

**CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS  
JUNE 24-26, 2010**

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**Secretary’s Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Thursday, June 24, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Due to President **Pam DelaBar**’s weather-related airline delay, Vice-President **Joan Miller** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

- 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, Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, Ms. Roemann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and Shino Wiley, Japanese interpreter.

**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.**

The following clarification to the February 2010 minutes is being submitted for review and approval, if appropriate:

*Existing Language: (page 108 – Breeds & Standards)*

**Newkirk:** The Havana Browns came from chestnut Orientals. They were brought into this country by Siamese breeders, but in the beginning they were Orientals.

Proposed Language:

**Newkirk:** ~~The Havana Browns came from chestnut Orientals. They were brought into this country by Siamese breeders, but in the beginning they were Orientals.~~ The cats that were imported into America as Havana Browns were eventually recognized in the GCCF as Chestnut Foreign Shorthairs.

**Anger:** I have a motion for a clarification to the February 2010 minutes. <reads> For full disclosure, the request came from the Havana Brown Breed Council Secretary. This was the request; that we make that amendment to the language and I so move. **Miller:** Are there any other amendments, or discussion about it? **Eigenhauser:** This is a correction to the minutes, not a change to a breed standard, right? **Miller:** This is a correction to the minutes. **Anger:** Right. **Kusy:** I just want to understand. We're not changing what Darrell said, we're merely clarifying what he said he meant? **Anger:** The request is to strike out the statement. **Miller:** My understanding from the dialogue that we had on the board members' list, they did not want to see whatever Darrell said in the minutes because it would become a "go down in history" sort of thing and they didn't feel it was accurate, so I think Darrell you did agree to say something else. **Newkirk:** I did, yes. It's a clarification of what I said. **Miller:** In essence, he is saying that he is willing to say something else, to make sure it doesn't go down in history. Any further discussion on that? **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy and Newkirk abstained.

**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 DelaBar	Due to the weather emergencies across the US and flight delays/cancellations, clubs are allowed to contract with whichever judges are available to complete their judging slates for the weekend of February 6/7, 2010.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
2.	Anger	Due to only 5 available judgments as a result of extreme of weather conditions, grant the request of Chamberlin On the Bay to allow unopposed opens that participated in their February 6/7, 2010 show to be awarded their 6 <sup>th</sup> winners ribbon <i>in absentia</i> . The affected cats may claim their champion or premier title.	<b>Motion Failed.</b>
3.	Calhoun	Due to only 5 available judgments as a result of extreme of weather conditions, allow those exhibitors showing Opens to transfer to Championship or Premiership after receiving their 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Motion Failed.</b> DelaBar, Kallmeyer, Newkirk, Meeker,

	Moved by	Motion	Vote
		winner's ribbon at the next show in attendance.	Baugh and Calhoun voting yes. Satoh did not vote.
4.	Executive Committee via Anger	Allow an exception to Show Rule 28.21 to allow Sign of the Cat/GEMS to award top 15 Household Pets at their April 24/25, 2010 in Easton PA show if they receive 45 or more entries.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
5.	Newkirk	Change Show Rule 9.04 as follows: Points must be won under at least three (3) different judges <del>except in the International Division, where no minimum number of judges is required.</del>	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Satoh did not vote.
6.	Newkirk	Change Show rule 9.03b as follows: Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship; seventy five (75) points are required for Grand Premiership, in Mainland U.S., Canada (with the exception of the Maritime Provinces), Japan and the International Division. In Hawaii, Russia ( <u>except Moscow</u> ), Ukraine, Asia, (except Japan and Hong Kong), Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada, and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) seventy-five (75) points are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Hong Kong <u>and Moscow</u> one hundred twenty-five (125) points are required for Grand Championship. <u>In Hong Kong fifty (50) points are required for Grand Premiership; in Moscow twenty five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.</u>	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Satoh did not vote.
7.	Newkirk	To increase the number of awards for Asia/Latin America and Europe for adults from top 15 to top 20, change Article XXXVII National/Divisional/Regional Awards Program as follows:  Championship – Best – 15 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Satoh did not vote.
8.	Newkirk	To increase the number of awards for Europe for kittens from top 15 to top 20, change Article XXXVII National/Divisional/Regional Awards Program as follows:	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Satoh did not vote.

	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
		Kitten – Best – <del>15<sup>th</sup></del> <u>20<sup>th</sup></u>	
<b>9.</b>	Newkirk	To increase the number of awards for Asia/Latin America for kittens from top 15 to top 20, change Article XXXVII National/Divisional/ Regional Awards Program as follows:  Kitten – Best – <del>15<sup>th</sup></del> <u>20<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Altschul, Petersen, Kusy, Miller, White and Johnson voting no. Satoh did not vote.
<b>10.</b>	Baugh	That the increase in ID Awards (increasing Championship & Kitten Awards to Best-20th) be made retroactive to the 2009-2010 Show Season.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Kusy, Altschul, Miller, Johnson and Petersen voting no.
<b>11.</b>	Anger	That the CFA Secretary write a letter to the Japan Regional Director stating that Japan Region must comply with the board’s direction from the October 2009 and the February 2010 board meetings and immediately change their website. If the website is not changed by March 15, 2010, the Japan Regional Director will be cited for a hearing in June to explain why the board’s direction was not followed.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Eigenhauser and Calhoun voting no.
<b>12.</b>	Newkirk	That the following paragraph be inserted at the end of the Colorpoint Shorthair and Oriental Shorthair Division of the Show Rules, Article XXXII:  Note: Pointed Oriental Shorthairs that meet Colorpoint Shorthair color descriptions are eligible to compete in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes. Refer to the Colorpoint Shorthair section for a complete list of colors. These cats are also referred to as AOV Orientals. A division for pointed Oriental Shorthairs will be created for scoring purposes only and National/Regional points accumulated by Pointed Oriental Shorthairs shown in Colorpoint Shorthair classes will count towards pointed Oriental Shorthair breed and color class wins, not towards Colorpoint Shorthair wins. Shorthair variants of longhair oriental breeding are not eligible for competition in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Miller, Calhoun, Kusy, Altschul, Petersen, Krzanowski, Johnson and White voting no.
<b>13.</b>	Altschul	Add the following to the Rules of Registration (and, as a courtesy, to the end of the Oriental Breed	<b>Motion Carried.</b> DelaBar, Meeker,

	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
		<p>Standard in the show rules) :</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Effective with Oriental litters born after June 15, 2010, no Oriental litters (SH Division) that result from a pointed to pointed breeding (IE: Any cross between a Pointed Oriental (SH Division) and Siamese or a Colorpoint Shorthair or a Pointed Oriental), will be permitted. Such matings will not be registrable for litters born after June 15, 2010.</p> <p>Rationale: This is to prohibit the creation of Pointed Oriental Shorthair breeding programs (IE: Oriental AOV breeding programs). Currently, there are no Pointed Oriental breeding programs, however, it is likely we will see them again since the show rule change allows the pointed AOV's to be shown. It is NOT to remove the Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthair outcross from the Oriental Shorthair breed. They can still use both those breeds, and also breed with their own pointeds, they just cannot breed pointed to pointed.</p>	Baugh, Cantley, Brown, Eigenhauser, Mare and Newkirk voting no. Satoh did not vote.
<b>14.</b>	Newkirk	Shorthair variants with the following prefixes are not allowed to be shown in CPSH color classes: 41xx and 42xx.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Eigenhauser voting no. Altschul abstained. Johnson and Brown did not vote.
<b>15.</b>	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant permission to allow exhibitors to attend any Saturday one-day show of their choosing on March 13, 2010 AND the Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees' one-day Sunday show in Grove City, OH, March 14, 2010.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>16.</b>	Eigenhauser	Direct the CFA Secretary to write the Jacksonville show secretary (and copy the club secretary if he/she is not the show secretary) a letter advising them that their scheduling was contrary to Show Rule 12.07(b) and to follow the Show Rules in the future.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Johnson and Satoh did not vote.
<b>17.</b>	Executive Committee via Anger	Grant a medical leave of absence to Pat Jacobberger from March 29, 2010 through the end of August, 2010.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Miller did not vote.

	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>18.</b>	Anger	Allow an exception to Show Rule 12.04c for the April 24/25, 2010 Japan Regional Show, which would permit a change in judging line-up to a previously licensed show.	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Anger abstained. Johnson and Satoh did not vote.
<b>19.</b>	Executive Committee via Newkirk	Grant permission to North Central Florida Cat Club to hold a 6x6 show on July 10, 2010 in conjunction with The Buccaneers Cat Fanciers July 11, 2010 show on their traditional weekend.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Calhoun abstained. Anger voted no.
<b>20.</b>	Anger	Due to the volcanic eruption in Iceland and the resulting travel break-down in Europe, after all efforts were exhausted to locate replacement CFA judges, allow the Capella Cat Fanciers of Estonia an exception to Show Rule 25.13 so that they may hire additional guest judges for their April 18, 2010 show.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Johnson did not vote.
<b>21.</b>	White	Approve CFA's participation with AKC for the 2010 Meet the Breeds event.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Altschul voting no. Johnson, Satoh, Brown and Mare did not vote.
<b>22.</b>	Newkirk	That the 2010 delegate forms from all CFA clubs be accepted by Central Office via fax or PDF copy of the original form, by May 3, 2010 to be included as a delegate.  Rationale: The mail system has been adversely affected by the Iceland volcanic eruption. We need an alternate method to make sure all CFA clubs are able to get their delegate forms to CFA within the deadline of May 3, 2010	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>23.</b>	Newkirk	That the CFA Secretary post on the CFA-News yahoo email list on the first business day of the month, or more frequently at the direction of the Board, all motions and their results from the Executive Committee and the Board at large. Motions that are considered confidential or closed session would be excluded. Notice shall be given that motions are technically unofficial until ratified at the next scheduled Board meeting.  Rationale: Our customers should be informed of the	<b>Motion Carried.</b> DelaBar, Johnson, Satoh and Brown did not vote.

	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
		business decisions that their CFA Board and Executive Committee are making between regularly scheduled Board meetings.	
<b>24.</b>	Anger	Post above motion to CFA-News List.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Kusy, Petersen, Johnson and White did not vote.
<b>25.</b>	Anger	Uphold Show Rules 2.08, 4.04, 6.05, 11.03, 11.04(a) and (b), 11.05 and Article XXXVII, and rescind the points won by a particular cat when it was shown as the incorrect pattern.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> DelaBar, Miller, Mare and Newkirk voting no. Cantley abstained. Satoh and Brown did not vote.
<b>26.</b>	Executive Committee via Miller	Allow MoKan to honor and feature the Maine Coon cat at their traditional August 14-15, 2010 CFA Cat Show in Overland Park, Kansas. Best - 5th breed awards, including an overall Best through 5th, will be allowed for kittens, championship and premiership, as outlined in their letter to CFA. None of the additional special recognition awards will be scored for Regional or National wins.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>27.</b>	Baugh	Amend Show Rule 9.03b to add the Ukraine to the countries requiring 75 points for Grand Champion and 25 points for Grand Premier, as follows:  b. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship; seventy-five (75) credited points for Grand Premiership in Mainland U.S., Canada (with the exception of the Maritime Provinces), Moscow, Japan and the International Division. In Hawaii, Russia (except Moscow), Ukraine, Malta, Asia (except Japan), Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada, and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) seventy-five points (75) are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>28.</b>	Meeker	Support the decision of Central Office in the case of a cat who did not complete the requirements for	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Krzanowski,



	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
		<p>grand.</p> <p>[Note: Central Office's action is described below]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CO granted the title of GC to the cat on the premise that it did so well on Saturday that it would have granded on Sunday.</li> <li>2. Points earned on the Sunday of the show weekend, when the cat was mistakenly transferred to GC, were removed with the assumption that the cat would have granded on the Sunday of that weekend.</li> <li>3. All other points earned by the cat on the 2009-10 show season as a GC (in error) were awarded to the cat.</li> <li>4. No other cat had points altered as a result of this action.</li> <li>5. The issue was not discovered by CO but by another exhibitor working on awards records.</li> <li>6. The exhibitor was not aware of the issue and had not been contacted by CO.]</li> </ol>	<p>Altschul and Cantley voting no. Anger, Kusy and Newkirk abstained. Satoh and White did not vote.</p>
<b>29.</b>	Newkirk	Add Allene Tartaglia to the board email list.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>

**Anger:** we need to accept the minutes from February and the online motions. **Miller:** Has everybody had a chance to read the online motions that we have all passed? Can I have a motion to ratify them? **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

**Credentials Chair Eve Russell** presented the following report:

*The Credentials Committee will meet on Thursday, June 24, 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 25, 2009, at 7 a.m. to open/count the ballots for the CFA Officers and Regional Directors election.*

*Our 2010 membership includes the following persons:*

*Region 1: Geri Fellerman and Jill Archibald  
Region 2: Erin Cutchen and Kendall Smith  
Region 3: Paula Watson and Chris Willingham  
Region 4: Eve Russell and Barbara Schreck  
Region 5: Nancy Dodds and Hilary Helmrich  
Region 6: Mark McKenzie and Doug Von Aswege  
Region 7: Pat Lichtenberg and Yvonne Griffin  
Alternates: Mary Beth Minkley and Norman Auspitz*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eve Russell, Credentials Chair*

**Miller:** The next thing we need to do is to approve the Election Credentials Committee.  
**Brown** moved to approve the tellers, as presented. **Miller** 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, 2009 through April 30, 2010*

#### **Key Financial Indicators**

##### **Total Assets (primarily cash)**

*Key cash reserves are lower than last year. A change in cash reserves of approximately \$93,000 which is a result of last years losses. Equipment and property have been reflect \$63k in depreciation. The overall change in liabilities and equity on the balance sheet reflects a net change of \$17k.*

##### **Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services**

*Income from total registration, which includes litters, individuals, prepaid and prepaid expired, came in 8.7% lower than last year and 2.1% below budget. From a total dollar perspective, this represents a \$45,000 income reduction compared to last year and a \$ 9,900 revenue reduction compared to budget.*

*This represents an 8.7% reduction in registration compared to last year.*

Registration	Current \$ YTD	Prior \$ YTD	Variance	% Chg	Budget \$ YTD	Variance	% Chg
Litter	184,647	201,450	(20,619)	(8.3)	185,000	(353)	(0.2)
Individual	287,446	315,904	(28,458)	(9.0)	299,199	(9,554)	(3.2)
Total	472,093	517,354	(45,261)	(8.7)	499,061	(9,907)	(2.1)

*Other changes in income include the following list. Each category as measured against last year's performance represents a 15% change and a \$1000 revenue change.*

- *Website sponsorships realized a \$23k improvement*
- *Registration from pedigree increased by \$16k*
- *Web sale performance was \$4k below last year*
- *Show licenses and show entry surcharge revenue was \$7k below last year*

*Overall, revenue from Ordinary Income was down \$32k when compared to the prior year. This represents a 3% decrease.*

#### **Meet the Breeds – New York – October 2009**

*Meet the Breeds was a marketing success with a cost of \$18K. This event is scheduled for 2010-2011*

**International Show – Atlanta – November 2009**

*The International Show overcame the impact of a shortfall in gate and delivered a \$27k profit.*

**Yearbook and Almanac**

		Current YTD (\$)	Prior Year YTD (\$)	Variance (\$)
Yearbook	Income	79,099	93,800	(14,701)
	Expense	82,318	122,545	40,277
	Net	(3,219)	(28,745)	(25,527)
<b>Almanac</b>				
	Income	82,570	\$ 75,924	6,646
	Expense	50,924	\$ 90,042	39,118
	Net	31,646	(\$ 14,118)	(45,764)

*Due to managing costs effectively, the costs to CFA to produce the Yearbook was \$3k. The Almanac experienced a successful year primarily due to cost reduction, an increase in subscriptions and white page support. \$32k in profit was realized.*

*Total publications delivered \$28,000 in profit for the season.*

**Marketing**

*The DNA Program delivered \$13k in profit. Branding delivered \$215k. \$60k was realized as direct revenue. And \$382k was delivered to other programs. Expenses to deliver including the offsets to other programs were \$601. Overall marketing delivered \$139k to the bottom line.*

**Miller:** I have a question on Marketing. The \$139,000, does that include any expenses for public relations? Does that include anyone taking salary? **Calhoun:** Salary, benefits, travel, commission. Everything comes out of that.

