our show management, who should be more involved on an on-going basis. **Miller:** We need people that have had experience with the previous shows. **Baugh:** Given our economy, I was amazed at the entry. I want to compliment the committee on getting 721 entries without much pushing. The Southern Region supported it beautifully. My biggest concern was advertising and publicity. We spent \$47,000 for a \$22,000 gate. That has to be addressed.

Johnson: If we look at restructuring the scoring system for CFA using a certain number of premier shows, this could be one of them. Cat of the Year is really a lot about strategy and getting to the right shows, and seeing your favorite judges. Sometimes it's more about strategy than competition, where we see the best cats all in one place. **Miller:** I wrote an article about this exact concept – cats coming together at big shows. It was published in Cat Tab in the early 1980's. You would have your choice of 7 out of 9 scheduled shows. It was ahead of its time in those days, but it is in line with what we were talking about now. **Calhoun:** In today's financial environment, people don't have discretionary income to spend for no points. We need to strongly consider scoring the show. There may be a way to structure the scoring so that it doesn't result in unfair advantage. **Eigenhauser:** Back when we were getting 1,300 entries, I was strongly opposed to scoring it, especially kittens where accident of birth or having the right judging line-up could really affect the outcome. I'm slightly less opposed now. There's no way we're going to salvage the show with entries. **Johnson:** It's not an entry problem. **Eigenhauser:** We can't spend twice as much on publicity and advertising as we take in on gate. We've got to do a better job of controlling costs. We need to come up with a lean, bare bones, stripped down budget that we can actually squeeze this into the money that's actually coming in.

Meeker: A lot of folks in my region were talking about the International and how to make it successful, such as to have one stationary location for the International, get a relationship with a venue, and get people going to that one place year after year. Put together a show committee from the clubs in that area that consistently produce money-making shows, and let some experts work together in continuity to figure out how to make it cost-effective. **White:** One of our biggest misses in terms of our income was our vendors. There were many, many vendors there, and I'm surprised that we had a 50% budgetary miss. **Tartaglia:** We didn't have as many as we have had in past years.

Molino: Rather than abandoning this event because of the loss, I would like to propose a post-action committee to look at what went wrong and how can we fix this incredible event. We can learn from our past and put this together in a way that it will have a continuing growth pattern, because it is too good of an idea to abandon. If you have a passion for something, you can make it work. **Cantley:** I agree we need an action plan if we're going to continue to do an International. My problem with 2009 is that time is extremely short to put something into action. **Johnson:** Rather than doing something short and last minute, we could have a few people that are interested look at this from a broader spectrum. Are there changes we could make? We need people who are very familiar with the in's and out's that could look at different options for the show, and come back with a recommendation for 2010.

DelaBar: We decided a few years ago that CFA needed to be run as a business. When we knew that registrations were going down, we tried to come up with means to bring in money. We're doing pretty well bringing it in with royalties for being a branded entity. That helps pay for a lot of things that registrations paid for 10 years ago. I honestly cannot recommend to this board that we have an International next year. We cannot keep funding things that fail. Sooner or later, we're going to have to stand up and act like a business and say, we can't afford to put this on next year. **Altschul:** This is not the first year the International Show has failed financially. It's a great show and we love it, but it's a hemorrhage. We tried to revive it but it failed. It would have taken 538 more entries to make this show break even. **Johnson:** Or a better managed budget.

Watson: Have we made any financial commitment to either the show hall or to the hotel for 2009? **Tartaglia:** We have not made a financial commitment to the show hall. We do have a contract signed for the hotel, which we can negotiate in exchange for other events such as board meetings, but if we were to cancel the contract for this year, there would be a substantial penalty. **Johnson:** I don't remember voting to have two Internationals in Atlanta. I'm surprised we contracted with the hotel. We voted to have a 2008 International in Atlanta. We never voted for two years. We were very hesitant about doing an International, in 2008. **Tartaglia:** I thought it was. **DelaBar:** So did I.

Cantley: There seems to be a consensus that we don't have enough time. I move that we cancel the 2009 International, and that we form a task force or committee to put an action plan together for 2010 and then bring that back up in June. **Molino:** I would not like to make a hasty decision to cancel the show today. I would like to give a hand-selected committee the task of preparing a post-action report. They would report to the board in 30 days with what caused the loss in 2008, come up with the viability of putting on the show in 2009, what changes we would make and what we would do with the show. **Eigenhauser:** Is anything going to happen in the next 30 days that would disqualify that suggestion? Any deadline that's going to pass? Will anything change in the next 30 days that it would be detrimental to CFA if we delay canceling it while the task force works? **Molino:** I don't see any reason to rush into a cancellation until we get this group of talented people that will work hard and come back, and then we can make an intelligent decision. **Cantley:** Even 30 days from now, I don't know how you can change the fact that it's still going to be a losing proposition for 2009. **DelaBar:** We have a motion on the floor to cancel the show and form a task force so we can get the show up and running in 2010. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Miller, Calhoun, Eigenhauser, Watson, Satoh and Molino voting no.

Eigenhauser: We have just spent significant dollars on the cancellation of the hotel for 2009. I propose that we give Allene the authority to negotiate board meetings or whatever it takes to get us out of the contract, as opposed to trying to roll it over and then having to cancel it again if we decide not to have the show there in 2010. If we leave on good terms, we could always come back. If a task force is going to reinvent the International, I don't want to close the door on that location. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

White asked about any potential sponsorship commitment for 2009. **Calhoun:** We have done ourselves a disservice by not allowing time to come to a completely informed decision on the International. **DelaBar:** We can't afford another heavy loss. **Johnson:** It could be done, with a committee who would pay attention to the budget. **Anger** moved to reconsider the earlier motion cancelling the 2009 International show. **Meeker:** We agreed to do a post mortem on the show. Let's hold the vote on the reconsideration until we know what went wrong. **Johnson:** The post mortem was for 2010. **DelaBar** called the motion (to reconsider). **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Petersen, Cantley, Baugh, Brown, Altschul and Meeker voting no.

Johnson moved that we use the next 30 days to do a post-mortem, to investigate the sponsorship possibilities. **Calhoun:** It's called a corkscrew. We may very well come to the same conclusion in 30 days. It's a very important decision. **White:** We don't even know if we can get out of the hotel contract. **Johnson:** The outcome may be different without the MSG show. This might be a good year to focus on another large event. **White:** And possibly make it a pointed

show. **Miller:** Points could make all the difference in the world. There are a lot of things that could really change this show. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Petersen, Cantley, Baugh, Altschul and Meeker voting no.

DelaBar: I would like to have the board start at 8:00 tomorrow morning. **White:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(13) CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Legislative Group is in the process of transition. George Eigenhauser assumed the position of CFA Legislative Coordinator on January 1, 2009. An announcement of this change was posted to many lists and forwarded to all Board members. I will continue to assist George in the upcoming months as well as handle the job of CFA Legislative Information Liaison. George will also become Chair of the CFA Legislative Committee following the February Board meeting.

Looking back on the previous 12 years the CFA Legislative Group has tracked hundreds of State bills and provided guidance to fanciers who addressed numerous local ordinances. A few bills and ordinances have passed but almost all have been defeated or were dropped. Continued strong CFA public affairs efforts are important for the viability of the cat fancy and pedigreed cat breeding.

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) provides state tracking for CFA based on our established search words. The numbers and topic range have increased. In fiscal year 2005-06 we tracked 250 State bills related to cats and we monitored several more concerned with dog or other issues. In 2007-2008 this number went to 371 State Bills related to cats with 211 considered "hot". In addition there were bills related to non-economic damages; pet ownership in general, mandatory spay/neuter; consumer warranty laws and dog/cat facility licensing. We also have worked on opposition to City and County ordinances mandating spay/neuter, limits on the numbers of pets, the guardian vs. owner term and anti-feral cat matters throughout the United States. We work closely with the various dog fancy groups and registries; other cat registries; national organizations like NAIA and Alley Cat Allies and state organizations. Occasionally when the dog factions are not aligned the CFA Legislative Group has provided guidance and strategy collaborating with the dog fanciers such as in the case of the Federal "PAWS" bill to license and inspect breeders and when California AB 1634 mandatory spay/neuter was revised and then supported by the AKC.

The challenges for 2009 are huge as organizations like HSUS turn attention and very large budgets toward their goal to limit or regulate the breeding of dogs primarily, with cats in the wings. PETA and other organizations are increasing their efforts to make the public believe that adoption is the only moral way to acquire a pet cat or dog and to send a message that pedigreed/purebred cats and dogs are genetically flawed. We are also facing new ordinances mandating microchipping of cats/dogs, not as much for recovery or reclaim of pets as for pet owner identification for enforcement of licensing or other laws. We are seeing more limit laws,

new interest in animal “hoarding” bills and consumer protection bills that now include genetic diseases/disorders in cats or dogs. In California there is a current proposal to add sales tax for veterinary services to cover general state expenses.

*In January the weekly charts of introduced State bills started coming in. George and I have so far reviewed in the first three weeks of this year a total of 107 newly introduced bills and he selected 45 to track for CFA. We also have a total of 14 New Jersey bills carried over from last year. A Florida mandatory spay/neuter bill was just introduced yesterday. **CFA is now tracking a total of 60 State bills for the first three weeks of 2009.***

State legislatures will be in session by January 24th in all but 6 states. Some bills may be assigned to a committee but never make it to a hearing. Others are critical and move very fast. Occasionally a bill can be modified to become acceptable. We are alerted by PIJAC when any one of our tracked bills is scheduled for hearing to enable an alert, analysis and guidance.

Conferences:

SAWA – Society of Animal Welfare Administrators, Phoenix, November 9 – 12, 2008.

George and I attended this conference of shelter directors, administrators and associate members in the animal sheltering field. I presented a PowerPoint as part of the workshop on “Cats Count – Changing the Way Communities View and Value Cats” The topic included finding new ways to educate and market the cat to the public, re-branding the cat, creating cat friendly environments and creatively showcasing cats. Others talked about successful marketing principals and ways to fund cat programs. The workshop gave an opportunity to reinforce CFA’s goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provided positive networking with animal control and shelter leaders.

Cat Writers Association Annual Symposium and Awards; Atlanta, Georgia, November 21-23, 2008. *George and I attended many of the events. I was a member of the “CATalyst” panel to present the goals that came out of the CATalyst Summit held earlier in the year. The Council wants to reach the day when “all cats are valued and well cared for as pets”. We had the opportunity to network with writers, editors and industry leaders at the receptions and awards banquet. I won an award for my article in Cat Fancy Magazine, June 2008 - “Pedigreed Cats in Peril”, which was about how valuable and rare many of the breeds are and the importance of breed preservation.*

The National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy – *George and I represent CFA on the National Council, founded 18 years ago, and I am current President. This is a coalition of diverse animal organizations including the HSUS, ASPCA, AVMA, SAWA, American Humane, AAFP, APMA, Assoc. of Veterinary Epidemiology, National Animal Control Assoc. and CFA. The Council has focused on studies to gather data regarding pet populations and on strategies to reduce the numbers of homeless dogs and cats in the US. The first phase of the national “Shelter Population Index” study has been submitted for publication. The National Council is currently exploring a restructuring plan. The Council may no longer initiate and fund studies but instead become more of a consortium for research sharing, providing interpretations of studies and data with an annual summit on the newest pet population research. Membership may expand and we*

are considering ways in which we can include more participants from member organizations at our meetings or a summit.

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

Examples of a few new State bills being tracked.

FL HB 451 – Randolph Sterilization of Dogs and Cats - : Requires sterilization of dogs & cats 4 months old with some exceptions. Similar to California proposals requires DOACS to adopt rules for approval of breed registration organizations; provides penalties. Introduced January 20, 2008.

MO S 186 – Bray (D) Healthy Pet Act – pet dealers must have dogs/cats examined by a veterinarian prior to sale; written statement about the animal’s breeding, medical history; records; prohibits sale of any dog/cat with signs of disease or with any condition for which hospitalization is required; remedies must be provided within 20 days of purchase.

OK H 1332 - Denny (R) Oklahoma Pet Quality Assurance and Protection Act – adds specific requirements for out-of-state dealer/breeders; new rules, authorizes seizure of animals under certain circumstances; requires bill of sale and official health certificates.

CO H 1019 Peniston (D) Cat Identification Law – requires cats 4 months or older to have acceptable ID.

MN S 7 Betzold (DFL) Standards of Care for dog/cat breeders; provides for criminal penalties. The first hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday, January 27th.

NY A 1377 Paulin (D) Pet Dealer Definition – in addition to the sale of more than 9 animals per year for profit to the public includes the “offering for sale”. Requires pet dealers who “offer animals for sale” to the public, wholesalers and medical facilities to be licensed.

NY A 592 Cahill (D) Companion Animal Hoarding – creates a new crime defined as neglect in terms of environment and lack of care. Allows a court to order mental health examinations and prohibit possession of animals as penalties.

FL S 288 Bullard (D) Dog/Cat Sales – additions to the existing “lemon law” to require information relating to genetic disorders in the written notice to a consumer; redefines the term “pet dealer” and authorized new provisions for return, refund, exchange or reimbursement of expenses.

NJ A 3573 and NJ A 3574 Addiego (R) Feral Cat Public Education Program; Feral Cat Health Commission. These two bills have been prefiled and text is not available – we may want to support and participate depending on the direction.

VA HJR 661 Hull (D) Feral Cat Workgroup to address issues, including whether there is a cat “overpopulation problem”; curtailment of breeding; reduced-cost sterilization and whether a cat is “abandoned” if relinquished to an animal agency. CFA plans to request inclusion in the workgroup and Traci Jones has offered to participate in this if we can be added.

California – Riverside County Ordinance was introduced just days before Christmas and unanimously passed at a second hearing on January 13, 2009 in a modified form. This followed testimony by approximately 120 people, which lasted from 10AM until 7PM. We helped prepare and were pleased with the good testimony of several cat fanciers who took time off from work to be there.

There were three changes approved. 1. Rather than spay/neuter on the first violation of ANY state or local ordinance, there would be three primary violations with mandatory spay/neuter on the third. 2. Some exceptions are to be worked out for a “recognized breeder” – yet to be determined. 3. A group of 10 will be appointed by the 5 Supervisors to assess and further “tweak” the ordinance. A Yahoo list has been established for dog and cat fanciers in this county and the daily email quantity has become overwhelming. We have a few cat fanciers who will apply for the available positions on the County Committee.

Meanwhile it is not entirely clear what will exactly be enforced in 30 days following enactment of the ordinance. Many breeders are now aware they are not in compliance with all provisions in the current code. As an example one must own a home with 1 acre in order to obtain a cattery or dog kennel license with approval from all neighbors. If a person owns 10 or more cats over 4 months of age this requires a cattery license. Rescuers must be licensed also. Violation of any state or current animal code in this County could mean sterilization of all cats. The hearing and appeals process is not clear and there is great concern for increased neighbor complaints of noise with the passage of a new animal barking/noise ordinance in December 2008. Dog fanciers who have tried to obtain a kennel license reported at the hearing that this takes many months and at least \$1500 to pay for the process and hearing. There is great fear among breeders in this county and little trust of animal control. We are concerned that other counties may copy the language with little understanding of the consequences.

Chicago mandatory spay/neuter ordinance:

The proposed ordinance in 2008 requires sterilization of dogs/cats over 6 months with exception for animals owned by breeders who buy \$100 permits for each animal and who comply with requirements impossible for most owners to meet. CFA is working closely with local fanciers who are visiting Aldermen staff members.

There is an organized group of dog and cat fanciers in Chicago, called Alliance of Chicagoland Pet Owners (ACPO), that is taking the lead in opposition. Steve Dale of PetCentral WGN has been actively speaking out against the ordinance. The Illinois Veterinary Medical Association has been opposed as well objecting to practitioners having to report unaltered pets to animal services.

Non-economic damages case:

Previously I discussed with the board CFA joining with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) on potential amicus briefs for cases involving non-economic damages. The board agreed when there is a short time frame the Legislative Group and Legislative Committee (Fred Jacobberger, George Eigenhauser, Phil Lindsley, Jill Abel and myself) can make decisions with the CFA Executive Committee approval. CFA would review the AHI brief and add our name with no cost

involved. AKC PIJAC, the AVMA and the Pet Food Institute will also review the brief. There is an Orange County, California, Superior Court Appeal (Gail McMahon vs. Diane Craig, DVM) and the AHI amicus brief is expected soon. There will be a teleconference to discuss this on January 27, 2009.

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 pet owning public. Published since the October 2008 Board meeting:

- November/December 2008 – **“Ten Steps to Take – When Bad Legislation is Proposed in Your Area”**, by George Eigenhauser. This is an update of our guidance on how to have a voice in laws that affect people and their pets. The language is now applicable to the general public as well as cat fanciers. It is now on the CFA website.
- January/February 2009 – **“Pet Taxes – Punishing Responsible Pet Owners”**, by George Eigenhauser. The article is a response to recent proposals by state and local governments to raise revenue by directing pet fees to pet owners. This trend has the effect of making pet ownership more expensive and may increase the numbers of pets relinquished to shelters.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Ongoing goals:

- Network with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers in order to understand the problems and trends that motivate legislation.
- Provide perspective on CFA’s views to those in animal related fields, the media and government.
- Work with our national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA’s mission or cat ownership in general.

Immediate objectives: Continue to assist George with the Coordinator consulting position. This will require George’s attendance at several meetings and conferences I had previously scheduled and will mean expansion of the legislative conference/registration budget amounts.

HSUS Expo, Las Vegas, April 6 – 9, 2009 – I have been asked to meet with the Asilomar Accords group to present views on feral cats related to the national shelter data reporting format established by this group. Maddie’s Fund will pay my airfare and one night. George plans to attend the HSUS Expo and I feel it would be valuable for me to attend the entire conference as well.

No-Kill Conference, Washington, DC, George Washington Law School, May 2-3, 2009. I am a speaker and will demonstrate handling of shelter cats, discuss cat behavior in the shelter environment and how to enhance chances for adoption. George will attend this conference organized by Nathan Winograd and No-Kill Solutions. The Legislative Committee has approved

CFA sponsorship of \$2,500 and we are in the process of raising the \$1,250 needed for matching by the Sy Howard Legislative Fund so that we will be included on the website and in promotional material as soon as possible.

Action Items:

Association of Shelter Veterinarians “Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs”, published in the July 1, 2008 issue of JAVMA.

The Association has asked for CFA’s endorsement of this document, which they believe will be the standard for consistent high quality care of cats and dogs undergoing sterilization in situations where high volume and affordability is imperative. High volume targeted sterilization for pets or feral cats is a specialty and training veterinarians for this is a needed approach to reducing the numbers of homeless cats. A task force of leaders in academia and private veterinarians has developed these guidelines for medical record keeping, anesthesia, surgical techniques and follow up care.

I read the document and also asked Roger Brown, DVM, to evaluate the guidelines. Both of us agree the guidelines are reasonable and needed. I am asking the Board to approve a letter informing the Association of Shelter Veterinarians that CFA endorses the medical care guidelines as published in JAVMA.

Miller: Neuter/spay programs are needed because we have to target low-income areas and feral cats. The shelter veterinarians decided to build a task force with both academics and practitioners, and come up with proper standards of care. They have asked for CFA’s endorsement. If CFA endorses this, then it puts our name out there as being an organization that cares about not only the high-volume but the fact that it’s done right. It will help the care of cats. Everyone’s cat should be taken care of properly, regardless of the owner’s economic situation. I would love to see CFA endorse these guidelines, on behalf of the organization. **Brown:** This has the full weight of the American Veterinary Association behind it also. **Miller:** Also, the American Association of Feline Practitioners, Cornell and many other universities are involved in this. **Cantley:** I so move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

DelaBar: I would like the board to ratify my choice of George Eigenhauser as chair of the committee. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(14) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Roger Brown, DVM
List of Committee Members: Ginger Meeker, Gerri Miele

Brief Summation of Immediate past Committee Activities:

1. *Monitoring CFA's CatGenes program.*
2. *Communication via phone and e-mail with CatGenes clients*
3. *Presenting CatGenes seminars to attendees at the CFA-Iams Cat Show and the International*
4. *Co-coordinating CatGenes Website*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *Selection of new tests to be added to the present CatGenes Array.*
2. *We are now sending DNA reports via e-mail to reduce time lag, but a secure website is certainly still very important to us.*
3. *Streamlining the CatGenes program by eliminating mail whenever possible has reduced the time lag between ordering test kits and receiving results by e-mail.*
4. *We continue to market the CatGenes program to other registries.*

CatGenes

CFA's DNA project was launched at the end of December 2007. In this thirteen month period we have processed more than 4500 tests. New tests are being added that should add a marked surge for new orders. The online key that allows clients to read their reports with greater ease will be updated as new tests are added. The key has eliminated most of the questions about reading reports that I had been receiving via phone and e-mail. This key continues to be available on both the Laboratory and CatGenes web-sites.

Streamlining the program has been effective, and has created a marked increase in overseas clients. Forty seven samples plus one control are needed to run each chip. Enough samples are coming into the laboratory each week to run at least one chip. At this time, delays associated with testing are usually related to the submission of poor quality DNA samples. Missing markers from inadequate samples have to be run as separate tests. This will create a minimum of an additional two week time delay. Form letters are e-mailed to notify these clients that further testing will be necessary which will involve a two week time delay. The CatGenes profile is automated and it takes more time to run just one test for a missing marker than it takes to run the entire profile.

This is a new and evolving program that we continue to reshape and improve. We are not only addressing time lag, but will continue to add many new tests to our final product.

Future Projections for Committee:

1. *Search for new DNA tests that can be added to our present array*
2. *Continue to educate breeders and exhibitors about the value of utilizing CatGenes for identity and breeding programs*
3. *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, microchipping, CatGenes, and certified pedigrees.*

Action Items: *None*

What will be presented at the Next Meeting?

1. *Update on the CatGenes project.*
2. *Update on a multi-tiered program to market CFA's services through CatGenes, Pet Health Insurance, microchipping, and certified pedigrees.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM*

Brown: The SNP machinery chops the sample up into tiny amino acids and it amplifies the DNA that's present in that sample so that there is enough of it for the machine to look at. An analogy would be comparing genes with a sentence made up of words. The genes are combinations of four amino acids that represent a word. The machine looks for is a word that is misspelled, missing or in the wrong place. It has to look at over 25,000 different combinations, so it's assisted by computer-generated intelligence. It's like science fiction, when you look at all the tests that are coming up within a period of months.

Dr. Brown reviewed several upcoming tests. One of them is gangliosidoses, GM2, a lysosomal storage disease mutation. Each cell has life's machinery that processes all the chemicals that come into it and go out of it, called Lysosomes, that affect the central nervous system. A lysosome is like an engine that runs each cell. Gangliosides accumulate in the cells and the enzymes that that cell is supposed to have can't deal with it, so it keeps accumulating until the cell either dies or doesn't function properly.

The second test will be for two forms of Glycogen storage disease in cats that don't have the enzymes to deal with sugar. The disease is generally lethal within 10 to 14 months of age.

The next one that we're going to run is another lysosomal storage disease problem called mannosidosis. Affected cats are generally very small for their age, have skeletal defects and neurological signs.

The final new test is feline spinal muscular atrophy. This disease results in the death of neurons or nervous tissue cells that send messages to the skeletal muscles to tell this animal how to walk and how to balance itself. The muscles shrink because they can't be used properly.

All of these are autosomal recessive traits. This means that the genes that are causing this are present in the animal's inheritable DNA. These tests will be single tests, eventually to be added to the array.

DNA testing should be one of the standards of care for everyone that wants to do everything possible for their animals that we have available. We are reaching a point in DNA science that's going to allow us to breed cats that are so genetically superior to anything that we have ever had in the past, that it just boggles my mind. This is probably going to happen during my lifetime, and it's probably going to happen within the next 5 years.

Altschul: Is CFA going to start putting on certified pedigrees the results of these tests?
Brown: No. The test report is privileged medical information. **Miller:** In addition to testing, I feel counseling is important. We might want to consider a roundtable meeting on DNA testing, to gather some of the breeders that are really interested in it. It's time not only that they know we have tests available, but what do you do with those tests? **Brown:** There is no perfect cat and there is no perfect person. We all have some genetic mutations. If pet owners know what these mutations are, that helps them to be proactive, it gets them to their veterinarian more often and it gives their cat better medical care.

(15) **PUBLICATIONS.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Shelly Borawski, Art Graafmans, Kelly Jones

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Since the October 2008 report, the majority of our efforts have been directed toward production of the 2009 Yearbook. This year, more than ever before, work on the book was hampered by lack of response and cooperation from advertisers and authors. In spite of our increased pursuit of those individuals who had not yet submitted materials, we found ourselves falling behind in our production schedule. The Online Almanac has encountered similar obstacles that leave us without promised features. Apathy and lack of cooperation is an ongoing problem, with many of our emails going unanswered and just as many of our phone calls going unreturned. Further discussion is provided in the comprehensive Online Almanac and Yearbook discussions below.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Online Almanac

The Online Almanac (OLA) currently has 1,271 active subscribers, down 37 from the 1,308 subscriptions reported in October. It appears that the OLA subscriptions have leveled off to an average of approximately 1,300 per year. In looking at the numbers over the past two years, subscriptions tend to be cyclical, decreasing during the summer and fall and then increasing during the late winter and spring. This can likely be attributed to our show season, i.e., subscriptions decrease early in the season when some exhibitors may not be showing as much or pursuing an award, and they increase as the season draws to an end and competition for year-end awards is the keenest. Stat counters for the OLA continue to indicate that the primary area of interest for subscribers is still the Downloads section where the current epoints are located, despite expansion of the Features section and other areas of the OLA. Page loads for the Downloads section outnumber those for the Features section by an average of 19:1, showing an even greater disparity between the two sections than reported in October when the average difference was 12:1.

