

CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 25-27, 2009

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, Indian Wells, California. 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)
Vacancy (Director-at-Large)

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director, Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, Ms. Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and Ms. Akemi Makita attended as Japanese Translator.

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

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

Anger: The February minutes require approval, as well, due to problems with the recording. No corrections to the October 2008 or February 2009 minutes having been submitted, **Baugh** moved to accept the minutes as published. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS.

Anger moved on standing motion to ratify the following on-line motions. **Motion Carried.**

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
1.	Executive Committee via Anger	The Southeastern Persian Society requests a format change for its April 18, 2009 show from a one-day 6 AB ring show to a two-day 7 AB, 1 SP show with an entry limit of 300.	Motion Carried.
2.	Executive Committee via Miller	The Legislative Committee has requested approval to add CFA's name in support of the Animal Health Institute, American Kennel Club, and Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council's "amicus curie" (friend of the court) brief in support of the defendant's position in a California Court of Appeals case entitled <i>Gail M. McMahon v. Diane Craig, DVM, et al.</i>	Motion Carried. Johnson did not vote.
3.	Judging Program via Anger	Due to an error in the reporting of paid/unpaid annual judges' fees, the Judging Program moved to reconsider the February 2009 action item to relicense judges.	Motion (to reconsider) Carried. Molino, Johnson and Satoh did not vote.
4.	Judging Program via Anger	Relicense the following judges who were erroneously reported as having not paid their annual fee: Teruko Arai, Lynn Search, Kenji Takano, Yaeko Takano and Yoshiko Yamada.	Motion Carried. Molino and Satoh did not vote.
5.	Judging Program via Anger	Relicense the following judges who have not paid their annual fee: Donna Davis, Ed Davis, Sylvia Fitzgerald, Muriel Slodden, Yoshiko Yamada.	Motion Failed. Molino, Baugh and Cantley did not vote.
6.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant special permission to Tonks West to award Best through 5th Best of Breed ribbons in each class of Tonkinese (Kittens, Championship, Premiership and Veterans) with no additional points being awarded, in all rings at their April 11, 2009 show in Simi Valley, CA	Motion Carried.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
7.	Executive Committee via Anger	Approve Feline Forum of Greater New York's request for a change in format at their March 7/8, 2009 show from an 8 ring/2 day show to a 6 ring/1 day show, March 7, 2009, due to a show hall problem. Judges Watson and Abelson have agreed to abrogate their contracts.	Motion Carried.
8.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant special permission to the National Maine Coon Cat Club to award Best through 5th Best of Breed in all 6AB rings in each class of Maine Coons (Kittens, Championship, Premiership) with no additional points being awarded, in all rings at their May 3, 2009 show in Temple TX.	Motion Carried.
9.	Executive Committee via Anger	Due to an allbreed judge cancellation, Seacoast Cat Club is requesting a change a ring type for their May 2, 2009 show, to change Sheila Mizzi from LH/SH to AB and contract two specialty judges.	Motion Carried.
10.	Meeker	That the CFA Board agree to go forward with the 2009 International show in Atlanta GA	Motion Carried. Eigenhauser, Cantley, Petersen, Altschul, Baugh, Brown, DelaBar and White voting no.
11.	Calhoun	Approve a Meet the Breeds event and give AKC our commitment to move forward with our participation. Details on budget to follow.	Motion Carried. Molino and White did not vote.
12.	Executive Committee via Anger	Change the status of guest judges Galina Dubrovskaya and Irina Tokmakova to "independent" and grant permission for them to judge the Chat Noir show on April 4, 2009.	Motion Carried. Calhoun and Johnson did not vote.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
13.	National Show Scheduling via Anger	Accept the National Show Scheduling Committee's 6x6 recommendations to: 1) accept the application of Pacific Rim/Ft. Vancouver to do a 6X6 on the third weekend in August in 2009; 2) reject the application of Salt City/Copper City to do a 6X6 on the last weekend in September, 2009.	Motion Carried. Eigenhauser and Molino voting no. White did not vote.
14.	Baugh	Post the following board statement to the CFA-News: "Regarding Show Rule Resolution #13 presented by the CFA Board of Directors: An issue brought to the attention of the board resulted in a discussion of discouraging judges gifts as a way for clubs to save money. The proposal, as written, does not make our intentions clear and will be withdrawn at the Annual Meeting."	Motion Carried. Cantley, Johnson, Molino and White did not vote.
15.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant special permission to Abyssinian Breeders International to award Best through 10 th Best of Breed ribbons in each class of Abyssinian and Somali (Kittens, Championship, Premiership) with no additional points being awarded, in one ring at their July 18/19, 2009 show in Las Vegas NV	Motion Carried.
16.	Baugh	That a cat be scored in Region A as a kitten and his Championship points be scored in Region B where he is now residing and competing.	Motion Failed. DelaBar, Cantley, Baugh and Watson voting yes. Calhoun, Satoh and Molino did not vote.
17.	Executive Committee via Anger	Allow an addendum for an entry in the Singapore Cat Club show April 26, 2009 due to the short notification of closing date.	Motion Carried.
18.	Cantley	That a letter explaining our recording policy be sent to Jan Stevens from the CFA Executive Committee, along with a summary of Mr. Veach's statement for recording.	Motion Carried. Baugh, Johnson, Satoh, Molino and Watson did not vote.

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
19.	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant special permission to Mo-Kan Cat Club to award Best through 5 th Best of Breed in all rings in each class of Norwegian Forest Cats, and overall Best through 5 th for the show with no additional points being awarded, at their August 8/9, 2009 show.	Motion Carried.
20.	Baugh	Post the following statement to the CFA-News List: Regarding Show Rule Resolution #13 presented by the CFA Board of Directors: An issue brought to the attention of the board resulted in a discussion of discouraging judges gifts as a way for clubs to save money. The proposal, as written, does not make our intentions clear and will be withdrawn at the Annual Meeting.	Motion Carried. Cantley, Johnson, Molino and White did not vote.
21.	Executive Committee via Anger	The Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore requests to have 9-10 cages per judging ring rather than 12 cages at their July 4/5, 2009 show in Singapore, due to space constraints.	Motion Carried.

(2) **APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**

Credentials Chair Eve Russell presented the following report:

The Credentials Committee will meet on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. At this meeting we will discuss any problems relating to seating of the club delegates. We will meet again on Friday, June 26, 2009, at 7 a.m. to open/count the ballots for the CFA Director at Large election.

Our 2009 membership includes the following persons:

*Region 1: Geri Fellerman and Jill Archibald
Region 2: Kathy Gumm and Kendall Smith
Region 3: Paula Watson and Betty Haden
Region 4: Norman Auspitz and Eve Russell
Region 5: Nancy Dodds and Hilary Helmrich
Region 6: Jim Dinesen and Jeanne Nagle
Region 7: Pat Lichtenberg and Yvonne Griffin*

*Respectfully submitted,
Eve Russell, Credentials Chair*

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

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

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

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009

Key Financial Indicators

Total Assets (primarily cash)

Key cash reserves are slightly lower than last year. Other equipment and properties have been appropriately depreciated.

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services

Income from total registration (litter, individual and pre-paid) came in 4% over budget.

Unfortunately, that also represents a 6% decline when compared to registration realized in the prior fiscal year.

Registration continues to decline. Although the decline is at a slower rate, it is still a declining category. Registration and registration-related services are our core competencies. Registration provides over 40% of our operating income. It is critical that we continue to focus on this component and find ways to promote registration and grow CFA.

Calhoun: Registrations declined 6% but we've been at a 9% or 10% decline in the past years, so we're starting to see some leveling off. It's very important that we continue to focus on registrations and find ways to make sure our registration stabilizes and continues to grow, to keep those numbers solid.

Other changes in income include the following list. Each category is measured against last year's performance.

- *Cattery registration 14% decline. This is a key indicator relative to measuring future growth.*
- *Transfer Ownership (\$8 & \$13) 7% decline.*
- *Championship Confirmation 8% decline. This category is driven by lower show attendance and exhibitors not confirming championship and premiership titles.*
- *Club Dues/Application Fees 6% increase.*
- *Breeder directory 23% decline. Central Office will investigate the cost of advertising in Cat Fancy and Cats/Kittens USA to attract readership to our Breeders Directory as "the source for feline referrals". This will increase the value of advertising in the CFA Breeders Directory.*
- *Website sponsorship 93% decline.*
- *Web sales 24% decline.*
- *Registration from Pedigree new category (mostly foreign) 22% favorable.*

Although Certified Pedigrees are currently stable, CFA would likely benefit from establishing a strategy as to how we plan to compete with the preponderance of alternate sources for feline pedigrees. Currently, CFA certified pedigrees are not integrated with any software that would allow a breeder to quickly manage the data and use it efficiently.

Calhoun: I recently had to re-do my pedigree program. I went out on the internet looking for a pedigree program to support pedigrees, and wondered why we aren't the source for that? Why aren't we integrated? That's a real opportunity in this category. **Eigenhauser:** Some of the problems Kathy has talked about are very systemic within CFA. If we want our people to support us, we have to give them something of value back in exchange. We're not promoting the Breeder Directory and we're not giving them something of value for it. There are a lot of things we can do to promote it. We can put it on more pages on our own website so it comes up more often and is easier to find. We can't just say, "support CFA". We have to first say, "this is why we deserve it; this is why your hard-earned dollars in a time of budgetary shortfalls should come to us, rather than advertising somewhere else." We need to get out there, so when people come to us as a source, we can give something back of value.

Johnson: The perception of the public has always been that we had the best cats, we had the best judges, we had the best of everything in almost every category. Things are undermining that perception and we don't address them. We're still ahead, but we're losing ground. To stay ahead, we've got to tighten up all the categories to ensure that our exhibitors believe we're the best, that we have the best services, we have the best judges, we have the best shows, we have the best cats. We've talked about supporting ourselves far too much for it still not to happen. **Watson:** What I'm hearing and what I would like to see is a brainstorming session now; not 6 months from now, not a year from now. Unfortunately, that's the way the board moves. **DelaBar:** Sometimes, this board does not take on a sense of urgency. The tone of this organization is set by the people that sit on this board. If we want a positive tone, we're the ones that are going to have to display it. We've got some adverse situations, but we're going to overcome them and we're going to take ideas from our people and we're going to work them, we're going to massage them so they can fit to the problems, but we have got to be positive. **Watson:** Will you set up a brainstorming session? **Molino:** We have so many ideas. What I don't see is assignments for action. All these good ideas that we're talking about go nowhere, and that's the end. **Johnson:** The sense of urgency is correct. We have business we really need to address and not wait until a brainstorming session next year. Let's do it now. We need to talk about conflicts and get them resolved at this table.

Overall, revenue from Ordinary Income was down 3% when compared to the prior year.

International Show – Atlanta – October 2008

The year-end financial statements reflect that a final profit/loss position for last year's show is a loss of \$41,416.

A few highlights and opportunity areas have been listed.

- *Exhibitor participation was 9 % under budget*
- *Commercial and vendor booths was 47% under budget*
- *Gate was 44% under budget*
- *Exhibitor transportation was 32% over budget*
- *Public Relations was 55% over budget*
- *Show hall \$11,625 over budget*

The 2009 Show will be discussed in a separate report. The committee is aggressively addressing costs and budget adherence.

Calhoun: This speaks to the point I made earlier, that we have to support our own business.

Watson: We have gone forward with this International Show because the majority of the board believes that people want it. Now, they have to support this show. Otherwise, we can't go on doing this for them if they don't have the participation in it that we need in order to continue the event.

Johnson: We have laid CFA's money on the line. I would like all of us to go out to our regions and very positively talk about attending the International and the importance of this event. We are the spokespeople for the show. **White:** In addition to that, obviously there are other areas that we're going to need to address. We had a 44% under budget in gate. That's a big miss. **Calhoun:** Part of the success measurement of the show is how many people come to see it. We spent significantly more on the PR firm than what they produced in gate. We're not using that PR firm again. We must figure out how to use the internet and understand it fast. Even though we may have a successful show from a financial standpoint because we didn't budget in gate, it's a key measurement of the success of the show. **Molino:** Gate drives vendors, and that's how we make money. **Calhoun:** From a sponsorship perspective, gate is key. **Altschul:** With Facebook, you've got the opportunity for images, you've got the opportunity to link into video websites. We've got some judges that are very entertaining, and that's what you would put on the video website. That's what would attract people.

CFA IAMS Cat Championship – New York - October 2008

CICC was profitable and contributed \$5,022 to the bottom line. Due to renovations at Madison Square Garden, the show will not occur this fall and will be replaced by Meet the Breeds which will be discussed in a separate report.

Yearbook and Almanac

Yearbook sales continue to decline but expenses declined as well, offsetting some of the loss. In addition, yearbook advertising was realized at the same level as last year. In total this publication was at parity with last year bringing in \$711 in profit.

Almanac income was down when compared to last year. This was largely due to loss of advertising in the White Pages. To address this, Central Office will develop a plan to sell the White Pages, in addition to offering them online. Online subscriptions realized an upswing of over \$10,000. Since the discontinuance of the print Almanac, revenue has not been developed to the level that offsets the publication's associated expenses. The reduction in staffing in the next fiscal year will help in balancing the Publications budget.

Total publications lost approximately \$11,000.

Central Office

The Central Office schedule is \$48,400 favorable to last year. Salaries and salary-related accounts were favorable to last year by \$23,340. Utilities were also favorable by \$22,957. Credit card discounts showed unfavorability, which is due to the increased use of credit cards.

Computer Expenses

These expenses were at parity with last year's level.

CFA Programs

This schedule reflects a negative variance compared to last year of \$11,759 largely due to the following:

- *Awards – unfavorable - \$17,000*
- *International show package postage – \$6,200*
- *Club mailings – unfavorable \$2,982*
- *Club/Show Insurance – favorable \$3,328*
- *Budget Finance Committee – unfavorable \$1,852*
 - *Due to incremental travel to AKC in Raleigh and travel to NY to meet with 4Kids*

Corporate Expense

Corporate expense is unfavorable to last year at \$7,634. The primary contributor is unfavorability regarding board meeting expense and travel/lodging – non-board meetings.

DelaBar: A good chunk of that was two very expensive plane fares to go to a trial which was canceled, so we got stuck holding those tickets. The court has ruled that we will be reimbursed for those tickets.

Legislative

The legislative is at parity with last year.

CFA Financial Management

As you know, we have used Frank Meyers for the past few years. Although Frank has performed as requested, it is the strong opinion of the Finance/Budget Committee that CFA requires an accountant that has an in-depth knowledge of our business requirements and structured revenue.

That being said, we need to quickly replace Frank and we are very fortunate that Chuck Gradowski is available to accept our account. Chuck has been a member of the Finance/Budget Committee for almost 10 years. His contributions over the past 10 years are immeasurable. In the last Budget Committee meeting, Chuck was instrumental in uncovering accruals that were missed and as a result the year-end financials were corrected, taking CFA from over a \$160,000 loss to \$95,000 loss. He has an in-depth knowledge of our finances, which is critical, and a solid understanding of our business.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Executive Director that Chuck Gradowski be contracted as the CFA accountant effective July 1, 2009. His starting compensation will be the same as the existing accountant plus travel. That contract will be reviewed annually.

Calhoun: I have had Chuck on the Budget Committee for the past ten years. He has been extremely timely and supportive, and because of his knowledge of CFA and his accounting background, insightful. He is a CPA. **Anger:** What other candidates have been considered? **Calhoun:** None, because of his insight. Barbara Schreck does not want it. **Watson:** She surely is well qualified.

Calhoun: She plans to continue to work hand in hand with Chuck, and to continue to participate on the Budget Committee. **Molino:** Will the auditor continue as a separate entity? **Calhoun:** Yes.

Summary

In the last fiscal year the Cat Fanciers Association lost \$97,091. \$84,000 can be attributed to 3 categories.

Almanac (\$14,100)
Yearbook (\$28,750)
International (\$41,500)

Summary (\$84,350)

That being the case, strategies are in place for both CFA events (the International and Meet the Breeds) to contain costs and bring in successful events. Publications has experienced a staff reduction that will help to bring in the Almanac and Yearbook in line. Corrections made in Events and Publications and a renewed focus on driving registration and should provide a positive picture in 2009/2010.

Calhoun: We are addressing those three items. For the International, that entire event has been restructured with focus around adherence to the budget and cost savings. **White:** We have done some things to circumvent the Yearbook losses. Do we have any projections of what we think that's going to look like this year? **Calhoun:** Yes (see Sunday Budget Committee Report).

Action items:

- *Gain CFA Board approval to explore the potential of developing an integrated software program to which CFA certified pedigree information could be downloaded or partnering with an existing software provider.*

Tabled.

- *Research championship and premiership confirmations to understand the related opportunity.*

Calhoun: If your intention is not to show a cat as a champion or premier, how do we make confirming the winners ribbons value added? **Kusy:** Why do they spend money to take a cat to a show to get winners ribbons and not claim it? **Miller:** We need to know more about what our people want and what they are doing in this day and age. A survey could ask about championships and may be an opportunity to find out other things. It may end up being a broad survey that requires a focus group. **White:** We know who is taking their cats to the show and is not claiming their championship. We need to do something with that data. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- *Develop a strategy to support and grow our Breeder Directory program.*

Molino: The Breeder Directory is directly connected to the duties of the breed council secretaries. They have to participate in building the Breeder Directory and outreach to potential users. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- *Revise the structure of the Marketing schedule to increase visibility and understanding.*

Calhoun: Our marketing structure and the way we report it out is not working. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- *Gain CFA Board alignment to contract Chuck Gradowski as the CFA Accountant.*

After an executive session discussion, **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** White and Baugh voting no.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun
CFA Treasurer*

(4) **LICENSING AND BRANDING.**

Julie Hill, CFA's representative from 4Kids and 4Sight, gave a presentation on how 4Kids and 4Sight have created a merchandising program for CFA, and ways to help CFA move forward.

(5) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

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

Committee Chair: Liz Watson

Current Happenings of the Committee:

Clubs up for consideration are:

<i>Region Five:</i>	<i>Minority Report Cat Club – TABLED</i>
<i>Region Six:</i>	<i>Siouxland Cat Fanciers</i>
<i>Region Eight:</i>	<i>Eva Cat Club</i>
<i>International Division:</i>	<i>European Shorthair Club -- Netherlands</i>
	<i>Spanish Cat Club -- Spain</i>
	<i>Malta Cat Association Society -- Malta</i>
	<i>Feline Club of Brazil -- Brazil</i>

SIOUXLAND CAT FANCIERS

Region 6 – Midwest Region Director – Nancy Petersen

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Thirteen members*
- *Club officers do not share an address*
- *Five members belong to other CFA clubs*
- *Two club officers or directors are currently officers or directors in another CFA club*
- *Cathy Dinesen – Secretary, MO-KAN, President, Santa Fe*
- *Jim Dinesen – Director, Santa Fe*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *Yes, they plan to incorporate in South Dakota*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

- *Produce a yearly show in the Sioux City, IA/Dakota Dunes, SD area*
- *Develop a neuter/spay program*
- *Extend the “no kill” program of Azure Blue LLC*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

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

- *Produce a yearly show*

Additional information:

- *None*

From Siouxland Cat Fanciers Constitution:

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

As of this date May 10, 2009, no negative letters have been received.

Approval or disapproval by Midwest Regional Director -- Nancy Petersen

Petersen: There used to be a club in the Sioux City area. They are trying to start a new club and reinvigorate that section of our region. I recommend. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

EVA CAT CLUB
Region 8 – Japan Region Director – Yayoi Satoh

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty-three members*
- *The Vice-President and Secretary share the same address*
- *Two members are members of other CFA clubs*
- *No members are Directors in other CFA clubs*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

- *Hold cat show and support exhibitors to attend shows*
- *Hold Breed seminar, grooming school, and seminar for CFA rules and constitution*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Property will be distributed to a nonprofit organization consistent with the policy of the CFA, Inc.*

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

- *Allbreed show located in/near Tokyo as club members live in Tokyo, Chiba Kanagawa*
- *Produce a show twice yearly*

Additional information:

- *The secretary previously had a club in TICA and produced five shows in two years. Has now left TICA as of 12/08.*

From Eva Cat Club Constitution:

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

As of this date, May 10, 2009, no negative letters and five letters of recommendation have been received.

Approval of disapproval by Japanese Regional Director -- Yayoi Satoh

Watson: When I prepared this report, I had no negative letters. There have been negative letters and a rebuttal that have subsequently come in. **Satoh:** In Japan, more than 50% of all the clubs are opposed to this club. Two more negative letters are coming. I received a phone call from the club applicant the end of May 2009 and she told me over the phone that they didn't really want to establish a new club but she was pushed by someone else so that she finally decided to send in the application, but at this point, she doesn't have a passion to establish a new club. She is no longer interested in establishing a new club in Japan. **Anger:** Are new club applications pre-noticed on the CFA website? **Watson:** Yes. **Anger:** Is there a deadline for submission of letters, such as we have with the Judging Program, to allow the applicant an opportunity to respond? **Watson:** Not that I am aware of. **Anger:** Are we going to allow the letters that came in at the last minute? **Watson:** That's up to the board. **Cantley:** The opposition letters are a form letter. It looks to me as though this was a letter writing campaign. If you are genuinely opposed to something, write a letter from the heart, not a form letter. **Satoh:** The reason they are all the same is that most people in Japan do not speak or write English. **Anger:** In the rebuttal, did the applicant representing Eva indicate she wanted to withdraw this club? **Watson:** What Satoh-san said just now was the first I heard of this. I certainly have no information they wanted to withdraw this club. If she wanted to drop this club, I cannot imagine that they would not have let me know. **Baugh:** (ID Chair) Darrell Newkirk is very much in favor of this club and is hoping we will support it. There is absolutely no indication whatsoever that they want to withdraw. **Johnson:** I want to focus on something other than the club and the application. When I read through all the material last night, it indicated 34 clubs in the Tokyo area, a great majority of which are inactive. Clubs are the basis of how we do business in our decision making, and I am very concerned. If I came to the board and stated that New York City has 34 clubs and we want another one, this board would absolutely say no. We need to start looking at club applications in a more global perspective. Clubs are voting members who dictate how we do business. That concerns me. **White:** I didn't see a specific month that they wanted to hold their show and how many clubs are in close proximity. **Watson:** The club doesn't make any indication as to when they would hold a show. **Anger:** In February, we took in the Narita Cat Club. We didn't ask them for a date. In June, we took in three Japanese clubs that all stated they wanted to have a show and were not required to list specific dates.

Why are we asking this club for a specific date? **Molino:** There is a legal issue within the treasury of Japan. There is some association between the perspective secretary of this club and the former Japan treasurer. Until those problems are resolved, I see no reason that we would add another club to add more to the financial problems that already exist in the region. **Watson:** It's a matter of having cats from her. I fail to understand the point you are making, that this is going to add another burden. **Eigenhauser:** I'm not hearing anything that has convinced me that this is not for one person's convenience, one person's vision of the club. I haven't gotten a sense of the region's vision of the club; how it fits in with the rest of the clubs, how it impacts the exhibitors, how it impacts the other shows. I get the impression the Regional Director is not thrilled about this. **Watson:** Having read the information that was presented, make your best informed decision. This club did everything they had to do as far as making their application. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson, Eigenhauser, Molino, Kusy and Satoh voting no.

EUROPEAN SHORTHAIR CLUB
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*
- *Club directors are: (email received)*
 - *Jos Wintershoven, Lekoord 47, 3448 VS Woerden, Netherlands*
 - *Mireille Sicart, 27 Rue de La remard, F91410 Saint Gyr Sous Dourdan, France*
 - *Hubert Ranoux, Poirie Sauvage, F29290 Arrou, France.*
- *No club officers or directors are current officers or directors of other CFA clubs*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

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

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Intend to disburse funds to the Winn Feline Foundation and/or animal shelters in Europe*

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

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

Additional information:

- *None*

From The European Shorthair Club Constitution:

➤ Objectives:

- To promote the welfare of all cats.
- To promote the welfare of all cats
- To promote the breeding of pedigreed shorthairs to the standards as accepted by CFA
- To promote the health and welfare of the Shorthair cat and in general, all cats
- To promote the showing of Shorthair cats in CFA in Europe
- To provide information and education on CFA Procedures so that members can fully participate in all CFA activities
- To promote Shorthair breeders to join CFA Breed councils
- To promote Shorthair breeders to register ALL Shorthairs with CFA

➤ Membership:

- Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

As of this date, May 31, 2009, no negative letters have been received.

Watson: Mr. Newkirk supports this club, as do I. Anyone that has exhibited in Europe knows the contact person, Henny Wintershoven, who certainly has done a great deal of work in the International Division in the European area. She is a terrific exhibitor, she is a master clerk, she's a big supporter of all the CFA clubs over there. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson voting no. Anger abstained.

SPANISH CAT CLUB

International Division – Darrell Newkirk, Chair

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- Ten members
- No officers reside at the same address
- No club officers or directors are current officers or directors of other CFA clubs
- No member is a member of another club
- From email of club secretary: a listing of activities of club members--all are CFA exhibitors and eight are breeders

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- Yes, they plan to incorporate

Club Interest:

- Allbreed

Club Activities:

- Hopes to organize shows to spread the cat culture in Spain

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- Any property and assets will be distributed to another non-profit organization

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

- *Wish to have two shows a year in cities like Barcelona or Madrid which are very accessible to European exhibitors*

Additional information:

- *The club already has some sponsors who wish to help and have some shows in the planning if accepted*
- *Breeders in Spain want a club in their country*

From The Spanish Cat 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 and exhibits*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers*
 - *Membership*
 - *Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership*

As of this date May 31, 2009 no negative letters have been received.

Watson: For people who are not familiar with Spain, they have had difficulty getting clubs. They want the opportunity to organize shows and spread the cat culture in Spain through CFA. They would like to put on two shows a year in cities like Barcelona or Madrid. Mr. Newkirk recommended it, as do I. **DelaBar:** Any questions or comments? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

MALTA CAT ASSOCIATION SOCIETY
International Division – Darrell Newkirk, Chair

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty-one members*
- *No officers reside at the same address*
- *No members are affiliated with other CFA clubs*
- *None are officers or directors of other CFA clubs*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *Yes, they plan to incorporate*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

- *Hope to teach and foster love of cats and animals*
- *Hope to organize cat shows and other activities*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Donate to various cat sanctuaries on the island in particular Thomasina Cat Sanctuary*

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

- *Would like to organize for shows a year in the beginning*

Additional information:

- *Many of the members imported their cats from USA breeders. Some are graded, etc.*
- *Some members have CFA catteries of Excellence and are very proud of this*
- *Some members have CFA pedigrees which they would like to pursue*
- *The members wish to introduce CFA to Malta and hold show and teach about CFA*
- *There are two other cat clubs in Malta which belong to other associations*

From The Malta Cat Association 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 a spay/neuter program among the stray cat population in Malta*
- Membership:
 - *Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.*

As of May 32, 2009 no negative letters have been received.

Watson: Mr. Newkirk certainly recommends this club, as do I. **DelaBar** called the motion.
Motion Carried.

FELINE CLUB OF BRAZIL
International Division – Darrell Newkirk, Chair

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Nineteen members*
- *No officers reside at the same address*
- *No members are affiliated with other CFA clubs*
- *None are officers or directors of other CFA clubs*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed Club*

Club Activities:

- *Wish to be an active club*
- *Work to do the best for CFA in South America*
- *Wish to do two shows a year in Brazil*
- *Promote CFA in Brazil*
- *Hold seminars, lectures about health, genetic maintenance, welfare, and ethics*
- *Wish to have agility present at activities*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Club funds will be donated to non-profit institutions*

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

- Certainly will have one show a year, ideally three
- Shows will be held in Sao Paulo
- Show will be mostly AB rings

Additional information:

- None

From The Feline Club of Brazil Constitution:

- Objectives:
 - Promote the creation and exhibition of Breed cats
 - Foster the high maintenance and welfare of cats in general
- Membership:
 - All those interested in the goals and activities of the club are eligible

As of May 31, 2009 no negative letters have been received.

Watson: CFA used to have a presence in Brazil. This club seems very enthusiastic about getting CFA back into Brazil. Mr. Zenda recommended this club and worked with them to get their constitution in order so there would be no problems with this club coming forward, and I thank him for that. **DelaBar:** The woman who put in the application came to our International Show and to the TGIF show in Indianapolis. She studied CFA long and hard before selecting us. **Johnson:** Cat Fanciers of Brazil was one of the clubs that we just dropped. Are these all new people? **Watson:** Yes. That group made every effort to promote CFA in Brazil, so now we'll give this group a chance. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What will be presented at the Next Meeting:

All new club applications.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Watson, Chair*

(6) **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 – Vacant; 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:

With the approval of the CFA Board of Directors, we are happy to report that the International Division has grown with the addition of the following 10 clubs:

*Cat-H-Art (France)
Jardin Des Korats (France)
Korean Pride Cat Club (Korea)
East Charm Cat Fanciers Club (China)
Hong Kong and Macao CC (Hong Kong)
Cats' Land Club (Slovenia)
United Feline Odyssey (Hong Kong)
Cleopella Cat Fanciers of Estonia
Sarawak Cat Club (Malaysia)
Swedish Cat Paws (Sweden)*

Unfortunately, the following 6 clubs did not remit their dues and membership lists, and were dropped from membership:

*Cat Fanciers of Brazil
Cats Across the Sea (Italy)
Dream Cats' Club (Poland)
Feline Society of Malaysia
Grand Spanish Feline Club (Spain)
Rus Siberia Cat Club (Russia)*

Although we have witnessed the effects of the global recession, we continue to garner continued interest in the formation of CFA clubs around the world. As I reported above, we have lost clubs in Spain and in Brazil, but we have other interested breeders in working to promote CFA in these two countries.

The committee has set up two working Yahoo email groups to include 1-2 members from each club. This working email group has been very active in Europe as of late. Most clubs have signed onto the list and we will continue to monitor the membership in hopes of getting a least one member from every club signed onto the list.

We would like to thank the International Division Liaison to the Board, Liz Watson, for her continued work to represent the Committee during the past year. Liz is also the Chair of the Club Application Committee and we want to thank her for supporting the acceptance of the new clubs in the International Division.

Europe Liaison Report: Liz Watson:

*European Division Board Report
June 2009*

While in Slovenia I had a discussion with Olivier Grin and other Europeans about their concerns regarding the 75 points to grand in the Ukraine and Russia. At the last show in the Ukraine there were 8 grands (7 one-show grands) with only one being from Europe. The discrepancy is that the Europeans need 200 Points to grand versus the 75 needed for the Ukrainians and Russians. It was felt that if the shows in the Ukraine needed 6 winners ribbons this would even out the playing field. I contacted Rolandus International in the Ukraine and they agreed that 6 winners ribbons was fair.

Action item: *Require 6 winners ribbons to become a champion at the shows in the Ukraine.*

There was also discussion about show rule 9.03c especially “Grand Champion points earned in Hawaii will be credited at 267% in the Mainland U.S., Canada, Japan and the International Division.”

Action item: *Clarification of show rule 9.03c.*

Olivier Grin stated that he is working on setting up a bank account as a first step towards Europe becoming a region. It has been agreed among the clubs to charge a 1 Euro surcharge for each exhibit as a way of building up a bank account.

*Liz Watson
European Liaison*

Europe Representative Report: Olivier Grin:

Dear Board Members,

Here is my annual report to you as to what has been going on in the International Division-Europe for the last season.

There were several projects scheduled:

- *Setting up a working group for IDE*
- *Designation of a board for IDE composed of:
Elected Representative*

*Treasurer
Show scheduler
Fund Raiser
Webmaster*

- *Opening of a bank account*
- *Development of the NEW-BEE and AMBASSADOR programs in Europe*

The working group (Yahoo Email list) for ID-E is running and almost all clubs have registered. Several emails have been sent to their respective secretaries but no interest seems to be shown by these clubs to join the discussions. Most of the missing clubs are also delinquent.

Finding a volunteer for treasurer has been one of the most difficult topics but we finally have a candidate. Deadline for candidate applications is June 1st 2009, followed by a poll open until June 14th 2009.

Show scheduler is still Manfred Pszak so far. Question open whether we should appoint someone more active in the cat fancy?

Fund Raiser for now vacant, no candidate so far but was also not my priority as we didn't even had a treasurer.

Webmaster is Henny Wintershoven, also designated to organise the award presentation for the banquet.

The bank account is the actual hot topic. Some clubs have expressed high concerns about the security of the money that will be placed there and would like to have some control on it. So far none of these clubs has provided any concrete project for a system to control the ID-E (which again, is a temporary structure) nor for the E-Region to come. I suppose that other CFA regions had similar issues and would be interested to know how they have solved it. So far, no bank account has been opened.

New-Bee and Ambassador programs haven't much progressed yet but recently a regional coordinator has been designated: Aleksejs Dergachovs. I am very happy to welcome him aboard and hope he will dedicate enough energy to these programs to have them finally started in Europe.

*Olivier Grin
CFA-ID Europe Representative*

Asia/Latin America Liaison Report: Robert Zenda

Club activities in Asia during the 2008-2009 show season included 29 CFA shows, several CFA Clerking Schools, a growing Ambassador Program, several "Breeder Seminars" and 2 Junior Showmanship events. Shows were held in China (5), Hong Kong (4), Indonesia (2), Korea (2), Malaysia (6), Singapore (6), Taiwan (2) and Thailand (2) and a total of 2,704 cats were present for competition (not counting Household Pets). For the second year in a row, a cat from the Asia division has achieved a National Win, this time in Premiership – GP,NW Tsar Blu's Tsunami of Chloeadores, a lovely Russian Blue neuter bred by Donna Fuller and shown by Li Ling (Chloe) Chung who is 13th Best Cat in Premiership.

Effects of the world-wide economic downturn were also evident in Asia as the number of total entries in the Asia division shows was almost 4% lower than the previous season, representing the first downturn we have seen. A comparison of official show counts over the 4 show seasons since Asia was separated from Europe in the International Division is shown below:

Show Season	KIT	% + or < >	CH	% + or < >	PR	% + or < >	TOTAL	Total % + or < >
2008-2009	766	<2.17>	1,337	<9.60>	601	9.07	2,704	<3.87>
2007-2008	783	16.86	1,479	<7.56>	551	37.75	2,813	4.19
2006-2007	700	27.04	1,600	61.94	400	61.94	2,700	51.18
2005-2006	551		988		247		1,786	

The new show season began with 4 shows in May (Taiwan and Jakarta on 5/17, Kuching Malaysia on 5/23, and Johor, Malaysia on 5/31). The declining economy has had a direct effect on the availability of sponsorship \$\$, so the clubs are coordinating their schedules in an attempt to share judges' expenses. I have been assisting them (when requested) to find judges who can remain in Asia for 2 or 3 successive weekends, and the willingness of our judges to come for extended periods and enjoy/endure the adventures of travel on some of the local airlines between countries is truly appreciated by the clubs.

The next shows in Asia will be a series of 4 shows on consecutive weekends in July (Singapore 7/4-5, Bangkok, Thailand 7/12, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 7/18-19 and Hong Kong 7/25-26) and several of the contracted judges will be judging 2 or 3 consecutive weekends. The Hong Kong show will be the first effort for the United Feline Odyssey club.

Two Junior Showmanship events were hosted by the Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore, and the 10 participants will be recognized at the Asia Awards Banquet in July. They will each receive a Certificate I have designed and printed that recognizes their participation in this important program. I will also present the Best & 2nd Best Junior and Senior winners with a trophy that is being provided by CFA. One concern I have with this wonderful program and its potential to grow our future CFA breeders and exhibitors is the apparent lack of a funding source. One reason for the success and growing popularity of this program in Asia is the younger demographics of the breeders and exhibitors. I hope that the CFA Board will find a way to continue support of this program.

I conducted official CFA Clerking Schools in Kuching, Malaysia (12/19/08) and Shanghai, China (04/20/09), bringing the total number of schools I have presented in Asia to 12 (since 2004). We now have 21 certified clerks in Asia, to include 2 Master Clerks (Eric Wang and Wilson HB Ng). Several other clerks are close to completing requirement for certification as Master Clerks.

The Asia/Latin America Awards Banquet will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 19, 2009 in conjunction with a 2-day (6x2) show. Wilson NB Ng, the elected Asia representative has organized a banquet committee and they are working hard to make the event one to remember. I thank the Board for approving my request to present additional awards and am confident that this will encourage more fanciers to attend the banquet. There were some early fears that travel within Asia would not be safe because of the H1N1 (swine flu) virus, but we have done our best to assure potential participants that

the flu season will be over before the banquet and that travel should not be a problem. Unfortunately, this same fear has taken its toll among Asian CFA'ers who originally planned to come to the CFA Annual Meeting. In that regard, I wish to thank Rachel Anger for her prompt assistance in preparing "invitation" letters on CFA Letterhead for the owners of the Asia Division Best Cat in Premiership so they could apply for visas to visit the USA and attend the Annual Awards Banquet.

I have previously questioned the number of points required to achieve a Grand Championship or Grand Premiership in Asia because the playing field is definitely not equal. Summary data from the 2008-2009 shows shown below is similar to prior years, and clearly suggests that it is time to consider an adjustment:

Country Name	Shows Held	Total Champions	Total Premiers	Average # Champions	Average # Premiers
China (PRC)	5	123	16	24.6	3.2
Hong Kong	4	165	89	41.3	22.3
Indonesia	2	22	0	11	0
Korea	2	7	0	3.5	0
Malaysia	6	87	44	14.5	7.3
Singapore	6	64	45	10.7	7.5
Taiwan	2	18	1	9	0.5
Thailand	2	56	14	28	7
ASIA TOTALS	29	542	209	18.7	7.2

*The data for shows in Hong Kong is clearly out of sync with the rest of the Asia division. The current requirement of 75 points needed to attain GC and the 25 points needed to attain GP can be now be achieved in only 2 rings in both classes. While the average number of Champions competing at the shows in Mainland China (PRC) and Thailand is also statistically higher than the overall average for the Asia division, there are significant disparities between different club shows within those countries and I do not believe it would be appropriate to include them when adjusting the GC formulas at this time. A detailed listing of all the shows is attached for your reference. **I recommend that CFA Board consider raising the number of points required to achieve a GC for cats shown in Hong Kong to 125, and that the number of points required to achieve a GP for cats shown in Hong Kong be raised to 50 effective May 1, 2010.***

I plan to meet again with the AFCD authorities during my next trip to Hong Kong in July to discuss ongoing quarantine issues and to encourage development of a quarantine waiver process that would permit Hong Kong exhibitors to participate in our CFA shows held in mainland China (PRC). On the other side of the coin, I have asked Vivian (President of Shanghai Cat Lovers Society) to arrange a similar meeting with the Chinese animal quarantine officials the next time I travel to Shanghai, and I plan to present them with examples of the processes and agreements that have been successfully implemented in Malaysia.

Earlier in the year, I reported that Suki Lee (Hong Kong) had completed the translation of our 2008-2009 CFA Show Rules and that I had provided copies of that document to two of our clubs in China for review and comment. Since that time I received positive feedback, as well as an offer from another individual to provide an independent review to deal with some formatting issues. Suki has also agreed to take on the task of updating the product with changes for the 2009-2010 version. I will provide a

copy of the latest version of the Translated Show Rules to each member of the CFA Board of Directors during the International Committee meeting on June 27, 2009. We owe a great deal of thank to Suki Lee for her extraordinary work on this project (at no cost to CFA), and **I recommend that the document be posted on the CFA International Division web pages as soon as necessary revisions have been accomplished.**

I have continued to communicate with the group leading the effort to recognize the ancient Chinese Li Hua mao breed. They have already completed “registration” of 42 cats via the CATS process and believe they will have the requisite number (50 or more) done by the August 1st deadline for consideration at the February Board Meeting. I plan to attend that meeting to either present or assist with presentation of the proposal for acceptance as a new breed in the Miscellaneous category. I am aware that Debbie Kusy has a committee looking into changes that may be necessary to the breed recognition/registration processes for breeds like the Li Hua mao that originate in our International Division and do not currently reside in the USA, but I do not know what conclusions or recommendations they have developed. These are extremely important considerations because there are at least two other native breeds that would like to achieve CFA recognition and the breeders are waiting to see how the process works for the Li Hua mao cats.

I believe that we are now in a position to formally establish an account in Hong Kong for the Asia division, with Rarteo Lo as the principle fund manager along with a second trusted individual required for signature on any fund disbursements. Funds accumulated in support of the extremely active Ambassador Program in Asia would be accounted for as a separate line item of the primary account. I intend to provide specific details of the proposal to the CFA Board during International Division meeting on July 27th.

Under the heading of “new business” I am delighted to report that a new club in Brazil has submitted an application for acceptance. Both Darrell and I provided considerable assistance to the club secretary and indications are that this club could well be the bright light we have been seeking in the Latin America void that has existed for some time.

*My last item concerns the handling of protests involving individuals in the Asia division which, unfortunately, are becoming more frequent. While the International Division was divided into two separate areas and separate liaisons were appointed for Asia and Europe, the protest process organizational structure did not change. Thus we have Mr. Peter Vanwonderghem appointed to serve as the International Division representative on the Protest Committee. Understand that my purpose here is not to criticize or question anything he has or hasn't done in that position. I simply do not believe it is the most efficient way to do business. **I suggest that consideration be given to appointing someone familiar with activities in the Asia division to liaise with the Protest Committee on protest matters involving individuals or clubs in the Asia Division.***

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Zenda*

Attachment 1: Asia Junior Showmanship Participant Certificate

CFA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION - ASIA/LATIN AMERICA
proudly recognizes

Name of Participant

as a successful participant in the *Junior Showmanship Program* of the Cat Fanciers Association during the 2008 – 2009 cat show season. This young cat fancier demonstrated a commitment to learn about good sportsmanship, cat care, CFA breed standards, the correct way to present and handle the breed they own or work with and the sport of pedigreed cats.



Bob Zenda
CFA International Division Liaison for Asia/Latin America



Attachment 2: Asia Champion & Premier Data for all 2008-2009 shows

2008-2009 ASIA SHOW SEASON CHAMPION & PREMIER STATISTICS						
DATE	CLUB	CH	PR			
CHI NA (MAI NLAND) SHOWS						
4/ 25- 26/ 09	SCLS	35	7			
4/ 18- 19/ 09	SCLS	26	7			
2/ 21- 22/ 09	COF	13	1			
1/ 10- 11/ 09	SCLS	31	1			
11/ 29- 30/ 08	COF	18	0			
				CHI NA TOTAL	123	
				CHI NA AVERAGE	24. 6	
SI NGAPORE SHOWS						
4/ 25- 26/ 09	SOC	11	4			
3/ 21- 22/ 09	SOC	13	11			
12/ 06- 07/ 08	FFSS	8	6			
11/ 15- 16/ 08	SOC	8	8			
8/ 23- 24/ 08	SOC	12	10			
7/ 05- 06/ 08	FFSS	12	6			
				SI NGAPORE TOTAL	64	
				SI NGAPORE AVERAGE	10. 7	
HONG KONG SHOWS						
4/ 4- 5/ 09	HKCLS	53	33			
11/ 08/ 09/ 08	HKOFC	33	22			
10/ 18- 18/ 08	HKSHOC	32	18			
7/ 26- 27/ 08	HKCLS	47	16			
				HONG KONG TOTAL	165	
				HONG KONG AVERAGE	41. 3	
THAI LAND SHOWS						
3/ 14- 15/ 09	TOF	40	8			
7/ 19- 20/ 08	OFCT	16	6			
				THAI LAND TOTAL	56	
				THAI LAND AVERAGE	28	

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

Club applications:

We have four new club applicants from the International Division to present at this meeting. We recommend the acceptance of these four clubs:

*European Shorthair Club, Henny Wintershoven, Woerden, Netherlands
Feline Club of Brazil, Alessandra Lui Moretti, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Malta Cat Association, Gertrude Francica, St. Julians, Malta
Spanish Cat Club, Olivia Arasa, Tarragona, Spain*

Action Items:

1. *(From Liz Watson's report) Require 6 winners' ribbons to become a champion at the shows in the Ukraine, commencing May 1, 2010.*

Watson: When I went to Slovenia, there was a great deal of conversation about the number of grands that were confirmed at that particular show – 8 grands and only one was from Europe. We discussed the possibility of raising the number of grand points in the Ukraine to make it in line with what we have here. A possible compromise might be that we require 6 winners ribbons to become a champion at shows in the Ukraine. That would not include Russia. The club in Ukraine felt that 6 winners ribbons would be a way to appease the Europeans. **Altschul:** I have two things. One, how many winners ribbons do they need now? **Watson:** Four. **Altschul:** And why would six winners ribbons be an improvement? **Watson:** They can now go from open to grand in one show. **Altschul:** When I received the report of the one-show grands from all regions, I found it interesting that Region 9, which is all of the International Division, had more one-show grands than Regions 1 through 8 combined. **Watson:** Asian exhibitors can't travel all over Asia because of quarantine. In Europe, with Russia and Ukraine, it's an economic situation, that they cannot avail themselves of all of these shows in Europe. We have to temper Carissa's argument with the number of shows that are in a particular country and look at what shows our constituents there are able to attend. **Eigenhauser:** We used to believe that we didn't want to see a cat go from open to grand in one weekend. Now, it's possible even in the United States with the 6x6 shows. I'm concerned about implementing this piecemeal. I don't want our show rules to be a separate set of rules for each country. We need to think big picture, long term, rather than doing it all ad hoc. We need to come up with a better, more comprehensive strategy as the International Division continues to develop. **Watson:** The European Division is working very hard to become a CFA region. At the point it becomes a CFA region, Ukraine and Russia will have to decide whether they are going to be part of it. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. *Clarification of show rule 9.03c.*

Watson: There are questions about the number of points that exhibitors are able to bring back. **Tartaglia:** We try to weigh grand points based on the location, and how few or how many cats are available in that area. **Watson:** Can this be investigated and clarified? **Baugh:** The Show Rules Committee can take care of it.