**Central Office**

*The Central Office effectively managed costs and came in \$16k under budget and \$2k less than last year.*

**Calhoun:** Central Office did a really good job managing costs and came in \$16,000 under budget, \$2,500 less than prior year. Favorable contributors include benefits, utilities, adjustments to depreciation, office supplies.

**Computer Expenses**

*Computer expenses came in \$4k under budget and less than last year.*

**Calhoun:** Contributing factors were equipment maintenance and computer supplies.

**CFA Programs**

- *Committee chairs managed costs effectively all year.*
- *Judging program came in at budget*
- *Insurance allocation came in over budget by \$6k*
- *Budget/Finance came in \$1000 less than last year and less than budget*
- *International Committee came \$1000 less than budget but \$4k more than year ago*

**Corporate Expense**

*The Annual Meeting costs were moved from CFA Programs to this category and were affected by timing of expense resulting in a net reduction in expense.*

**Calhoun:** Corporate Expenses. That schedule has been moved around and we put all of the annual meeting costs into that schedule, so it's not comparable to last year's budget.

**Legislative**

*The legislative came in at 95% of budget.*

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*For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2010, the Cat Fanciers Association had a profit of \$8,323. This was slightly below budget of \$16,269, but dramatically better than the 2008-2009 loss of \$95,252.*

**Regional Treasuries**

*It is the recommendation of our external auditors that the Regional Treasuries acquire their own Federal Tax ID numbers. I support this recommendation for the following reasons: CFA does not have the authority to direct the activities and therefore the use of the regional funds. For that reason it is not reasonable that CFA have the responsibility for reporting. Secondly, it is a resource issue in collection of supporting documentation in a timely and accurate format. Our auditors have voiced concern that proper audit procedures are not followed at the regional level.*

*This recommendation is also supported by the CFA Budget/Finance Committee.*

**Action Item:** *Regional Directors, with the assistance of the CFA Treasurer and the CFA Accountant file for unique Federal Tax ID numbers no later than July 31, 2010.*

*She agreed to a separate supplemental schedule with the Region's Balance Sheets and Income Statements for 4/30/2010*

**Calhoun:** We had a long discussion about this last year and decided that we would keep the regions under the umbrella, but that recommendation has come back. It will impact moving

forward our audit, so the recommendation of the auditors and it also has the support of the Budget/Finance Committee (and the Treasurer is part of that Committee), that we support the regions in filing for tax ID numbers, that we give them the guidance to do that, so we don't just throw them out there and say, "do it on your own." We will support them and help them through that process. **Meeker:** Does this individual tax ID number impact our bonding process? Would they still be bonded through CFA? **Calhoun:** It doesn't affect the bonding process.

**Eigenhauser:** The conversation didn't actually begin last year, it began in 1994 I believe, when the board tried to decide whether we treat the regional treasuries as separate from CFA. At the time, the opinion of the treasurer and legal counsel was that we should get separate tax ID numbers for the regions. The problem is, the regions don't exist separate and apart from CFA. This isn't like when Pepsi buys KFC, and KFC is its own separate corporation with its own separate identity. This is like if I want to say my left hand is a separate business from my right hand, so the decision was made in 1994 to require the regions to get their separate tax ID numbers. It was determined at the time that the best way to do that would be for the regions to have some sort of existence separate and apart from CFA. That means incorporating each region separately. At least one region did. The Southwest Region incorporated back in '94, got a separate tax ID Number, and we looked at it again. The IRS has a long string of "who is separate and who isn't" kind of requirement and it's one of those "half full, half empty" kind of things. Generally, the legal opinion at the time was, the regions are not separate from CFA and are not entitled to a separate tax ID number. The accountant's position at the time was, yes they are. It has been that way for 16 years, and I don't think anything has changed within the last year significantly, other than the accountant still would rather not deal with the regions, but we believe the regions have no separate existence from CFA. They have no separate incorporating documents – they are incorporated under CFA. They have no separate method for electing the person in charge – they are elected through CFA as a whole. Every bit of a region's existence owes its existence to CFA. It has no identity separate and apart from CFA. The problem here is that it's hard to get the regions to cooperate. If I were given a choice: throw the regions to the wolves, tell them to separately incorporate, get a separate tax ID number and file separate tax returns, OR crack the whip on the regional treasurers to get better reporting back to the treasurer, I would rather crack the whip. I think it makes more sense to say that CFA is one organization, rather than say the regions have separate and distinct existence from CFA. That's the position we have been fighting back and forth on for 16 years. My opinion hasn't changed in over 16 years, that CFA is, in fact, one corporation, one entity, with one set of operational documents. The regions have no existence separate and apart from CFA any more than my hand could live if separated from my body, so if there is a problem with the regions reporting to the Treasurer, that's a problem we as a board can deal with, but I think throwing the regions to the wolves, saying "do your own tax reporting and good luck to you" – if they don't do their tax reporting, I can tell you, if the regions get in trouble with the IRS, CFA will be in trouble with the IRS. They're not going to buy the "we don't know what the regions are doing" argument. **Miller:** Kathy, do you want to respond to that? **Calhoun:** Well, we didn't want the regions to feel that we were throwing them to the wolves. That's why I added that they will be supported with the financial entities that can make this happen. They wouldn't be just out there on their own, so let's not key it up that way. The alternative, currently we have, the auditors, because we don't have control over the regional funds, they report the regional treasuries on separate schedules. If we decide to move forward and continue as we have, those monies will have to be incorporated into CFA's treasury. It has been my impression that the regions have concerns, either real or just

on paper, of having that done. There has been concern about whether or not if CFA has any financial troubles, they now can reach into the regional treasuries. That's not the case, but it will be reported as one entity. All these funds will be reported as part of the CFA tax reporting. In addition, to crack the whip on the regional treasurers is more difficult than what one would expect. It's very time consuming. We pay the accountant, those reports go into the Central Office and to the accountant, and the accountant pursues this, so it's not that we don't want to do it. The Finance Committee is willing to do it. The only whip that we can crack is to file a protest against the Regional Director. **Jacobberger:** For 15 years, I have agreed with George. I think if we are going to make changes, they really should not be changes that in any way tend to make people think that the regions are separate from CFA. They are simply not, and if we go down that road to where we have a confederation of states of some kind, then it's not CFA anymore. That's not the way to go. Anything else we have to do is preferable. You can perhaps amend the Constitution so as to put some additional duties or restrictions on the Regional Directors. I would frankly, before we do anything, like a second opinion from the auditors to see if there is some other way it can be done. I think these auditors maybe don't understand our business as well as they should. We should have some other opinion. We're probably not going to be able to do this, other than creating some kind of separation between the regions and CFA.

**Meeker:** I would like to know what the problems with the regional treasurers exactly are. In our last reports that we were getting from Central Office, everyone was in compliance.

**Calhoun:** No. We pursue those reports diligently. In fact, we were in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of even being able to put out this audit because we didn't have information from the regions. **Meeker:** OK, I guess what I am asking is exactly what are the regional issues, because as far as I know, my region is in compliance and it has been, and I think there are more that are in compliance than not in compliance. I think we're just really taking on a mouse with a big gun. **Johnson:** My region has been late. There is going to be a change-over, so no one in my region wants to be treasurer. That's my problem. **Eigenhauser:** From a practical standpoint, one way or the other we're going to be depending on the regions to do some paperwork, whether they are reporting it to CFA or reporting it to the IRS. If they are reporting it to CFA, we're in the pipeline. We're in the conduit. We know what's being done. If they are reporting it to the IRS, the potential for us losing track of what's being done and things falling out of compliance is actually increased, rather than decreased. I have said it before and I'll say it again – if one of the regions gets audited, you know CFA will get audited. That's just what is going to happen. **White:** Is there a way we could make it perhaps easier, maybe putting the information or content that we require online somewhere, where these people could just go online and just key in the information? **Calhoun:** It's very simple. They have an Excel spreadsheet. They have a template now which is filling in the blanks. They fill it out every month, which is the same thing, and the same thing, and the same thing. It's not very difficult to do, but it is not being done on a timely basis. There is resistance from the regional treasurers to answer questions about what is this, what is that, because, "wait a minute, you guys don't have any authority to question what we do." OK, that's fine. If we don't want to do that, we don't have to do that, but we are going to have to incorporate all of their dollars into CFA and report them as one entity. We won't be reporting them on separate schedules. That's an alternative.

**Altschul:** At the last meeting, didn't we discuss that we would take some action against regions who were either being tardy or refusing to release information? If we did, then why is

that not happening? **Calhoun:** There is only one. We call, we send letters, we email back and forth to the director, the treasurer. **Altschul:** If there is a repeated problem, then it needs to be dealt with. Granted, these are volunteer positions. Is there anywhere a written job description for regional treasurers? That's what we need to do; say, "here's your job description, you do this, you do this and you do this. If you can't do this, you can't be regional treasurer, if you can't submit these forms." **Calhoun:** The onus is on the Regional Director. We can give that, that the Regional Directors have to do this, this and this. The Regional Director selects the treasurer. The Regional Director is the elected official and that is the one that, if we would take any action, it would be against the Regional Director. The action that we would take, first see why it hasn't been done. The action that we would take is a protest and there hasn't been a strong desire to protest the Regional Directors. We are trying to make it work. **Altschul:** It's a big deal not to be reporting. I was trying to think of something else that is one big entity that has different entities that are part of it, but have their own funds. I was thinking of my high school. We have all these clubs. They have their own funds and they all report in to the high school, whoever runs the money, and they are all reported separately. I don't understand why we can't continue with a separate schedule as we have done. You basically look at the regions as different parts of CFA. I don't want to call them clubs. We already have clubs, but they are different sections of CFA that have their own expenses, just like the high school football team has its own expenses when it puts on a banquet. They put on a banquet for their end of season, so I don't see why the IRS can't understand that that's the way our regions work. **Calhoun:** That's a very good example, but if that high school has to deal with the IRS reporting or any reporting of their financials, they would report it as a whole, not the football schedule and the basketball schedule as separate. **Altschul:** They do have it all separate. They don't report it all as one big budget. **Calhoun:** Report it to who? Who are they going to report to? **Altschul:** They report to the school district, and the school district reports. I'm just thinking of high school level. Each high school has their own budget that they report to the district. I know that this high school doesn't reflect on that high school's budget. **Calhoun:** A school board probably has different rules and regulations with the IRS. **Altschul:** Why can't we just continue the way we have been going? **Calhoun:** We can. **Altschul:** With the separate schedules? Why does it have to be, either we report the regional treasuries as CFA's money, or the regional treasurers have to get their own? Why is it this way or that way and we can't continue the way we are going? **Calhoun:** Because we are reporting one way and we are operating in a different way.

**Meeker:** I just don't understand the accounting systems well enough to know why we can't separate out the regional monies per region as an itemized part of the budget. As a Regional Director, it's our treasurers that are bonded. It's not the Regional Directors that are bonded, and if I'm ultimately responsible for that treasurer, and that treasurer ends up having to do tax reporting, I don't know that we're going to have a lot of people real excited about being regional treasurer. I know mine will resign, and I think it's unfortunate because she's doing a great job and she's getting the information on a timely basis to CFA. **Johnson:** Ginger said it well. We talk about what actions we would take. We withhold the surcharges until the regions are in compliance. That's my understanding, and you mention protests. I think there's way too much money spent in CFA on that already. What are you going to do to the Regional Director, fire them? I mean, there isn't a lot of actions. We don't get money, we can't withhold anything from them. I do think that maybe more timely reporting. Ginger thinks we are all in compliance. That helps. I get emails, but I don't see a lot of emails telling me I'm not compliant and I do



watch my email. I get some, but it's like a lot of times what I'm seeing is, you're asking for something and the treasurer is waiting on a bank report, and so you're not in sync with the way the banks report and what cycles we're on for reporting. I saw some of that. That's not all. I'm especially concerned that people wouldn't want to answer questions. You said there's a whole lot of problems; you don't get things timely and also people don't want to answer questions. I'm more surprised about that than we're not all in sync time-wise. **Calhoun:** The template, the regional reporting is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. **Johnson:** A lot of people don't get their statements by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, or they get them just before then. You don't have control over that with the banks. **Calhoun:** That doesn't explain why our regions would be months behind. **Johnson:** Yes, that doesn't explain that. I understand that. **Calhoun:** If we have that conversation with the treasurer, that's fine. If it needs to be the 20<sup>th</sup> so you can get the bank statement, that's fine. That doesn't explain why they are months behind. **Johnson:** No, that doesn't explain why we are months behind. Absolutely, but I am more concerned about the second, Kathy. You said, when you ask them questions, people aren't willing to answer. I find that very surprising. **Anger:** Is there a motion or an action item coming? Is this something we want to establish now, or perhaps table it until Sunday when we know who our pool of Regional Directors are, so that we can directly address it with them and their personnel?

**Eigenhauser:** I want to make two statements. First, bank statements are a red herring. Come to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, people. I can log onto my bank account right now and know my deposits and my checks up to 30 minutes ago. You don't have to wait for your once a month bank statement to know what your bank balance is. You can log on online and know right now. The other thing is, if the protest process is too cumbersome to deal with this issue, maybe we can have an established set of fines, fees, late charges, penalties, and the way we enforce the late charges is to withhold from the regional surcharge. **Johnson:** We do that already. **Eigenhauser:** No, if you're 30 days late, you are going to lose \$100 of it even when you get it in. If you're 60 days late, you lose \$200 of it, even if you get it in. That would wake some people up. So, if everybody thinks protests is too cumbersome, let's have a prearranged schedule of what you get being 30 days late and not run it through the protest process. Run it through as a late charge or fee. So, maybe Sunday we can brainstorm on that idea. **Cantley:** I was going to say something similar to what George said, but I will say at times when I send it in, because I send in, my treasurer sends it to me, I send it to Central Office, and I have recently gotten to the point where asking for Central Office to come back and say they have received it, because for awhile some of this happened and things got dropped. I mean, Allene came back and said, "oh, you're three months behind" and I said, "no, I'm not" and I came back and gave her all my emails and she said, "oh yes, you're not", so I mean there is human error here that happens, compliant-wise. **Calhoun:** There is human error, but there is repetitive prodding and lateness. Yours is not one. Yours is in, but there are others. **Baugh:** I really like the idea that George has come up with, and the idea to table it, but I do have one question. What about other non-profits? How do they handle it? I know specifically with the Red Cross, which is considered non-profit. They have regional groups that maintain their own funds. I would be very curious if we could find out how organizations like that handle their reporting – whether they do it independently by region or as a corporation? It might help us with a pattern or a template for us to use for our own reporting.