Obtaining new articles for features and columns continues to be a challenge, as articles are often promised but never materialize despite numerous follow-up reminders via email and phone. Articles typically must be postponed from month to month and some are eventually cancelled altogether, which may be causing subscribers to lose interest in the Features section. Repeated delays and cancellations make it very difficult to maintain any type of editorial calendar and impossible to announce upcoming articles in order to peak interest in the OLA. The result is a last minute search for features to replace those planned articles we did not receive.

We are considering the possibility of conducting a subscriber survey to better determine what areas are of primary interest to readers and what they would like to see added to the OLA.

Yearbook

Production of the 2009 Yearbook is drawing to a close. While we are still working toward a target mailing date of mid-March, we are somewhat behind in our schedule compared to the same period last year. This can be attributed to the obstacles created by missing and/or incomplete articles and ads. Most articles we did receive arrived without the required photos or with photos of a quality too poor for print publication. Many staff hours have been spent following up with individuals to obtain different photos or researching through old CFA files and Yearbooks for better images. One breed article was cancelled completely for the second year in a row because it was never submitted, and another recently had to be postponed until next year due to the lack of usable photos. One feature did not arrive until the end of December, while another has now been completely cancelled due to lack of response.

The situation with ads is similar. We accepted as many late ads this year as we could in an effort to increase Yearbook advertising, but along with those late ads came numerous problems, such as missing text and pictures, which required hours of staff follow-up to resolve. This is time that would have been better spent working on the book itself.

In spite of the many initiatives implemented last year to encourage Yearbook advertising (see Appendix A), the total number of ads decreased from 176 in the 2008 Yearbook to 164 in the 2009 Yearbook. This was disappointing, as we had hoped our increased efforts would result in more ads. It is impossible to know what the outcome may have been without these initiatives; however, based on the results, we are reluctant to devote as much effort to them again this year.

On a brighter note, Yearbook pre-publication sales (ordered before January 1st) are slightly higher at 163 for the 2009 Yearbook as compared to 129 for the 2008 Yearbook. Perhaps there is more interest because this is the first year we are publishing the grand and DM photos in color. Whatever the reason, the higher number of orders is a welcome change and we hope the trend continues.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue publishing up-to-date information in the OLA and seek to enhance content to the extent possible based on the willingness of readers and others to contribute material.

CFA currently maintains no photo archives per se, yet we are frequently asked to supply photos of specific cats from the past for use in various articles and/or publications. While we have archived the Yearbooks from recent years along with the photos they contain, there is no reference point that can be used to determine which book featured a particular cat. We will look into the possibility of creating some sort of catalog system, perhaps utilizing the cat's computer record, which will indicate when and where a particular cat was pictured.

The Yearbook continues to be a dilemma, as our CFA family seems reluctant to support it. The reports of CFA awards and business are of primary importance and must be included in the Yearbook. However, feature articles are not critical to the publication and they are not revenue producing pages. To address both the cost factor as well as the difficulty we have in obtaining features, we are considering reducing the number of features in order to better balance non-revenue producing content with advertising revenue.

Action Item:

Presently it is the policy of CFA Publications that the current breed council secretary is asked to write a planned breed article or if they prefer, they may designate another individual to write the article on behalf of breeders working with that breed.

A newly elected breed council secretary has requested the opportunity to review a breed article written last year that is scheduled for publication in the 2009 Yearbook. The outgoing breed council secretary wrote the article. As the article layout is already completed, providing any opportunity for review and/or change at this time could impose additional delays on the Yearbook.

Therefore, we propose the following action item be added to CFA Publications Policy regarding breed articles:

Action Item: *A breed article written by an outgoing breed council secretary need not be provided for review to a newly elected breed council secretary prior to publication.*

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

What Will Be Presented at Next Meeting:

The current status of the Online Almanac will be reported, as well as a final report on the 2009 Yearbook and a preliminary report on the 2010 Yearbook.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Appendix A
2009 Yearbook Initiatives as Reported in October 2008

This year we solicited potential advertisers, both breeder and commercial alike, more aggressively than at any other time in recent years. Following are the initiatives implemented and the return realized from them:

- *The commercial advertising package was completely redesigned to be more professional and attractive. A free banner in the Online Almanac for one year was included with the purchase of an ad. Roeann Fulkerson approached approximately 20 corporations to solicit ads on behalf of the Yearbook. No commercial ads resulted from this effort. The two commercial ads we have were the result of their overall sponsorship contracts.*
- *An invitation to advertise in the 2009 Yearbook was included in the delegate bags at the Louisville Annual. The invitation not only solicited ads, but invited potential advertisers to stop at the Yearbook table in the back of the Annual Meeting room, where Shelly Borawski and Carol Krzanowski were available to accept ads and assist advertisers. No ads were collected at the Annual, and only two or three people mentioned in passing that they would stop back to speak with us; they never did.*

- *Yearbook ad packages were mailed to 8,297 potential advertisers including advertisers last year and the year before, judges, board members, individuals who had a grand or DM during the show season, national winners, regional winners, owners of cats in the 10 highest scoring listings, clubs, breed council members and anyone who purchased a 2007 Yearbook.*
- *Any individual, club or region that purchased a full page ad in the 2009 Yearbook received a free Classified listing in the Online Almanac from September 2008 to September 2009. The Classified listings are limited to 25 words and include a link to the advertiser's web site, if desired. It is doubtful that this persuaded anyone to advertise, as most individuals neglected to send us the information for their Classified listings. We found it necessary in almost all cases to follow up and request the text.*
- *A discount was offered on the purchase of two or more full-page ads in the Yearbook. Only a handful of individuals were eligible for this discount, which basically amounted to the cost of an additional Yearbook per ad being deducted from the overall cost. This was done in response to comments by advertisers in previous years that did not wish to receive or pay for two or more books when taking out two or more ads. This action does not appear to have encouraged any more than the usual number of multi-page ads.*
- *A marketing effort to solicit ads was personally conducted by Shelly Borawski and Carol Krzanowski, targeted to previous advertisers who have not yet submitted ads for this year. Initial contact was via email, with some follow-up via telephone. Together we contacted close to 200 individuals. Out of those, only 23 responded. Of those, 17 individuals placed ads and two commented that they could not afford to advertise due to the economy.*
- *Yearbook advertising information and ad packages were available on the CFA web site.*
- *Reminders about the Yearbook advertising deadline were placed on the home page of the Online Almanac and in the CFA Timetable.*
- *Numerous reminders about the Yearbook advertising deadline were sent to the various email lists, including the CFA-list as well as regional and breed council email lists.*

Watson: The Yearbook seems to always lose money, but it is sacred for many people. What can we do to make this a break-even situation? I move that the Executive Director, who is in charge of the projects that are in her office, present to us how we can bring this in line.

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

Kusy: The issue of a Quarterly-type publication passed the delegation. Can Allene formulate how much it will cost? **Wilson:** As a member of the former management committee, one of the things that we brought to this board more than once was, don't commit Central Office to things without us realizing what that implies. While I think it would be wonderful if this could be printed out on demand, figuring out what it would cost depends on so many things. Some of this could be available on PDF. **Tartaglia:** We talked about making those pages that are currently on the on-line Almanac available as a PDF. We can certainly do that.

(16) 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, Karen Lawrence, Allene Tartaglia,
Liz Watson*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Karan Lawrence came to San Diego for two days in December to work with me on the CatsCenterstage website and concept for membership. We spent 6 hours with Don Meyer, Light Echo Productions; Don came down from Santa Barbara to discuss the “How to Choose a Pet Cat” video funded by Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Litter. He does script writing, filming and editing and has submitted a budget for this project, which I forwarded to Allene and Roeann. Painless Productions did some initial shooting last year for this video, and we spent \$9,000 of the budget provided. I have not yet been able to see the footage to know if it is useable. I have also asked Don to try to prepare a demo reel showing cats, since this is a very different challenge for a videographer, prior to any commitment.

At the CFA International Show I met with Dr. Elsey to discuss the DVD/Video project. He was receptive to the idea of having the topic as a video on the CatsCenterstage website rather than a DVD to be sold. Eventually we hope to have a series of informative videos for pet owners, which would draw the public to the website (and please potential advertisers). “How to Choose A Pet Cat” would begin with about 4 to 6 minutes of introduction – the process of a person thinking about their lifestyle before obtaining a cat; realizing a pet cat is a major decision and presenting reasons why some people will have special expectations that can best be met by a particular pedigreed cat breed. Then there would be several short segments to learn about various breed personalities and other characteristics. A viewer could look at all of these or only select those that relate to their ideal cat.

I have since met and discussed several website ideas and video production needs with Dan Moriarty of Digital Cut-Pro. Dan lives in San Diego and has produced an excellent short video press release for the San Diego Cat Fanciers show. This could be expanded slightly as a wonderful video for CatsCenterstage about “What Happens at a Cat Show” . We need funds to obtain this. He is also preparing a sample 30 second TV spot for clubs to purchase – this would be edited and custom tailored to the club’s show, with graphics on the location, etc. We anticipate the cost to be reasonable. The goal is to increase exposure and gate for shows. Orders would come through our website with CFA’s promotion compensated. I hope to have a sample of Dan’s work at the Board meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Karen, Donna and I will continue to refine the website for www.CatsCenterstage.com and schedule a teleconference with the full committee to discuss the next steps when feasible. We are

planning to move content appealing to the public from the CFA website, such as “For Kids – About Cats” and we will include the Fanc-e-Mews ezine for pet owners to this website.

Cat Writers Association Conference, November 21-23, 2008

I was a panelist on the goals of the CATalyst Summit, which is a concept led by veterinarians and several pharmaceutical companies to raise the value of cats and increase owners’ awareness of cat health needs.

Show Education programs:

CFA/Iams Championship Show, New York City, October 18,19, 2008 – Breed Showcase; variety of topics, Joan Miller

CFA International Show, Atlanta, November 21-23, 2008 – Breed Showcase, variety of topics, Joan Miller

San Diego Cat Fanciers Show, January 24-25, 2009 – Comprehensive educational program including grooming, breeds and history, showing HHPs, cat behavior, etc. with about 10 speakers.

Pet Expo Educational Program, Costa Mesa, CA, April 17-19, 2009 – Comprehensive educational program with numerous speakers. I have submitted a budget to Roeann as we need corporate funding or else must raise funds from clubs in order to do this project since there will not be a cat show.

Future Projections for Committee:

Finalize the CatsCenterstage website; obtain advertising/corporate support to launch the website. Find writers and volunteers to provide content; review books, review products; execute videos; “ask the veterinarian” and other planned informational resources to make this website exciting for pet owners. Continue to plan educational programs that are professional and entertaining using guidelines now established. Produce videos of judges presenting and discussing breeds; “How to” video series.

Reach our broader goals as outlined previously:

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 (CatsCenterstage Project)*
- *Increase involvement in CFA*

CFA CatsCenterstage.com - Mission Statement

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

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

Miller: It has been very difficult trying to pull together the Cats Center Stage website. Marilyn Moriarty is an exhibitor who has a son Dan. He is quite talented. He did a video press release for our San Diego Cat Fanciers show. It gave them an idea of what a cat show is actually like. It was hand delivered to television stations. Every TV station showed up at the show. Dan would like to make these video press releases available to clubs around the country for a very reasonable amount. Normally, a video of this type costs about \$1,000 a minute. When I saw what Dan could do, I thought about Cats Center Stage, which needs a series of video projects that doesn't exist right now on any website. It's very difficult to know how we're going to launch this without having someone that's able to manage it constantly, so that's one of the problems that we have. It would be an enormous organizational project to get all of the content on this website and get it managed on a daily basis. **Molino:** Do you envision this as a separate website, or part of the CFA website? **Miller:** This is a separate website. It would be interactive or linked with CFA. The public will go to this website because it has information that they will like.

(17) **SHOW RULES.**

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

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

Rule #	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	Rationale
25.11 Presented by Show Rules Committee	When a judge has asked to be released from his contract, he may not accept another judging assignment for another club that weekend. This does not apply to a judge whose contract has been mutually terminated because of a change in residence.	When a judge has asked to be released from his contract, <u>or declines to renegotiate his contract.</u> <u>a. He may not exhibit. b. He may not accept another judging assignment for another club that weekend.</u> This does not apply to a judge who's contract has been mutually terminated because of a change in residence, <u>change in format, or a judge who is unable to fulfill his contract for verifiable medical reasons. Permission to exhibit on that weekend must be requested from the Judging Program, and approval is contingent upon fulfilling the requirements of Show Rule 25.09 or the policies of the Judging Program Committee.</u>	

Baugh: In October, we couldn't agree on the wording, so we are bringing it back now with clearer wording. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

26.06 Re-instate original show rule	A judge who has moved his place of residence subsequent to the signing of his contract, or who is traveling from a location other than his residence, will not be reimbursed any greater sum for his traveling expenses than would have been applicable at the time the contract was signed by the judge unless agreed upon by the contracting club. The judge must notify the club if he has moved his place of residence as soon as this information is known to him and the club must reply within 15 days of the receipt of the notification as		
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	to their decision of whether or not to reimburse that judge the additional travel expense. If the club does not agree to pay the additional expense for travel, it must release the judge from the contract, in which event the judge is free to accept another assignment.		
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Baugh: We tabled 26.06, and now wish to reinstate it unchanged from our previous show rules. **Anger:** We pulled it out and now we're putting it back. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The following floor resolutions were overlooked in October. They passed the Annual Meeting Delegation with a favorable recommendation.

15.08.a International Havana Brown Society; Pfanciers United for Fun	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.	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 <i>as may be reasonably available</i> . 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.
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Baugh: This was presented at the annual and passed from the floor. Their contention is that when the show rule was put in, it was hard to get this type of lighting, but now it's readily available. **Anger:** Domestically, it's reasonable to expect clubs to comply with this, but you have places in other parts of the world that are not as current as we are in high-tech light bulbs. They

would have to comply with this rule, but they might not be able to. **Johnson:** It's also applicable here. Are we going to tell a club to cancel their show because they can't do this? **Watson:** I would support this if we could add, "in the continental United States." On the judging table, we want to adequately see the animal that exhibitors are paying their money for us to evaluate. We're doing our exhibitors a disservice by not being able to provide them with the proper lighting. **Cantley:** If something were to happen where a club could not comply, we are making a very narrow base if you don't give them a reasonable way out, in case something were to happen. **Petersen:** One of our shows lost electricity on Sunday morning, and the show went on because we preferred to have our cats handled and judged. **Baugh:** If we leave the show rule the way it stands, the request to have the proper lighting is still there, we're just not mandating it. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Watson voting yes.

<p>12.03, to add (f). Mark Twain Feline Fanciers; Abyssinian Midwest Breeders</p>		<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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Baugh: This floor resolution came from Mark Twain and Abyssinian Midwest. **Johnson:** Why don't we have all shows declare 8 months prior to moving their show dates? **Eigenhauser:** We have a National Show Scheduling Committee to work this out. People need to work together. **Altschul:** Don't regional awards shows go through National Scheduling? **Johnson:** Yes. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

<p>Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight and Curl Cat Club</p>		<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>
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			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.
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Kusy: If we can download and print these at home, why are we going to spend postage to send it and money to print it? Print them at home on line, or you can buy them for \$5. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Russian Blues West		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.
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Tartaglia: I am against this. It's not the time to start a new publication. Most of this information is available on line. **Eigenhauser:** It might help if we had more of the information from the on-line Almanac in PDF or other easily printable formats. Until we have a budget for it, we can't do this. **Calhoun:** I'm not opposed to making what we already have user friendly. As far as another publication, we don't have the budget for it. We can't make a decision like this

without doing a study around it. **Molino:** Why can't we make it available by request and charge a nominal fee? This information is already in electronic format. I've talked to several people who don't own computers and they have lost touch with what's going on. They used to love to read the minutes and now they can't. What's wrong with sending it to people who request it and pay for it? **Tartaglia:** I would like an opportunity to see how much it is going to cost, and come back in June when we have more information. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

(18) **6x6 EXPERIMENTAL FORMAT COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: *Loretta Baugh*
List of Committee Members: *Carissa Altschul, Debbie Kusy, Ginger Meeker,
Paul Patton, John Hiemstra*

Baugh: We were directed in October to come up with guidelines. The format is well accepted, but it has a significant impact. Because of the fact that the committee varies from very supportive of the format to some that are extremely concerned and guarded about the impact of this, we could not come to a consensus. What we have presented to you are ideas to get a feel for what you want to do and how we're going to do it. **Molino:** This is still a young idea. Clubs need the freedom to test various ideas. We shouldn't limit that ability yet. In today's environment, we're all struggling to find out how to live our daily lives, let alone learn how to put on economical shows. We have to assume that reasonable people will do reasonable things. Let the clubs try what they want to try and stop getting in the way of innovation. I don't know that I or anyone here has a better idea than the show managers involved in putting on their show, nor do I think we should be dictating. I just witnessed two clubs come together to put on one show. It was a wonderful, cooperative effort. Neither club lost money. **Johnson:** That was an 8-ring format which I worked on with them. They wanted a 12-ring format and to prevent impact to clubs on either side, we talked about trying an 8-ring format. So, there are other alternatives for clubs that want to work together. **Molino:** Peg's efforts to get clubs to cooperate should be encouraged. She intervened and created a very successful weekend for both clubs. That's proactively how regional directors should do things. We have to work across regional lines to be able to allow clubs to survive. Active facilitation by regional directors needs to be encouraged.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee was directed, in October, 2009, to present guidelines for the experimental 6X6 format. This format has been well accepted and widely discussed in the Fancy. It has a significant impact that necessitates its implementation be done with care and concern for that impact on other clubs. The committee consists of those who are very much in favor of the format to those who have grave reservations about it. As a consequence, there is no clear-cut recommendation and we present a number of suggested guidelines for the CFA Board to review and discuss, with the hope the Board consensus will allow adoption of a policy.

I **Format:**

Eigenhauser: I'm not sure we're ready to say what the format is going to be. We need to find a fair way to schedule more experimental shows and let people tweak it before we make a decision about what the final format of these ought to be. I'm more concerned about things like how much we saturate the market with these experimental shows. Approval ought to go through the Show Scheduling Committee before it gets to the board. One idea that wasn't on here that should have been is allowing input from other clubs. The exhibitors seem to love this format because if you have two shows in one weekend, you can skip the weekend after. But what happens to the club the weekend after or before? **Johnson:** We have a Scheduling Committee to try to prevent clubs from stepping on each other. The 6x6 format impacts clubs in the area and

even fairly far away. We need to address this from a scheduling perspective so that we're not hurting already established clubs by allowing these 6x6's to happen everywhere.

- 1) *4/2 or 3/3 each day or*
- 2) *limit # of AB rings to 8 with distribution of the rings determined by the club.*

Altschul: The idea behind #2 is that it would lessen the impact of the shows on concurrent weekends, so that the format doesn't get the reputation of being a campaigner show. We have never limited the allbreed format, but we've also never done a 6x6 before. We have to come up with new, innovative ideas to make this new format work. Limiting it to 8 allbreed rings makes it comparable to other shows on the same weekend because that's the most allbreed rings any other normal format show could have. **Cantley:** We've got to remember that these are two separate shows. We can't deal with it as a 12 ring weekend. **Eigenhauser:** Clubs need flexibility while this is an experimental format. The final rules may have something that says one way or the other, but while it's experimental, clubs need flexibility. There's still time for that.

II Frequency:

- A) *Limit to only one on any given weekend. (excluding ID and Region 8) or*
- B) *Limit of one or two per month or*
- C) *Limit # of shows permitted to x per region, per year or*
- D) *4 per region, draw a lottery or permit RD to determine what clubs can do it
comment - (too many? 4/region X7 regions = 28, that's over half the show season
2/region + 14 or 1+/month) OR*
- E) *Limit these shows to '5th weekends' or 'open weekends' only and/or*
- F) *Limit approval to clubs to use this experimental format only once (twice, etc)*

Baugh: Frequency becomes a major issue because it ties up our judges. **Eigenhauser:** If we are truly worried about the shows before and after, one show in a month ties up 3 of the 4 weekends. I would like to limit it to 5 per region per year, or a reasonable number. One per month per region would be way too many. **Altschul:** The problem is that they don't affect every region the same way. For instance, Region 7 has 55 shows and Region 3 has less than 30. The large geographic regions are really suffering. They have some months with only one show the whole month. My region's clubs are embracing it because it is working for us. **Johnson:** When we talk about shows before and after versus frequency per month, it's really a scheduling issue. This format is meant for an area with fewer shows, open weekends, with two real clubs coming together giving up a weekend or partnering. We don't have a lot of weekends like this in my region, so this is more about individual cases than it is about guidelines. **Cantley:** I could support A for the National Scheduling Committee and F so that everybody gets a chance to try this. **Meeker:** I have difficulty with F, because it may work really well for two small clubs coming together, and keeps them viable. **Baugh:** You can see why this Committee had problems coming up with guidelines. Each case is different. Everyone says we need guidelines, but what works for one region doesn't work for another. Let the National Scheduling Committee take it on. **DelaBar:** How much longer do we feel that this experimental phase needs to go on before we can finally come up with absolute, definitive guidelines? **Meeker:** I would like to limit this experimental format to less than one year, because we're spinning our wheels and we can't come up with anything that's going to benefit all the regions. Let the regional directors work this out

and get out of the way. **Molino:** I agree that experimental format should have some kind of definition in terms of length. The purpose of these experiments is to keep clubs viable so they have a future. There's not a future for every club and the intent of these experiments is not to retain every club. Hopefully we will, but we need to recognize that attrition is a natural process. We cannot anticipate the outcome of the experiment, but let the outcome occur. The more we restrict it, the more we skew the outcome. **Kusy:** It is a natural process, but if left to their own devices, clubs would cancel each other out.

III Approval

- A) the board or*
- B) NSC – (the regional directors) or*
- C) Regional Director for Region hosting show*

- 1) If we used the NSC for approval, it would be a faster process for approval/non-approval. Add a clause for appealing the NSC decision at the next board meeting.*
- 2) If the NSC gains approval/disapproval on the 6x6 fine, but if the board is going to retain approval, some type of notification to the NSC must be made prior to an RD making the request to the board. This is primarily for planning purposes for all clubs in all regions.*

IV Evaluation

- A) Continue using a standardized evaluation form that **MUST** be submitted. (If adopted, how do we deal with non-compliant clubs?)*
- B) Add a questionnaire to clubs holding shows on the weekend(s) before and after a 6X6 to help gauge impact on these clubs.*

V A) Recommend continuation of the 6X6 as experimental until further data is accumulated and the benefits/disadvantages of the format can be determined more thoroughly. Or

- B) Drop the format*

VII For the February board, the guidelines should be set up as an additional paragraph to the Show Rules and presented to the delegation at the 2010 Annual for a firm approval

Comment: Keep in mind the impact of the format on the number of judges available on a given weekend, as well as the availability of trainees and apprentice/approval pending judges to advance.

Wilson: I would like to see the National Scheduling Committee work it out and make a recommendation to the board. Why does the board have to go through every one individually?