Tabled.

3. *(From Bob Zenda's report) Increase the number of points required to achieve a Grand Champion from cats shown in Hong Kong to 125, and that the number points required to achieve a Grand Premier for cats shown in Hong Kong be raised to 50, effective May, 2010.*

DelaBar: The Hong Kong clubs tend to have a far larger entry than some of the other clubs in Asia, so this would be exclusive of Hong Kong. **Wilson:** What if I took a champion to Hong Kong? Would it only need 125 points? **Watson:** No. **Wilson:** So, you have to actually live in that division? **Watson:** Yes. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. *Approve posting of the translated Chinese show rules on the CFA International Division website, once the necessary revisions have been completed, including a disclaimer that the official version is the English version published on the CFA website. [underlined text added by board]*

Watson: We owe a great deal of thanks to Suki Lee for her extraordinary work on this project at no cost to CFA. **Molino:** As a business matter, these translations should be done by a professional translator. **Anger:** Translators are expensive. Our show rules would be thousands of dollars, and it is unlikely that a translating service would understand our terminology. **Molino:** Why don't we see how much it will cost? It won't cost us anything to put out a request for information. **Cantley:** The expense for a translating service would be ongoing. Every time we changed the show rules, we will have the expense again. **Watson:** The action item is only to acknowledge on the International Division website that Suki Lee did the translation, and to get these on the website. The translations are a courtesy, but the final reference is the English version of our show rules. **Anger:** The Show Rules should be posted on the ID website with a disclaimer saying that the official version is the English version published on the CFA website. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. *~~Approve the International Division Committee Asia/LA Liaison work with the Chair of the protest committee and appoint someone from Asia to be the Liaison to the protest committee to work with protests involving individuals and clubs in the Asia/LA Division.~~ Recommend that the Protest Committee Chair consider appointing an Asia/Latin America Liaison and a European Division Liaison, to work with protests involving individuals and clubs in those areas. [strike-out text deleted by board]*

Eigenhauser: Committee chairs pick their own committees. This request is perfectly logical and reasonable, but this is something the Protest Committee Chair should be asked, rather than told. The default assumption should be that we make a reasonable recommendation to the committee chair who is appointed on Sunday, and then let them deal with it. **Watson** moved that this be referred to the Protest Committee, who will entertain the possibility of having both a representative from Asia and from Europe. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

(7) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Executive Director Allene Tartaglia gave the following report, with Anger making a standing motion, reserving the right to vote no:

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

(a) Club Names: Rainbow Plumes Cat Club and Half Moon Cat Club
Show Date: October 31/November 1, 2009
Location: Boxborough MA (Region 1)

DelaBar: This passed the Scheduling Committee with one “no” vote. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Baugh voted no. ~~Newkirk abstained.~~

(b) Club Names: Santa Clara Valley Cat Club and Revelers
Show Date: First weekend in November, 2009
Location: Northern CA (Region 2)

Kusy: Revelers asked for and received a different date, but were unable to use it. **Altschul:** There is a 6x6 before this one. I talked to that club and they had no problem with this being before theirs, so no conflict exists there. **Baugh:** This gives us three 6x6 shows in a row, but we were comfortable with that. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** ~~Newkirk abstained.~~

(c) Club Names: Cleveland Persian Society, Exotic Breeders (and Stones River)
Show Date: Third weekend in January, 2010
Location: Mid-Ohio (Region 4)

Baugh: Neither Stones River nor Exotic Breeders currently have a show date. This proposal was brought forward because one of the region’s largest clubs folded and the region has lost many shows. Also, these clubs need to regain financial stability. I hope you will support it. **Kusy:** The Scheduling Committee had three no votes. **Eigenhauser:** This would be a 12-ring show in the middle of two 10-ring shows in January. The delegates that approved the 10-ring shows were unaware that this was being considered. If we’re going to have two 10-ring shows a couple of weeks apart, I don’t want to muddy the waters by having a 12-ring show in the middle of them. We will have no way to evaluate how they are stepping on each other. The whole concept of an experiment is to control as many variables as possible so you can see what your results mean. Having three super shows in a row is going to make it impossible to sort out what impact they have on other shows in the region, in the country, in the world. I would oppose it on that basis. **Altschul:** We don’t know if the 10-ring shows are going to be approved. They came to us with a favorable recommendation. The “no” votes were based on two things; there’s a show in Moline, Illinois, and there were a lot of shows on that weekend using judges. **Johnson:** The delegation told us they wanted this format for any club, without permission. Depending on what we do, we could have a 10-ring show every weekend. Everybody is equal and the delegation said that if we are going to do 10-ring shows, we want to make it an open format, not just for special groups. **Kusy:** The delegates didn’t consider weekends before and weekends after, and they didn’t know about these 6x6 proposals that we had coming up. **Meeker:** When we have shows within a few weeks of each other, we don’t know the impact for some time because the financial data isn’t in. What I heard the delegates say was, “quit micromanaging us, let us make the decisions that we need to make to be creative and successful in our show area.” I understand

that we need to look at the big picture and provide the clubs some context for their decisions, but the delegates were clear – they are tired of being told what they can and cannot do. If we are micromanaging the format, it's not longer experimental. We have to let it go, have people get comfortable with it and see the outcome, and then make the decision. When we are busy “protecting” everything, we're not going to get a true picture of the impact. **Newkirk:** Yes, it was a favorable recommendation, but it was also a mandate. There were so few people that voted against that it is clear this is what they're after. Other organizations have had 10-ring shows for years and they have been very successful. They will be nothing but positive for us, especially our new judges coming up through the program, so they can get their advancements. I thought the purpose of the 6x6 format was to help clubs that were really struggling, especially in remote areas. I haven't seen that demonstrated by the approval of this board over the last couple years. I'm confused why this is still experimental.

DelaBar: We haven't been getting feed-back from all the clubs. There is no way we can analyze it to see the effect. **Eigenhauser:** One of the reasons I have a problem taking it out of experimental is that we have been asking the wrong people the wrong questions. The complaints I'm getting are from the clubs before and after, or the clubs on the same date that are saying, “these shows are crushing us”.

We have never surveyed those clubs. If you keep polling the people who are entered in the show, you're always going to get a yes answer. When we ask the clubs before and after, they say, “it killed our show”. I don't know if it's perception or real, so it's hard to make an informed decision. **Meeker:** We're not getting the statistics that we want because the statistics that are being garnered do not address the financial decisions that people make when they enter the show. We do poll the clubs before and after to make certain that they are in agreement for the clubs trying the 6x6. We don't make these decisions in a vacuum. We're all looking to support and protect our regions. It's important that we work toward a cooperative effort. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Miller, Eigenhauser, Petersen, Altschul voting no. Cantley abstained.

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

No requests received.

3. **Club Name Change**

a)	<i>Current Name:</i>	<i>Country Cousins Cat Club</i>
	<i>Proposed Name:</i>	<i>American Gothic Cat Club</i>
	<i>Region:</i>	<i>Midwest Region (Region 6)</i>
	<i>Conflict w/Existing Names:</i>	<i>None</i>
	<i>Reason:</i>	<i>None given</i>

Watson: American Gothic is the Grant Wood gothic revival painting of the farmer with a pitchfork. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Show Format Requests:**

- a) *Houston Cat Club, January 9-10, 2010, requesting permission to license a 6 allbreed, 4 specialty ring show.*

Baugh: This concept was debated by the board at length after the Annual last year. It was referred to National Scheduling, who did not approve it. We should be concerned about having more shows, not making the big shows bigger. **Altschul:** When we really believe in an idea and it doesn't pass, CFA has a habit of bringing it up until people can be convinced of your great idea. This is an

excellent format. The 6x6 shows have been extremely successful and this is something that clubs in other regions could do, as well. They are asking to add specialty rings, with 5 rings a day. It's for the exhibitors. I don't see how big shows affect shows on other weekends. **Johnson:** We have a limited number of cats that get registered, which means we have a reduced show basis for sharing amongst all our shows. I'm not sure what adding 2 rings is going to do for the gate. We need to be considering if we want to sustain growth. I'm all for growth, but I don't understand why we have to make the big clubs bigger. **Eigenhauser:** As we increase the number of rings per show, we're not making it any better for exhibitors. With the 6x6 format, 6 is the magic number because of the winners ribbons. 10 rings doesn't serve any particular function. As we increase the number of rings in the bigger shows, it becomes harder and harder to get a regional or national win without going to those big shows. It doesn't make it better for the exhibitors, it makes it more expensive. Instead of going to local shows in your hometown, you have to travel across the country to bigger and bigger shows. As the shows get bigger, they become more expensive. I don't see that increasing the number of rings to 10 is going to have a significant benefit to CFA. **DelaBar:** This is an increase in potential by adding specialty rings for the new people we want to bring into CFA. The perception is, they have a better chance winning in a specialty ring than they do an allbreed ring. Allbreed rings is where all these other clubs are putting their emphasis. This puts the emphasis on the new exhibitor. **Cantley:** With all the 6 ring one day allbreed shows, it's very hard for advancing judges to get assignments, so this format helps. **Watson:** We have to look at the statement in the rationale, that this would be cost-effective for exhibitors in the Gulf Shore Region to have more rings in one weekend. The Gulf Shore Region is underserved as far as the number of clubs and the number of shows. We have to look at what this club is trying to do in order to improve showing for the people in the Gulf Shore Region. The campaigners do not come for specialty rings. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Watson, Molino, Altschul, Meeker, Calhoun, Anger and DelaBar voting yes.

- b) *Abyssinian Breeders International, July 18-19, 2009, Las Vegas NV. Request permission to award Best through 10th Best of Breed ribbons in each class of Somalis and Abyssinians (kitten, championship and premiership) in one ring.*

Cantley: This is the first show in Las Vegas in a long time. They are pushing to get more Aby breeders across the country to attend the show, which is why they want the extra breed ribbons this year. **Eigenhauser:** This is in one ring, and is fun for the people that are there. It doesn't cost CFA anything to do it. Why not let them have fun? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. **Ballot Receipt Info Online:**

To assist clubs in knowing their ballot (for board members) has been received in the office, I propose effective with the 2010 ballots, we list on CFA's website the clubs whose ballots have been received similar to how we list receipt of delegate forms, clubs dues/membership list and breed council membership applications. This will be another opportunity for club members to easily double check on their club's ballot receipt status. Other notifications of this sort, listed above, have been well received.

We would publicize the link in scheduled mailings to clubs as well as on the ballot itself. Additionally, the web page where this information is located would clearly state that the listing is derived from the club label we pre-affix to the return envelope and that the sealed envelopes are hand carried to the annual meeting for the appointed tellers to open and tally on Friday AM.

Action Item: *Endorse on-line ballot receipt notification.*

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

6. Publications.

We are moving full speed ahead with the 2010 Yearbook. As mentioned in my interim report (April 1), our goal is to have the 2010 Yearbook published in January 2010. To achieve this goal we must strictly adhere to all published deadlines. It appears advertisers are paying attention to the deadlines since we have more advertisers at this time of year than in past years. 2009 Yearbook sales are steady and we hope to sell out of the 2009 book before the 2010 book is published. Sales for prior year's books slow down considerably once the new book is released. The 2010 Yearbook is being dedicated to the memory of Marna Fogarty, former Yearbook editor, who died April 19, 2009.

Shelly Borawski and Kelly Jones are invaluable and talented members of the Publications department. Shelly has been with CFA for 22 years and is very familiar with the internal workings of CFA. Additionally, Shelly has taken on the responsibility for the Saturday night award winner's Powerpoint presentation. She works tirelessly on obtaining all the necessary photos, creating the presentation and will be the person behind the scenes running the show Saturday night. This is one torch I am happy to pass on to someone else!

Kelly is a relative newcomer to CFA (3 years). She brings with her extensive experience in many graphics programs including Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator and also web design software such as Dreamweaver. Kelly has embraced the cat fancy as she is now the proud owner of a Selkirk Rex. Not only has she exhibited with him at CFA shows but achieved a one-show grand (premiership). Kelly maintains the Online Almanac and works on the Yearbook. Both individuals are always willing to pitch in where necessary and I consider myself very fortunate they comprise the Publications team. Although Carol Krzanowski has been, and will be, missed, she left CFA with a very competent staff. Thank you, Carol.

Obtaining content for both the Yearbook and the Online Almanac continues to be a challenge in several ways, knowing what readers want to read about, finding authors for the articles and receiving the content in a timely fashion. I welcome any and all suggestions.

Watson: In February, I made a motion to have the Publications Committee bring to the board a proposal on what steps we are going to take in order to make the Yearbook profitable or pay for itself. No Publications report was submitted. I would still like to know how you intend to bring it in line.

Tartaglia: I would like input from you on how we are going to do that. There is only one person on the Committee. **DelaBar:** I will make sure we get more volunteers after tomorrow's elections.

Watson: Will we charge them with doing that? **Molino:** Do we need another motion or an action item? **DelaBar:** We will see the make-up of the Committee.

(8) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Business Development Team Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

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

We are extremely pleased to announce a healthy quarter with our ongoing committee activities, especially in regard to 4-Sight Licensing Solutions. Public Relations have taken a huge upswing for our organization. It is our goal that whenever a person buys a new pedigreed kitten, they ask if it is CFA registered. Constant exposure through all forms of media will make that wish come true and this will be addressed further into the report.

◆ *Ongoing Committee Activities*

- *4-Sight Licensing Solutions*
- *Projections of all sales royalties and current deal memo guarantees: 4-Sight Licensing Solutions is projecting CFA will receive revenue of \$307,239 in 2009. This does not take into account the current additional contracts being negotiated.*
 - *Jakks Pacific, Inc.*
 - *New products continue to be developed with CFA branding.*
 - *PetCo and CFA co-branded product line will be in all PetCo locations in the fall of 2009. These will be the Kitten and Active Cat (green packaging) lines.*
 - *PetCo will be placing their re-order the end of June '09 to be in stores in July.*
 - *Meijers stores have 187 locations and will increase our product line by five additional CFA branded products in 2010.*
 - *CFA product line is very strong in the Canadian WalMarts. WalMart will be adding four wing panel displays of CFA's product line. (It should be noted as successful as the CFA products are at Canadian locations, the AKC brand is being removed for lack of sales.)*
 - *Aspen Pet Products*
 - *Several new products are being developed under the expanded contract with Aspen Pet Products.*
 - *Eco line cat collars will have sixteen different CFA branded products/collar selections set in stores by the end of June '09.*
 - *Further development of CFA branded cat litter boxes, automatic feeders, heated beds, window perches, litter scoops, etc. are expected by the Fall 2009.*
 - *CFA branded Messy Pet/Cat Stain & Odor remover is now in 450 PetCo and WalMart stores nationwide.*
 - *Eternal Image*
 - *A new distributor was selected for the CFA urn and garden markers. The distribution to retail locations is still underway. Pre-sales of these products can be made online through the CFA store.*
 - *Dakota Collectibles*

- *The initial product line of embroidery breed specific cat collection did not receive the purchasing support originally anticipated and will not be renewed.*
- *Motel 6 and Studio 6 “Accor”*
 - *The affiliate agreement received significant success during its first full quarter, January through March 2009.*
 - *There were 168 reservations/rooms booked under the CFA branded code number resulting in gross revenue of \$13,572.19 for the 1Qt '09. CFA receives 65% for a total initial revenue of \$8,822.*
 - *The CFA brand code number was used significantly more often than the AKC code number was used.*
 - *This program also provides to the guests staying at the hotels: An electronic copy of the Pet Care & Travel Tips Booklet on Motel/Studio 6 customized landing page located at http://www.motel6.com/reservations/promo.aspx?id=csn12da0&WT.mc_id=CP542766 (in the case of Motel 6) and http://www.staystudio6.com/reservations/promo.asp?id=csn96d0&WT.mc_id=CP542767 (in the case of Studio 6).*
 - *Motel/Studio 6 will print and deliver to CFA at Motel/Studio 6 expense 10,000 promotional flyers and postcards which will feature information about the participating locations and Motel/Studio 6 pet friendly policy.*
 - *Motel/Studio 6 will further promote the discount, and the parties' relationship in media to include Motel/Studio 6 newsletter, magazine advertisements and press releases.*
- *Paramount Chemical Specialties*
 - *The branded cleaning products continue to do well in over 500 locations.*
 - *A new expanded line was contracted for CFA that generated an additional \$10,000 sales guarantee. CFA receives 65% for a total initial revenue guarantee before and in addition to paid royalties of \$6,500.*
- *PetLabs360*
 - *A contract was entered into that will CFA brand vitamin and mineral, food enhancements, supplements and natural shampoos and grooming products.*
 - *The contract sales guarantee is \$20,000. CFA receives 65% for a total initial revenue guarantee before and in addition to paid royalties of \$13,000*
- *Primary Colors*
 - *With the interest of saving costs, 4Sight developed a photography studio in-house to secure numerous kitten/cat photos with props. These photos are being used for the many items being developed by Primary Colors and will be in the retail market by year-end. Product line to include notebooks, book covers, binders, pens, pads, sticky notes, etc.*
 - *The CFA breeders have been highly supportive and very helpful in bringing this project to fruition. Several wonderful breeders made the drive into New York City with baby kittens to be photographed for the product line being developed by Primary Colors.*
- *Sherpa Pet Group*
 - *Airlines, catalog/direct mail sales, pet store chains, duty free, event/venue/arena, small independent retailers, supermarket chains, gift store chains, TV home*

shopping, warehouse/clubs, internet, Petland, Petland Discounts, Pet Supplies Plus, Pet Supermarket, Pet Distributors.

- *The contract sales guarantee is \$25,000. CFA receives 65% for a total initial revenue guarantee before and in-addition-to paid royalties of \$16,250.*
- *Additional branding opportunities include:*
 - *Accessories: with an 8% royalty and \$15,000 guarantee. CFA will receive 65% for a total initial revenue guarantee before and in addition to paid royalties of \$9,750.*
 - *Apparel: with a 10% royalty and \$10,000 guarantee. CFA will receive 65% for a total initial revenue guarantee before and in addition to paid royalties of \$6,500.*
 - *Pet Products: with a 10% royalty and \$75,000 guarantee. CFA will receive 65% for a total initial revenue guarantee before and in additions to paid royalties of \$48,750.*

◆ *Major Corporate Sponsors*

- *P&G Pet Brand, Iams came through with significant support for CFA in 2009. Iams has proven over the years to be a valuable significant national corporate sponsor. Iams is providing considerable monetary support for the October 17-18, 2009 “Meet the Breeds” event in New York City, the CFA International Show in Atlanta on November 21-22, 2009, as well as new sponsorship for the CFA Ambassador program. We thank Iams for their contribution to make each of these venues possible for CFA.*
- *Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat litter has again been given significant support in 2009. Dr. Elsey continues to grow a grass roots breeder program with incentives. He sponsors over twenty regional shows and six national premier shows. Dr. Elsey is an invaluable partner with CFA in funding online advertising, special projects, feline research and special educational projects.*
- *Royal Canin although they discontinued their regional show sponsorship, they have continued to support five premier shows throughout 2009. They will be rolling out a new program for our breeder/exhibitors to take advantage of perks and incentives in the future. The Top 3 program that CFA partnered with Royal Canin will be discontinued. The show season ending in 2009 will be the last for this program. Royal Canin continues to support CFA by funding/sponsoring the CFA White Pages, online advertising and publications.*
- *Sturdi Products again in 2009 will be a bronze sponsor at the International show. They continue to be a major sponsor of the CFA Annual each year and in 2009 Sturdi pledged a significant sponsorship to CFA for the Meet the Breeds at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City.*
- *World’s Best Cat Litter is also a visible sponsor with CFA and will again this year be a bronze sponsor at the International.*

○ *New Marketing and Public Relations Activities*

- ◆ *Agreements to secure additional hotel affiliates are being pursued. CFA hopes to finalize at least two additional major hotel chains in 2009.*
- ◆ *Martha Stewart’s new web site <http://www.marthastewart.com/pets> launched April 2009 and CFA will be partnering to provide the CFA breeds. Martha’s pet web site will initially feature the top 10 popular CFA breeds from 2008 and will have a brief overview, with photo and a link back to the CFA breeds and standards page on the [cfa.org](http://www.cfa.org) web site.*
- ◆ *PawNation: <http://www.pawnation.com> AOL’s newly launched animal website the first of May 2009, has been very generous with interviews and links back to www.cfa.org home page.*

We continue to provide educational and information featured on the AOL PawNation site linking back to the CFA web site.

- ◆ *NBC Universal PetSide.com <http://www.petside.com/?gclid=CIPppv7715oCFQMQswodvUFg3g> renewed their agreement with CFA to again feature the 41 pedigreed CFA breeds. They use a brief overview of the breeds with photos and link back to the cfa.org web site breeds and standards page.*
- ◆ *WebVet.com <http://webvet.com> continues to partner with CFA in many areas. CFA has the opportunity to provide and have published monthly articles on this veterinarian information destination site. WebVet came forward with sponsorship funds for the Meet the Breeds event. Several locations on their site link back to the cfa.org web site.*
- ◆ *Animal Planet “Cats 101” filmed in 2008 at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship and has since developed a significant presence with many of our CFA breeder/exhibitors. Cats 101 aired on Animal Planet for their second season and are featuring many of the CFA breeds and have visited several homes of our exhibitors. Look for this show in its second season with CFA judge/breeder/exhibitors.*
- ◆ *Several of our CFA judges/breeders/officers have been ongoing guests on the Nancy Glass Productions which is producing a new satellite radio program called, The Pet Hour, for the Take 5 Channel (XM Satellite Radio). This hour long, pre-taped program features pet experts, authors, and animal loving celebrities. The show gives listeners the opportunity to call in and speak with experts who answer all their pet behavior inquiries. The Pet Hour is a forum for people who love animals and want to know more about their favorite furry friends. The Pet Hour, presented by Iams, airs on XM’s Take 5 Channel (channel 155) every Friday night at both 6 and 9 PM EST. The show also re-airs Saturday’s at 12/NOON EST and Tuesday’s at 7 AM EST.*
 - *For more information about the Take 5 Channel please visit: <http://www.xmradio.com/onxm/channelpage.xmc?ch=155>*
 - *For more information about Nancy Glass Productions please visit: www.nancyglassproductions.com <<http://www.nancyglassproductions.com/>> .*
 - *For more information about The Pet Hour please visit: www.thepethour.com*

Action Items: None.

Projection for the Future: *Finding new ways to bring in additional money to CFA has always been the main goal of this committee. Publicizing CFA, a job Roeann Fulkerson constantly and aggressively performs, is imperative to our future as an organization.*

Our first objective will always be going for that extra dollar for CFA, but to be successful in the business world, people have to know who we are, what we represent, and what our goals are for the promotion and preservation of all cats.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Angell, Chair

Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

(9) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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

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

List of Committee Members: *Norman Auspitz – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; 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:

Deaths: *We are saddened to report the loss of Barbara St. Georges in April 2009. Barbara began her judging career in 1961 and was honored at the 2007 Annual for 45 years of service as a CFA Judge. She served on the Board of Directors for 18 years, where she championed the idea of an International Show long before it became a reality. She was a past President of the CFA Judges' Association, a founding member of Nutmeg Cat Club and active in Empire Cat Club. Barbara represented CFA all over the world in her judging. She bred Arabian horses in addition to Persians, Siamese, Tonkinese, Cornish Rex and her beloved Manx under the Briar-Brae cattery prefix. None of these accomplishments overshadowed her true success in life – her six children, who held a memorial service for her on May 1, 2009 – a “May Day celebration of the life of Barbara St. Georges” which was a tribute to her sunny disposition. CFA was fortunate to have known her.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

Judges' Workshop: *Preparations for the 2009 Judges' Workshop are well underway and this year will feature discussion of the following breeds: Korat and Ocicat. Both Breed Council Secretaries have solicited extensive input from their respective Breed Councils and put together excellent presentations that will be both informative and enjoyable. I have coordinated workshop logistics with Allene, i.e., room setup, projection & sound equipment, Sturdi Cages for our distinguished feline visitors and “on the Q.T.” arrangements with the hotel to accommodate breeders bringing cats for the workshop because of the hotel's no-animal policy. Paper towels and disinfectant are being arranged by Becky Orlando, and the Southwest Region raised funds to provide a light buffet snack that I am certain will be appreciated by our judges. In addition to the breed presentations and spontaneous discussions of*

current issues, Scott Allen of Whittaker Meyers is preparing a short FAQ paper covering the CFA Travel Accident policy for distribution at the workshop.

Retirements.

The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from James Kilborn, Approved Allbreed judge. Jim has been a CFA Judge since 1971, and has judged cats for over 50 years. He says, "I've truly enjoyed judging all these years and have enjoyed the company of the other judges. I have loved it all!"

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

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

The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Olen Wilford, Approved Allbreed judge. Olen has been a CFA Judge since 1982. He states, "I wish to thank CFA and all those associated with the Judging Program for the many heartfelt years of enjoyment as well as for the millions of wonderful memories. I will indeed miss the judging but will plan to attend our local shows to see friends and to reminisce about the good old days!"

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

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

The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Sylvia Fitzgerald, Approved Shorthair judge. Sylvia has been a CFA Judge since 1977. She states, "I have enjoyed my many years of service for CFA, and will continue to participate as an exhibitor."

Action Item: Grant retirement status to Sylvia Fitzgerald from the CFA Judging Program.

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

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>
Pam DelaBar	GCCVic	FCCVic	**special on line	TBA
Betty White	ACF	Western Australia CC	Perth, Australia	5/31/2009
Betty White	ACF	ACF Ntl. Show	Adelaide, Australia	6/6/2009
Betty White	ACF	FCC of Queensland	Brisbane, Australia	6/14/2009
Donna Fuller	CCCA		Adelaide, Australia	7/11/2009
Donna Fuller	CCCA	Queensland Ind CC	Brisbane, Australia	7/19/2009
Donna Fuller	CCCA	CCCA National	Perth, Australia	7/26/2009
Jan Rogers	Cat Owners Assoc	Chin & Shaded Fanciers	Perth, Australia	6/7/2009
Marge Collier	FIFe	Cat Club of Occitanieq	Carcassonne, Fr	2/22/2009
Wain Harding	FIFe	JYRA	Aarhus, Denmark	3/28/2009
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>
Allan Raymond	FCCV	Thailand CF	Bangkok, Thailand	3/14/2009
Anna Nazarova	WCF	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	12/12/2009
Brenda Neukircher	WCF	Southern Dixie CC	Richmond, VA	24-Oct
Cheryl U'Ren	CCCA	Singapore CC	Singapore	3/22/2009
Galina Dubrovskaya	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	4/4/2009
Inna Shustrova	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	12/12/2009
Irina Kharcheko	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	12/12/2009
Irina Kharcheko	RUI	Chatte Noir	Kemerovo, Russia	10/17/2009
Irina Kharcheko	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	4/4/2009
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	12/12/2009
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Chatte Noir	Kemerovo, Russia	10/17/2009
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	4/4/2009
Maria Koretskaya	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/21/2009
Rod U'Ren	CCCA	Sarawak CC	Malaysia	5/23/2009
Rod U'Ren	CCCA	CFSI Jakarta	Jakarta	5/17/2009
Rod U'Ren	CCCA	Singapore CC	Singapore	4/26/2009
Rod U'Ren	CCCA	Hong Kong Cat Lovers	Hong Kong	4/4/2009
Satu Hamalainen	FiFe	CF of Finland	Helsinki, Finland	8/15/2009

Leave of Absence: Allbreed Judge Lorna Malinen has requested a six-month medical leave of absence from the Judging Program, commencing immediately and ending January 1, 2010.

Action Item: Grant a six-month medical leave of absence from the CFA Judging Program to Lorna Malinen.

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

Proposed Judging Program Rule Change: Submitted by Wayne Trevathan.

CFA Board Consideration of International Non-CFA Judging Assignments and the Cancellation thereof:

I was contracted to judge 3 consecutive weekends in Australia in July 2009. When I accepted these assignments I was free of any obligations in the USA but my circumstances changed when the company I worked for dissolved and with it my job. It took me many months to find new employment and when I did I could not take 3 weeks away from this new job to go and fulfill my judging assignments in Australia.

I contacted the JP chairperson (Rachel Anger) to ask permission to accept a CFA show assignment in that same time frame if invited as the CFA show rules do not address this situation. I was told that I couldn't. This did not seem logical to me so I asked for input from the full JP committee. The result of that was the same with one committee person agreeing with my position. (That person had already done what I was proposing with permission from the JPC so precedence has been set). I was told at that point that I could bring this to the attention of the whole CFA Board. After talking to fellow judges on subsequent weekends and all agreeing with my position they encouraged me to bring this to the Board.

Basically the only countries that apply here are Australia, New Zealand and South Africa where the clubs have you sign for multiple weekends, not with CFA contracts, but with their individual

Association contracts. These contracts spell out explicitly where you can and cannot judge weeks prior to and following their shows but they pertain only to that particular country.

These circumstances would not apply to CFA shows in the International Division as they are governed by CFA Rules. When we are guest judges for foreign associations we are not governed by CFA rules but by the rules and standards of the association we are judging for.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Sincerely,
Wayne Trevathan*

Rule #	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Rationale
Section IX, Paragraph B.6.	None	6. If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows, as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (precluding illness or incapacitation) then the Judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.	Guidance must be spelled out in the rules when a situation arises which causes a judge to cancel a guest judging assignment.

Anger: Our rules state that when a judge cancels a show, that judge cannot accept another show. The rule does not specify whether it addresses cancellation of, specifically, a CFA show. The Judging Program Committee was polled, and determined that it does. Because a difference of opinion still existed after the poll, the question is being brought to the board so that we might get a different perspective. We are looking for a clear interpretation. **Wilson:** I believe a contract is a contract, no matter what the association is. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** White, Johnson, Eigenhauser, Cantley, Wilson, Meeker voting no. Anger abstained.

Pre-Notice of Application: *The following individual is scheduled to be presented to the Board in October 2009 for acceptance:*

*Lorraine Rivard (Longhair – 2nd Specialty)
Val-Morin QC Canada*

Drop from Program: *Pursuant to Judging Program Rule, Section V, Paragraph E, the Judging Program regrettably moves that Sandra Stewart be dropped as a longhair trainee. Sandra has received communication on a number of occasions regarding this clause and has made no request for an extension.*

Drop:

Sandra Stewart

18 yes

Request for Reinstatement: *Former Allbreed Judge Gary Powell has requested to be reinstated to the Judging Program. If his request is granted, Gary will complete the refresher course. Subject to his progress and the outcome of the refresher course, the board will decide the appropriate category level for Gary to begin accepting assignments.*

Reinstate with Refresher Judge Status:

Gary Powell 18 yes

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

Accept as Trainee:

Etsuko Hamayasu	(Longhair - 1st Specialty)	18 yes
Rika Inatomi	(Shorthair - 1st Specialty)	18 yes
Koji Kanise	(Shorthair - 1st Specialty)	18 yes
Doreann Nasin	(Longhair - 1st Specialty)	16 yes; 1 no (Altschul); 1 abstain (Anger)

Advance to Apprentice:

Pamela Bassett	(LH – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes
Kathy Calhoun	(SH – 2 nd Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
Hope Gonano	(LH – 1 st Specialty)	16 yes; 1 no (Cantley); 1 abstain (Altschul)
Russell Webb	(SH – 1 st Specialty)	17 yes; 1 abstain (White)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Lorraine C. Rivard	(SH – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes
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Advance to Approved Specialty/Approval Pending Allbreed:

Dennis Ganoe	17 yes; 1 no (Cantley)
Iris Tanner	16 yes; 2 abstain (Satoh, Baugh)
Megumi Yamashita	18 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Barbara Jaeger	18 yes
Sharon Powell	18 yes
Peter Vanwonterghem	18 yes

After an executive session disciplinary hearing regarding Andrew Ustinov, impose a one-year suspension from guest judging any CFA show and a letter of apology to the owner of the cat in question. **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

(10) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Protest Committee Chair Annette Wilson gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #58).

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)*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Protest Committee met via conference call on June 4, 2009.

Peter Vanwonderghem has resigned from the Committee effective June 8, 2009. The Protest Committee will seek the advice of the International Division Chair for replacement suggestions.

The Committee suggests that a more streamlined way of handling contractual complaints be found to remove some of the burden from Central Office employees. CFA has no jurisdiction in these matters but we agree that it is important to be aware of repeat offenders. Suggest tracking such complaints in a spreadsheet for review by the Committee Chair and the Animal Welfare member would limit the number brought to the full committee and board but still allow for review of frequency of complaints and further action when deemed necessary. Referral of contractual matters to the CFA ombudsman would also be an option to mediate issues between parties.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(11) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

This year we have begun listing all of the state bills we are following on the CFA web site at: <http://www.cfa.org/exhibitors/bill-tracking.pdf>. There is a link to the bill tracking list on the legislative alerts page and it can be accessed from the legislative pull down menu on the CFA toolbar. In the past, most bills were listed on the web site only when CFA took some formal action; such as issuing a CFA Legislative Alert or writing a letter in opposition. The online list is being updated weekly so that fanciers may be aware of bills in their area as early as possible in the legislative process.

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) provides us with state tracking information based on broad search parameters. The Legislative Group then reads through hundreds of bills and selects a small percentage for CFA tracking. Since the beginning of calendar 2009, CFA has been tracking over 200 state bills (along with many proposed city and county ordinances).

In some instances we are tracking bills which may appear not to affect us, but we suspect it will be amended in the future. Some bills apply to cats, or cats and dogs, or apply to dogs only but are of concern to us. Of course, we have no ability to predict when a completely unrelated bill may be amended to add cat or breeder regulation unrelated to the original provisions (such as Illinois HB 2703 or Texas HB 2310 discussed below).

HSUS announced last year that in 2009 they would promote "puppy mill" legislation in up to 35 states imposing caps on possession of breedable animals. In a few instances the cap is as high as 50 intact females, more than would be found in a hobby breeder's home. This both makes it harder to mobilize the opposition, as well as undercutting our argument to legislators and the public that we are too small to be a problem. The caps ignore the conditions in which the animals are kept and whether large scale breeding meets a market demand or can be done humanely and safely. Of course, once the breeder regulation is in place, the caps numbers can be lowered in coming years (the boiled frog strategy). They continue to work toward lowering thresholds for breeder regulation where these already exist. With caps on breedable animals and increasing regulation of small breeders they continue to squeeze hobby breeders in the middle.

In addition to this well-orchestrated and well-funded campaign, we continue to face the usual legislative issues such as mandatory spay and neuter, guardianship terminology, limit laws, non-economic damages, mandatory microchipping & pet ID (i.e. cat licensing), breeder inspection, pet warranty laws, creative definitions of "hoarding" and other challenges. A disturbing trend is to include free-roaming cats in proposed legislation targeting "invasive species" or "non-native species." Many State legislative sessions are either ending or have reached crossover deadlines which will eliminate many bills for this session. A few bills and ordinances have passed most have been defeated, dropped or failed to advance before procedural deadlines.

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

Highlights of a few State/local Bills: (Not complete - these are just a few examples.)

ILLINOIS

Illinois faced a large number of statewide bills introduced this session which would impact pet owners with CFA tracking 19 of them. (This was the third greatest number of bills on our tracking list behind New York with 29 and New Jersey with 23.) In many instances the Illinois bills were introduced with text that the author intended to amend later, making our analysis more difficult. For example, Illinois HB 2703 as originally drafted took the word “the” out of one sentence in the Illinois Animal Control Act, and replaced it with the word “the.” HB 2703 was amended two months after introduction to give Animal Control a laundry list of new powers and regulations. It would have authorized mandatory rabies vaccination of cats, mandatory microchipping and registration (i.e. cat licensing). It would have created new definitions of “cat” and “feral cat” and eliminated farm cats as feral cats. HB 2307 would have restricted animals at large or in possession of persons less than 16 years of age. It would have expanded the authority of animal control to regulate feral cat caretakers and TNR programs and mandate veterinarians release the names and addresses of pet owners to animal control on request. The bill was **withdrawn** by the author after a firestorm of protest.

Chicago - The proposed ordinance in 2008 would have required 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 worked closely with local cat fanciers, dog fanciers other groups. A group called the Alliance of Chicagoland Pet Owners (ACPO) took the lead in opposition. Even the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association objecting to portions of the ordinance. Just when it appeared to be done, the Mayor threw his support behind the ordinance. Despite the attempt at a last-minute reprieve, the ordinance appears to be **dead**.

FLORIDA

Florida continues to be a major battleground for anti-breeder legislation at both the state and local level. Half a dozen statewide bills were introduced this year dealing with mandatory sterilization of pets, breeder regulation and pet sales. Many local jurisdictions also introduced harmful legislation. Well-organized opposition from the Florida CFA clubs, breeders and exhibitors, as well as a close working relationship with other groups, allowed them to **defeat** all of the statewide bills this session.

MINNESOTA

Bills considered in Minnesota included S7 / H253 which would have regulated breeders who possess six or more adult intact female animals for the purpose of breeding. In addition, S500 / H573, the “Minnesota Puppy and Kitten Mill Cruelty Prevention Act”; would have required certain dog and cat commercial breeders to hold a valid permit issued by the board of animal health. The Minnesota bills were **stopped for now** but can be revived in 2010.

OKLAHOMA

The “Oklahoma Pet Quality Assurance and Protection Act” (HB 1332) would have required licensing of anyone who “sells, gives away, or transfers” 25 kittens/puppies per year. In addition to restrictions on out-of-state dealer/breeders it authorized seizure of animals; forfeiture of animals; specifies

certain transport requirements; bills of sale for animals; official health certificates, and promulgation of rules to implement new standards for breeders. What the cat fancy may have lacked in numbers in OK we made up for in quality and working with the dog groups and this bill was **defeated** for this session.

OREGON

HB 2470 is another "large breeder" bill that prohibits owning, possessing, controlling or having charge of more than 50 sexually intact dogs aged four months or older. It also imposes severe restrictions and reporting requirements on persons owning, possessing, controlling or having charge of 10 or more sexually intact dogs aged four months or older. The maximum penalty for violation would be six months imprisonment, \$2,500 fine, or both. It imposes new requirements and prohibitions on pet dealers selling, bartering or exchanging dogs and provides customers of pet dealers with specific remedies if dogs have diseases, illnesses, adverse conditions or adverse congenital or hereditary defects. Although a "dog only" bill, a dedicated group of cat fanciers have joined the AKC, NAIA and other groups in opposition. Unfortunately, it has **passed** the Legislature and is going to the Governor for signature.

TEXAS

More than two dozen pet bills were introduced in TX this year with CFA tracking 8, ranging from mandatory spay and neuter to pet limit laws to mandatory identification (cat licensing) to breeder restrictions. Two of the worst bills, HB 3180 and its companion bills SB 1910 would have provided for breeder licensing, regulation of pet sales and new kitten "lemon law" regulations. When both stalled in the face of organized opposition the provisions were added as an amendment to Texas HB 2310, which had already passed the house. The bill concerned the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation but was amended over the objection of the bill's author. However, because of the differences between the house and senate versions it was sent to conference committee where the amendment was **defeated**. The remaining bills are now **dead** for this legislative session.

CALIFORNIA

California continues to be the testing grounds for animal rights initiatives. The "large breeder: bill there is AB 241 which would make it illegal to have more than a combined total of 50 dogs and cats with intact sexual organs. It would authorize certain officers to investigate a violation of such provisions, and to lawfully take possession of an animal kept in violation of existing law. AB 1122 would have made it illegal to sell a live animal on any street, highway, public right-of-way, commercial parking lot, or at any outdoor special sale, swap meet, flea market, parking lot sale, carnival, or boardwalk. As originally drafted it would have included cat shows, dog shows and most animal events except as specifically exempted. Most of the offensive provisions were removed by the most recent amendments but the bill is still being monitored. SB 250 would make it illegal to own, keep or harbor a dog with intact sexual organs, except as specified. It would make it illegal to have an intact cat remain outdoors. It would define a cat's "custodian" as anyone who feeds or cares for a stray cat for more than 30 days. This would be devastating for people working on trap, neuter and return (TNR) as well as casual cat feeders. It would require an owner or custodian who offers any unsterilized dog or cat for sale, trade, or adoption to meet specified requirements and sterilization of any cat or dog impounded for any reason; or for violation of this law if cited for violation of other law. This bill barely passed the CA Senate after some last-minute political maneuvering by the author. **A brutal fight is anticipated** in the Assembly.

Conferences:

HSUS Humane Care Expo, Las Vegas, NV, April 6 – 9, 2009 – Joan Miller was 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 underwrote her expenses for airfare and one night. I attended the HSUS Expo as a participant. It was at the Expo that HSUS rolled out the alliance with Maddie's Fund and the Ad Council for a massive advertising campaign to encourage people to adopt from shelters instead of "other sources." On a more positive note, HSUS appears to fully embrace TNR as the best approach to dealing with feral cats. This is a significant evolution from previous objections that TNR was "subsidized abandonment." The Expo gave us 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 a variety of animal groups and leaders.

No-Kill Conference, Washington, DC, George Washington Law School, May 2-3, 2009. The conference was organized by Nathan Winograd and his "No-Kill Solutions." Joan Miller was a featured speaker and demonstrated handling of shelter cats, discussed cat behavior in the shelter environment and how to enhance chances for adoption. CFA was a sponsor thanks to matching donations to the Sy Howard Legislative Fund. I attended as well to promote CFA's interest in the no kill movement. There was a great deal of energy at the conference but many of the "traditional" organizations did not have a presence. While most of the "No-Kill Equation" is very positive, favoring cooperative, community solutions over coercive legislation, there was some discussion on stopping the "puppy mills." Whether this discussion represents a change in direction for No-Kill Solutions remains to be seen.

CFA Fanc-e-Mews & Legislative page

As noted above, the legislative alerts page now includes a link to a "CFA Bill Tracking" list which is updated weekly. Legislative Alerts continue to be published on the web site with links from the alerts page as well as from the CFA toolbar.

Fanc-E-Mews articles are written for the average cat owner. Articles of general interest to the public on legislative and animal sheltering matters are used to build awareness of the general pet owning public. Articles published since the February 2009 Board meeting:

- **March/April 2009 – "Why Not Coercive Legislation?"** by Joan Miller (Updated from a 1991 article by Joan (Wastlhuber) Miller & Karen Johnson). The article explores the fallacy of assuming a legislative solution is the best approach for the perceived problems with cats. These laws often begin a real or perceived animal related problem that creates the attention getting "crisis" situation. Coercive legislation becomes the "quick-fix" solution and often seems to be aimed at presenting a social message with little expectation of enforcement or any real benefit for the animals.
- **May/June 2009 - "Who Will Defend The Breeders?"**, by Joan Miller. Done as an open answer to an online inquiry, the article discusses our pride in our cats and our breeding programs. It provides an overview of our commitment to programs that work, such as TNR. It also discusses our programs to promote the value of pedigreed cats and the importance of getting your pet from a reputable breeder.

Future Projections for Committee/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.*

The following meetings/conferences are scheduled or anticipated during the coming year:

CFA Legislative Roundtable, Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the CFA Annual meeting in Indian Wells, CA.

AVMA Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, July 11-14, 2009.

PetSmart Charities Feline Forum; Chicago, IL, September 24-26, 2009 - This conference will focus on the ever-growing needs of homeless cats with experts on feral cat issues, rebranding cats, veterinary and shelter practices. (Given the recent legislative activity in Illinois and Chicago, fanciers in the area may wish to attend this as well. Kathy, please mark your calendar.)