**Newkirk:** I've got three questions, and one is, is there an issue with maintaining separate bank accounts at the regional level, away from Central Office? That's not the issue, is that

correct? **Calhoun:** No, that's not the issue. **Newkirk:** OK, so as long as anybody maintains their own separate accounts, we can still operate within the guidelines of the IRS. **Calhoun:** Right. Separate accounts are tied to the CFA just like another bank account, so it's just like CFA has three or four bank accounts. **Newkirk:** Are the Regional Directors required to submit bank statements to validate what they have submitted? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK. Another thing, everybody sitting at this board table has a fiduciary responsibility to make sure that this organization operates within the guidelines. I am not of the opinion that a protest is too cumbersome. We have a board policy that this is to be done. Now, I think there are extenuating circumstances that can be taken into consideration, but it's everybody's responsibility to adhere to board policies. The board policy is that they submit this. If the Regional Directors don't do it as their job, then I think the board has the responsibility to bring that person to task, and if they can't do the job, then they can be removed and somebody can be put in their seat that will do the job, so to sit there and just pass this off is ridiculous. We have a responsibility to meet the IRS guidelines. If it's not being done, and especially if there is one or two directors that are at fault, even more reason that these people should be brought up, taken to task and say, "you either do the job or we will protest you and remove you from office." We've got a responsibility to make sure this organization operates within the guidelines. When people don't do their jobs, they shouldn't sit in the chair. **White:** Can I ask what regions are currently not in compliance? **Calhoun:** All the regions are in compliance today. **Miller:** Well, that's a positive thing. All of the regions are in compliance. **Kusy:** Have we talked to a tax attorney at all about this? **Calhoun:** No, we have not talked to a tax attorney. Barb Schreck is one, you know. Auditors are employees. **Kusy:** And so is a tax attorney. It's their area of expertise. I would like to hear a tax attorney's opinion on this. **Jacobberger:** Deb's idea is a good one. Whether it's a tax attorney or a tax auditor, they have to understand the culture of CFA and I think that's where we have had problems in the past. I sat on the original committee 15 years ago. We had to keep pounding on the accountants and saying, "no, you don't understand. These are not separate entities. We don't want them to be separate entities. Find a way to get it done." I'm not sure they ever understood. That was several auditors ago, so whatever professionals we get involved, somebody from CFA has to be sitting there saying, "we're not General Motors, we're not the American Red Cross, we're not Habitat for Humanity, we're our own separate organization that does things in different ways and you've got to find a way for us to do it." **Calhoun:** Fred, there is a way to do it. There is a way to do it, and the way to do it is to report all the funds onto one and post as separate schedules. **Jacobberger:** That's one way to do it. There are probably several ways to do it, but what we're hearing from our auditors is, they want to do something different. That's what I don't like. I don't think you as a board have to sit and go through the details of how it should be done. That ought to be committee work reported back to you. The instructions ought to be clear, in my opinion, that whatever is done has to fit within our culture, not somebody else's.

**Meeker:** I don't think I got an answer, Kathy, to my original question, which is the scope of the problem. Since we are tabling this until Sunday, I would like to know what the specific issues are and look at specific solutions, rather than throwing out the baby with the bath water here and getting into a whole area that I don't think we need to get into, so I would like you to present some specifics to the board on Sunday about what exactly the problems have been, because I'm hearing you say that at this point, we are in compliance. If we're in compliance, then I don't think we need to change the system. **Calhoun:** I don't think you are understanding. The fact that we have difficulty getting into compliance is something that we as an organization

can deal with. The regional treasuries are not audited, so we are reporting unaudited funds in CFA as a whole. The issues about getting the statements every month, all of that, adds to who is doing this, but that's not the driver. The driver is, proper audited reports. These are separate because they're not audited. The recommendation from the external auditor – we pay him for his recommendation as consultants – is that this is inappropriate. Now, we can do whatever we want to, because we are the client, and the auditor would be more than happy to roll all the schedules into the body of the report. What we have had in the past is a distrust that CFA would be able to, when we start to report all the regions' money as CFA money and not independent funds, then we would have access to it. That is a concern that has been voiced. We can set that aside and report it all as one. We can do that. We control this, so the first question is, if we decide on Sunday that we don't want to have the regions to have separate tax ID numbers, that's what we can do. As Fred indicated, there are other alternatives and we can take them up. But, whether or not they are sending a template in on time or not, that's not the main issue. That's just a side issue. It takes more time than it is worth.

**Mare:** Just a quick question on this, and we're going to discuss it more in depth, I realize, but do we turn over regional treasurers routinely? Is it every couple of years? Is there a learning curve problem here? They just about learn how to do it and we have a new one? Is this part of the problem? **Calhoun:** We completed a template. Chuck has been very good about walking through it with a new treasurer. It's not difficult. Yes the regional treasurers typically turn over when the director turns over, at least that frequently. **Cantley:** I have a quick question. What I'm hearing then is, the reports that the treasurers are sending in to CFA at this point in time are not audited. In other words, they're not accurate. Are you asking that your regions essentially hire an auditor to look over their books, on top of the treasury, and then send them in, saying that they are already audited? I mean, is that something that CFA is looking for? **Calhoun:** If we chose to, we could probably expand the responsibilities of our audit, and the auditors, they may not ask for everything from every region, but they would ask for specific supporting documentation for this expense. "I want to know something here." If they are going to pick something over, that's basically what they do with an audit, so we could expand that. They do some of that now. **Cantley:** They have. They have asked our region. **Calhoun:** So, we would expand upon that. **Tartaglia:** Just very briefly, Kathy mentioned this before, but the biggest issue was, the auditor said, "do you have control of the regions' money" and we said no. We have control over CFA's money. We have no control, and that's the real sticking point for the auditors. The second thing is, Kathy mentioned that if we were to report the regions, then all that money is rolled up into CFA. What that means is, instead of saying "cash on hand, \$220,000" or whatever it says, this would say, "cash on hand, \$640,000 in CFA". **Miller:** And you're saying this is positive or negative? **Calhoun:** It's just incorrect. **Tartaglia:** I wasn't saying positive or negative, I was just saying incorrect. **Calhoun:** We don't have responsibility for the regions. **Tartaglia:** The first set of financials the auditors presented to us had cash on hand as too high of a number, \$640,000. Wait a minute, that's not accurate. **Altschul:** The regional treasurers keep turning over, from what I've seen, because the responsibilities being put on them keep growing, My regional treasurer is done after this meeting, regardless of a change of RD or not. She says it is becoming more and more work, and for an unpaid position, it's a thankless position. They are worried about the responsibilities that they have. The second thing I wanted to make a point of, I still don't understand why it's such a big deal. The high school booster club raises money separate from the high school. It doesn't come from tax dollars. The

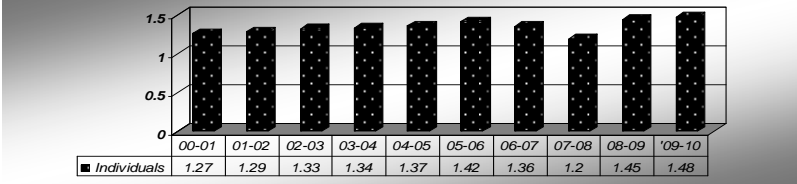
high school reports it, but they can't touch the booster club's money. They know they can't touch the booster club's money, so I don't understand still why – **Calhoun:** CFA doesn't have the authority to do anything with the regional funds. **Altschul:** Does CFA have any authority to deal with the regions? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Altschul:** They can refuse to license shows, they can refuse to give the money back from the entries. **Calhoun:** We can penalize, but we can't say, "you need to go and" – **Altschul:** We could stop their activities. The high school could stop the booster club activities. You couldn't touch the money, but the high school could tell the booster club, "you're not going to have your picnic" if they are out of compliance, but they can't touch the booster club's money. CFA can't touch the regions' money, but they can control the regional activities, as it pertains to CFA. **Calhoun:** I don't control the regional activities. **Altschul:** You refuse to license shows. **Calhoun:** We can penalize their actions. You can't tell them to have a fundraiser in this location. You can't tell them how much to spend on their banquet. **Altschul:** The high school can't tell the booster club any of that, either. The booster club's money is separate, but the high school still reports it in their budget – "the booster club has this much money" and when the booster club spends that money, they have to report it back to the high school – "we spent this much and this much, this much on this thing, this much on that", but the money is separate. **Calhoun:** So, how are they audited? **Altschul:** I don't know how they are audited. **Calhoun:** Well then, maybe we ought to find out. **Altschul:** That might be something to look into. Look into other non-profits that have separate entities and I don't think it has to be this way or that way. I think there's a better way to handle this without putting more stress on our regional treasurers.

**Miller:** OK, I gather that the action item, we're going to wait on that, so I think we've explored it as far as we can. We're going to have to wait until Sunday. Rachel, do you want to talk about your motion? **Anger:** I move that we table the action item until Sunday, and that the Treasurer meet with the Regional Directors, they come up with a recommendation, and that the recommendation is then brought back to the board for resolution. **Calhoun:** No, no. **Miller:** We can't do that? **Calhoun:** No. We won't meet with all the regional directors before Sunday. **Johnson:** There will also be a new Treasurer on Sunday. **Anger:** OK, I amend my motion to simply state that we table the action item. **Miller:** The motion is to table this until Sunday. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun abstained.

**Miller:** Anything more, Kathy, as far as Treasurer's Report? **Calhoun:** We have a couple of items that we would like to discuss in executive session.

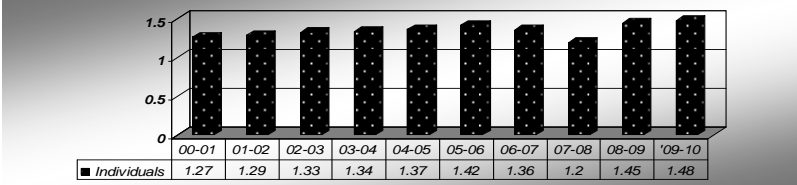
*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Calhoun  
CFA Treasurer*

# Registration Restructure Proposal



- Average litter size = 4.00
  - In the 2009-2010 season the number of individuals registered per litter registered = 1.48
  - Average revenue per individual registered = \$10.00
  - Revenue (1.48 x \$10.00) = \$14.80
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- The number # of individuals unregistered per litter registered (4.00 – 1.48) = 2.52
  - Average revenue per individual registered = \$10.00
  - Potential incremental revenue (2.52 x \$10.00) = \$25.20
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- Incremental revenue per litter x last seasons litter registration  
\$25.20 x 19,416 = \$489,283
  - Last seasons revenue from individuals = \$287,446
  - Total revenue (\$489, 283 + \$287,446) = \$776,729
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- **Current revenue litters + individuals = \$472,093**

# Registration Restructure Proposal



- Complete Registration Package - \$50.00
    - Litter registration
    - Up to 4 registration slips included per complete registration
  - Complete Registration
    - Incremental individuals registered with complete package- \$15.00
    - Incremental individuals registered separately - \$20.00
- Rational – Over the years CFA has become increasingly dependant upon marketing. Great efforts have been made and are largely successful but CFA is at risk to changing market conditions that are not controllable. This proposal eliminates some to that risk and puts additional value to our core competency which is registration. In addition it support the philosophy that every cat deserves to be registered and be an acknowledged part of CFA**

**DelaBar:** Now, coming out into open session from our executive session, talking about restructuring of our fees. Kathy, I am going to turn this back to you for some motions. **Calhoun:** I'm going to just give a little bit of background on the driver for this proposed restructure. I've been increasingly concerned about CFA's dependence on outside revenue and us not having our

core sources of income support our operations, being our registration and our registration-related activities. This year's budget is faced with a huge delta that we need to bridge. We need to find a way to bridge it, because one of our guaranteed contracts on the business development side, no fault, I mean, don't walk away with the misunderstanding that CFA didn't do anything. The contract expired. Our business development team is working on new opportunities, but we don't have anything right now that is in writing that we can build into our budget, so we have about a \$100,000 delta that we need to find a way to bridge. There are multiple ways to do that. From an operational standpoint, we are pretty much at bare bones. From a staffing standpoint at Central Office, there's no wiggle. We have been downsizing over the years, so there's really not a lot of room to do that sort of thing. Alternatives would be to make major concessions in programs. One of the things that we could do would be, as far as our legislative group, we would only be able to support that for half the year. We would have to cut that budget in half. Our February board meeting that in the past we have gone through Breeds and Standards at a face-to-face meeting would have to be changed to a conference call. Breeds and Standards, and those sorts of things, would have to be pushed to June. Currently, we would not be able to give the Central Office staff any kind of raise, even though their medical benefits are being raised, so in essence they would take a cut in pay. So, that's the alternative, and we can do that. The other alternative – there are lots of different alternatives.

**Calhoun:** One of the things that I proposed was a new structure for registrations, and that structure would entail taking the two-tiered approach away, so there wouldn't be a separate litter and individual registration. It would be a package, and in that package for \$50 you would get your litter registration and up to 4 individual registrations, up to 4 individual yellow slips. If your litter is bigger than 4, at the time you apply for that package, you could add additional individuals for \$15 a piece. If you decide to do that at a later date and you want to register them, and you don't do it with the package, that will now cost \$20. So, at the time of the original application, it's a lower rate. On average over the past 10 years from every litter we have only had about 1.2 to 1.5 individuals registered per litter. I know that some breeds have smaller litters than others, but for all the breeds the average number of kittens per litter is 4, so that's 2.5 kittens that are not being registered. We don't see revenue from them, so by making this a package, we would be able to realize that revenue. Now, in the past year, for individuals, just to see what we came up with the math, the past year individual registration was, we saw \$287,000 in income. If we take that times 2.5, those are the kittens that we left unregistered that would be built into the new package, we would have an incremental revenue stream of \$489,000, assuming everything is the same as last year. So, if we add what we've got and what we could get, \$287,000 and a half a million, we come up with like \$776,000, compared to \$472,000 that we realized from the separate individuals in 2009. That would give us a significant shot in the arm from a revenue perspective. We wouldn't have to make these concessions to programs, we would start to insulate ourselves a little bit around fluctuations in the market. We are in a very volatile market and a lot of the optional things – toys, shirts, those sorts of things – the economy is very much economy driven. When the economy goes down, we're at risk. So, my proposal helps to insulate us around that and that's what I am throwing out to the board. There are other alternatives that came up in the discussion around possibly keeping the structure as it is, and raising it incrementally, maybe \$3, \$4, \$5. I haven't done the math yet, so I would have to do that. Another option would be to, as we charge, today we charge \$10 for championship confirmations, and we would have a similar program for grand championship confirmation, and

that would be maybe \$10 to get that grand championship frame-able certificate. We think that would bring about \$25,000 in additional revenue to CFA, so that's an option, as well. That's where our conversation stopped. **Eigenhauser:** Actually, the conversation sort of stopped in mid-sentence for me. I agree with some of the parts of it. What I would propose, on the grand certificates, I really feel that for the new exhibitors, charging them to grand their cat is the wrong message. However, I don't disagree that we should charge for it. I just think we should call it something else. If we front load it and increase the price for a champion certificate, far more cats champion than grand. Every cat that grands has to have been a champion or a premier, and so we get the money anyway, but we call it something else. Not only does that give us all the dollars we would have gotten for the grand certificate, it also gives us revenue from people that simply champion their cats so they can say, "I have a cat that has a CFA title that I'm breeding" when they are selling their kittens. I think that's actually a bigger base to impose the fee on, and I would rather see us bury the cost of the grand certificate in the championship confirmation, and increase the championship confirmation, rather than back load it at the end. As to some of these other things, I like the concept of having a package deal for the litter, but I think doing it all at once is going to be a lot for the fancy to swallow. What I would rather see is a combination that is an incremental increase, not just in the litter registration and the individual registration, but an additional fee for doing it in hard copy, rather than doing it online. Additional fees for some of our other services. Spread it around a little bit and then have a package that would be a good deal for some; something like the deal that Kathy is proposing, and then gradually wean them onto it as people see the benefit of that package, but I think all at once telling people instead of registering a litter for \$10, we're going to register a litter for \$50 and get 4 kittens with it. That's going to get a certain amount of push-back and I don't necessarily know that, at this time, that it wouldn't produce more harm than good. **Calhoun:** I just wanted to give the group and George some information around championship confirmations last year. There is a lot of money there. We saw \$63,000 in revenue, so if we doubled it, that would bring in another \$63,000.