Eigenhauser: Of all the different suggestions that people have come up with, there are only two

that I really agree with and one of them isn't even on here; that is, notice to clubs before or after a 6x6, so they may comment about it. Whether it is putting a notice on the website like we do judging advancements and club applications, or some other method, that needs to be done. The other suggestion is that it ought to go through the National Scheduling Committee. They know what's going on in their regions, and they can bring it to the board with a reasonable sense of how this affects other clubs and how it affects their schedules. **Petersen:** I support this going to the National Scheduling Committee. **Meeker:** The evaluation form doesn't hit on the key points that we're discussing here, which is the impact of that show on the weekends before and after. The National Scheduling Committee can work this out amongst ourselves. **Johnson** moved that the National Scheduling Committee address the experimental format, that they be allowed to come up with guidelines, evaluate each show request and make a recommendation to the board for ratification, through the next show season, 2010. **Eigenhauser:** After the National Scheduling Committee approves a 6x6 show, will the board ratify it? **Johnson:** Yes. We can do this on line. Trust your regional directors as elected officials to take care of our regions and our club schedules. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

*Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Baugh, Chair*

CFA 6x6 Experimental Format Survey

INSTRUCTIONS: *Everyone answer Section I. Judges: Also Section II; Master Clerks: Also Section III & IV if applicable; Exhibitors: Also Section IV. Anyone may include comments in Section V. Please only complete one of these forms. If you are completing the form from an on-line source, please email to: Loretta Baugh, kittrik@comcast.net If you are completing the form at a show, please give completed form to the Master Clerk.*

Section I: General Questions

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| 1. Did the show start on time? | YES | NO |
| 2. Rate the pace of the show. <1-5, 1-way to slow, 3-normal, 5-way too fast> | 1 | 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Was the judging schedule adequate? | YES | NO |
| 4. Rate how the cats/kittens handled. <1-5, 1-poorly, 3- normal, 5-excellent> | 1 | 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. Did you enjoy this new trial format? | YES | NO |

Section II: Judges

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| 6. Rate the efficiency of your clerk. <1-5, 1-poorly, 3-average, 5-excellent> | 1 | 2 3 4 5 |
| 7. Rate the efficiency of your steward. <1-5, 1-poorly, 3-average, 5-excellent> | 1 | 2 3 4 5 |
| 8. Were the exhibitors timely in getting their cats/kittens up to the ring? | YES | NO |
| 9. Would you accept another invitation to judge the second day of a 6x6 show again? | YES | NO |

Section III: Master Clerks

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| 6. Did the absentees and transfers come in a timely manner? | YES | NO |
| 7. Did the ring clerks get the judge's paperwork to you promptly? | YES | NO |

Section IV: Exhibitor

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| 6. Did you enter the Saturday show as well? | YES | NO |
| If 'yes', 6a. Did you notice any additional stress in your cats/kittens over the Saturday show? | YES | NO |
| 6b. Is this the first show with more than 8 rings, in any association, that you have entered? | YES | NO |
| 7. Did you observe any problems the judges had with any of the cats/kittens? | YES | NO |
| 8. Do you feel the judges adequately judged your cat/kitten in a fair amount of time? | YES | NO |

9. Do you feel the 12 ring format would make CFA shows more attractive for you to enter?

YES NO

10. If more clubs opt to try this new format, would you enter these shows?

YES NO

Section V: Comments

Name _____ (print) Region _____

(19) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS**

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

Committee Chair:: *Debbie Kusy*
List of Committee Members: *Julie Keyer, Nancy Petersen, Kathryn Sylvia, Annette Wilson*

Before commencing the report, a coin toss was had to break a tie in the balloting and re-balloting for the Korat Breed Council Secretary between Ann Segrest (heads) and Cheryl Coleman (tails). **DelaBar** asked **Meeker** to call heads or tails. **Meeker** called heads. The coin landed on tails. Cheryl Coleman will be the Korat Breed Council Secretary.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The February board meeting is the meeting at which the board considers those breed standards changes which have passed their respective breed councils by at least a 60% margin. Eighteen of our breeds had ballots this year, some of which included only informational questions (such as the Birman and Siamese ballots), others had Import Policy modifications, such as the Egyptian Mau ballot.

A note on the Ballot for the Scottish Folds – On Item #3, the Scottish Fold breeders voted to add the Tortie and White and Blue Cream and White colors to the 8446-8447 (LH Scottish Folds – Parti Color and Bi Color) color classes. It was the intent of the Breed Council secretary to make these same additions to the corresponding Shorthair classes (8846-8847), but those color classes were not included on the version that was sent to Central Office. This was not realized until after the ballots had been mailed to the members of the Scottish Fold Breed Council. The incoming Scottish Fold BC Secretary has asked that the revisions to be made to the SH class as well, a short memo from her is included with this report. We can address this when we review the Scottish Fold ballot.

- 1. Acceptance for Breeds that exist in countries outside of the United States – As I brought up on the online Board list some months ago, as CFA expands more into the International Division, we will encounter breeds that are indigenous to other countries. One breed, the Li Hua, is an apparently genetically unique domestic cat that is found in China. The folks that are currently working with this breed are anxious to have the breed advanced in CFA. They are currently recording the cats with our CATS program (Cats Ancestral Tracking Program) and hope to have met the requirements for advancement to Miscellaneous status in August of this year.*

Per our current rules, all breeds must remain in Miscellaneous status for a period of not less than 5 years. Several years ago Peg Johnson put together a very nice matrix on our requirements for breed advancement, it is on the CFA website @ <http://www.cfa.org/breeds/breed-color-advancement.html> This matrix is a good outline of the steps involved to Championship status in CFA.

Before we go through with any major (or minor) changes to these requirements, I would like a sense from the board as to whether or not we would consider different requirements for such breeds as I've outlined above. Perhaps consider less (or more?) years in Miscellaneous status, or changing the requirement to advance to Provisional status from "having been shown in all CFA regions" to have them shown in, for example, three ID countries. Do we wish to increase or decrease the number of cats that are registered (50 for Miscellaneous status, 100 to advance to Provisional status)? Input is welcome.

2. *Persian/Exotic compromise – At the direction of the CFA Board of directors, a meeting was held at the Louisville annual with myself, Annette Wilson, Nancy Petersen (Persian BC Secretary) and Becky Orlando and Carla Bizzell. Becky and Carla were representing the Exotic BC Secretary, Peter Vanwonderghem, who was unable to attend the annual. As a result of that meeting, and after much online discussion, a proposed compromise was included on both the Persian and Exotic ballots. In effect, the compromise would allow the LH Exotics to be shown in the Persian classes, compete against the Persians for winner's ribbons, grand points and Breed/Division ribbons in the ring. However, any earned regional/national points would be awarded within a newly created division of the Exotic breed – the LH Division. At the end of the year, Exotics would receive Breed/Division awards as both LH's and SH's, much like the Scottish Folds, Japanese Bobtails and other breeds.*

There are 89 members of the Exotic breed council, 66 of them voted, which is 1 74% return rate. Of those 66 who voted, 46 voted "yes" on the compromise, 20 voted "no". There are 196 members of the Persian Breed Council, 140 of them voted, a 71% return rate. Of the 140 who voted, 69 voted to accept the compromise, 69 voted against it, obviously a 50-50 split. Also included both ballots was a proposed cutoff date for Exotics to be bred to Persians, either immediately, or at some future date. Those results break down as follows:

	<u>Cutoff immediately</u>	<u>5 yrs</u>	<u>10 yrs</u>	<u>No cutoff</u>
<i>Exotics</i>	4	3	0	59
<i>Persians</i>	44	20	7	58

This question was included on the ballots as (hopefully) a part of the compromise – if the Exotics could no longer breed to the Persians and could not do LH Xot to LH Xot breedings, eventually there would be less and less LH Exotics occurring in the Exotic litters.

Note – while the question #1 did not achieve a 60% vote of the Persian Breed Council, this is a non-standard item and does not technically need a 60% vote to be passed by the board.

If we agree to pass this compromise, it will be in violation of our current "What is a Breed" policy and also in violation of Show Rule 2.04, which states "Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered. Each kitten must be entered in the breed

under which it is registered or eligible to be registered". To address these two items, a line could be added to both, something as simple as "with the exception of the Longhair Exotics".

Many people worked very hard on the wording of this compromise, this was the simplest and fairest proposal that we could come up with. It does, however, represent a major change to the way we permit our cats to be shown and will affect many other breeds, should it be passed by the board.

3. *Ragamuffins – The Ragamuffins are again applying for advancement to Provisional status. As of this writing, I cannot verify that they will have representatives at the Houston meeting, but I do anticipate that they will be there. They also requested advancement at the Feb. 2008 board meeting, and received 5 "yes" votes.*

Action Items:

1. *Consideration of changing the requirements on advancement of breeds in the International Division.*

Kusy: We have cats coming up in the International Division that do not exist in the United States. Our matrix for accepting new breeds requires a minimum number of cats registered in the CATS system and shown in all the regions. This is very difficult for them. I would like some guidance as to how to tell them to proceed. **Miller:** We need to bend over backwards. This is a natural breed. The genetics in China are unknown to the rest of the world. There should be some of these cats for us to see. It would be nice for them to be on exhibit at shows in the International Division. **Johnson:** We could come up with guidelines for natural cats, or some other guidelines to take into account international cats, such as showing in multiple countries and/or once in the U.S., or in front of a number of judges. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. *Vote on Breed Council ballot items.*
3. *If necessary, vote on changes to WIAB and SR 2.04*

[NOTE: the following discussion regarding Action Item #3 took place after the vote on the Exotic/Persian compromise, but appears here for ease of reading]

Jacobberger confirmed that WIAB was set aside for the discussion.

Kusy: Show Rule 2.04 will need to be amended. It currently says, *Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered. Each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.* I propose we add, *with the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics* at the end of both sentences. Under the terms of the compromise, we are going to have to note when they register the cat, they cannot breed longhair Exotic to longhair Exotic, or longhair Exotic to Persian. **Molino:** Where would the reference for qualifying longhair Exotics appear? **Eigenhauser:** When we did it with the pointed Orientals that were being shown as Colorpoints, we put it under the championship breed divisions and colors, as a

note after the Persian, in the back of the show rules, because it's a show rule not a show standard. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voted no.

Tartaglia: The longhair to longhair Exotics that are not registerable, longhair Exotic to Persian matings not registerable. When is that effective? **DelaBar:** Show rules and show standards are effective 1 May. **Kusy:** Someone could have a litter born a year ago they haven't registered. **Eigenhauser:** What if a cat is already bred? **Wilson:** Allene is talking about cats not only already bred, but already bred and born and not registered. **DelaBar:** Born by 15 April is a good date. **Eigenhauser:** My motion is that we will no longer register offspring of Longhair Exotic to Longhair Exotic matings and offspring of Longhair Exotic to Persian matings born after April 15 of this year. The ones the currently exist can be used for breeding. The ones that are currently in utero can be used for breeding, but not those born after that day. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. *Consider the Ragamuffin for advancement to Provisional status*

Laura Gregory: *Good morning to everyone. My name is Laura Gregory. I'm here to represent the Ragamuffin's advancement to Provisional. Basically, for those of you that don't know me real well, we have a few new board members this year, I am in my 10th year with the Ragamuffin breed. I started with the breed in 1999 and I basically fell in love with the breed from the moment I met them. I showed competitively in ACFA and when I did, I enjoyed top national wins each year. I played an active role in our acceptance and advancement in both UFO, ACE and ACFA. I was one of the original petitioners to the CFA board 6 years ago when this breed was accepted in Miscellaneous and I have served as our chair since the beginning of CFA's acceptance. A few years ago, I stopped showing heavily in the other associations and decided to dedicate myself strictly to CFA. Since that time, I have worked with our region's Breeder Assistance Program, become an Ambassador for CFA and a licensed master clerk, and I have also started working with silver and golden Persians, granding several cats.*

Today, with the Ragamuffin, as you have seen in the packet that I presented to you, the Ragamuffin breeders and exhibitors have met and exceeded all of the requirements laid forth by CFA's matrix for advancement to Provisional. I would like to highlight some of these requirements, and I would also like to fill you in on some of the most recent accomplishments that have happened since this packet was prepared last July. Late last year, 26 examples of our breed were presented to the World Cat Federation overseas by our breeders in Austria and Hungary. As a result, we have also been accepted by the WCF for full championship status, so now our cats are able to also compete all over Europe and gain titles. This has been a monumental gain for our breed overseas. Unfortunately, it's also a loss to our CFA breeders, because some of them now are choosing to show in WCF, versus the CFA shows, so we're hoping that we can gain some of them back.

The Ragamuffin has also gained the eyes of GCCF followers. Two breeders from Scotland and two breeders from the UK visited the United States for the annual ACFA Ragamuffin show that took place last September in Clearwater, Florida, where an entry of 55 Ragamuffins were being shown by 22 different exhibitors. Several Ragamuffins were taken home by the Scotland breeders, and several more have been reserved by the UK breeders. A GCCF club, the UK Ragamuffin Society, has now been formed and work has been done now for the

Ragamuffin to be accepted in GCCF. I know CFA doesn't host shows in the UK, but the cats that are going to the UK are foundation registered from the United States. So, we want those cats to be CFA registered when they leave here.

Let's look at the matrix requirements for advancement from your packet. The matrix requires 25 individual breeders. We have 34 breeders listed in your packet. There's actually many more that are actually individually registered with CFA. We presently have breeders throughout the United States, Austria, Hungary, France, Italy, Scotland and the UK. We do have a definitive standard. We're asking for no changes. We have actually made very few changes to our standard over the past 6 years. Most of our changes have been in wording to make it more clear, concise and aligned with CFA's nomenclature. As far as our standard, we define a unique longhaired cat with large, expressive, wide-set walnut eyes. To contrast, the Ragdoll's eyes are almond and a Siberian's eyes are almost round. Both of those are a much closer set eye. Our modified wedge head is rounded and has no flat planes. Flat planes are found both on the Ragdoll and the Siberian cat. A strong scoop in the profile is unique to the head type of the RagaMuffin. Both the Ragdoll and the Siberian have slight curves or a gentle slope. Our profile is stated to be an obvious nose dip, being strong in the scoop, so there's nothing slight or gentle about our profile. The coat is medium/medium long and is soft, dense and silky. The Ragdoll's coat is moderately long and the Siberian's coat is moderately long to long – both being longer than our coats. The Siberians also require a triple coat, which encompasses a totally different coat from our breed that is not soft and silky. Our roundness, scoop and large, walnut eyes combine to give an overall sweetness in the expression and a unique look to our breed.

We have included a list of all colors for provisional show. The matrix requires 100 cats to be registered, we have far exceeded this number with 424 as of July, 2008. The matrix requires that we have shown in all CFA regions, and proof is provided. We have met all classification requirements for miscellaneous and have been at this level for 6 years now. Five years are required as a minimum. Cutoffs for breeds in the background ancestry have been met since the breed no longer has any allowable outcrosses. We breed only Ragamuffin to Ragamuffin. We have a CFA breed club, which hosted a show in Clearwater, Florida, and have demonstrated our value to the cat fancy as a breed and shown our differences from other breeds recognized by CFA.

The RagaMuffin has provided value to the Cat Fancy and its followers. The breed's growing popularity has drawn people into the fancy, which needs growth in order to survive. The public loves this breed, with its loving temperament, expressive face, and low maintenance coats, it is a truly wonderful cat. The RagaMuffin has been featured in Cat Fancy magazine 4 times already. The last issue, in November 2008, had to turn away RagaMuffin advertisers, as they sold out their allotted space for advertising. I know, I was one who got turned away. We have also been featured in foreign publications in Europe and Asia. ACFA, where the RagaMuffin shows in championship, embraces the RagaMuffin as one of their largest breed sections.

In CFA, we have shown over 100 unique examples of the breed around the country. Many of these cats have been shown in numerous shows, accounting for many more show entries. Over 70 individual judges have handled our cats now, accounting for the majority of the judges who judge on a regular basis. Many judges who have seen our cats on multiple occasions over the last several years continue to ask when our cats are going to be at the Provisional level. The

verbal comments we have been receiving in the judging rings continue to be more positive from a growing number of judges. In fact, when I showed 3 weeks ago in Cocoa Beach, FL, 6 of 7 judges who filled out the evaluation, marked we should be advanced to Provisional.

In summary, we ask that you, the CFA Board, give the RagaMuffin a chance to move forward into Provisional. We have fulfilled all the requirements set forth by the matrix for advancement. Motivation has been difficult this year, after we failed to advance to Provisional last year. Some of our breeders have returned even to smaller associations, such as ACFA and UFO, in order to show in championship for titles. Even strong supporters, such as our Austrian breeder and continued committee member stated to me, she now has to choose between a CFA show for miscellaneous and a WCF show for championship. She still wants to support CFA. She wants the cats to move forward. This breed has spent 6 years in the Miscellaneous class. It is very hard to show in miscellaneous, especially in today's economic climate. It is difficult to maintain long, continued support year after year.

Yes, our breed overall has seen growth and is thriving in both the United States and in Europe. In this past year, we have seen the acceptance into the WCF as a championship breed, and are moving into the U.K., and our first GCCF club. It is time for the breed to move forward in the CFA. Time to give the breeders a new spark and new hope.

Your vote for Provisional would offer our breeders and exhibitors a new opportunity and a renewed goal to strive for. We will need to prove ourselves once again to each of you, the CFA Board, before we can ask for championship. We will need to step forward and show, yet again, in each of the CFA regions. The judges will have a chance to re-evaluate the cats, thinking this time under Provisional criteria. We would appreciate the opportunity to grow with you so that you can grow with us. Please vote yes to give us that opportunity. Thank you.

Molino: You have already defined genetics to prove that your breed is unique? **Gregory:** Right. **Molino:** You have no outcrosses allowed. Is your gene pool sufficient to maintain the breed in a healthy format over a long period of time? **Gregory:** Yes. We had outcrosses until 2006. **Baugh:** Outcrosses are closed in CFA. Are you still outcrossing in other associations? **DelaBar:** They would have to meet the criteria for our registry. **Anger:** How many generations? **Gregory:** In CFA, we require a five generation certified pedigree to bring a cat in. **Wilson:** What are the outcrosses? **Gregory:** They were Ragdoll and Persian. There are no outcrosses now. **Kusy** read a statement from the Siberian Breed Council Secretary. *On the advancement of the Ragamuffin, the Siberian breed council, during the Fall ballot, noted that the Ragamuffin was not ready for advancement. It is the belief of more than 60% of the council membership that some of the Ragamuffins look too much like Siberians while others look like Persians. They are not consistent in the way they look. There were three council members at the International in Atlanta and we observed them in the ring and in the benching area. Pamela Martin, Siberian Breed Council Secretary.* **Miller:** I'm very concerned about the uniqueness of the breed and the affect on other breeds. [Secretary's note: at this point, a fire alarm sounded for approximately 10 minutes and the transcription ceased]. **Gregory:** We have agreed from day one not to show pointed cats in CFA, so that there would never be confusion between a Birman or a Ragdoll or a colorpointed Siberian. CFA has always demanded a distinction, for the general public, so we agreed when we first came before the board six years ago that we would not show pointed cats. I was asked to clarify that. **Johnson:** How many people paid to be on the breed committee?

Gregory: Around 12. **Johnson:** More than one of the breeds opposing you. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Miller, Petersen, Wilson, Altschul and Kusy voting no. Baugh and Satoh abstained.

DelaBar: I want to congratulate all the breed council secretaries that have come forth and will be serving us for the next two years.

2008 Breed Council Poll

[NOTE: "No action taken" indicates the proposal did not pass the breed council by 2/3.]

ABYSSINIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Martha Auspitz

Total Members: 92

Ballots Received: 69

60% of Voting: 42

In the current Abyssinian registration rules, the following table of registration prefixes is used for ruddy Abyssinians or red Abyssinians born out of any dilute or alleged dilute carrying parent (either the sire or the dam or both):

Ruddy Male – 0360

Ruddy Female – 0361

Red Male – 0362

Red Female – 0363

By dilute carrying we mean a blue, fawn, a ruddy or a red born from a blue or a fawn, or from an alleged dilute carrier. By alleged dilute, we mean a ruddy or red with a 36x prefix.

Please pick one of the following options:

1. Leave the current prefix system as is.

YES: 33

NO: 24

NO ANSWER: 12

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. As of May 1, 2009, all newly registered ruddy male Abyssinians will have prefix 0380, all newly registered ruddy female Abyssinians will have prefix 0381, all newly registered red male Abyssinians will have prefix 0382, all newly registered red female Abyssinians will have prefix 0383.

RATIONALE: Our current method of tracking cats as alleged dilute carriers is flawed in two ways: First, there are numerous instances of glitches wherein ruddies and/or reds out of 36x cats and dilute cats have been registered as 38x cats. When these have been discovered, they have been corrected, but not all instances have been discovered, let alone corrected. Furthermore, a 36x prefix is not necessarily an indicator of carrying the dilute gene, but a possibility that the dilute gene may be present. In the first case we have cats that may be carrying dilute that are 38x cats and in the second case we have 36x cats that may not be carrying dilute. According to information theory, having bad information is worse than having no information at all.

We have discussed this at length in breed council meetings, on the Abys-List and the Abyssinian breed council list. Also, I have been in contact with the CFA Executive Director about the practicality of some of the suggestions many of the breed council.

YES: 39

NO: 21

NO ANSWER: 9

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Carol W. Johnson

Total Members: 66

Ballots Received: 52

60% of Voting: 32

60% of Voting: 10

1. **PROPOSED:** Accept ticked tabby pattern for championship.

RATIONALE: Ticked tabby is an accepted color in the breed except for a short time in the 1990s. They are dominant when shaded silvers are bred to tabby (either classic or mackerel patterns). Shaded silver in ASH is homozygous for the ticked trait while ticked tabby is heterozygous and tabby is recessive. Ticked tabbies would retain all the same color combinations as tabby (either mackerel or classic), only the pattern would be different.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. At least one necklace on neck and upper chest. Frown marks on forehead form an intricate letter "M." Stripes on head, neck, tail with body to be free from noticeable spots, stripes, or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. Lighter underside may show tabby markings. Hocks: to be the same color as markings.

Add ticked to color descriptions currently describing tabby colors. For example:

Current : RED TABBY (classic, mackerel):

Proposed: RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked):

YES: 24

NO: 28

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

BALINESE

Breed Council Secretary: Kris Willison

Total Members: 42

Ballots Received: 38

60% of Voting: 23

Kris Willison: *I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to speak and Central Office Staff for their assistance in collecting 2008 statistics in time for this meeting. I have distributed a color handout to all the Board members. Before addressing this year's ballot I would like to point out that over 2/3 of the cats shown thus far in the Balinese Division this*

season may not have previously been eligible for championship competition. Our membership would like to again express appreciation for your support of our merger request last year.

Twenty/twenty hindsight is always much clearer than foresight, I deeply regret being unable to attend the judges' workshop at the last annual. I have included a slide from the presentation as well as a second slide that is much clearer. Following the annual I began to receive reports from different parts of the country where groups of Balinese and Javanese were being shown. Where previously the cat(s) that the breeders generally agreed were closest in Siamese type had been taking most of the breed wins, suddenly the cats with the most hair were receiving the ribbons. This sparked a review of our standard as well as several other breeds' and extended discussion as to the best way to clarify our standard without making major changes to it. The result are changes to the GENERAL portion of the standard and rearrangement of the wording on COAT.

Lastly, we are asking for a five-year extension on our outcross to pointed Oriental Longhairs. The ballot itself included the last 10 years' registration statistics. The handouts include combined Balinese/Javanese registration statistics for 1986 through 2008 – since the Javanese were advanced to championship status. Kitten mills, breeders of “traditional” or “apple head” Balinese have always inflated the numbers of kittens reported versus the numbers actually registered by those of us that actually breed for show. This past year registration numbers dropped again, but it is my understanding that some of this is caused by ongoing confusion regarding the breed merger. Also, a number of us took pause in our breeding programs as we started DNA testing and other health screening, waiting on results before proceeding. We are desperately trying to expand our gene pool, maintain health and stamina, while at the same time maintaining our presence in the show ring. Continued access to these cats that are phenotypically identical – pointed and either longhair or longhair carriers will assist in this goal. Thank you.

1. Clarify the **GENERAL** section of the Balinese standard. What “other breeds”, what “similar type”? CFA currently recognizes a total of 40 different breeds! You will note below that the Colorpoint SH Standard comes right out and states that they are bred according to the Siamese Standard with the exception of color. The Balinese Standard is almost identical to the Siamese with the exception of coat length and additional colors. We also wish to place emphasis on structure and balance.

CURRENT:

GENERAL: the ideal Balinese is a svelte cat with long tapering lines, very lithe but strong and muscular. Excellent physical condition. Neither flabby nor bony. Not fat. Eyes clear. Because of the longer coat the Balinese appears to have softer lines and less extreme type than other breeds of cats with similar type.

From the Colorpoint SH Standard:

GENERAL: the Colorpoint Shorthair is a medium sized, svelte, refined cat with long tapering lines, very lithe, but muscular. Males may be proportionately larger. The ideal is a cat with type identical to the Siamese, but with its own distinct and unique colors. While the color differences set it apart as a unique breed, the purpose of the hybridization was to establish cats identical in type to the Siamese but with separate colors. The Colorpoint Shorthair standard reflects this objective and preserves its unique colors.

PROPOSED:

GENERAL: the ideal Balinese is a svelte cat with long tapering lines, ~~very lithe but strong and muscular.~~ A study of contradictions - elegant refinement, sometimes fragile in appearance... in reality, hard and muscular. The silky coat hides a lithe and athletic body. Excellent physical condition. Neither flabby nor bony. Not fat. Eyes clear. Balance is critical, all parts should come together in a harmonious whole, with neither too much nor too little consideration given to any one feature. Because of the longer coat the Balinese appears to have softer lines and less extreme type than ~~other breeds of cats with similar type.~~ their shorthair parent breeds, the Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthair.

YES: 29

NO: 6

NO ANSWER: 3

Kusy: The change to the general description makes it more similar to the Colorpoint Shorthair. **Miller:** I really like “elegant refinement”. That is a good visual image. I don’t like the use of the word “fragile” in any of our standards. It describes a cat that is weak. It’s not a positive description of a lithe, slender cat. **Johnson:** We have tried to avoid effecting any changes that refer to another breed in your breed description. Every breed should stand on its own and not be relative to another breed. That’s a rule.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

2. Clarify wording of **COAT** section of the Balinese standard. Rearrange wording so that description of length is followed by description of texture. The standard allocates 10 points for length and 10 points for texture. Actually listing under **DISQUALIFICATION:** Definite double coat (i.e., downy undercoat).

CURRENT:

COAT: medium length, fine, silky without downy undercoat lying close to the body, the coat may appear shorter than it is. Hair is longest on the tail.