Animal Health Institute (AHI) Pet Night on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, September 30-31, 2009. CFA has co-sponsored this event for 11 years and will be a sponsor again in 2009 thanks to a donation from National Capitol. It is a rare opportunity to maintain contact with members of congress, their aides, top representatives of the pharmaceutical industry (Pfizer, Bayer, Merck, etc.), veterinary organizations (AVMA, AAHA) and other sponsors such as AKC, PIJAC and APPA. The day following Pet Night there is a meeting with the coalition to discuss strategy on legislative matters such as the "guardian" campaign and non-economic damages.

American Humane Association (AHA) Annual Conference, TBA, Fall 2009. This is an important meeting for networking with animal welfare moderates.

NAIA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2-3, 2009 (with a lobby day on November 4.) The National Animal Interest Alliance is the one national group directly confronting the extreme animal rights positions that threaten pet ownership and breeding of dogs/cats.

SAWA Annual Conference, Austin, TX, November 15-17, 2009. Members are leading animal control and shelter directors; we've worked for years to build respect for CFA and our views with these shelter professionals. Membership in this association is by invitation only. Joan Miller was voted in as a nonvoting associate member a little over 3 years ago.

Cat Writers Annual Conference, White Plains, NY, November 19-21, 2009. Unfortunately, the Cat Writers Association meeting is no longer being held in conjunction with the CFA International Show. But it remains important to reach out to the media, editors and writers on cat issues, plus many of the pharmaceutical company people and others.

North American Veterinary Conference, Orlando, FL, January 16-20, 2010.

HSUS Animal Care Expo., Nashville, TN, May 5-8, 2010. Networking opportunities are excellent - workshops are outstanding and usually cover legislative issues as well as animal welfare and shelter topics.

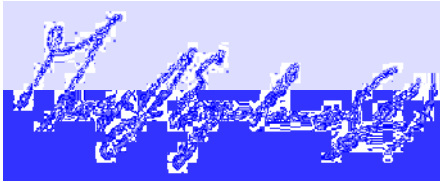
Action Items:

None at this time.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.", is written over a blue rectangular background.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

(12) AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Committee Chair: Robert L. Molino
List of Committee Members: Charles T. Gradowski, CPA; Lyn Knight,
Fred Colandra, Jr.

Additional members may consist of subject matter experts (SME) from CFA's exhibitor base, public, private, profit and not for profit businesses. The chairperson may adjust the membership from time to time based on the current needs and objectives of the audit committee. Members serve terms as established by the Chair.

During the period of the report, the committee established itself as follows:

Purpose:

- *Ensure that CFA's financial processes are sound and effective. Specifically, the committee will review obligation authorities and payment processes for compliance with CFA policy and current good business practices, and that those obligations are approved by the specified obligation authority and payments reflect contractual obligations.*
- *Review that obligations and approvals are obtained at required approval levels prior to encumbering the association.*
- *Assess that the appropriate authorities approve ratifications of obligation decisions and payments, as necessary.*
- *Recommend that organization, staffing, and workflow reflect good business practices and achieve optimum cost effectiveness and minimize business operation expenses.*
- *Review other area of management and financial processes as experience and results, or the Board suggests.*

Mission: *To enhance CFA financial and management position by recommending improved processes, efficiencies, effectiveness, and accuracy across all aspects of CFA.*

Objectives:

Enhance and improve CFA financial and management processes and policies Streamline CFA financial reporting Achieve process economies of scale through automated tools and assets where possible Discuss developing/reviewing metrics of effectiveness and efficiency for CFA Review audit findings of financial reporting consistency and quality within CFA Recommend organizational staffing, duties, job descriptions, organizational placement and work flow to achieve optimum efficiency

Topics for consideration:

Determine what financial obligations exist for CFA and how they were authorized Recommend which obligations should be subject to further review and approval Identify a review/authorization process for financial obligations Document processes and recommend training, as necessary, for Central Office personnel Enforce adherence via periodic process audits which would include reviewing random obligations for adherence to policy

Accomplishments:

Recommended interim obligation review authority with the CFA Treasurer for all obligations over \$5,000 prior to execution. Board Approved Participated in the cost review of the new Central Office servers that were already pending execution.

Future Activities:

Develop a strategic plan to achieve the stated mission and a tactical time-phased plan of execution. Establish next fiscal year activities in association with CFA's Budget Committee. Review the central office staffing requirements to ultimately accomplish the goal of job descriptions for each position at central office and an appropriate organizational structure.

*Respectfully submitted:
Robert L. Molino, Chair*

Molino: With the Audit Committee working properly, we can address concerns in a very public manner. While we are zealous, we have to be realistic that this is a big job. To do it right, you can't do everything at once. The operative words are "segregation of duties", which in a business sense means that the people who want something are different from the people who buy something, and they are different from the people who pay for it. As long as the integrity functions are maintained, the organization is going to be well taken care of. This is a constitutional activity that we have taken seriously. This is the first effort that we've had to find what that constitutional amendment really means, and it is both financial and management.

(13) AKC-CFA MEET THE BREEDS.

Committee Chair: *David White*
List of Committee Members: *Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer); Allene Tartaglia (CFA Executive Director); Roeanne Fulkerson (CFA Director of Corporate Marketing & Public Relations); Geri Fellerman – Event Coordinator; Claudia Hasay – Breed Booth Coordinator*

Committee Activities since February Board Meeting:

Following the February 2009 Board Meeting when the “Meet the Breeds” concept was presented to the Board, I have been actively pursuing committee members that are committed to making this event a success. I am pleased to inform the board that the following members have been selected as committee members for “Meet the Breeds”:

*Geri Fellerman – Event Coordinator
Claudia Hasay – Breed Booth Coordinator
Linda Rogge and Deb Metz – Vendor Coordinators*

The committee continues to work towards putting together various aspects of the event. We have had bi-weekly conference calls with committee members which have been quite productive. Since there is no show in conjunction with this event, it is more coordination efforts that are needed to make this event successful. Topics discussed routinely include PR initiatives, Breed Council meeting updates, in addition to committee member updates on their area of responsibility.

New or Ongoing PR Initiatives:

- **First Press release** approved and distributed to all CFA media list members, more than 100 pet editors and producers nationwide, as well as all NYC photo and assignment editors for advanced planning notification purposes. Also posted on the CICC web site.
- **Macy’s** – New initiative, ongoing negotiations for possible partnering initiatives for CICC how – TBD.
- **Iams** is working on a celebrity personality to include in PR (negotiations confidential until they have confirmation - TBD).
- **Empire State Building (ESB)** – A new initiative this year. Peter Collins provided the information and assisted us in applying to the ESB to have the show colors displayed at the top of the Empire State Building. The Tower Lights change as a focal point for events, displays, gatherings, and promotions within NYC. Those interested simply fill out and submit the application. Those selected to have their lights displayed are notified if they are accepted. If chosen, the lights at the top of the ESB will display the CICC show colors this year (purple, orange, and gold) for a week prior to the show. There is no cost involved. The url that follows provides information on this if you are interested in reading about the “Tower Lights.” (TBD) http://www.esbnyc.com/tourism/tourism_lightingschedule.cfm
- **Filming at CICC** – Peter Collins was approached by Ken Gumbert, a filmmaker and a professor of cinema at Providence College, in Rhode Island. He is interested in making a documentary of

the CICC show. He provided additional background information regarding his experience and credits and recently finished a film that will be aired on PBS. Roeann and Peter are continuing to obtain more information before the committee will be able to reach a decision. TBD

- ***Ring of the Bell*** – New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) – Mayor’s Alliance is sponsoring us this year to see if we can be selected for the Ring of the Bell for the 2008 CICC show. TBD.
- ***Fox’s NY morning show, “Good Day New York”*** will be broadcasting live from the site of the press conference (October 15) at the Garden. Cats and exhibitors are currently being confirmed and will be present with their cats for pictures, interviews, and agility. “Fox and Friends” is again interested in a segment either prior to or during the show.
- ***Regis and Kelly*** have confirmed they will again have the winner(s) on their show again this year, Monday, October 20th. Peter Collins following through.
- ***Martha Stewart PR*** contacted Peter and wants an exclusive with the winners on Tuesday, October 21st. Discussion on conference call determined Peter will continue discussions and offer alternatives. We cannot commit to an exclusive and are not able to guarantee winners availability. Secondly, Regis and Kelly have supported the show each year and we do not want to cut them.
- ***BUS Wraps on NYC Buses*** – Pictures, text, and design of “Bus Wraps” determined, and provided to the designers. Bus Wraps are replacing the Street Banners this year (our location for hanging the banners was not available. Mayor’s Alliance partnered with us again this year on this initiative. We will have 3 double deck NYC buses traveling throughout the city daily for a week prior to the show. The bus will have a huge banner, extending the height and length of the bus, which will display the CICC Best of the Best 2007 winner’s picture (Tess) and an additional cat picture, Iams, CFA, and Mayor’s Alliance logos, and the text about the show and Adopt-A-Cat.
- ***The 15 Second video clip*** used last year for the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show has been updated and provided to MSG. The video clip consists of multiple pictures of CFA cats and judges ending with the CFA and Iams logos. This clip will run consistently in a loop as one of the videos on the MSG Marquee which is positioned on 7th Avenue directly in front of the main entrance to the Garden. This clip will run 24/7 until 10 October, providing an excellent opportunity for more visibility to the general public to increase our gate. The url of the video clip is: <http://ftp1.videosources.com/Login>
- ***Bowtie (Cat Fancy) Spectator Guide*** – Initially, we were not going to be able to have the Spectator Guide this year because BowTie could not commit. However, Iams offered to pay for the printing; CFA will also contribute to the cost. Our costs will be covered by Corporate and breeder ads. Roeann worked with BowTie to obtain the content we provided them last year, and she and Allene modified the number of pages to keep costs down. Content is being updated and provided to the printer.
- ***Newspaper ads*** are currently under design and will be placed the first week of October. We are fortunate to have a professional printer (CFA exhibitor) volunteer her services with the assistance of a their graphic designer to design the ads again for us this year.

Special Events Planned:

- **Iams** is providing the “**Trained Cats**” again this year – always a huge hit with the spectator’s and press. Their presence will be built heavily into the PR again this year.
- **Cat Agility**, always popular, will take place throughout the weekend this year on the main floor. The change in location greatly enhanced participation by the exhibitors.
- **Breed Showcase**, always one of the favorite with the crowds and press with Joan Miller providing the presentation. Always well received and very popular with the crowd and the press.
- **Simon and Schuster** will award the winner of the 2nd annual “Cutest Cat and Kid Digital Photo Contest” just prior to the Best of the Best Presentation on Sunday afternoon. They received over 100 pictures of cats with children for the contest which was conducted online.
- **Speakers** – Currently in coordination. TBD
- **Sponsorship Update:** Defer to the Business Development Report for updated sponsorship information.

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

- IAMS is providing IAMS cat food coupons for each cat that makes it into Best of the Best, Agility placements and a special allotment of cat food for the top 3 cats in show. Best in show will receive 400 lbs of cat food from IAMS.
- Best of the Best and winner prizes: BoB will receive a Trophy this year, all 3 winners will receive a carrier from Sturdi and the Agility winner will receive Iams coupons and a gold agility necklace, compliments of Precious Pets Jewelry.
- Clerks and Master Clerk contracted and almost completed.
- Space requirements and floor plan, stage and presentation area discussed; goal is to increase size of stage and BoB presentation area; space dependent on final entries and vendors. (TBD)
- Madison Square Garden requirements (decorator, tables, chairs). (TBD).
- Rosette Requirements; Decorations; Signage; printing and catalog needs.(TBD).

Future Projections for Committee:

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

What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

//s// Pam Huggins, CICC Chairperson

//s// David White, CICC Show Manager

Brown: Are people going to be handling the cats in the booths as they walk through? **White:** Absolutely. We have made it very clear that we must get away from the “don’t touch my cat” mentality. This is all about meeting the breeds. We do expect to wipe hands between cats, but it’s going to be a different mindset for everyone, because obviously that’s not something that we typically do, so we have made that very clear with the breed council members as to what we’re looking for.

Miller: One of the things that I like very much is, we have been involving the Ambassador Program with their “Ask Me” buttons. People seem to respond to that and it gives a nice, friendly feeling to the event.

(14) **CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

Committee Chairs: Mark Hannon, Debbie Kusy
List of Committee Members: Teresa Keiger and Rob Miller (Co-Show Managers), Kathy Calhoun (Show Treasurer), Allene Tartaglia

We would first like to thank the board for their vote to approve the budget developed for the 2009 CIS in Atlanta, GA. The committee is committed to adherence to the approved budget and to bringing the show in at a profit.

Several key members of the show committee have been selected and all are very enthusiastic about working on the show. Co-show Managers Teresa Keiger and Rob Miller bring many years of show-production experience and have already offered some excellent ideas. Debi Parker agreed to act as SH entry clerk and Elaine Crews will do the LH portion, also those with entries in both specialties will send their entries to Elaine. Both are very familiar with the Clerk 2K entry clerking program. Eve Russell is again handling rosettes and ribbons and is soliciting quotes to ensure that we get the best price value for our dollar. Beth Cassely has again agreed to handle the fund raising, a job she's done very well for many years. Peter Collins, who has handled the publicity for the CICC show in New York for the last several years, has been hired to do the publicity for the CIS, at a very reasonable fee. Ande DeGeer is again handling the vendors, with assistance from Jacqui Bennett. Ande handled the vendors in 2008, the income came in under budget, but Ande offered some very positive input on increasing vendors and therefore vendor income at the show.

Certainly one of the major issues that needs to be settled is the scoring of the show. In the past, the show was never scored, as it was felt that the large count available at the show would skew regional and national rankings unfairly. Those who could not afford to come to the show would be at a disadvantage, as they would be losing the biggest counts of the year. However, the counts in the last several years have been consistent with those at our highest-count shows, such as Garden State, San Diego and National Capital. Awarding points at this year's show may attract more entries, and with an entry limit of 750 cats, the points would not be that much higher than we see at our largest shows.

Therefore, the committee is offering four scoring options for the show and would like a decision from the board as to how scoring for the 2009 is to be handled. Those four options are:

I. No Scoring, as we've done in the past

DelaBar: When we did the first Invitationals, we had monetary awards for the top cats. That's why we started out with no scoring, because money was tied to winning. **Altschul:** Option #1 would be interesting, because it will encourage people to bring out top winners from prior years. People don't tend to bring out their past winners because it is seen as blocking or poor sportsmanship, but this is a non-scored show. **Miller:** Building on that idea, the general public loves to see those cats. It gives an opportunity to involve some of the exhibitors that may not be active now. Some DM's have never been in a show hall, yet they contributed tremendously to their breed. The breeders could talk about the history of their cat. The public really goes for that. **Johnson:** I want to move away from the idea that it's wrong to show a previous winner. That's a real hindrance to us filling our shows. The International is an excellent way for us to say, show your best whatever the age – bring them out and compete. If you can be a winner two years in a row, let's do it. This idea that you're entitled to win and somebody who has won before isn't entitled to compete again hinders what we are all about. It's

competition, not a party where everybody gets a prize. The International is a great place to do that, scored or not. I want us to move away from the idea that because a show is scored, you can't show a previous winner. As a board, we need to start encouraging people. **Meeker:** My region has done a lot with the Veteran Class. We awarded top 10 in Veterans Class in our region this year. The camaraderie and the support, and just plain fun that goes on in those rings, is something that everyone recognizes and responds to. **Johnson:** We want them to come to the show and compete. There are two obvious choices here – we either stick with scoring or we don't score at all, rather than manipulate it.

Eigenhauser: When you look at kitten counts, only one show in the entire year matched the specialty count at the International. This could have a profound effect on kitten scoring. **Johnson:** And they are the same time of the year. **Baugh:** My understanding of the intent of scoring was to get more entries. We had an excellent entry last year and almost filled. **Eigenhauser:** Being best cat at the International carries its own bragging rights. That's what we're selling in the cat fancy. There's just as much vanity to be earned being best cat at our premier show as many of our other awards. **Altschul:** Winners put the achievement on their website, plus CFA posts the top 5 of each category on the website. That's free advertising. CFA doesn't do that for any other show.

2. *Take the average of the three highest counts in the 2008-2009 show season and use that as the count for the show, awarding points in all six rings. Counts last year were:*

<u>Kittens</u>		<u>Championship</u>		<u>Premiership</u>	
National Capital	189	Midwest TGIF	142	Garden State	91
GSCC/SDCF	108	Garden State	141	Houston CC	89
Atlanta AB	107	Four clubs tied @	121	Natl Norwegian	80
Totals	404		404		260
Divided by 3	134.6		134.6		86.6

The counts for those present and competing at the 2008 CIS were as follows:

Kittens	134 LH's	140 SH's
Championship	98 LH's	137 SH's
Premiership	36 LH's	63 SH's

Remembering that the rings at the CIS are all specialty rings, the ring averaging method would obviously award more points than the number of cats that would likely be actually present. While we originally thought this method might make the most sense, in looking at the actual numbers, it appears that we would be giving "phantom" points. An alternate thought would be to use either the actual count OR the 3-show average, whichever count is lowest.

3. *Use the actual count of cats present in each category, but only score 2 rings in each grouping, that is, two LH and two SH kittens rings and 2 LH and 2 SH CH/PR rings. The two rings would be drawn at random after judging is complete.*

Miller: Fundamentally, we want to show that cats have the stamina and quality not just for one show but for a whole season. That's why I support #3. This show should be part of an overall show career of a cat, as opposed to a flash in the pan cat that gets all the bragging rights. This show should be part of our overall scheme of showing quality cats. #3 is a good compromise. It adds and excitement.

4. *Score the entire show, based on the actual count of cats present and competing.*

Calhoun: In this economy, people don't have a lot of discretionary income to spend that kind of money for something that doesn't count. It's important that the show has a value. There is a value in camaraderie and competition, but my concern is that our organization is based on point achievements from having wins count. A lot of the best cats take the weekend off, so that diminishes it. While the winners get bragging rights, they don't have a title that carries on through the pedigree. By design, we have NW, RW, DW, etc. That's what carries on historically.

Obviously there are pros and cons to each scoring method. Awarding points in all rings will most likely draw more of the cats that are being campaigned. This show has attracted many of the top cats in the country in the past – the cat that wound up COTY did indeed compete at last year's CIS as well as many other cats that wound up among the season's national winners. The CIS Committee would like for the Board to decide if this year's show will be scored, and if so, how, based on the four recommendations shown above.

Another item that needs to be addressed is the scoring of the LH Exotics at the show. There has been discussion among the committee members about how they will be presented in the Best of the Best presentation at the end of the show. Here are the two options – if, for example, a Solid Black LH Exotic competes in the show and is the highest scoring in the Solid Persian Division, would the cat be presented at the end of the day as the Best Solid Persian, or as one of the Best in the LH Exotic Division? If the cat is scored as a LH Exotic, the next highest scoring cat registered as a Persian would be presented in the BOB as the Best Solid Persian and the LH Exotic would be presented as one of the Best LH Exotics. Remember, there will only be three LH Exotic awards, they would NOT be awarded by Division, as per the compromise arrangement. If the cats are scored and presented as LH Exotics, this will require some programming changes, and most likely some additional programming costs.

We also will have to shorten the Best of the Best presentation, as the show has been cut to two days and there will have to be significant judging done on Sunday in order to complete all of the ring judging. At this point we have not reached a final decision on exactly how this will be done, but obviously there will be less time for the Best of the Best presentation.

The CIS Committee would again like to thank the board for their support. We are committed to producing a fun, exciting and profitable show in 2009.

Action Items:

1. *Determine if the show is to be scored, and if so, what method of scoring is to be used*

After a process of elimination vote, option #1 (no scoring) was selected.

2. *Determine how the LH Exotics are to be presented in the Best of the Best*

DelaBar: Depending on what happens at the delegate meeting, this may be overcome by events. **Tabled until Sunday.**

[from Sunday] Altschul: This should be consistent with what we're doing with the year-end awards. **Kusy** moves that they be scored as they are at all shows throughout the year and be

announced at the end in the breed presentation as longhair Exotics. **DelaBar** called the motion.
Motion Carried.

Satoh: People in Japan have concerns, because this year, the International Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Last year the show was held also Friday. The Japanese participants were able to get an endorsement from the vet on Friday in order for them to go back to Japan. For this year, the show is going to be on Saturday. The participants would like to know if they are able to get the endorsement on Saturday. **Tartaglia:** The paperwork is taken into a government office, which is not open on Saturday. **Satoh:** It may be possible to get the endorsement on Friday, because most participants come in Friday. **Tartaglia:** They will have to be there Friday morning, because it is a 2-3 hour drive.

(15) **INSURANCE COVERAGE SUMMARY AND PROPOSAL:** Scott D. Allen, AAI of Whitaker-Myers Insurance Agency Inc. presented an overview of the insurance coverages recommended for CFA.

(16) JAPAN REGION.

Director: Yayoi Satoh

1) Current Budget Status

All board members in region 8 have been dedicating themselves to the region by saving all kinds of expenses since the embezzlement scandal by our accountant in 2007, which ended our budget only JPY 41 for the year. Since appropriate venue is very expensive in Japan, we cannot afford to rent the venue the day before the show, but only the days that show actually takes place. So, we all have to go to the site early enough for set up the show before the show starts. All board members are desperate to pump up our region. I am very proud of our board members, and deeply appreciate all the effort they put into the region. Thanks to all dedicated members, region 8 budget went back to JPY 4,000,000. Yet, it is very unfortunate that police authority in Japan has not arrested the suspect, Ms. Kazuko Kurokawa, regardless repeated requests. It is true that it takes forever for Japanese police authority to arrest the suspect unless otherwise it is heinous crime. We all hope that this matter is resolve soon.

2) Region 8 Cat Show Stains

Due to world economy slump, the numbers of cat entries have been declining the past year. We are having shows that has more or less of 100 cat entries per show, which make us anxious that if we will be able to continue the, show. Club owners are also bearing heavy burden due to high price of commodities in Japan.

We have following issues for cat show in Japan region:

- a. There are few organization that is willing to be a sponsor for the show.*
- b. We have practically no visitors. The advertisement and promotion activities are way too expensive.*
- c. We cannot have "for sale" booth in show hall since there is no victor.*
- d. There are few hotels that accommodate with cat.*
- e. By economical reason, we cannot afford to rent big enough venue for visitors even if we promote.*
- f. Currently we are charging about \$190 per cat, which is standard. Although we acknowledge that current fee is too expensive for exhibitors, we will end up with loss if we do not charge that amount. Under the struggling circumstance, we are planning to reduce the entry fee to the half price for 2010 regional show to attract more exhibitors.*

3) Japan Award

We will hold "Japan Award" on July 26, 2009. Every year, we have about 200 people join the party. We will charge membership fee for 1 PY 12,000, which will be turning into payment for tile hotel. Other expenses such as rosette, fee, postage, and flowers cost at the venue will be made up by donation from Hills Colgate Company.

4) Yahoo Bulletin Board Issue/Other issues.

The person who was assigned as second ambassador coordinator established Yahoo group and solicited the participants at the show. At the beginning, participants were discussing about the show

report and awareness campaign. However, recent activity on this Yahoo group is only complaints and defamations. The bulletin board is practically run by only a few people who post their criticism about region board members and operation of the region and no healthy comment about region has been seen for a long time. All board members were elected-with overwhelming majority by Region 8 members and I concern that, it is against democratic foundation to argue with region operation. It is extremely shame that allbreed judges and second ambassador coordinators involve with this region operation bashing. Ambassador, who is supposed to be helping the cat shows, should not obstruct region operation. I was told that establishing Yahoo bulletin board was requested by CFA. Yet, I have not informed who made that particular request.

Here are some reported cases on Yahoo Bulletin Board that supposedly some judges and directors did.

- a. Threatening exhibitors to enter the show.*
- b. Accepting money and goods from exhibitors.*
- c. Accepting airline ticket and/or Green Shinkansen ticket.*
- d. Embezzling exhibitors and regions money.*
- e. Breaking the false information to the exhibitors.*
- f. Telling new exhibitors who are not familiar with the rules actions which violate the rule and forcing them to do so.*
- g. Abusing exhibitors' cats.*
- h. Not answering questions from exhibitors.*

We will request proof directly in person at the Club meeting in July from the person who made these accusations. However, we do not expect to receive any firm proof.

Additionally, we're having difficulty to come to agreement at the region club meeting. Even though someone brings new and bright idea for the region, interruptions such as bringing back the events that happened years ago block us to reach to the agreement. For example, there are some people who still believe that club member fee, which is officially approved by board, is violating the rule. Mr. Masanari Kojima still claims that club member fee is against the rule. He made comment to board members, in front of 50 club owners, that he was inquiring about the fee to Ms. DelaBar and Mr. Jacobberger as if this member fee is not approved. After that event, Mr. Hiroshi Shinmoto, secretary of Region 8, inquired about Mr. Kojima's claim, and we found out that was a false statement. Like this example, Region 8 is very confused with many of false information and comments from insensitive members.

We, all Region 8 board members, are dedicating and striving for welfare of our region. Unfortunately, we are getting pushed around by those a few insensitive people, who prevent us to maintain healthy region.

DelaBar: There have been concerns about posts to the Japan Region website of a constitution separate from CFA's. Would you please address that? **Satoh:** We do not have a Japanese constitution. This is the Japan Region, which is based on the Japan Rules. **Meeker:** They are different than all the other region rules. I have concerns about the regional staff. My understanding is, all regions function under the same constitutional rules and I'm understanding that Region 8 has different rules. I want to make sure we are all on a level playing field, because I certainly don't have a budget for staff. **Molino:** I heard that the Japanese Rules took precedent over the CFA Constitution. **Altschul:** Can we have

examples of some of the rules that people are concerned about? **Anger:** In February of 2007, the board approved the following Japan Regional Rules:

Japan Regional Rules

Now, we are working to draft rules for CFA Japan region based on agreements which we have applied as “customs” for our region’s administration.

When we started considering the rules, our secretary emailed Fred Jacobberger, CFA Legal Counsel and asked if our local rules violate CFA constitutions and other regulations. He replied as following.

“There is nothing wrong with regions having rules, so long as the regional clubs agree to them and they do not conflict with CFA rules or the CFA Constitution. I see no such conflict with the types of rules you propose. However, I think it would be a good idea to have the CFA Executive Board review your rules when you have them drafted.”

According to his suggestion, I would like to explain about the rules to the Board. I would be very happy if I could have some comments, and advice from the Board members.

Main points of our rules will be the following:

- a) *The Japan region collects regional fee annually (10,000 yen, about \$80.00)*
- b) *The clubs which paid the annual fee for Japan region, can use the show materials which belong to the CFA Japan region and have been maintained by them, with only payment of shipping fee. The clubs which didn’t pay the annual fee can also use the show materials with payment of the rental fee and shipping fee.*
- c) *The clubs which paid the annual fee receive summaries of board meeting written in Japanese, show rules and show standards in Japanese. (The clubs which didn't pay the annual fee can buy rules and standards in Japanese)*
- d) *If a club occupies its show date on Japan region show schedule, although they won’t hold their show, the director can refuse their shows in the next year (with the exception of Traditional Day).*

The points a), b), c) are closely related. We have been collecting annual fee as a custom from clubs in Japan for fourteen years. We use this pooled money for the following: Award party. Regional shows which are sometimes held with a half entry fee of usual shows to get new comers. Cat seminar. Expense for purchase and maintenance show materials (for example, floor lamps, flat ribbon sets, number cards, microchip reader and so on) Maintenance for our regional web site. Expense for translation and publication of documents (for example, rules, standards and so on) Expense for an interpreter going to US with the regional director. Postal fees. Other expenses. (Please refer our Financial Statement)

First of all, we would like to make clear that the Japan region collects the annual fee from clubs in Japan, then we make differences about the services from the region between clubs which paid this fee or not. We will not penalized clubs which do not pay the annual fee, but we think it is unfair if such clubs can get the same services from the region.

Secondly, we need to make rules for the show schedule in Japan. We have being divided the Japan region to East area and West area, then didn't accept two shows in the same area on the same weekend. There are a few clubs which can have their "Traditional Day" in Japan, because of the difficulty for show hall reservation. If a club continues to occupy the schedule until just before their show date, it is so difficult for another club to hold a show at that date. For instance, we couldn't have any shows in last November, though some clubs wanted to have their shows. The reason is that two clubs which had reserved show date on the regional schedule, continued to occupy the schedule in spite of the fact that they wouldn't hold their shows at the dates. We think a regional director will not permit their show schedule for one year (12 months) with the exception of their Traditional Days. (show rule 12.03c, d)

Satoh: Japan Region cannot afford to pay salaries since the money is missing. We are trying to get volunteers who are willing to work for no compensation. When we get our budget back, we will pay the transportation fee again. **Johnson:** Transportation fee for what? **Satoh:** The travel expense fee is paid for someone who volunteers for setting up the Regional Show, from their home to the cat show site. **Molino:** There is a person who translates and disseminates the minutes of every meeting. **Meeker:** How many treasurers do you have for your region? **Satoh:** We have two accountants and two auditors. They are not paid. **Jacobberger:** It would be a good idea for any region that has a set of rules to have those filed with CFA so that we can review them from time to time, to make sure that they are consistent with our Constitution. **Meeker** moves that all regions' rules be submitted to Central Office for review in English and the native language, by 1 August. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(17) WINN FELINE FOUNDATION.

Winn Feline Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser presented the following report:



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

Winn Grant Awards 2009

The Winn board, along with its veterinary reviewers and consultants, met in Houston, TX on Feb. 6, 2009 to determine the award recipients for this year. Out of 36 proposals, our team of outstanding veterinary consultants helped the Foundation select 12 projects for funding, as well as an additional project approved pending further fund-raising. The projects funded this year include a Bria Fund grant for FIP research, a Ricky Fund grant for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy research, and other topics such as the adequacy of raw food diets for kittens, treatment of diabetes, and causes of diarrhea in kittens.

Winn Media Appreciation Award 2008

The Board of Directors unanimously awarded the 2008 Winn Feline Foundation Media Appreciation Award to pet book author, columnist, media personality, and cat behavior consultant Pam Johnson-Bennett. Johnson-Bennett authors arguably the most popular library of cat books; her titles include "Think Like a Cat," "Hiss and Tell," and recently "Psycho Kitty" and "Starting from Scratch." Johnson-Bennett is a pioneer in the behavior field, making kitty house calls in New York City high-rises before taking her work to the Nashville area. Her impact on helping cats and assisting Winn to improve the health of cats is undeniable. Johnson-Bennett was presented the award live on WGN Radio by Steve Dale on his Pet Central radio show. Earlier winners include journalists and well-known pet book authors, Kim Thornton and Amy Shojai.

Office of the Executive Director (Janet Wolf)

Winn's Executive Director has been intimately involved in all Foundation activities, including new initiatives such as a prospect mailing to potential new donors in Florida, and the design of a new donation card and a new information brochure. Other major activities include the administration of the Winn and Miller Trust grants, and the organization of Winn's upcoming board meeting and annual feline health symposium. In addition, revisions and updates to Winn's policy manual and standard operating procedures have been undertaken. Finally, the Executive Director is playing an integral role in the transition to our new management company.

Finance Committee/Treasurer

Winn's yearend report for 2008-09 reflects a mix of positive and negative factors. Our reported revenue for this fiscal year is record-setting thanks to the Wheeldon Estate and the corporate sponsorship partnership with HomeAgain. However, in direct reflection of the state of the economy, our contributed donations decreased by over 20% compared to the prior fiscal year. Our interest earned on investments increased by 30% thanks to the securities purchased with the legacy funds. The market did rebound somewhat and helped us regain some of the paper losses on our brokerage account reported at our last meeting. While the board is pleased with the success of this past fiscal year, we know that we may be confronted with difficult times for the foreseeable future. To help counteract this, the board is looking at programs to expand our donor base and to streamline our expenses.

Publications

Betty White continues to produce articles and newsletters for Winn, including Winn Health News which is produced primarily for CFA's online Almanac. Betty writes press releases for Winn and articles for our donor newsletter. She will also have completed an article for the next CFA yearbook on the efforts of breeders to raise funds for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy research.

Winn Symposium 2009

The 31st annual Symposium on Feline Health will be held on June 25, 2009 in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting in Indian Wells, CA. This year's speakers are Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University ("Vaccination and Systemic Disease in Cats") and Dr. Jane Brunt, Executive Director of the CATalyst Council ("CATalyst: Improving the Status of Cats"). Winn is grateful for the continued support of Pfizer Animal Health for this event. Registration is open to both cat breeders/owners and veterinarians/veterinary technicians. As Winn is now an approved continuing education provider, veterinarians and technicians are eligible for continuing education credits by attending the Symposium.

Management Strategy

For several months, Winn has been reviewing potential strategies for office support and management, with a view to designing an economical and effective plan for the future. After considering several options, the Operations Committee evaluated management companies that provide services to non-profits in the veterinary community. Following a thorough investigation, including an on-site meeting, the Winn board of directors approved the hiring of Professional Managements Associates (PMA) of Hillsborough, NJ. PMA has a stellar record in non-profit organization management, and are the current managers for other groups such as the American Assoc. of Feline Practitioners. PMA will provide Winn with stable and effective office support, as well as access to state-of-the-art donor management software and programs that promise to help Winn expand its donor base. We are very excited about the move to PMA, and expect the transition to start at the end of May. Winn thanks the CFA board of directors and Central Office staff for years of invaluable office support, without which we could not have grown and prospered. We will still need support in certain areas, and remain grateful for CFA's unflagging dedication and belief in our efforts to improve cat health. There is no doubt that countless fortunate cats lead healthier lives because of Winn's efforts, and Winn owes its existence to CFA.

Excellence in Feline Research Award

Winn has initiated a new “Excellence in Feline Research Award.” The award is accompanied by a \$2,500 honorarium. It is paired with a matching scholarship award by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) for a veterinary student interested in feline medicine (see below). The two awards are designed to promote and encourage feline health projects by both established veterinary research scientists and by those entering this field of study. Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University is the 2009 recipient of this award in recognition of his work in feline medicine. Dr. Lappin’s research mirrors Winn’s efforts to improve the lives of “Every Cat, Every Day.” Dr. Lappin will be presented with the award at the AVMF Annual Convention Recognition Event to be held on Sunday, July 12, 2009 in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association Convention in Seattle, WA.

AVMF/Winn Veterinary Student Scholarship Announced

This year, through its annual veterinary student scholarship program, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation will award 20 scholarships at \$1,000 each to student AVMA members enrolled in their first, second, or third year at an AVMA-accredited veterinary college or school in the United States. Winn has partnered with AVMF to provide an additional \$2,500 scholarship award for a student whose primary educational focus is related to feline health and welfare. The 2009 Student Scholarship application form is available on the AVMF website (www.avmf.org). The recipient will be notified by letter by Sept. 15, 2009.

(18) 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:

We are continuing to work on the “How to Choose a Pet Cat” video project funded by Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Litter. The footage taped by Painless Productions has now been provided but must be converted from Beta-SP format into DVDs so we can review and rough edit. There is about 7 to 8 hours of video of interviews of breeders/exhibitors with cats. Roeann, Allene and I discussed having the Beta-SP footage sent to a company in New Jersey for conversion.

We have contacted a video production company in Jacksonville, Florida, and discussed their taking over this project. The plan is for an introduction consisting of 3 short segments – 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 web pages developed with text and videos to learn about the various breed personalities and other characteristics. A viewer could look at all of these or select those that relate to their ideal cat.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Education programs:

America’s Family Pet Expo, Costa Mesa, CA, April 17-19, 2009 – This was a comprehensive educational program with numerous speakers. Since there was no cat show this year in conjunction with the Pet Expo we had a large education area and, thanks to support from Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Litter, we had some funds for participants’ travel and hotel expenses. We have provided three days of education for the last three years with a group of experienced speakers and cats. Our team of cats are now completely used to huge crowds and enjoy showing off. Our “petting” sessions between talks were a big hit. Assistants were CFA Ambassador Program participants. Mary Sietsema was the coordinator working with Mark Campbell and me to organize this effort. The Pet Expo was very pleased and we are already committed for next April.



No Kill Conference, Washington, DC, May 2, 3, 2009 – I was a featured speaker to show handling of cats in the shelter environment as part of a major animal law and welfare conference held at George Washington Law School. The conference was attended by George Eigenhauser as part of the Legislative Group’s activities and my travel and hotel was paid for by the No-Kill Advocacy Center as a speaker. Several other local cat fanciers attended.

Future Projections for Committee:

Launching the website for www.CatsCenterstage.com is high priority. I hope it will be possible for a budget to have a coordinator/editor for this project. We need an individual to concentrate attention on this website, working with Karen Lawrence and the committee, so the content is original, interesting and constantly new. We are planning to move some material from the CFA website, such as “For Kids – About Cats” and the Fanc-e-Mews ezine for pet owners. Much more is planned. We anticipate after launching that it will be possible for corporate support.

We have discussed the membership concept further – households would be members and their cats enrolled. The membership program would provide discounts and incentives to interest newcomers in agility, household pet showing and other cat related activities.

Overall goals – CFA Outreach and Education Program

- *Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide feline educational programs and events*
- *CatsCenterstage Project – A website to promote respect for all cats. This includes a CFA pet owner membership project that would provide revenue for CFA.*
- *Increase involvement in CFA activities*

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*

(19) **2009 ANNUAL MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE.**

Southwest Regional Director Dee Dee Cantley presented an update on the 2009 Annual, and hopes everybody is having a good time.

(20) CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM REPORT.

Ambassador Program Liaison Carissa Altschul presented the following report:

Ambassador Program Chair: Willa Hawke
Liaison to Board: Carissa Altschul
Team Leader: Jodell Raymond

As always, the Ambassador Program has been very active since the last CFA Board meeting.

TOTALS

We have 284 Ambassadors as of May 2009.

Domestic Activity

One of our truly major shows is the annual San Diego Food & Water Bowl. Donna Isenberg reported that once again they enjoyed a huge gate and that we had many ambassadors on hand greeting the public and answering questions throughout the 2 days. Great work Donna.

I am happy to report that since the beginning of the year there has been a considerable increase in Japan's Ambassador Activity. The addition of a second Regional Coordinator, Mrs. Takako Kojimi, has obviously enormously benefited Mr. Shinmoto's and the Ambassador Program's efforts in Region 8.

Smaller shows all over the USA continue to have Ambassadors on duty but we are still experiencing difficulty with obtaining feedback from some of the Regional Coordinators. It would be very helpful to the program if each CFA Regional Director would make it a point to touch base with the Ambassador RCs in their respective regions and reiterate to them how important this program is to CFA. The names and email addresses of all of our RCs are listed later in this report.

International Activity

Asia as usual is performing beyond our expectations. We receive detailed reports of their various shows as well as photos. Phebe Low is indeed a star.

Europe is a bit slow in getting started but I am happy to report that Dr. Oliver Grin has appointed an additional RC to help him launch efforts in Europe. We welcome Alekejas Dergachous on board and are confident that we will soon begin to see more Ambassador Activity in this area.

Next Scheduled Undertaking

Jodell Raymond will be giving a presentation during the Delegates Meeting and will be assisted by Phebe Low, our International Asia Regional Coordinator.

The Ambassador Core Committee will be hosting a reception and meeting immediately following the CFA Delegates Meeting on Friday. The exact time and location will be announced during the delegate meeting.

We are preparing for the October Meet The Breeds (MTBs) Expo in New York. We hope to have face to face meetings with Allene Tartaglia, the MTB CFA event and booth coordinators, and Iams Representatives during the Annual so that we are all on the same page for this significant New York event.

Booth Presence in Atlanta CFA International will be about the same as in years past. We plan to have at least two and perhaps three Ambassador Core Group members manning the booth. They will be assisted by Tour Guides and local Ambassadors during the 2 days.

Buttons & Banners

The new buttons and banners continue to be a big hit with everyone. I am sure you have all seen them at various shows throughout your regions. If not, please advise Jodell or me and we will follow up with your respective RCs.

Marketing Collateral Materials

The Ambassador Handbooks and What's Going On at the Cat Show handouts are in the process of being revised.

We now also have a Japanese translated version to be included in the Ambassador packet for Region 8 applicants.



Sponsorship

Great News – We recently received word that we will once again have corporate sponsorship (from IAMS) for at least one year. This is certainly welcome and will benefit us greatly. I would be remiss, however, not to once again mention the generous support Art Graafmans has given this program after we lost our previous sponsor. Without his continued financial and personal help the Ambassadors would simply have become just another lost cause instead of the Global success we are now enjoying.

Regional Coordinators There are recent additions/changes. * Indicates a change

Region 1	Geri Fellerman Dfyre@aol.com (NJ area)
Region 2	Mary Sietsema Mary@telcoons.com (Bay Area)
Region 2	Mark Rowe mkrowe@peak.org (Upper NW)
Region 3.	Sheila Haskins coonopry@aol.com (TX, OK, LA, TN, MS)
Region 3	Jill Abel jill_abel@hotmail.com (CO, NM, KS)
Region 4.	Mariane Toth mmmbuster@aol.com (Cleveland, OH)
Region 5	Donna Isenberg catsafrats3@aol.com (S. Cal & Las Vegas)
Region 5.	Carol Allen agavecoon@cox.net (Arizona)
Region 6.	CandiLee Jackson kjcjsing@sbcglobal.net (St. Louis)
Region 7	Karen Lane karenllane@comcast.net (Florida)
Region 7	Brandon Moore Brandon_Moore@ncsu.edu (NC, SC)
Region 8.	Japan-- Hirosho Shinmoto bamtaro@mtj.biglobe.ne.jp
Region 8	Japan - Takako Kojima : royal-road@s-h-d.co.jp

International Division Asia: Phebe Low, phebelow@yahoo.com.hk (Hong Kong)

International Division Europe: Dr. Oliver Grin aligri@hotmail.com & Aleksejs Dergachous
aleks@alemarspersians.com*

*Note – **WE STILL DON'T** 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

(21) **ANALYSIS & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Nancy Petersen

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

To provide information needed to prepare a cost estimate for conducting a survey of people who are no longer active in CFA, the Central Office did a search and identified 3,556 breeders who registered 5 or more litters between 2002 and 2007 and none since February 2007. Cost estimate for conducting survey prepared and submitted.

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*

(22) **ANIMAL WELFARE UMBRELLA – BREED RESCUE; BREEDERS’ ASSISTANCE; FOOD PANTRY.**

Animal Welfare Liaison Ginger Meeker presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

It has been a busy few months with the downturn in our economy. As we expected it put many more cats at risk. As people requested help with placement we were able to keep some cats with their owners with the offer of food from the food pantry. Royal Canin does not have as much to donate but they are still sending what they can when we request it. They have also shared dog food with us which has really helped in keeping the pets with their owners.

We have lost more good people in our program due to the economy; they themselves have left the cat fancy for another chapter in their lives. I have not been able to find a replacement for the Breeders Assistance Chair and I continue in that position. We have a special need in the Midwest Region with the loss of our Coordinator and the person who was helping her with rescue. Nancy Peterson and I are looking and so far the individuals I thought might work well have not wanted to take it on at this time. Hopefully in the next few months we will be able to find new hands to help in the needed areas.

I’ve written an article that will appear in the delegate book “The Umbrella of CFA Animal Welfare and How it Works”. There are so many rumors about CFA Animal Welfare I thought an article in the delegate book would be a good way to address some of them. I will get with Karen after the Annual to see where we can permanently post it for all to read.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are continuing to hold fundraisers for BAPBR at various shows.

We will be able to be in the CFA Booth at the International Show to get more exposure.

Adding more new people to the BAPBR Committees

Future Projections for Committee:

Animal Welfare continues to have cases in the extreme. We are however, catching more before they become a television blip and helping the individuals go in a different direction. BAPBR continues to grow and the Food Pantry is using other alternatives also in this down turned market. Donations are still coming in. Not as many and not as large but when ever help is requested the fancy is more than generous.

Action Items:

None at this time

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg Chair*

Meeker: We need to get positive, proactive information out in as many media venues as possible. Linda Berg forwarded an email that I would like to share: *Hi All: Earlier this morning, I received a call from a group, "Bark and Purr Food Pantry", who we worked with several weeks ago and donated a bunch of dog food and a bit of cat food to. They called to let me know that they have been able to assist 1,635 families with the food the BAP donated! She went on to explain that many, many and many more of the people were in tears when they were informed that they could receive food, so they could keep their pets and not turn them over to the local shelters, because they couldn't continue to feed them properly. From my understanding, several of the children have (or are?) writing letters of thanks and will be including "drawings" of their pets, which ought to be cute as can be and yes ... we should get copies of them, etc. Anyway, while this is an "extension" to the program overall, it is having a great impact with the "public" and that, in my book, is a fabulous thing for all of us, CFA, etc.!! Just thought you all should know. John*

(23) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Clerking Program Liaison Debbie Kusy presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Regina Shaffer
Liaison to the Board: Debbie Kusy
List of Committee Members: Rob Loot, Masayuki Okada, Eric Wang

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerks Status: Since my February 2008 Report we have added twelve (12) clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 320 clerks of various levels: Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) reduced by one to a total of 24, Master Clerks (MC) increased by nine (9), and Certified Ring Clerks increased by four (4) to a total of 320.