**Petersen:** On the champions, I was rather surprised at, I don't know if it was at our last meeting or if it was online that I learned that a significant number of people don't claim their championships until they are ready to claim their grand, so it seems to me there ought to be some way that as part of all of this, we can have penalties for not claiming champions within 30 days after they earn it. **Altschul:** We have raised fees over and over again. We see a spike in the revenue, and then we see a significant drop back to the previous level, with a huge drop in registrations. This is the wrong direction, in my opinion. You cannot keep taking more money out of our base constituency. We need to come up with a new idea. We have raised fees, we have raised fees, we have raised fees. I have seen your bar graphs that show an increase and the next year it's immediately back to where it was before. It's a one year spike with a huge drop in registrations, and then we have lost another significant portion of our base. We cannot afford to drive away any more of the base. This package deal is not a good deal. It's not a good fit for CFA, in my opinion. It's an interesting idea, but I don't like the idea. I don't care if other organizations do it. I don't care if AKC does it. We're not those organizations. We're not lemmings. We're CFA and we don't have to force our exhibitors and breeders to register every single kitten. There will be huge objections to that. **DelaBar:** That hasn't even been brought up yet. **Meeker:** I think that CFA has to move into a more 21<sup>st</sup> century business approach and we need to do a combination of things, including some fees incrementally, and then really doing a step-by-step analysis of the services that CFA provides and see if there are some sources for

revenue that we haven't thought of before. I certainly would support a February online board meeting. I would also support a less expensive venue for board meetings. I think we can cut costs in a number of areas and continue to do the work that we need to do. Incrementally, I don't see anything wrong with raising some fees for litter registration, individual kittens, but maybe do it incrementally over a number of years and see what happens. I agree that you can't get blood out of a turnip and everybody is financially tight, and I also think that we have some waste that can be trimmed. **Johnson:** We've talked about raising fees and lowering fees and changing fees now for a long, long time and we're not in line with our competition. We're out of line with the dog fancy and other animal registries. We are dependent in a large part on other organizations to make us financially viable. I think that everyone related to CFA, everybody that wants to see us continue, we've got to have a reality check and know that we've got to pay for the services we get. One of the things that we have talked about at the board more times than I can remember in the last 10 years is the free services – things that most organizations charge a fee for and it covers expenses, and we don't. We don't do it for the grand champion certificates, we don't look at registrations and try to adjust those. I know that when we went to the current fee structure, it actually made it a little less expensive, like when we went from \$10 to \$8 thinking we would get more. We're not getting more. We gave you a break and you didn't play with us nice. You didn't register more cats. It's important for us to register all the kittens because it makes us look like we don't have a large constituency and we don't have a lot of cats. Other organizations make you register all the cats that you have or the dogs that you have, and their numbers look huge compared to ours. I think Pam mentioned that in FIFe, you have to register every kitten in the litter, and so they say, "we've got 1,000 kittens." We register 1.5 out of 4 and we've got 20,000. If we registered them all we would have about 70,000. So, there's some things we need to do to make us look appealing to the partners that we depend on for donations and support, and also to cover our expenses. We do bare bones things. Every corporation can trim a lot. We're not a huge corporation. We don't have tens of millions of dollars to trim. We trim a little here and there. A board meeting, we can trim expenses. What is it, \$20,000 a board meeting? We can trim that, but that's not going to make us financially viable, although it would help. Every \$20,000 is important, but the cat fancy and the board needs to realize that it's not about us individually. It's about the viability of an organization that we love and support, and we've all got to start thinking about paying for what we get and if it means one less dinner out and one more McDonald's meal for those of us that travel, people that spend \$10,000 or \$15,000 a year on cat showing, maybe it's cutting back a little bit but it allows you to still have CFA shows to go to, still have CFA to register your cats and have all the things you love about CFA in the future. Those of you that are in the audience, if you take this back to your friends and constituents, and tell them we really need your help and we've got to have a wake up call here. We can't just continue to do this, so I think people are bring up ideas. Maybe not one size fits all, but let's all look at this a different way. **Cantley:** Essentially, I was going to say the same thing. What Peg pretty much said was, pay for the services we get, which we have been sort of lacking in for quite a number of years. I think there's a number of things here that we have brought up that I would like to at least at some point entertain motions to. We really do need to look to a couple of things. One of the things that was brought up, AKC requires every single one of their breeders to register all their puppies. Why do we not register that? We talked about FIFe that does the same thing, and a few other associations. We really need to look at something like that. Most of us who are responsible breeders, do. It's the rest of the contingency that we need to tell them that this is what you need to do to keep the fancy alive that you really want to be in. **Brown:** Also, we need to think in



terms of our new website and multi-tier registration. There will be a lot of impulse purchases through that website and we should consider a package price for registration plus a certified pedigree, microchip, registration plus the previous one, plus the DNA test, and we can market these as packages. AKC does it and they have found it to be very effective, and they have given a name to those packages, like platinum or gold or silver, and I think this is something we need to work on as soon as the new website is available in the fall and we can market it effectively. It could be an extremely large income producer. It can produce income that we get through impulse purchases and income which doesn't have to come from large increases in price for each service. We can make it effective by allowing them to buy these things at a reduced price if they buy the package. **DelaBar:** You remember when we discussed this in February, when we looked at the other U.S. registries, and they charge a lot more than we do. We need to think about, they do not even come close to offering the programs that we do, and we're charging less. There is no way that they spend the amount of money that we spend on making sure that we still have a cat fancy in the United States. We get no money from the other associations to help in that, but what we are doing in the program helps every single cat fancier in the U.S. They don't have breeder assist programs or anything else like that, that we pay very dearly for, yet we're not charging up to the amount, just a few dollars here and there on our registrations to bring it up to help cover these programs that help benefit every single breeder that uses our services. We also need to start looking at, as Carissa said, our core business is registrations. There is an amendment coming up tomorrow. We are a registry. What about all of these other registries worldwide that aren't centralized? Could we not offer them centralized services to centralize their registrations? Start selling things like this? We could really benefit from registering cats, so this is something that many of you are going to have to tackle. I won't be here to do it, but I'll kind of be on the other side there listening and taking notes.

**Newkirk:** We're at situation critical and it's unfortunate that at this annual meeting, we have to be presented that our income is not going to meet our expenses. I went through for the February meeting where Karen [Boyce] did the statistics. I'm with Carissa. I'm not into this package deal because I think it should be pay as you go. If you're going to register a litter of two kittens, then that's what you should be paying for, and not some hypothetical litter that you might get. So, just looking at the names on this thing, cattery registration is \$50, we could raise that to \$60. A cattery renewal at \$20 could be raised to \$25. How many years are those?

**Tartaglia:** It's good for 5 years. **Newkirk:** So that's really a minimal increase, especially when you consider over 5 years. Everything that is \$8 should be increased to \$10. The registration items that are \$13 should be increased to \$15. These are small increments. Actually, this is in line with what the other registries are doing. Nobody likes to increase their fees, but when the organization has to keep our doors open, we don't have a choice. I like George's plan. Let's keep the grands free. I don't want to charge for a grand, but if we increase the championship fee, even if we increase it \$5 to \$15, we get a lot more champions claimed than we do grands, so we're going to more than make up for it. I also believe that if they don't submit a championship confirmation within 30 days of the close of the show, it's going to cost you \$25 to get your championship claimed. The other thing is, I eat whether I'm at a board meeting or I'm at home, and I've got to pay for that. I'm willing to pay for my meals when I come to meetings. The board can step up to the plate and help cut down on the expense. The regions are going to have to step up to the plate, too, and they are going to have to be responsible for sending their regional directors to the board meeting. I think the online board meetings are great. One is enough for me.

I like to sit down face to face with people. I think you get a lot more business done by doing it that way. So, the regions are going to have to pay for their regional directors to come to the meetings, and the expenses involved in that. Whether the association pays for the hotel rooms is something that we would have to decide, but I'm even willing to chip in and fly here on miles so I don't charge the organization for my mileage, and I think it has got to be all of us chipping in to cut expenses, raise revenue, and make this organization viable into the future. **Altschul:** I'm with Darrell on all the different areas we can find things to increase fees on, but I am not sure I can agree with having the regions be responsible. Who is going to be responsible for the DALs? That puts more hardship on the regions that have less shows, and then you may have the regions and clubs voting for the regional director who may be a judge and has lots of miles which they will donate, and they will make their decision on who the regional director is going to be, based on the cheapest choice to get to the meeting. It's an idea and maybe we can pay for our own meals. The February board meeting, I didn't charge anything to CFA. That was my personal choice. I didn't charge miles and I didn't charge meals. They paid for my room and that was it. We can make that choice as individual directors, but I really think you've got some regions who are going to suffer more for paying for the regional director than others. And then we've still got the 7 DALs, who is going to pay for them? **Mare:** I have been back on the board for about a year and I have heard all of these wonderful ideas at least half a dozen times. I think the ideas that Darrell has brought up are all excellent ideas and ones that we should explore. The problem is that we need to find a large chunk of money today, am I correct? **Calhoun:** Correct. **Mare:** These are great ideas. I'll meet with anyone at any time to see how we can implement them, but we need to step up to the plate today. Our treasurer has given us what I think is the most exciting proposal to increase our registrations. If we have to fine tune it, if it's too big a pill to dish out at once, then we have to fine tune it, but we just can't leave this meeting today and continue to say, well, we'll look at some of these cost-saving ideas and come back later. **DelaBar:** And your motion is? **Mare:** My motion is that we accept the recommendation of the treasurer in adopting the registration restructuring proposal as she has outlined.

**Johnson:** Can we do a straw vote, before we spend two hours discussing it? **DelaBar:** We have discussed it. **Meeker:** I have one thing about regional expenses. Region 2 has an annual coming up in 2013 and my average out-of-pocket expense in Region 2 has been anywhere from \$300 to \$600 a month that I spend out of my own pocket for regional expenses. We're already spending a lot of money out of our pockets, so that it doesn't come out of the regional treasury, so that we can go out and ask people for more money to sponsor events that need to be paid for. I agree that there's ways to cut and I think there's ways that we can save money, and I would like to see a combination of increased fees and cut expenses in order to balance the budget and see a profit. **DelaBar:** We are having discussion on the motion now. **Johnson:** We have a motion and I just asked for a straw vote. **Newkirk:** Let's vote on it. **DelaBar:** I see no other hands up. I'm going to call the question.

**Miller:** I would be not in favor of this restructure proposal because I think there are some other suggestions that have come up that are better. One of our problems that has been identified is that we can't depend on corporate support to keep this organization going, because of the economy. I'm afraid that our organization is affected, and the people that participate are affected by the economy, too. I'm really worried that this will send people out of the cat fancy. I think that some of the other suggestions should be explored first before we go to this. It's a little bit

too drastic. I don't mind the idea of an incentive by having a package for those who choose to do it, but this in essence forces just about everybody to register every kitten in a litter because we know that most litters are 3.75 in a litter. There are many breeds that have 3 as the usual for litters, so that will raise the prices on a lot of people. I would have to vote no for this. It's not that I'm opposed to new ways to raise money, but I think there have been some better suggestions for starters. **DelaBar:** I'm going to call the question. As a final wrap-up statement, I cannot go for this. I prefer to see individual processing fees raised that will help produce the income that this won't. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun and Mare voting yes.

**Johnson:** I would like to move that we increase the championship fee to \$15. That will raise about \$30,000 next year, which will be 1/3 of the way to meeting the deficit. **Miller:** I would like to ask Peg if she could modify that motion a little bit, and apply a deadline of 30 days. **Johnson:** OK, a penalty fee. I would like to amend my motion to increase championship certifications to \$15 and also require that you do it before the end of 30 days of the show you attained it at. If you do it after 30 days, it's \$25. **Newkirk:** Effective date? **Johnson:** With an effective date of August 1<sup>st</sup>. **Eigenhauser:** And for clarification, we're talking championship and premiership? **Johnson:** Championship and premiership. Thank you, George. **Anger:** Is this both online and by mail? **Johnson:** Yes. Just so everybody knows, we're looking for \$100,000. **Tartaglia:** The fee is in the show rules, as well as, there is already a \$10 penalty if they file late. **White:** What's the time frame? **Tartaglia:** I think it's by the time you show at your next show, if you haven't claimed your title, it's a \$10 fee. **Calhoun:** Do we actually collect that? **Anger:** We don't enforce it. **Tartaglia:** We don't do it for the immediate show after, but if it becomes 2 or 3 shows, we do. **Johnson:** Now we will have an exact time frame. 30 days later, you pay \$10. **Anger:** I don't know where that is in the rules, Allene. I know we have a 3-year – I think it's after 3 years. Show Rule 8.06 talks about a notice: *For these wins to be counted, the exhibitor must respond to the written notice of delinquency issued by Central Office within 20 days from the date of notice. The response shall consist of a completed championship or premiership claim form. The confirmation shall be \$10 and payment of a late filing fee of \$10.* **DelaBar:** OK, the motion will clarify a bit better by saying, within the 30 days. A motion is on the floor to raise the championship/premiership claim up to \$15 from \$10, payable within 30 days or it goes up to \$25. Is that correct, Peg? **Johnson:** Yes, that's correct ma'am. **Mare:** Is there any data that tells us how many cats qualify to be champions but are never confirmed? **Tartaglia:** I have to look it up. It will take me a few minutes. **DelaBar:** OK, we have a question on the floor. I think we ought to go through with that. If it is an issue, David, that you can't vote for the proposal, then of course you can abstain. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no. Mare abstained.

**Johnson:** That is \$31,000, so we only have \$69,000 to find. I saw this on a movie called *Dave* once where they did the federal budget. **Anger:** "I once caught a fish THIS big." **Cantley:** Going back to more fees, I would like to make a motion to raise the cattery fee from \$50 to \$60, and the cattery renewal fee from \$20 to \$25. **Altschul:** For a new cattery, we could consider even a little higher, because that is not our core constituency. **Johnson:** \$75 to join a wonderful organization. **Altschul:** Right, \$75 and the renewal is \$25. **Cantley:** OK, I amend it to \$75. **Calhoun:** How many new catteries do we have, on average, every year? New cattery names. **DelaBar:** Not renewal. **Tartaglia:** There is probably an average of 20 to 25 per week. **DelaBar:** If we get 1,000 a year at a difference of \$25, that's \$25,000. **Calhoun:** That's 1,300 catteries a

year? **Eigenhauser:** That seems high. **Tartaglia:** I get a report every week showing the cattery names that have been registered. I'll look at some past reports I've gotten and give you an average. More than half of the cattery names registered are international. **Johnson:** That's 750 a year. **DelaBar:** That's approximately \$60,000? **Calhoun:** I don't understand how that can work. In 2009, we made \$70,000 in cattery registrations total. 15 new catteries a week times 52 is 780. That's \$58,000 a year. **Johnson:** You only renew your name once every 5 years. **Eigenhauser:** There are catteries that are grandfathered in that don't have to renew. **Calhoun:** \$19,500. **Cantley:** The renew rate is going to be harder to calculate, but we did raise that \$5, so that still is going to be a bit more. Let's say \$20,000. **DelaBar:** OK, we have a motion on the floor raising our cattery registration fees from \$50 to \$75 for initial, and from \$20 to \$25 for renewal. **Tartaglia:** Effective date? **Cantley:** August 1<sup>st</sup>. **Johnson:** We're more than half way there. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Krzanowski:** I would like to see some type of increases in individual registration and litter registration, as well. Perhaps paper litter registration fees should be increased, and give people a break and maintain the current fee on the electronic registration, so I would like to propose that individual registration and litter registration be increased by \$2 each, if done on paper. If done electronically, they will maintain the current rate. **Eigenhauser:** I would rather see a modest increase across the board, and then a bigger increase for paper; maybe \$2 for online – you know, increase if they are online, and maybe a \$5 increase if done by paper, to handle the additional staff time. **Calhoun:** This question is for Allene. What's the additional resource, the difference in resource for online versus paper? **Tartaglia:** We still have to process the money. There are times when we have to get involved because people don't have the proper certificates, but now that we can send them out via email, there's less postage, so it's a considerable savings overall by doing it online versus paper. We don't have to input data. **Calhoun:** So, percentage-wise? **DelaBar:** We just started the online individual registration, so we really don't have a feel for it yet. **Tartaglia:** That's an online application. We're still entering the information in the office. It's just taking it offline, off of an email instead of a litter application. If your talking about a litter registration, that is what we save on. Eventually we will save more and more on the individual. **Miller:** Allene, would you eventually anticipate one less person in the registration department? If so, what would be the approximate salary? **Tartaglia:** Once we get online individual registrations going, it's possible we may be able to do it with a half a person less. **Miller:** That would be roughly how much salary? **Tartaglia:** It depends on the person. **Miller:** Just a range. **Tartaglia:** By the time we include benefits, \$15,000. **Miller:** OK, that's certainly something. **Tartaglia:** One of the concerns that we always have in the office is, as our staff is being reduced, there still is a fair amount of phone work and email. When we reduce the staff, we are reducing that many more people who can answer the phone, so it becomes a customer service issue. **Calhoun:** For litters and individuals, we currently have a two-tiered structure. One of the intents of the two-tiered structure was eventually to go to the higher tier. So, for litters, \$8 and \$13, for individuals at \$10 and \$15, what are the thoughts around going to \$13 and \$15 across the board? I'm not seeing where we're going to get a big savings with this online, at least not this year. **DelaBar:** How about \$10 and \$15? **Calhoun:** OK. **DelaBar:** State that in a motion. **Calhoun:** My motion is to remove the two-tiered structure of litters and individuals, and charge litters \$13, individuals \$15. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, we have Carol's motion. Would you please restate your motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes. I move that we increase the litter registration and individual registration by \$2 each if done by paper, and maintain the registration fee for litters at

\$8 if it is done within the time frame, if it's done electronically. Is that clear? **DelaBar:** No.