PROPOSED:

COAT: medium length, longest on the tail. Fine, silky without downy undercoat lying close to the body, the coat may appear shorter than it is. ~~Hair is longest on the tail.~~

YES: 35

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. Extend the Balinese outcross deadline to pointed Oriental Longhairs and longhair carriers for an additional 5 years. This was first approved at the February 2004 BOD meeting for the Javanese (no deadline) and at the February 2005 BOD meeting for the Balinese (5 year deadline), later simplified and clarified at the February 2008 BOD meeting with regards to the merged breeds. Current cutoff is for litters born after 12/31/2010. This proposal in no way affects the Oriental breed’s continued ability to outcross to the Balinese breed.

Please note attached graph and accompanying statistics. In 1997, 224 Bali/Javi litters were registered, 876 kittens reported, and 313 individual cats registered. In 2007 there were 97 Bali/Javi litters registered, 364 kittens reported, and 171 individual cats registered. We feel that individual registrations of at least 300 per year are reasonable and hope to be able to achieve this goal within the next five years.

PROPOSED:

Permit breeding of any Balinese or Javanese to Pointed 4### series Orientals (excluding pointed and white). Resulting offspring to be registered using the 40## identifier to indicate Oriental ancestry. Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese-Balinese. (cutoff - DOB 12/31/2015)

YES: 33

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

BIRMAN

Breed Council Secretary: Jeri Zottoli
Total Members: 103
Ballots Received: 74
60% of Voting: 45

- 1. Do you think, as a breeder and exhibitor of Birmans, that you are affected by and therefore opposed to the advancement of RagaMuffins from miscellaneous to provisional status?

RATIONALE: The RagaMuffins have requested advancement from miscellaneous to provisional status at the February 2009 Board meeting. Of the many colors and patterns produced in the breed, there are bi-colors, mitted and pointed.

YES: 63

NO: 10

NO ANSWER: 1

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

BOMBAY

Breed Council Secretary: Donna Hetherington
Total Members: 20
Ballots Received: 12
60% of Voting: 8

- 1. Would you like to see the CFA Board amend Article XXXIII, ANY OTHER VARIETY (AOV) to remove the Bombay AOV class?

Current:

**ARTICLE XXXIII
ANY OTHER VARIETY (AOV) CLASSES**

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Bombay 0412 0413

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Proposed:

**ARTICLE XXXIII
ANY OTHER VARIETY (AOV) CLASSES**

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Bombay.....0412-0413

...

RATIONALE: The 0412/0413 prefixes are used to register Sable Bombays. Although this policy would be continued, thereby allowing the use of *registered* Sable Bombays in breeding, there is no reason for the Sable Bombay to be shown. After all, our own standard reads: “With its jet **black**, gleaming coat, gold to copper eyes, solid body and sweet facial expression, the ideal Bombay has an unmistakable look of its own.”

YES: 11

NO: 1

Kusy: Several years ago, the board asked all the to breeds come up with a definition of AOV. They can still breed them; they can’t show them.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

BURMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Art Graafmans

Total Members: 94

Ballots Received: 89

60% of Voting: 54

This ballot presents two requests to the CFA Board of Directors: the first deals with eliminating the Division structure of the breed, and the second with changing the breed prefix numbering system.

1. Eliminate the Two Divisions within the Breed

PROPOSED: Change show rule 32.01, Championship Breeds/Divisions & Colors, so that all Burmese compete as a single breed with no Divisions, and within their four natural color classes.

Current:

BURMESE:

Sable Division

Sable0400 0401

Dilute Division

Dilute Colors.....0402 0403

(Blue, Champagne, Platinum)

Proposed:

BURMESE:

~~Sable Division~~

Sable0400 0401

~~Dilute Division~~

Champagne.....0402 0403

Blue 0404 0405

Platinum0406 0407

RATIONALE: The numbers of Burmese being shown are small; having two Divisions within such a small breed seems unwarranted. Further, while historically the perception had been that Sables were typier than the dilute color Burmese, this is certainly not true today. Cats from the current Dilute Division are finaling with regularity. In fact, the highest scoring Burmese for the last year was a Platinum. This cat properly deserved the title of “Best of Breed”. Breeders would like to see a single “Best of Breed” award again, given to the truly Best Burmese, regardless of color.

YES: 33

NO: 46

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. Restore the Original 0400-Series Breed Prefix for the Registration of all Burmese.

NOTE: This would only apply to cats registered in the future, and is not a request to renumber cats currently registered.

CURRENT: Sable Burmese with no Champagne, Platinum or Blue Burmese in their pedigree (for some predetermined number of generations) are registered as 0400/0401. All other Burmese are registered with 1400 prefix (1400/1401 for Sables, 1402/1403 for Champagnes, 1404/1405 for Blues, 1406/1407 for Platinums).

PROPOSED: CFA to register Burmese using 0400/0401 for Sables, 0402/0403 for Champagnes, 0404/0405 for Blues, and 0406/0407 for Platinums, and eliminate the 1400-prefix numbering system.

RATIONALE: The 1400 breed prefix was originally introduced when the Dilute Colors of Burmese were accepted as “Malayans” by CFA. Once the Malayans were folded back into the Burmese breed, the 1400 prefix series was retained for the Dilute Colors and the Sables that had a Dilute in their pedigree to indicate that these cats might produce Dilute-colored offspring, while Sables with no “Dilute” (within in some number of generations) were registered with the original 0400 prefix. This led to the incorrect impression that Sables registered with the 0400 numbers where “pure” Sable, e.g., did not carry Dilute colors. However, breeders have repeatedly seen 0400-numbered Sables produce Dilute offspring, and 1400-numbered Sables never produce Dilute offspring, even when repeatedly bred to Dilutes. So the numbers are in fact meaningless. With the existing DNA testing technology, the color carrier status of any cat can be definitively determined. The registration of Burmese should be restored to the original prefixes that simply indicate the color of the cat.

YES: 51

NO: 38

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Sandra Douglass

Total Members: 59

Ballots Received: 49

60% of Voting: 30

CFA Rules of Registration

Section 3 – Hybrids:

Colorpoint Shorthair: Colorpoint Shorthair or Siamese. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2019 may have only Colorpoint Shorthair parents.~~

1. **PROPOSED:** Strike outcross deadline

RATIONALE: At this time, the Colorpoint SH is the only breed of Siamese body type with an outcross deadline. While the date is still more than a decade in the future, there is no reason to wait before striking it. The Colorpoint breed is unique to CFA, with all other registries grouping the Colorpoint colors with the Siamese – no restriction on breedings between the two groups of colors. In order to remain competitive, not only in CFA but with cats of similar colors around the world, the Colorpoint must have continued access to the larger Siamese gene pool. The Colorpoint Shorthair depends on the outcrossing to the Siamese to maintain good type and health within the breed.

It should be noted in spite of a high percentage of AOVs registered each year, the Colorpoint Breed Council has never requested championship status for these cats. To quote from the standard: “The ideal is a cat with type identical to the Siamese, but with its own distinct and unique colors. While the color differences set it apart as a unique breed, the purpose of the hybridization was to establish cats identical in type to the Siamese but with separate colors.” The Colorpoint Shorthair standard reflects this objective and preserves its unique colors.”

YES: 43

NO: 6

Kusy read a statement from Sandi Douglass: *It is very important to the Colorpoint Shorthair breeders that you carefully consider and allow us to remove the outcrossing deadline for Siamese. We are so closely related to this breed that our members have voted 43 to 6 for the removal of the deadline. It is very apparent that we as Colorpoint breeders feel this is important at this time. It is also important to note that the Siamese breed council also supports this with our effort in its vote, which they did. It was 60 yes, 17 no. Historically, during the development of What is a Breed, the Colorpoint Shorthair breed council voted to set an outcross deadline. We were the only breed to do so. Therefore, we wish to rescind this deadline, to allow us to continue to develop the breed as a breed that closely resembles the Siamese. That is the reason we created it in the first place. We need to be able to continue to outcross for health and vitality, as the Colorpoint Shorthair breed is a small one, with just a small number of breeders working with the breed. I ask you to allow us to remove the outcross deadline.*

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree. Cats to be registered using the 52## identifier. Transferred animals of appropriate colors would be eligible for championship competition.

RATIONALE: An identical policy was approved by the Board for the Balinese and Javanese breeds at the February 2006 meeting. The purpose of the above proposal is to encourage and facilitate transfers from foreign registries. At this time a minimum of 5 generations (62 possible ancestors) must be submitted for full registration status as either a 22## or 5### series Colorpoint SH. Cats may be "recorded" for 'breeding purposes only' with one less generation. Standard registration slips provided by foreign registries generally include only 4 generations of ancestry, thus making it more costly to acquire the additional

information. By reducing the number of generations for transfer to 3 (2 for recording purposes) the number of animals that must be checked is reduced significantly. Not only will this help to speed the processing, but will also (hopefully) qualify more animals for transfer. Five generations (4 for recording purposes) would still be required for registration as a 22## series Colorpoint SH.

YES: 26

NO: 23

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

CORNISH REX

Breed Council Secretary: Sharon McKenzie

Total Members: 60

Ballots Received: 42

60% of Voting: 26

To create a solid color class and provide color descriptions for Lavender, Lavender Smoke, Chocolate, and Chocolate Smoke as well as incorporate the Lavender and White and Chocolate and White into the Bi-Color color class; the Chocolate and Lavender Calicos into the Calico color class; the Chocolate Tortoiseshell into the Tortoiseshell color class and the Lavender Cream into the Blue-Cream Color Class.

1. **CURRENT:**

~~LAVENDER, LAVENDER AND WHITE, LAVENDER SMOKE: frosty grey with pinkish tones. Eye color: gold. Nose leather, paw pads, eye rims: lavender pink.~~

~~CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE AND WHITE, CHOCOLATE SMOKE: rich, warm-chocolate brown, darker color preferred. Paw pads: cinnamon pink. Eye color: gold. Nose leather, eye rims: brown.~~

PROPOSED: ADD THE FOLLOWING (AFTER CREAM):

CHOCOLATE: rich, warm chocolate brown, sound from roots to tip of fur.

Darker color preferred. Paw pads: cinnamon pink. Eye color: gold. Nose leather, eye rims: brown.

LAVENDER: frosty grey with pinkish tones, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Eye color: gold. Nose leather, paw pads, eye rims: lavender pink.

CHOCOLATE SMOKE: individual hair shafts white or silver, each deeply tipped with chocolate. In repose, the cat appears chocolate. In motion, the white base of the hairs is readily apparent. Points and mask chocolate with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Eye color: gold. Nose leather, eye rims: brown.

LAVENDER SMOKE: individual hair shafts white or silver, each deeply tipped with lavender. In repose, the cat appears lavender. In motion, the white base of the hairs is readily apparent. Points and mask lavender with narrow band of white at base of hairs next

to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather, paw pads, eye rims: lavender pink.

YES: 37

NO: 5

Miller: I don't believe any lavender smokes have ever been registered. **Kusy:** The matrix says at least 25 cats of a new color must be registered. However, when Central Office receives a registration that there is no number for, they give it an AOV number. There's no way to track them. Lavender smoke is a naturally occurring color that can come from the colors that already exist. **Miller:** When you say, *In motion, the white base of the hairs is readily apparent* – when a Cornish Rex is moving, you do not see any white hair. The proposed standard for calico smoke makes more sense, *Cat in repose appears calico. When the coat is parted, the white base of the hairs is readily apparent.* It's unfortunate that the wording is not appropriate for the breed. The other thing is, chocolate tortoiseshell and white is described differently than chocolate tortoiseshell: *patches of red softly intermingled, brindled*, and yet brindled is not on the other one. There should be some consistency between the chocolate tortoiseshell and the chocolate tortoiseshell and white. **Petersen:** They need to be consistent. **Kusy:** We will standardize them next year.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Miller, Johnson, Petersen, Altschul, Brown, Wilson voting no.

2. **CURRENT:**

~~CALICO: White with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Eye Color: Gold, odd-eyed or blue.~~

PROPOSED:

CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of black and red, *or chocolate and red.* White predominant on underparts. Eye color: gold, odd-eyed or blue.

YES: 35

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul abstained.

3. **CURRENT:**

~~CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. In non-white areas, individual hair shafts are white or silver, each deeply tipped with red or black. Cat in repose appears calico. When the coat is parted, the white base of the hairs is readily apparent. Points of the cat may exhibit deeper tipping than in the rest of the coat. Eye Color: blue, gold or odd-eyed.~~

PROPOSED:

CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of black and red, *or chocolate and red.* In non-white areas, individual hair shafts are white or silver, each deeply tipped with red and black, *or chocolate and red.* Cat in repose appears calico. When the coat is parted, the white base of the hairs is readily apparent. Points of the cat may exhibit deeper tipping than in the rest of the coat. Eye color: blue, gold, or odd-eyed.

YES: 34

NO: 8

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **CURRENT:**

~~**VAN CALICO:** white cat with unbrindled patches of black and red, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.~~

PROPOSED:

VAN CALICO: white cat with unbrindled patches of black and red, *or chocolate and red*, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

YES: 35

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. **CURRENT:**

~~**DILUTE CALICO:** white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underpart. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.~~

PROPOSED:

DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream, *or lavender and cream*. White predominant on underparts. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

YES: 35

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Add (after Tortoiseshell and white):**

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE: chocolate with patches of red softly intermingled (brindled) and white on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

YES: 36

NO: 6

Molino: Chocolate doesn't come with red, it comes with cream.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser voting yes.

7. ***LAVENDER-CREAM AND WHITE:*** lavender with patches of cream softly intermingled (brindled) and white on both body and extremities. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

YES: 37

NO: 4

NO ANSWER: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

8. **CURRENT:**

~~**DILUTE VAN CALICO:** white cat with unbrindled patches of blue and cream, confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.~~

PROPOSED:

DILUTE VAN CALICO: white cat with unbrindled patches of blue and cream, *or lavender and cream*, confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

YES: 36

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

9. **CURRENT:**

~~**BI-COLOR:** solid color (black, blue, red, and cream) and white; tabby (brown, blue, chocolate, lavender, silver, red, and cream) and white; smoke (black, blue, red, and cream) and white; and any pointed and white. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button. Eye color: gold, odd-eyed or blue.~~

PROPOSED:

BI-COLOR: solid color (black, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, red, and cream) and white; tabby (brown, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, silver, red, and cream) and white; smoke (black, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, red, and cream) and white; and any pointed and white. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button. Eye color: gold, odd-eyed or blue.

YES: 37

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

10. **CURRENT:**

~~**VAN BI-COLOR:** solid color (black, blue, red, and cream) and white; tabby (brown, blue, silver, red, and cream) and white; smoke (black, blue, red, and cream) and white; and any pointed and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Eye color: gold, odd-eyed or blue.~~

PROPOSED:

VAN BI-COLOR: solid color (black, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, red, and cream) and white; tabby (brown, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, silver, red, and cream) and white; smoke (black, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, red, and cream) and white; and any pointed and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Eye color: gold, odd-eyed or blue.

YES: 37

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

11. **PROPOSED, ADD THE FOLLOWING (AFTER TORTOISESHELL):**

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: *Chocolate with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.*

Blaze of red on face is preferred. Nose Leather and paw pads: chocolate, may be mottled with pink. Eye color: gold.

PROPOSED:

LAVENDER-CREAM: lavender with patches of solid cream. Patches clearly defined and well broken on both body and extremities. Nose leather and paw pads: lavender-pink, may be mottled with pink. Eye color: gold.

Cornish Rex Color Class Numbers

Chocolate (including smoke)
Lavender (including smoke).....

Current:

~~Tortoiseshell (including smoke)0947~~

Proposed:

Tortoiseshell, *Chocolate Tortoiseshell*, (including Smoke)0947

Current:

~~Calico (including Dilute, Smoke and Van).....0949
(Patched Tabby and White (classic, Mackerel, spotted),
Tortoiseshell and White, Blue Cream and White)~~

Proposed:

Calico (including Dilute, Smoke and Van).....0949
(Patched Tabby and White (classic, mackerel, spotted), Tortoiseshell and White, Blue-Cream and White, Chocolate Tortie and White, *Lavender-Cream and White*)

Current:

~~Blue Cream (including smoke0951~~

Proposed:

Blue-Cream, *Lavender-Cream*.....0951
(including smoke)

Current:

~~Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color..0960.0961
(Solid Color (black, blue, red and cream) and white: Tabby (Brown, blue, silver, red and cream) and White; Smoke (Black, blue, red and cream) and White, any Pointed and White.~~

Proposed:

Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color..0960.0961
(Solid Color (black, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, red and cream) and white: Tabby (Brown, blue, silver *chocolate, lavender*, red and cream) and White; Smoke (Black, blue, *chocolate, lavender*, red and cream) and White, any Pointed and White.

RATIONALE: To add the chocolate and lavender variations in the correct color classes.
Total numbers registered:

Chocolate	15
Chocolate Smoke	5
Chocolate-White	5
Lavender	12
Lavender Smoke	0
Lavender-White	4

YES: 34

NO: 7

NO ANSWER: 1

Anger: Chocolate tortoiseshell again has red. **Kusy:** This one was mis-typed. We are not allowed to change any of these.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

EGYPTIAN MAU

Breed Council Secretary: Melanie Morgan
 Total Members: 44
 Ballots Received: 28
 60% of Voting: 17

1. **PROPOSED:** Housekeeping issues to clarify original intent of policy adopted in 2007.

Egyptian Mau Import Policy

The Egyptian Mau is a natural breed that has no allowable outcrosses. Cats may be imported from any of the Countries listed below as defined by their geographical borders:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Erythrea, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lybia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Republic of Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirate, Yemen

It is the policy of the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Egyptian Mau Breed Council to accept Native Egyptian Maus into the CFA Egyptian Mau registry that:

- **Have been imported from any of the countries listed above.**
- **Have satisfied the Requirements for Identification/Approval of Imported Native Egyptian Mau.**
- **Have satisfied the General Requirements for Registry, including a three generation pedigree of known ancestors as documented by DNA parentage testing.**

It is the policy of the CFA Egyptian Mau Breed Council to accept domestic Egyptian Maus into the CFA Egyptian Mau registry that:

- **Are the fourth generation (great-grand) offspring of one or more imported native Egyptian Mau(s) of unknown ancestry, i.e., have a three-generation pedigree of known ancestors, at least one of which is a native Mau of unknown parentage. The native Egyptian Mau(s) must have been imported from the accepted countries as listed above.**

- Have satisfied the General Requirements for Registry.

Definitions:

Purebred Egyptian Maus: Cats registered as Egyptian Maus and accepted as such by the major feline registries, e.g., CFA, TICA, FIFe, etc.; generally, ancestry of these cats can be traced back a minimum of five generations and all ancestors are registered Egyptian Maus; selectively bred to meet the requirements of a written standard that defines the characteristics of the breed with points allocated according to the importance of the feature described; eligible to compete for titles in the major feline associations.

Native Egyptian Maus: Cats originating in the accepted geographical regions as stated in CFA policy, generally feral cats living unattended in the streets of the major cities or in agricultural areas; random-bred with unknown ancestry; meet minimum criteria for acceptance into the Mau breeding programs as an outcross: spotted pattern in black-based silver, bronze, smoke, no disqualifying physical features such as white spotting, incorrect paw pad/nose leather color, tail kink, etc.

Domestic Egyptian Maus: Second and third generation cats descended from imported native Egyptian Mau(s), but not eligible for registry in CFA.

General requirements:

In order to be accepted into the Egyptian Mau registry: ~~the imported cat must:~~

1. ~~be at least nine months old.~~ **Native Egyptian cats should be at least nine months old before the completion of the approval process; fourth generation Egyptian Maus with a three generation pedigree of known ancestors should be at least 8 months old before the completion of the approval process.**
2. **All applicant cats must** express spotted pattern only **in one of** ~~and~~ the following currently accepted showable colors: silver, bronze and smoke.
3. **Applicant cats should** have no physical characteristics that would **cause disqualification as per** ~~be disqualified~~ per the CFA standard or CFA rules. This should include NA/IM and NA/WCC.

Add:

4. **Applicant cats should exhibit no obvious genetic issues that would negatively impact on breeding cats that meet the standard.**

Re-number the following existing provisions

5. The **applicant** cat shall have a three generation pedigree of known although not necessarily registered parents as proven by DNA **type and** parentage **testing**. This pedigree of known parents may be **established:** ~~obtained while cat is still in originating country, OR once the cat has been imported. Registration will be granted once it is complete and verified by testing.~~ (note Parentage testing costs approximately \$50 through new CFA Cat bank, Microchip costs vary from \$25-\$75 per cat)
 - a. **by tracking to the fourth generation a native Mau colony or breeding program in the originating country.**

- b. **by tracking to the fourth generation direct descendents of an imported native Egyptian Mau of unknown ancestry. Documentation of importation of the native cat will be required.**
6. A ~~third~~ **fourth** generation cat or kitten **whether native or domestic Egyptian Mau**, must be ~~confirmed~~ **examined** by a designated representative* of the Breed Council as ~~determined~~ **appointed** by the Breed Council Secretary and must be determined to not have any disqualifying characteristics **or obvious issues that would impact genetically on the genepool.**
- a. * The designated representative may be a Breed Council member or members who are in close proximity to the imported cat, or the Breed Council Secretary may require that the cat be examined by a CFA judge or judges. The decision as to whom the Breed Council Secretary designates for the exam is at the discretion of the Breed Council Secretary.
7. Have the Breed Council Secretary's confirmation that the cat meets the identification requirements
8. **Imported cats shall be micro-chipped in Countries where available either prior to shipping or within ten days of arrival in destination Country for those Countries where the technology is not available, regardless of whether the cat has a three generation pedigree or will be a foundation cat for the first in the line establishing the three generations. All supporting documentation shall include the microchip number for all generations descended from native cat(s) of unknown ancestry that are not registered.**
9. All paperwork materials will be reviewed by the Breed Council Secretary who will forward a letter to Central Office certifying that application is complete and that the cat has met the minimum requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT IDENTIFICATION/APPROVAL:

1. The Breed Council Secretary will review all documentation and photos (must show acceptable pattern and color, including paw pads).
2. The Breed Council Secretary or designated representative must examine the imported cat to rule out disqualifying physical features. The designated representative may be a Breed Council member or members who are in close proximity to the imported cat, or the Breed Council Secretary may require that the cat be examined by up to three CFA judges.
3. To maintain identification of the cat through the process, the **native imported** cat shall be micro-chipped in Countries where available either prior to shipping or within ten days of arrival in destination Country. All supporting documentation must include the microchip number.
4. Notification of intent to register must be reviewed with the Breed Council Secretary. The Breed Council Secretary will notify CFA when the identification/approval process is complete.

RATIONALE: These are housekeeping changes only. There is no change in the substance of the policy approved in 2007. This proposal simply changes the wording and cleans up contradictions, slash confusing or ambiguous areas identified from original approved policy.

YES: 25

NO: 2

NO ANSWER: 1

Kusy: They are removing the age restriction, they're changing the wording on the DQ, and they are increasing it to a 4th generation cat to be examined by a designated representative of the breed, rather than a 3rd generation cat. **Miller:** I dislike their use of the word "purebred". We are a registry of pedigreed cats. **Johnson:** Can we ask them to clean that up next year?

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Add to disqualify section: Wrong color paw pads.

DISQUALIFY: lack of spots. Blue eyes. Lack of green in eye color in cats over the age of 1 year 6 months. **Mottled or pink paw pads.** Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. White locket or button distinctive from other acceptable white-colored areas in color sections of standard.

RATIONALE: Currently the breed standard provides no direction for incorrect color paw pads. Paw pads should be black or dark brown without mottling or pink.

YES: 26

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** Change description on age under color for eye color.

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EYE COLOR: ~~light green~~ "Gooseberry green." Allowance is made for changing eye color, with some discernable green by eight months of age and full green eye color by ~~eighteen months~~ **one and one half years** of age. Preference given at all ages for greener eyes.

RATIONALE: Currently the method for referring to age is inconsistent in our standard and the reference to light green is redundant. This change would make all references to age correspond to what the judges will have in their books as well as delete the redundancy.

YES: 25

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary: Peter Vanwongerghem

Total Members: 89

Ballots Received: 66

60% of Voting: 40

NOTE: The following two questions also appear on the Persian Breed Council Ballot.

1. 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. That meeting took place in June during the CFA Annual Meeting. Present at that meeting were Annette Wilson and Debbie Kusy (Co-Chair Breeds & Standards Committee), Nancy Petersen (Secretary, Persian Breed Council), Becky Orlando

and Carla Bizzell (representatives for the Exotic Breed Council). (Note: Peter Vanwonderghem, Exotic Breed Council secretary was unable to attend.)

At the meeting in June, the BC secretaries or representatives were first asked to draw their "line in the sand." The "line in the sand" for the Exotic BC is to show their longhairs (referred to as ELH). The "line in the sand" for the Persian BC is not to register or call Exotics "Persians." The BC secretaries or representatives were then asked to find areas to negotiate or ways to compromise.

One suggestion coming from this meeting was to show the ELHs phenotypically but to score them genotypically. That is, ELHs would be shown in Persian Color classes but points awarded would be scored for breed, regional, and national wins in the Exotic Breed. The ELHs would compete in the appropriate color classes with the Persians, only the catalog would indicate by registration number (7XXXL number) which cats are EHLs.