Statistically, our greatest numbers of clerks reside in Region 8 with 23% at various levels. Region 8 has the highest number of RCs and MCIs, and equals the Southern Region with MCs. The least number of clerks by area are located in the Northwest Region with only 6.9%.

In doing this research, I found it interesting to note that the report just prior to the testing deadline shows the highest number of clerks followed by a significant drop by the October Board Meeting which continues to increase until the next testing period.

<u>Report</u>	<u>Number of Clerks</u>	<u>Testing Year</u>
June 2005	320	No
June 2006	349	Yes
June 2007	321	No
June 2008	355	Yes
June 2009	320	No

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking Schools: The interest in the Clerking Program continues to grow as we have had nine clerking schools from February to May 2009. Four of these schools were held in the States and the remaining five overseas with 2 schools in the International Division (all in Asia) and three in Japan (one of these is a refresher course for licensed clerks only). These schools were taught by one MC working towards their MCI, three MCI, and five judges. We have two schools planned in the coming months, both in States (one each in Region 1 and 4).

Future Projections for Committee:

Continued status of the Clerking Program and preparation of next year's Clerking Test.

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer*

Japanese Clerking Liaison Report:

Our current number of clerks: 11 MCI (including 4 judges), 27 MC (including 7 judges) and 30 Ring Clerks for a total of 68 Licensed Clerks (including 11 judges).

Clerking Schools: We hold a clerking school sponsored by Japan Region every year in Tokyo. This school is actually two school at one location. One school is for new clerks and the other is for currently licensed clerks. Last year, we held it on August 16, 2008 and intend to hold on May 30, 2009. Also, several other clerking schools sponsored by individual club; once held in Kansai area and 3 times in Kanto area.

Apparently, there are adequately many licensed clerks in order to hold shows. However, most of the shows are held in the Kanto and Kansai areas (especially Tokyo and Osaka), and most of the licensed clerks live in these areas.

So, it is too hard for clubs to hold shows in other areas (Hokkaido, Shikoku and Kyusyu) because of the insufficient number of clerks. I think that it is a remaining problem for us and that we need to expand the activity in these other areas. I hope that clerking schools which could be sponsored by Japan Region will be held in these areas.

*Clerking Program Japan Liaison
Masayuki Okada*

Clerking Program Report Asia/Latin America, International Division

In the past two show seasons, I have attended several shows in Thailand, Malaysia, Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and our own show in the Philippines. I also attended a clerking school conducted by Judge Robert Zenda as a clerking school instructor assistant in Shanghai. My observation is that the quality of clerking program in Asia has improved quite dramatically compared with two years ago.

When I attended my first clerking school in Hong Kong in 2005, most of the CFA clubs in Asia, except Hong Kong, are just in the beginning stage. Most of the countries in Asia were holding two-ring shows once or twice a year. During that time, there were not many clerks available; therefore, experienced clerks always traveled to assist other clubs who need clerks. In these couple of years, not only do we have more clubs established in the region; but we also have more shows and more rings per show. I can see the increasing number of clerks in every country as shown by the increase in the number of licensed clerks.

In the last show season, there are many clubs in Asia organizing "big" shows. These include the 6-ring show in Bangkok in March 2009 and the two-weekend 10-ring show in Shanghai in April. I was there for both shows and witnessed for myself that not only were the clubs always able to assign one experienced clerk in every ring, but an assistant clerk as well. From my observation, the clerks assigned are very capable of assisting the judge and managing the ring. They are familiar with the show mechanics and do a commendable job of guiding the assistant clerk. Having good clerks begins from having passionate exhibitors who want to help make every show a success.

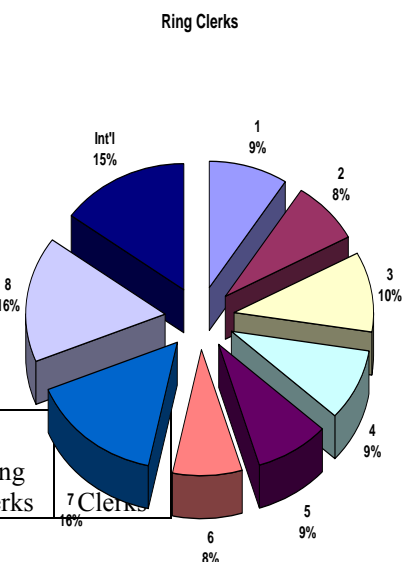
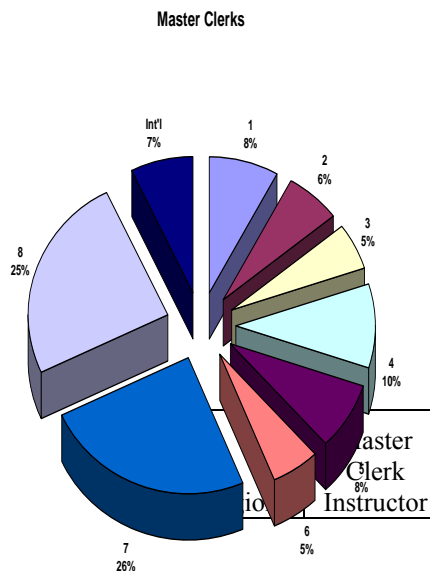
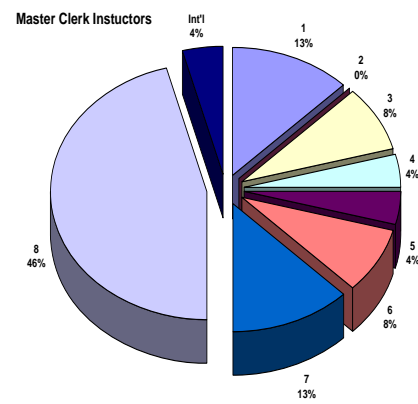
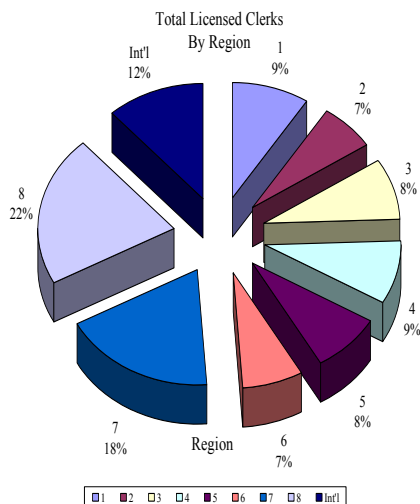
The most common problem for the clerking program in this region is the language. Some countries, particularly Thailand, China, and Indonesia have difficulty in English comprehension in clerking schools. Clerks also have some difficulty in communicating with the judges during the show. Sometimes this will cause a slow- down in one ring; but fortunately, most of the judges who come to Asia are very patient. The clubs also make it a point to assign a translator to facilitate overall communication.

The growth of the clerking program in Asia is exponential as evidenced by the number of clerking evaluations included in the show package and the increase in the number of licensed clerks. In addition, there are also a number of people working towards becoming licensed master clerks.

Congratulations to the growth of CFA in Asia. This success will not be possible without the people working so hard to promote the area like Chairman Darrell Newkirk and Asia Liaison Bob Zenda together with the support from all the club members in Asia.

*Asia/Latin America, International Division Liaison
Eric Wang*

Clerking Program May 2009 Data



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1	3	9	17	29
2	0	7	15	22
3	2	6	19	27
4	1	11	17	29
5	1	9	16	26
6	2	6	15	23
7	3	27	29	59
8	11	27	30	68
Int'l	1	8	28	37
Total	24	110	186	320

(24) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

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

The CFA Feline Agility Competition got off to a roaring start this year with competitions across the country. Since official scoring of CFA sanctioned competitions started, we have never had more competitors! Lots of handlers brought their cats to practice and play in the Agility ring. Many (145) stayed to complete the course. Some for the first time, some were seasoned competitors!

For all of those handlers whose cats were able to complete the course, at least 4 times that many came into the ring to try. Some came to see if they had the right stuff, learn how it's done, get coached by the Ring Master, find out how to train their cats, get a photo opportunity, or, just have a GREAT time!

One hundred and forty-five DIFFERENT cats! "Dusty", "Spaghetti Legs", "Bam Bam", "Rachmaninov", "Elvira", "Clash", "Trixie", "Flash Dance", "Rev Up", "Galadriel", "Icy Spice", and many, many more!

We had NWs, CHs, GPs, BWs, GCs, RWs, Shelter cats, Household Pets, Abyssinians, Persians, American Curls, Japanese Bobtails, Sphynx, Exotics to name just a few.

Thirty DIFFERENT Breeds of cats! Longhair, shorthair, plush hair, wavy hair, curly hair and no hair!

Ninety-three DIFFERENT Handlers! From Regions 1 through 7 and the International Division. We had every kind of Handler- owners, breeders, visitors, children, judges, news people, photographers, owners, exhibitors, judges, clerks. A wonderful time was had by all!

Times have been tough for shows lately. Even though some shows have had to go to a one day format and others to a smaller show hall, CFA Feline Agility is still thriving. There have been 20 Feline Agility Competitions this season put on in conjunction with Cat Fanciers Association shows. We even had one TICA club ask for CFA scored and sanctioned Feline Agility at their show! (We refused)

All in all it has been a banner year with more handlers, more cats and faster cats competing in CFA Feline Agility Competitions.

(25) **CFA FOUNDATION.**

Liaison Rachel Anger presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Hilary Helmrich, President*
Liaison to the Board: *Rachel Anger, Secretary*
Committee Members: *CFA Foundation Board*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Foundation Activities:

2008 was a full year for the CFA Foundation. We were the beneficiary of funds and collectibles from the Gladys J. Wheeldon and Wilton E. Wheeldon Charitable Remainder Trust. The funds totaled over \$750,000. The extensive collection has been inventoried and evaluated by the estate's auction house, and is currently in storage.

The funds received have allowed us to set a modest budget for activities of the Foundation while investing the monies received to have interest income to fund modest activities for the next two years.

During the final months of 2008, the collection continued to grow 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.

One of the long-standing goals of the CFA Foundation has been to have a traveling booth that could be exhibited to showcase our varied collection of artifacts and artwork. That dream became a reality with the introduction of our booth at the 2008 CFA International Cat Show in Atlanta, GA. The booth was well received, and a smaller version of the booth was displayed at shows in Phoenix, AZ (December, 2008) and San Diego, CA (January, 2009). During the show in Phoenix, Betty White presented the foundation with a painting of one of her award-winning Siamese.

Current Happenings of Foundation:

The Foundation is still in organizational stages. We have completed several activities during the past year to ensure that the donations to the Foundation are under the observation of a trained professional with oversight by our Treasurer.

- *We worked with the insurance company used by CFA to cover the assets of the Foundation. The storage areas for our materials are air-conditioned and secure.*
- *We commissioned an audit at the end of the 2008 fiscal year (April 30, 2009) and will continue to have audits done annually by an outside auditor. Our treasurer will report on that audit at our Board meeting in June.*
- *We have had the financial assets of the Foundation invested in conservative instruments with the intent of using the interest income for our expenses in 2009 and 2010.*
- *The President and Vice President visited the CFA Central Office in February, 2009 and packed and shipped to storage the materials that could be documented as Foundation donations. These include books, jewelry, artifacts, a copy of the Cosey collar, two sets of CFA*

yearbooks, a set of Almanacs, a set of stud books, and other correspondence and documentation about CFA history. All of this material is stored in secure air-conditioned conditions, and is being inventoried at this time.

- *A volunteer has donated his time and is scanning the CFA Yearbook articles. When this is complete, he will scan the Almanac breed articles. These can be made available to researchers interested in specific breeds or in articles in these publications.*
- *The Foundation has been asked to be a part of the New York City AKC/CFA Breed Exposition in October, 2009. We are preparing an exhibit for our booth.*
- *At our June 2009 Board meeting we will elect officers, ratify directors, and discuss business of the Foundation.*

Future Projections for Foundation:

In order to display the holdings of the Foundation and have space to hold historical memorabilia, catalog, and value the items for insurance purposes, we need a building that is accessible to the public and secure for the property within.

Our dream for the Foundation is a property where we have a working office, a storage area, and a gallery for the display of the Foundation holdings. We are currently exploring options.

Action Items:

None

(26) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Management Team Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

There has been no activity since the last board meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

This committee has fulfilled most of its primary goals, the Board Members Guide Book, job descriptions and the Policy and Procedures Manual for Central Office. Some additional work was done at Central Office with the completion of the Employees version of the P&P Manual.

I have found that not being on the board makes it very difficult to have any idea about what's going on and how the Management Committee might be of service to CFA. Effective with the June 2009 Board Meeting, I am resigning my position as Chair of this committee. I would like to thank the board members that supported our projects and Central Office for their cooperation and assistance in completing the P&P Manual and employee copy.

Future Projections for Committee:

None.

Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Considerations on the future need for this committee.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Watson, Chair*

DelaBar: James has done everything that was asked of him and more. I want to publicly thank James Watson for all the hard work he did, starting back in February of 2005 when we first started working very diligently on this. It was a rough road to start with because of the personnel actions that were taking place at the time.

(27) **NEW BEE PROGRAM:**

Committee Chair: *Teresa Keiger*
Liaison to Board: *Dee Dee Cantley*
List of Committee Members: *Kathy Black, Emily Turner*

The CFA NewBee Program for New Exhibitors has slowly and enthusiastically grown over the past year. Our online group continues to grow and is proving to be a great support system for our new exhibitor base. The program's website (www.cfaneewbee.org) has also expanded to include new articles and a sample entry form with pop-up explanations of each field.

Having a "New Exhibitor" checkbox on the CFA Entry Form has been a big asset for clubs who can now bench new exhibitors in proximity to seasoned exhibitors. We encourage clubs and entry clerks to continue to flag these new exhibitors for contact prior to the show or at check in. We are finding that just that bit of support from a club can make a new exhibitor's first shows much easier, and makes them feel welcome.

Upcoming projects for the NewBee Program include:

- 1. Translation of articles into the major languages available as pdf downloads on each page.*
- 2. Sample "Welcome Letters" for entry clerks and clubs to send to new exhibitors prior to the show available for download on the NewBee website's Resources page. This would give the new exhibitor some details about the show, and who to ask for assistance should they have a question or a concern.*
- 3. Online videos demonstrating how to set up simple cage curtains, what happens at check in, how to find your benching spot, and what happens in judging. (note from Teresa – I am currently looking for volunteers with basic video expertise to help with this project. Please contact me at info@cfaneewbee.org if you can provide some assistance)*

Now that the program is established and more mature, we would like to be able to help clubs or individuals conduct classes as they see the need arise in their area. Someone from the program conducting a class at a show wasn't always practical (although this is still always an option) so we see this as an alternative. We're putting together a "Class Package" that would be available to clubs as a guide to help conduct a NewBee class. Information will be available later on the "NewBee Course" page of the site.

Finally, a big "Thank You!" to all clubs who have been putting the advertisement for the NewBee program in your catalogs, and those individuals and clubs who have information about the program on your websites. This is a big part in attracting new or potential exhibitors to CFA

*Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Keiger*

(28) **MENTOR PROGRAM REPORT.**

Mentor Program Liaison Dee Dee Cantley presented the following report:

Mentor Program Chair: Mary J. Sietsema
Liaison to Board: Dee Dee Cantley
Core Committee Members: Mary J. Sietsema, Willa Hawke, Karen Lane, Jodell Raymond, Teresa Keiger and Art Graafmans
Mentor Program Coordinator: Carol Allen
Advisor/Mentor to Committee: Pat Jacobberger

Current Happenings of the Mentor Program:

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! As of May 2009 we have reached over ONE THOUSAND protégés! Many of our mentors are working with 2 or 3 protégés and with our ever growing list of protégés we are working on ways to encourage more breeders/exhibitors to become mentors. We have been expanding in the International Division as well.

Current Happenings of Core Committee:

The Mentor Core Committee, which includes the Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs, had our annual planning meeting 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 working 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.

Future Happenings of the Mentor Program:

***2009 International Show** – The Mentor Program plans to have a full page advertisement in the Show Catalog along with full page fliers to be placed on all benching cages to promote interest in 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. More information will be available in the October Board Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Sietsema, Chair

Follow Me.....the CFA Mentor Program

(29) 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. Since the February 2009 board meeting, the NSC has also been working through requests for 6x6 shows. We have developed a template for club requests and a very basic (and flexible) set of guidelines that we use as a baseline for recommendations to the board for these 6x6 shows. (See attached)

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee has approved the following changes of date/location and provided the information to Gwen:

Approval - a ONE-TIME show for Almost Heaven CC for July 25, 2009 in Charleston, WV. The club sent a letter to both Loretta Baugh (RD) and Gwen Foster (Licensing CO) indicating that they agree to a one-time show. Their traditional date remains in June.

Approved - a ONE-TIME only show for Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie Cat Club in the Houston, TX area for March 14-15, 2009.

Approved - Revelers is moving to the 4th weekend in September (starting in 2009) -- SF Bay area - location TBD

Approved - Golden West is moving to 1st weekend in October (starting in 2009) -- Southern California location TBD

Approved - Southern Region's award show to be held in Melbourne, FL on June 20-21, 2009

Approved as a "package deal" as a result of compromise by the RDs, schedulers and the 3 clubs:

- 1. Crow Canyon will be allowed to put on a show the first weekend in March 2010 on a one time only basis.*
- 2. The Burmese Cat Club of So. California will be awarded as their traditional date, the first weekend in March from 2011 forward on an annual basis.*
- 3. The Burmese Cat Club of So. California will be allowed to put on a show on a one time only basis, on the third weekend of March in 2010. That is the Rex, Rattle and Roll All Breed Cat Club's traditional date and will continue as such from 2011.*

Approved – change in location to Westfield NJ for Sign of the Cat April 2009.

Approved – Southwest Regional Show Riverside CA – May 24th, 2009. This show was further approved to move to May 23rd, 2009 in Glendale, CA after problems locating a facility.

Approved beginning in 2009 - Oklahoma City Cat Club moving to 1st weekend in September starting in 2009. Approved for location in the Oklahoma City area.

Approved -- William Penn Cat club to move to Wildwood, NJ from Millville, NJ

Approved - Feline Friends International show move to San Francisco from Madera CA beginning Dec 2009

Approved – Nashville Cat Club's shows the weekend of 31 Dec 2011 - 1 Jan 2012 and 29-30 Dec 2012 for the Nashville, TN area. Their traditional date will be the 4th weekend December for future years.

Approved – Lincoln State moving from 3rd to 4th weekend of February beginning in 2010 and years forward holding their shows in Palatine IL (Chicago suburb)

Approved - Fraser Valley Allbreed Cat Club - January 16th 2010 one-time only, one day 4 ring party/show in the Portland/Vancouver area.

Approved – Abyssinian Breeders International – July 18-19, 2009 in Las Vegas. Their traditional weekend is every-other year (even years) on this same weekend. This is a one-time request for an odd year.

Approved - Golden State CC 3rd weekend Oct for a show in 2010 in Vallejo, CA. They plan to make this their traditional date

Approved - a ONE-TIME show for San Diego Cat Fanciers for 1st weekend August 2009 in the San Diego, CA area.

6x6 requests discussed and passed to the board with recommendations as follows:

Salt City and Copper City - September 2009 – recommendation to the board – Not Favorable.

Pacific Rim and Ft Vancouver CF – August 15-16, 2009 – recommendation to the board – Favorable.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to share information and work together to resolve show date/location issues as they arise.

Continue to refine the basic requirements for 6x6 shows and work with the Regional Directors and clubs to ensure that these shows do not infringe on established clubs while attempting to allow this format to have a chance in each of the regions.

Action Items:

Motion to accept 6x6 guidelines.

Kusy: This format is hard to deal with because the dynamics on the east coast are different than the dynamics on the west coast. These are basic guidelines and we would like the board to approve them, and to get these up on the CFA website. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing planned at this time.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Lehman, Chair*

Basic Guidelines for 6x6 show

These are a starting point and will be altered/revised as necessary as the NSC goes through the process of approving these shows as we see what works and what doesn't work.

General: *The 6x6 format remains experimental, is still a 'work in progress', and is subject to the following general guidelines:*

Sponsoring clubs must meet the following criteria:

Two clubs with distinct memberships, not overlapping by more than 50%.

If both clubs are active producing shows, the 6x6 should be requested for one of the club dates and the other club must agree to give up their traditional date for the show season in which the 6x6 is held. (i.e., they cannot do a 6x6 with another club, then turn around and do their own 'traditional' show.)

Format:

Maximum of 8 All Breed rings per 6x6.

Proximity:

*Shows on the same weekend, prior weekends and subsequent weekends will be considered when discussing approval of these shows. Acceptable distance may vary from region to region. What works in larger areas will not work in smaller geographic areas. The following are **recommended**:*

** no show on the same weekend within 800 miles*

** no show on a prior weekend or subsequent weekend within 400 miles*

** no show on a weekend 2 weeks prior or two weeks subsequent within 250 miles.*

Frequency:

Must be at least 2 weeks between each 6x6

No club may participate in more than one 6x6 in a show season

(30) **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 DNA Program*
2. *Communication by phone and e-mail with clients about the program*
3. *Communication and coordination with the CatGenes laboratory directors*
4. *Investigation and placing priority on the addition of new tests*
5. *Coordinating web-site changes and instructions for CFA's Official CatGenes website*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *New equipment and software is being added to the DNA Diagnostics laboratory so that either lab is able to run a retest on an individual "no-call" marker.*
2. *New tests are in the process of being added to our array.*
3. *Marketing CatGenes to other registries*
4. *Education for the proper submission of samples and reading CatGenes reports*
5. *Several seminars will be presented at large upcoming cat shows*
6. *Micro-chipping is still an ongoing project. Selection of a single chip may still be premature*

Brown: CatGenes is moving forward with some exciting new projects. The chemistries necessary for four new tests have arrived at the labs and are in the process of being validated. Other diseases are being considered for addition to the tests that we now have available. About 5% of the samples that are submitted for testing need to be retested. This is usually related to insufficient DNA being submitted. More than \$20,000 in new equipment and software has been added so that both laboratories can do the retest. CatGenes is a service that has been pioneered by CFA to provide an opportunity for all cats in all registries to be able to use DNA testing at an affordable price. I have contacted a number of the other cat registries and in 6 months we have seen a marked increase in the DNA samples submitted from these registries. There are a number of DNA services offered here and in several other countries. Above all, we need to remember that the choice of the laboratory is up to the cat owner. CatGenes has been in operation for 16 months and, during that period of time, we have processed more than 6,500 samples. Right now, they are averaging about 200 samples a week. Our program allows access to two laboratories; one is a service laboratory, and another is a service laboratory and a research laboratory associated with a university. We are simply customers of these

two labs. They are both multi-faceted and do a great deal of other testing for other customers. First, before we go on, I would like to answer some of the most frequent questions that I am asked about the program.

The first question is, are the laboratories involved in a lawsuit? Yes, they are. The suit does not involve CatGenes, it involves a dog test that was run under contract for another customer. The lawsuit is primarily aimed at the company that asked the labs to do the disputed dog test. Since the lawsuit does not involve CatGenes and does not involve CFA, I am not privy to insider information. Most of it is non-disclosure and if there is a settlement, I may not even know about it. Lawsuits like this are not unusual in the corporate world.

The second question I am asked is, why does it take so long to get my report? That's a problem I'm always working on, and is my top priority. Time lag is always related to the need for retests. We have doubled the number of swabs that we are asking people to submit and we're grateful if they submit even more. The submission of these extra samples has reduced the need to ask for a second sample, where we have to wait for mail time lag. This also provides additional DNA for us to use for the archives that are at both of the labs.

Question 3, are reports coming from the labs inaccurate? No, they are not. The reports go through three check points. First, a technician; next, a microbiologist; and finally, a lab director, before they are released. Each of these three people go over the report for type-o's. The accuracy of DNA revolves around the accuracy of the sample that was submitted and information that was submitted for the testing.

Question 4, is information written on the various lists valid? There are some inaccuracies on the lists that should not be repeated.

CatGenes

CFA's DNA project began 16 months ago. Since that time, laboratories have processed more than 6,100 CatGenes feline tests. Five new tests have been added to our present array. These tests were added at no additional charge to the CatGenes client. These are as follows: Dilute, Recessive black, Hair length, Sex markers, B blood group. Four new tests are in the process of being placed online. Primers have been designed, ordered, and soon will be in the laboratories. These will be available as an addition to array testing at a small additional cost.

The research arm is considering adding tests for ten additional diseases some time in the future. Priorities have yet to be established for the order in which these tests will become available.

I continue to ask Breed Council secretaries for input on genetic diseases important to their breed. Some of these new tests will be added to the array at no additional charge. Others will be run as single tests for a nominal fee.

It is too early to report a specific time table for the addition of these new tests.

We have heavy traffic from the International Division. The countries participating in the program are follows: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Laos, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

A breakdown of percentages on foreign versus domestic clients is as follows. Foreign 45.9 %, Domestic 54.1 %.

One of our molecular biologists is fluent in a number of East European languages. This ability to converse has been extremely helpful. Translation on the requests from non-English speaking countries is time consuming and difficult. New software has been purchased by the laboratories to assist with translation.

Brown: *One of our microbiologists is from eastern Europe. We're getting a lot of samples from eastern Europe and she is multi-lingual, so she is very beneficial in translation in these areas. Trying to communicate with non-English speaking customers can be troublesome and they have spent a great deal of money on translation software so that they can deal with this.*

We are trying to do everything in our power to reduce the time lag between receipt of sample and the final report. Certain samples have had markers that are (no-calls). This is a gray zone that lies between absolute positive and absolute negative. Whenever this happens a double-blind re-test is performed by a sister lab. This generally adds an additional three week time delay before a final report can be issued.

Texas A&M has been doing all the CatGenes retests. Over \$20,000 in software and equipment will be installed during the month of June. This will allow retesting of the (no-call) markers at either laboratory, and will reduce re-test time lag.

Since CatGenes is just one of many customers at both labs; we sometimes have to take our turn in the production line for testing samples. Sporadic time delays will continue to occur. This is extremely frustrating for both laboratories as well as the clients.

We recently had a delay associated with sixteen hundred blood samples (Venezuelan horses) that arrived at Texas A&M. These mass sampling orders created unexpected delays which CatGenes can not control. The labs not only do canine and equine work as well as feline work, but DNA Diagnostics also does considerable forensic work. The Director of DNA Diagnostics frequently has to run DNA tests for authorities at the state and federal level, and is required to testify at trials which can require one or two weeks away from home. These cases run the gamut from rape to murder. The labs have been staffing up and even working on weekends and holidays when there is a large influx of orders. (Several weeks ago about two hundred CatGenes samples arrived on a Monday morning.) We expected to take a major hit due to the economy, but so far CatGenes continues to grow.

I am sure many of you have read information that Texas A&M and Shelterwood labs (DNA Diagnostics) have been named in an ongoing lawsuit. The lawsuit is aimed at a business called INGEN. It does not involve cats...it is associated with dog DNA testing. It does not involve CatGenes.

Texas A&M and Shelterwood were added to the lawsuit because they had run some canine DNA tests under contract for this corporation.

I repeat, this suit does not involve cats, it involves dogs. This suit does not involve CatGenes, it involves another customer that used the same labs for some testing.

Array testing has significant value over single marker testing. All samples that arrive are tested for all markers on the array. As a result of this, there have been some very surprising discoveries that would

not have occurred without array testing. Papers will be written in the future when results are statistically significant. This will share information with other laboratories that work in our cat world. No owners names or cat names will be mentioned in the Scientific papers. The laboratories consider this to be privileged medical information.

We continue to work diligently to streamline CFA's program. We have a key to understanding the results online at the CatGenes.org website. Clients can now purchase and print their order for DNA testing online. This has been very helpful for overseas clients that do not have to wait on land mail. They can even receive their test reports via e-mail. We are anxiously awaiting the new website which will allow us to add further refinements and information to the program. The report clients receive has been totally reconfigured into three groups that make it easier to understand. CatGenes reports are divided into an identity profile, a disease profile, and physical characteristics.

Articles on Genetics have been posted on the CFA website. I would like to thank Hilary Helmrich and Karen Lawrence and Lorraine Shelton for their gift of these articles to the website.

Additional articles will be forthcoming as time allows.

Since the beginning of CatGenes, I have openly given my phone numbers and e-mail address to allow clients to call me if they have any questions or concerns. I do ask that people from Canada and persons from outside the USA use my land line since a call on my cell phone from a foreign country incurs considerable expense. I am an unpaid volunteer that acts only as a liaison between CFA and the CatGenes laboratories.

Future Projections for Committee:

- 1. Assist in the search for new DNA tests that can be added to our present array.*
- 2. Compile a master list and assign priorities from the above information*
- 3. Continue to educate breeders and exhibitors about the value of utilizing CatGenes for identity and breeding programs*
- 4. Continue to investigate a Micro-chipping program for CFA*
- 5. Continue working on the design of a program that would allow CFA to develop a multi-tiered registration process that would market CFA services such as: Pet Health insurance, CatGenes, Micro-chipping program and certified pedigrees. This work will be stalled until we have our new website.*

Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

1. *An update on CFA's CatGenes DNA project*
2. *An update on a multi-tiered registration program*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM*

Brown: Is CatGenes perfect? No, but we have come a long way and we continue to brainstorm options that will help improve this program. **Miller:** Do you anticipate in the future adding other laboratories? **Brown:** It's not something that we have ruled out. **Calhoun:** How is the price set for the tests? **Brown:** \$39, and the profit margin is very slim. We have to start making it pay for itself. **DelaBar:** Every time that we come up with tests, and every time the breeders use the information they get from the DNA testing to do smarter breeding, it not only adds credibility to the cat fancy as a whole, but gives us another weapon in our armory to help fight those that criticize the cat fancy. **Brown:** As an example, in array testing, we have found Progressive Retinal Atrophy was only validated in three breeds. We have now found it in five more. The array testing is finding a number of things that are so unusual that we didn't even know that this existed in these breeds. There are a number of scientific papers that are going to come out of this.

(31) TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.

Technology Committee Chair Bob Molino gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Robert L. Molino*
List of Committee Members: *Perry D. Coleman*
Additional members may consist of subject matter experts (SME) from CFA's exhibitor base, public, private, profit and not for profit businesses. The chairperson may adjust the membership from time to time based on the current needs and objectives of the IT committee. Members serve terms as established by the Chair.

During the period of the report, the committee established itself as follows:

Purpose:

- *Develop a strategic plan for the continuous adoption of information technology for equipment, software, and all business systems.*
- *Implement a tactical plan to implement new technology on a time-phased basis.*
- *Ensure that all IT purchases are comply with the strategic plan and approved by the IT Committee and Audit Committee prior to initiating any new technology initiative.*
- *Provide a plan for the purchase or lease of any IT equipment, software, or business operations systems in conjunction with the call for annual budget plans for approval by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.*

Mission: *To enhance the CFA Technology environment to reduce operating costs and add value-based effectiveness. Use technology to help establish long term, stable revenue producing opportunities.*

Objectives:

- *Enhance and improve CFA financial and management processes and policies through the economies of Information Technology.*
- *Use technology to streamline CFA financial and management systems to improve, enhance, and automate financial and management reporting and records for efficient and effective reporting, recording, accounting records, payment process and reconciliations.*
- *To the extent feasible and affordable, adopt state-of-the-art electronic business systems solutions, operational processes, and IT tools for the ease of use and improved CFA customers' corporate partners and sponsors' satisfaction.*

Accomplishments: *Note: Due to the shorter time available this past year, the IT committee's accomplishments were limited to approving an equipment purchase and an extensive review of the on-going procurement of an upgraded web site for CFA. The remainder of this report will address the committee's review and recommendations for this web site procurement.*

Web Site Procurement analysis and recommendations: *The committee had requested seven documents from the file and received a copy of the purported Statement of Work (SOW) and "proposals" from the six firms that appeared to have submitted actual proposals on March 23, 2009. These included:*

- *Advanced E-Media*
- *Black Dog Studios*
- *4Kids Entertainment*
- *LeapFrog Interactive*
- *MindTouch, Inc**
- *Oxcyon, Inc.*

**It is noted that Roeann has a family relationship with a senior management employee of MindTouch, Inc, which she disclosed to the Board and the IT Committee.*

Upon receiving the requested pertinent procurement documents from Roeann, the review began. Given the complexity of both trying to implement and upgrade a web site with electronic commerce applications, the committee decided to separate these two major functional areas. The first is the web site itself and the second would be the adoption and implementation of an electronic business solution. The fuller business solution available with a robust electronic business solution, while having significant greater opportunities for a long-term steady and growing stream of revenue and business enhancements, will be addressed with a new procurement with a detailed SOW. During the review some complexities greater than we anticipated were encountered. The "30 day" review mandated by the Board at the February Board Meeting was not possible and an interim report was provided to the entire Board on April 22, 2009.

The Roeann provided SoW was faxed verbatim to each of the above companies. Just recently, I finally got all the information back from each of them. I basically asked, (1) If their proposals were based on the SOW I faxed each of them and, (2) were they still interested in the project. I also said that most likely, there would be a new SOW and that such a new procurement would be conducted with expedited procedures.

One company did not reply, one said "they thought that there proposal generally used the concepts of the SOW, and the rest said that they had not seen the SOW prior to my faxing it to them. In addition, the prices we received were greatly dispersed from a few thousand to several hundred thousand dollars. It was obvious that there was not a clear understand of our requirement from the firms reviewed. Therefore, with the offerers statements that they had not seen the SOW and the great disparity in pricing, the committee is of the opinion that no award can be made with the existing proposals.

I think it is important to understand that the entire committee is in agreement with this assessment. I am redacting one e-mail on this assessment as I think it points out succinctly the thoughts of all of us:

I have reviewed the documents and I can give this high-level assessment:

They are all over the map. I can only assume this is due to a lack of clear, consistent requirements. Considering that I have yet to see a real set of requirements, this does not surprise me.

I have also wondered about the "solutions" (they look like software packages, or other "tactical" products) that are being proposed. I agree that at first blush, the only thing that seems consistent is the "click-through" advertising. That's nice, but I think we've got a bigger problem to solve.

My gut reaction to most of what I read - Throw it out and start fresh. We need a requirements analysis done and a real KFP put together. With that, we can truly evaluate vendors "apples to apples". We can specify our requirements as well as ask for extra "desirable" features to help differentiate the vendors. Therefore, the vendors propose a solution with cost to meet the mandatory requirements as an objective measurement and then propose optional items that can give them an edge if their cost might otherwise seem high. This is not a fast process, however. We may also need to break down and spend the money to get a real requirements analysis done. I'm not sure we can do it with in-house resources. I'd like to be wrong about that, though.

In addition, the people involved in defining the requirements as well as the people involved in evaluating the proposals cannot have an interest (direct or indirect) with anyone bidding on the work. This is just good business practice.

Some questions and thoughts that have come to me in thinking about this and talking with others:

Who hosts the infrastructure? (Servers, Network, etc.) - I think that CFA should NOT be in that business; Outsource it.

Who manages the environment? (CFA Staff, Contractors, Service provider) – Here again, outsource to the service provider.

What about Information Security? (Payment Card Industry, etc.) - Let the service provider secure it and report to us.

Who develops and manages the Site (Web Architecture/Design) - There may be resources in the Fancy we can draw on for this; CFA is responsible, but we call on "consultants" from the Fancy. We can also use outside specialists, on a consulting basis.

Who develops and manages the Content (The actual pages people see) - This makes sense to keep in-house; do we need to expand beyond our current resource?

What about synergy between revenue sources? (e.g. CFA Almanac ad being replicated on the Site and maybe linked to "Breed" searches for our "consumer" visitors) -Added value to our Breeder/Exhibitor advertisers.

And let us NOT forget e-Commerce options and how we can generate revenue directly and through our other advertisers.

What about connections to our Corporate sponsors (Click-through ads) - Direct revenue to CFA & added value to them "

Recommendations on the CFA web site:

- *Cancel the existing procurement with letters to all the participants.*

- *Separate the web site product from the electronic business system need. The later can be pursued shortly after an award is made on the web site. One of the requirements for the web site solicitation would be that it is capable to interface/interact with a web based e-commerce product or provide one that does.*
- *Establish a new requirements statement, to include input from our customers (clubs) asking the Regional Directors to quickly gather the pertinent information from the customer's viewpoint. Also, include input from the current web site master and Roeann, who has been so deeply involved in this project in the requirements' determination and the on-going procurement*
- *Write a SOW and publish the evaluation factors for evaluating proposals against the SOW and then a comparative analysis among all offerers.*
- *Conduct the procurement with a CFA employee acting as the "contracting officer" with guidance and direction from the IT Committee. Conduct the procurement using expedited procedures and timeframes.*
- *Publish the solicitation widely to include newspapers and industry journals such as the BuyerZone.com. Establish an evaluation team.*

Molino: We defined what it is that we are, what it is that we are going to do, a mission statement and purpose. A broad definition of the purpose of this committee is to develop a strategic plan for the adoption of value-based technology solutions to enhance the cost effectiveness and efficiency of CFA. We have a philosophy that doing things in-house and creating technology itself not only is a very expensive solution, it's also a solution that's dead on arrival. If we intend to maintain ourselves to achieve a state-of-the-art electronic commerce business solution, we have to be able to do it in a current way. The main efforts of the committee revolved around doing an analysis and review of the current website solutions. The activity we have is the website's electronic commerce and business solutions, which must have the capability to accept web-based integration with an outside or inside electronic business system solution. We have to evaluate the technical capabilities, the past performance of the company, and other factors that are important, such as creativity, ideas on future development and what I call a "best value solution". When we get to the point that we have theories that are relatively comparable, then price will become a determining factor. We are looking for a company that's going to provide us with the best solutions that we can get. We propose that this solicitation be widely publicized. **Johnson:** Do we have a time line for getting the requirements, preparing the statement of work, soliciting proposals? **Molino:** The best way to get the broadest input on requirements is to go through the organizational structure that goes right out to the people. We also have to do industry research, because we want a capability that is as current as possible. We know where we want to go, but we would like the proposals to give us solutions on how to get it. I would like a product delivered to us ready to go with the capability to grow, but it's the responsibility of the contractor to develop it with our input as to where we want it to grow. **Johnson:** Is there any activity we could do quickly to start increasing our presence in the internet social networking world? **Eigenhauser:** In view of our budget, what we need to be looking for a group of really energetic volunteers that are willing to do social networking.

2009 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 26, 2009

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

Edward R. Murrow once stated, “the obscure takes time to see, but the obvious takes longer.” This aptly applies to the frustrations we experienced this past year trying to overcome the financial downward trends throughout the United States and the World.

Three years ago, the CFA Board authorized a forensic audit of our finances. We thought we had identified weak areas in cash flow, and had a good start on bringing in additional income to overcome the downward trend in registrations. We did not want to add to the fees and dues breeders and clubs already pay – history has always shown an inverse relationship in higher fees resulting in lower income.

This year, we again are expecting increasing income from our licensing and branding efforts. The 4Kids/4Sight licensing and brand company both we and AKC use briefed the CFA Board of Directors yesterday. Branding CFA was a smart move; we get increasing income from the royalties and we get increased visibility, not only throughout the US, but internationally as well. Our products are represented in 72 countries.

However, we also had to make personnel cuts that were very difficult to do. We had to make tough business decisions, and tough business decisions are not always popular.

Kathy Calhoun will brief you further on finances and what we have done for the current fiscal year to stop losses and gain back ground, even in these tough times.

Overall, this past year can be described as the “Good, Bad and Ugly”. Let me quickly address the “Ugly”: I have judged overseas for two other associations this year. In my heart and in my soul I can honestly say: CFA has no ugly cats. (However I’ll let you know aside if you want to find them.) We are truly envied for our quality of cats, judges, and organization – and that really is a “Good”.

Unfortunately, the laws of nature decree we must have an opposite reaction for every action. And unfortunately, we have the “Bad” we have to address. We all are aware of the financial challenges we’re facing. And as I stated before, Kathy will address this in detail. You all will receive a copy of our end-of-year audit. If you have any questions, do not be reticent to ask specific questions of any board member.

There have been other negative issues that have impacted our organization. Cyber slander rears its ugly head on occasion on various mail lists, and again I caution that this is a crime. Specifically, I can state that no officer, director at large, regional director, or any of the CFA staff deserves to be treated or spoken about in such a nasty, rude manner as we have seen in the past two years. Same goes for deliberate misinformation cavalierly bandied about which only ends up hurting this organization. Case in point: commissions paid to employees. I have recently heard that one employee gets up to 50 percent commission. Au contraire, as we say in Leon Springs, Texas. Per the contract, 12 percent of net new sales or revenue or sponsorships and continuing income from those sales up to an amount of \$150,000 annual compensation. After \$150,000 has been reached, the commission will be based on 18 percent of the net new sales or revenue or sponsorships.

Basically stated, of every \$100 CFA gets in new sales/revenue/sponsorships, CFA keeps \$88, with \$12 being paid in commission. Or, if CFA is truly blessed with new income, sponsorships, then of every \$100 CFA gets, we keep \$82.00 with \$18 being paid in commission. For an individual to earn a \$100,000 in salary/commission in one year, CFA would have netted \$440,000.

The economy has hit our sponsors, too. Every dollar we receive for our shows and programs is hard fought. We have to prove a return of investment to these sponsors in order to receive further funding.

We had sponsorship for our Invitational shows until a small group of exhibitors essentially slandered the sponsor. CFA lost that opportunity. We used to receive \$48,000 for our national awards from yet another sponsor. Again, negativity from a small group of exhibitors lost that sponsorship for us. And I am dismayed to report it has happened again. CFA has lost yet another breed awards program due to what can only be called an overinflated sense of entitlement from a few exhibitors and those who did not think contracts they signed really had to be honored.

Negative compounded upon negative has never produced anything positive.

Enough of that. On to the "Good".

Our CFA IAMS Cat Championship in New York City made money for the 3rd year in a row. However, Madison Square Garden had the audacity to renovate the very hall we used, effectively cutting it in half. We had identified other possibilities for show halls. However, IAMS wants a top tier, a top in name recognition just like Madison Square Garden has. Why? IAMS gets more media hits from our MSG show than any other event, including the Eukanuba Championship of Dogs. Just when things started looking dark, well, AKC called us. What has resulted is Meet the Breeds, a cooperative event between CFA and AKC to be held at the Javits Center in New York City. It is the first ever event of its type and the media has already started. David White will brief you further on this event. And yes, IAMS is with us on this event, too.

We will have the CFA International Show again this year. My co-chairs, Mark Hannon and Debbie Kusy, are micromanaging every penny on this show. You will be briefed in a bit by the show manager, Teresa Keiger.

These media events are vital to CFA. You may ask, how will this help me sell pet kittens? We need the name recognition, we need brand recognition. We need the public to care and value pedigreed cats. And we will not get this unless we are in the public's eye, educating the public about cats in general and pedigreed cats specifically. And unless we can continue to fight legislation at the state and national levels, well then we won't have to worry about selling pet kittens because we won't be breeding cats. We had some losses this year but some great victories at state levels, too. George Eigenhauser will be giving you an overview of legislation.

Many of you know CFA is a member of a world wide organization called the World Cat Congress. In fact, CFA is a charter member of the WCC. Besides CFA, members include the Australian Cat Federation, the Coordinating Council of the Cat Fancy, New Zealand Cat Federation, FIFe, TICA, World Cat Federation, Southern Africa Cat Council, and the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. At this year's meeting in Arnhem, Holland, the WCC took a historical step by adopting as a mission the fight against restrictive legislation in member countries. I also met with the new

president of TICA, Vicki Fisher, who wants to also step up TICA's involvement with CFA in fighting restrictive legislation. As an aside, I was reelected for a third two-year term as president of the WCC.

Recently on one of the internet cat lists, posters kept talking about CFA needs to do this, CFA needs to promote that, CFA, etc. As I see it, CFA is the officers and directors of the CFA board, CFA is our Central Office staff, CFA is each delegate seated at this meeting, CFA is each member of each member club of CFA, CFA is each breeder and exhibitor and CFA is each and every person who uses CFA service and CFA is those who will be joining us in the future.

We have tremendous wealth in CFA – we have a wealth of talent and ability. Our greatest assets are our people, and of course, our cats. With positive planning, positive action, and positive attitudes, there is nothing that we, CFA, cannot do.

Thank you.

- (33) **DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF DESIRED).**
DelaBar declared a quorum, with 411 delegates checked in, out of 650 clubs.