**Krzanowski:** OK, right now we have a two-tiered structure for litter registrations, based on time frame. I propose that if they are done electronically, that fee remains the same. If done by paper, we raise them by \$2 each. **Newkirk:** We're making this more confusing than we really need to.

This is much simpler if we just raise from \$8 to \$10 on all of our fees, and from \$13 to \$15.

That's a very modest increase. We've had these cheap fees for a long, long time. I would rather do it that way than make it mandatory that everybody has to register every kitten in their litter. I do that personally, but that's a personal choice and I would rather keep that as a personal choice and go with a modest increase across the board, increasing all the fees that are \$8 up to \$10, and the \$13 fees up to \$15. **Krzanowski:** I'll amend my motion to that effect. **DelaBar:** Restate your motion. **Krzanowski:** Raise fees from the current \$8 to \$10, and \$13 to \$15. **Newkirk:** All the \$8 fees go to \$10, and \$13 fees go to \$15. Would that be August 1<sup>st</sup>? **Krzanowski:** Yes, effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. **DelaBar:** OK, does everybody have that clear? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.

**Johnson:** Based on the current registrations, do you have like a projected? **Calhoun:** \$37,000. **Newkirk:** Can we keep our doors open with this increase? **DelaBar:** Not only can we keep our doors open, but we can keep programs at the same level. **Eigenhauser:** I move that \$10 individual registration fees become \$12, and \$15 becomes \$17. **Tartaglia:** It must be postmarked within 30 days from the date of sale for the \$10, and then beyond that is \$15. **Eigenhauser:** Which goes to \$12 and \$17, effective August 1. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.

**DelaBar:** We need to know where we are now. **Miller:** I like the idea of incentives, but I'm wondering if we can set up some sort of a competitive attitude, which we have a lot of in the cat fancy, among the breed councils. If they get a 25% increase in their breed, that they should be given some form of reward, perhaps something for their Meet the Breeds booth expense. I think that percentage increase, rather than a number increase, would be workable for the small breeds, as well as the large breeds, and try to see if we can't get the Breed Council Secretaries and breeders to really start pushing the idea of increasing registrations. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to ask an unpopular question. Does the dollar surcharge really cover the cost of scoring? **Tartaglia:** I would have to look at that. I've got statistics on how much it costs between the show box, the licensing, processing, scoring. I don't have that with me. **Eigenhauser:** What is the magnitude? Are we close or just a few cents off? Is it a lot? **Tartaglia:** The last I recall, we were in the area, just for the licensing, the show box, just over \$200. **DelaBar:** It's not a dollar that CFA is getting, it's 50¢, because 50¢ goes back to the region. **Tartaglia:** One thing we talked about in the finance meeting was increasing the delegate fee and perhaps letting some of that fee go to the association. Currently, the constitution requires that the entire fee go to the region. We haven't had an increase in that in quite some time from \$20. Of course, it's going to require a constitutional amendment. That's something to think about. Could we increase it to \$40 and then the surcharge would go to the association to help offset costs for the annual meeting? **DelaBar:** We couldn't even look at that going into effect until June of next year. **Tartaglia:** It's something to think about for next June.

**Calhoun:** For clarity, transfer of ownership with an \$8 fee. Are we taking that up to \$10?

**DelaBar:** Yes. **Calhoun:** And the transfer of ownership at \$13, we are taking up to \$15?

**DelaBar:** Correct. **Kusy:** Name change too. **DelaBar:** Name change was \$8 up to \$10. **Calhoun:** Right now, we're at \$166,000. <applause> That's for what we just discussed. **Kusy:** That's assuming registrations stay where they are.

**Kallmeyer:** Point of order. Going back to the champion increase, we have to change three show rules. That's 8.05(a), 8.06 and 11.25. **DelaBar:** That would have to go to Loretta. **Baugh:** I have them written down. On the show rule changes, do we have to actually pass those numbers or just do it? **DelaBar:** It should be administrative, since we have always passed it. **Baugh:** My second point is, I would like to move that the \$30 stipend for board members' meals be eliminated, effective this meeting. We get lunch and we get breakfast. All we're talking about is dinner. My motion is that we eliminate the \$30 stipend for the board members for food. **DelaBar:** I've just been asked if that includes the \$65 for the banquet. **Baugh:** No, but that's not part of our stipend. We always do that separately. I have no problem doing that, either, but I didn't want to be totally crucified. **Eigenhauser:** I am uncomfortable doing things in the middle of the stream retroactively. I would rather make it effective for future board meetings. I would be more comfortable with that. It isn't going to make any difference to me one way or the other, but just as a matter of policy, I think that's a better way to do it. **Baugh:** I'm fine with that. I'll amend it to go the next meeting. **DelaBar:** To board meetings starting? **Baugh:** Future board meetings, starting October. **Miller:** That's a teleconference. **DelaBar:** It is now, but it may not be in the future. **Cantley:** How about making it effective August 1<sup>st</sup>? **DelaBar:** OK, we have a motion on the floor. Effective August 1<sup>st</sup> board members will be responsible for paying their own meals at board meetings. **Kusy:** Except for what is provided, right? **DelaBar:** Yeah, except for those meals that are provided. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar abstained.

**Baugh:** If I can make a comment. It doesn't sound like a lot of money, but my husband's favorite phrase is, "how do you eat an elephant?" "One bite at a time." Every little bit helps. **Calhoun:** OK, so far, we have found \$180,764.96. We'll take 90% and that would be \$162,000. **DelaBar:** That would be a good proposal to go to the board on Sunday for budget.

**Cantley:** OK, what I started to say was, we talked earlier about we raised the individual registration increase and we talked about what AKC has done before, which is the package deals that you do for those things. I would like to have a proposal about having a committee look into doing something similar to that for CFA on our website, to be brought before the board by the next board meeting. **DelaBar:** You can do that proposal, but I think that the new committee is going to be about – this weekend, if it could be so noted, and that will come on Sunday. Let's do your proposal, so at least it gets on the books and done, OK? Please restate it for the Secretary. **Cantley:** Propose that a committee be formed to explore package deals to be offered on the CFA website for the next board. **Altschul:** Just for clarification, this is something to be in addition to what we already do? **Cantley:** Correct. **Brown:** I will offer to do this. **DelaBar:** OK, Roger has volunteered to help. Or are you volunteering to chair? **Brown:** I am volunteering to be the chair. **Eigenhauser:** Good man. **DelaBar:** Maybe as one of my last acts, Roger, I am appointing you chairman of this committee. Please pick your committee members wisely. **Johnson:** Do we need to pass it? **DelaBar:** Yeah, we need to vote on it. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Kusy:** There's one more thing. You still didn't raise the cattery name suffix, addition/deletion. I move that we raise it to \$8. We raised all the rest of them. Do you not want

the extra money? **DelaBar:** Say it again. **Kusy:** The current fee for a cattery name suffix addition or deletion is \$5. I move that we raise it to \$8. **Johnson:** Is that effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, too? **Kusy:** Effective August 1. **DelaBar:** I bet we see a big jump in registration income in July. Any questions or discussion? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.

**Calhoun:** Because we're going to start this in August, we have to take this down by 25%, because part of the year has already expired. **Mare:** I'm sorry, Kathy. I didn't hear all of that. **Johnson:** The increase will be 25% less. **Calhoun:** Because May, June and July are before the raises. **Mare:** I see. **DelaBar:** But it's still a healthy chunk. **Eigenhauser:** A big chunk of money. **DelaBar:** Instead of coming down 10%, it's going to come down 15 more. **Johnson:** \$25,000 more. **DelaBar:** So, right now, it's at a plus of \$122,000. I still think that's a healthy amount to go forward with the budget on Sunday.

(4) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

**Club Membership Liaison Carol Krzanowski** presented the following club applications for approval, reserving the right to vote no:

*Committee Chair:*     **Liz Watson**  
*Board Liaison:*     **Carol Krzanowski**

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**Current Happenings of the Committee**

*Seven new clubs are up for application – one from Region Five, five from Region Eight and one from the International Division – Europe. Of the five clubs in Japan, I have tried to give the Board an idea of location based on distances from Tokyo. The seven clubs are:*

*Minority Report:*    **Region Five (see item #52 – Old Business)**  
*Opposites Attract Cat Club:*    **Region Five**  
*British Shorthair Cat Club Japan:*    **Region Eight**  
*Blue Sky Cat Club:*    **Region Eight**  
*Independent Cat Club:*    **Region Eight**  
*Fukuoka Cat Club:*    **Region Eight**  
*Sapporo Pole Star Cat Club:*    **Region Eight**  
*Cat Friends of Hungary:*    **International Division—Europe**

***MINORITY REPORT CAT CLUB***

***Region Five – Southwest Regional Director – Dee Dee Cantley***

**[Secretary’s Note: See discussion under “New Business” held on Sunday]**

**Cantley:** In the paperwork that you got with all the actual clubs, it actually has the application for Minority Report. I realize, I’m not exactly sure because it doesn’t have the actual date that it was received. It doesn’t have the pre-page that usually is sent by Gwen that says that they have completed the application, but I was told by at least the club that they had jumped through hoops and essentially sent them all. If you look at that first application where you have all the clubs, that report is in here. **Miller:** Yes, it’s here. **Cantley:** Somehow, it didn’t get into Liz’s report but it is in the package. I’m not exactly sure how to proceed on that one, since we didn’t actually have a front page from Gwen. **Krzanowski:** Alright then, at this point I would like to make a motion to accept the applications presented, reserving the right to vote no. We will address each club individually. Actually, why don’t we talk about Minority Report first? **Miller:** Yes, let’s talk about each one. **Krzanowski:** Dee Dee, I will defer to you at this point. **Cantley:** It came in a little late and I was hesitant about it, because the club has been a little lax on getting the stuff in. Obviously, they did send it all in. There is no report that Gwen usually does, which tells you how many people are in the same household or anything like that. They do have a number of club officers that are repeated in the club members. I have heard from the club that they really do want to put on a show. They are essentially looking to do a longhair minority type club. Most of these people are either Turkish Angora people or Siberian. They want to put on one show a year. They’re not exactly sure of the place yet, so it does have a few holes in it, but they seem to have finally gotten everything in, so I will go ahead and ask that the board take



a look at the paperwork and see if they would like to accept this club for Region 5. One more thing – Region 5 has the smallest number of clubs now of all the regions, so we have lost quite a number of them. I would like to see a few more clubs come back into the region. **Miller:** The only comment I have is, first of all, the members are all over the place, so I don't see that this is a cohesive group that's going to be having meetings. I'm a little bit disturbed that their goals are to promote the various minority breeds. They don't really go into what they are going to do. We have had a number of clubs that want to promote this and promote that or promote rescue or whatever, and then they never do a thing. I don't get the real sense that this club has any direction, to promote Siberians. They have one Siberian breeder, they've got a Turkish Angora person, they've got a Cornish Rex. I don't see this club as an identity that's going to really promote in some way what they call minority breeds. These are only a few of the so-called minority breeds or rare breeds. It doesn't include the Bombay. It doesn't include Havana Browns. It's just a select number of rare breeds, but where is the plan? I'm just a little concerned about this club and whether they're going to actually do anything. **Cantley:** Unfortunately, their constitution and bylaws were kind of lumped together. I wish they would have spelled it out a little bit more. **Miller:** Dee Dee, you say that you need clubs in the region, but the members are all over the place. **Cantley:** Well, I won't say that they have to all be in one region, but it's helpful when you have club meetings and such, but obviously when you open it up to minority breeds, they can't all be in one location or one region. **Miller:** They don't talk about where the show would be if they did have a show. **Cantley:** No, they did not, although they do indicate that their showcase is minority longhair breeds. They didn't say anything about shorthair breeds. They did say that they were into show production, community events, pet fairs and county fairs, and then something about their first show they want to make it allbreed, with minority longhair specialty. **Newkirk:** It has been a long time coming since we got the completed application. I don't see anything in here why we shouldn't approve the club. If I saw something in here why we shouldn't approve the club, then I think it would be debatable, but it seems like this is a group of people that want to get together and support a group of minority longhair breeds as a group of members and sponsor a show, and I'm in favor of accepting this club. **Anger:** This is a concept club. Even though their concept is a little bit different than what we usually see, perhaps that suits their purposes. As an organization, we need to look at all the different kinds of concepts that people want to form a club under. It's an interesting idea. If they are able to run with it and actually do something where they spotlight these minority breeds, that is a huge plus for CFA, so I'm all in favor of this club. **Altschul:** Dee Dee, you said that you thought your region has the fewest number of clubs. How many clubs do you have? **Cantley:** Something like 43. **Altschul:** Are those show-producing clubs, or clubs that are in your region? **Cantley:** That's the total number. **Altschul:** My second question is, there are four members on here where they didn't finish the application. They don't have the street address. **Cantley:** That is correct. **Altschul:** So the application is not complete. In order to relicense a club, you have to submit at least all the addresses, so I don't understand why they didn't complete their application. Two of them don't belong to any clubs, so we don't know who these people are. This is required as part of the application. **Cantley:** I do know two of those people as exhibitors. Wendy Heidt is Region 2 and Jane Lopresti is actually Region 5. **Miller:** Jane Ruga is certainly an exhibitor, too. **Cantley:** But, I don't have the addresses, I'm sorry. **Krzanowski:** Point of clarification. I believe the page you are looking at, page 2, with the incomplete sections on the members is from the original application. I think that was one of the problems with the original application last June, that some sections were incomplete. I don't have a copy of the application from last June

here, but I think that was probably one of the reasons why the club was held over to begin with.

**Eigenhauser:** I know we had issues about residence of two officers, so it must be a different first page, but I'm not sure what of this is new and what of this is old, and what's active and what's not. I'm not even sure I have a complete set of the new application. **Cantley:** Which is the issue that I had with the fact that we didn't get the normal page that we get from Gwen, stating that their paperwork was in order. **Miller:** I doubt that this particular group is going to be able to put on an exciting show if they can't do an application. **Mare:** Their paperwork is not in order. Is that correct? **Miller:** Their paperwork is not very good. Well, alright, Carol has a motion on the floor to approve the clubs. Let's take this first one. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Newkirk and Anger voting yes. Cantley abstained.