Two options for scoring ELHs were discussed. ELHs could compete for Breed wins against Shorthair Exotics or a LH Division of Exotic could be added to the CFA scoring system for award purposes only (that is, there would not be a LH Division added to the existing Exotic breed standard). It was thought that having ELHs receive wins in a LH Division of Exotic would be the more acceptable alternative to both Breed Councils.

Given the goal of Exotic breeding programs is to produce Exotics with a shorthair coat, another recommendation coming from this meeting by the Exotic BC representative was that registration rules be enacted 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

This would prohibit Exotic breeders from doing matings in which all offspring would mimic Persians.

If the Persian and Exotic Breed Councils would approve such a compromise, there will still be 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 need to be negated:
 - a. set aside permanently, or
 - b. amended for this purpose only
2. Show Rule 2.04 (Each cat or kitten must be entered as the breed under which it is registered) would need to be amended or eliminated.

At the October 2008 Board meeting, the Board indicated they did not want to act on either the WIAB policy or Show Rule 2.04 unless the Persian and Exotic Breed Councils both voted in favor of the compromise. Thus, you are being asked to vote on Question 2 below which puts forth the compromise proposed for allowing ELHs to be shown.

PROPOSED: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions may be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair Division of Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only. Regional and national points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards Longhair Exotic Breed wins, not towards

Persian Breed wins. Furthermore, offspring of Longhair Exotic to Longhair Exotic matings and offspring of Longhair Exotic to Persian matings will not be eligible for registration.

YES: 46

NO: 20

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried/Failed.

The following question is for informational purposes only.

QUESTION: If ELHs are shown, then it has been suggested that there be a cut-off date for Exotics to be allowed to cross to Persians. Do you agree with such a cut-off date now or in the future?

4 Yes, cut-off effective with the date ELH eligible to be shown (May 1, 2009 if proposal #1 above passes).

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

3 Yes, cut-off date 5 years from date ELH eligible to be shown.

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

0 Yes, cut-off date 10 years from date ELH eligible to be shown.

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

59 No Cut-Off Date

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

Statement to CFA Board – February 8, 2009

by Peter Vanwonterghem, CFA Exotic Breed Council Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

12 months have passed since we stood before you here in the same meeting room. Your instructions about the ongoing discussions concerning the showing of Exotic Longhairs were clear: this issue cannot become a never ending story in the history of CFA, work out a compromise.

The Breeds and Standards committee has facilitated a meeting at last year's Annual and has been the moderator over the past year in order to come up with such a compromise that respects the strongest wishes of both the Persian and the Exotic Breed Councils.

The lines in the sand were drawn at the Annual and they still remain the most important point to focus on: The Exotic Breed Council members want to be able to show their longhairs, the Persian Breed Council does not want that Exotics Longhairs will be registered or called Persians.

66 out of our 89 members returned their ballot this year. 70 % of them support the idea that the ELH's be shown for championship status in the appropriate Persian color classes. They support the fact that a Longhair Division of Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only. Regional

and national points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards Exotic Longhair Breed wins, not towards Persian Breed wins. 50% of the Persian Breed council supports this idea as well.

As for the second question on our ballot, a large majority (89%) of our breed council is opposed to any cutoff date. Not now, not in the future. The reason is not only the coat quality. We want to continue breeding healthy and beautiful animals that meet the standard (a standard that mimics the Persian standard). A cutoff would limit our choices and opportunities to improve our breed. Furthermore, on a long term we may see different Exotics in CFA compared to other associations that do allow the outcross.

In past argumentations we have brought forward our opinion why the acceptance of the ELH's for Championship status in our shows will benefit CFA and we (that includes myself and previous breed council secretaries) have tried to point out these benefits. I am not going to repeat those arguments again as you have all heard them several times. It seems more appropriate to point out why this year's compromise comes across as the best option for many, including for highly respected persons that did not support the showing of Exotic Longhairs in the past.

At this point I would like to quote Mark Hannon:

"While in my heart I do not see longhair Exotics as Persians, my intellect tells me that it is time to put this issue behind us. CFA is facing far too many problems today to permit this issue to continue to be a thorn in our side. The Exotic breeders are never going to let this issue rest until they get their longhairs on the show bench and able to achieve points and titles.

Do I think CFA is going to derive a deluge of income from the registration of longhair Exotics? No. Do I think our shows are going to see large numbers of longhair Exotics entered in our shows? No. Do I think CFA is going to see a massive exit of Persian breeders/exhibitors if this proposal is implemented? No. Do I think the adoption of the proposal to permit longhair Exotics to be shown will be beneficial for CFA in the long run? Yes.

I encourage you to support the compromise and vote in favor of having longhair Exotics shown as Persians. CFA's future depends in part on our ability to set aside deep differences and find a way to work out a solution. This compromise, I believe, can help move CFA forward. Mark Hannon"

In case this Board will vote favorably on such a show rule change (which according to our constitution does not require a 60% support vote of the breed councils of affected breeds), WIAB will need to be looked at.

WIAB is a policy that the CFA Board passed in a time when discussions over this and similar issues were very hot and emotional. The first thing all the people involved in this discussion for the past 12 months have realized is to take the emotional aspect out of this discussion and to make it more rational. This has been proven to be in the best interest of CFA. I would like to thank everybody involved.

WIAB is not a part of the constitution and although it serves its purposes we kindly ask you to

amend it so that ELH's can be shown in the appropriate Persian color classes. I want to state clearly that we do not want to compromise the integrity of any breed, nor do we want to change our or any other breed or breed standard. We just ask you to amend (on a one-to-one basis) what is written in WIAB about showing the Exotic Longhairs next to the Persians.

At this point, CFA is the only Association in the world that does not accept the Exotic Longhairs to be shown for titles.

These are difficult times, both for the worldwide economy which also effects our breeders and exhibitors, but equally so for CFA as an organization.

Everybody is familiar with the term "cocooning". When times are not optimal, individuals withdraw in a well known, protective surrounding, searching for peace and comfort. They do not want anything to be changed and they feel good in a familiar environment.

This does not work well for any organization with financial obligations. We need to see the challenge that these times bring with them. And we need to act. Standing still is falling back.

CFA promotes open door policies. We ask other organizations to accept CFA registered cats to be entered in their shows. In addition to motivating our own breeders and exhibitors, we need to attract new breeders, new exhibitors and create the possibility for them to register all their ELH's in CFA.

Not allowing the ELH's to be shown or imposing a cutoff date will isolate CFA in the worldwide cat fancy. Please consider the increasing number of Exotic breeders, consider the large number of Exotics that are being shown worldwide and lets open our doors for them. Now is a good time.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board. We kindly ask you to support this compromise. It respects the wishes of the Persian Breed Council and it fulfills a long standing wish of the Exotic breeders to show our Exotic Longhairs.

Thank you for your attention.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter Vanwonderghem
Exotic Breed Council Secretary*

Statement to CFA Board – February 8, 2009
by Nancy Petersen, CFA Persian Breed Council Secretary

*I was previously Persian Breed Council Secretary from 1987 until 1995. Questions regarding the acceptance of LH Exotics for CFA championship status were first put on the Persian Breed Council ballot in 1990. Back then, just as now, Exotic breeders wanted to show their AOV LH Exotics and Persian breeders objected. **The Persian Breed Council voted NO to this year's proposed LH Exotic compromise—a tie vote is neither a positive endorsement nor a majority vote.** A simple majority vote requires more than 50% responding YES. Should the Board pass the proposed LH Exotic compromise with a tie vote from the Persian Breed Council, it will set a bad precedent.*

I believe the issue at hand, that is, the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for CFA championship status, is much larger and more complex than just a Persian/Exotic, Siamese/Oriental, or even an AOV issue. CFA seems to have been wrestling since it's inception with the question: What is a breed? This is again the real issue at hand.

CFA needs to establish a policy as to "What is a breed" and then abide by it. I had once thought CFA had done that. In 1999, all breed councils were polled regarding the establishment of "What is a breed" (WIAB) policy. 63% of all individual breed council members and 80% of the individual Breed Councils voted to accept the WIAB policy that was endorsed by the Board by a 2/3 majority vote at the June 2000 Board meeting.

*The WIAB policy is still in effect today. If the Board was truly abiding by this policy, it would have ruled the 2006, 2007, and 2008 Persian Breed Council questions regarding the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for championship status as out-of-order. The WIAB policy protects the integrity of **all** our breeds in that it establishes boundaries that safeguard the interests of breeds being used as outcrosses. Specifically, it prohibits merging any breed in whole or in part with a Natural or Established breed; and, it prohibits the establishment of classes in any breed which "mimic" a parent breed. Should the Board vote to accept the LH Exotic compromise, the Board will have to overturn the WIAB policy and modify Show Rule 2.04.*

*Overturning the WIAB policy is an action that has implications for **all** breeds, particularly natural breeds, not just the Persian. Natural breeds are those most at risk when CFA accepts a new hybrid breed because hybrid breeds are typically given outcrossing privileges to a "parent" natural breed. In 1999, 13 of the 15 "natural" breeds accepted by CFA at that time voted in favor of the WIAB policy. The American Shorthair and Japanese Bobtail Breed Councils voted no but then both of those breeds started as street cats and CFA still has rules permitting cats with unknown parents to be registered as American Shorthairs. All but one of the then existing "established" breeds (Tonkinese) and all but one of the "mutation" breeds (American Wirehair) voted to accept the WIAB policy. Surprisingly, only half of the then existing "hybrid" breeds (Exotic, Oriental, and Bombay) voted against the WIAB policy. If the Board overturns the WIAB policy, this will be an action at odds with the express wishes of most Breed Councils, not just those of the Persian and the Siamese.*

Although some feline registration associations accept AOV LH Exotics as Persians, no association accepts SH Exotics as Persians. However, unlike CFA, some associations do permit kittens from the same litter to be registered as two or more different breeds. In all the history of CFA – 100 plus years – never has a "mimic" been allowed to be shown. The integrity of our breeds is part of what has defined CFA and made it the premier organization in the world. CFA titles and breed standards are revered throughout the world, even by our competitors.

I realize that CFA is struggling today: registrations, shows, show entries, and income are all decreasing. But, I believe the Board is sadly mistaken if it thinks that giving championship status to AOV LH Exotics will have a significant positive impact on CFA's bottom line.

Based on birth statistics, the 5 largest CFA breeds in 1996 were, in order, Persian, Maine Coon, Siamese, Abyssinian, and Exotic. In 2007, the 5 largest CFA breeds were, in order, Persian, Maine Coon, Exotic, Siamese, and Ragdoll. From 1996 to 2007, birth statistics decreased

dramatically for Persians, Abyssinians, Siamese, and Maine Coons by 71%, 64%, 64%, and 49%, respectively. In that same time period, birth statistics increased slightly for Exotics (15%) and significantly for Ragdolls (60%). The Ragdoll and Sphynx are the only large breeds in 2007, that is, ones with over 1,000 kittens produced, that had a significant increase in the number of kittens born during the past 12 years. The acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for championship status would do little to improve the problem of declining registration numbers as they are already eligible for registration and the birth statistics for the breed are relatively stable. The economy and anti-pet/breeder legislation are playing a large role in CFA's declining numbers.

From the 2003 to the 2008 show season, the total number of CFA shows decreased 8% with a corresponding decrease in the average entry of 19%. During this same time period, the number of shows in Japan decreased 15% but the average entry was stable; and, in the International European division, the number of shows was stable while the average entry increased by 48%. CFA's top 10 largest championship entry shows included 2 International and Japan shows in 2003, 4 in 2006, 5 in 2007, and 6 in 2008. Clearly, breeders overseas are embracing CFA enthusiastically and adjusting to CFA rules. Given that Exotics usually dominate International shows in terms of numbers, it would appear that International breeders are not as turned off by CFA's policy of not allowing mimics to be shown as some would lead us to believe.

The decrease in the last 5 years in the number of shows and the average show entry occurred primarily in the U.S., not abroad. That suggests that the U.S. economy and anti-pet/breeder legislation are significant contributors to the problem, not lack of championship status for AOV "mimics." A portion of the large decrease in Persian registrations, entries, and breeders can be tied directly to the misguided advice Persian Breeders received in the late 90's to neuter/spay all PKD positive cats. However, it's unlikely that all of that decrease can be tied to PKD as Maine Coons, Siamese, and Abyssinians have also had significant drops in their birth statistics. But accepting AOV LH Exotics for championship status is unlikely to provide much help with declining show entries. Remember the example of the Himalayan colorpoint carriers and the large numbers of those registered, but where are they in the show halls? Their birth numbers far exceed those of other Persians but there are few being shown today other than in the Silver/Golden Division. Also, take a look at any show catalog and you will see that the vast majority of exhibitors enter only 1 or 2 cats in a show. If AOV LH Exotics were given championship status, maybe the Exotic breeders would now enter 1 SH and 1 LH Exotic instead of 2 SH Exotics, but they are unlikely to routinely enter 2 of each. CFA needs more breeders, not more AOV mimics accepted for championship status. Finding ways to combat anti-pet/breeder legislation and to attract and retain more breeders to the fancy will do much more to increase revenue than making AOV LH Exotics showable.

I realize that it is in the interest of CFA to continue to accept new breeds. It is my opinion, however, that CFA needs to encourage breeders of new breeds to focus on breeding cats who exhibit those specific characteristics which make their breed unique. CFA should not be accepting mimics for show, rather CFA should be encouraging breeders who work with manmade breeds to strive for healthy homozygous cats that can one day stand alone and meet their standard without further outcross

Currently, CFA is the largest and most prestigious registry of pedigreed cats in the world. If the Board goes back to handling breed issues on a breed-by-breed basis that really is likely to be the

*downfall of CFA. The Persian/Exotic issue and the Siamese/Oriental issue should be treated in the same way. If the Board believes the existing WIAB policy is flawed in some way, then the board needs to (1) charge a committee to propose a revision to the WIAB policy, (2) receive approval of the revised policy by at least 2/3 of all the Breed Councils, and then (3) endorse the revised policy by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board **before** it addresses issues such as the AOV LH Exotic issue that is in front of the Board today. CFA needs a WIAB policy and it needs to follow and apply that policy consistently to **all** breeds.*

*On behalf of the Persian Breed Council, I ask that the Board carefully read and give consideration to the statement I just made and then – in accordance with the vote of the Persian Breed Council – vote NO on the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for championship status. To vote YES, the Board will have to discount the NO vote of the Persian Breed Council, overturn the WIAB policy, and modify Show Rule 2.04 which requires that a cat be shown in the breed in which it is registered. Discounting the vote of the Persian Breed Council will not engender trust. Persian breeders have not forgotten how the Board flagrantly disregarded the vote of the Persian and Himalayan Breed Councils in 1984 when they merged the Himalayans in with the Persians. Many Persian breeders still distrust and feel harassed by the Board in light of mandates requiring that the Persian Breed Council put questions on its ballot that are at odds with the WIAB policy. Overturning this policy will potentially have major consequences for many of CFA's breeds, not just Exotics and Persians. Given the intent of the WIAB policy to protect the integrity of **all** of CFA's breeds and that 80% of the Breed Councils voted for its acceptance, the WIAB policy should not be overturned lightly. **Ideally, the CFA Constitution should require that we maintain a WIAB policy and that it can only be changed by a 60% favorable vote of at least 2/3rds of the Breed Councils.***

In closing, I ask today that the Board act professionally, listen to and be respectful of its Breed Councils, and not take actions at odds with established CFA policy without first revising its policies.

DelaBar: For clarity's sake is, we will go around the table and give everyone their say. I do have to make a clarification. In June of 2000 when What is a Breed was accepted as a policy, it was a simple majority, not 2/3. Secondly, we don't overturn a policy, we allow an exception to that policy. This was done when we allowed the other-colored Birmans to become championship colors, and then again on the Tonkinese, so we have had two previous exceptions to policy.

Cantley: I support registering everything and then on a case-by-case basis, decide what goes to the bench. We are a registry; that's what we do. Registering them and then getting them onto the bench is paramount. We need to give the clubs and the exhibitors the chance to get them there. It will benefit us as a company, and also our constituents. I am in favor of accepting the longhair Exotics.

Watson: This is a good compromise. It allows the longhair Exotic to be on the show bench, yet it does not impact the Persian breed in any way. A longhair Exotic to longhair Exotic is not registerable, and a longhair Exotic to Persian is not registerable, so essentially we have two different situations; we have the show situation and we have the breeding situation. The breeding situation has been preserved for both breeds. The only difference is that now those cats would be on the show bench, should it be passed.

Eigenhauser: The essence of a good compromise is that neither side walks away from the table feeling completely satisfied. We have been beating this horse for a long time and our hands are tied by the 60% rule. A lot of solutions are simply unavailable to us because we can't seem to get the two breed councils to agree on a solution. We have some previous experience in a similar situation with the pointed Oriental and Colorpoint Shorthair. The final straw in that situation was pointed Orientals showing up in Colorpoint breed awards. That has been addressed in this compromise. Once you put Exotics on the show bench, it's hard to give something equal back to the Persian breed council, but preserving the integrity of their awards and restricting the longhair to longhair Exotics so that you don't have essentially longhair Exotic breeding programs, is as much as the Exotic breed council could give back that would be of equivalent value. This is the closest thing to an even, fair compromise as we are ever going to be able to reach. If we don't accept this, then these cats would be in limbo forever. Looking at the breed council ballot, everybody can talk about half full or half empty on a 69 to 69 vote. Another point is that 58 people did not vote on this issue, so essentially we have 1/3 of the breed council yes, 1/3 of the breed council no, and 1/3 of the breed council dead silent. I have to believe that if those 58 people really felt that this was critically dangerous and detrimental to their breed, they would have spoken out. To me, silence is a scent and I look at a 196 member breed council with only 69 no votes. It's tolerance. It's acquiescence. They don't love it, they don't embrace it, they might not even want it. Mark Hannon's letter was a good example of where this 58 stand; that we have been trying to hammer this out for a long time, it's a hemorrhage on CFA, it's time to resolve it. This may not be what everybody wants, but it's the best solution we're going to find. If we don't do this, this is going to stay in limbo and be a hemorrhage forever.

White: The last time we debated this topic, we asked both breed councils to get together and come up with a compromise, and this was the compromise on both sides, so I fully support it.

Satoh: Not only in Japan but including all Asian countries, there is the fact that longhair Exotics cannot go in the CFA cat shows, so those people are moving into other associations. That is very bad as far as the income from entering the shows and the fact that it's also losing the interest coming to the CFA show. I support the compromise.

Calhoun: There's validity on both sides. I can't make a decision based on, "we're tired of the debate." I'm very concerned that if this passes, what does this mean to other breeds that have AOV's that could necessarily be look-alikes? American Wirehairs in straight coats could certainly be candidates to be shown as American Shorthairs. That is very concerning.

Miller: I have always felt that one of the most important things for CFA to consider is our mission to preserve our breeds, and our integrity of sticking to that is one of the reasons why CFA is so respected worldwide. The idea of a cat that looks like one cat being shown that looks like another breed is not part of what makes CFA strong. This compromise is for expediency. I have a feeling that some of the people that didn't vote may not have voted because they really didn't like this type of direction. It opens the door to the idea of pointed Orientals being shown as seal point Siamese. There is really a threat when we cross that line, which we haven't really done before. I did not vote for the Tonkinese compromise. I did not vote for the Birman colors. We need to uphold What is a Breed. The Persian was a longhaired cat originally in the 1600's. If the Persian breeders ever accept the fact that they want to discard their history, and decide that

their breed is defined not by the length of its coat but by the body type, then at that point I would not feel that the compromise would be the right thing, but actually Persians and Exotics would be considered one breed. That's the only solution that makes sense when you consider the integrity of the breeds in CFA. I'm not ready to go for that until the Persian breeders say, "these Exotics are Persians". That's when we have the right solution, in my opinion. This is just a stop gap. Mark Hannon made strong comments saying it's not going to solve our problems, it's not going to solve the international problems, so why do we want to do this just to weaken our organization when it's not going to solve the problems that we're facing?

Anger: I have researched and studied the minutes from when What is a Breed was adopted. There was tremendous dissention then, possibly equaling the dissention here today. What is a Breed was accepted by a simple majority, not 2/3. For several board meetings afterwards, it was revisited. Eventually, it came into being and it is something that we have all come to live with as a policy. It has been shown to work and the option of setting it aside has been exercised successfully. We have a similar situation today, where there will never be the perfect situation or the perfect compromise, but this is the time for us to give it a try, to go forward with the compromise that people came to the table in good faith to hammer out and go forward from here today. I completely support the compromise.

Meeker: I agree, and support the compromise.

Kusy: I still have not made up my mind, but I'll listen to everyone else. I'm the one that came up with the compromise. George is right about the pointed Oriental/Colorpoint situation from years ago. The hardest thing was to go to an awards banquet and hear that the best Colorpoint Shorthair is an Oriental Shorthair. That was painful. One year, best, second and third best of breed were all Orientals. We had no breed winners that year, so avoiding that situation was what I based this compromise on. It is a way to get the cats on the bench and yet you can still get your breed awards. My one strong concern is in the legislative area; how do we explain that we feel our breeds have integrity and then turn around and say, "this longhair Exotic looks like a Persian so we're going to show it as a Persian, or a seal point Oriental looks like a Siamese, so I am going to show it as a Siamese." I believe that's going to cause us problems in the legislative area and that is my main concern at this point.

Altschul: The point about the Tonkinese and Birmans being somewhat exceptions to What is a Breed, I just don't follow that. The pointed Tonkinese do not look like Siamese or any other breed that we have. The full-colored ones do not look like any other breed. They don't look like Burmese. The flame point and lynx point Birmans certainly don't look like Himalayans. I don't think that this compromise is going to attract any new breeders. We need new breeders, but every time we accept new breeds, it doesn't bring in new breeders. There is not a plethora of people saying, "Gee, I wish CFA would accept this breed and then I would start showing cats." If they want to show cats, they will find a breed they can show. We don't have non-breeders saying, "Gee, that CFA, they're so mean, they won't accept longhair Exotics." They're not looking at that. If they want to show in CFA, they will find something that they can show. If there are people out there that want to show cats with flat faces and long hair, they will show Persians. If they want to show cats with a short coat and flat faces, they will show Exotics. They are not waiting to show something that looks like one breed but really is another, will be shown as one breed but scored as something that's never even been shown. The confusion on that issue

is going to be difficult. Why do we throw in another layer of confusion? The comment was made that this would not affect the Persian breed. It absolutely affects the Persian breed. There's no question that it affects the Persian breed. Don't tell me that showing cats in my color class, and taking winners' ribbons and breed ribbons in my breed will not affect me. Don't tell the Persian breeders, "we're going to approve this because it's not going to hurt your breed, it doesn't affect your breed." Yes, it does, and the Persian breed council voted no. The absentees are not assents. Confusion with the ballots was a huge issue. Some Persian breed council members got confused about the ballot, and unfortunately, instead of asking for clarification, they simply did not turn in their ballots. Another point I wanted to make is, doing something just because we are tired of hearing about it is not a legitimate reason to vote something through. It's not easy for us to enforce a policy, but it's there. If you don't like What is a Breed, let's get rid of it. Let's go back to the breed councils and let all of the breed councils decide. If the majority says we don't want What is a Breed, then get rid of it. Don't start making exceptions here and there. That's not something that an organization does that has the kind of reputation that we have. Finally, I do think the Persian breed council has offered a compromise. Their compromise is, you can continue to use the Persians as your outcross. The majority of Persian breeders have no issue with using the Persians forever, just don't ever ask to show the AOVs. In fact, many Persian breeders are intrigued with the Persians and the Exotics. They simply do not want mimics to be shown. They don't want to set that precedent.

Wilson: I would first like to thank the representatives of both breed councils for being willing to come together and talk about this, and Debbie coming up with the compromise and forever keeping it civil. My issue is with overturning or amending or changing What is a Breed. Perhaps the What is a Breed policy has lulled us breeders into a false sense of security. We need to continue to protect our natural breeds.

Molino: When I came into the cat fancy, I liked seal point Siamese and I liked red points. I started breeding them, and then I quickly learned that they were two different breeds. For all of my years in the cat fancy, I have never mixed those two breeds. I was part of the group that Debbie was talking about that was appalled when I realized that pointed Orientals who were allowed to be shown as Colorpoints, even though they were still pointed Orientals, were taking our breed wins. Then, some people even said, "and they're the only national winners". I'm here to tell you that, except recently in premierships, of the 5 national winning Colorpoints, all of them are 2200's, all of them out of one cattery. It was hard for me when we had the same fight that we're having today. The policy of What is a Breed came out of that compromise, which was that pointed Orientals who otherwise met the color standard for Colorpoints after 5 years of only producing Colorpoints bred to Colorpoints, would be re-registered as Colorpoint Shorthairs. In the beginning, I could tell the difference on the show bench. Today I cannot, but in my heart of hearts, I hate what I created through the compromise, but it was the best thing for our breeds, it was the best thing for CFA. That model is all about recessive genes. Longhair genes are recessive. If you breed two longhair cats together, it is never possible to produce a shorthair. If you breed pointed cats together, you can never produce a full-bodied cat. It's very similar here. All of the genes that produce longhair Exotics are the same genes that produce Persians, so I have a hard time with this but I do believe that for different reasons, at this particular point in time, there is a better solution that will be in the best interests of CFA in carrying us into the future. I do not believe that this is it.