- (34) **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2008 MINUTES.**

Eigenhauser moved to approve the minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- (35) **APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING.**

DelaBar appointed Fred Jacobberger as Parliamentarian for this Annual Meeting.

(36) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 2009 Annual Meeting, Fred Jacobberger had **Secretary Anger** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

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

Eigenhauser moved to approve the Special Parliamentary Rules. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Special Acknowledgment of Korats and Daphne Negus. Before the meeting proceeded, President DelaBar announced that CFA is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Korat breed in America. *On June 12, 1959, Jean Johnson of Gresham, Oregon, received a phone call from the airport, informing her that two Korat cats had been shipped to her. She was surprised because she had lived in Thailand for several years and tried to obtain Korats to bring to America, but had been unsuccessful. So, she went to the airport and collected Nara and her sister Dara, and the rest as they say is history. I am very pleased to introduce Daphne Negus. Those of us that have been around for a few years may remember Daphne as the editor of Cat World magazine. She is also the owner of the first CFA grand champion Korat female, Malaid's Doklao Noi of Si Sawat. She was also one of the early Korat breed council secretaries. Daphne's goal was to have Korats accepted into championship status in every cat registry in the world. Because of this focused effort, the Korat standard of perfection is almost the same worldwide. In 1968, Daphne traveled to Thailand on a mission to bring back 9 Korat cats to strengthen the breed's lines. Due to her efforts and the efforts of Korat breeders everywhere, the gene pool of the Korat is very healthy. We exchange cats freely from continent to continent, registry to registry. In addition to the Korat gene pool, we were able to eliminate two deadly diseases in the past 15 years. Part of the reason that we are doing this is a very special Korat this show season. For the very first time, a Korat was the best allbreed cat in the International Division, and was best cat in one of CFA's regions – GC, BW, DW Passaya Benjakalyani. Since 1959, the other breeders have helped the Korat and we really appreciate all their efforts. And to Daphne and the others, and the breed council, the breed council is thanking everyone for taking time to honor Daphne Negus for providing us one of the more delightful breeds that we see in our show halls. Thank you, Daphne.*

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

Good Morning. This has been another very challenging year for our economy. The same economic pressures that impact our day-to-day lives impact CFA. There have been a series of tough years filled with tough choices – choices that not everyone agreed with but they had to be made; choices this Board did not enjoy making but they had to be made. Over the past few years we discontinued a cherished publication – the print Almanac. We've taken the Yearbook from a hard cover book to a soft cover book to reduce costs. We suspended the International for a year following a disappointing show in San Mateo. We made staff reductions and budget cuts – all unpleasant decisions but decisions the board had to make to protect our business, hobby and past time.

So, we did what we had to do and we are still standing. We are sound – we are stable – we have money in the bank – we do not pay employees using credit cards – we are not about to file for bankruptcy – we are not attempting to penetrate the regional treasuries – we file appropriately with the IRS. We need to dispel all of these rumors because they are not healthy, not positive, and not true. It creates bad karma, it makes unpleasantness in the show hall and does not draw new people to the fancy which we absolutely need to grow.

So OK, enough rhetoric comments. Let's get to the financials. Let's start with the portion of the core business that generates income which includes processing registration, registration services such as administering name changes, leases, transfers, generating pedigrees, club-related activities, breed council and license fees. These types of activities generated approximately 1.3 million dollars in income.

Then there are all of the operating expenses – Salary, Building Maintenance & Utilities, Supplies, Systems, CFA Programs and Legislative. These activities cost almost 1.4 million dollars.

These expenses exceeded revenue. The trend has been that expenses exceed income. So the ultimate goal is to reverse that trend and/or supplement it with other revenue streams.

In the 2008/2009 fiscal year, there was a 9% decline in litter registration when compared to the prior year. That represents approximately \$202,000 in revenue. From a litter registration perspective, CFA registered 22,000 litters compared to 24,000 the prior year. From an individual perspective, although this category has decline from a revenue perspective the actual number of individuals registered has increased slightly. The revenue decline is due to the fact that more cats and kittens are being registered in a timely manner taking advantage of the early bird schedule.

Now on to Publications which is a significant segment of our business. Expenses also exceed revenue. That being said, the online subscriptions are increasing but advertising revenue has declined. This is not a sustainable strategy. So we are realigning resources to do more with less. You've all heard that in your places of business before – do more with less – but more often than not this drives efficiency. That's what we intend to do.

Yearbook – same scenario. It costs more to produce than it generates in revenue. Again, we love this publication. It is our history and we need to support it through purchases and advertising. One of the main criticisms of the Yearbook has been that it is distributed so late in the season that it is no longer relevant or exciting. So we are addressing that. But this means tighter, stricter deadlines, so this is fair warning. We want to get this publication out in a timely manner.

The International in Atlanta also lost money – about \$41,000 which was very disappointing. So you will hear in a separate report, as Pam has already mentioned, that the International is being revamped, energized and is targeted to be a successful premier event for CFA.

CICC was profitable for the third year in a row. But due to renovations at Madison Square Garden, the show space is no longer available. This year we are excited about Meet the Breeds which is a joint venture with the American Kennel Club. You will hear more about that in a separate report.

Business Development will discuss the many, many opportunities they have developed and continue to develop. I want to comment that a very small team has exceeded expectations in delivering to the bottom line. We have toys in pet stores and big box stores with our logo on them. We have shirts and bags and sponsorship – the list goes on. In just a few years, that team has taken us from “please can I get a \$10,000 commitment on the budget” to serious 6 figures! We need to say Bravo – but oh by the way, no, I am not increasing your budget!

In the buckets of revenue which collectively builds the CFA financials, we lost \$95,000 last year. It is very easy to see where it came from – the International Show and Publications. Each segment has a strategy and next steps to address the deficit and correct the issue.

So, I’ve touched on what we are doing or have done as an organization to address our issues, but just as importantly or one could say more importantly – what are we doing individually to support CFA?

Many of you know I work for Pepsi – without a doubt brand loyalty is a huge part of the Pepsi culture. Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Quaker, Tropicana and Gatorade are just a few of the Pepsi products and without question Pepsi people passionately support those brands – you can find them in our pantries.

We need to demonstrate the same passion for CFA. We are a registry, so as individuals we need to make sure we register every kitten that is born. They deserve it. Don’t rely on your pet buyers to register those kittens. Be a proud breeder and register your own kittens.

We are a show-producing entity. We love the International. We want it to succeed and we can make that happen by attendance. We can make that happen by encouraging the event and speaking of it in a positive manner.

It’s important that Meet the Breeds is a success. That will not happen without you. Support your breed council – come out and represent your breed. Bring those cats that love attention. Share your passion with the public.

We want our clubs to be successful. Success depends on exhibitor attendance. Support your local clubs, show your kittens, cats, seniors and household pets.

The same thing goes for Publications. We all talk about how important the Yearbook is to recording CFA’s history. The yearbook cannot succeed if we don’t buy it! That being said, every breeder or fancier should have every year’s book in their personal libraries at the very least, and on top of that, advertise.

Regarding the online Almanac, what can you do? Subscribe. Know that you are doing your part when you are supporting this program. And this will sound somewhat selfish but everyone should

have their own subscription. One paid member who has access to the site and reprints the show results and points and passes it around will not help sustain this publication. So, if you want it to be successful, you know what you have to do.

We are also a Brand! Does everyone know what the House Mouse is? Every breeder should have at a minimum 5 house mice that our cats have batted under the sofa, behind the fridge or under the bed! So the next time you shop at the pet store and see the CFA toys or any other CFA branded item – buy them. Give them to your pet buyers – let them know we stand behind the best toy ever.

And most of all CFA is a culture. Each and every one of us can say that CFA has brought us opportunities, experiences and friendships that we would not have otherwise had. If you want this culture to continue, you need to do your part. Positive words and actions will draw in new people and keep the spirit in the show hall positively competitive.

We need to support CFA and with that I would like to thank those who support this office, and by that I mean the members of the Budget/Finance Committee.

The smartest thing I have done while in this office has been to surround myself with the brightest and the best talent CFA has to offer. Unfortunately, Barb Schreck will not be at this annual for personal reasons but if the rest of my committee would please stand in recognition and appreciation for the hard, heartfelt work they do, and their contributions – Chuck Gradowski, Bob Molino, Allene Tartaglia, Pam DelaBar and Barb Schreck.

A huge thanks to my committee and CFA for allowing me to serve.

CFA's success depends on us. Success is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Your support will make it work. Your spirit will make it work. It depends on you. With that I would like to turn the podium back to Pam.

(38) CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW. Show Manager Teresa Keiger:

In March, 2009, the CFA Executive Board voted to hold the CFA International Cat Show in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 21-22, 2009. Subsequent to that vote, President Pam DelaBar appointed Debbie Kusy and Mark Hannon to serve as co-chairs for this show. Debbie and Mark, in turn, appointed Rob Miller and myself to serve as the show managers.

Once upon a time this show received 1200-1300 entries and it required the show to be a three-day event in order to have that many cats judged. More recently we have been receiving 700-800 entries and the Board believes the show can be completed in two days, Saturday and Sunday, meaning this year the International Show will be a two-day show.

The show will once again be held at the Georgia International Convention Center and the show will again be using the Renaissance Concourse Hotel. Both the show hall and hotel are right at the Atlanta airport. Those who attended last year's show raved about both the hotel and show hall.

CFA's clubs voted for the judges to officiate at this year's show. The twelve judges selected are Rachel Anger, Kathy Black, Pam DelaBar, Kim Everett-Hirsh, Wain Harding, Walter Hutzler, Pat Jacobberger, David Mare, Darrell Newkirk, Vickie Nye, Diana Rothermel and Gary Veach. As has been the custom for a number of years, all 12 rings will be Specialty rings. Six judges will handle Kittens and six judges will handle Championship and Premiership. Again, those positions will be decided at the Judging School.

We are returning to using two entry clerks...one for Shorthairs and one for Longhairs. Debbie Parker will handle Shorthairs and Elaine Crews will handle Longhairs. Exhibitors showing both should send their entries to Elaine.

As many of you know, this show has lost significant money the last several shows. This year we cut expenses and are working hard to increase income to insure that the show breaks even. As just a few examples of our cutting costs, our judges will not be receiving their usual fee but instead will receive a stipend of \$100 plus expenses. Our entry clerks have graciously donated their services. Since the show is now a two-day event, there are savings to be realized in hotel expenses, show hall rental, clerk and steward fees, etc. Hanging the breed banners from the ceiling is very labor intensive and expensive. We have eliminated that for this year in an attempt to curb our costs. We will provide less expensive breed recognition in the hall.

Ande DeGeer is again handling our vendors with assistance from Jacqui Bennett. Ande analyzed last year's vendor income and identified ways to increase the number of vendors at this year's show and we adopted her recommendations. I understand we already have a significant number of vendors committed to the show. We anticipate even more vendors this year so be sure to include that in your weekend budget.

Richard Katris (Chanan) and Tetsu Yamazaki from Japan are both returning to photograph your cats. Plan to visit one or both while at the show.

We have hired Peter Collins to handle Public Relations for this year's show. Peter handled PR for the CFA lams Cat Championship Show held at Madison Square Garden. Peter did an outstanding job bringing in the gate for that show and obtaining national media attention for that event. We expect

he will do as great a job for us this year. Peter has been hard at work on our show for several months already.

Roeann Fulkerson has been hard at work, too. She has signed commitments for more sponsorship income than last year and she's not finished.

With cats, breeders and exhibitors coming literally from all over the world, the CFA International Show gives everyone the opportunity to see and connect with people that they might not see during their regular show travels. We would like to encourage everyone to refocus on this show as a breed and breeder showcase. Breed councils – many hold meetings through the course of the show. Present this show to your members as a way to expand breed knowledge. New exhibitors – attend this show to learn more about shows and breeds, and get to know the faces from those catteries you have only heard about. Use this show to your advantage, to grow and develop a better sense of your breed.

As always, we have many volunteers offering their assistance with the show but we can always use more. If you would like to help with the show, please contact me or my husband Rob Miller.

I would like to introduce Beth Cassely. She has already gotten several sponsorships. If you or your club would like to sponsor a breed award, rings, and this year we will also be offering individual sponsorships, as well, so see Beth!

Please make plans to join us in Catlanta this November. We are working hard to produce a show that we know you are going to enjoy.

Debbie Kusy/Mark Hannon Teresa Keiger/Rob Miller
Co Chairs Show Managers

(39) **AKC-CFA MEET THE BREEDS.** Committee Chair David White presented the delegation with an update on the Meet the Breeds event (see item #13).

(40) CFA YEARBOOK. Allene Tartaglia:

Good morning everyone!

What makes the CFA Yearbook important and special? I've been pondering on this for quite a while. It just so happened that a few months back, I came across two of my junior high school yearbooks. I took a few minutes to look through them and suddenly realized the nostalgia I was feeling is what CFA breeders and exhibitors must feel when looking through their CFA Yearbooks. Well over an hour later I was STILL looking at them which is pretty incredible considering each one has only about 60 pages. The memories came flooding back as I found my pictures and also pictures of friends and teachers. They were even getting my name wrong back then! Thankfully, we all look a bit different now.

Remember the notes your friends from school wrote in your Yearbook? I especially liked looking at those. I had forgotten my best friend, Kathy, called me Stumbo. I guess I was a bit of a klutz. Think back to the many times you have taken an old Yearbook off the shelf and paged through it. Comparing past winning cats. And remembering ourselves from prior years. The CFA Yearbook is our only permanent method of capturing CFA's history.

Marna Fogarty, Yearbook editor from the early 70's to the mid 90's, passed away April 19th. The 2010 Yearbook will be dedicated in her memory.

The upcoming Yearbook will be published in January 2010. To accomplish this goal, deadlines are FIRM. Advertising must be received by August 14. The deadline for receipt of grand and DM pictures has already passed.

Don't desert the Yearbook - advertise, contribute articles, purchase the Yearbook and ask YOUR friends to write a note in YOUR Yearbook. We'll leave a few blank pages for you.

(41) **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:** Chair Willa Hawke and Team Member Jodell Raymond gave a PowerPoint presentation and the following report:

Hawke: Good Morning to all our CFA Delegates, and a special welcome to our CFA Ambassadors. I am indeed pleased to see so many of you sporting your “Ask Me Buttons” and I want to thank you all for all that you do for CFA. You make visitors to our show halls feel welcome, introduce them to our beautiful cat breeds, and help them understand our complex system of awards. You are the smiling faces of CFA that makes show experiences for our guests rewarding and memorable, so they’ll want to come back again and again. Give yourselves a big hand, you deserve it! (Applause)

Before I go any further, I want to acknowledge and to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the IAMs Corporation for their 2009-2010 financial commitment to our Ambassador Program. Thanks also to the CFA Business Development Committee and the CFA Central Office for bringing this to fruition. This financial support will be of tremendous help to us in our ongoing efforts to increase public awareness of CFA and all that we do for cats. (Please a big hand for the IAMs Corporation)

Most of you who attend and produce shows have come to expect to see the “Ask Me” Banners and Buttons throughout the show halls. What you don’t realize is that within each region we have Regional Coordinators (RCs) who take special steps to assure that these banners and the people sporting our buttons are in tune with the host clubs and are suitably located throughout the halls. Ambassadors must be apparent to the spectators for us to be able to spread CFA’s message and the RCs make this happen. They closely coordinate with show management and field personnel so that our CFA Ambassador presence is highly visible at our shows. We have a total of 16 RCs serving globally. One of them is in the International Division in Europe, and one in the International Division in Asia, plus two are working very hard in Region 8, in Japan. Would all of the RCs here today please stand so we can thank you. (Applause Applause)

Now before I introduce today’s speaker, there is one more person that deserves special recognition. A few years ago when we lost our Corporate funding it looked as if the Ambassadors might become another “CFA Balloon Program.” Now I was determined that wouldn’t happen, and so I gathered my courage and went to a friend who I knew was a very generous and extremely capable individual. This person lives right here in Southern California. I asked if he would consider funding our program as a private sponsor. Guess what???? He said yes and that is how this program and the Mentor Program have survived since that day. Art Graafmans will you please stand? Ladies & Gentlemen this is Mr. Art Graafmans:

- *Burmese breeder*
- *Burmese Breed Council Secretary*
- *President of the Santa Monica Cat Club*
- *Previous SouthWest Region’s Exhibitor of the Year*
- *Co-Owner of this year’s fourth highest scoring cat in Premiership*
- *and definitely our CFA Ambassador du jour.*
- *Thank You Art. Applause Applause*

While the CFA Ambassador Program has many outstanding people in our leadership roles, and I cherish each of them, there is one special person which I am personally blessed to have on board.

The expression, “If you want something done, give it to the busiest person you know” might have been written for our next speaker. A woman with so many things on her plate it’s a wonder she can remember them all, much less accomplish them with aplomb . . . and accomplish them indeed she does. She is a university teacher, has her own online boutique, is a business consultant and coach, and obviously has a love for cats and a passionate commitment to what we are trying to do through the CFA ambassador program.

There are idea people and there are action people but rarely do we find them in the same person. Every Program Leader hopes to have this kind of talent and dedication on their committee.

At this time, ladies and gentlemen it is my distinct pleasure to introduce today’s speaker, our Ambassador Program Team Leader: Mrs. Jodell Raymond from Rochester, New York.

Raymond: *Yes, if you ask us and as you’ll see in a minute, it is a truly a small world. Thanks to Our Ambassadors! Stand up our Ambassadors! Special thank you to Art Graafmans for designing our button and for sponsoring our program. We are so pleased also to have Iams as our new sponsor and look forward to a successful joint venture.*

To Date: We have 16 Ambassador Coordinators in the U.S. and abroad. None of our efforts would be accomplished without our dedicated regional coordinators who track and organize activities.

Our program has grown and as we reach across cultures with our shared language of cats, we understand how much we have in common with each other and with spectators who ask questions of our Ambassadors.

Opening our hands in welcome and hearts in friendship extends beyond national boundaries. Over 25% of our Ambassadors now come from outside the U.S. CFA Ambassadors have consistently demonstrated that they have been ready and willing to work in every region of the world.

I have asked one of our RC’s from Japan, Takako Kojima, to discuss with us what she thinks the Ambassador Program has meant to Japan?

Kojima: *We need to get new and young people to this organization. For this purpose, veteran breeders/exhibitors have to make an effort to show new exhibitors what CFA is all about. Veteran exhibitors and breeders have a lot of useful experience and they can support spectators and new exhibitors to the CFA. Breeder/exhibitor can get more knowledge from supporting spectators/new exhibitors and it’s very helpful for everyone because ambassadors have to understand CFA Constitution, and breed knowledge. We Japanese are earnest to do something. And I feel all Ambassadors in Japan will be fine Ambassadors and will be able to get many more new exhibitors in the near future.*

Raymond: *Yes, as the song goes, everyone wants to be a cat...but, for those of us that are not...We can be Ambassadors! Go on and sign up!! The sign up form is on the CFA Site. For those interested the Ambassador and Mentor Open House Reception is immediately following this meeting is in Suite. From 6-9 pm. All are welcome!*

(42) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.**

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

**CFA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE –
JUNE 25-26, 2009**

DELEGATE FORMS

<i>Delegate Forms Mailed</i>	<i>March 6, 2009, reminders March 19, 2009</i>
<i>Received Delegates On CFA Website</i>	<i>Updated daily</i>
<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Postmarked May 1, 2009</i>

Delegate Form Postmarked after Deadline of May 1, 2009

Sacramento Valley CF	Region 2
Camino Real Cat Fanciers	Region 3
Hallmark Cat Club	Region 4
Siamese Fanciers	Region 5

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

More than 2 Delegate Forms for one person

Lonnie Hoover	Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Muskogee CC, Cow Hill CC (All Region 3)
Nancy Petersen	Quad City CC, Long & Short of It CC, Penn-Jersey CF (All Region 6)

A motion was made and carried to direct Central Office to make sure that persons noted above do not carry delegate votes for more than two clubs.

BALLOTS FOR CFA DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE:

2009 Club Membership List not Received by Deadline of May 8, 2009

France Cat Fancier

Membership list was forwarded to Central office by email January, 2009 and the mail was never received. It was apparently sent to an email that was no longer in service. No notice to the club was returned to say that it was undeliverable. Dues were paid. Motion was made to accept the ballot for this club due to the inadvertent confusion over the emails. **Motion carried.**

Envelope Opened in Error at Central Office

Havana Brown Fanciers	Region 2
Crown City Cat Club	Region 5
Fallen Timbers	Region 7
Tropical Cats	Region 7
Sakura Cat Club	Region 8

A motion was made to accept these 5 club ballots opened by Central Office. **Motion Carried.**

CO Letter from Allene Tartaglia, CFA Executive Director

Ballot Receipt Notification Request. A letter from the Central office was reviewed by the committee. The website lists delegates and clubs and the receipt of delegate forms or ballots.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Central Office but to show on the website only the names of those clubs for which ballots have not been received. **Motion Carried.**

A recommendation was made to Central Office and the CFA Board of Directors that the names of the club delegates are not to be published on the website.

Further, the recommendation is to include in the list only those clubs who have not submitted delegate forms.

Friday, June 26, 2009

The meeting reconvened on Friday morning at 7 a.m. The Chairperson instructed the members on how ballots were to be opened, checked, and counted according to the procedure that is standard for the group.

Ballots were opened and checked to make sure that all requirements were met. There were 464 ballots accepted and 15 ballots were not accepted by vote of the group. The ballots not accepted were from the following clubs:

Abyssinian Society of the South
British SH International
Japanese Dancing CC
Sanguine Silver Society
Underground Gourmet CC
Aloha Cat Fanciers
Foot of the Rockies
Canusa CC
Crab and Mallet CC
Camelot Cat Kingdom
Shenandoah Valley CF
Nan Tan Catdom Club
Sacramento Valley CC
Sepulveda CC
Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers

The reasons for not accepting ballots were:

Not enough votes
Too many votes
No club name and /or signature missing

Election Results for CFA Director-at-Large for the term June 2009-June 2011 were as follows
(* = Elected):

Kathy Black - Duncan, OK	229	229
Roger Brown, DVM - Elkhorn, NE	249*	249
George J Eigenhauser, Jr. - Marysville, CA	281*	281
Ellyn Honey - Burke, VA	179	179
Richard Kallmeyer - Scottsdale, AZ	291*	299
Carol Krzanowski - Manahawkin, NJ	362*	364
David L. Mare - Las Vegas, NV	252*	252
Robert Molino - Arlington, VA	177	177
Darrell Newkirk - Fairview Heights, IL	329*	349
Paul Patton - Elgin, IL	155	155
Jan Rogers - Stephenville, TX	153	153
Regina Shaffer - Beaumont, CA	104	104
Wayne Trevathan - Hollywood, FL	200	200
Liz Watson - New Orleans, LA	140	140
David White - Wayne, NJ	292*	292

Secretary's Note: The votes announced (left column) and the votes on the Credentials Committee Report (right column) did not match. Both results are being included in the minutes for the sake of full disclosure. This discrepancy did not affect the election results.

Eigenhauser moved to destroy the ballots. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**
DelaBar: I want to express my personal appreciation to Annette Wilson, who decided that she is retiring from the board this year. Annette took on tough jobs and she did it with a sense of humor. It truly was a joy to work with such a professional person. Bob Molino also had a rough go, always participated and added a lot to our board meetings. Liz Watson worked very hard with the International Division. Thank you ever so much for your service to CFA. <applause> I also want to recognize James Watson, who stayed on as my Chair of the Management Committee, even after he retired as Gulf Shore Regional Director. James worked very hard to make sure that we had our Board Members Handbook. He developed a policy and procedure guide for Central Office, and job descriptions. James, I want to publicly thank you for the work that you did and helping us be able to manage Central Office together. I welcome back Dick Kallmeyer, David Mare and Darrell Newkirk to the Board of Directors, and welcome to Carol Krzanowski.

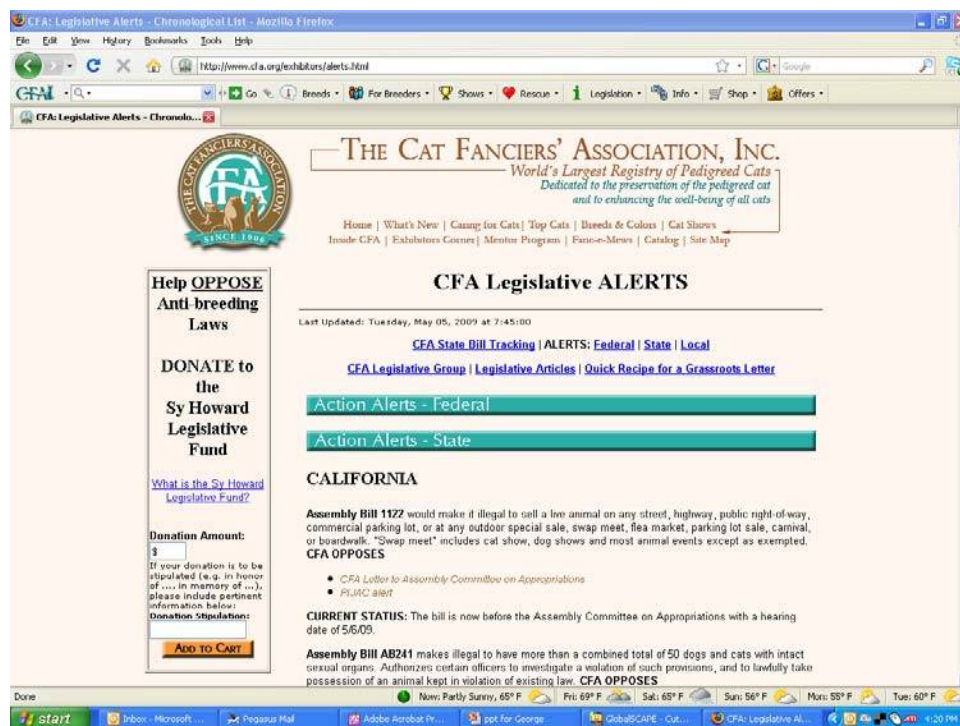
(43) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.** Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser:

What I would like to do is start off by building on something Pam DelaBar said in her opening remarks. We need to get the word out of the value of pedigreed cats and the value of pedigreed cat breeders. For a long time in legislation, we've been always one step behind. Whenever there is a legislative crisis, our first job is to educate legislators and the public who we are and what is the value of our cats. Toward this end, Joan Miller, who has become Chair of the Outreach and Education Program, which has curtailed her ability to do legislative work, and that's why you are talking to me today instead of her. Joan has the ability to work with anyone, anywhere, anytime. I have never seen anyone with the ability to reach out to other groups – dog groups, animal rights groups – it doesn't matter. She can speak to them. She is comfortable in any environment, whether it is a county fair or a pet fair, public assembly, it makes no difference. She is always there speaking on our behalf, getting out the word, telling everyone who we are and why our cats are valuable. That being said, she's not going to have time to do the necessary legislative duties. That's why I'm here, but this isn't a memorial. I don't want this to be maudlin, I don't want this to be sad. This is the one thing we have always wanted with Legislation, and that's the ability to reach out and get to the rest of the world in a positive and proactive manner, but she will be missed. This slide addresses the way I will always remember Joan. This is Joan in Sacramento. If you look in the lower right hand corner, that's Lassie. <applause> If you've got Lassie and Joan Miller on your side, you know we're going to come out alright. Before I get into my presentation, I just want to spend 30 seconds to publicly thank Joan. I ask you all to join me in thanking Joan. <applause>



How does CFA legislation work? Essentially, we are a grass roots effort. We are the Minutemen dealing with recalcitrant legislators and animal rights groups. You're there because you love your cats and breed your cats and show your cats, but when a call to arms comes out, you come forward. You come out there and you make it happen. You are the legislative team that makes it go. The problem with the Minuteman metaphor, however, is that it assumes a couple of things. The first

one is, you've got that musket and you know how to use. I want to spend a couple of minutes today going over what I have found to be a common question among fanciers – how the heck do you find legislative materials on the website? I hope you have a chance to go over some of these materials and read them, so you are ready to stand up and fight. When the call to arms comes out, you are ready to march out and fight for yourself, your catteries and your cats. The easiest way to find anything on the CFA website, I have found, is to use the CFA tool bar. It is downloaded on the web. About 4,000 people have already downloaded the CFA tool bar. Up until recently, it wasn't available on the Mac. Karen informed me about a month ago that it is, in fact, available for Macintosh, so even people that use those funny computers can now use the tool bar. Over on the right, you will see a pull-down for legislation. It changes constantly when you pull it down. When you pull down Legislation, you will get a list of various items, the first of which is the Legislative Alerts, and it will take you to the main CFA Legislative Alerts page.



The next item on the pull-down is bill tracking. People go to the Alerts page and they think, well, they have issued 10, 15, 20 alerts – that must be all CFA is working on. As a practical matter, we have reviewed about 400-500 bills so far this year for tracking, of which we are tracking about 200. If you look there on the bill tracking page, it says “page 1 of 8”, so pretty much 30-40 states have already had bills introduced this year of one type or another – either mandatory spay/neuter, breeder bans, breeder limits or other and sundry.

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http://www.cfa.org/tech/bills/bill-tracking.pdf

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State/Bill	Short Title/Subject	CFA Status
CFA State Bill Tracking as of 05/08/09		
ALABAMA		
AL H 741	Cruelty to Animals	CFA Tracking
AL S 554	Sterilization of all privately owned cats/dogs	CFA Tracking
ARKANSAS		
AR H 1406	Fee on veterinary services to create the animal shelter trust fund.	Withdrawn by author
AR S 864	Licensing owners of multiple pets	Withdrawn
ARIZONA		
AZ H 2458	Mandatory spay/neuter under specified circumstances.	CFA Tracking
AZ S 1446	Concerns procedures at Animal Shelters	CFA Tracking
CALIFORNIA		
CA A 241	Regulation of cat and dog breeders	CFA Tracking - See alerts page
CA A 243	Animal Abuse: Penalties	CFA Tracking
CA A 490	Revises pet store regulation	CFA Tracking

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The next slide is a whole bunch of legislative alerts. This is actually from about a month ago. Those alerts are no longer on the website. Those come and go as others become hot or as they cool down, so right now we're kind of at the half way point in the legislature. Some legislatures get them out of house and into another house by a deadline, others the deadlines have already come and gone. These are the active alerts in various parts of the country.

http://www.cfa.org/articles/legislative/index.html

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CFA Legislative Group - Reference Articles

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The following articles, furnished by CFA's Legislative Group, are designed to provide important information that cat fanciers will need as a reference in today's legislative climate. Each article is available as a PDF file, with links found on each article page.

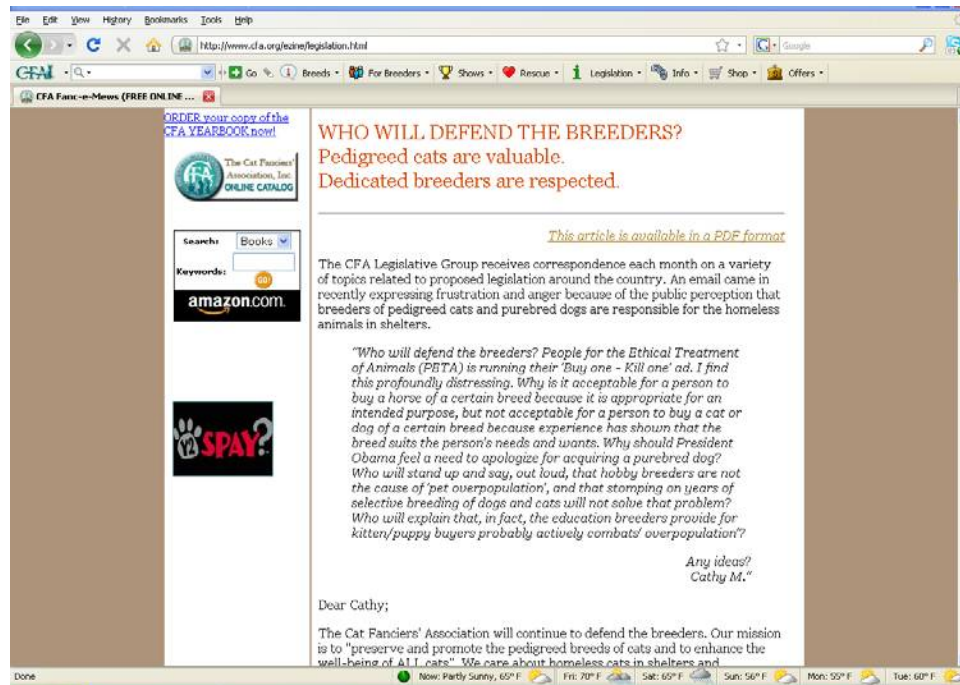
Advocacy in Action Series:

1. What would you do if an animal control official appeared at your doorstep and asked to enter your home? How to Fight Back
2. Pedigreed Cat Breeders and Pet Buyers are Allies
3. Unraveling the Mysteries of Grass Roots Lobbying
4. You might be a criminal if...
5. Changing Laws Affect Free-roaming/Unspayed/Feral Cats
6. AVMA's New Position on Free-roaming, Abandoned and Feral Cats - A Concern for Cat Lovers?
7. CFA Breeder Assistance Program
8. Who Owns "My" Strays?
9. Mandatory Spay/Neuter: The Wrong Answer for Cat Lovers
10. Mandatory Spay/Neuter: Pedigreed cats are NOT exempt!
11. Are There Responsible Breeders?
12. Why Can't I Have That Kitty?
13. Pet Taxes, Punishing Responsible Owners (PDF)

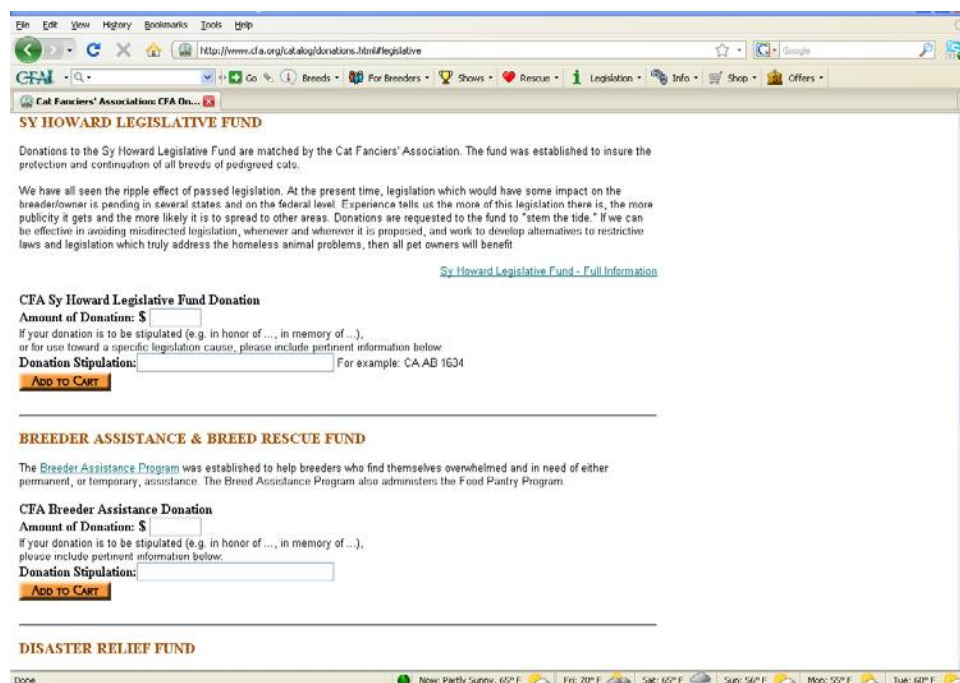
Back to Basics for Animal Ordinances:

The next item is a legislative article. I'll go into a little more detail on that one later. Fanc-e-Mews is our online magazine that's geared toward the general public, but the articles there are just as important for us to read, as well. A new legislative article comes out about every other month and I

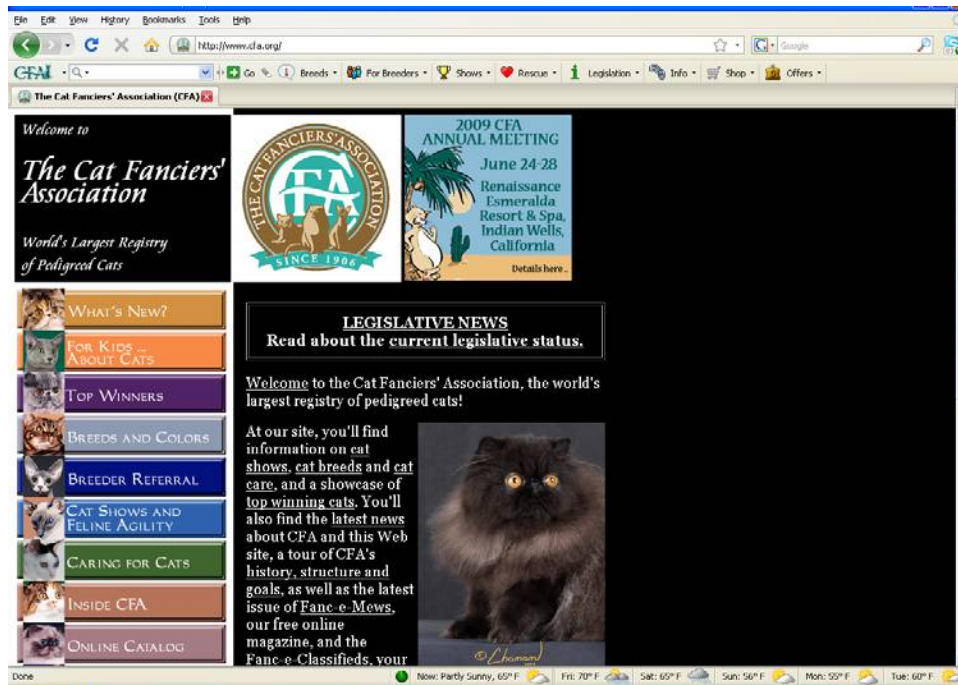
would encourage you to look into Fanc-e-Mews or CFA online to keep up on what is going on, on the internet. This article is available in a PDF. Many of our articles are also available in PDF to make it easier to print something out.



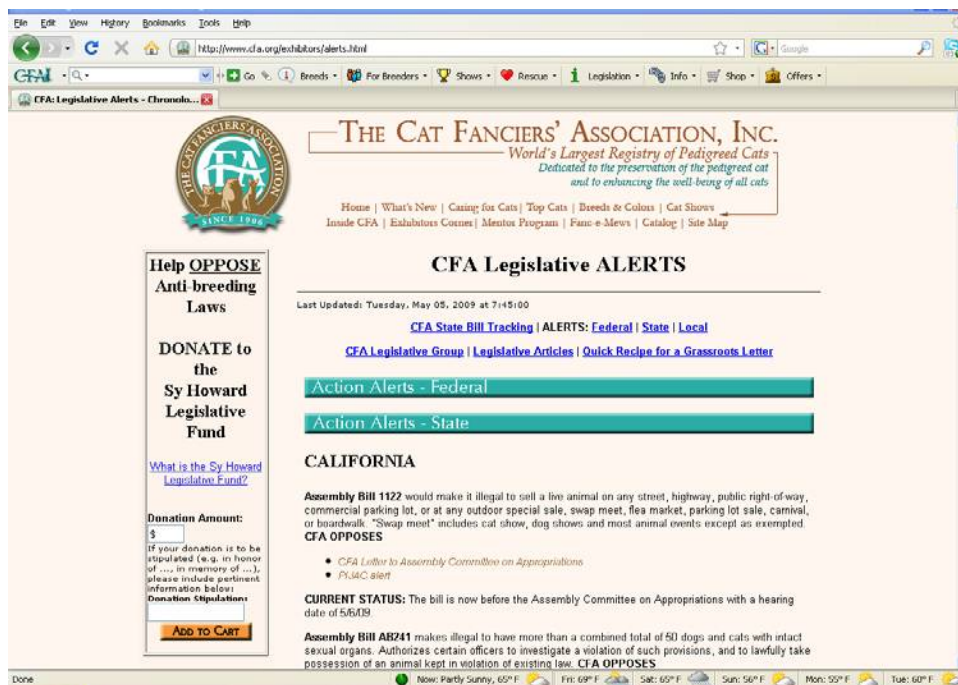
The last item is the donation page. Let's never forget that we do have the Sy Howard Fund out there. It's available for matching. I would encourage you, if something bad happens in your neighborhood, your city, your county, your town or your state, if your club is interested in doing something to fight that and it's going to cost money, put together a package, put together a proposal for the matching funds that are available from Sy Howard Fund that will enable us to fight the legislation in your area.



But, what if you don't want to download the tool bar or just can't make it work or whatever? All these items are available if you start them up on the main CFA page, go to where it says "Legislative Alerts".



From the Legislative Alerts page, you get the same things you did before. You get the bill tracking, the legislative alerts themselves. At the right hand side are various legislative articles, legislative guidance statements and other information. I would encourage you to familiarize yourself with the material and be prepared if legislation comes to your area.



One thing I do want everyone to be aware of, we're having a legislative round table today from 2-3:00. We're doing several things at the legislative round table. There will be a brief update on some of the things that are happening, we're going to talk about general items, some of the conferences that we have been to, the trends that are coming up, and we're also going to try to drive home something that we have been talking about. We're trying to put together a program on what I would call "How to Win Friends and Influence Legislators", but it's basically, how to talk to a legislator.



This is how I want you to see yourself when you look in the mirror. This is our legislative network. We are the lion, we are the minute man. My concern, however, is not necessarily how the world sees us. The world is entitled to their point of view. You know you're in trouble when they have created an action figure about you. I have been on both sides of the table in legislative hearings. Years ago in San Diego, I was on an advisory committee. Boy, did that bring out the animal crazies. We had every political view point. We got death threats. We had armed guards. It is very easy to come across as a nut job. We are constantly fighting this image that we are the crazy cat lady, so we're trying to put together a program that's the sane, logical, informative voice and not the crazy cat lady. That's a real work in progress, and that's what we're going to be working on at the legislative round table, as well. Go to the website and click through some of these things, learn how to find them. The wrong time to try to find them is when the stuff has already hit the fan. So, read some of the articles, read them as they come out in Fanc-e-Mews, use them as a weapon, so when legislation comes to your area, you can come out and fight with me.



(44) WINN FOUNDATION. Winn Foundation President Betty White:

It is with great pleasure that I announce a successful, extraordinary year for Winn. Our income for the past fiscal year was record setting, despite a worldwide economic slowdown that resulted in a 20% decrease in donations from the prior year. For this positive Winn bottom line we owe thanks to the Wheeldon Estate and the corporate partnership with HomeAgain.

Winn awarded 18 new research grants this past fiscal year for a total of \$243,900. This year's projects include a Bria Fund grant for FIP research, a Ricky Fund grant for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy research, and other topics such as the adequacy of raw food diets for kittens, treatment of diabetes, and causes of diarrhea in kittens.

The Winn Board also welcomed two new members, both well-known veterinarians. Melissa Kennedy, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVM is a faculty member at the University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine, where she is Director of Clinical Virology. Her list of publications is long and distinguished, encompassing extensive research of feline diseases. Vicki L. Thayer, DVM, Diplomate ABVP (Feline) has a 30-year background in feline medicine, surgery and dentistry. She has published articles on feline retrovirus, with particular emphasis on clinical management.

In a move to ensure the smooth continuity of Winn's programs and leadership, the wider participation of board members in Winn's operations, and to prevent burn-out while encouraging new ideas, the Winn Board of Directors restructured itself at the February meeting. Officer terms are now for two years. Officers elected on Wednesday evening are:

*President-Elect, Vicki Thayer
Immediate Past President, Susan Little
Treasurer, Betsy Gaither
Secretary, Melissa Kennedy*

It is my decided honor to serve Winn for the next two years as President. Board members not already mentioned include Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, and Fred Jacobberger. Janet Wolf is the Winn Executive Director. Would Janet and the Winn Feline Foundation board members please stand?

The 31st Winn Symposium held last evening featured Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University who spoke on "Vaccination and Systemic Disease in Cats," and Dr. Jane Brunt, Executive Director of the CATalyst Council who discussed "CATalyst: Improving the Status of Cats". This event was sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health. Winn is now an approved continuing education provider, as attendance at the Symposium provides continuing education credits for veterinarians and technicians in attendance.

The Winn Media Appreciation Award 2008 went to Pam Johnson-Bennett, arguably the most popular author of cat books. Her titles include "Think Like a Cat," "Hiss and Tell," and recently, "Psycho Kitty" and "Starting from Scratch." She was presented the award live on WGN Radio by Steve Dale on his Pet Central radio show.