### ***OPPOSITES ATTRACT CAT CLUB***

#### ***Region Five – Southwest Regional Director – Dee Dee Cantley***

##### *Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines*

- *Twenty members*
- *One person holds both the Secretary and Treasurer position*
- *Ten members belong to other CFA clubs*
- *One member is an officer in another CFA club*

##### *Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?*

- *Yes, in the future*

##### *Club Interest:*

- *Persian/Sphynx primary with intent to include all breeds of cats for shows and working with pure breed rescue*

##### *Club Activities:*

- *Plan to do one show per calendar year in the Southwest Region*
- *Assist in Breed showcases (CFA community outreach) here in the Southwest Region*

##### *Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:*

- *After outstanding bills, disbursement is covered in the attached Club Constitution Article 8 "Dissolution"*

*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:*

- *Once a year, we would like to produce a one day (6 ring) or two day (8 ring) show depending on show hall availability within the Los Angeles or Palm Springs area of Region 5*

##### *Additional information:*

- *None*

##### *From Opposites Attract Cat Club Japan constitution:*

- *Objectives:*

- *To promote good sportsmanship and friendship among all cat fanciers and those within the Southwest (5) Region*
- *To produce and sponsor a yearly cat show and promote feline exhibits in the Southwest (5) Region*
- *To spotlight the Persian and Sphynx breed and actively promote all CFA's Pedigreed cats and HHP's as defined by standards set by CFA*
- *To promote the welfare of all cats and or parent organization the CFA, Inc.*

Membership:

- *The Opposites Attract Cat Club will consider for membership any person who shares the interest of this clubs objectives, will be eligible for membership. Membership will consist of Regular and Associate Members*

*As of this date, no negative letters have been received.*

*Approval or disapproval by Southwest Regional Director – Dee Dee Cantley*

**Miller:** I talked this morning to Satoh and we will be ready to now hear about the Japanese clubs. **Krzanowski:** We have another club from Region 5 first. It's the Opposites Attract Cat Club, Region 5. Everything is in order for that club's application and I will defer to Dee Dee on that one. **Cantley:** Actually, it's kind of a fun little club. It started political and then they ended up talking about cats, so this is a club that wants to promote two very opposite breeds, one being the Persian and the second one being the Sphynx, so we went from longhair to no hair. There are a number of people in the club that have not been in other clubs before, or have recently come into the cat fancy. We have one person from the Asian Division. We also have a few people from other regions that are into Sphynx. I happen to be on there, so I will be abstaining on this, because they asked me to be, since I'm one of the breeders out here, but the rest of the club really wants to get together and do a fun show. They want to do an allbreed show with some emphasis on promoting the two breeds to the public and showing them the differences between the different kinds of cats we have in CFA. They want to do breeder assistance in the Southwest Region. They also wanted to help with some of the breed showcases, making sure that the cats they want to promote are definitely in showcases in our region. Looking over the constitution, it seems like it's all in order and they also have some really good goals. They also have specifically already asked for, if approved, a show coming up in the next year from our Regional Scheduler, so it looks like they really want to do a show. I wholeheartedly promote the club. **Miller:** They are wanting to promote the Persian and Sphynx. Those cats are always in the breed showcases anyway. I'm a little bit concerned that a number of these exhibitors belong to San Diego Cat Club. **Cantley:** There are a few. **Miller:** We need them. I hope it doesn't dissipate their energies. **Cantley:** People can do more than one show. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Cantley abstained.

**Eigenhauser:** I would just like to make a comment for the record. Looking at the two most recent domestic clubs, one of the purposes of forming new clubs isn't for people in existing clubs to belong to another club. It's to help bring new people into CFA, and I really wish that more of these new club applications focused on bringing people in. I know that 10 is the minimum number for a club. We get a lot of 12's and 13's and 15's. I would like to see clubs that bring in a lot of new people and have enough interest that they're not just trying to scrape by

with just over the minimum number of members, so those would be my two comments to CFA in general. I would like to see more clubs with more than the bare minimum. I would like to see 20-30. I would like to see some real interest in these clubs, but more importantly, I would like to see them bring in more new people and not just be a rehash of existing clubs within their region.

[the following comments address all of the Japanese applications]

**Satoh:** First of all, I would like you to know, even though five club applications are submitted from Region 8, I was only notified of one club, so the only one I can comment on is the Independent Cat Club. I have no contact with any of the members of the other clubs that applied as a new club, so unfortunately, I do not have any comments on those other four clubs.

**Krzanowski:** Since there are so many applicants from Japan, you will note that Liz [Watson] tried to provide some additional information as far as proximity to Tokyo, to provide a little more information to help in the decision-making process here. Liz, in her addendum to the Club Report, did comment that she feels these clubs should all be accepted. I'm sure you saw that in her report. She also provided some population information for some of the cities involved in these applications.

**Miller:** Does Liz have the information that the Regional Director doesn't have on any of the clubs? How does she know about these clubs and why haven't they communicated with their Regional Director?

**Newkirk:** I can tell you why, because Liz and I judged in Tokyo two weeks ago, and we met all of these, except the Independent Club secretary. We met three of the clubs and the reason we didn't meet the fourth person is because that person was in the hospital. All these people are very interested in having clubs, and I think it's important that the board understand, and I talked to a couple Regional Directors this weekend. In Japan, they have their July meeting. Everybody is aware of that. They have their Regional meeting in July. That meeting is attended by one delegate from every club. There are no meetings held throughout the year for just the run of the mill breeder and exhibitor in Japan. I held a meeting once when I went over, to explain some stuff that went on at the board meeting, but I think before that there wasn't anybody that had called a meeting to talk to the people about what goes on in Japan. They did call a special meeting in April, the last weekend of the show season, and again it was only the delegates from the clubs that were allowed to attend that meeting. I think that was something I didn't realize before, and that was sort of an eye opener for me. Japan is made up of four main islands, and there are 47 prefectures in the country of Japan. In the Tokyo area alone, there are 7 or 8 prefectures. Liz listed five of those. The biggest ones being Tokyo prefecture, which actually means east capital if you translate that. Chiba is a prefecture where there are some clubs, and Kanagawa is where the show was held that we were at over there two weeks ago. Mr. Kojima sat down and drew out the map for me about the whole Tokyo area. There are in excess of 40 million people in those prefectures around the Tokyo area. It's absolutely monstrous as far as population goes. When Liz and I walked into the show hall that day, the first thing we noticed was, everybody in that show was young. I'm talking about 30 or less. There were a few of the typical exhibitors that have been around a long time. We've got a great deal of growth potential in Japan if we'll just get these clubs. The reason people want a club over there is because it brings in a group of people that don't belong to other clubs. So, it's bringing input into the club from a group of people who want to put on a show and so we had a lot of discussion with these secretaries for these clubs and I really would like to see the board approve all these clubs. I was told that the Independent Club secretary is a friend of Koizumi-san, so it would be natural that that person would be in contact with Satoh-san, but the other

people, we have one of the clubs in Hokkaido and one of the clubs in Kyushu. Those are the far most islands of Japan. We really need more clubs in those areas especially, so we can grow there. The more clubs we have, the more shows we can put on and the more growth for CFA. I try to keep up with what goes on in Japan and I really think this would be a good thing to approve these. I include the Independent Cat Club. I'm in favor of that one, also.

**Eigenhauser:** I can't comment on the substance of any of these applications. I've never been to Japan, but procedurally it used to be, not that many years ago, that when a new club application report came before the board, the last item under each was, they discussed it with their Regional Director and this is their Regional Director's recommendation. Part of the packet that always came forward on a new club application was, does the Regional Director approve or disapprove? I don't know what's going on in Japan so I have to rely on people like Darrell and people like Liz and the Regional Director to tell me what's going on there, and the Regional Director hasn't even been told. That cuts out what, to me, is one of the most important sources of information about what's happening in that region. I think it's appalling that these clubs are coming forward without the Regional Director even knowing about it. I know there's talk about only the club delegates go to their regional meetings, but that has nothing to do with new clubs. They know how to use email there. They have a club regional list. Certainly, if they want to have a club, they can send an email to their Regional Director saying, "we're forming a club, this is the reason why." I have a really difficult time voting for a club over the objection of a Regional Director, but I also have a difficult time voting when the Regional Director can't even comment because they weren't even informed. **Newkirk:** Can I respond to that? Can I ask Satoh-san a couple of questions? **Miller:** Yes, go ahead. **Newkirk:** Satoh-san, does the Japan Region – you as a director – have an email list for people in Japan? **Satoh:** The regional website is where you have the Regional Director's email address for people to see the website, and then all her phone numbers, as well as the address, is all sent to the current club members. **Miller:** I think the question that Darrell was asking was not if there is a list of email addresses, but are there ways of communicating, online communication or ability to exchange ideas online? Is there a list? Not a list of names, but is there a list? **Newkirk:** An email list. **Miller:** Communication of everybody, like the CFA list. **Altschul:** They have one. We're all on it. **Kusy:** We're all on it. She doesn't understand the question. **Altschul:** They have one. They put all the board members on. **Newkirk:** That's not the Region. The exhibitors and the breeders in Japan started that list. That's the point I'm trying to make. The Regional Director does not maintain a list for people to communicate with her. Shino-san, would you ask Satoh-san if she belongs to the Japan Regional Breeders List? Email list? Is she a member of that email list? The Japan Exhibitors and Breeders List – is Satoh-san a member? **Satoh:** No. **Newkirk:** So, she maintains no way of communicating with people in the Japan Region unless they email her. Is that correct? **Satoh:** Looking at the application, I know the people who are applying for those clubs and they know me. If they are willing to contact me, they should be able to contact me. **Newkirk:** I've got one more question. I wanted to ask Satoh-san when the show schedules and the Japan meeting minutes have been updated on the Japan website, because I went into Google and translated it. There are no minutes for the Japan Region meeting since 2004 and the show schedule that's on the website is for 2005-2006. **Satoh:** The minutes for the Region? **Newkirk:** July regional meeting. **Satoh:** [no answer] **Miller:** We are waiting for a response. What was the response to Darrell's question? **Satoh:** There was no clear reason for putting up the regional meeting minutes. There weren't any sudden moves that we had to put into minutes. There was no need.

**Newkirk:** The point I'm trying to make is that many people over there are distrustful and that's maybe why they did not contact Satoh-san. I don't mean any disrespect to Satoh-san, but we have a lot of young people over there who want to have clubs, they want to be involved in the development of CFA, the continued growth of CFA in Japan. If we don't admit new clubs, we're not going to have that. That's the point that everybody needs to take into consideration. **Anger:** George made a statement earlier that his ideal of a new club is new people. If you look at these 5 applications, with a minimum of 10 members – we're talking at least 50 people – there are only 3 out of 50+ people that are listed as members of other clubs. This confirms what Darrell is saying. We have new people that are very enthusiastic, they really want to form a club, they want change in Japan. That's what we want here in the U.S., too. On the Judging Program application, there is a block for the Regional Director to sign. It's a requirement and we won't accept the application unless that's signed by the Regional Director. That doesn't mean that the Regional Director is approving or endorsing the application, it's saying yes, I am aware of it, and then it goes on and is presented to the board. Nowhere on the club application is it a requirement to have the Regional Director's signature or endorsement. These are all brand new people. How do they know that they are supposed to contact the Regional Director, or that there's a custom or a set past precedent that clubs have done? How do they know this? They have no way of knowing. There is difficulty in communication, obviously, which is compounding the problem that is between what some people's expectations are of new clubs (i.e., go through the Regional Director), and getting these clubs accepted. The fact that the Regional Director was excluded, to me, is very telling, yet I would have liked to have seen them at least give the courtesy of informing their Regional Director that they were coming forward and talking to her. They didn't do that, they didn't know they were supposed to do that, there's a reason they didn't do that, but it's not a requirement and it is not a part of the application.

**Satoh:** The way the communication has been raised as an issue, I am trying to as often as I can go to shows or any other venue and then it's kind of hard to understand the people see why they say it's hard to contact me as a Regional Director. There are many ways to get to know my address, email address, phone numbers. I don't think it's an issue. As for the new applications, at least two of the clubs, Blue Sky Cat Club and British Shorthair Cat Club, the secretary who is applying as a new club, they know me very well, so I do not understand why they didn't contact me in advance. Even though it's not a rule and not a requirement, I wish they had at least contacted me for coming up.

#### ***ADDENDUM TO CLUB REPORT***

*At the board meeting in June 2009, Eva Cat Club (Region 8) was accepted in spite of the many negative letters received. In June 2010, I judged this club's first show along with Darrell Newkirk. What follows are facts and observations that may help this board in understanding and evaluating the new clubs from Japan that are up for acceptance.*

*The show had an excellent entry of 135 cats. What was most striking was the youth of the exhibitors. Here is the growth potential for Japan! These people are eager to be a part of CFA and are dedicated to breeding and showing CFA cats. There was, also, an excellent gate. However, because there is no charge to the spectators, the club receives no money for gate. Thus, the clubs become ambassadors for CFA promoting the fancy to the general public. The*

show was held on Saturday and on Sunday a clerking school was run by CFA judge Edward Maeda. Sponsored by Evergreen Cat Club & Sunshine Cat Club, the school had 28 attendees-- again made up of young exhibitors.

I have brought forward five new cubs for Region 8 and I urge the board to accept them. Three of the clubs are based around Tokyo and I gave you the distance from Tokyo wherein they wish to hold their shows. But, you need to consider another fact - the population of Tokyo Prefecture & those surrounding it.

Tokyo	12 million
Chiba	6 million
Yamanashi	1.5 million
Kanagawa	8.5 million
Saitama	7 million

These are the numbers from which exhibitors are drawn from. Many shows are held in Tokyo because of the ease in securing a show hall and show hotel. Since the clubs do not charge for gate, we must not look at the number of clubs in an area the same way we do in the USA.

Most importantly is the way the regional meetings are held. As you know, in the USA, regional meetings are generally held at a show during show hours. Everyone is free to attend and participate. In Japan, there is a regional meeting held in July in which only a club secretary or designee can attend. If you are not a club secretary you have NO voice in regional affairs. The potential for growth is certainly evident in Japan but, these new exhibitors want to be able to participate. They are eager to invest their time and money in the advancement of CFA. I urge you to give them their voice by accepting the five Japanese clubs.

Respectively submitted,  
Liz Watson, Chair

**BRITISH SHORTHAIK CAT CLUB JAPAN**  
**Region Eight--Japan Regional Director--Yayoi Satoh**

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- Sixteen members
- Club officers have different addresses
- No members belong to other CFA clubs

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- No

Club Interest:

- British Shorthair breed club

Club Activities:

- Have a cat show once a year
- Have breed seminars to promote British Shorthair

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- All funds & property/assets distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of CFA
- The Secretary is responsible for any debts upon disbandment

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:

- Have a show in the middle area of Japan, i.e. Shizuoka
- Wish to sponsor Junior Showmanship ring at the show

Additional information:

- Because of the club secretary's love for the British Shorthair the club wishes to make an effort to increase the BSH with other breeders in the region
- A club member works at a pet food company & will support the first show with food & other things
- Wish to have a show in Shizuoka area so participants can see Mt. Fuji--this area is about 180 km south of Tokyo

From British Shorthair Cat Club Japan 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 of good character interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership

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

Approval or disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

**Krzanowski:** Next, we move along to the British Shorthair Cat Club Japan, Region 8. Their application is in order, as is their constitution and bylaws. **Meeker:** I would like to make a point about the British Shorthair Cat Club of Japan. My understanding was that there was only one official breed club per breed. <NO> No? I thought CFA could only have one official breed club. **Kusy:** There is no such thing as an official breed club. **Miller:** No, no. We had 13 Abyssinian breed clubs at one time. Every one of them was active in the old days. No problems. Some of them were regional, some were national. They have different functions. I don't have any problem with that. **Meeker:** I guess we were misinformed. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Shall we vote on them individually or as a group? **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Satoh abstained.