Brown: I agree with the compromise. From looking at some of the identity profiles, we now have DNA to separate one breed from another, one individual cat from another and the longhair Exotic will have a different identity profile than a Persian will. If there is ever any question, we have science to separate the cats. I also feel that this compromise is in the best interests of CFA for many reasons. If we allow this compromise, we're not going to be tempting people to show longhair Exotics as Persians. There are people that would. I feel empathy for breeders that have a beautiful cat and live in an area where they can only go to one or two shows, and the only way they can show their cat is to show it as a household pet. I think we need to consider everybody throughout the world. We're being selfish if we only think of regions in the United States. CFA is a worldwide organization and we have to remember that when we vote.

Baugh: We have a breeder in our region that prides herself on the fact that she only breeds shorthair to shorthair. She's got lovely cats. They are getting way too small. I believe that the Exotics have to outcross to the longhairs. We live in an environment where we have legislation, we have people that are restricted by the number of cats they can have. If you are breeding Exotics, you have to have the longhairs as well. It's time to move forward. This compromise is the best thing that we're going to get. I don't believe 69 to 69 is a no vote. We need to join the rest of the world, who have the longhair Exotic on the bench. I support the compromise.

DelaBar: You're going to find several names of Colorpoint Shorthair breeders in the 1980's who essentially took all the breed wins; Sharon McKeehen-Bounds, Bob Molino, Pam DelaBar, Debbie Kusy. It is well stated in the minutes of 1999 that I was not in favor of What is a Breed because it restricted too many things. Even though I hated the fact that my Colorpoint Shorthairs were competing against Oriental AOVs, I got over that and I bred better Colorpoint Shorthairs. However, I was against it because I didn't believe in disenfranchising cats that had been allowed on our show bench and allowed to earn titles, and then all of a sudden became persona non grata. I am violently against anything messing around with our registry. In fact, it's no secret on this board and throughout CFA that I want us to develop a DNA-based registry. Roger is working very diligently towards that. We can have that to be definitive of what our breeds are and how we can smartly breed. Looking at where we are, on every continent where there's a cat show, there is a difference between showing and breeding. I will support the compromise.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Miller, Calhoun, Johnson, Petersen, Molino, Wilson, Altschul and Kusy voting no.

After a lengthy discussion regarding implementation of the compromise, the following "Guidelines for Registering and Showing a Longhair Exotic, Per Compromise Passed at the CFA Board meeting, February 8, 2009" were issued.

At the February board meeting, the board voted to pass the compromise that had been voted on by the Persian and Exotic breed councils. This compromise was developed with the cooperation of the Breeds and Standards committee, the Exotic and Persian breed council secretaries, and Becky Orlando and Carla Bizzell, who sat in for the Exotic BC secretary at the meeting that was held to work out a compromise at the Louisville annual meeting.

There are bound to be many questions regarding the implementation of this compromise. Hopefully these guidelines will answer many of those questions.

Registrations

Any Kittens from LH Exotic X LH Exotic breedings or LH Exotic X Persian breedings that are born after 4/15/09 will not be registered in CFA, not even as AOV's. (See #2 below)

Cats that already exist from these breedings that were born prior to 4/15/09 may be registered with the appropriate fees. These cats can also be shown in Championship, Premiership and as score-able kittens. All litters that are born after 4/15/09 from a LH Exotic X LH Exotic breeding or from a LH Exotic X Persian breeding may be recorded through the CATS (Cats Ancestral Tracking Service). Those cats would remain in that recording service until the non-conforming cat or cats drop off of the pedigree. In the case of the Persian, that would currently be after the fifth generation.

Cats that are already registered in CFA as LH Exotics will be grandfathered in.

Showing

As of 5/1/09, LH Exotics that either fell into the "Grandfathered" category or are from Persian X SH Exotic breedings can be shown at any CFA show. They must be in a color accepted within the Persian standard. For example, although spotted tabbies exist in the Exotics, they do not exist in the Persian color classes and cannot be shown, except as an Exotic AOV. There are also some other differences in the color classes and it is up to the exhibitor to determine that their cat's color conforms to an existing, accepted color within the Persian color classes.

Procedure to enter, show and score a LH Exotic

Exhibitor completes the entry form, showing the cat as a Persian, listing the appropriate Persian color class. For example, a conforming Black LH Exotic Male would complete in Color Class 0108.

The cat will appear in the catalog, the master clerk catalog and the judge's books in the appropriate Persian color class and will be handled and evaluated in that class, along with any Persians and other conforming LH Exotics.

Points will be earned in the Persian color class. For example, if that Black LH Exotic is a Champion and receives the Purple Champion ribbon, it will receive one CH point for the other Solid Persians and LH Exotics competing in that class in that ring. If a standard Persian receives the Purple ribbon, it will earn points for the Persians and any and all LH Exotics that compete in that class. If there are two opens in the same color class of the same sex, one a LH Exotic and the other a Persian, they will compete for one winner's ribbon.

Regional and National Points will be assigned in the same manner. Any Regional and National breed and color points will be earned by the LH Exotics for wins within the newly created LH Exotic Division.

At the end of each season, there will be a Best, Second and Third Best LH Exotic, as there is currently a Best, Second and Third Best SH Exotic. No one Exotic will be best overall. There will be no Division wins within the Exotic other than Longhair and Shorthair; that is, there will be no Solid Division, Parti Color Division, etc. Those Divisions will still only exist within the Persian breed.

Point thresholds for Regional and National Breed and Color wins will be in effect, as they are for all other breeds/divisions. End-of-year color class awards in the LH Exotics will be different than those of the SH Exotics, as the wins will be based on the color classes currently accepted by the Persians. The Exotics do accept different colors than the Persians, but repeating that only those cats that conform to existing accepted color classes within the Persian can compete in the show ring, if they cannot compete, they cannot earn points.

LaPERM

Breed Committee Chair: Erika A. Fetz

Total Members: 6

Ballots Received: 6

60% of Voting: 4

1. **PROPOSED:** Under the Texture and Length section of the Coat-Longhair description, remove the term Medium-long to long, and replace with the wording Semi-Longhair.

Current: COAT-LONGHAIR: **Texture and length:** Medium-long to long, both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity.

Proposed: COAT-LONGHAIR: **Texture and length:** ~~Medium-long to long~~ Semi-longhair, both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity.

RATIONALE: The length of hair on a Longhair LaPerm is not as long as on other longhaired breeds, i.e. Persians, Selkirks, Siberians or Maine Coons. The Longhair LaPerm's coat length is that of a semi-longhair breed, such as a Turkish Angora or Balinese. The standard should reflect this because as it stands now, it could be misinterpreted as not meeting the standard for not being long enough. We would like this to be made more clear in the standard.

YES: 5

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

MAINE COON

Breed Council Secretary: Martha Auspitz

Total Members: 133

Ballots Received: 107

60% of Voting: 65

The following items are on the ballot this year to help refine our standard. With clarification of the wording it will help judges and breeders alike to know what we mean.

1. In description of ears, remove the terminology "not flared" and replace it with "with the outside edge of the ear pointing more upward than outward".

Current: EARS: **Shape:** large, well-tufted, wide at base, tapering to appear pointed. **Set:** approximately one ear's width apart at the base; not flared.

Proposed: EARS: **Shape:** large, well-tufted, wide at base, tapering to appear pointed. **Set:** approximately one ear's width apart at the base; ~~not flared~~ **with the outside edge of the ear pointing more upward than outward.**

RATIONALE: In order to clarify the ears portion of our standard, we would remove the wording "not flared" and replace that wording with, "the outside edge of the ear pointing more upward than outward. Since "flare" means different things to different people, by replacing that with "more upward than outward", it removes ambiguity from the description.

This new terminology will help the judges and breeders alike to have a point of reference by which to distinguish a good ear set from a bad ear set. The terminology, “with the outside edge of the ear pointing more upward than outward” will also allow for differences in ear set between kittens and the mature adult male. But clearly, this new description would not include an “east/west” ear set. This new description would create clarity for judges and breeders alike. Also, in looking at past NW’s and BW’s, their ear set would have conformed with this new description.

YES: 77

NO: 30

Eigenhauser: This isn’t better defining the wording, it’s completely reversing it. **Miller:** Now you understand why some of us vote against the breed councils. **DelaBar:** The current *one ear width apart* is balanced. This is much worse. It doesn’t help the judges at all.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

2. Change the description of eyes as follows.

Current: EYES: large, expressive, wide set. Slightly oblique setting with slant toward outer base of ear.

Proposed: EYES: large, expressive, wide set with an opened oval shape. Slightly oblique setting with slant toward outer base of ear.

RATIONALE: The Maine Coon is a balanced, medium to large cat. To maintain a balanced look to the head, we need an eye shape that works with the head as well as with the oblique set. Over the years it has been determined that neither round or almond works with a cat made up of rectangular shapes. We are adding the eye shape of “an opened oval”. This opened oval shape is in between round and almond, which fits the head structure of the Maine Coon. This will help judges and breeders alike in keeping with a more balanced look of the Maine Coon cats in supporting a large eye.

YES: 74

NO: 33

Kusy: What is an open oval? **Johnson:** Does this make more sense to you? **Miller:** My interpretation of this is that it’s a large, open oval. **Anger:** Between round and almond. **Wilson:** Currently there is no description for the shape of the eye.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. Change point allocation as follows.

Current:

COLOR (15)

Body color10

Eye color5

Proposed:

COLOR (15)

Body color10

Eye color5

Body color and pattern.....15

RATIONALE: Remove the extra 5 points on eye color since there are already 5 points on eyes in the Standard, which should cover the size, set, shape, and color of the eyes. The extra 5 points on just eye color is not needed. And while color and pattern (or lack of pattern) go hand-in-hand, we are including pattern with the body color of the Maine Coon Cat. This change would remove the extra 5 points on eye color and include those 5 points with the Body color and Pattern of the Maine Coon Cats totaling 15 points.

YES: 90

NO: 16

NO ANSWER: 1

Miller: Many years ago, we suggested that breed councils take out references to temperament and balance. This is one of the few breeds that still has 5 points on balance.

DelaBar: They aren't asking to change that. **Wilson:** This says to me that they don't care about eye color. By leaving the 5 points on balance, they do care about that. **Eigenhauser:** Our standard for eye color is, *no correlation between body color and eye color*, so eye color has never been a major issue with us. **Miller:** They don't specify eye color for Calicos. They need to get that in the standard. If they want to change something, the board has to give guidance.

Molino: Behind the judging table, intensity of eye color can make a difference in your choice. If you take 5 points off, a weak cat with eye color will lose to a cat with equal type with better eye color.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Miller, Calhoun, Johnson, Petersen, Molino voting no.

ORIENTAL

Breed Council Secretary: Julie Keyer

Total Members: 106

Ballots Received: 84

60% of Voting: 51

1. **PROPOSED:** Change in show rule 32.01, Championship Breeds / Divisions & Colors, to recombine the tabby patterns into one tabby color class.

Current:

ORIENTAL

LONGHAIR DIVISION

Classic Tabby Class4336C.. 4337C

(Blue, Blue-Silver, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver Patched, Chestnut, Chestnut-Silver, Chestnut Patched, Chestnut-Silver Patched, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Silver, Cinnamon Patched, Cinnamon-Silver Patched, Ebony, Ebony-Silver, Ebony Patched, Ebony-Silver Patched, Fawn, Fawn-Silver, Fawn Patched, Fawn-Silver Patched, Lavender, Lavender-Silver, Lavender Patched, Lavender-Silver Patched, Red, Red-Silver [Cameo], Cream, Cream-Silver [Dilute Cameo] in the Classic Tabby Pattern.)

Mackerel Tabby Class ...4336M. 4337M

(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)

Spotted Tabby Class 4336S...4337S
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)

Ticked Tabby Class 4336T...4337T
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)

SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Classic Tabby Class 2336C.. 2337C
(Blue, Blue-Silver, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver Patched, Chestnut, Chestnut-Silver, Chestnut Patched, Chestnut-Silver Patched, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Silver, Cinnamon Patched, Cinnamon-Silver Patched, Ebony, Ebony-Silver, Ebony Patched, Ebony-Silver Patched, Fawn, Fawn-Silver, Fawn Patched, Fawn-Silver Patched, Lavender, Lavender-Silver, Lavender Patched, Lavender-Silver Patched, Red, Red-Silver [Cameo], Cream, Cream-Silver [Dilute Cameo] in the Classic Tabby Pattern.)

Mackerel Tabby Class ...2336M. 2337M
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)

Spotted Tabby Class 2336S...2337S
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)

Ticked Tabby Class 2336T...2337T
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)

Proposed:

ORIENTAL

LONGHAIR DIVISION

Classic-Tabby Class (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked) 4336C4337C
(Blue, Blue-Silver, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver Patched, Chestnut, Chestnut-Silver, Chestnut Patched, Chestnut-Silver Patched, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Silver, Cinnamon Patched, Cinnamon-Silver Patched, Ebony, Ebony-Silver, Ebony Patched, Ebony-Silver Patched, Fawn, Fawn-Silver, Fawn Patched, Fawn-Silver Patched, Lavender, Lavender-Silver, Lavender Patched, Lavender-Silver Patched, Red, Red-Silver [Cameo], Cream, Cream-Silver [Dilute Cameo] in the Classic Tabby Pattern.)

~~**Mackerel Tabby Class** ...4336M. 4337M
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)~~

~~**Spotted Tabby Class** 4336S...4337S
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)~~

~~**Ticked Tabby Class** 4336T...4337T
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)~~

SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Classic Tabby Class (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked) 2336C2337C
(Blue, Blue-Silver, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver Patched, Chestnut, Chestnut-Silver, Chestnut Patched, Chestnut-Silver Patched, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Silver, Cinnamon Patched, Cinnamon-Silver Patched, Ebony, Ebony-Silver, Ebony Patched, Ebony-Silver Patched, Fawn, Fawn-Silver, Fawn Patched, Fawn-Silver Patched, Lavender, Lavender-Silver,

Lavender Patched, Lavender-Silver Patched, Red, Red-Silver [Cameo], Cream, Cream-Silver [Dilute Cameo] in the Classic Tabby Pattern.)

~~**Mackerel Tabby Class** ...2336M..2337M
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)~~

~~**Spotted Tabby Class**2336S...2337S
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)~~

~~**Ticked Tabby Class**2336T...2337T
(see colors under the Classic Tabby Class)~~

RATIONALE: The tabby patterns were split out as separate color classes in 2003, as it was felt that the numbers of tabbies competing in each class was significantly high. Data from the last three show seasons demonstrate that the numbers of cats competing in each of the tabby color classes is in fact lower than many of our other color classes.

In some instances, exhibitors of tabby Orientals are now frustrated as they do not know where their tabby placed among the other tabbies, as there are so many color classes. Five years later, many exhibitors and entry clerks are still having difficulty with this split.

The split in the color classes did not cause a noticeable improvement in tabby patterns, as was hoped, nor did it focus breeders' attention on quality of tabby pattern any more or less than before.

CHAMPIONSHIP	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
TICKED	89	38	7
SPOTTED	191	17	1
MAC	80	10	0
CLASSIC	127	282	255
TOTAL	487	347	263
SOLIDS	259	291	237
BICOLOR	149	153	153
PARTI	13	14	23
SMOKE	29	22	19
SHADED	20	1	1
PREMIERSHIP	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
TICKED	133	56	18
SPOTTED	155	58	16
MAC	59	69	2
CLASSIC	39	157	245
TOTAL	386	340	281
SOLIDS	229	220	145
BICOLOR	35	40	42
PARTI	4	2	0
SMOKE	9	5	8
SHADED	0	0	1

**please note that the numbers in the classic tabby class are artificially high, and the other tabby patterns are artificially low, as many entry clerk programs default to classic tabby when the*

pattern identifier is not included in the color class. Even after being in place for several years, many exhibitors and entry clerks are still having trouble with the separate tabby classes.

**From CO: The show statistics represent 'present and competing' entries – not individual cats. If the same cat went to 5 shows, it would be counted 5 times. Also – at this time, we are not tracking the cats which were present at a show but did not receive any award.

YES: 30

NO: 53

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. *The following question appears on the Balinese Breed Council Ballot.*

Extend the Balinese outcross deadline to pointed Oriental Longhairs and longhair carriers for an additional 5 years. This was first approved at the February 2004 BOD meeting for the Javanese (no deadline) and at the February 2005 BOD meeting for the Balinese (5 year deadline), later simplified and clarified at the February 2008 BOD meeting with regards to the merged breeds. Current cutoff is for litters born after 12/31/2010. This proposal in no way affects the Oriental breed's continued ability to outcross to the Balinese breed.

Please note attached graph and accompanying statistics. In 1997, 224 Bali/Javi litters were registered, 876 kittens reported, and 313 individual cats registered. In 2007 there were 97 Bali/Javi litters registered, 364 kittens reported, and 171 individual cats registered. We feel that individual registrations of at least 300 per year are reasonable and hope to be able to achieve this goal within the next five years.

PROPOSED: Permit breeding of any Balinese or Javanese to Pointed 4#### series Orientals (excluding pointed and white). Resulting offspring to be registered using the 40## identifier to indicate Oriental ancestry. Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese-Balinese. (cutoff - DOB 12/31/2015)

YES: 73

NO: 8

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Nancy Petersen

Total Members: 196

Ballots Received: 140

60% of Voting: 84

1. **PROPOSED:** Delete the last two sentences in the 1st paragraph of the DISQUALIFY section of the Persian standard:

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Crossed eyes. ~~For pointed cats, also disqualify for white toes, eye color other than blue. For silver and golden cats, also disqualify for eye color other than green or blue-green.*~~

*The above listed disqualifications apply to all Persian cats. Additional disqualifications are listed under "Colors."

RATIONALE: The DISQUALIFY section of the general Persian standard should apply to all Persian cats. The following two statements are being deleted from the DISQUALIFY section of the Persian Standard because they do not apply to all Persian cats.

"For pointed cats, also disqualify for white toes, eye color other than blue. For silver and golden cats, also disqualify for eye color other than green or blue-green."

The disqualify statement regarding silver and golden cats is already in each of the Silver and Golden Division color descriptions. The disqualify statement regarding pointed cats needs to be added to each of the color descriptions in the Himalayan Division. **NOTE:** The Board should not approve this change unless the Himalayan Division votes to add the disqualify statement for pointed cats to each Himalayan color description. We don't want the disqualify statement for pointed cats to disappear; rather we want it to be included in each color description.

YES: 123

NO: 14

NO ANSWER: 3

Petersen: It was suggested that we take disqualifications out of the disqualify that are specific to a color, and have them in the color only. They already occur in the color description for silver and golden. They did not appear in the color description for Himalayan.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

NOTE: The following two questions also appear on the Exotic Breed Council Ballot.

2. 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. That meeting took place in June during the CFA Annual Meeting. Present at that meeting were Annette Wilson and Debbie Kusy (Co-Chair Breeds & Standards Committee), Nancy Petersen (Secretary, Persian Breed Council), Becky Orlando and Carla Bizzell (representatives for the Exotic Breed Council). (Note: Peter Vanwonderghem, Exotic Breed Council secretary was unable to attend.)

At the meeting in June, the BC secretaries or representatives were first asked to draw their "line in the sand." The "line in the sand" for the Exotic BC is to show their longhairs (referred to as ELH). The "line in the sand" for the Persian BC is not to register or call Exotics "Persians." The BC secretaries or representatives were then asked to find areas to negotiate or ways to compromise.

One suggestion coming from this meeting was to show the ELHs phenotypically but to score them genotypically. That is, ELHs would be shown in Persian Color classes but points awarded would be scored for breed, regional, and national wins in the Exotic Breed. The ELHs would compete in the appropriate color classes with the Persians, only the catalog would indicate by registration number (7XXXL number) which cats are EHLs.

Two options for scoring ELHs were discussed. ELHs could compete for Breed wins against Shorthair Exotics or a LH Division of Exotic could be added to the CFA scoring system for

award purposes only (that is, there would not be a LH Division added to the existing Exotic breed standard). It was thought that having ELHs receive wins in a LH Division of Exotic would be the more acceptable alternative to both Breed Councils.

Given the goal of Exotic breeding programs is to produce Exotics with a shorthair coat, another recommendation coming from this meeting by the Exotic BC representative was that registration rules be enacted 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

This would prohibit Exotic breeders from doing matings in which all offspring would mimic Persians.

If the Persian and Exotic Breed Councils would approve such a compromise, there will still be 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 need to be negated:
 - a. set aside permanently, or
 - b. amended for this purpose only
2. Show Rule 2.04 (Each cat or kitten must be entered as the breed under which it is registered) would need to be amended or eliminated.

At the October 2008 Board meeting, the Board indicated they did not want to act on either the WIAB policy or Show Rule 2.04 unless the Persian and Exotic Breed Councils both voted in favor of the compromise. Thus, you are being asked to vote on Question 2 below which puts forth the compromise proposed for allowing ELHs to be shown.

PROPOSED: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions may be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair Division of Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only. Regional and national points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards Longhair Exotic Breed wins, not towards Persian Breed wins. Furthermore, offspring of Longhair Exotic to Longhair Exotic matings and offspring of Longhair Exotic to Persian matings will not be eligible for registration.

YES: 69

NO: 69

BOARD ACTION: Appears above in Exotic section.

The following question is for informational purposes only.

QUESTION: If ELHs are shown, then it has been suggested that there be a cut-off date for Exotics to be allowed to cross to Persians. Do you agree with such a cut-off date now or in the future?

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44 Yes, cut-off effective with the date ELH eligible to be shown (May 1, 2009 if proposal #2 above passes).

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

20 Yes, cut-off date 5 years from date ELH eligible to be shown.

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

7 Yes, cut-off date 10 years from date ELH eligible to be shown.

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

58 No Cut-Off Date

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

PERSIAN – CALICO/BI-COLOR

Total Members: 54
Ballots Received: 34
60% of Voting: 21

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Smoke and White color description to include Chocolate Smoke and White and Lilac Smoke and White.

SMOKE AND WHITE: black smoke and white, blue smoke and white, red smoke and white, cream smoke and white, chocolate smoke and white, lilac smoke and white. White with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established smoke color standards. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.

RATIONALE: Chocolate and lilac smokes are naturally occurring colors within the breed and worthy of obtaining championship status within CFA. Given the Calico and Bi-Color Division already includes the colors Chocolate Calico Smoke, Lilac Calico Smoke, Shell Chocolate Calico, Shell Lilac Calico, Shaded Chocolate Calico, and Shaded Lilac Calico, it would seem only reasonable to include Chocolate Smoke and White and Lilac Smoke and White as accepted colors within the Smoke and White Color description. **NOTE:** The Smoke and White color description was inadvertently left out of recent printings/PDFs of the Persian Standard. The version on CFA’s website has now been corrected. The Smoke and White color description given above, minus the underlined section, corresponds to the current version of the Smoke and White color description.

YES: 32

NO: 2

Kusy: As with the Cornish Rex, these were never tracked in Central Office. They are all registered as AOV’s, so while the matrix says they are supposed to exist, we don’t have supporting records.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Add the following statement describing the preferred minimum of color to the end of each Calico and Bi-Color color description.

As a preferred minimum, the cat should have a colored tail and one or more colored patches on the head and legs. Less color than this minimum should be penalized proportionately.

RATIONALE: Each of the Calico and Bi-Color color descriptions includes a preferred minimum description for white. Given we no longer have separate color descriptions for Van Calicos and Van Bi-Colors, we should also specify the preferred minimum of color desired to indicate that ideally, we don't want a cat that is all white except for most of the tail, just as we don't want a cat that is all black except for a white foot.

YES: 26

NO: 7

NO ANSWER: 1

Petersen: The current description for bi-color does give a preferred minimum for white. We are also now giving a preferred minimum for color. We don't want to end up having a white cat with no spots.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

PERSIAN – HIMALAYAN

Total Members: 45
Ballots Received: 28
60% of Voting: 17

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following statement to the end of each Himalayan color description.

Disqualify for white toes, eye color other than blue.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change. It is thought that breed standards should be organized such that disqualifying conditions that only apply to particular colors should be noted with those colors. Currently, this disqualify statement occurs only in the Persian Description which should apply to all Persians.

YES: 23

NO: 3

NO ANSWER: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

PERSIAN – SILVER & GOLDEN DIVISION

Total Members: 32
Ballots Received: 23
60% of Voting: 14

1. **Proposed:** Add the following four color descriptions, two silver and two golden, to the list of accepted Silver and Golden Division Colors and list the four colors under separate breed color class numbers:

BLUE CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to give a sparkling appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose

outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

BLUE SHADED SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of blue tipping shading down from the sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

BLUE CHINCHILLA GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to enhance a golden appearance. Legs and end of tail may be shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, chest and underside of tail, consistent ivory to pale honey color. The general effect is lighter than a blue shaded golden due to less tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

BLUE SHADED GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey with a mantle of blue tipping shading down from the sides, face, head and tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. Chin, ear tufts, chest, stomach, and underside of tail, consistent ivory to pale honey color. The general effect is darker than a blue chinchilla golden due to more tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

RATIONALE: Blue silvers and blue goldens are naturally occurring colors within the breed and worthy of obtaining championship status within CFA. Acceptance of these colors for championship status should increase the number of cats competing within the Shaded and Golden Division.