Winn has instituted a new Winn Excellence in Feline Research Award. Accompanied by a \$2,500 honorarium, the award is paired with a matching scholarship award by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) for a veterinary student interested in feline medicine. The two awards are designed to promote and encourage feline health projects by both established veterinary research

scientists and by those entering this field of study. The first recipient of this award is Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University, one of the speakers at this year's Winn Feline Symposium. The award will be presented at the AVMF recognition event held in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMAu) convention this July in Seattle.

Winn has been struggling with streamlining office support strategies for some months, carefully considering several options. Exhaustive evaluations compared our needs with those of similar non-profits in the veterinary community. Our decision was to hire Professional Managements Associates (PMA) of Hillsborough, NJ, a company with a stellar record in non-profit organization management. PMA will provide Winn with stable and effective office support, as well as access to state-of-the-art donor management software and programs that promise to help Winn expand its donor base. There is no way that Winn could have grown and prospered to this point without CFA's invaluable office support, and we want to thank the CFA Board of Directors for that support. We will still need support in certain areas, but we know that all of CFA continues to believe in Winn's efforts to help all cats. Winn owes its existence to CFA, our parent organization that has helped Winn to improve the lives of "every cat, every day."

Winn has made enormous strides under the leadership of Dr. Susan Little. Through her advocacy of Winn at meetings and seminars around the world, the Foundation is becoming much better known. In addition, she has generously donated her time, energy, expertise, and substance to the Foundation in her dedication to the health of all cats. Susan has devoted hours to Winn's web presence, as webmaster of our new website and family of websites:

Main website www.winnfelinehealth.org;

Winn Storefront, <http://stores.homestead.com/WFF/StoreFront.bok>

Winn Virtual Memorial website, www.winnvirtualmemorials.homestead.com

Winn blog: Health News from the Winn Feline Foundation, www.winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com

Winn on Facebook, www.facebook.com/WinnFelineFoundation.

Mailing lists: Winn Feline Foundation News (Google) and Winn Feline Foundation Researchers (Google)

Winn has ancillary web presence as well: Newsroom on GoodNewsForPets.com and the Library/message board on Veterinary Information Network (VIN).

The Winn Feline Foundation is thoroughly and completely the epitome of a modern foundation through the vision of Susan Little. You would not find a group of people more appreciative of that fact than the Winn Board. Accordingly, we presented Susan with a gift at the Wednesday evening meeting as she leaves the presidency. The reason this gift was not presented today, before all of you, is that she left Indian Wells Thursday to return home in order to attend her daughter's high school graduation.

Finally, we at Winn wish to thank you, the representatives of CFA's clubs, for your unflagging and continuing support of your Foundation. Clubs and breed groups have been generous this year, particularly City Beautiful Cat Club, Golden Gate Cat Club, Havana Brown fanciers, and CFA Japan Region for donations in the \$500-\$1000 range. Those clubs that donated over \$1000 to Winn this past season are Diamond State Cat Club, Siberian breed group, Sphynx breed group, The International

Bengal Society, and the National Capital Cat Show. Large or small, Winn is grateful for your support in finding solutions for “every cat, every day.”

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

We are going to have a 7th inning stretch. We're almost done. Anyone who wants to participate, stand up and take a stretch. Stay up – I'm going to have you sit down in groups. Let's have our CFA judges all sit down. Let's have everyone who is receiving a national award sit down. Everyone receiving a breed award of some sort, sit down. Anyone receiving a service award, have a seat. Central Office employees, I should have asked you to sit down first. You need to rest! Board members, sit down – old and new board members. What is left standing is an interesting group. These people came to this Annual meeting to contribute to CFA. They came for no other reason than to support our Association. I would like you to join me in recognizing them now. <applause>

This report will be a brief celebration. It is a celebration of our new and advancing judges, without whom the future of our hobby would be lost. It is a celebration of our current judges, who must pass along their knowledge and expertise to ensure a bright future for the judges of tomorrow. It is a celebration of the hard work of the committee members, who have the goal of bringing you the best judges in the world. I would like to introduce them to you now.

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)

The Breed Awareness and Orientation Workshop was held in conjunction with the International Show in Atlanta GA.

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Accept as Trainee:

Kathy Calhoun (SH – 2nd Specialty)

Russell Webb (SH – 1st Specialty)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Dee Dee Cantley (SH – 1st Specialty)

Teresa Keiger (SH – 1st Specialty)

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Barbara Jaeger

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Accept as Approval Pending AB from Another Association:

Michael Schleissner

Advance to Apprentice:

Melanie Morgan (SH 1st Specialty)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Makoto Murofushi (LH – 1st Specialty)

Megumi Yamashita (SH – 2nd Specialty)

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Kathy Calhoun (LH – 1st Specialty)

Advanced to Approved Allbreed:

John Webster

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Accept as Trainee:

Etsuko Hamayasu (Longhair - 1st Specialty)

Rika Inatomi (Shorthair - 1st Specialty)

Koji Kanise (Shorthair - 1st Specialty)

Doreann Nasin (Longhair - 1st Specialty)

Advance to Apprentice:

Pamela Bassett (LH – 1st Specialty)

Kathy Calhoun (SH – 2nd Specialty)

Hope Gonano (LH – 1st Specialty)

Russell Webb (SH – 1st Specialty)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Lorraine C. Rivard (SH – 1st Specialty)

Advance to Approved Specialty/Approval Pending Allbreed:

Dennis Gano

Iris Tanner

Megumi Yamashita

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Barbara Jaeger

Sharon Powell

Peter Vanwonderghem

Accept as Refresher Trainee:

Gary Powell

I would now like to honor all of our CFA judges by having them stand. <applause> I would also like to quickly acknowledge those service award recipients who will be honored at the banquet tomorrow.

5 Years

*Marsha Ammons
John Webster
Barbara Jaeger
Sharon Powell*

10 Years

*Aki Tamura
Joann Miksa-Blackwell
Tracy Petty
Ayumi Ueda
Beverly Wood
Jan Stevens*

15 Years

*John Colilla
Jeri Zottoli
Rachel Anger
Douglas Myers*

20 Years

*Chuck Gradowski
Gary Veach
Betty White
Yukiko Hayata
Sharon McKeehen-Bounds
Pam Moser
Sharon Roy
Midori Shimada*

25 Years

*Pat Jacobberger
Carolyn Osier
Yaeko Takano
Bob Molino*

30 Years

*Jo Ann Cummings
Lois Jensen
Yoko Imai
Norma Placchi*

40 Years

Ruth Parker

Finally, we say good-bye to several judges who have resigned or retired this year, including Diane Dunn, Ruth Parker, Evelyn Prather, Olen Wilford, Sylvia Fitzgerald and Jim Kilborn. And, we very recently said a final good-bye to our friend, Barbara St. Georges.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Judging Program Chair for the past four years. On behalf of all of the CFA Judges, we wish to thank all the excellent clerks who assist our judges in the ring, sometimes for no more than a hot dog in payment. We wish to thank all of the generous member clubs who give our new judges a chance, and who provide all of our judges with a forum for honoring the beautiful cats that you produce and present. Finally, we wish to thank the breeders and exhibitors of cats so breath taking, that it is our honor to handle them. Thanks everybody.

(46) **FELINE AGILITY**. Chair **Jill Archibald** gave a Power Point presentation. [see Report, Agenda item #24]

(47) **ANNUAL MEETING 2010**. Pat Jacobberger and Bobbie Weihrauch, members of the 2010 Committee for the CFA Annual to be held in Minneapolis, MN, presented a hilarious invitation to the delegation complete with pictures of ice and snow depicting just what Minneapolis "might" look like in June 2010. Their presentation was given after the ladies tossed "snowballs" to the delegates on their way to the dais.

SUMMERTIME . . . MINNESOTA STYLE!



WE'RE GETTING READY FOR 2010!!

WE'RE MAKING THE PLANS!



WE'RE DIGGING OUT!



WE'RE PLOWING THE ROADS!



WE'RE SHOVELING THE WALKS!



WE'RE TURNING ON THE LIGHTS!



THE VISITOR'S CENTER WILL BE READY!



WE'LL HAVE RENTAL CARS!



THERE WILL BE SPECIAL SIGHT SEEING
TRIPS!



WE'LL HAVE AL FRESCO DINING!



THE POOL WILL BE READY!



THE PARKS WILL BE READY!



WE'LL BE TIRED BUT WE'LL BE READY!!



AND SO WILL THE HYATT REGENCY!





YES!!

Jack says,
“EVERYTHING WILL
BE READY FOR YOU
IN 2010!!”



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So,
SAVE THE DATES FOR
“JUNE IN JANUARY”
June 24 – 27, 2010
Minneapolis, MN

Meet Jack, our mascot for the 2010 Annual, designed by Jamie Perry. <applause> So, save the dates for “June in January”, June 24-27, 2010, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. And by the way, Jack is available for a fundraising event right now that’s starting out with this Annual Meeting. Jack will actually be on a pin for \$10. You can see Beth Cassely. She is waving Jack in a sack right there. I just want to remind you all that really think it’s cold in Minnesota, that today it’s 85 degrees.

(48) ANNUAL MEETING 2014. Gulf Shore Regional Director Carissa Altschul:

First, I am excited to announce our theme for this Annual. It will be “Diamonds are Furrrever.” In conjunction with that theme, we have a logo which I hope you will be seeing soon on totes, t-shirts, and other fun accessories as part of our fundraiser to make this a dazzling Annual for you to attend. Speaking of dazzling, the Gulf Shore Region also has a fundraiser known as Dazzling Diamonds, which is open to anyone from any region to recognize a beloved cat, dear friend, outstanding club, or just about anything else you might wish to give a “call out.” Please speak with Ann Caell to sponsor a Diamond of your choice. Stand up and wave, Ann, both arms, please.

And now the commercial portion of my presentation is over. Let’s get on to the fun part – picking a location! For each of the three selections, I have 3 major attractions, the major airports, and also provided some idea of what the climate might be like in June.

Dallas – DFW (otherwise known as DF-dooby):

DEEP ELLUM. Three blocks from downtown, Deep Ellum is a vibrant urban neighborhood in Dallas with trendy clubs, restaurants, shops and lofts. Experience the diverse culture in hip music venues and a plethora of fashion-forward shops selling clothing, antiques, crafts, and art.

WEST END. The West End, Dallas’ true historical district, sets the stage for the story of Dallas when it was first settled in the mid-1800’s. West End offers a window into the past with tree-lined streets, brick sidewalks and beautifully preserved and masterfully renovated historical buildings. West End also provides a host of recreational opportunities, retail attractions, fascinating museums, exciting nightlife, and cultural events.

FORT WORTH STOCKYARDS. The Fort Worth Stockyards’ National Historic District covers 125 acres. Experience a thrilling rodeo, see the world’s only daily cattle drive, hear live country stars, sip a cold brew in an authentic saloon, two-step the night away, shop for authentic cowboy gear and dine on satisfying Texas-style cuisine.

Dallas & Fort Worth offer a unique combination of high class, upper echelon shopping and cultural experience to the Texas life of cowboys - in tight jeans - , horses, and dusty trails.

New Orleans:

FRENCH QUARTER. The French Quarter, also known as Voo Caray, sits on some of the highest ground in New Orleans. French Quarter architecture is a mix of Spanish, French, Creole and American styles. Visitors can obtain an inside look at Vieux Carre’s (Voo Caray) architectural gems by going on home tours offered throughout the year. Besides its obvious architectural distinction the Vieux Carre (French Quarter) offers visitors a plethora of different experiences. Around the bend of every corner you may find an eclectic shopping destination, delicious restaurant, or history museum. Browse the treasure trove at the French Market or shade yourself in Jackson Square. Stroll down the famous Royal Street and experience Bourbon Street as you soak in the jazz melodies that will surround you.

The hotel we are considering (the Sheraton) is on Canal Street (right next to the French Quarter). There are street cars that will take them to City Park as well as through the Garden District and St. Charles Avenue.

The open and welcoming culture of New Orleans is a distinct flavor you will not find anywhere else in the US.

Denver:

Denver offers many opportunities to enjoy the peace, beauty, and grandeur that nature can offer. Rocky Mountain National Park, which is adjacent to Denver, offers magnificent views and incredible vistas. The elevation of the Trail Ridge Road, which traverses Rocky Mountain National Park, is among the highest of paved roads in the US. Garden of the Gods is a renowned National Park with awe-inspiring sandstone formations just west of Colorado Springs, which is an hour drive from Denver.

Colorado Springs is also the home of Pikes Peak, one of the highest peaks (also known as 14ers) in Colorado and arguably one of the most well known. You can drive to the summit of Pikes Peak on a beautifully paved road and enjoy the view from the visitors center.

Manitou Springs, at the foot of Pikes Peak, offers a unique opportunity to peruse and purchase a variety of handcrafted jewelry, clothing, and one of a kind items you will not find anywhere else.

The old mining cities of Cripple Creek, Central City, and Black Hawk are gambling locations for those who wish to try their luck.

Colorado offers you a chance to take things a little slower, reflect on the previous year and rejuvenate yourself for the upcoming show season.

DelaBar asked for a show of hands in support of each option. It was determined that New Orleans had the greatest amount of support. **Altschul** moved for approval to hold the 2014 CFA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

REPORTS PRESENTED VIA DELEGATE BOOK
(reports that do not appear elsewhere in these minutes)

(49) LEGISLATION. George Eigenhauser, Chair

Summary of Legislative Group Changes:

For almost 12 years Joan Miller has been a consultant to the Cat Fanciers' Association as CFA Legislative Coordinator. Joan has led the CFA Legislative Group since its inception in 1997. Beginning in January 2009 George Eigenhauser has been transitioning into that position, having previously served as CFA Legislative Information Liaison since 2004. George has also assumed the role of Legislative Committee Chair. Joan Miller has assumed the duties of CFA Legislative Information Liaison and will be concentrating her efforts on communication and articles related to public affairs issues. She also serves as chair of CFA Outreach and Education, where she continues to use her skills at communication and diplomacy to create a positive view of CFA in the public arena. Sharon Coleman remains CFA Legislative Legal Analyst.

Brief History of the Legislative Group:

In June 1994 the delegates at the Annual Meeting voted strongly in favor of a full time person to handle legislative responsibilities. Since then the CFA Board has placed the need to coordinate efforts in response to restrictive laws as one of its highest priorities. The Legislative Committee determined the specific duties and responsibilities required, prepared a job description and proceeded to interview numerous applicants. A Legislative Director was hired and started working January 1996.

Following the departure of the Legislative Director in the spring of 1997, the Legislative Committee met to reassess the status of CFA's legislative needs, the strengths and weaknesses of our prior efforts and to discuss ways in which CFA could best address our objectives. The Committee noted that:

"The education, background experience, expertise and personal qualities, as well as the functioning and time expectations, that would be optimum for this job are manifold. It can not be reasonably anticipated that any single individual would meet all of the criteria even if CFA were to offer a greatly increased salary and budget."

In the interim, the job of Legislative Director was left unfilled and the duties assumed by three individuals acting in concert together. Thus was born the CFA Legislative Group, in essence a job sharing, consulting position utilizing the abilities and experience of Joan Miller, as Legislative Coordinator; Anna Sadler, as Legislative Information Liaison; and Sharon Coleman, as Legislative Legal Analyst. In addition to their mix of skills and expertise the job sharing arrangement allowed for better time utilization. Simply put, three people could devote more time to an emergency than any one person could. The CFA Legislative Group was formally established by the CFA Board of Directors in 1997. With the passing of Anna Sadler, George Eigenhauser became the Legislative Information Liaison in 2004.

Current Activities:

This year has turned out to be a busy one for anti-breeder legislation at the state level. So far this year we have been tracking over 200 bills (at the state level alone, not counting cities and counties) in the following states:

Alabama - 2 bills	Illinois - 19 bills	New Hampshire - 6 bills	Pennsylvania - 5 bills
Arkansas - 2 bills	Kansas - 1 bill	New Jersey - 23 bills	Tennessee - 9 bills
Arizona - 2 bills	Kentucky - 1 bill	Nevada - 5 bills	Texas - 8 bills
California - 6 bills	Massachusetts - 16 bills	New York - 29 bills	Vermont - 2 bills
Colorado - 1 bill	Maine - 5 bills	North Carolina - 6 bills	Virginia - 2 bills
Connecticut - 8 bills	Minnesota - 4 bills	Ohio - 2 bills	Washington - 1 bill
Delaware - 2 bills	Mississippi - 1 bill	Oklahoma - 1 bill	West Virginia - 3 bills
Florida - 6 bills	Missouri - 5 bills	Oregon - 3 bills	Wisconsin - 2 bills
Hawaii - 13	Montana - 5 bills		Wyoming - 1 bill
Iowa - 3 bills	Nebraska - 3 bills		

Please note that this list is not complete. Bills may be amended later to become a concern to the fancy. One example is Texas HB 2310, which was a bill pertaining to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. However, when an anti-breeder bill (HB 3180) stalled in committee, HB 2310 it was amended to include the provisions of HB 3180.

A complete list of state bills we are currently tracking can be accessed from the CFA Legislative Alerts web page at: <http://www.cfa.org/exhibitors/alerts.html>. Just click on the link that says "CFA State Bill Tracking" near the top of the alerts page. Or, if you install the CFA Toolbar into your web browser you can pull down the "Legislation" tab and click on CFA State Bill Tracking.

Future Projections for Committee:

It appears that 2009 will be a particularly busy year for legislation. HSUS announced that this year they would promote legislation in up to 35 states to regulate "large" breeders. These are included among the bills we are tracking. We also expect they will introduce similar legislation at the Federal level, perhaps in June. These large breeder bills have forced us to find new approaches to combating bad laws.

These large breeder bills represent a new legislative approach that has proven challenging to combat. By setting the initial threshold for regulation high, in some instances as many as 50 intact breeding females, it becomes "divide and conquer". Many people in the dog fancy are concerned with large scale dog breeding; these high triggers find some support among dog fanciers. In the past we could point to the small scale of most hobby breeders and the limited impact we have on shelters. The large breeder bills make it harder to convince legislators this will impact us. Many of these bills target dogs, but with no reason to believe cats will not be added later. Of course, once the bureaucracy is in place there is nothing to prevent future amendments from adding cats or lowering limits again and again until we are all regulated. But that is easy to dismiss as paranoid.

In addition to the HSUS large breeder campaign, we still face many other challenges. Mandatory spay and neuter (MSN) continues to be a hot issue in many areas. We face proposals for mandatory microchipping of cats/dogs. Animal Control continues to seek such laws, not for recovery of lost pets but as a means of enforcement of licensing, breeder bans, MSN or other laws. Limit laws continue to be an issue and legislatures continue to try to find a legal solution to the problems with animal "hoarding". Some proposed consumer protection bills now include a broad range of genetic diseases/disorders in cats or dogs. The economy has also spurred a new interest in pet legislation. Some localities are swayed by the promise of cat licensing or breeder fees as a source of new

revenue. In California there was even a proposal to add sales tax for veterinary services to cover general state expenses!

The Animal Rights community continues their campaign to make the public believe there is something "wrong" with adopting a pedigreed animal. The public flap over Vice President Biden's adoption of a pedigreed dog, followed by an even bigger flop over President Obama's new dog, show how hard they are working to advance this agenda.

HSUS has partnered with Maddie's Fund and the Ad Council to increase public interest in adopting pets (mostly dogs) from shelters. This partnership may be worth tens of millions of dollars to HSUS in getting their message out to the public. While not openly anti-breeder their stated goal, as taken from the HSUS press release is:

"...to encourage millions of pet lovers who are looking for a pet to make animal shelters and rescue groups their first choice, saving the life of a dog or cat in need, rather than buying from other sources."

These are some of the challenges we face in 2009 and the coming years. I call on each of you to become involved in legislation and help us fight to protect our hobby. Please stay alert and keep us informed of any new legislation; state, city, county or even federal, which might affect the fancy. Please always remember, you are the eyes and ears of the fancy.

*Respectfully Submitted,
George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
CFA Legislative Coordinator*

(50) MENTOR PROGRAM. Mary Sietsema, Program Committee Chairperson:

Current Happenings

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! As of May 2009 we have reached over ONE THOUSAND protégés! Many of our mentors are working with 2 or 3 protégés and with our ever growing list of protégés we are working on ways to encourage more breeders/exhibitors to become mentors. We have been expanding in the International Division as well. We welcome each of you to consider becoming a CFA Mentor!

Totals

*1,123 Protégés
322 Mentors
802 Successful Pairings*

We have a new CFA Mentor Coordinator! In November 2008 Carol Allen graciously accepted the position and has done an outstanding job of working with our mentors and protégés. Carol lives in Arizona and has been active in CFA for over 8 years. She started out as an “unofficial” protégé and has successfully become a mentor. Carol is also the CFA Ambassador Coordinator for the Arizona portion of the Southwest Region.

CFA June 2009 Annual: *The Ambassador, Mentor and NewBee Programs will be sharing a “Social Gathering” on Friday evening. Announcements with location will be made at the Delegate Meeting.*

Future Happenings

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

While we await word on future funding we will continue to work on adding and updating the CFA Mentor Program website, converting the CFA Mentor Manual to CD, new educational materials for protégés and mentors, information signs at cat shows, grooming clinics and new ideas to bring more people into CFA.

The Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Core Committee will have our annual Planning Meeting in January 2010.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sietsema, Chair
CFA Mentor Program*

(51) NEWBEE PROGRAM. Teresa Keiger, Program Committee Chairperson:

The CFA NewBee Program for New Exhibitors has slowly and enthusiastically grown over the past year. Our online group continues to grow and is proving to be a great support system for our new exhibitor base. The program's website (www.cfaneewbee.org) has also expanded to include new articles and a sample entry form with pop-up explanations of each field.

Having a "New Exhibitor" checkbox on the CFA Entry Form has been a big asset for clubs who can now bench new exhibitors in proximity to seasoned exhibitors. We encourage clubs and entry clerks to continue to flag these new exhibitors for contact prior to the show or at check in. We are finding that just that bit of support from a club can make a new exhibitor's first shows much easier, and makes them feel welcome.

Upcoming projects for the NewBee Program include:

- 1. Translation of articles into the major languages available as pdf downloads on each page.*
- 2. Sample "Welcome Letters" for entry clerks and clubs to send to new exhibitors prior to the show available for download on the NewBee website's Resources page. This would give the new exhibitor some details about the show, and who to ask for assistance should they have a question or a concern.*
- 3. Online videos demonstrating how to set up simple cage curtains, what happens at check in, how to find your benching spot, and what happens in judging. (note from Teresa – I am currently looking for volunteers with basic video expertise to help with this project. Please contact me at info@cfaneewbee.org if you can provide some assistance)*

Now that the program is established and more mature, we would like to be able to help clubs or individuals conduct classes as they see the need arise in their area. Someone from the program conducting a class at a show wasn't always practical (although this is still always an option) so we see this as an alternative. We're putting together a "Class Package" that would be available to clubs as a guide to help conduct a NewBee class. Information will be available later on the "NewBee Course" page of the site.

*Finally, a big **"Thank You!"** to all clubs who have been putting the advertisement for the NewBee program in your catalogs, and those individuals and clubs who have information about the program on your websites. This is a big part in attracting new or potential exhibitors to CFA*

*Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Keiger*

(52) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. Joan Miller, Chair:

What is this CFA program?

CFA will more actively reach out to various segments of the public that currently know something about random-bred cats but have limited knowledge of pedigreed cats or pet population issues. Initial thoughts were discussed by me with Allene Tartaglia, Roeann Fulkerson and Pam DelaBar. Pam established a Committee to explore a program to reach beyond the pedigreed cat owners at the June 2006 meeting. Some of the goals are to implement the strategies for expansion and attraction of newcomers that were brought forward at the CFA Board Planning Session, June 16, 2005.

Approximately 95% of all pet owners have random-bred cats and knowledge of pedigreed cats remains sparse. CFA has a long history and reputation and is positioned to become a leading resource for general feline information as well as a portal to many activities for those who care for cats. We want to help raise the value of all cats through education.

Included in the concept is an eventual membership program in which all cat owners/lovers can receive various benefits and interact with other members. This would provide revenue for CFA.

Who is on this Committee?

Committee Chair is Joan Miller. Members are Pam DelaBar, Roeann Fulkerson, Donna Isenberg, Fred Jacobberger, Karen Lawrence, Allene Tartaglia, Liz Watson

What are the overall goals of the CFA Outreach and Education Program?

- *Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide feline educational programs and events*
- *CatsCenterstage Project – A website to promote respect for all cats. This includes a CFA pet owner membership project that would provide revenue for CFA.*
- *Increase involvement in CFA activities*

What outreach and education projects are underway?

The educational programs and events are growing. For 7 years the “Breed Showcase” presentations at the CFA-Iams Championship Cat Show in New York and at the CFA International Shows has been popular and form the basis for an educational program format. Several CFA clubs have provided breed education programs for visitors to learn about the history of breeds and other topics and we hope to assist more clubs to do this. The Committee has established guidelines for educational programs, a job description for Breed Showcase Assistants and we have a good list of topics for both long and short talks. In addition to presentations at cat shows we have provided pilot programs for other outreach venues such as:

- *Talks at veterinary schools – University of California Davis, Cornell, University of Iowa and Tufts University Expo*
- *Presentations, with cats, for shelter staff and volunteers on handling of cats in the shelter environment – Boston, Honolulu, Ames Iowa, California and elsewhere, including the national 2009 No-Kill Conference in Washington, DC.*

- *“Paws in the Park” – an event with dog fanciers as part of the AKC Community Outreach in Los Angeles. We had education, grooming and petting as well as the CFA booth sponsored by Royal Canin*
- *Trade shows – presentations for Royal Canin for pet product manufacturers and pet store staff in San Diego, Vancouver and in Washington DC.*
- *Shelter Fundraiser – baseball game nights with cats in San Bernardino County, California*
- *America’s Family Pet Expo – Costa Mesa, California. We have provided three days of education for the last three years with a group of experienced speakers and cats. Our team of cats are now completely used to huge crowds and enjoy showing off and the “petting” sessions. Last year this program was sponsored by Iams. In April 2009 Dr. Elseys Precious Cat Litter was our sponsor. Assistants were CFA Ambassador Program participants.*

CatsCenterstage.com – what is that?

CatsCenterstage is a website to incorporate feline information provided by the many cat fanciers who are experts as well links to other websites. This will include a pet cat owner membership with benefits. The concept has been established by the Outreach Committee and refined with a mock up for the site designed by Karen Lawrence that was presented to the CFA Board. The idea is to attract the general public with good article topics, videos, contests, children’s activities, a “how to” series, “ask the vet”, “ask the groomers”, “Cat on the Go” travel tips and other topics as well as interactive opportunities. This is seen as a high quality resource for cat information, veterinary questions, grooming tips, product and book reviews. We would link to the various CFA websites for breed, show and other information and the Winn Foundation website for health information. The membership program would provide discounts and incentives to interest newcomers in agility, household pet showing and other cat related activities.

The existing “Fanc-e-Mews” website is to be incorporated into CatsCenterstage. Launching depends on website technological capability and a coordinator/editor to manage content and keep material fresh. We will progress slowly to build the website so it will attract cat lovers and corporate sponsorship/advertising. Currently we are working on production of the first of a series of educational videos for this website. In addition to providing general information we hope to encourage more people to think about showing their cats, going to cat shows, entering agility and attending educational events. We want to encourage advocacy for feral cat care and other cat welfare issues.

The CatsCenterstage Program Mission Statement is –

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

As we move forward we welcome your participation and ideas. Can you write a short article for CatsCenterstage on how to get started in feline agility, the fun in showing your household pet cat? Can you test cat products with your cats and write a critique, write a book review, attend and write a report on a cat related conference? Are you a judge who would be able to present cat handling at a shelter or for veterinary students? There is great competition on the Internet and many websites are attempting to attract the 37.5 million cat owning households in the United States. We have

unique expertise to present the best and include more cat lovers in CFA. We hope you will get involved in the Outreach and Education Program.

(53) **2009 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

DelaBar: We start first with our constitutional amendments. Constitutional amendments must be passed by at least 2/3 of this delegation and are effectively immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment.

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 411

Number of votes for a simple majority: 206

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 274

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

414 votes. 50% = 207, 2/3 is 276

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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~~–1–~~ *Barbary Coast Cats, Crow Canyon Cat Club, Foothills Felines, Friends & Family, Make Mine Mink, Palmetto Cat Club, Paumanok Cat Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: Amend Article V – FISCAL YEAR, REPORTS and AUDIT, Section 2 – Reports as follows:

- a. The Directors shall present at the Annual Meeting a report, verified by the President and the Treasurer, or by a majority of the members of the Executive Board, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Association; where located and where and how invested; the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated, or expended during the year immediately preceding such date and the purposes, objects, or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations, or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the member clubs that have been admitted to membership in this Association during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Association and an abstract thereof entered in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting.
- b. The Directors shall also present Profit & Loss Statements for the preceding Fiscal Year for 1) the Annual Meeting and 2) any show produced in whole or in part by CFA identifying in detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures. These Profit & Loss Statements shall be included in the Delegates’ Bag at the Annual Meeting and mailed to the member clubs no later than June 30. NOTE: if corporate sponsorship contracts require confidentiality, all such sponsorships may be reported as one line item labeled “Corporate Sponsorships.”
- c. Each Regional Director may maintain a treasury to defray the costs of regional activities. Contributions to any such regional fund shall be on a voluntary basis. No later than April 1 of each year, each Regional Director shall present in writing to the Central Office a complete report of all receipts and disbursements of funds, if any, maintained for regional business, identifying in detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures.

RATIONALE: Every year there are questions about all these activities: Did it make money/lose money/break even, and why/how/where? The easiest way to 1) answer these questions and 2) keep track of when and how we are losing money is to provide simple Profit & Loss Statements to the member clubs of CFA. Since the Statements are due at the Annual Meeting following the event, there are no less than 7 months in the case of the CFA International, and 12 months in the case of the Annual Meeting, in which to generate these statements. If Central Office requires annual treasury reports from the Regional Directors, why can't the member clubs require simple Profit & Loss Statements from the Directors.

Dianna Clark: <reads> **Jerry Hamza:** Since February, a lot of you have been telling me what you want and desire for CFA. Almost to a person, words like "transparency" and "disclosure" come out of your mouths. This amendment is about transparency and disclosure. We need to vote overwhelmingly for this. **Kathy Calhoun:** The only question I have is whether or not the timing of the distribution, whether or not mailing it to the clubs would be necessary. They can be posted on a protected part of the CFA website so we wouldn't incur additional cost. **Dianna Clark:** Another association has their financial statements on the website, without a special password. CFA should be able to do it also. **Regina Shaffer:** Why don't you reword this to take out "mail" and substitute "online"? **DelaBar:** Constitutional amendments have to go in as written. We cannot change wording here. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

-2- Arklahoma Feline Fanciers, Camino Real Cat Fanciers; Cat Spring Irregulars, Coastal Empire Cat Club, Cow Hill Cat Club, Domesti-Katz Cat Club, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Hotlanta Cat Club, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Land of Oz Cat Club, Long and Short of It Cat Club, Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers, Muskogee Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Roadrunners Cat Fanciers, Tejas Siamese Fanciers. Up In Smoke Society, Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers.

RESOLVED: amend Article VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD by adding a new section, to be effective immediately, as follows:

Section 7 - Acceptance of New Breeds

A breed is a group of domestic cats (subspecies felis catus) that the governing body of CFA has agreed to recognize as such. A breed must have distinguishing features that set it apart from all other breeds.

The definition presumes the following:

1. At the time of recognition for registration CFA will assign a new breed into one of four classifications - Established, Hybrid Mutation or Natural.
2. No breed of any classification may be merged in whole or in part with a Natural or Established breed.
3. For those breeds which do not have any other source of new bloodlines; i.e., importation, other registries or current outcrosses to other recognized breeds and for which the need to outcross for health and vitality appears necessary, the CFA Board will grant approval of an outcrossing plan

when 60% of the voting breed council membership approves such a proposal. In addition to this required breed council approval any such outcrossing proposal must include the following:

- a. A summary of the problem and/or problems that have caused the request to be made.
- b. Relevant statements from qualified veterinary and/or genetic professionals establishing that outcrossing is the best course to follow to correct the problem cited in (a) above.
- c. A statement establishing that no other source of new bloodlines is available to the breed seeking this option,
- d. The source of the desired outcross.
- e. A guarantee to breeds that might be used as an outcross in such a program that any look-alike cats produced by such outcrossing will not at any time seek to be returned either to the registry or show classes of the breed and/or breeds being used for outcrossing nor will petitions to show such offspring in any other breed classes be entertained.
- f. A description of the registration procedures to be used in the establishment of the outcrossing program and approval by the CFA Executive Director of such procedures.

4. The establishment of classes in any breed which

- a. in the case of a hybrid or currently outcrossing breed, mimic the parent breeds; or
- b. in the case of a new breed mimic an existing breed, will not be permitted. AOV classes are not affected by this stipulation.

A class of cats would be said to mimic either (a) the parent breed, or (b) an already existing breed when such a class of cats so closely resemble (a) the parent breed or (b) an already existing breed that the defining features of the two groups are considered to be basically the same and the differences between the two groups cannot be said to be definite.

RATIONALE: this amendment will make the Breed Definition Report a part of the CFA Constitution. In 2000, the Breed Definition Report was voted upon favorably by well over 60% of individual breed council members as well as 80% of the individual Breed Councils. It was also endorsed by a 2/3 majority vote of the CFA Board at the June 2000 Board meeting.

By making the Breed Definition Report a part of the CFA Constitution, the Board will have to abide by this policy. Making the policy part of the CFA Constitution will protect 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 (i.e., registering) any breed in whole or in part with a Natural or Established breed; and it prohibits the showing of cats which “mimic” another breed.

The Breed Definition policy is in effect today. However for the past three years, the Board has disregarded the policy when it has required the Persian Breed Council to include a question on its ballot that would permit the showing of AOV Longhair Exotics for championship status. AOV Longhair Exotics mimic Persians, their parent breed, and according to the Breed Definition policy classes for mimics are not permitted. At the February 2009 Board meeting, the Board voted that the showing of AOV Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes was a Show Rule issue, not a breed

standard issue, and would be permitted even though this would not be in keeping with the Breed Definition policy and even though the Persian Breed Council did not have a majority vote, let alone a 60% vote in favor of this resolution.

If your breed is used by other breeds for outcrossing or if other breeds produce cats that “mimic” your breed, you need to support this resolution or in the coming years you may end up with mimics of your breed being shown in your color classes. This is not just a Longhair Exotic and Persian issue. This affects any breed that is used for outcrossing. Do you want pointed Orientals shown as Siamese, colorpointed Orientals shown as Colorpoints, straight-coated Selkirk Rex shown as British Shorthairs, Sable Bombays shown as Sable Burmese, and so on?

We urge you to vote for this amendment and protect the integrity of all our breeds.

Susan Cook-Henry: <reads> I know this is a contentious issue. It’s an issue not only of your head, but also of your heart. Many of us of this opinion have been accused of living in the past. We would not have our present without the past. I definitely do use my head, but my heart belongs to the Persian breed and I really respect all of those that have worked so hard over the years for all their breeds of cats, and maintaining the integrity of their pedigrees. **Howard Webster:** This is a back door way to get What is a Breed (“WIAB”) re-established. It puts us back in time, having to deal with WIAB again, which has limited our gene pools. Talk to anyone who is breeding a minority breed. It is wrong to show one breed in another category, and needs to be defeated. **Donna Bass:** In 1994, Selkirks, while still in miscellaneous status, were used as a threat to get the breed council secretaries to accept WIAB. Then, the idea was threatened that Selkirks would want to become a curly-coated Persian division. A Persian breed council secretary used that same threat several years later to get one of the Persian breed council ballot items passed. Now, this resolution is using straight-haired Selkirks as a threat to the British to get this passed. Unlike the Persian/Exotic or Siamese/Colorpoint/ Oriental issues, Selkirks were not and are not being developed to be a curly or straight version of any other breed. I would like to go on the record to please request that everyone stop using Selkirks as a threat to any other breed’s integrity. Our breed is developed to be a curly-coated version of Selkirks. Our straight-hairs are either breeders or household pets, and are not a threat to any other breed. **Bob Belfatto:** You are messing with the largest breed in CFA. If this is not passed, I expect that next year the amount of unregistered cats will double. **Dennis Ganoë:** Not touching on the issue of whether or not longhair Exotics, pointed Orientals or any other class showing in another class, I cannot support this amendment because it puts something into a document that doesn’t belong there. The constitution of CFA is an organizational document telling CFA what it is we do. It should not have anything in it that says how we have to do it. The same argument applies to the next two proposals. **Regina Shaffer:** Putting this policy into our constitution will decrease our registrations. If we tie the hands of our board, we won’t be able to open up if it becomes necessary for your specific breeds. This policy does not belong in our constitution. **Carissa Altschul:** I would like to refute those people who say this hurts minority breeds. It does not. It sets forward a very clear and very concise statement to the entire world that if your breed has become inbred, here is the way that you get outcrosses. It says to the world that CFA is more concerned with the health and vitality of our breeds than the ability to show them. It says, showing is not our #1 goal. It says quite clearly, if your breed needs an outcross, here is how you do it and what we do with the results of that outcross. It is not hurting minority breeds, it is helping minority breeds. This protects our breeds. This closes the door and says, if you mimic another breed with something from your breed that doesn’t match your breed standard, you can’t show it. At this point, our message to the world is, showing is more important than breeding, showing is more important than the vitality

of our breeds and the health of our breeds and the vigor of our breeds. That's the message we've sent. **Howard Webster:** Some of the people in this room have been around before 1979, some of you have not. Some of you don't know the history of the minority breeds. If you do not know your history, go get some old Yearbooks and start reading them. You can't have only 50 litters in a year in CFA and keep a minority breed alive. WIAB is a bad idea and it affected the number of exhibitors. In 1991, we had 19,000 breeder/exhibitors. In 2001, we had 9,000. Putting more language like this in isn't going to help. It has got to stop. **Becky Orlando:** This is a long-going battle between the Persian and the Exotic. The other look-alike breeds in CFA do not have identically written standards. Our standards are identical, except for a few colors that we gave up. All the other organizations in the world accept longhair Exotics and the majority of them register the longhair Exotics as Persians at birth with no identifier numbers. We have protected the Persian breed wins. We reached a compromise that passed the Persian breed council by 50% and it has always passed their ballot by over 50%. We have jumped through every hoop they have asked us to do. All we're asking is to sit on the show bench and put titles on our cats. We are asking for the right to bring registration money and show entry money back to CFA. **Loretta Baugh:** Whether you agree or disagree with WIAB, it does not belong in the constitution. It takes 2/3 to put it in, and should the time come that it has to come out, you need another 2/3. Think seriously about that and please vote it down. **Nancy Petersen:** You should also remember that WIAB still exists as a CFA policy. This would put it in the constitution so that the CFA board would have to abide by the policy. Currently, the board has the option to abide by the policy or set it aside. This past year, the Persian breed council voted on the compromise and it was a 50/50 split. The board voted to change a show rule. If you don't want this to happen to your breed, that it gets over-voted by the board, please support WIAB and put it in the constitution. **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** I can recognize the passion on both sides. I have been in this fancy 49 years. I came in when there was only 9 breeds and limited colors. I sat on the board 20 years fighting the wars for some of our breeds and mergers. I recognize the Persian as being our most powerful and largest council, but it's no different than a Korat or a Singapura breed council in the eyes of the board. They are elected officials; if you don't like what they do, put the new ones in. There's another issue in my mind – not just the heart, but the mind – the protection of this registry. You've got to protect the numbering of each of your breeds. I favor defeating this particular proposal. The compromise was, the longhair Exotic must compete in all the same colors as Persians. They can't have their spotted tabbies, but by golly, they are going to have their number, so as breeders, you see that Exotic number. The judge does not, but you do. You have a right to choose the cats in your breeding programs, so to protect your Persian registry and for the compromise, I hope you defeat this. **Darrell Newkirk:** I did some research on the internet about what a constitution should include. This doesn't belong in our constitution. If you vote this down, we still have WIAB as a policy. If you pass this, then you will have tied the board's hands. We have 19 people sitting at the board table that we hope are making intelligent decisions about our breeds. Don't tie their hands. Keep the policy intact and let the board do that. The other thing I would like to point out, in the rationale, the data that supports this is nearly 10 years old. We've gotten a lot of new people over that last 10 years. My final point is, the only vote that requires 60% is a change to the breed standard. This is not a change to the breed standard, so I hope people will get off of that track. **Susan Cook-Henry:** Part of the compromise is that longhair to longhair Exotics, and longhair Exotic to Persian matings result in kittens that cannot be registered. Not that long ago on the CFA list, this subject came up and someone responded that they could probably change the papers to get a longhair to longhair Exotic registered. This will not necessarily cure hanging papers in the Persian, Exotic or any other breed, for that matter. **DelaBar:** Those of you that have been faithful about reading the CFA minutes, know the direction that the board has been going in the past couple years; that is, we are working towards establishing a DNA registry. I want you to think about the

ramifications of our different proposals today. When we put restrictions into the constitution, validating and giving credibility to our cat fancy will be an impossibility if we cannot go forth and actually identify breeds by DNA. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

Consider the following if #2 above does not pass.

~~–3–~~ *Arklahoma Feline Fanciers, Camino Real Cat Fanciers, Cat Spring Irregulars, Coastal Empire Cat Club, Cow Hill Cat Club, Domesti-Katz Cat Club, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Hotlanta Cat Club, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Land of Oz Cat Club, Long and Short of It Cat Club, Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers, Muskogee Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Roadrunners Cat Fanciers, Tejas Siamese Fanciers, Up In Smoke Society, Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Constitution Article VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD by adding a new section, to be effective immediately, as follows:

Section 7 – Acceptance of New Breeds

A breed is a group of domestic cats (subspecies felis catus) that the governing body of CFA has agreed to recognize as such. A breed must have distinguishing features that set it apart from all other breeds.

At the time of recognition for registration CFA will assign a new breed into one of four classifications – Established, Hybrid, Mutation or Natural. The classification of a breed cannot be changed without first obtaining the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council affected. No breed of any classification may be merged in whole or in part with a Natural or Established breed.

RATIONALE: this amendment will be withdrawn if the previous amendment is passed. This amendment will incorporate some aspects of the Breed Definition Report into the CFA Constitution. It will provide some protection to those Natural and Established breeds used by other breeds for outcrossing in that it will prohibit merging (i.e., registering) any breed in whole or in part with a Natural or Established breed. For example, it would not permit the registration of Exotics as Persians and the registration of pointed Oriental Shorthairs as Siamese. This amendment however will not necessarily prohibit the showing of mimics. For example, it would not prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes, the showing of pointed Orientals as Siamese, or the showing of colorpointed Orientals as Colorpoints.

Susan Cook-Henry: <reads> **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

~~–4–~~ *Arklahoma Feline Fanciers, Camino Real Cat Fanciers, Cat Spring Irregulars, Coastal Empire Cat Club, Cow Hill Cat Club, Domesti-Katz Cat Club, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Hotlanta Cat Club, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Land of Oz Cat Club, Long and Short of It Cat Club, Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers,*

Muskogee Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Roadrunners Cat Fanciers, Tejas Siamese Fanciers, Up In Smoke Society, Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers.

RESOLVED: amend CFA Constitution Article XIII - RULES AND STANDARDS by inserting after paragraph three a new paragraph, to be effective immediately, as follows:

Each cat must be shown in the breed under which it is registered and each kitten must be shown in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered. The establishment of show classes in any breed which mimic an existing breed in whole or in part is prohibited. A class of cats mimics another when the defining features of the two groups are considered to be basically the same and a knowledgeable person (e.g., a CFA judge) cannot determine that they are separate breeds.

RATIONALE: a number of years ago AOV pointed Oriental Shorthairs were permitted to be shown in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes and to receive regional and national Colorpoint Shorthair breed and color wins even though they were registered as Oriental Shorthairs, not as Colorpoint Shorthairs. Show Rule 2.04, requiring that each cat must be shown under the breed in which it is registered, was originally instituted to protect all breeds used for outcrossing and to resolve the bad feelings that had developed between Colorpoint Shorthair breeders and Oriental Shorthair breeders during the time when AOV pointed Oriental Shorthairs were permitted to be shown in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes.

At the February 2009 Board meeting, the Board voted that the showing of AOV Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes was a Show Rule issue, not a breed standard issue, and would be permitted even though (1) the showing of mimics is prohibited by the Breed Definition policy and (2) the Persian Breed Council did not have a majority vote, let alone a 60% vote, in favor of this resolution on their breed council ballot. To enable the showing of AOV Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes, the Board had to ignore the Breed Definition policy and modify Show Rule 2.04 to make a unique exception for a large group of registerable cats, AOV Longhair Exotics. This resolution would essentially re-instate the original wording for Show Rule 2.04 and insert it into the CFA Constitution. It would also prohibit the showing of cats in any breed that mimic another breed. In particular, Longhair Exotics would no longer be eligible to be shown in Persian color classes.