**BLUE SKY CAT CLUB**  
**Region Eight--Japan Regional Director--Yayoi Satoh**



Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- Eighteen members
- No officers reside at the same address
- One member is a member of another CFA club
- No members are directors or officers of another CFA club

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- No

Club Interest:

- Applying for Allbreed club

Club Activities:

- Produce a cat show
- Hold grooming and breed seminars

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- In the event of dissolution, any property and assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of the CFA. (from Blue Sky Cat Club constitution)
- The President and Secretary will equally share responsibility for any debt

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:

- Hold a show once a year in Chiba (Chiba is 34 km from Tokyo)
- Would like to have a Junior Showmanship ring as there are few in Japan

Additional information:

- \*\*See letter attached to application

From Blue Sky Cat Club constitution:

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

Membership:

- Persons of good character interested in the object of this organization shall be eligible for membership

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

Approval or disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

**Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Satoh abstained.

***INDEPENDENT CAT CLUB***

***Region Eight--Japan Regional Director--Yayoi Satoh***

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty members--I contacted the secretary about the members activities & she emailed me the following:*
  - *Yoshie Ichige (OC)*
  - *Maki Iwata (OC,HHP)*
  - *Natsumi Iwata(SO)*
  - *Yuko Asami(OC)*
  - *Tomoe Tabata(OC)*
  - *Eri Isozaki(OC)*
  - *Aki Sugio(OC,HHP)*
  - *Yoshiko Ohkura(OC)*
  - *Tokuhime Honda(OC)*
  - *Minako Kakei (OC,RD)*
  - *Yumiko Tanaka (OC,HHP)*
  - *Takumi Fujino (OC)*
  - *Yuko Suzuki(OC)*
  - *Momoko Kiji(OC)*
  - *Shigeko Ookubo(OC)*
  - *Yumiko Sato(OC,HHP)*
  - *Mayuko Hirose(OC)*

*The abbreviations are:*

*OC=Ocicat owner (or breeder)*

*BO=Bombay owner(or breeder)*

*SO=Somali owner*

*RD=Ragdoll owner*

- *Club officers have different addresses*
- *Two club members are members of other CFA clubs*
- *No member is an officer in another CFA club*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

- *Produce a cat show*
- *Hold seminars*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *All members will share in debt*
- *Dissolution will be in accordance with Article VIII of club constitution*

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

- *Produce one show a year*

*Additional information:*

- *I contacted the club secretary with some questions. Here is a cut and pasted copy of her email. Please note that Kanagawa Prefecture's capital is Yokohama.*
  - *How often do you plan on having a show?*

*At least once a year*

- *There are many shows in Tokyo.*

*Chiba-ken, Tokyo, Kanagawa-ken < I have changed. I wrote "Tokyo" because any cat clubs even in northern area used to conduct cat show in Tokyo, quite honestly. It is because there are few halls for cat show in local city. And exhibitors like good transportation, by train, by car, by plane. So there are many cat clubs (registered except Tokyo) did not conduct cat show in each district.*

*I would like to conduct this prefecture, Chiba-ken as well as I can definitely. I live in Chiba prefecture not Tokyo. I tried to search the rental large hall inside this prefecture Chiba. So far, I could not find out suitable one yet. I will continue trying to find the good place for cat show.*

*I would like to conduct seminar and work shop for the best treatment for cats, too. I think there are lack plans these days by CFA cat club. In general, I think these will make to increase cat show exhibitors.*

- *Why do you think it is necessary for another club there?*

*So many cat clubs in Japan indeed, but almost cat clubs are sleeping in fact. There has been no cat show and breeding anymore. Even some have not been as exhibitors in cat show anymore. Like these elder seniors with no activity, should have done generation change. So I think new cat clubs will be necessary.*

*Even some of them did not donate at all for Japan region but they have right for election. Those problems must have been solved. I have heard these issues from directors and region side staffs.*

- *Do you have good ideas for Japan region? Serious region staffs need good solutions for "change".*

*I would like to help it too.*

*All my best wishes,  
Tomoko Fukumoto  
Fukumaneki Ocicats*

*From Independent 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 of good character interested in the object of this organization shall be eligible for membership*

*As of this date, no negative letters have been received.*

*Approval or disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh*

**Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**White:** Did Satoh-san abstain, or did she vote? **Satoh:** She vote yes for Independent Cat Club and everything else is abstain. **Kusy:** Isn't it customary for the Club Chair to contact the Regional Director to get the results of the Regional Director's thoughts on a club in this report? **Miller:** Yes. **Kusy:** Was that done? **Miller:** For as long as I can remember, we have always relied on the Regional Directors, particularly in Japan. **Kusy:** Was this done? Did Liz try to contact Satoh-san about these clubs? **Krzanowski:** If she did, I'm not aware of that. **Miller:** Very strange. OK, Satoh-san, that's the way it is.

***FUKUOKA CAT FANCIERS***  
***Region Eight--Japan Regional Director--Yayoi Satoh***

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Nineteen members*
- *Club officers have different address*
- *No members belong to other CFA clubs*
- *No members are officers in other CFA clubs*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

- *Hold a cat show in Fukuoka--Fukuoka is on the western side of the southern island of Kyushu 885 km from Tokyo*
- *Hold breed seminars*
- *Hold grooming school*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of 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:

- *Produce one show a year in Fukuoka whether two day or back to back*

Additional information:

- See attached letter in application

From Fukuoka Cat Fanciers constitution:

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

Membership:

- Persons of good character interested in the object of this organization shall be eligible for membership

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

Approval or disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

**Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Satoh abstained.

***SAPPORO POLE STAR CAT CLUB***  
***Region Eight--Japan Regional Director--Yayoi Satoh***

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- Eighteen members
- Club officers have different addresses
- One club member belongs to another CFA club
- No club member is an officer in another CFA club

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- No

Club Interest:

- Applying for Allbreed club

Club Activities:

- Hold a cat show
- Hold breed seminars
- Hold a clerking school

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- Distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of CFA, Inc.
- The Secretary will be responsible for any debts

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:

- *Hold a show once a year in Hokkaido--the northern island of Japan. Sapporo is 830 km from Tokyo*

Additional information:

- *See attached letter in application*

From Sapporo Pole Star Cat Club constitution:

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

Membership:

- *Persons of good character interested in the object of this organization shall be eligible for membership*

*As of this date, no negative letters have been received.*

*Approval or disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh*

**Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Satoh abstained.

***CAT FRIENDS OF HUNGARY***  
***International Division--Darrell Newkirk, Chair***

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

*In the application there is no distinction between the Constitution & By-Laws. I contacted the club and was told, “Yes, the constitution and by-laws are combined, as required by local regulations. Our legal system is very different, it was a real juggle to comply with both CFA’s requirements and the national regulations.” Upon going over the application, believe the Board will find that all necessary information for CFA is covered with the exception of membership dues. Again the club responded both to Gwen Foster and me with the following, “Membership fee is HUF 10,000 (approximately USD 40) due by the end of May.” I trust this will cover any questions.*

- *Ten members*
- *The club secretary and club treasurer, although different persons, reside at the same address*
- *No club member belongs to another CFA club. These members are all new to the cat fancy & their activities would be exhibitors. Again the following is from the email from the club, “Our President, Gabor Komlossy has been showing in CFA since 2008, he has a CH, our VP, Marietta Stefancsik has been showing for about a year, has two CHs, and Noemi Gyulai also has a CH.”*
- *No club member is an officer in another CFA club*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *Club is already incorporated*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed club*

Club Activities:

- *Sponsor cat shows*
- *Promote junior showmanship*
- *Form partnerships with cat rescues*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *Funds shall first be used to pay the debts of the club.*
- *Any remaining funds shall be transferred to a similar 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:

- *Plan to sponsor two shows a year*
- *One show will be held in Budapest*
- *The second show will be in a smaller town, possibly a different town each year*

Additional information:

- *None*

From Cat Friends of Hungary Constitution:

- *Objectives:*
  - *The club shall promote the welfare of cats*
  - *Represent the interests of cat breeders and cat owners*
  - *promote cat breeding and cat keeping*
  - *promote the breeding and ownership of pedigreed cats*
  - *Provide information on breeding and owning cats*

*\*the club then lists how these objectives will be achieved according to CFA rules and registrations.*

Membership:

- *Persons interested in the objectives of this club shall be eligible for membership, provided that he/she undertakes to act in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the club*
- *There will be both regular membership and associate membership*
- *Regular membership fee is HUF 10,000 (about \$40.00 US)*

*As of this date, no negative letters have been received.*

*Approval or disapproval by International Division Chair – Darrell Newkirk*

**Krzanowski:** Cat Friends of Hungary is in the International Division, of course. Their constitution and bylaws are in order. You will note in Liz's report she mentions there is no distinction between the constitution and bylaws, but it has to do with their local regulations and their legal system, so evidently everything that is required is included. I defer to Darrell at this

point. **Newkirk:** I know this club has worked on their application for quite awhile. I was real excited to finally get a club in Hungary, so I think they brought everything together. Even though I knew this application was coming eventually, I wasn't notified either ahead of time, but I did have knowledge of it coming up, so I think all of us in the European arena are happy to have this club added as a club in the International Division. **Calhoun:** This is more of a general comment. Maybe we need to reach out to Liz and refresh her memory or advise her that we need to have the Regional Directors' opinions. **Miller:** I think that would be a good thing. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**What will be presented at the Next Meeting:**

*All new club applications.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Watson, Chair*

**Miller:** Does that conclude everything, Carol? **Krzanowski:** That concludes the report.



(5) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

**International Division Committee Chair Darrell Newkirk** 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; Fund Manager Europe – Jos Wintershoven; Fund Manager Asia/LA – Rarteo Lo; Phebe Low – Elected Asia/LA Representative; Yaeko Takano – Korea Representative; Richard Kallmeyer – Board-Appointed Member; Rob Loot - ID Clerking Liaison – Europe; Vacant – ID Clerking Liaison – 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*

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**Recent Happenings in the International Division:**

*The International Division continues to earn the support of the breeders and exhibitors in Asia, South America, Europe and Russia. I am happy to report that this year all International Division clubs have renewed their membership with CFA. We have added 7 new clubs since June 2009. We continue to enjoy interest and growth in the International Division. On a sad note, Bob and I received notice last month that Eric Wang will no longer be able to serve as the Liaison for the clerks in the Asia/LA area of the International Division. Eric and Charmayne now have three children and their life priorities are different now with the expanded family. We want to thank Eric for his service and dedication to CFA and the International Division. We also extend our best wishes in their duties of raising their family.*

*We would like to welcome Phebe Low as the newly elected Representative to Asia/LA. We look forward to working with Phebe during her tenure on the Committee. We would like to thank Wilson Ng for his dedication to the Asia/LA area and to the committee during his 4 years of service on the committee.*

**Europe Liaison Report: Liz Watson:**

*First of all, congratulations to all Divisional winners and to all exhibitors in the International Division. Thank you for your continued support of CFA, both in showing and the expansion with new clubs.*

*Two show rule changes which effect the European Division took effect with the 2010-11 show rules. The Ukraine will now need six winners ribbons to confirm a championship. This came about because of considerable discussion about a cat going from open to grand in one show. I contacted Rolandus Union International with the following questions as I did not believe that the*

*Ukrainian exhibitors traveled to other countries and didn't want to penalize them as they only have two eight ring shows a year. The club reply follows:*

*On 19th of November 2009 we received a letter from Liz Watson: "Do Ukrainian exhibitors go to Russia to exhibit? How often? If they need 6 winners ribbons would they go to Russia to complete a Grand or would they wait until the next CFA show in the Ukraine?"*

*In our answer we repeated our position in question about number of Winners and Grand Champion points for Ukraine, that we stated earlier in our letters to CO:*

*"Liz, unfortunately, the standards of living in Russia and Ukraine are incomparable. There are a little number of Ukrainian breeders that can financially afford to go to Russia's and Europe's Shows. We still hope that with economical improvement in our country the activity of Ukrainian breeders will increase.*

*We consider the requirement of 6 Winners for our breeders to be fair.*

*There can't be different requirements for breeders from different countries within the one organization. There could be some privileges for some people on certain stages but the fundamental rules should be the same for everyone.*

*Of course, it would be more difficult for our breeders to become champions from the next season and there will be a lot of dissatisfied breeders, but it is not nice to ask for the preferences all the time.*

*All the more the preferences that infringe the rights of other breeders. No one from European breeders could start the Show in Open class and finish it as a Grand Champion. So either the rule of transferring to the champions from Saturday to Sunday should be cancelled or the requirement of 6 ribbons should exist.*

*Frankly speaking, we did explain everyone countless times that what we have now is not fair regarding other breeders and we already got used to the 6 Winners requirement.*

*But we would like to save the requirement of 75 points to become a Grand champion if it is possible. The greater number of points will be almost unachievable for our breeders."*

*As a matter of record, the official count of champions for the two Rolandus shows for the 2009-2010 show season was 11/14/09--28 AB champions and 3/20/10--45 AB champions. To clarify on the above-quoted statement, it is possible to go from open to grand at shows in the USA which have a 6x6 format. Thus it would be possible to do the same at a European 6x6 show.*

*The second show rule change concerns Russia. As of the new show season, exhibitors residing within the Moscow Region will need 125 points to confirm a grand champion. They continue to*

need only four winners ribbons. Below are the official championship counts for the Russian shows:

4/10/10	Chatte Noir Chelyabinsk (8 rings)	28 AB CH
4/3/10	Chatte Noir Moscow (8)	54 AB CH
2/20/10	Nika Feline Moscow (4)	12 AB CH
12/12/09	Chatte Noir Chelyabinsk (8)	28 AB CH
12/5/09	Chatte Noir Moscow (8)	68 AB CH
10/13/09	Chatte Noir Moscow (4)	37 AB CH
10/17/09	Chatte Noir Siberia (4)	10 AB CH
10/3/09	Nike Feline Moscow (4)	31 AB CH

The eight ring shows in Moscow draw a large championship count. That said, these shows are dependent on sponsorship and should that not be available the number of rings would undoubtedly reduce. I wish to commend Chatte Noir for going outside of Moscow to produce shows. The International committee appreciates their willingness to bring CFA to other parts of Russia. It is imperative to remember that Russia is a vast country and in order to grow CFA, we should not include the rest of the country with what is done within the Moscow region.

It is my understanding that the European Division is poised to seek acceptance as a region. They have solved the problem with the bank account and can now begin to collect funds necessary for a region. Olivier Grin will no doubt include this and other information in his report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Watson  
European Liaison, International Division Committee

### **Europe Representative Report: Olivier Grin**

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

The main points scheduled were:

- Opening of a bank account
- Finding a Treasurer

I am very happy to be able to announce that we do now have an elected treasurer: Jos Wintershoven accepted to run for the job and has been elected diplomatically through a ballot by the clubs of the ID-E.

We also have been able to open a bank account for the ID in the Netherlands, and the use of this account shall require 2 signatures, the one from the treasurer and the one from the elected representative (or in the future if we become Region of the RD).