Many silver and golden breeders are using other colors in their breeding programs. As a result, the dilute gene is showing up with increasing frequency. Unless we accept the dilute colors into the silver and golden division, there will be more and more of these lovely and deserving blue silvers and blue goldens produced that cannot be shown and recognized with titles.

If there were categories for the blue silver and blue golden Persians, breeders would not hesitate to register, breed, and show their blue silvers and blue goldens within CFA. As it is now, the blue silvers and blue goldens can only be shown in other cat registries in order to obtain titles, yet the dilute colors are accepted in every other breed within CFA.

If the blues were accepted; perhaps breeders wouldn't be tempted to incorrectly register their blues; therefore, giving us more reliable pedigrees enabling those who want the blues out or in to keep it that way. Additionally, more cats would be registered, bred, and shown within CFA resulting in additional revenues for the organization. Exhibitors from European and other registries, whose blues are already accepted, would be permitted to proudly register and show their blues within CFA as well.

Some silver and golden breeders believe the blue silvers should not be accepted since they are so similar to the “black” silvers and this would confuse the judges. With clear color standards for the blue silvers, judges will be able to detect and distinguish a blue silver from a black silver. In addition, judges are use to seeing dilutes in other breeds and are, therefore, already familiar with these colors. The blues are **not** a “new” color but an existing color that pops up in silver and golden litters out of two cats carrying the dilute gene, two blues, or one carrier and one blue.

It is to our advantage as silver and golden breeders/exhibitors to accept the blues. It will increase the number of cats eligible to be shown in our division and the blues are a natural occurring color from within our division, worthy of obtaining titled recognition within CFA.

YES: 16

NO: 7

Kusy: We do have numbers on these colors. Blue chinchilla silver, 83 registered. Blue shaded silver, 412. Blue chinchilla golden, 11 (but they could have been registered as AOV). Blue shaded golden, 48. **Tartaglia:** Are they asking for separate color classes for each color? **Miller:** Yes, they should be. **Kusy:** The proposal says, *List the four colors under separate breed color class numbers.* **Johnson:** Guidelines for accepting new colors are in the matrix. As for creating a color class for each of these colors, we usually talk about how many shown each year. We can’t apply different rules to different breeds. We’ve inadvertently gone against policy. We have made other breeds jump through hoops to get individual color classes. We can look at our policy and update it if they are not going to follow it. **Kusy:** We just took the Cornish Rex colors. Nancy and I discussed this. Her interpretation of a new color is, this is a naturally occurring color that we haven’t previously accepted. **Molino:** We made the Dilute Burmese a separate breed because we didn’t want them in the same class. They are naturally occurring colors, so even though they are naturally occurring colors, if they don’t have sufficient numbers to sustain a separate registration or color classes, then all of the rest of the breeds had to go through the hoop. **Johnson:** They had to come before the board and provide figures. **Miller:** This is not just a color in this case. This is the manifestation of the inhibitor gene. A chinchilla and a shaded is completely different. You can’t possibly judge a chinchilla and a shaded in the same color. So, this is very different than any other color situation. We absolutely have to have them in four separate categories.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson voting no.

PERSIAN – SMOKE & SHADED

Total Members: 14

Ballots Received: 11

60% of Voting: 7

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following four color descriptions to the list of accepted Shaded and Smoke Division Colors and list the four colors under separate breed color class numbers:

CHOCOLATE SMOKE: undercoat white, deeply tipped with chocolate. Cat in repose appears chocolate. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face, legs and tail, chocolate with narrow bands of white at base of hairs next to the skin which may only be

seen when hair is parted. White frill and ear tufts. **Nose leather:** brown. **Paw Pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** brilliant copper.

LILAC SMOKE: undercoat white, deeply tipped with lilac. Cat in repose appears lilac. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face, legs and tail, lilac with narrow bands of white at base of hairs next to the skin which may only be seen when hair is parted. White frill and ear tufts. **Nose leather:** lavender. **Paw Pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** brilliant copper.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with chocolate, red and shades of red. Cat in repose appears chocolate tortoiseshell. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face, legs and tail, chocolate tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may only be seen when hair is parted. White frill and ears tufts. **Nose leather:** brown, brick red and/or pink. **Paw Pads:** brick red, cinnamon pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** brilliant copper.

LILAC-CREAM SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with lilac and cream. Cat in repose appears lilac-cream. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face, legs and tail, lilac-cream pattern with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may only be seen when hair is parted. White frill and ear tufts. **Nose leather:** lavender, lavender pink and/or pink. **Paw Pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** brilliant copper.

RATIONALE: Chocolate, lilac, chocolate tortoiseshell, and lilac-cream smokes are naturally occurring colors within the breed and worthy of obtaining championship status within CFA. The Shaded and Smoke Division is the only Persian division that doesn't accept chocolate and lilac colors. Lovely examples of these colors are now being produced. Acceptance of these colors for championship status should increase the number of cats competing within the Shaded and Smoke Division. But currently, these colors can only be shown in other cat registries in order to obtain titles.

YES: 5

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

RAGDOLL

Breed Council Secretary: Isabelle Bellavance

Total Members: 27

Ballots Received: 14

60% of Voting: 9

1. **PROPOSED:** Add 'point' description in the bi-color pattern.

RAGDOLL COLORS

BI-COLOR PATTERN: Points: restricted to ears, tail, mask and shading on the 'saddle' area.

Mask: white inverted "V" remains within outer edge of eyes. Symmetry preferred. **Nose leather:** pink.

Body: chin, chest, and underside are white. Upper body may show white spotting. **Legs and feet:** all white preferred. May have minor dark spots. **Paw pads:** pink preferred, but mixture

description only says ‘all colors’. At this time, only a three generation pedigree is needed to cross register from another association into CFA. Since outcrossing to Ragdolls in these other registries is still on-going and very common, the restrictions that no outcross be used after 2006 may be impossible to follow for potential newcomers to CFA, especially since the currently CFA registered RagaMuffins come from a fairly narrow gene pool, owned by a limited number of breeders. Also, some ‘mink’ RagaMuffins, resembling pointed blue-eyed cats to a T, have been shown. Isn’t sepia not different alleles of the same pointed gene, and minks the result of a combination of the sepia and pointed gene?

A: Do you feel, as a breeder and exhibitor of Ragdolls, affected by RagaMuffins?

YES: 14

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

B: Do you object to the advancement of the RagaMuffins?

YES: 14

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

SCOTTISH FOLD

Breed Council Secretary: Marilee Griswold

Total Members: 43

Ballots Received: 27

60% of Voting: 17

1. **PROPOSED:** To add a color description for Tortoiseshell & White to the “Scottish Fold Colors” portion of the Scottish Fold standard. The following description is to be inserted immediately following the existing description for Tortoiseshell.

TORTOISESHELL & WHITE: color as defined for Tortoiseshell with addition of white on body and/or extremities. White to be more than a button or locket. Eye color: brilliant gold, deep blue, or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed to have one blue and one gold eye of equal color depth.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping issue. A description for Tortoiseshell & White has been overlooked in the Scottish Fold standard and needs to be included because cats of this color are genetically possible and eligible to be shown.

YES: 26

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

2. **PROPOSED:** To add a color description for Blue-Cream & White to the “Scottish Fold Colors” portion of the Scottish Fold standard. The following description is to be inserted immediately following the existing description for Blue-Cream.

BLUE-CREAM & WHITE: color as defined for Blue-Cream with addition of white on body and/or extremities. White to be more than a button or locket. Eye color: brilliant gold, deep blue, or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed to have one blue and one gold eye of equal color depth.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping issue. A description for Blue-Cream & White has been overlooked in the Scottish Fold standard and needs to be included because cats of this color are genetically possible and eligible to be shown.

YES: 26

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** To add Tortoiseshell & White and Blue-Cream & White to the Scottish Fold Parti-Color & Bi-Color Color Class. Description of the Color Class will now read:

Parti-Color & Bi-Color.....8446....8447

(Tortoiseshell, **Tortoiseshell & White**, Calico, Dilute Calico, Blue-Cream, **Blue-Cream & White**, and all established solid (unbrindled) colors with the addition of white)

RATIONALE: The Scottish Fold standard has not previously addressed the colors Tortoiseshell & White and Blue-Cream & White, but cats of these colors are genetically possible and actively shown. Cats of these colors have had to be shown in the Other Scottish Fold Colors Class, which is mostly comprised of Silvers, Shaded, and Smokes with or without white. We believe Tortoiseshell & White and Blue-Cream & White cats are more appropriately assigned to the Parti-Color & Bi-Color Color Class, where they will be judged alongside other cats of similar colors and color patterns.

YES: 19

NO: 6

NO ANSWER: 2

[Breed Council Secretary Note: *The Scottish Fold Breed Council this year voted in favor of adding a color description to the Parti-Color and Bi-Color class. As the standard reads today, tortoiseshell and white cats would need to be shown under the Other Scottish Fold color class. The breed council voted to move tortoiseshell and whites into the Parti-color and Bi-color class. As an oversight, the ballot contained only the color class numbers for longhair Scottish folds. I believe it was the intention of the Breed council to approve this change/addition for the shorthair folds as well. I am hopeful the Board can make this correction so that both longhair and shorthair folds would have the same color classes.]*

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

SIAMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Debbi Stevenson

Total Members: 122

Ballots Received: 77

60% of Voting: 47

Colorpoint Shorthair ballot issue on striking the outcross restriction:

CFA Rules of Registration

Section 3 – Hybrids:

Colorpoint Shorthair: Colorpoint Shorthair or Siamese. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2019 may have only Colorpoint Shorthair parents.~~

1. **PROPOSED:** Strike outcross deadline

RATIONALE: At this time, the Colorpoint SH is the only breed of Siamese body type with an outcross deadline. While the date is still more than a decade in the future, there is no reason to wait before striking it. The Colorpoint breed is unique to CFA, with all other registries grouping the Colorpoint colors with the Siamese – no restriction on breedings between the two groups of colors. In order to remain competitive, not only in CFA but with cats of similar colors around the world, the Colorpoint must have continued access to the larger Siamese gene pool. The Colorpoint Shorthair depends on the outcrossing to the Siamese to maintain good type and health within the breed.

It should be noted in spite of a high percentage of AOVs registered each year, the Colorpoint Breed Council has never requested championship status for these cats. To quote from the standard: “The ideal is a cat with type identical to the Siamese, but with its own distinct and unique colors. While the color differences set it apart as a unique breed, the purpose of the hybridization was to establish cats identical in type to the Siamese but with separate colors.” The Colorpoint Shorthair standard reflects this objective and preserves its unique colors.”

Should the CPSH BC be allowed to remove the outcross cut-off date?

YES: 60

NO: 17

NO ACTION. Information Only.

RATIONALE: The Colorpoint Breed Council had voted to end outcrossing to the Siamese breed in the year 2019. No other breed council of hybrid Siamese type breeds has instituted such a restriction. The CPSH breeders feel now that their gene pool is too small and that they may have to turn to another breed to maintain health and genetic soundness in the CPSH breed should they not be able to use Siamese as an outcross.

This impacts the Siamese breed because if we agree to allow the outcross cutoff date to be stricken, the Colorpoint Shorthair breed can continue to use the Siamese breed as an outcross forever.

SIBERIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Pamela A. Martin

Total Members: 15

Ballots Received: 12

60% of Voting: 8

1. Open Registration Question

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1/1/03	3 generation CP	Date:	
Date: prior 1/1/03	No CP needed – OK w/just cert from Russian breed club, TICA, ACFA, etc.	Date:	

FOREIGN-CAT REQUIREMENTS (if different from above):

Date: 7/13/04	CP's from Russia (especially WCF) OK with unknown or unregistered cats in background per Pam Martin-current breed council secretary
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PROPOSED: An additional method for importing Siberians from Russia as follows.

Open registration limited to 5 years. The cat or kitten must have travel documentation from Russia and the cat or kitten must be a moderately long to longhaired Russian Domestic Cat. Open registration would close April 30, 2014. Registration would then revert to 3 generation certified pedigrees from other registering organizations.

NOTE: The current process would still be in effect in addition to this method.

RATIONALE: Currently in CFA, one needs at least a three generation pedigree and transportation papers from the point of origin to register a Siberian kitten or cat. This breed is still relatively new to CFA and since it is a native forest breed of Russia, additional cats need to be brought in to increase the gene pool to avoid inbreeding problems and maintain health and good size in this breed. If we have open registration, then a Siberian breeder could go to Russia and pick out cats or kittens and bring them back to the US and be able to register them even if they do not have a pedigree. Transportation papers showing that Russia was the point of origin of the cat or kitten would be required for registration, and the kitten or cat would have to meet the requirements of being a moderately long to longhaired Domestic cat.

YES: 7

NO: 5

Eigenhauser: This is a registration issue, not a breed standard, so it does not require 60%. **Miller:** We absolutely need to get more imports here, especially while they are still untainted with other breeds in Russia. This is a breed that has to stay strong. We've had a precedent of the breed council secretary determining imports, but they shouldn't use an individual's name. It should say *breed council secretary*. **Eigenhauser:** Because this is a registration issue and not a breed standard change, a minor change is within our power. **Kusy** moves to change "Pam Martin" to "current breed council secretary".

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion (as amended). **Motion Carried.**

2. RagaMuffin Poll

This poll has been developed to find out how the Siberian Breed Council feels about the advancement of the RagaMuffin.

Some Information to think about from 'DEFINITION OF A BREED' (copied from <http://www.cfainc.org/breeds/breed-definition.html>):

The Breed Councils were given three opportunities to provide input to us on an overall CFA breed policy. Each time, they told us (BOD) by a resounding majority that they wanted CFA to remain a **conservative registry that maintains the right of your own breed to be unique on the show bench and in the eyes of the public**. The key word in this statement is "remain".

Do you believe that the RagaMuffin should be advanced to Provisional Status?

YES: 46

NO: 20

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

TURKISH ANGORA

Breed Council Secretary: Anne Marie Gamboa

Total Members: 37

Ballots Received: 24

60% of Voting: 15

1. **PROPOSED:** ADD Tortoiseshell and White, Blue-Cream and White, Tortoiseshell Smoke and White, Blue-Cream Smoke and White to the PARTI-COLOR & BI-COLOR CLASS as indicated.

Current:

PARTI-COLOR & BI-COLOR CLASS1848 1849

(Black & White, Blue-Cream, Blue & White, Calico, Cream & White, Red & White, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted and, where applicable, patched]; Smoke & White [black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream-cameo smoke (cream smoke) and white], Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)

Proposed:

PARTI-COLOR & BI-COLOR CLASS1848 1849

(Black & White, Blue-Cream, **Blue-Cream & White**, Blue & White, Calico, Cream and White, Red and White, Tortoiseshell, **Tortoiseshell & White**, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted and, where applicable, patched]; Smoke & White [black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream-cameo smoke (cream smoke) ~~and~~ **& white,** **Tortoiseshell smoke & white, Blue-cream smoke & white**], Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)

RATIONALE: Many Turkish Angora breeders are focusing on their bi-color breeding programs as evidenced in CFA registration statistics. In 2005 and 2006 Bi-Colors comprised 18% of TA's registered; however, in 2007 Bi-Colors grew to be 31%. Adding Tortoiseshell & White, Blue-Cream & White, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, and Blue-Cream Smoke & White will allow these bi-colored cats to compete in the Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class with the other "and white" cats, instead of the OTAC class where they currently compete and have OTAC prefixes. This is a positive step since so many of our Turkish Angora breeders are expanding their Bi-Color breeding programs.

YES: 22

NO: 2

Miller: They have eliminated their dilute calicos in the proposed wording. I don't want to see the dilute calicos eliminated from the Turkish Angoras.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

2. TO BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 PASSES

PROPOSED: Under the heading TURKISH ANGORA COLORS, in the paragraph for BI-COLOR, ADD “. . . , tortoiseshell and white, or blue-cream and white.” after “cream and white” and REMOVE the proceeding “or.”

Also, ADD “with colored portions that conform to the currently established color standards.” Insert this clarification directly after “White feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle” and before the beginning of the next sentence, “Inverted “V” blaze...”

CURRENT Description:

BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, or cream and white. White feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable. White under tail and white collar allowable.

PROPOSED Description:

BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, ~~or~~ cream and white, tortoiseshell and white, or blue-cream and white. White feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle with colored portions that conform to the currently established color standards. Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable. White under tail and white collar allowable.

RATIONALE: The Turkish Angora Standard does not currently have a description for Tortoiseshell & White, or Blue-Cream & White. We do, however, have color descriptions for Tortoiseshell, and Blue-Cream. By adding the proposed text these colors in their bi-color varieties are easily defined and the Bi-Color description becomes more uniform.

YES: 21

NO: 3

NO ACTION.

3. TO BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 PASSES

PROPOSED: Under the heading TURKISH ANGORA COLORS, in the paragraph for SMOKE AND WHITE, ADD “. . . , tortoiseshell smoke & white, or blue-cream smoke & white.” Insert the new color description text directly after “cream cameo (cream smoke) & white”.

Also, ADD “. . . feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle” after the first word of next sentence directly after “White..” and REMOVE “White predominate on underparts.”

And, ADD a new sentence “Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable. White under tail and white collar allowable.” To end the paragraph.

CURRENT Description:

SMOKE AND WHITE: black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) & white. White with colored portions that conform to the currently established smoke color standards. White predominate on underparts.

PROPOSED Description:

SMOKE AND WHITE: black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) & white, tortoiseshell smoke & white,

or blue-cream smoke & white. White **feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle** with colored portions that conform to the currently established smoke color standards. ~~White predominate on underparts.~~ **Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable. White under tail and white collar allowable.**

RATIONALE: The Turkish Angora Standard does not currently have a description for Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, or Blue-Cream Smoke & White. We do, however, have color descriptions for Tortoiseshell Smoke, and Blue-Cream Smoke. By adding the proposed text these colors in their bi-color varieties are easily defined and the Bi-Color description becomes more uniform.

YES: 21

NO: 3

NO ACTION.

INFORMATION ONLY QUESTION

4. FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Would you be in favor of creating a color class for smoke and shaded? Please vote yes or no.

RATIONALE: The Turkish Angora standard currently has descriptions for Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Cameo Smoke, Cream Cameo Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Shaded Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Cameo Shaded, Cream Cameo Shaded, Tortoiseshell Shaded, and Blue Cream-Shaded. However, any cats registered with these colors would compete in the OTAC class. As many TA breeders are focusing on their colored breeding programs there has been an increase in shaded TA's, this combined with the already established programs producing smoke TA's. Is there a need for adding a color class for the smoke & shaded? If established, all smoke and shaded cats could compete in a Smoke & Shaded class. Should the majority of the BC vote in favor, statistics will be gathered and analyzed to see if a proposal should be written and submitted in next year's ballot.

YES: 22

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

TURKISH VAN

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Gorsuch

Total Members: 20

Ballots Received: 19

60% of Voting: 12

1. **PROPOSED:** Change to the Turkish Van breed standard as follows. Strikeout is current language. Underline is proposed new language.

Under DISQUALIFY:

DISQUALIFY: total absence of color in the area from eye level up to the back of the head or tail; definite nose break; genetic/skeletal defects such as flattened ribcage, kinked or abnormal tail, incorrect number of toes, crossed eyes. Color in excess of ~~20% of the entire body~~ 15% of the entire body (excluding the head and tail color).

RATIONALE: Housekeeping. The wording for disqualify on percentage of color was not changed when the wording on percentage of color was changed in the standard's color description in 2007. This change brings the disqualification wording in line with the current approved standard for percentage of color.

YES: 14

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

Animal Welfare Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Linda Berg
Liaison to Board: Ginger Meeker
List of Committee Members: Regional Coordinators

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

All groups within Animal Welfare have been busy but able to keep up. The infrastructure is working very well. We are receiving donations and putting them to good use with the rescues and the assists.

I have been getting calls from Animal Control asking for our assistance with individuals that they are trying to help but the individuals will not cooperate. They do not want to confiscate the animals but believe the animals and the individuals need help before it becomes a bigger issue. I believe this is from the visibility the program is getting and the word on the street that CFA does care about its breeders and the cats. I think this is one of our greatest weapons in our fight against animal rights.

This past month has seen the loss of our Breeder Assistance Chair Sue Gleason. Sue was a wonderful addition and hard worker on this committee and we will miss her readiness to solve problems. I'm sure many of you saw her poor husband's cry for help on the CFA List. He did not realize Sue had already set everything in place, should the prognosis not be good. She passed on a weekend and her cats were out of the home by Monday evening. The ones that were to continue in a breeding program went to their new homes and the rest are being altered and placed in forever homes. We even found places for a dog and a parrot so we saw first hand our system at work.

With her passing we do not have a numbers report this board meeting but all Regions have been busy with assists and rescues. I will be acting as chair for Breeders Assistance until we appoint a new chair.

The Food Pantry was to receive 20,000 pounds of food from Royal Canin this past month. They asked us to put together a Press Release which Roeann Fulkerson put together. While we waited for the warehouse to call us back so we could direct a truck there from our warehouse, the shipment was picked up. The gentleman at the Royal Canin warehouse said that CFA picked it up. Sharon Lund is trying to figure out what happened. They apparently had credentials saying they were CFA – hopefully the mystery will be solved but it doesn't solve our food shortage ☺

Current Happenings of Committee:

I attended both MSG and the International and worked in the CFA Booth for BAPBR. I had the laminator and made the wallet cards for a small donation to BAPBR. The card is very popular and several clubs have asked to do laminating at their shows and will split the income with BAPBR.

I would like to attend the Las Vegas meeting that is coming up but still waiting to verify schedules for a court case that Pam and I need to fly to.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue forward in the same vein. Each month that passes I feel we convince more people that we really are there to help and their identity will remain a secret. With the economy the way it is we are seeing so many breeders and individuals with purebreds who can no longer afford the extra mouths to feed. We have been very lucky to be able to help most of them that are sent in our direction.

Do some food raisers to sustain the food bank until further donations.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will be revamping our board with Sue's passing and the appointment of a new BAP Chair.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg Chair*

(21) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison **George Eigenhauser** presented the following report:



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Executive Director: *Janet Wolf*
Board Members: *Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Betsy Gaither, Fred Jacobberger, Dr. Melissa Kennedy, Dr. Vicki Thayer, Betty White*

Winn/Miller Trust Grant Awards 2008:

- *The Winn board, along with its veterinary reviewers and consultants, met via teleconference on Sept. 12, 2008 to determine the award recipients for 2008. Five projects were funded for studies on feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, feline infectious peritonitis, and calcium oxalate bladder stones, among others. The total value of grants awarded is \$116,500.*

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:*

- *Processing award letters as well as decline letters for the 2008 Winn/Miller Trust grants*
- *Distribution of Winn's 40th Anniversary book*
- *Preparation and mailing of a fall and winter solicitation*
- *Preparation of the fall newsletter*
- *Updating Winn's policy manual*

New Board Members: *After development of a short list of candidates over the last several months, Winn is pleased to announce the election of two new board members. Dr. Melissa Kennedy is an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Virology at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee. Dr. Vicki Thayer is a board-certified feline specialist with leadership experience in the American Veterinary Medical Assoc. and the American Assoc. of Feline Practitioners. Winn is fortunate to have the expertise of these respected veterinarians on the board.*

Financial Committee/Treasurer:

The Finance Committee worked with our financial advisor to move some investments to new instruments in response to market changes. Income from Allen estate has been fully disbursed to

Winn, and has been invested. Income from the Wheeldon estate has largely been received, with a final disbursement scheduled for June. Our goal is to ensure interest and dividends from Winn's investments will cover our annual operating expenses. Winn's total holdings are currently in excess of \$1.6 million.

Publications: *Betty White continues to produce articles and newsletters for Winn, including Winn Health News which is produced primarily for the online Almanac.*

Winn Symposium 2009: *Planning is well under way for the 31st Annual Symposium on Feline Health to be held June 25 in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting. Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University is confirmed as one speaker. Dr. Lappin has presented at this Symposium in the past and is a popular speaker. His topic this year will discuss the link between feline vaccines and chronic kidney disease. A second speaker is yet to be announced.*

*Winn Report to CFA Board
Feb. 5, 2009*

- *At our Thurs evening board meeting, Winn welcomed new board members Dr. Vicki Thayer and Dr. Melissa Kennedy, who will bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge to Winn's efforts to help "every cat, every day."*
- *The board agreed to reinstitute the Winn Excellence in Feline Research Award ("Winnie") with the assistance of Dr. Thayer and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. This award will be presented annually to an outstanding researcher in feline medicine at a major veterinary conference and will help encourage more feline studies as well as provide a scholarship.*
- *We are pleased to announce the speakers for the 31st Symposium on Feline Health. Dr. Michael Lappin will present his research on the possible impact of vaccination on kidney function. Dr. Jane Brunt will be talking about the status of cats in American society and the efforts of the CATalyst program to improve feline health & welfare. Both Winn and CFA were involved in the development of the CATalyst initiative.*
- *Even though Winn has benefitted from exceptional bequests for the Endowment Fund, and increased corporate sponsorship, our base donations are down approximately 20% compared to the prior year. Therefore, the board is taking proactive measures to control expenses with a view to weathering the current adverse economic climate.*
- *At our grant review meeting on Friday, the panel approved funding for 11 grants for a total of \$127,411. The grants cover a variety of important feline health issues, such as FIP, HCM, cancer therapy and nutrition. In addition, the panel recommended a breed-specific project for Persians on evaluating the severity of polycystic kidney disease that we hope will excite breeders & owners and enable us to attract additional funding of approximately \$6800.*

Eigenhauser: *Some of the grant reviews were very interesting. One is on nutrition; a comparison between cooked and raw meat diets. We don't have funding for another very interesting grant, so we're going to be putting a call out for donations to fund a breed-specific profile for Persians to evaluate the severity of polycystic kidney disease. There is a genetic test for the marker right now. There are so many affected cats out there, but we discovered that a lot of them live relatively normal lives. There is a whole range of expression of diseases. It would*

really help the breeders to know not just the gene, which we already have, but the severity of the expression of the gene.