If other breeds produce cats that “mimic” your breed, you need to support this resolution or in the coming years you may end up with mimics of your breed being shown in your color classes or in color classes within their breed. This is not just a Longhair Exotic and Persian issue. For example, it would prohibit pointed Orientals being shown as either Siamese or Colorpoints; and, it would prohibit pointed Orientals being shown as Orientals.

We urge you to vote for this amendment and thereby protect the integrity of all our breeds.

Susan Cook-Henry: <reads> Darrell made the point that 60% is not required under such circumstances. Longhair Exotics being shown in our color classes taking divisional wins, yet being scored in another breed doesn't make sense to me and to a number of other people. **Regina Shaffer:** Show rules do not belong in our constitution. Show rules belong in the Show Rules. **Howard Webster:** When the pointed Orientals were no longer allowed to compete, I wasn't for that idea then, and I'm certainly not for it now. CFA lost almost 40% of the Orientals being shown, which was the #4 breed at the time. This does not belong in our constitution. The board was elected to make these decisions. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

Proposed Show Rule Resolutions

DelaBar: Show rule resolutions passed by 2/3 are sent to the board for ratification. If it passes by 50%, it is sent to the board with a favorable recommendation.

–5– *Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers, Kittyhawk Felines.*

RESOLVED: modify Articles I, II, VIII, XVII, XVIII, XX, XXVIII as follows:

1.12 CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, Kitten Open-CH, Kitten Open-PR, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Open, Champion and Grand Champion classes; Open, Premier and Grand Premier classes.

AND

1.18 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

- a. The KITTEN CLASS is for any kitten, male or female, altered or unaltered, not less than 4 months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show including all kittens additionally entered as “KOC” for Kitten Open-CH or “KOR” for Kitten Open-PR, which, if an adult, would be eligible to compete in a Championship/Premiership Class. Kittens are not eligible for any “Bests” in show except kitten awards.
- b. The KITTEN OPEN-CH CLASS is for any CFA registered kitten, male or female, unaltered, not less than 7 months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show, which if an adult would be eligible to compete in a Championship Class whose owner opts to dual-enter such a kitten in both Kitten Open-CH Class in addition to regular KITTEN Class competition. Clubs may charge an additional entry fee for this extra class. Winners Ribbons are awarded in the Kitten Open-CH class, and since such kittens must be dual-entered in KITTEN Class competition to qualify for Kitten Open-CH Class, they are also eligible to compete towards any KITTEN Class awards. Upon the first day such a kitten turns adult at 8 calendar months, and a surcharge of \$25 plus regular CH title claim form and fee of \$10 has been paid with CFA, the Winners’ Ribbons earned during the period of Kitten Open-CH class eligibility will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion title which vests on that day. Cats which satisfied the winners’ ribbon requirements during KITTEN OPEN-CH class eligibility, have claimed the CH title and which have attained 8 calendar months of age may compete as confirmed CHs in Championship Classes. When a cat has completed requirements for confirmation, it is ineligible for the Open Class at any subsequent show (see 2.07, 8.05).
- c. The KITTEN OPEN-PR CLASS is for any CFA registered kitten, male or female, altered, not less than 7 months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show, which, if an adult, would be eligible to compete in a Premiership Class, whose owner opts to dual-enter such a kitten in both Kitten Open-PR Class in addition to regular KITTEN Class competition. Clubs may charge an additional entry fee for this extra class. Winners’ Ribbons are awarded in the Kitten Open-PR class, and since such kittens must be dual-entered in KITTEN Class competition to qualify for Kitten Open-PR Class, they are also eligible to compete towards any KITTEN

Class awards. Upon the first day such a kitten turns adult at 8 calendar months, and a surcharge of \$25 plus regular PR title claim form and fee of \$10 has been paid with CFA, the Winners Ribbons earned during the period of Kitten Open-PR class eligibility will be posted to the cat's record towards its Premier title which vests on that day. Cats which satisfied the Winners' Ribbon requirements during KITTEN OPEN-PR class eligibility, have claimed the PR title and which have subsequently attained 8 calendar months of age may compete as confirmed PRs in Premiership Classes. When a cat has completed requirements for confirmation, it is ineligible for the Open Class at any subsequent show (see 2.07 8.05).

AND

- 8.01 Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, including eligible kittens that are dual-entered in Kitten Open-CH and KITTEN Class, or Kitten Open-PR and KITTEN Class, the winning Open male or neuter and the winning female or spay in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty will be awarded the "Winners Ribbon."

AND

- 8.02 Winners Ribbons claimed must be won competing as the same color and/or pattern and must be won under the exact name in which the cat is registered. The cat's registration number must be printed in the catalog, including all eligible kittens that are dual-entered in Kitten Open-CH and KITTEN Class, or Kitten Open-PR and KITTEN Class. Ownership shown in the show catalog must agree with the registered ownership, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 4.08. Wins made in Championship competition may not be transferred to Premiership records. However, titles won in Championship competition are retained. Wins made in Kitten Open-CH or Kitten OPEN-PR classes will transfer over to the appropriate Championship or Premiership records vesting as of the first day such a kitten turns adult at 8 calendar months and a surcharge of \$25 plus regular CH/PR title claim form and fee of \$10 has been paid with CFA.

(8.03 and 8.04 are unchanged)

AND

- 8.05a. A Championship or Premiership claim can be made by completing the official CFA Championship Claim Form and mailing to the Central Office before the opening day of the next show in which the cat is benched, or filing with the show master clerk by the end of the first day of a two day show. The CFA Championship Claim form must include the following information on the shows where Winners Ribbons have been won: show name, show date, and judges who awarded each Winners Ribbon and be accompanied by the appropriate fee. The confirmation fee is \$10.00. A surcharge fee of \$25.00 is assessed for qualifying for the CH/PR title via the Kitten Open-CH or Kitten Open-PR process. The fee for certificates for framing is an additional \$10.00.
- b. Cats completing the requirements for the Championship or Premiership class by the end of class judging on the first day of a two day show may file the Championship Claim Form and fee with the master clerk for inclusion in the show records package for CFA. Such cats will be eligible for competition as a Champion or Premier on the second day of the show.

Championship and Premiership transfers must be given to the master clerk by the end of class judging on the first day of a two day show. Kittens qualifying for CH/PR titles, except for their age requirement, via the Kitten Open-CH or Kitten Open-PR process by the end of class judging on the first day of a two day show may file the Championship/Premiership Claim Form, surcharge fee and regular claim fee with the master clerk for inclusion in the show records package for CFA but may not transfer into the Championship or Premiership class on the second day of a two day show. Such Kittens will continue to compete as Kittens for both days of a two day show, and will not be eligible for competition as a Champion or Premier on the second day of the show. (see 1.18a

(8.05c, 8.05d, 8.05e, and 8.05f are unchanged)

AND

- 8.06 Grand points for a cat that has completed requirements for Championship or Premiership will not be posted to a cat's record until the Central Office has received a Championship Claim form, appropriate fees, determined that the cat is now at least 8 calendar months of age, and confirmed that championship or premiership requirements have been met. When the Championship or Premiership Claim Form has not been received by the Central Office, any wins earned by a cat otherwise eligible to compete as a Champion or Premier will be held in abeyance. For these wins to be counted, the exhibitor must respond to the written notice of delinquency issued by the Central Office within 20 days of the date of such notice. The response shall consist of a completed Championship or Premiership Claim Form, the confirmation fee (\$10.00) and payment of a late filing fee of \$10.00.

AND

- 17.02 The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Kitten-Open, Championship, Premiership, Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number.

AND

- 18.11a The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers for kittens where not printed in the catalog (see paragraph 11.04). Registration numbers for Kitten-Opens may not be added and must be included on the entry form (see 17.02). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog.

AND

- 20.11e The competitive class is not included in the group headings, but is noted below each catalog entry number as in the following example. The following abbreviations should be used: "MISC" for Miscellaneous; "PROV" for Provisional; "AOV" for Any Other Variety; "KIT" for Kitten; "KOC" for Kitten Open-CH; "KOR" for Kitten Open-PR; "NOV" for Novice; "OPN" for Open; "CH" for Champion; "GRC" for Grand Champion; "PR" for Premier;

“GRP” for Grand Premier; “HHP” for Household Pet; “VET” for Veteran Class; “EXH” for Exhibition Only.

NOTE: Chart in 28.19 needs to be amended to include new “KOC” for Kitten Open-CH and “KOR” for Kitten Open-PR classes and their Winners Ribbon awards as appropriate.

Other show rules may be effected and should be altered to conform by the CFA Board of Directors, if needed.

RATIONALE: creates new optional Kitten Open-CH and Kitten Open-PR Classes for age-eligible kittens who must be also entered in regular Kitten class, that are between 7 calendar months old and 8 months old, where they will be additionally judged within their breed and color Kitten Classes as Opens, earning Winners Ribbons transferable towards their eventual CH or Premier titles provided that a surcharge of \$25 is paid to CFA along with all regular CH/PR Claim form and fees.

Kitten Open-CH and Kitten Open-PR are NOT stand-alone classes. Clubs may charge an additional full entry fee for this extra class, in addition to the entry fee assessed for Kitten Class. There will be no additional finals slots for Kitten-Opens created. Clubs will NOT lose entries or entry fees in this new optional Kitten-Open process, as such kittens MUST enter both Kitten class and either Kitten Open-CH or Kitten Open-PR Classes to compete for Winners Ribbons and for Top Kitten class finals, paying TWO entry fees to the club. Every feline will still have to complete earning 6 Winners Ribbons at SOME show and pay that club’s entry fees. An entry fee for an adult Open or for the Kitten Open show will still have to be paid to some club.

CFA will be entitled to a separate surcharge of \$25 for claiming any Winners Ribbons won using the Kitten Open process that are used towards the CH/PR titles, to offset the additional work of confirmation and to help cover costs to CFA during implementation (computer programming changes, form changes, etc).

It also provides for access to one extra month of potential shows at which the Open could be done, which could be helpful to local exhibitors, with so many traditional shows/dates dropping off some regions’ schedules.

Anyone who prefers to collect the Winners Ribbons as an adult in regular Championship or Premiership adult classes, may still do so. No changes are being made to the regular Championship or Premiership adult Open processes.

How it works - within each competitive breed, color and division, whole kittens optionally entered in BOTH Kitten Open-CH and Kitten class will be judged first against all other whole kittens who are entered in BOTH Kitten Open-CH AND Kitten class for that same competitive breed, color and division, for the Winners Ribbon for that Kitten Open-CH class. Then altered Kittens optionally entered in BOTH Kitten Open-PR AND Kitten class will be judged first against all other altered kittens who are entered in BOTH Kitten Open-PR and Kitten class for that same competitive breed, color and division, for the Winners Ribbon for that Kitten Open-PR class.

Finally, within each competitive breed, color and division, all kittens entered in Kitten class will be judged against one another, as is normally done for eventual Kitten finals.

Sample Catalog Listing

CFA Non-Championship Shorthair Kittens

>>> Havana Brown<<<

Class 0408K Brown Male

Acapella Crash Test Kitty	71	<u>1W</u>	<u>1W</u>	<u>1W</u>	<u>1W</u>	<u>1W</u>	<u>1W</u>
0408-1000000 09/01/09 0/7	KOC	B	B	B	B	B	B
Sr: Acapella Run of the Mill							
Dm: Acapella Sweetie Pie							
Br/ow: Candice Massey							
1 entered	Best of Breed	71	71	71	71	71	71

Candice Massey: This proposal provides an opportunity for people to take the last month of kitten eligibility. You will pay the club two entry fees – one for the Kitten Open entry fee, one for the regular kitten class fee, so clubs are not going to lose entries on this. The traditional open process is unchanged and still available to anyone who wants it, but this is an additional option. There will be an extra surcharge of \$25 for the privilege of taking advantage of the Kitten Open process. This is a complicated procedure, but offers more options. **Monte Phillips:** Several breed standards have allowances for certain faults kittens that are no longer acceptable when you go into championship. That would mean I can get my winners ribbons as a kitten when I may not be able to get them if I were in championship. **Laura Shimer:** With the Korat breed, ghost barring is acceptable in kittens. It is not acceptable in an adult. Kittens are kittens, adults are adults. **Jacqui Bennett:** This proposal creates two winners ribbons for a single class. You could have a Bombay Kitten Open and a Bombay Open in Championship. Both will get winners ribbons for the exact same class. This eliminates the purpose of the winners ribbon, which is to win the class. **Dennis Ganoe:** This proposal reeks of too much complexity. I don't think the system is broken, so it doesn't need to be fixed. **Massey:** Kitten Opens will be judged against an adult standard. This is an option, not mandatory, so would you pay the extra entry fee to enter such a kitten in the optional Kitten Open class? I think we are intelligent enough as fanciers to be able to deal with the mechanics of this. You can save money by going to one show for two purposes. It is important that we increase our options for CFA, to give our local clubs increased support. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

–6– *Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Global Egyptian Mau Society, Diamond State Cat Club, One Fine Day.*

RESOLVED: amend ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS and ARTICLE XXX – INTERNATIONAL DIVISION to exclude Novice Cats from national/ regional points counts as follows:

1.19 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

- a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color is CFA registerable. Winners ribbons are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat's registration with CFA, the winners' ribbons will be posted to the cat's record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers on the second day of a two day show or in subsequent shows until the cat is registered with CFA. Offspring from two CFA registered parents are not eligible for this class and must compete in the

Open class (see rule 1/19b). Novice class cats are not eligible for National/Regional points, and are not to be included in championship or premiership counts for determining national/regional awards. They are included in the count for International Division wins. This class is for licensed shows in the International Division and Maritime Provinces of Canada.

AND

30.02a The Novice class is for “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or older on the first day of the show, whose color is CFA registerable. Winners’ Ribbons are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, the Winners Ribbons will be posted to the cat’s record as official Winners Ribbons towards its Champion/Premier title. Novice cats are not included in the official show count to determine national/regional award, but are included in count for International Division wins.

RATIONALE: Novice cats, only showable in the International Division and Canadian Maritime Provinces, are not CFA registered, and are currently not eligible to show as champions and premiers until they are registered. They may only enter as novices to earn winners ribbons that may be claimed if/when they are registered. Many of them may truly not be registerable, but meet the minimum requirement of being cats “whose color is CFA registerable.” Regardless of the beauty of many of the novices shown, the novice class presents the possibility that cats of questionable heritage could be entered in shows as novices to inflate the show count. Indeed, in one show in April of 2009, there were 41 novice cats entered in championship alone, enticing numerous exhibitors from the US to fly to Europe for that show due to the resulting high championship count. This presents particular challenges to International exhibitors who must then compete with the top national contenders at their few local shows. Eliminating the novice cats from the official count for determining national/regional awards in championship and premiership will maintain the right of International and Canadian Maritime exhibitors to show their novice cats prior to official registration, and allows novices to count toward International Division wins, thus encouraging them to show in CFA. It will, however, eliminate the situation in which CFA cats competing for national/regional wins potentially receive significant points for defeating unregistered and possibly unregisterable cats, something not allowed in any CFA other regional or national competition.

Laurie Coughlan: <reads> In this proposal, the novice cats stay exactly the way they are in the International Division. Novice cats which are not registered as CFA cats in championship or premiership will therefore not count toward the show count for national and regional wins. This is not meant to denigrate novices, but in no other region in CFA do unregistered cats count towards national and regional wins. **Monte Phillips:** If a cat can be best cat, it ought to count. Also, kittens that are unregistered are always in the count. **Laura Shimer:** The reason this rule exists is because Europe is an area of growth and we wish to encourage them to register with CFA. This is a way that we open the door to help them do that. If you go to a show in Europe, you will not walk away with the spoils. You will fight for your wins there, just like you will fight for your wins in the United States. **Olivier Grin:** I am from the International Division and I show in Europe where we have the novice classes. It’s not unusual to have a novice in the top 10 and even sometimes as best cat. I understand that CFA is part of the World Cat Congress and that we have open-door policies towards other associations. How welcoming is it to other associations to let them come in, pay the fee, but say, “your cat doesn’t count”? **Carissa Altschul:** This proposal doesn’t say that novice cats don’t count. It does not forbid the showing of novice cats. They still count for International Division points. The only thing it does not allow is for cats that fly from the United States to the European

shows to bring home points from novice cats. We're not telling people in Europe, we don't want their novice cats or that they do not count. **Regina Shaffer:** This resolution does affect our International Division exhibitors. Breed wins and national wins would be affected for those in the International Division. This should be defeated. **Dennis Ganoe:** How much is it going to cost CFA when we publish the show reports from shows in Europe? We will have to have one count for the cats from Europe, and another count for the cats who may have traveled from the United States. That's a complexity issue that we don't need. **Donna Andrews:** I went to a show in Germany, and there were only 3 novices. We're not talking hundreds of cats. I have been to shows in Hong Kong, Austria, Germany, France. They have beautiful cats and not many unregistered novices. **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** The number of novices is miniscule. Beautiful cats from other associations come and compete. Most of them go on to be registered with CFA in order to get their title. We're talking about a handful of our U.S. and Canadian exhibitors flying over to the International Division to go racing after those novice points. You've got to be kidding yourself. This proposal should be defeated. **Frédéric Goedert:** Novice cats must be registerable. If they are not registerable with CFA, we cannot accept them in the show. It's important for us to grow entries. Maybe you should consider this novice class also in America to open your doors for the future. Another point is, if European exhibitors compete for the national win as you call them, maybe it's time to think about another name than "national" for all world winning cats everywhere. **Donna Fuller:** Not long ago, I did some counting of novices at the big shows. The big shows have very few novices, and those are the shows that the U.S. campaigners are going to go over for. For instance, a show I judged in Hong Kong had 177 present in championship. There were 2 novices. They were just waiting for the paperwork to clear and eventually became CFA champions. Are there shows where there are lots of novices? Yes, they are in China, they're up in Russia, they're in places that are a more remote. They aren't shows that U.S. exhibitors are going to spend the money to go over for. This novice issue is blown out of proportion. **Dee Dee Cantley:** CFA is an international organization and we need to start treating everyone equally. **Norm Auspitz:** Novices do not count in regional points; they only count in national points. **Laurie Coughlan:** Yes, let's have everyone counted equally. In the United States and Regions 1 through 8, you cannot even enter a cat in premiership or championship unless it has a registration number. This proposal does not change what is recommended for those in the International Division; it doesn't change the registration, it doesn't change the entry, it doesn't change the points for the International Division. So, to any of you who think in any way it denigrates the International Division, please understand that is not the intention. The intention is to have the national points be the national points, and that they are based on registered premiership cats and registered championship cats. For those who point out that it would be complicated, we already maintain different statistics. Our Cat of the Year is not the highest scoring cat in his own region because of this difference in the point keeping between regional and national points. So, again, we suggest that it would be more fair leaving the International scoring and entries exactly the same, simply not counting the unregistered cats towards national points. **DelaBar** called the motion

Motion Failed.

–7– *Arklahoma Feline Fanciers, Camino Real Cat Fanciers, Cat Spring Irregulars, Coastal Empire Cat Club, Cow Hill Cat Club, Domesti-Katz Cat Club, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Hotlanta Cat Club, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Land of Oz Cat Club, Long and Short of It Cat Club, Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers, Muskogee Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Roadrunners Cat Fanciers, Tejas Siamese Fanciers, Up In Smoke Society, Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers .*

RESOLVED: amend Show Rule 2.04, to be effective immediately, to read as follows:

~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes),~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.

RATIONALE: A number of years ago, AOV pointed Oriental Shorthairs were permitted to be shown in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes and to receive regional and national Colorpoint Shorthair breed and color wins even though they were registered as Oriental Shorthairs, not as Colorpoint Shorthairs. This show rule was originally instituted to protect all breeds used for outcrossing and to resolve the bad feelings that had developed between Colorpoint Shorthair breeders and Oriental Shorthair breeders during the time when AOV pointed Oriental Shorthairs were permitted to be shown in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes.

At the February 2009 Board meeting, the Board voted that the showing of AOV Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes was a Show Rule issue, not a breed standard issue, and would be permitted even though (1) the showing of mimics is prohibited by the Breed Definition policy and (2) the Persian Breed Council did not have a majority vote, let alone a 60% vote in favor of this resolution on their breed council ballot. To enable the showing of AOV Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes, the Board had to ignore the Breed Definition policy and modify Show Rule 2.04 to make a unique exception for a large group of registerable cats, AOV Longhair Exotics. This resolution would essentially re-instate the original wording for Show Rule 2.04 and prohibit the showing of mimics. In particular, Longhair Exotics would no longer be eligible to be shown in Persian color classes.

If your breed is used by other breeds for outcrossing or if other breeds produce cats that “mimic” your breed, you need to support this resolution or in the coming years you may end up with mimics of your breed being shown in your color classes. This is not just a Longhair Exotic and Persian issue. Do you want pointed Orientals shown as Siamese, colorpointed Orientals shown as Colorpoints, straight-coated Selkirk Rex shown as British Shorthairs, Sable Bombays shown as Sable Burmese, and so on? We urge you to vote for this amendment and thereby protect the integrity of all our breeds.

Susan Cook-Henry: <reads> We have heard all of the arguments on both sides. Making an exception for one large registry of cats and leaving all other cats outside of that rule doesn't make sense to me, and to a lot of other people. **Loretta Baugh:** Prior to May 1 of this year, we were the only association in the world that did not allow the Exotic longhair on the show bench. The Exotic longhair exhibits had many other places to go. The second point I want to make is, I have heard a tremendous amount about breed integrity. Exotic longhairs have identifier numbers. No one is twisting anyone's arm to use these cats in a breeding program. The Persian breeders can keep their breed integrity by looking at those numbers. The Exotic longhair breeders can get their cats on the show bench and put CFA in step with the rest of the world. **Barbara Sinbine:** Just a few minutes ago, you all voted that this should be a show rule, not part of the constitution. Any time that you make exceptions in a show rule, you set a precedent for more exceptions. There are a lot of breeds that mimic other breeds and when you set up one exception, you set the precedent to keep doing that. I am for this amendment. **Dennis Ganoe:** My problem with this resolution and show rule as written is, it is effective immediately. That means the last six weeks for Exotic longhairs are as if it never happened. I am opposed to that idea as a precedent for how we change show rules. We normally

vote on show rules during the Annual, they get either a 50% or a 2/3, they get ratified by the board in October and go into effect the next show season. The “effective immediately” clause in this resolution to me is wrong and I will vote no on that basis alone. **Justin Simpson:** A show rule which says, “each cat must be entered in the breed in which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered” is the basic reason why this organization exists. I do not understand why you are toying with it. **Leslie Carr:** It was stated by somebody a minute ago that show rules are voted on by this delegation, and when they receive 2/3 of the delegation’s vote, they pass. The piece that was being stricken was not voted on by any delegation, it was added by the board. All we are saying is, put the rule back the way it was voted on by the delegation. **Geri Fellerman:** I breed longhair Exotics deliberately; they are called Himalayans, and they are also called Persians. Every one of my cats has shorthair blood in it somewhere. The Himalayan was supposed to be its own breed, but a very forward-thinking board some 26 years ago voted to make them part of the Persian breed because the standard was the same, except for the color. With the Exotic, the standard is the same except for the coat length. The longhair Exotic, if it can compete head to head with a Persian of the same color class on the show bench, why not? It’s just a matter of coat length. Let them have a chance. **Carissa Altschul:** The Exotic contains 5 breeds. The Himalayan had a shorthair component and was never open for outcross other than to Persian. You can’t say one breed is less pure, but to call a breed “longhair Exotic” simply because it contains Persian and something else is silly. We do not have any other show rules that make an exception for a single breed. We do not have any other breeds that show in one breed and then get awarded in another. Why do we make an exception for a single breed, simply because people want more titles? **Bob Belfatto:** Anyone can use the statement I’m going to make now, even though I invented it: “Things that are different are not the same.” **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

–8– *Roses For Felines, Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers, Kentucky Colonels Cat Club, Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees, Southern Indiana LH Society, Charlestown Catcallers, Kittyhawk Felines, Valley View Cat Fanciers, Dimes & Dollars Cat club, Stones River Cat Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: amend ARTICLE II-ELIGIBILITY/INELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY as follows:

2.05 When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the listed sire of cat or kitten was owned or co-owned by the judge at the time the breeding occurred, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible for competition in that judge’s ring.

(2.05a, 2.05b, and 2.05c are unchanged)

d. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, or the listed sire of cat or kitten was owned or co-owned by the judge at the time the breeding occurred, or the cat or kitten is owned by a member of his/her immediate family which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily “x’d” out of that judge’s ring.

(2.05.01 is unchanged)

AND

RESOLVED: amend SECTION XI-EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY by adding the following new rule:

11.33 It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to withhold any cat or kitten from the ring of an officiating judge including a Best of the Bests judge, when the officiating judge is the breeder of that cat or kitten or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten or the listed sire of cat or kitten was owned by the judge at the time the breeding occurred as such a cat or kitten is not eligible for competition in that judge's ring. Any such prohibited cat or kitten placed into the officiating judge's ring will result in all wins from that ring being voided by CO since the prohibited cat or kitten should have been mandatorily "x'd" out of that judge's ring.

RATIONALE: requires 1st generation progeny from a sire owned or co-owned by an officiating judge at the time of breeding to be mandatorily "x'd" out of that judge's ring, with responsibility on the exhibitor to withhold such progeny from his/her ring. Simply matches the current prohibition of 1st generation progeny deriving from an officiating judge-owned female cat's breeding while owned or co-owned at the time of breeding, and makes it applicable to the judge-owned sire's 1st generation progeny.

Lori McClain: <reads> **Ronna Colilla:** Who is going to police this? Are the entry clerks going to have to have a list of all of the judges' catteries? Is the master clerk going to have to have a list of all of the judges' catteries? I am against this, because it's a lot more work for CFA and for the master clerk. Also, for people getting grand points, if CFA disqualifies an entry because it turns out the judge was an owner of the sire, you may lose your grand. **Sande Willen:** This goes beyond having a cattery suffix or prefix on the male. What if a judge owned a sire for one month, 10 years ago, and the cat comes out in premiership? Are we supposed to know that the judge owned the cat 10 years ago? I can't see how it can be enforced. **Lori McClain:** Who is enforcing the rule about cats produced from the breeding female? This is the same policy, same people. **Monte Phillips:** I can envision scenarios where the owner of the cat would have no clue that the sire of his or her cat is a judge currently. **Donna Fuller:** I don't see how is proposal would be fair to the people who buy cats that happen to be bred by judges. **Art Graafmans:** We are somewhat concerned that we will go down the road of trying to legislate good behavior. To start doing this is impractical and foolish. **Peg Johnson:** Many of the judges in this room, and before they were judges, were very instrumental in establishing breeds and they were very helpful in mentoring new people and allowing them to breed to their cats. Many continue to be very influential in their breeds. We are about encouraging people to share and grow their breeds, and I would hate to see that end. Many times, the owner of a sire never sees the kittens and you certainly don't recognize them on the judge's table if someone across the country has used one of your cats for sire. I don't want to discourage the generosity of people that are sharing their sires with others to help them establish a breeding program, so please do not vote for this change. **Judy Buckle:** This proposal doesn't sound bad at first. It sounds like you are protecting something. A majority of cats in my breed from the state of Oregon are not going to be able to be shown to my husband, Dennis [Gano], who judges primarily in Oregon and Washington. It's so restrictive now, and frustrating to give up something you have loved. **Lori McClain:** This proposal gives the same importance to siring males owned by a judge as is already given to their females. It removes any possibility of a disgruntled exhibitor downgrading any award won by a cat who's sire was owned by a judge at the time of mating. The responsibility for correctly entering a show lies with the exhibitor. It is also the responsibility of a breeder who sells a kitten to be shown to make that owner aware of any possible limitations. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

–9– *Rex Rattle & Roll Allbreed Cat Club, San Diego Cat Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: amend Show Rule Article VIII – CHAMPIONSHIPS & PREMIERSHIPS as follows:

8.03b Additionally an Open cat must be awarded at least one finals win of Best whole/altered Open or Second Best whole/altered Open or Third Best whole[/altered] Open or one award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed top final in order to qualify for the title of Champion/Premier. A simple flat green ribbon may be used for any of the Open final awards with the placement indicated on the flat.

(8.04 is Unchanged)

AND

8.05a A Championship or Premiership claim can be made by completing the official CFA Championship Claim Form and mailing to the Central Office before the opening day of the next show in which the cat is benched, or filing with the show master clerk by the end of the first day of a two day show. The CFA Championship Claim form must include the following information on the shows where Winners Ribbons have been won and show where the required one final was awarded: show name, show date, and judges who awarded each Winners Ribbon or each finals award placement and be accompanied by the appropriate fee. The confirmation fee is ~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00. The fee for certificates for framing is an additional \$10.00.

RATIONALE: increases the merit and honor of the CFA CH/PR titles by adding meaningful competition to the Open to CH/PR title process for all cats. This proposal keeps the present 6 Winner's Ribbons system intact for whole or altered Opens competing in Championship or Premiership classes, but adds a requirement for one final as an Open against other Opens, either by way of three Open final spots for Opens in Championship: Best AB/SP Open, Second Best AB/SP Open, Third Best AB/SP Open or any top Best 15 AB/SP final, or else by way of two Open final spots for Opens in Premiership: Best AB/SP Open, Second Best AB/SP Open, or any top Best 15 AB/SP final. A fee of \$25 or other set by CFA will be required to claim the CH/PR title to defray the cost of implementation (computer programming changes, form changes, verification costs, etc.). A simple flat green ribbon may be used for any of the Open final awards with the placement indicated on the flat to reduce expenses for the clubs.

Cantley: <reads> This proposal seeks to get a meaningful title for the champions and premiers. Right now, it's a title by default in many cases. It will add three more awards for judges to make. **Olivier Grin:** The champion title is a certification that a cat has no disqualifying feature. It should stay like this. Many exhibitors will never grand every cat they show. They come to the show to support the club and they are happy to have a champion. With this resolution, we might lose those entries. The champion title should means that a cat has no disqualifying features, meets to some extent the standard. Let the grand champion title show that a cat is competitive. **Bob Belfatto:** I agree that we have to upgrade the champion title, but there are better ways. Instead of individual color classes in a lot of minority breeds, we should put them together. If you want to upgrade it, have some competition between them. **Cantley:** There has been a lot of discussion about making that

champion or premier title meaningful. This proposal is something we can continue with. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

–10– *Korats Unlimited, Manx Ltd. Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders, Rip City Cats.*

RESOLVED: amend ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES, 12.07a. as follows:

~~Veteran Classes may not be held in conjunction with a six ring, one day show.~~

RATIONALE: since this show rule was developed and approved by the Board, many of the CFA licensed shows have changed from two-day shows to one day, 6 ring shows. This means that there have been fewer shows available for veterans competition and we have fewer opportunities to provide this entertaining competition.

The reasons for incorporating veterans competition in CFA cat shows of all kinds are:

1. Having these older cats, in excellent physical condition, featured at our shows, provides good PR for CFA. It shows how much we treasure our older, retired cats.
2. The small number of veterans competing at a show allows the competition to be conducted in a single session – the cats remain in the ring and the finals presentation takes place immediately. This also means that the Veterans judging can be used to fill in waiting times when larger categories are being judged or the judge is waiting for finals to be completed in other rings.
3. Veterans entered are counted as regular entries, so they increase the overall number of cats being judged in a show. If they are judged in all judging rings, their entry fee is (generally) the same as other categories. Five or six veteran cats, entered at \$40 50 per cat can add \$200 300 to a show's income.

There were concerns at the beginning that our older cats could not withstand the rigors of showing in more than a few rings. Since 2004, Veterans competition is allowed in all rings when offered at Region 2 shows. Veterans from 7 to 14 years of age have competed in our shows. Some of them don't like it, and make it very clear that they are done with cat shows. Some of the cats enjoy it enormously, and smooch the judges and gaze out at their admirers in the audience. Judges often comment that some of the cats could compete successfully in the “regular” competition (championship and premiership). In some cases, these mature cats have developed into superior examples of their breed.

Clubs are not required to offer Veterans competition in their shows and Regions may or may not present year end awards to veterans. When more regions offer this competition, awarding official titles to these cats may be considered.

Ann Segrest: <reads> It's good PR for CFA to show these wonderful, mature examples of our show cats. They are counted as regular entries, so there is no reduction. It adds to the income. Many exhibitors aren't breeders and don't have a constant supply of cats to show. This gives them an opportunity to dust off one of their old beauties and bring it out again. It is so much fun. If your region hasn't tried Veterans competition, you really ought to start including it. **George**

Eigenhauser: When the board first considered the one-day, 6 ring format, we had a lot of reservations and there were a lot of restrictions that we placed on the early shows. As the format has matured, we have learned what we can and cannot handle. This rule is an anachronism that we need to get rid of. If you don't want to have Veterans class, that's your choice. If a club has the ability to schedule it and to make it work, why not let them? The other argument I have heard, is that it's too stressful for older cats. I first started showing with a 12-year old household pet. She was the best show cat I ever had. She could put up with anything from anyone and any time, and give it back in spades. She had a presence on the table that would match any show cat I have ever seen. Even today, she could be shown in the Household Pet class in a one-day, 6 ring. We allow 7 year old cats to be shown in Household Pet. We allow 7 year old cats to be shown in premiership. We allow 7 year old cats to be shown in championship. Why are they suddenly enfeebled when we call them Veterans instead? It's the same cat. **Monte Phillips:** One-day shows are now the majority. Only 20.6% of them actually fill. That means 79.4% don't, so those are entries you're not getting that you could have otherwise. **Sue Robbins:** Even if we only get 1 or 2 or 3 or 4, they can help our bottom line. This can make a difference whether a club remains viable as a show-producing club in the future or not. Thank **Dennis Ganoe:** One thing about 6 ring shows, scheduling is a problem. You have 6 judges, and if you have Household Pet, you have 7 classifications. It's hard to get your schedule to work. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

–11– *Pfanciers United For Fun, International Havana Brown Society.*

RESOLVED: amend 15.08a and 19.01 as follows:

15.08a. The show manager must provide illumination most closely simulating daylight (full spectrum light, color temperature ~~5000-K~~ 6500-K) ~~as may be reasonably available~~ in each judging ring sufficient to allow thorough examination of each entry. If this type of lighting will not be available, it must be so stated on the show flyer.

AND

19.01n. The type of specific lighting provided in the judging rings must be so stated.

RATIONALE: this resolution was brought up from the floor at the 2008 annual meeting and was approved by the delegation. It was not adopted by the board of directors when it was brought up at the February board meeting. We felt that this issue was important enough to bring before the delegation again, this time properly noticed.

When this show rule was originally adopted, daylight bulbs were not easily obtained and were costly. That is not the case today. Daylight simulating bulbs (6500-k) are readily available at virtually the same cost.

Poor lighting adversely affects the judging process and puts all of the breeds at a disadvantage; obviously some more than others. Judges should not have to struggle to evaluate the eye color, coat color, ticking, patterns, etc. of the cat on the table. Exhibitors of all the breeds should feel that their cat(s) are given the same opportunity for proper evaluation by the judges as the other exhibits. This change would "level the playing field" for all breeds at little or no additional cost.

We have personally spoken with several of the persons providing cage services and they have no objection to converting to daylight bulbs. As a matter of fact, some are already doing so.

Norma Placchi: We brought this up last year from the floor. It was approved by the delegation, but the Board of Directors did not approve it. We felt that this issue was important enough to bring before the delegation again, properly noticed. **Dee Dee Cantley:** Daylight bulbs are a great idea, but what we actually need a full-spectrum bulb, not just one color. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

–12– *Korats Unlimited, Manx Ltd, Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders Club, Rip City Cats.*

RESOLVED: amend Article XXIII – RIBBONS AND ROSETTES as follows:

- 23.02 On all ribbons or rosettes/awards designating prizes to be awarded in the various classes, the following words must appear: first, second, third, or winners and the CFA insignia. In the case of a standard household pet show, the words “household pet merit award” and the CFA insignia must appear. In the case of veterans competing in the show, the words “veteran merit award” and the CFA insignia must appear.
- 23.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated must be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

First Place Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Dark Blue
Second Place Perm/Ribbon/Rosette.....	Red
Third Place Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Yellow
Best Of Color Class Perm/Ribbon/Rosette.....	Black
2nd Best Of Color Class Perm/Ribbon/Rosette.....	White
Championship Winners Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Red, White & Blue
Premiership Winners Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Red, White & Blue
Best Of Breed/Division Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Brown
2nd Best Of Breed/Division Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Orange
Best Champ/Prem Of Breed/Div Perm/Ribbon/Rosette.....	Purple
Household Pet Merit Award Ribbon/Rosette	Red & White
<u>Veteran Merit Award Ribbon/Rosette</u>	<u>Silver Or Gray</u>
Best, 2nd, 3rd AB Best Champ Ribbon/Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best, 2nd, 3rd LH Champ Ribbon/Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best, 2nd, 3rd SH Champ Ribbon/Rosette/Award.....	Any Color
Best & 2nd Best AB Premier Ribbon/Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best & 2b LH Premier Ribbon/Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best & 2b SH Premier Ribbon/Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best-10th Best Cat Rosette/Award	Any Color
11th-15th Best Cat (If Appl) Rosette/Award.....	Any Color
Best-10th Best Kitten Rosette/Award.....	Any Color
11th-15th Best Kitten (If Appl) Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best-10th Best Premiership Rosette/Award	Any Color
11th -15th Best Premiership Rosette/Award	Any Color

Best-5th Best HHP Rosette/Award.....	Any Color
6th-10th Best HHP (If Appl) Rosette/Award	Any Color
Best-5th Best Veteran Rosette/Award	Any Color
6th-10th Best Veterans (If Appl) Rosette/Award	Any Color

RATIONALE: Competition for Veterans in CFA has developed to the point where it is reasonable to have ribbons and/or flats of a special color for the judging. There has been confusion about what flats a judge must hang during the judging process. By designating a special color ribbon, this confusion can be eliminated. In discussion with exhibitors of veteran cats, the consensus was that silver would be an appropriate color for the merit award flat ribbon.

There will be a cost to clubs offering veterans competition, as they would need to purchase approximately 10 ribbons per ring initially (either satin or permanent flats), and must have a few satin flats available for exhibitors who want the souvenir.

Ann Segrest: Simply, we are creating a ribbon for Veterans. We decided that silver would be a really good color for the Veterans. The reason for this ribbon is, the competition has reached a point where it's reasonable to have ribbons and flats of a special color for the judging process. We added the language of Veteran Merit Award and the CFA insignia. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 13 – *CFA Board Of Directors*

RESOLVED: amend 26.03 by adding the following:

Should a club desire to acknowledge a judge's participation in their show, it is recommended the club make a donation to a CFA affiliated charity/organization in the judge's name.

RATIONALE: clubs should not feel obligated to 'gift' the judges. Judges recognize that show production is costly and do not expect gifts. A small 'goodie bag' (survival rations?) Given at the hotel at check-in is appreciated since often a judge does not have the opportunity to dine prior to leaving for a show, and/or arrives after restaurants are closed. The invitation to judge the show and the hospitality provided during the show is evidence of the club's appreciation.

Withdrawn.

– 14 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club, Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees.*

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE XXXVII – NATIONAL/DIVISION/ REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Regional Divisional Assignment section as follows:

8. A cat/kitten whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points. ~~However, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January.~~ The cat/kitten will be assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten earns points following the date of transfer. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the cat/kitten is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the

cat/kitten earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January.

RATIONALE: The current scoring rules do not allow for the fact that one may sell a cat and transfer ownership to someone in a different region after the first full show weekend in January. Even if the new owner is a resident in a different region, the cat would have to be scored in its previous region of residence. This puts undue hardship on the new owner, especially if they live far from the previous region of residence since they will now have to travel to this region to show the cat in that region in at least one show in that region to qualify for a regional award. It would make much more sense for the new owner to be able to transfer the region for this cat to be scored in their region of residence. Whereas this may open a possible loophole for region shopping, this is rarely the case when people sell cats and transfer ownership, even after the first full weekend in January!

Norm Auspitz: <reads> **George Eigenhauser:** I agree that the current rule has created a problem, I just don't think this is the solution. Years ago, we used to allow cats to change region of residence all the way up to the end of the show season. Unfortunately, that created forum shopping. People would earn points in one region, discover they could do better if they transferred to another region, and they would have some kind of a straw man conveyance to improve their award or get an award that they wouldn't have gotten in their home region. The delegation passed this rule to prevent forum shopping. Earlier this year, the board was faced with the question: what happens when a cat really changes competitive categories? It was shown as a kitten in one region, it gets sold to a new owner and they want to show it as an adult in that other region. That is a good question, because when the reason for a rule doesn't exist, why should the rule exist? If somebody is moving to a new region with zero points and starting over, that's not what the rule was created to stop. It was to keep people from taking points into a new region, not to keep them from starting over and competing from the get-go in that new region, so it makes perfect sense that we should look at this rule. The proposal, however, goes way too far. It makes region shopping easy, it makes region shopping convenient, and it makes region shopping inevitable. My suggestion is, let the board look at this in October and come up with something that's more narrow drafted. **Norm Auspitz:** I do not disagree. We wanted to float this to get people thinking about it. Our contention is that the rule that makes you have to show in the region in which you are trying to get your regional award is going to prevent region shopping as much as anything else you are going to do, and even with the rules as they exist, we do see region shopping going on. It certainly hasn't prevented it. It's never been rampant. People always find a way around the rules. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

– **15** – *Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers, Nova Cat Fanciers, Sign Of The Cat Fanciers, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers, Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers, Moorestown Cat Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers, Rainbow Plumes, Continental Balinese Club, Sanguine Silver Fanciers Society, Almost Heaven Cat Club, Garden State Cat Club, National Alliance Of Birman Breeders, Rose City Cat Club , Paper Tigers Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE XXXVIII – FELINE AGILITY by adding a new rule which will establish titles for Feline Agility competitors to earn in competition. This title will be listed at the

front of a CFA Feline Agility competitor's name with each Feline Agility title earned replacing the previous title (e.g. GC, AC, BW, NW Herman of Cat Fanciers', DM).

38.10 Titles.

Agility Competitor: (AC) this title is awarded to any cat who completes the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility Course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error.

Agility Winner: (AW) this title is awarded to any cat who has previously earned the title of Agility Competitor (AC), and has successfully completed the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility Course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error, in at least 2 separate CFA Feline Agility Competitions, earning a minimum of 500 Points.

Agility Master: (AM) this title is awarded to any cat who has previously earned the title of Agility Winner (AW) and has successfully completed the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility Course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error, in CFA Feline Agility Competitions during their competitive career, earning a minimum of 2000 points.

Agility Grand Master: (AG) this title is awarded to any cat who has previously earned the title of Agility Master (AM) and has successfully completed the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error, in CFA Feline Agility competitions during their competitive career, earning a minimum of 4000 points.

RATIONALE: With all of the success that CFA Feline agility has had over the past several years, we feel it is time to give the participants more incentive to continue to compete in agility. Agility is a crowd pleaser and a great publicity tool for CFA clubs. Presently, CFA Feline Agility is scored by Russ Reimer, our Agility Committee Scorer, at no cost to CFA. Those results are forwarded to Central Office at season's end. Awarding these titles will help to give the recognition to the competitors which they so richly deserve. The CFA Feline Agility Committee could easily notify CFA Central Office as agility competitors reached the point levels listed above.

Jill Archibald: <reads> In addition, it would not be a problem for that information to be added to the show packet, with the signature of the Feline Agility Ringmaster as confirmation, for the same kind of confirmation fee as a champion title. **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** Wayne Mull and myself started this concept several years ago in my living room. I'm all about publicity and there's no reason we can't use it as a hook. I wasn't thinking of titles at the time, but the program has moved ahead. We've got young people running these cats, and we have the more elderly ones which maybe can't walk so good or run their cats, the kids are taking them in the ring and we're getting PR out of it. Our clubs would love to see this accepted. **Mary Kolencik:** I have no problem giving titles to agility cats, but the way that I read this and the way that I read our constitution, I see it as a conflict because Agility includes non-pedigreed cats. **DelaBar:** Nothing in our constitution prevents us from giving titles and awards to household pets. It's just not registration. Our attorney does not see a problem with it at this time. **Mark Rowe:** I love agility. It's a great event. Titles for agility would be a wonderful thing. Having said that, I don't support this particular resolution. The first title proposed here is a good one. It gives a cat that can run an agility course a title. The following three proposed titles look to me to be attendance awards. Once a cat can run the agility course, if it does it enough times, it gets an additional title. Agility is a competitive timed event. The better cats can do it faster than the not-as-good cats, so titles should be awarded on that basis. We ought to base our titles on cats that can run the course fastest. That's what our top agility cats are. If we're going to

award advanced titles, they should be based on high performance in the category, not simply doing it a lot of times. **Ann Caell:** I'm not against titles. They are well deserved. The point structure is what I'm concerned about. The titles are good but we should limit them to AC or AW, or adjust the point categories depending on available feline agility rings and shows. I would like to see this rewritten and perhaps presented again next year. **Marsha Ammons:** Last month, I attended a meeting in Fort Worth of the Code Enforcement Division. They're looking at changes in animal control laws. I was the only person from the cat fancy at that particular concept meeting. I sat next to people from the dog fancy, who were all talking about the shows they had been at and also doing agility. When I brought up that we have agility at some of our cat shows, they at first laughed and I explained what the cats do. They were quite intrigued. By offering titles, this is another source of revenue. Perhaps we need to evolve this. For some of our exhibitors and the public, this would be good. **Jill Archibald:** This is a start. There's no reason it can't change to a title for speed demons. If you can show a cat that can run fast show after show and complete the course, that cat knows what they are doing. It wasn't a fluke. That cat is an agility cat and should earn a title. Those titles are awarded over the cat's competitive career, which would be the cat's lifetime. I love agility, I hope you are seeing it, and this will bring more people into the agility ring, which of course will bring in a little bit more money and help to every club and every show. It's what we need. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions

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– **16** – *Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers*.