(22) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Clerking Program Liaison Debbie Kusy presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerks Status: Since my October 2008 Report we have added twenty-nine (29) clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 309 clerks of various levels: Certified Ring Clerks increased by twenty-five (25) to a total of 182; Master Clerks (MC) increased by two (2) to a total of 101; Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) also increased by two (2) to a total of 25.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking Schools: The Clerking Program has had six (6) clerking schools scheduled from September 2008 through January 2009. Of these one (1) school was due to be held in Texas, but was canceled due to weather conditions, one (1) was held in Finland, one (1) school was due to be held in conjunction with the International Show in Atlanta, but was canceled due to lack of interest, one (1) held in Japan, one (1) held in Malaysia, and one (1) school is requiring BOD Action. Unfortunately, we have no future planned schools at this time.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continued status of the Clerking Program

*Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer, Chair*

(23) ANNUAL MEETING – 2009.

Southwest Regional Director Dee Dee Cantley presented an update on the 2009 Annual:

Committee Chair: Becky Orlando
Liaison to Board: Dee Dee Cantley
List of Committee Members: Art Graafman, Rose Wheeler, Barbara Jaeger, Jeanne Scholz-Snyder, David Mare, Donna Isenberg, Penni Richter, Cyndi Byrd, Regina Shaffer

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Delegate pins have been received. Our October fundraising show was a success. Our recent hotel meeting ended with new menu selections to be sent no later than December 15th. Pricing for the banquet dinners are approximately \$15 - \$20 higher this year.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Delegate bag prices are set. Once logos are received our sample bags can be sent. Ship date for bags mid- to end of March. Have begun banquet decoration selections. Delegate booklet advertisement pricing is set. Menus are set for delegate meeting morning and afternoon foods. Menus are set for Thursday and Friday hospitality nights. Letter sent to Roemann Fulkerson with our list of possible activities to obtain any level of corporate sponsorships available. Budget is complete without showing donations not already confirmed.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Executive Committee intends to meet and spend the next few months concentrating on the banquet presentations. New transportation committee to start looking and secure low cost shuttles from two airports, possibly at scheduled times. We hope to obtain club and/or individual sponsorships for our three remaining hospitality nights. Delegate bags to be stored by Penni Richter until hotel delivery mid-June. Finalized menu selections should be complete by the end of January.

Action Items: *None at this time*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Orlando, Chair*

Baugh: Having just come off putting on an annual, my concern is that it takes the entire region working together. I'm getting the impression that's not the case. **Cantley:** There's a core group that are working hard. **Baugh:** Everybody has to be involved. **Cantley:** I haven't been able to get as involved as I would have liked to. I can't tell you anything more than what's in this report. **Baugh:** The meal is going to be between \$75 and \$80. That's rather excessive. Is there is some way that can be negotiated? **Tartaglia:** People aren't going to remember the dinner, they are going to remember the high cost. I cautioned the committee to make it as cheap as possible.

We need to point out that although the dinner price may be a little more expensive, the room price is very reasonable. **Eigenhauser:** Is there something else we could use as a spend-down? Some sort of quid pro quo where we subsidize the cost of the dinner by raising the price of something else? **Tartaglia:** That's something we could do, perhaps. We have been working with the hotel to reduce our block as much as we can without incurring meeting space rental. They have agreed to a 5% reduction without any penalty to us. They are only going to agree to so much decline without incurring charges.

(24) **CFA FOUNDATION REPORT.**

Liaison Rachel Anger presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Hilary Helmrich, President
Liaison to Board: Rachel Anger, Secretary
List of Committee Members: The CFA Foundation Board Members

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Foundation Activities:

Our Board met in June, 2008 and had conference calls in August and September, 2008 to complete the request for a name change to CFA Feline Historical Foundation. The attorney for the Foundation is working with NY State to complete the name change and move the Foundation into the Education section of NY State not-for-profit regulatory body. This will provide the Foundation with a status that will allow us to have a museum as well as a working group.

The Foundation treasurer was requested to obtain the names of auditors who can do the Foundation Audit in 2009.

The Foundation was proud to unveil their new booth area at the CFA International Show in November 2008. Karen Lawrence, Foundation VP, designed, prepared and presented the booth. Included in the exhibit were advertising pieces from 1900-1978; books from the 1800's, figurines from around the world; medals from the early cat shows; a rosette from an 1896 British show, the Cozy collar and photo; a display of the materials presented at the unveiling of the Cat Stamps at the Wintergarden Theatre, New York City in the 1990's; photos of the Central Office in its various iterations; photos of the 1967 Annual meeting of CFA; and a small part of the collection of advertising pieces (tradedcards and postcards) from the late 1800's. The booth was well-received by both exhibitors and spectators.

A smaller (more portable version) of the booth was presented at the Phoenix CF show on Dec 27 and 28, 2008. This version of the booth is scheduled to be on display at the San Diego Cat Fanciers show on January 24 and 25, 2009.

The collection continued to grow during the final six months of 2008 with donations from Bob and Pat Zenda which included copies of stud books, CFA yearbooks and CFA Almanacs, paperwork from the beginning of CFA in Japan, Cats Magazines, ACFA yearbooks and materials. Jim and Mary Kilborn donated a trophy for Best Household Pet. Several other people donated magazines, yearbooks, rosettes, medallions, and other paperwork of a historical nature.

Additional funds were received from a distribution of the Wheeldon estate.

Current Happenings of Foundation:

A brochure has been designed and will be put to use at shows, and for the Annual in Palm Springs in 2009. This brochure talks about the beginnings of the Foundation and our growth.

A card is being prepared for use by cat fanciers. This document will state that, in the event of the person's death, all cat-related documents and materials are to be sent to the Foundation. This was suggested by an exhibitor who thought that this document could be put with the person's will to notify the executor of the person's estate of their specific wishes.

The Foundation is searching for a suitable site for the CFA Feline Historical Foundation Museum. This site will house the museum artifacts and documents, art work and display pieces. We are envisioning about 10,000 square feet which will be divided into an exhibition area, a work area, a storage area, and an office.

We are currently cataloguing the donated materials that we have stored in Phoenix so that a database can be completed and uploaded to our website. The materials we have in storage in Virginia (from the Wheeldon estate) include some furniture and about 40 boxes of artifacts which have been appraised at a total of about \$20,000. These materials will be entered into our database as well.

The scanning and indexing of CFA Yearbooks is proceeding with volunteer labor. The Yearbooks will be scanned, indexed, and provided as a searchable file for use by the Cat Fancy. The Foundation will maintain two sets of CFA Yearbooks in their archives.

Photos of annual meetings, as well as candid photos of the cat fancy that are in our hands, are being scanned and uploaded into digital photo frames for use with our portable booth. We have purchased several digital photo frames and battery power for them so that the original photos can be preserved and not damaged. Viewers seem to like this format.

Future Projections for Foundation:

Our main goal for the next 6 months is to find a suitable facility to make into a Museum. This will allow us to permanently display some items and to have workroom space to process the materials that are donated, storage space to keep items under lock and key and a small vault for valuables. We will also continue to request and receive donations.

We are beginning to reach the public with our website and people are calling or emailing with donations.

The Foundation Board members have been discussing the Foundation needs with people who have been involved in the Cat Fancy for many years, and have requested that the Foundation be added to their will for suitable artifacts. We plan to design a letter to send to long-time exhibitors and fanciers requesting donations of materials and artifacts.

As soon as our name change is completed with NY State, we plan to have a full-sized banner designed with a new logo and our name.

We plan to ask for donated booth space at both Garden State Cat Club and the National Capital Cat Show to show the booth so that exhibitors in that part of the country can see a sample of our collection.

Action Items: None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *Update on activities.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Hilary Helmrich, President*

(25) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Management Committee Chair James Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: James Watson
Liaison to Board: Pam DeLaBar
Committee Members: Peg Johnson, Annette Wilson, Gloria Hoover, and Anne McCulloch

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

There has been no activity since the last board meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

There are no pending projects.

Future Projections for Committee:

Add a section in the Board Members Guidebook for all of the Code of Ethics to date.

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Considerations on the future need for this committee.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Watson, Chair*

(26) **CFA MENTOR PROGRAM.**

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Mary J. Sietsema*
Liaison to Board: *Dee Dee Cantley*
Core Committee Members: *Mary J. Sietsema, Chair, Willa Hawke, Karen Lane, Jodell Raymond, Teresa Keiger and Art Graafmans*
Advisor/Mentor to Committee: *Pat Jacobberger*

Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! We are receiving several Protégé applications each week and we are working hard to pair each and every one. Many of our mentors are working with 2 or 3 protégés. We are working on ways to encourage more breeders/exhibitors to become mentors. We have been expanding in the International Division as well.

In November 2008 Carol Allen took over as the new CFA Mentor/Protégé Coordinator and has successfully paired more than 30 proteges! Carol and her husband, Steve, have been exhibiting and breeding Maine Coons in the Southwest Region for over 8 years. Carol had been a protégé for several years and recently started mentoring others. She is also the Southwest Region Ambassador Coordinator for Arizona.

The Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs have been funded for over two years by Art Graafmans and he agreed to continue full funding through 2009. We appreciate his generosity and valuable input as a Core Committee member.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Mentor Core Committee, which includes the Mentor Program, the Ambassador Program and the New Bee Program, will have our annual planning meeting in southern California on January 31, 2009. We plan to have a brief summary available by the Feb 2009 Board Meeting.

Future Projections for Committee:

CFA Mentor Program website – plans to update and enhance all sections, include printable materials.

Promotional and Educational Materials – plans for online downloads/printable materials, CDs for training, informative handouts for shows.

2009 Annual – organize the Mentor/Ambassador Gathering, meet with Breed Councils to promote mentoring, possible training class for mentors.

Core Committee Planning Meeting – plans for a second meeting in late August/early September to continue and improve all aspects of the Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs.

Coordinate attendance for the 2009 Madison Square Garden and the 2009 International Shows.

2009 Madison Square Garden Show – Booth to promote Ambassador and New Bee Programs, Ambassadors to assist with gate, offer tours, assist in Education Ring.

2009 International Show – Booth to promote Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs, Ambassadors to assist with gate, offer tours, assist in Education Ring.

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

Addendum

Committee Chair: *Mary J. Sietsema*
Liaison to Board: *Dee Dee Cantley*
Core Committee Members: *Mary J. Sietsema, Chair, Willa Hawke, Karen Lane,
Jodell Raymond, Teresa Keiger and Art Graafmans*
Advisor/Mentor to Committee: *Pat Jacobberger*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Mentor Core Committee, which includes the Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs, had our annual planning meeting in southern California on January 31, 2009. All Core Committee members were in attendance. Discussions and plans were as follows:

CFA Mentor Program website – *plans to update and enhance all sections and include printable materials. Teresa Keiger and Jodell Raymond will work together on updates, revisions and additions. Final plans will be presented to Karen Lawrence for CFA website approval. The Core Committee is working towards having all Mentor and Protégé printed materials available as downloads. We are also planning on updating and improving the online Mentor and Protégé applications.*

2009 Annual – *Plans were made for the Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs “Gathering” to be held Friday night – time and location to be announced at the Friday Delegate Meeting.*

Carol Allen, CFA Mentor/Protégé Coordinator, will plan to attend several Breed Council meetings at the Annual to discuss the Mentor Program with attendees and encourage participation in the program.

2009 International Show – *Mentor Program will have a full page advertisement in the Show Catalog along with full page fliers to be placed on all benching cages to promote the Program and encourage participation from our exhibitors.*

Budget – *The Mentor Program, along with the Ambassador and New Bee Programs, were completely sponsored in 2007 and 2008 by the generosity of Art Graafmans. Art has agreed to*

continue his support in 2009 although his sponsorship may not cover the entire budget and we will be looking to CFA and the Marketing Department for additional sponsorship.

Tentative plans have been made for the Core Committee to have our annual planning meeting the last weekend in January 2010.

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

(27) **CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

Ambassador Program Liaison Carissa Altschul presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Willa Hawke
Liaison to Board: Carissa Altschul
Team Leader: Jodell Raymond

The CFA Ambassador Program has been exceedingly busy since the last CFA Board meeting.

Domestic Show Activity:

- *Madison Square Garden--Jodell Raymond and Karen Lane*
- *International in Atlanta- Karen Lane, Barbara Jaeger and many additional Ambassadors in action.*
- *Houston Cat Club – Willa Hawke and Cindy Crawford (plus a cast of 15) including the two outstanding Region 3 RCs, Sheila Haskins and Jill Abel.*

In October, we had a significant presence at the MSG show with Jodell Raymond, our Ambassador Team Leader, and Karen Helmold-Lane, Southern Region (Florida) Regional Coordinator, both working the show. We have received numerous positive comments from exhibitors, corporate sponsors, and sincere thanks from our CFA Central Office for the outstanding service those two ladies provided during that very large and difficult event.



In November, Karen again stepped up to the plate and led the Ambassador Activities in Atlanta at the International Show. Karen, assisted by several Ambassadors, scheduled and conducted many successful guided tours for the spectators. She also took charge of the Ambassador/ Mentor Booth due to my unexpected illness and absence from the International show. At this point I will say that the two programs as well as CFA owe a sincere debt of gratitude to Barbara Jaeger, CFA Ambassador, for flying back from Arizona just to man the booth for us. Karen, Art, and all present tell me Barbara did a fabulous job proving to be indeed a true ambassador for CFA.

In January the CFA Ambassadors were featured at the Houston Cat Club show. That effort was very successful and well received. The club furnished us a booth at the hall entrance and our Region 3 Coordinator, Sheila Haskins, decorated it beautifully. Cindy Crawford and I spent both days at the booth. Jill Abel, Region 3 Coordinator, organized and conducted several guided tours. The gate was spectacular and, in addition to us, there were 14 “Button Wearing Ambassadors” available and assisting the club and the spectators at that big and prestigious show. I am very proud of that effort – Big plus for our program.

I expect we will see our usual big turnout at the Food & Water Bowl this weekend under the masterful guidance of Donna Isenberg, RC for Southern California.

Next scheduled undertaking is the Ambassador/Mentor Program combined Core Committee Meeting in Orange County California on January 31. The core committee consists of Jodell Raymond, Karen Helmold and me – Ambassador Program; Mary Siestema and Teresa Keiger – Mentor/NewBee Program(s) and of course our erstwhile sponsor Mr. Art Graafmans.

Button & Banners

Thanks to Art we now have a new logo, button, and stand-alone banners available for each region. I am sure you have all seen them at shows throughout your regions. If not, please advise Jodell or me and we will follow up with your respective RCs.

Marketing Collateral Materials

We are continuing the process of updating the Ambassador Handbook and What's Happening at the Show handout. We expect to complete this task during our Core Committee/Planning Committee meeting mentioned above. In addition, we continue to search for corporate sponsorship.



Regional Coordinators

*We have two recent additions/changes as noted below. * Indicates a change*

- Region 1 Geri Fellerman Dfyre@aol.com (NJ area)
Region 2 Mary Siestema Mary@telcoons.com (Bay Area) *
Region 2 Mark Rowe mkrowe@peak.org (Upper NW)
Region 3. Jill Abel abe@ol.interq.or.jp (Colorado)
 Sheila Haskins coonopry@aol.com (Grand Prairie, TX)
Region 4. Mariane Toth mmmbuster@aol.com (Cleveland, OH)
Region 5. Carol Allen agavecoon@cox.net (Mesa AZ)
 Donna Isenberg catsafrats3@aol.com (Southern California & Las Vegas)
Region 6. CandiLee Jackson kjcjsing@sbcglobal.net (St. Louis)
Region 7 Karen Lane karenllane@comcast.net (Florida)
 Brandon Moore Brandon_Moore@ncsu.edu (NC, SC)
Region 8. Mr. Hirosho Shinmoto bamtaro@mtj.biglobe.ne.jp
 Takako Kojima royal-road@s-h-d.co.jp (Japan)
International Division Europe: Dr. Oliver Grin aligri@hotmail.com *
International Division Asia: Ms. Phebe Low, phebelow@yahoo.com.hk (Hong Kong)
- Note – we still **DO NOT** have an RC in the Washington DC area. We need some recommendations. **Please help!**

*Respectfully submitted,
Willa K. Hawke, Chair &
Jodell Raymond, Team Leader
CFA Ambassador Program*

(28) **NATIONAL SHOW SCHEDULING.**

Committee Chair: Gina Lehman

Liaison to Board: Debbie Kusy

List of Committee Members: All Regional Directors and their schedulers

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee has been working through show issues as they come up via the YahooGroups email list. The National Scheduling Committee has instituted a new way of letting Gwen at Co know about show approvals for the calendar. This results in fewer emails from Gwen to the RDs and NSC Chairman trying to determine what is and what is not approved. She receives one email from the chairman that lists the approved show and its new date and whether it is a one-time change or a change of traditional date.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee has approved the following changes of date/location and provided the information to Gwen:

Greater Baton Rouge is approved to move to the 2nd weekend Nov 2009 by the NSC. Further they were allowed in a separate request to move to Alexandria, LA.

Switch of dates with Hemet and Kino clubs as follows: Hemet Feline Fanciers would effectively move from 09/05/09, to the second week of September 09/12/09 and Kino Kat Klub would move into the 09/05/09 date

Pawprints in the Sand approved for one time only move to January 31-February 1, 2009. They will go back to their traditional date next year. Their show is traditionally held in Chesapeake, VA area.

Fancy That CC for the 2nd weekend of October beginning in 2009. They are relinquishing their Traditional Date of the 1st weekend Oct in the hopes of making the 2nd weekend their traditional date. They hold a show in the greater Portland, Oregon area.

Capital Cat Fanciers who holds the 2nd weekend November as their traditional weekend is going to work with Cat Fanciers of Washington in Winchester, VA to hold a show this same weekend. This change in location (from Frederick MD) is approved by the NSC starting in 2009.

Approved one-time only move to 4th weekend in July for the Almost Heaven Cat Club to hold their show in the Charleston, WV vicinity. Loretta was letting them know that per show rules, they needed to submit a letter signed by the President and Secretary and sent to her and also with the show license. Gwen has received license from club with no such letter attached. (It was approved for 2009 only due to Cat Fanciers of Washington who holds that Traditional Date but is not holding a show for 2009 only. CFW's show location is only 267 miles away from AH's show location which is too close.)

2009 Gulf Shore Awards show is planned to be in Houston area, first weekend of June.

2010 Gulf Shore Awards show is planned to be in Colorado (probably Denver area), also the first weekend in June.

Pacific Rim is approved for a one-time show 3rd weekend Dec 2009 - show to be held in the Portland Oregon area.

Revelers is moving to the 4th weekend in October (starting in 2009) -- SF Bay area - location TBD

Golden West is moving to 1st weekend in October (starting in 2009) -- Southern California location TBD

One-time change for Finicky Felines to January 30-31, 2010 from the last weekend in Dec 2009. They will be in the same location - just a new weekend for one time only.

The Rex Rattle and Roll AB Cat Club, was unable to secure the Las Vegas show hall, and have requested to change to Ridgecrest CA. This was the last location of their show in 2007. It will be a 225, two day back to back show, on their traditional date the third weekend of March 21/22/09.

Approved the following date changes for Tails and No Tails (TNT) per their request due to holidays falling on their traditional weekend in 2010-2011:

- *TNT Club to hold their 2010 show in the Bay area on the 5th w/e of January, January 28/29, 2010*
- *TNT Club to hold their 2011 show in the Bay area on the 5th w/e of January, January 29/30, 2011*
- *TNT Club to hold their 2012 show in the Bay area on their regular first w/e in January and continue with that weekend as this is their traditional weekend and has been for many years.*

Approved a one-time change in location to Sebring, Florida for the March 2010 show for Cat Club of the Palm Beaches.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to share information and work together to resolve show date/location issues as they arise.

Action Items: None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: Nothing planned at this time.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Lehman, Chair*

(29) **ANALYSIS & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Nancy Petersen

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

I received a copy from the Central Office of an old survey used a number of years ago to survey people who were no longer registering cats with CFA.

Current Happenings of Committee:

I am in the process of updating the survey with the intent of surveying people who are no longer active in CFA.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Petersen, Chair*

(30) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION.

Committee Chair: John P. Clark
Liaison to Board: Joan Miller

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The PD&P Committee had its first success this period.

At the International in Atlanta for the first time we had a booth representing all of the CFA endorsed products. We used a free raffle to spark interest in the DNA test kits. The raffle helped get conversations started with a number of breeders. Roger Brown led this effort and gave lectures each day explaining the product. At the booth we also had a representative for our pet insurance partner. The product features were explained to a large number of breeders and even a few non-pedigreed cat owners were interested. They promised to go on the web site to order a policy. Thanks to Roemann Fulkerson, we had displayed at our booth a selection from our successful line of cat toys. We explained mostly to the gate how the toys worked and gave tips on cat recreation play. Good interest was shown as we focused attention on the new items that are soon to be available at retail.

The only area where we could have done better was the cat chip product. We had no literature at the booth and even though requested the product partner did not supply a representative.

In summary, our first effort to present the CFA endorsed products to our core supporters went well. We have started to show the Products under one brand, the CFA Brand.

On the down side we have learned that we may have a problem with the cat chip partner.

Current Happenings of Committee:

In January the committee started a new effort. All of us have close relationships with local veterinarians. In many cases we are excellent customers and many become close friends. Members of the committee have noticed that vets in recent years have started to sell a number of pet related products. It has hit a number of us that we have three of the key products they sell in their front offices: pet chips, insurance and DNA testing, the triangle that surrounds the cat. While this may not be new news the issue is how do our products get sold through their offices?

How does the average vet make the decision as to what to sell and how are they supplied with product? We have to figure out the sales cycle and develop a marketing plan.

We have asked Toni Freedman to do a quick study and help us develop a strategy. She will be assisted and advised by Roger Brown.

Membership in the committee remains both open and welcome. We are particularly interested in people with corporate marketing experience.

Action Items:

1. *The Committee recommends re-evaluation and fixing the relationship with the cat chip partner as soon as possible.*

Miller: At the SAWA conference, I saw all the new microchip scanners. One in particular seemed to be the most innovative. Also, two articles have just come out that have evaluated microchip scanners, and that same scanner was the leader. I suggested to Roeann and John that they might really look into that company, and they are already taking care of this action item. **No action.**

2. *The Committee recommends in the future all major shows have a CFA Product Booth.*

Miller: This would be a committee decision, and it does not need an action item from the board. The committee should submit a budget that includes a booth, if that was the intent. **No action.**

Eigenhauser moved to adjourn. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(31) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Administrative Suspension: The following cases were reviewed by the Protest Committee and recommendations were presented to the Board for Administrative Suspension, which may be lifted at such time as the conditions are met.

08-006 *Quadri, Massoud v. Butler, Norma*

08-010 *Schmeling, Marcia v. Butler, Norma*

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.

08-063 *Engel, Brandi v. Colvin, Wanda*

Ms. Colvin is currently under suspension for refusal to have cattery inspection (over 75 kittens produced).

08-043 *CFA v. MacKay, Patricia "Tyrene"*

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.

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:

08-042 *CFA v. Wrest-James, Suzanne*

*Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.*

08-047 *CFA v. Strauch, Sharon*

*Violation of CFA Show Rule 11.17, 2.02a
GUILTY. Sentence of written reprimand.*

08-048 *CFA v. Weaver, Sandra*

*Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (d)
GUILTY. Sentence of 1 Year Suspension and \$500 fine.*

08-049 *CFA v. Meek, Patti*

*Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (b)
GUILTY. Sentence of 1 year suspension and \$350 fine.*

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed hereunder by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. An open hearing was requested by one or more of the parties, and a summary of the hearing appears below.

08-005

CFA v. Veach, Gary

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (f & g)

Violation of CFA Show Rules 11.26, 11.27 and 27.14

Violation of CFA Judging Program Rules, Section X (A, B & D)

Motion for a finding of GUILTY of Section X of the Judging Program Rules. **Carried (vote sealed).**

Motion for 1 year probation and a \$500 fine. Both parties (Veach and Stevens) shall receive a letter of reprimand to be placed in their permanent file. **Carried (vote sealed).**