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Rules for Registration, ARTICLE II – REGISTRATION, Section 4 – Cat Names, Titles, as follows to take effect immediately:

DM: Distinguished Merit, the title given to a cat which has produced the required number of Grand Champions, Grand Premiers or Distinguished Merit cats (5 for females and ~~15~~ 10 for males).

RATIONALE: with declining numbers of breeder/exhibitors, fewer cat registrations, fewer shows now available, and those shows attracting dramatically smaller entry counts, the original parameters used to set the ratio of required grand offspring needed to earn the DM titles for males versus females has become unbalanced.

Most breeders agree that the female's current requirement of 5 grand offspring is still at a proper degree of difficulty. Some breeders now wonder if the male DM's level of difficulty was set initially a bit too high, a level of difficulty that has increased greatly as our entry numbers have shrunk each show season. Certainly, it is clear that the respective numbers of females earning their DM title are vastly higher than those males who have achieved their DM title. This ratio has only widened over the years since approval. It may be time to rebalance the number of the male's required grand offspring back to a ratio of difficulty similar to the originally conceived level of difficulty for this DM title.

This proposal offers a simple "clean" re-balancing reduction in required grand offspring for male DMs, from the old 15, down to a new level of 10 required grand offspring to achieve the DM title.

Candice Massey: <reads> This is the same level of male DM equivalent titled cats other associations have always had. It is important for us to reconsider the number of grands needed for a DM on the male side. **DelaBar:** As a point of clarification, non-show rule resolutions voted favorably by this delegation go to the board with a favorable recommendation. It cannot be effective immediately. **Norm Auspitz:** When this rule was first drafted, it indicated how important the sire male is to any breeding program, and therefore the requirements for Distinguished Merit are quite a bit more stringent, as they should be. Secondly, what do you do now with the ones who did get 15 qualifying offspring, because you are changing the meaning of the title by doing this. You've got to be very carefully when you make such a change. **Peg Johnson:** If we need to look at this, and I don't believe we do, we should look at the number of grand champions and grand premiers in shows, and the number of DM's that we are awarding our cats. Year over year we see more and more cats grand, so the attainment of these awards, even in a decreasing entry, is not declining. I would like to see pertinent facts to see if we really are seeing a decline in the number of sires able to achieve DM's. **Monte Phillips:** I'm going to give you a few numbers. Male DM's are about 1/3, compared to female DM's. That has not changed over the past 3-4 years, and continues for 2008-2009. Grand champions are also about the same as they were last year, as far as male and female break-down. That hasn't changed either, so statistically nothing has changed. **Bruce Russell:** This proposal really struck a chord with me when I read it. In December of 1998, we acquired our foundation breeding male. In August of this past year, he became only the third Scottish Fold male DM in CFA history when his 15th qualifying offspring became a DM. This is a goal that took us 8 years to complete. This was especially gratifying for us, as we had the unfortunate task of helping this boy over the rainbow bridge over 3-1/2 years previous. So, yes, 15 qualifying offspring for a male is a lofty goal to reach, but it can be done. Please honor all the current male DM's by not lowering our standard for male DM's. Please vote no on this proposal. **Virginia Wight:** The rationale behind this proposal was to equalize the number of male and female DM's. It's a very lofty goal, but we need to bear in mind that we are trying to breed healthy cats. The more offspring that a cat produces, the more likely any negative genetic faults are to be spread out into the gene pool of that particular cat. If you lower the males from 15 to 10, then you might actually be promoting health. **DelaBar:** We have developed DNA tests to preclude that. **Laura Shimer:** We should not penalize males for being potent. You might argue the bottleneck genetic theory, but we can manage our own breeding programs. It can be done well and appropriately. Please vote this down. **Cathy Galfo:** What struck me about this was "effective immediately". Do not make it retroactive. That would cheapen the DM. **Jim Rogers:** The rationale is not based on the number of grands produced, it's based on the number of litters produced. Just because we've got declining entries doesn't mean we're going to make it harder for the males. **Candice Massey:** It's important for us to look at qualifications for titles on a periodic basis. The numbers have deteriorated since the time we instituted the award. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

Resolutions From the Floor

– 17 – Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers, Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers, Delaware River Cats Club, National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club, Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers, Greater Baltimore Cat Club, Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers, Spokane Cat Club, Ft. Vancouver Cat Fanciers, Fraser Valley Allbreed Cat Club, Oregon Cats, Inc., Rose City Cat Fanciers, American Manx Club, Garden State Cat Club, Halfmoon Cat Club, Morris & Essex Cat Club, Make Mine Mink Tonkinese Fanciers, Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Hawkeye State Cat Club, Manx Ltd., Willamette Valley Cat

Club, Cymric Club, Country Cousins Cat Club, Westchester Cat Club, Lucky Tom Cat Club, Sphynx Breed Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule, ARTICLE II – ELIGIBILITY/INELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY, Section 2.09, to add Paragraph g as follows:

2.09 A cat or kitten not having all its physical properties – eyes, ears, legs, tail, claws, both descended testicles (adult cat only) – or has had surgery which changes a cat’s natural functions (e.g., tendonectomy), is not eligible for entry. The previous notwithstanding, cats missing certain physical properties, as listed below, are eligible for entry in the category (class) indicated:

(Paragraphs 2.09a through 2.09f are unchanged)

g. Household pets in the Household Pet Class not having these physical properties – eyes, ears, legs, or tail. Household Pets may not be shown who have surgically absent claws or whose feet have undergone tendonectomy surgery.

RATIONALE: Household pets are often rescues from feral colonies and/or shelters. They can come into our lives with handicaps, yet still be functional and capable cats. Right now, technically, these handicapped cats cannot be shown in the Household Pet Class. Adding Paragraph g to Show Rule 2.09 clarifies that these special Household Pet cats may be shown legally. Household Pets whose claws or toe tendons have been intentionally surgically altered or removed still may not be shown in CFA.

Candice Massey: <reads> Sometimes, Household Pets are our entry for families and young fanciers to come into showing. We need to keep CFA open, and our doors available to all. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

– 18 – *Titletown Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: That the Veterans Class be included with the Regional Awards under Article XXXVII – AWARDS. A category for Veterans could read as: Best-5th or Best-10th, with a new title of “NV” (National Veteran) or “MVP”.

RATIONALE: A few years back, I proposed an amendment from the floor to go 25 deep in Kittens and Premiership for Regional and National Awards to keep it uniform with Championship, to encourage more exhibitors and to bring more revenue into CFA. Having a new and uniform category for Regional awards would bring in more revenue to CFA and encourage exhibitors to show their older show cats. There are many exhibitors who would be more likely to continue showing their cats after winning a Regional and/or National award if a new goal and title was offered to them and this new category would inspire other exhibitors to show.

Sibyl Zaden: <reads> **Sue Robbins:** Every once in a blue moon, I bring my 14-1/2 year old Tonkinese to a show. He remembers it and he loves it. He has earned his place on the pillow, but every once in awhile, I may take him to a Veterans Class. Most of the Veterans we bring out are cats that have already had their show careers. We don’t need more titles on these cats. **Mary Kolencik:** This should come pre-noticed. It’s too complicated to do from the floor. **Monte Phillips:** I have to

agree. We're adding cost to all the regions for additional awards, and the clubs in those regions should have a chance to decide if that's the way they want to go. **Teresa Keiger:** In the Southern Region, we may have one Veterans judging throughout the entire year. I can't see an award based on one show. **Mark Rowe:** Veterans right now can compete for titles. You can show them in Premiership or Championship. We don't need to introduce a new set of titles. The Veterans Class is a great opportunity to bring out older cats and have a lot of fun. If you've got a top cat and want a title, enter it in Premiership or Championship. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

-19- *Houston Cat Club*

RESOLVED: The Houston Cat Club will have an experimental format of 6 allbreed, 4 specialty rings for the January 9/10, 2010 show. This is an exception to Show Rule 12.07b stating that a two day show permits up to eight judgments per entry over the two days. No entry will be judged more than 5 times per day. There will be 3 AB and 2 LH/SH rings each day.

RATIONALE: The 12 ring show weekends have received very favorable response from exhibitors. Large venue shows, such as the show sponsored by the Houston Cat Club, have the space to put on a 2-day show with more than 8 rings and a maximum of 450 entries. We are requesting a trial of 2 additional rings for our show, increasing from 8 to 10 rings. They would be two specialty rings. Each cat would be judged in 5 rings only each day. This would attract exhibitors, providing them with a cost effective way to have more rings during a weekend, yet maintain the fun of a two-day show.

CFA needs to protect the traditional two day shows. A two-day show gives the judges more time to evaluate the cats and interact with the spectators. The judges also provide breed education and appreciation for both experienced and prospective exhibitors.

The Houston Cat Club is the only show in the region that has a show hall which is 130,000 square feet. We can easily accommodate the two additional rings without compromising the integrity of the traditional Houston show. No other venue in our region is similar in size, so this would be a unique opportunity for us.

Becky Carazzone: <reads> This is less rings for the cats than a 6x6, but would give an opportunity for the bigger shows to try out a different format. We are requesting a trial of 2 additional specialty rings for our show. Each cat would be judged in 5 rings only each day. We are trying to benefit our Gulf Shore exhibitors, and also judges that need longhair/shorthair assignments. Please give us the opportunity to try this format. **Lori Coughlan:** I would like to know what the shows are the same weekend, what the shows are the weekend after, and who might be affected. Those big shows can be damaging to the surrounding shows. **Carissa Altschul:** The closest show this weekend is approximately 850 miles away, and another region. As an association, we are challenged with coming up with new ideas, new formats and innovative ways to continue to help our exhibitors and bring the shows that exhibitors want. Houston Cat Club is thinking outside the box. It's not a format I see us using a lot. I ask that you support this resolution. **Loretta Baugh:** This concept came before the National Scheduling Committee and was turned down. It came before the board yesterday and was turned down. Based upon previous experience, I recommend that you turn this down. **Laura Shimer:** We are a fancy, and you cannot make decisions for yourself in isolation. You have to consider the ramifications that it will have on everybody else. Why should we

encourage people to go around the rules? **Monte Phillips:** We seem to be setting up a new way to get your show formats approved, as opposed to going before the board. If you don't like the answer you get, bring it up to the full delegation and have them vote on it in a vacuum. **DelaBar:** Any club or person that has not received the answer they want can come to the delegation and ask. **Peg Johnson:** Scheduling cat shows is not easy. We don't make these decisions in a vacuum. It's not just about one club having special considerations. We are an organization of many clubs with many cat shows. Shows on adjacent weekends can hurt a show. Exhibitors and entries have been going down, but we are trying to keep our shows up. People are not going to 3 or 4 shows every month now, they are going to 1 or 2. Add rings, you're hurting shows on the same weekend by deferring entries, and you're hurting shows on adjacent weekends. We turned this down because the idea of an experimental format is not to help the big shows get bigger, it's to maintain all of our shows. We're trying to give all clubs an equal chance to have a show. We need to be cautious on these last-minute claims to your emotion. **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** I remember addressing this delegation to increase rings when we only had 4 rings. It was a split vote. Now, we're talking about moving ahead. Houston Cat Club is making a great concession, adding in 4 specialty rings. What an opportunity! What about the shows that have 8 allbreed? You don't think that's not impacting something? You bet it is. Houston Cat Club gets a huge spectatorship. I'm here as a PR person, and when I see an opportunity for a club that wants to spend that kind of money and get that crowd in for CFA, I'll stand here and support it. **Bob Belfatto:** You have to consider opening up experimental and give the market a chance to respond. There is too much control from the board. Opening it up to 10 rings sounds like a good idea. You have competition, and the best cats win. **Becky Carazzone:** It's difficult to know why the board approves 12-ring shows, and yet 10 rings is unacceptable. 10 rings is a good idea. This proposal is for the Gulf Shore Region exhibitors, because that's who we want to support. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

–20– *Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Jazz Kats, Oakway Cat Fanciers, Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Upon written request from club secretaries, the Regional Director shall provide written financial statements to the requesting secretary. Said request may be made no more frequently than quarterly. Financial statements shall include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses for the prior fiscal year and the current year to date for the month ending prior to the time of the request.

RATIONALE: While there is reluctance by Regional Directors to publish financial statements due to possible unfriendly animal rights groups, the regional clubs have the right to know how their funds are being spent. By this means, the financial information will only be available to those who request it and who have a vested interest in the region's spending.

DelaBar called the motion.

Motion Carried.

–21– *Cats R Us, Cat Fanciers of Finland*

RESOLVED: to change Show Rules, ARTICLE XXXVII – NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM as follows:

A “split season” kitten is assigned to the Region (Division) which is listed in the catalog of the LAST show in which it earns points as a kitten.

RATIONALE: Presently, regional assignment for split season kittens is determined by the region which is listed in the catalog of the FIRST show in which they are shown as a kitten; so, during the first show season. Split season kittens are scored in the second season in which they are shown. The date of the kitten’s birth requires them to be scored for the second show season. Their regional assignment should also be determined in the second show season.

Olivier Grin: <reads> **Carissa Altschul:** They are asking to allow the split season kittens to pick their region the last show they are shown in. **DelaBar:** A split season kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten. It doesn’t mean there is any choice, it’s the last show. **Olivier Grin:** Split season kittens are shown in two different seasons and they are not even 4 months old after the first show weekend of January of the first show season. Central Office assigns those kittens according to the first show they are shown as a kitten when they are 4 months old. If you have shown your kitten at 4 months old one time in one region, even if you sell it to someone in another region, it cannot be transferred. On the other hand, a kitten being shown the beginning of this year but which ages out in May or in June, his deadline for regional assignment is the first weekend in January. It makes no sense that if he is being scored in 2010, that the deadline for his regional assignment will be the first weekend of January 2009, when he’s not even 4 months old. **Regina Shaffer:** None of our points are known at the end of July, so nobody is going to region shop. **Laurie Coughlan:** No other cat or kitten has to choose their regional assignment by the first weekend of the show season. We are all given until the first full weekend of January, so I don’t think the split season kitten should be penalized by making them go with their very first show. **Norm Auspitz:** The board needs to take a look at the concept of residency and figure out a reasonably equitable way to deal with this, rather than on a case-by-case basis. **Darrell Newkirk:** As Chair of the International Division, Olivier and I have discussed this several times. He came up with a good, workable solution. What we have right now is unfair to the split season kittens. This proposal is a workable solution. It may not be perfect, but let’s give them a choice. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

–22– *Arklahoma Feline Fanciers, Camino Real Cat Fanciers; Cat Spring Irregulars, Coastal Empire Cat Club, Cow Hill Cat Club, Domesti-Katz Cat Club, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Hotlanta Cat Club, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Land of Oz Cat Club, Long and Short of It Cat Club, Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club, Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers, Muskogee Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Roadrunners Cat Fanciers, Tejas Siamese Fanciers. Up In Smoke Society, Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: amend Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows:

~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes),~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.

RATIONALE: Show rules should apply to all breeds and not make exceptions for some groups of cats.

Susan Cook-Henry: <reads> The objectionable line, “to be effective immediately”, has been removed. **Dennis Ganoe:** We don’t need to second guess our board’s decision. We elected the board to make a decision. It took them a long time and they made the correct decision. I reject this amendment out of hand. **Susan Cook-Henry:** You have a show rule which makes an exception for a large group of cats that are being shown in one breed and being given awards in another breed. That doesn’t make sense to me, because you’re making an exception for a group of cats within a show rule. Once you make an exception for one, it follows that exceptions can be made for others in the future. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Failed.

–23– *San Diego Cat Club*

RESOLVED: that San Diego Cat Club’s January 2010 show should also be permitted to adopt the 10-ring format. Houston Cat Club had requested this format previously and our club had discussed and approved choosing that same format if the board agreed.

Nancy Gott: Houston Cat Club has raised the bar. We would like the delegation to consider agreeing with that format for our regional premier show, The Food and Water Bowl, San Diego Cat Fanciers in January. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

–24– *Masters Cat Club*

RESOLVED: to allow clubs to have 10-ring shows with a 6 AB/4 SP format, without requiring National Scheduling or board permission.

Peg Johnson: I would like to make a resolution that, during this next show season, any club can have a 10 ring show without asking the board or the National Show Scheduling Committee. If we’re going to let one club do it, all clubs should be able to do it, and we don’t need to waste the time of the National Show Scheduling Committee or the board. **Bruce Russell:** I just want to clarify that that’s going to be 6 allbreed and 4 specialty. **Regina Shaffer:** While a lot of us might think this is a fantastic approach, we’re putting the cart before the horse. We have show rules that address formats. Here, we’re not being allowed to see the impact of these shows and how this affects other clubs. **Darrell Newkirk:** We’ve had the 6x6 shows for 2 years. The delegates want it, and this is something the board has to listen to. **Bob Belfatto:** It’s Gasparilla’s money, it’s Domesti-Kats’ money, it’s the Cat Club of Palm Beaches’ money. If it’s a mistake, it doesn’t hurt the fancy, it hurts the clubs. We’re intelligent and better businessmen than a lot of people on the board, so leave it up to us to make the decision. **Peg Johnson:** I agree that the clubs are intelligent enough. They have been trying to give us a message. We need to equalize the clubs and allow them to decide if 10 rings are best. I don’t see the economics of it, but I’m willing to let clubs spend their own money. Rather than approve it one show at a time, we should make this (6 rings allbreed, 4 rings specialty, two day show, one club) a valid experimental format. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

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

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING

Saturday, June 27, 2009

International Division Chair Mr. Newkirk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Liz Watson – Europe Liaison, Robert Zenda – Asia/Latin America Liaison, Olivier Grin – Elected European Representative, committee member Richard Kallmeyer, and International Division guests, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors.

Olivier Grin reported that an internet group for the International Division/Europe has been set up. Almost all clubs in Europe have joined the group so they can participate in the discussions. Manfred Pszak will remain as regional scheduler. The position of regional fundraiser is vacant, although an entry surcharge is being considered. The webmasters, Henny Wintershoven and Rob Loot, are doing a great job.

Europe Becoming a Region. The Board was supportive of the idea of Europe becoming CFA's 9th region. Provided that a bank account can be opened and it is demonstrated to the delegates that Europe will have financial independence to cover their own expenses, 2011 annual would be realistic to apply. At that point in time, or via a graduated scale transition, the show license waiver will come to an end or be phased out. However, the Novice Class is something they need to keep and it may be a concept that expands throughout CFA.

Treasury. The problem of security of the account was discussed, including how to prevent embezzlement, as well as how and where would be the most convenient to open an account. The regional directors were asked about their strategy in their respective regions. The question of bonding the European treasury was discussed. Central Office will clarify this and come back with an answer. A bank account will be required, because there will be regional expenses. There are two realistic options: (1) have an established European club open a separate account specific for the Europe Region, with a separate treasurer and separate signatures for this account, or open an account without using an existing club; (2) open an account in the U.S. which could be bonded, using someone such as the ID Chair as the account manager.

Mentoring, New Bee and Ambassador programs. A Regional Coordinator has been appointed, Aleksejs Dergachovs, so that these programs can be developed in Europe, as they have proven to be effective tools to stimulate growth and interest from New Bees in our association. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor, a pupil or an ambassador, please don't hesitate to contact me or Alex.

Show licenses. **Johnson:** Some of our largest shows are in the International Division. Those that are the most profitable should be paying for show licenses. If the European fund is managed correctly, an amount based on the number of cats entered could be paid from the surcharge. The Board and the Budget Committee will come up with a proposal.

Paolo Carnivaletti believes it is time for Russia to have the same rules as Europe and increase their points to be on par with the Europe Division. **Reto Gfeller** brought up problems that some of the Russian clubs have faced with travel and competing with other clubs in the European Division, and feels that Russian clubs are still in need of the special rules for a few years more. **Darrell Newkirk** pointed out that, with the number of one-show grands in the ID outside of the European Division, this something we are going to have to consider changing. **Liz Watson:** Once Europe becomes a region, Ukraine and Russia will have to decide if they are going to be a part of it. If not, they will go into the Asia Division. You have to look at the dynamics in Russia to understand how difficult it is

for them to show their cats. **Johnson** requested a matrix to compare the different rules in different areas, to help the board understand the problems.

Bob Zenda reported on Asia, and picked up the conversation regarding bonding treasuries, as well as show license fees. There are no judges in Asia, so when this decision is made, we have to consider the expense they must bear to bring in judges. The issue of providing language assistance to the clubs was brought up. We embarked on a project to create a Chinese version of the Show Rules. Translation services are very expensive, so Matthew and Suki Lee put together a translation of the Show Rules into traditional Chinese, which are characters understood by all the cultures in Hong Kong, Taiwan and all over Asia. The Junior Showmanship Program in Asia was discussed, with it being pointed out that the Program in Asia is very successful. A budget will be submitted so that the Board can support the Program. The Li Hua Mau has sufficient cats to apply as a breed in February 2010, with other ancient Asian breeds waiting in the wings to see what happens. The first Asia-bred Distinguished Merit cat and the first Asia-bred National Winner titles have been earned this year. Congratulations! **Anger** moved that the CFA Secretary write a letter of thanks to Matthew and Suki Lee for the excellent job of translating the Show Rules. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Darrell Newkirk discussed the recent increase in problems in the ID with contractual transactions between breeders and purchasers. The Ombudsman has been engaged to assist so that everyone has a fair hearing, with board support requested in the event they are not able to come to resolution. Jacobberger suggested setting up an arbitration procedure whereby, by registering with CFA, it is agreed to submit to the arbitration process.

Increase in Divisional Wins to Top 25 for Kittens and Championship. This would be a show rule proposal for October. **Altschul** would like to see some data on entries in the ID, and does not want to see DW's earned in minimal rings. **Grin** would like the point average for DW's reviewed. Last show season's DW's required more points than in some domestic regions. **Anger** would like to see the number of rings available considered. Looking at percentages, their request is warranted. A post-action report of the previous show season's expanded awards in Asia would be interesting. **Zenda** stated that the Asia exhibitors are delighted and excited.

BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING
Saturday, June 27, 2009

Breeds and Standards Chair Ms. Kusy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chairs (or their representatives) present, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors: *Norm Auspitz, Abyssinian; Dianne Clark, American Curl; Virginia Wight, American Shorthair; Jan Rogers, American Wirehair; Jeri Zottoli, Birman; Donna Hetherington, Bombay; Barbara Sinbine, British SH; Art Graafmans, Burmese; Monte Phillips, Chartreux; Sharon McKenzie, Cornish Rex; Kathy Rutledge, Devon Rex; Melanie Morgan, Egyptian Mau; Judith Kollmann, European Burmese; Carla Bizzell, Exotic; Norma Placchi, Havana Brown; Karen Bishop, Japanese Bobtails; Cheryl Coleman, Korat; Erika Fetz, LaPerm; Martha Auspitz, Maine Coon; Sande Willen, Manx; Ron Pastor, Norwegian Forest Cat; Jacqui Bennett, Ocicat; Julie Keyer, Orientals; Nancy Petersen, Persian; Rob Miller, Russian Blue; Marilee Griswold, Scottish Fold; Donna Bass, Selkirk Rex; Debbi Stevenson, Siamese; Wendy Heidt, Siberian; Tammy Roark, Somali; Linda Martino, Tonkinese; Anne Gamboa, Turkish Angora*

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. *On-line rapid renewal for breed council members. Currently, online rapid renewal is only available in July. Do you believe it would be beneficial to have it available all year? Also, would it be feasible to have renewal reminders sent via email.*

Tartaglia: For next year's membership, we are going to publish those eligible for rapid renewal. We're thinking of an easier way to do rapid renewals. By paying the fee on line, the member is attesting that the information we have is legitimate. It should be fully functional by November of 2009 and will stay up all year. There would be a disclaimer on the front page making it clear that this was ONLY for rapid renewals. New applications must be submitted to Central Office for processing.

2. *Committee to evaluate the requirements for being a Breed Council Secretary ("BCS"). Currently you need only have qualified to be a breed council member to be a Breed Council Secretary. Should the standard be higher? (Note – this would require a constitutional change). Martha Auspitz has suggested this topic and would like to chair a committee to look into this.*

M. Auspitz: I looked at the BCS requirements. BCS need to understand the workings of the breed council. A committee should be formed to explore adding some minimum requirements.

Wight: There should be some qualifications to run for breed council secretary. **Sinbine:** Anyone who is running with no qualifications would get no votes. **M. Auspitz:** On a small breed council, that could be a problem. **Martino:** I don't see it as a problem and unless there are multiple occurrences that were detrimental, we shouldn't put a lot of effort into adding more rules and regulations. **Eigenhauser:** If you are 35 years old and a natural-born resident of the United States, you can run for president without ever having held any public office. A restriction on the right to run is really a restriction on the right to vote. My suggestion is, trust the people in your breed council to elect the person they want. **Bass:** A minimum having been through the ballot process at least one time would be beneficial. **Bennett:** Having at least two years' experience on a breed council and knowing what a breed council can and cannot do seems like a valid requirement. **Altschul:** In CFA, if you meet the requirements to be a board member, you can be any board member, including

president, without having served on the board. I don't think we should put a more stringent requirement on our breed council secretary.

Kusy: I would like to ask you to encourage your breeders to participate in the CFA Breeder Directory.

3. *The Meet the Breeds event in New York in October 2009. Committee Chair David White and Claudia Hasay will address questions, concerns, etc.*

White began with an overview of previous MTB conferences and a review of the event. We are looking to have at a minimum 30 breeds represented at this event. **Hasay** reviewed the PR efforts that have been done. This is an opportunity to promote your breeds where people may never have seen them before. A review of the logistics was had. The show hotel is in Secaucus, NJ, folks will be transported to the Jacob Javits Center by bus. The Javits Center is a union shop that has some strict regulations. Everything must either be hand carried or wheeled in with a two-wheel dolly. Anything that you bring will need to be assembled with your hands. Breed space will be 8x10 on all three sides. We're going to ask you to all commit to participating by July 15. They are expecting at least 30,000 people and your booths will need to be manned by someone who can answer questions. The breeds will be grouped alphabetically. You are going to have show cages on tables. **Bennett** talked about an unbreakable clear enclosure that allows the spectators to see cats on display, not cage bars. **Baugh:** I want to reassure you that the public is very good about not manhandling the cats. The important thing is to have the cats out where they can be seen and appreciated. **Hasay:** You have to decide how it's going to work for your particular breed. Some breeds are more amenable to being out all the time; some take it a little more carefully. The key word is "meet". We're not going to be selling any kittens, but I want you to consider how you want to handle referrals. **Coleman:** I'm hearing that we have to have a cat out at all times. **Hasay:** It is up to you how you handle your breed. How you present your cats is your decision.

Thanks to all who took the time to attend, most board members were present and only six breeds were not represented (American Bobtail, Balinese/Japanese, Colorpoint SH, Ragdoll, Ragamuffin, Singapura), that is truly a wonderful turnout.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Sunday, June 28, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, June 28, 2009 for its post-annual meeting, organization and business session. **President DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Board of Directors present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Joan Miller (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)
Miss Carissa 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 J. Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. David L. Mare (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)

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

(54) RATIFICATION OF CFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CFA ATTORNEY.

DelaBar: The first order of business is to appoint the CFA legal counsel. **Newkirk:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Jacobberger then asked **President DelaBar** to stand and affirm that she will comply with the Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics. **So Affirmed.** **President DelaBar** then asked the Board to stand and affirm that they will comply with the Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics. **So Affirmed.**

Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Director Code of Ethics

Preamble

The Cat Fanciers' Association is a not-for-profit association formed to register pedigreed cats, sanction CFA clubs, shows, and events, protect the hobby of breeding and showing, and enhance the well-being of all cats. CFA's principle membership consists of CFA cat clubs. The business of the association is managed under the direction of the CFA Board of Directors. This code of ethics serves as a code of conduct for association volunteers and staff in their capacity as board members.

Members of the board affirm their endorsement of the code and acknowledge their commitment to uphold its principles and obligations by accepting and retaining membership on the board.

Mission

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

Board of Directors Code of Ethics

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

- 1. Abide in all respects by the rules and regulations of the association including but not limited to CFA's articles of incorporation, constitution, bylaws, and show rules.*
- 2. Conduct the business affairs of CFA in good faith and with honesty, integrity, due diligence, and reasonable competence.*
- 3. Lead by example in serving the needs of CFA and its members and also in representing the interests and ideals of the cat fancy at large.*
- 4. Uphold the strict confidentiality of all closed meetings and other confidential communications and not disclose any confidential information related to CFA affairs*
- 5. Perform assigned duties in a professional and timely manner pursuant to the board's direction and oversight.*
- 6. Exercise proper authority and good judgment in dealings with CFA staff, judges, breeders, exhibitors, other board members, and the general public and respond to their needs in a responsible, respectful, and professional manner.*
- 7. Handle conflicts of interest appropriately by identifying them to the board and removing themselves from all discussion and voting on that matter.*
- 8. Act at all times in the best interest of CFA. Avoid placing (and the appearance of placing) one's own self interest or any third party interest above that of CFA.*
- 9. Not abuse board membership by improperly using board membership for personal or third-party gain or financial enrichment.*
- 10. Not represent that their authority as a board member extends any further than that which it actually extends.*
- 11. Not engage in any outside business, professional or other activities that would directly or indirectly materially adversely affect CFA.*
- 12. Not engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behavior toward CFA staff, members, officers, exhibitors, breeders, or others in the context of activities relating to CFA.*

13. *Not solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, or any other item of value from any person or entity as a direct or indirect inducement to provide special treatment to such donor with respect to matters pertaining to CFA without fully disclosing such items to the board of directors.*
14. *Provide proper care for their cats and maintain them in an exemplary manner beyond CFA's Minimum Cattery standards.*

DelaBar: Our next order of business is to grant Central Office the authority to operate and conduct the business of this organization on a daily basis. **Newkirk:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(55) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Airline Programs	Donna Day, Chair; Pam DelaBar, Liaison
Ambassador Program	Willa Hawke, Chair; Carissa Altschul, Liaison
Animal Welfare/Breeder Assistance/ Food Pantry/Breed Rescue	Linda Berg, Chair; Ginger Meeker, Liaison
Analysis and Strategic Planning	Nancy Petersen, Chair
Annual Meeting 2010	Nancy Petersen, Chair
Awards Review	David Mare, Chair Carissa Altschul, Chair
Audit Committee	Karen Boyce, Karen Godwin, Co-Chairs; Kathy Calhoun, Liaison
Breeds and Standards	Debby Kusy, Chair; David Mare, Nancy Petersen, Julie Keyer, Kathryn Sylvia
Business Development Team	Kitty Angell, Chair; Roeann Fulkerson, Donna Jean Thompson, Yayoi Satoh; Pam DelaBar, Liaison
CFA Cat Agility	Jill Archibald, Chair; Carissa Altschul, Liaison
CFA Community Outreach/Education	Joan Miller, Chair
CFA Foundation	Hilary Helmrich, President, Chair; Rachel Anger, Liaison
Clerking Program	John Hiemstra, Chair; Debbie Kusy, Liaison
Club Membership	Liz Watson, Chair; Carol Krzanowski, Liaison
Codes of Ethics	Peg Johnson, Chair
Credentials	Eve Russell, Chair
Disaster Relief Fund	Pam DelaBar, President, Chair
Executive Committee	CFA Officers, Darrell Newkirk
Finance/Budget	Kathy Calhoun, Chair; Chuck Gradowski, Barbara Schreck, Bob Johnston
Honors and Awards	Dee Dee Cantley, Chair
International Division	Darrell Newkirk Chair; Liz Watson, European Liaison; Bob Zenda, Asia/Latin America Liaison; Dick Kallmeyer
Judging Program	Rachel Anger, Chair
International Show	Mark Hannon and Debbie Kusy, Co-Chairs
Legislative Committee	George Eigenhauser, Chair
Legislative Group	George Eigenhauser, Chair; Joan Miller; Sharon Coleman
Management	Ginger Meeker, Chair
Meet the Breeds	David White, Chair
Mentorship	Mary Sietsema, Chair; Dee Dee Cantley, Liaison
New Bee/Junior Showmanship	Teresa Keiger, Chair; Dee Dee Cantley, Liaison
Ombudsman	Pam Huggins
Personnel	CFA Officers; CFA Executive Director
Protest Committee	Dick Kallmeyer, Chair
Publications	Allene Tartaglia
Scientific Advisory Committee	Roger Brown, Chair; Ginger Meeker, Gerri Miele
Show Rules	Loretta Baugh, Chair
Show Schedule Coordination	Gina Lehman, Chair; Debbie Kusy, Liaison

**Technology (Office Automation/Carissa Altschul, Chair; Carol Krzanowski;
Website, Etc.)** Dick Kallmeyer
Winn FoundationBetty White, President, Chair; George Eigenhauser,
Liaison

Mare respectfully declined Awards Review. **Altschul:** I have some interest in that. **Baugh** moved to accept the Committee Appointments. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson abstained.

(56) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun presented the following report:

Committee Members: *Barbara Schreck, Chuck Gradowski, Bob Molino, Pam DelaBar, Kathy Calhoun*

The Budget Committee met on June 12, 2009 in Canton, Ohio. This location was chosen, as 3 of the 6 members could attend the meeting with minimal costs to CFA.

Operating Income

- *Registration – Trending down on an average of 9-10%, last year's change was 6%. The committee felt an overall conservative reduction of 7% was appropriate.*
 - ◆ *Individual registrations reduced by 6%*
 - ◆ *Litters reduced by 6%*
 - ◆ *Transfers at the early bird rate reduced by 10%. Transfers at the standard rate have been consistent over the past few years.*
 - ◆ *Championship and Premiership confirmations were reduced by 7%.*
- *Registration from pedigree increased by 9%*
- *Clerking and judges' fees increased to \$10,500*
- *Show license fees – proposal effective January 2010 for the International Division: clubs receive first two show licenses at no charge; third license at 50%; all other shows standard fee. Budget reduced by 2%*

Operating Income Recommendation **\$1,458,989**

International Show

- *The International Show Committee presented a show budget to the Board in conjunction with show approval*

International Show Revenue Recommendation **\$11,672**

CFA-Iams Cat Championship

- *The CICC Committee presented a show budget to the board in conjunction with show approval*

CFA-Iams Cat Championship Revenue Recommendation **\$7,057**

Almanac

- *Sales were reduced by \$4,800*
- *Expenses have been reduced by \$39,000 primarily driven by salary and benefits reduction*

Almanac Net Income/Expense Recommendation **\$20,480**

Yearbook

- *Sales were reduced by \$3,000*
- *Expenses have been reduced by \$38,000 primarily driven by staff reduction*

Yearbook Net Income/Expense Recommendation **\$6,080**

Central Office

- *Postage increased by 7%*
- *Credit card discount increased by 7%*

➤ Accountant fees increased by \$5,000 to support incremental travel
Central Office Expense Recommendation **\$1,070,400**

Computers

➤ No significant cost increases anticipated. Budget increased by \$1,000.
Computers Office Expense Recommendation **\$23,000**

Marketing

➤ The Business Development/Marketing Team has committed to \$315,775 in corporate sponsorship. This does not include club/event disbursements.
Marketing Net Revenue **\$215,982**

CFA Programs

CFA Programs Expense Recommendation **\$169,570**

Corporate Expense

➤ Assumption is that October will continue to be a conference call.
Corporate Expense Recommendation **\$98,600**

Legislative

➤ Legislative Committee Request \$86,620 (5% consulting fee increase/travel to 6 conferences [increase of 2], \$1,000 contingency fund for emergency travel, \$840 increase in conference fees)
➤ 2008/2009 spend \$77,647. Budget Committee recommends that the Legislative Committee find \$5,000 in cost savings..
Legislative Expense Recommendation **\$77,500**

Outreach Committee

➤ Committee requested \$18,000. Requests included contracting a person to manage the content of Cats Centerstage.com at \$1,200 per month (\$14,400 per year)
➤ Budget Committee recommends a cost/benefit analysis and a recommendation as to how this program may support itself financially. Resubmit mid-year.
Expense Recommendation **\$4,000**

Central Office Salary Increase Recommendation
Withdrawn

OVERALL INCOME **\$16,269**

Action Item:

- **Approval of the 2009-2010 Operating Budget**

Respectfully Submitted by
Kathy Calhoun

Newkirk moved to approve the budget. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**
Eigenhauser, Calhoun, Miller, DelaBar and Anger abstained.

Newkirk I would like a pre-noticed tentative budget at least one week before the board meeting, along with at least two years of actual figures, in a spreadsheet, to give me a good picture

of what has gone on. That gives me an overview of what the financial picture of the organization is without going through several pages of line items where all the expenses are added up. I like an overview snapshot of what I'm seeing. **Johnson:** One of our board ethics is to be fiscally responsible. We need the actual figures and facts, and the time to digest them. **Mare:** It was overwhelming for me to look at this budget this morning, and make an intelligent decision on it without some familiarity with it. **Newkirk:** My motion is that we get the budget at least one week prior to the June board meeting. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(56) NEW BUSINESS.

Ombudsman Program. CFA Ombudsman Pam Huggins gave an overview of how the Ombudsman Program has been operating. It is an informal process to help the parties mediate. When people come to the Ombudsman, documentation is key. I listen to both sides. My records are sealed. If the parties chose to take the matter further, my involvement is finished. I share no names or information. **DelaBar:** Under our constitution, people have the ability to go directly to the Protest Committee. What we want to offer, to take the work load off Central Office, is to give the opportunity to take contractual matters to the Ombudsman to explore resolution, without having to go through the protest process just to be told, the board does not entertain contractual matters.

Eigenhauser: I see our Ombudsman as a mediator whose job it is to facilitate the parties in reaching their own settlement, but not a tribunal to make a decision; whereas, arbitration is really an informal tribunal for reaching some sort of a decision. The role of the mediator or ombudsman is important. They are two different concepts. One concept is, the mediator is a neutral party and their decision-making process is completely closed. We want the parties to be able to be open and free to discuss their concerns and interests, and make an offer of settlement without it being thrown in their face later. The other way to look at it is, the ombudsman's role is to clear these things up and prepare them for the next step along the line. Their investigation will be forwarded along to the next step in the process. When we put together a proposal for this, I would like a sense of the board of which fork in the road to take – a mediator who has non-disclosure so people can bare their souls, or an ombudsman that's working for the system and organizing them for the next step along the way.

Altschul: Before getting services from CFA, people should agree that if there is a contract dispute, they would use a CFA mediator first. I like that idea of having a very clear-set course of where you go in a contract dispute. **DelaBar:** When I started the Ombudsman Program, we hadn't had anything like this in the past. It was to address those issues that are not under our purview and help with some resolution. The other function was to try to get matters resolved before they got tied up in the Protest Committee. The current Ombudsman has an 85-90% success rate.

Eigenhauser: When I get a sick cat complaint, I try to divert them from the system to the Ombudsman or Animal Welfare. **Mare:** I would rather not see it become another layer of the protest process, but rather some opportunity to try to revert a protest. **DelaBar:** I don't want it part of the protest process. We're trying to stop protests and get resolution at the lowest possible level. **Newkirk:** If we're going to do some kind of arbitration, we have to give them some teeth. Are we going to have to change the Constitution?

Jacobberger: You could require people to agree to arbitration, just like you are agreeing every time you take out a credit card, whether you know it or not. If you register cats with us, you agree to have disputes resolved in a certain way. It doesn't require a constitutional amendment. **Altschul:** The expectation of privacy would bring people to work together with the Ombudsman. They want to resolve without going through the protest process. I like that idea. **Eigenhauser:** The average fancier is not aware of the Ombudsman. More importantly, kitten buyers have no idea who to go to. The process would get some of these matters resolved before they go to the board.

Kallmeyer: Is there specific training required to be capable to do this? **DelaBar:** The people in those positions have experience in the civilian world dealing with employee conflicts and mediation. They've got the experience and the training. **Meeker:** The criteria you are looking for is HR experience. Are we going to charge for this service? **DelaBar:** No. **Newkirk:** What happens when all systems fail at the Ombudsman level? Some contractual situations in the International Division are more involved.

Eigenhauser: It goes to Protests or Animal Welfare. **DelaBar:** Some egregious contractual matters would hit the threshold of Article XV of the Constitution under conduct detrimental to the cat fancy. They hurt the credibility of our breeders, and the credibility of this organization. **Jacobberger:** Not every contract case is a part of that clause. There has to be some pretty exceptional provisions for a

contractual matter to fall under Article XV. **Eigenhauser:** The more serious it sounds, the more seriously the board will take it. **Kallmeyer** recommends that we pursue the fork of confidentiality. **Eigenhauser** will present a proposal for the October 2009 board meeting regarding handling contractual matters and sick kitten disputes.

Proposal To Create An Experimental "Mini Show" Format: **Eigenhauser:** The consolidation of bigger yet fewer shows is detrimental to the fancy. The little community shows bring in new exhibitors. The big shows are inevitable. It may be good for today's exhibitor, but it's not necessarily attractive for tomorrow's exhibitor. There's an old saying that if you can't raise the bridge, lower the river. We need to incentivize the small community shows to make them more competitive by giving them a reduction on the license fee. Another possibility is to raise the license fee for the bigger shows. Our insure exposure isn't the same for every show, so why are we charging a uniform fee? **Calhoun:** That's an excellent idea and I would be happy to work with you on how we can help the clubs that have been struggling. **Johnson:** Charging by ring gives a lot of flexibility and is an excellent idea. **Baugh:** I would like to work on this, as well.

DelaBar: I can speak for the board in saying that this was a phenomenal facility and the best banquet dinner I have ever had. Thank you to the Annual Committee. It was a wonderful annual meeting. **Cantley:** I will let my entire committee know. They did a great job.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(58) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

On Wednesday, June 24, 2009, the Hearings Committee met to hear two matters.

Board-Cited Hearing: These cases were heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the parties, and the matters were heard by the Hearings Committee. The Hearings Committee submitted its findings to the Board of Directors with recommendations as to the action that should be taken. The CFA Executive Board subsequently ratified the recommendations.

07-060 ***CFA v. Koizumi, Kayoko***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a, b & g)
Violation of CFA Judging Program Rules. Section X (A & D)
No probable cause.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

08-024 ***CFA v. Stewart, Connie***
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
No probable cause.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

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

07-042 ***CFA v. Jenkins, Kathleen***
Violation of CFA Constitution XV 4 (a), (g)
GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.

08-003 ***CFA v. Lewis, Tom and Rebekah***
08-068 ***CFA v. Lewis, Tom and Rebekah***
Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV Section 4 (g)
GUILTY. Full restitution of \$3,600 to Rachaphol Pongpairoj and \$3,500 to Rodney McGregor/Serin Henriksen, minimum 6 month suspension (extends beyond 6 month until restitution paid) and \$1,000 fine.

08-016 ***CFA v. Cail, Debra and Ryan, Doreen***
Violation of CFA Constitution XV 4 (a), (g)
GUILTY. 3 Year probation with annual cattery inspections.

08-025 ***CFA v. Duckworth, Deborah***
Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV Section 4 (a), (g)
GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.

08-046 ***CFA v. Ellis, Brenda***
Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV Section 4 (a), (g)
GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.

09-019 ***CFA v. Konfrst, Annette***
Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV Section 4 (a), (g)

GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.

09-022

CFA v. Moriarty, Marilyn

Violation of CFA Show Rule(s) 11.26, 11.27

GUILTY. Letter of reprimand.

09-026

CFA v. Brocklebank, Ann

Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV Section 4 (a), (g)

GUILTY. \$500 fine, 6 month suspension with satisfactory inspection within 30 days after suspension; then 2.5 years probation with two additional annual inspections.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).