I know CFA has opened a bonding to protect the different accounts and that this bonding could cover also international accounts. I understood that the annual fee for this bonding is divided within the different accounts covered (total divided by the number of accounts or according to

*the amount of money handled individually by these accounts???). What is still unclear to me is how to proceed to have our account become covered by this bonding? Any advice regarding this procedure would be greatly welcomed.*

*Once these procedures will be done, I hope that with the board approval we can start collecting money for the Region (1 Euro per cat entered) starting from the first show of the season, namely the award show in Finland in August. This will allow us to present a precise budget next year at the annual meeting when we plan to present a resolution to amend the constitution in order to make the ID-E become a CFA Region. I believe the financial situation will be an important part of the discussion and if we are able to present a budget that shows that we are able to cover most (if not all) the expenses for our Region it may be a good argument in our favour.*

*The discussions about the special situation in Russia regarding pts-requirements for GC title are still a hot topic but there is not much new to say about it. It is still the impression of a majority of exhibitors that the actual situation is not fair towards the other regions of the ID and clearly diminishes the value of this title. Suggestion has been made that titles earned under lower requirements should be clearly specified and differentiable from titles earned under normal requirements on registration papers and pedigrees.*

*Probably this will be a point that will need to be discussed when we present the resolution to become a Region. As well as who will qualify to become part of this new Region and under which conditions. After all, the ID will not disappear and maybe areas that can not meet the standards for a Region should stay for a little longer in the ID before joining the Europe Region? Anyway, we are not ready yet to discuss these points precisely as the project of resolution to present in 2011 is not written yet.*

*Olivier Grin  
CFA-ID Europe Representative*

**Asia/Latin America Liaison Report: Robert Zenda**

*As is the custom to report data from the previous show season for the June meeting of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to say that we just competed another banner year; demonstrating that Asia/Latin America continues to be one of CFA's brightest rising stars.*

*There were 31 shows in the Asia/Latin America Division including 2 in Brazil – the first CFA show presence in South American in a decade. Shows by location were follows: China (PRC) – 6, Malaysia – 6, Hong Kong – 5, Taiwan – 3, Thailand – 3, Indonesia – 3, Singapore – 3 and Brazil – 2. For the first time in many years, there were no shows in South Korea.*

*A comparison of official show counts since Asia was separated from Europe in the International Division is shown below:*

<b>Show Season</b>	<b>KIT</b>	<b>% + or &lt;&gt;</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>% + or &lt;&gt;</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>% + or &lt;&gt;</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Total % + or &lt;&gt;</b>
<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>15.92</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>46.06</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>&lt;2.16&gt;</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>26.77</b>
<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>&lt;2.17&gt;</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>&lt;9.60&gt;</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>9.07</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>&lt;3.87&gt;</b>
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>11.85</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>&lt;7.56&gt;</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>37.75</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>4.19</b>
<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>27.04</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>61.94</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>61.94</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>51.18</b>
<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>551</b>		<b>988</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>1,786</b>	

*As demonstrated by the data, show entries in Asia/Latin America have increased a phenomenal 91.9% since the International Division was divided into two discrete areas. As more and more clubs in this area schedule 2 or 3 consecutive shows and attempt to share judges to cope with rapidly increasing air fares, this increased tempo will continue, to the benefit of not only our breeders and exhibitors in these countries but to CFA's bottom line!*

*The competitive spirit of our Asia/Latin America breeders and exhibitors and the quality of their cats is demonstrated by markedly increased points required to earn the coveted DW (Division Winner) Award title and the ability of yet another cat from this division to earn a National Award (GC, NW Stedam's Silver Bullet, 7th Best Cat in CFA and Best Cat in Asia/Latin America), as well as the very first cat bred in Asia to earn a National Award in Championship (GC, BW, NW Yatfung's Hulk in Brown !!!, 5th Best Cat in CFA, and Best Cat Midwest Region – this cat was also Best Kitten in Asia/Latin America 2008-2009).*

*The Asia/Latin American DW Awards Banquet will be hosted by the Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society in Shanghai, China on August 30, 2010 at the prestigious Shanghai Fashion Hub. The theme for this event is "The Old Shanghai Style" and will feature a traditional Chinese dinner. Since the city of Shanghai is hosting the World Expo (May – October), banquet participants may also enjoy an opportunity to take in some of the hundreds of marvelous exhibits. The Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society extends an invitation to everyone in CFA to come and enjoy the festivities and promises a warm welcome and unmatched hospitality!*

*This year clubs in the Asia/Latin America Division had an opportunity to select their elected representative. Phebe Low (Hong Kong), who currently serves as an Ambassador Program Coordinator, was elected to serve the next two years and succeeds Mr Wilson HB Ng, who served in that position for the past 4 years. The Asia/Latin America Division was indeed fortunate to benefit from his knowledge, energy and enthusiastic support of CFA during his tenure.*

*CFA's growth potential in Asia/Latin America is virtually unlimited, and I have recently received inquiries from China, Hong Kong, Brazil and Argentina regarding potential new clubs.*

*Last, but certainly not least, I had the pleasure and privilege of presenting the Chinese Li Hua cat to the CFA Board of Directors for recognition as a CFA Miscellaneous Breed at the February 2010 meeting. This unique breed, which only exists in China, was accepted by unanimous vote, and will soon be seen at our shows as it works toward advancement to Championship Status.*

*I wish to thank Mr. Darrell Newkirk, Chair of the International Division, as well as the CFA Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to serve CFA in this exciting position.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Zenda  
CFA International Division Liaison for Asia/Latin America*

**Asia/Latin America Representative Report: Phebe Low**

*(Note: Phebe was just elected to the Asia/LA representative and will have a report for the next board meeting.)*

**Korea Liaison: Yaeko Takano**

*No Report this meeting. Please note in Bob's report that there have been no shows in Korea this past year.*

**Club Applications:**

*We have one club application for membership in the International Division this meeting – Cat Friends of Hungary, Tatabanya, Hungary. This will be our first CFA club in Hungary.*

**Action Items: None**

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

**Newkirk:** We don't have any action items, but I just want to say that this year, all of our clubs renewed their membership. Last year, we lost 8 clubs for failure to renew their membership. We had some at the very last minute, the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the last day, but we did get all clubs renewed, so I'm happy to report that. Bob and Liz and Olivier have all provided input. When we have the International meeting with the board [Saturday], we want to discuss the Russian clubs going to six winners ribbons. We actually have an ID list that is the presidents and secretaries of the clubs, so we can communicate frequently with issues within our area. They really wanted to get things prepared to produce a Constitutional amendment to make Europe a region. There just wasn't enough time to do it, so you can expect on the ballot next year a revision to the Constitution. I think it's time. I think Europe has grown. It's big enough, we have enough shows over there to move Europe as a region of CFA. So, look forward to that. That's what we have coming up and Bob gave a good report on what's going on in the Asia arena. I think that concludes everything. I want to congratulate Phebe Low for being elected to the liaison to the Committee for the Asia/Latin America area, and I also reported in here, I wanted to

give Eric Wang a thanks. They've got three children now. They are young people with three beautiful children, so their direction in life has taken a turn that really doesn't have time for CFA. They were very active, had some beautiful cats and they did a great job. Eric was our liaison for the Clerking Program in Asia. We're going to miss them, but we sure wish them all the best of luck in the world, raising their family. Hopefully, when the kids get grown they will come back. CFA is a big part of their heart and I know this was really a tough decision for them to have to walk away right now, but they did a really, really fantastic job. **Miller:** I would like to commend you and your whole Committee. They have been really great nurturing the clubs over there. What I find exciting is that the International Division doesn't want anything special, they want to be part of CFA. They don't want to make it easy for themselves. I think it's wonderful. **Newkirk:** I've got to say, I have an absolutely fantastic Committee. Everybody on this Committee really, really works. Phebe is a really nice addition to that. We've got some quarantine issues over there in Malaysia right now. We had some exhibitors that sort of said, "well, you know, we're not listening to you" and walked out of the quarantine facility, so they sort of cut us off. Zamina has been very instrumental in going there and working with them, and now she's got Phebe helping her out, so that is a bit of an area of concern. Bob [Zenda] can address that in our meeting with the board on Saturday, but I just wanted to touch base on that. The quarantine in some of these countries over there really, really presents some obstacles for fairness and people being able to attend a lot of shows. There's nothing we can do about it except obey the laws of the countries and keep out of trouble.

(6) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Executive Director **Allene Tartaglia** gave the following report:

1. **Special Show Format Requests:**

- a) *Club Name: Tonkinese Breed Assn & Japanese Bobtail Fanciers*  
*Show Date: September 11-12, 2010*  
*Requests judges select best-fifth best Tonkinese and Japanese Bobtails in each category.*

**Tartaglia:** As usual, we've got some special show format requests. Does somebody want to make a motion to accept? **Eigenhauser:** Madame Vice President, can I make a standing motion to approve all these, with the right to vote down? **Miller:** Yes, George has a standing motion to approve the four special show format requests. **Tartaglia:** Do you want to take them individually? **Eigenhauser:** Yes, I just made a standing motion. **Miller:** To take them individually? **Eigenhauser:** Yes. **Tartaglia:** The first one, Tonkinese Breed Association and Japanese Bobtail Fanciers September show. They want to have the judges select best through fifth best Tonkinese and Japanese Bobtail in each category, meaning championship, kitten and premiership. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Club Name: Foot of the Rockies*  
*Show Date: September 25-26, 2010*  
*Requests judges select best-fifth best Ragdoll in each category.*

**Tartaglia:** Top five again, but for Ragdolls for Foot of the Rockies, September 25 and 26. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- c) *Club Name: Maine Coon Cat Club*  
*Show Date: November 6, 2010*  
*Requests judges select best-fifth best Maine Coon in each category.*

**Tartaglia:** Maine Coon Cat Club, November 6, best through fifth Maine Coons, each category. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- d) *Club Name: Dixieland Silver & Golden Club*  
*Show Date: December 11-12, 2010*  
*Requests judges select best-fifth best Silver/Golden Persians in each category and conduct a special ring at the end of the show where the best Silver/Golden Persian in Championship, Kitten and Premiership (total of 3) will compete for Best Silver/Golden Persian in show.*

**Tartaglia:** For Dixieland Silver & Golden Club in December, they want to do best through fifth best Silver and Golden Persians in each category, plus do a best in show at the very end. **Newkirk:** Many people do this already. Why do we have to approve this? There's no points involved, so I don't see why there needs to be a request. We did it last weekend at the Aby show. **Altschul:** There is judging. It's a competition. **Eigenhauser:** There is a show rule that says you



can't ask a judge to hang something that isn't in the show rules. **Newkirk:** I thought it was based on total scores. **Baugh:** Who is going to judge it? Do we want judges in the show or are they going to have a separate judge? **Tartaglia:** They did not indicate. **Newkirk:** I'm not in favor of this, because they need to delineate exactly what they set out to do. If it was just based on the highest scoring cat in each category, I don't see an issue with it. If it has a separate competition, which would be an additional judging, then they need an additional judge. That's not spelled out here, so I'm not in favor of this. **Miller:** Allene, is there any more information on this that we may not have? **Tartaglia:** No. They don't indicate that a separate judge will do this best in show. **Miller:** Well, I agree with Darrell. This is a little vague. **Eigenhauser:** The best thing I can say is, it's unscored, so who cares? If it's a toss of a coin, I don't care. If it's exhibitor choice, I don't care. If it's spectator choice, I don't care. If it is one of the existing judges, I don't care. If it's a separate judge, I don't care. I would vote for it no matter which it is, so I don't really need the details. **Mare:** Could we also have the option of eliminating the best in show at the end? We've given them the top 5 in every other breed. Can we just do that, and say you can't have a best of the best at the end? **Miller:** It's part of the focus on this division. They are wanting to build up to a best. Who knows, it may be good for their PR. **Mare:** So then, we don't let them do any of it? That doesn't make sense. **Kusy:** It depends how you vote. **Miller:** We need more information on it. **Johnson:** This is a breed club that, for as long as I can remember, had an annual show and they have very much focused on this breed. I agree with George, they're not scoring them. We don't vote to let clubs do exhibitor's choice. If they have a separate judge and they're going to have them pick the best, or if they're going to do it by points, I think it's non-scorable, it doesn't affect anybody's standings, it's an added feature to a show like anything we do to try and draw people to the shows – exhibitors or spectators – so I hope you all support this. **Baugh:** My only concern is, again, we do have a format in the show rules for best of the best. I have a concern about that. I would have no problem with them doing a top five and awarding it based on points or whatever, but I do have a problem with an additional judging. **Johnson:** Can we vote? **Tartaglia:** Shall I go back to the club and specifically ask them about the best in show part? Do you want to do this in two parts? Do the rest first, then I can get more information about best in show? We have time. It's a December show. **Eigenhauser:** No matter what information she gets, it's not going to change my vote. Let's do an up and down vote first. If it doesn't pass, we can table it. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- e) *Club Name: Swedish Cat Paws*  
*Show Date: August 21, 2010*  
*Request: Permission to award top 5 for Cornish Rex, Devon Rex and Selkirk Rex for Kittens, Championship and Premiership. The additional awards will not be CFA scored.*

**Tartaglia:** There is one that came in at the last minute. It's Swedish Cat Paws. I'm not sure where they are located. I didn't have a chance to look it up. **Newkirk:** Sweden. <laughter> They have quarantine over there, so they are trying to boost entries. I think it's a good thing. Those guys work really, really hard there. I wasn't at the show but the reports I got back were really good. **Miller:** I would be interested to know, does anyone have a feel for when we have these extra ribbons and extra features of breeds, does this really bring any entries? <yes> Alright, that's really good. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- f) *Event Name: Tri-Cities Trifecta*  
*Show Dates 9/11-12/10 (National Capital); 9/18/10 (Southern Dixie);*  
*9/25-26/10 (Freestate Feline Fanciers)*  
*Details and request attached.*

# **TRI-CITIES TRIFECTA**

~ A Proposal ~



**PURPOSE:** *To drive interest in and entries to the following CFA shows:*

- *National Capital Cat Show, Chantilly VA, Sept. 11-12, 2010*
- *Southern Dixie Cat Club, Richmond VA, Sept. 18 (-19?), 2010*
- *Freestate Feline Fanciers, Timonium MD, Sept. 25-26, 2010*

*It should be noted that these shows are scheduled to be held on three consecutive weekends. Richmond and Timonium are approximately a three hour drive from each other with Chantilly between those two cities. We anticipate that these three shows will draw many of the same entries.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** *In order for a cat or kitten to be eligible for this competition, they must complete in at least one ring in each of the three shows listed above. Missing any of these three shows removes the cat/kitten from competition for the awards provided for this specific contest.*

**FUNDING:** *National Capital holds a raffle at its show each year. The 2009 show's raffle netted a profit of more than \$2,000. The profit from the 2010 National Capital Show's raffle will be made available to this competition for prize money. Additional sponsorships will be sought. For example, we believe some breed clubs, breed councils, and catteries will be interested in funding the awards for their specific breeds. Some interest has already been expressed.*

**COMPETITION:** *Cats and kittens become eligible through scoring of breed wins at the three shows. Finals will not be considered. We propose scoring the Top Five breed/division winners. If*

*there are fewer than five cats/kittens in a breed/division, then rank each of the cats competing in each breed/division. Breed wins will be scored for all rings at National Capital, all rings at Southern Dixie, and the first four rings at Freestate. This allows the scoring to take place on Saturday night and the awards to be presented on Sunday at Freestate.*

*CFA points will not be awarded other than already provided in the CFA Show Rules. That is, if 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed is announced, no CFA points accrue. For the Top Ten Trifecta wins, no CFA points accrue.*

*Household Pets will be included. Since breed wins do not exist for HHPs, we will create artificial categories for the HHPs so that they, too, can compete. The categories have not been established yet but suggested categories are: Best Solid Color, Best Brown Tabby, Best Other Color Tabby, Best Tabby/White, Best Black/White, Best Other BiColor, Best Mimic (looks like a recognized breed), etc. Our intention is to provide categories in which there will be a sufficient number of cats for competition.*

*Scoring will be based on 20% increments. For example, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Breed achieves 80% of what Best of Breed wins, Third Best of Breed achieves 60%, etc. Based on this procedure, the highest scoring kitten, championship cat, and premiership cat for each breed/division will be determined and called to a special ring on Sunday of the third show, officiated by a CFA judge not on the Freestate slate. Where a kitten turns eight months during this time period, it will be awarded the Best in the category in which it competed in two of the three shows. That is, if a kitten ages out after National Capital and competes as an adult at the two other shows, points from all three shows will be added together but the awards will be made in either Championship or Premiership. It is understood that in some cases there may be ties and in some cases there may be no eligible cat/kitten at the breed level. The judge will determine the best of each breed/division. That is, from the highest scoring Aby kitten, Aby in Championship, and Aby in Premiership, this judge will determine the Best Aby. From the best of each breed/division, the judge will determine a Top 10, call those cats/kittens back to the ring, and present them as ranked. Each will receive a rosette and the Top Three will receive cash prizes. It is anticipated that awards will be \$500 – Best, \$300 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$200 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place.*

*For the HHPs, the Best of their categories will be scored and called to the ring. The judge will rank and present the category winners. Those cats will receive a rosette and the Top Three will receive cash prizes as follows: \$300 – Best, \$200 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Best, \$100 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Best.*

*Depending on the amount of cash raised, these amounts are minimums and may be increased if donations warrant.*

***IN ADDITION:*** *The names of all cats/kittens/HHPs who competed in all three of the shows will be placed in a hat and a drawing will take place. Cash prizes will be awarded to the three names pulled from the hat as follows: \$500, \$300, \$200. This is separate from the competition mentioned above. This will simply be a random drawing for those cats/kittens which were able to compete at all three shows. This provides incentive to enter the three shows.*

**ACTION REQUIRED OF THE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- *Approval for judges to announce additional breed wins at the three shows*
- *Approval for judges to judge HHPs in categories as mentioned above.*
- *Approval for a judge to determine the Best of Breed/Division as mentioned above.*
- *Approval for a judge to determine Top Ten wins as described above*

**Miller:** This is a very special situation and there's a long report here. I frankly think this is one of the most innovative things that I've seen in a long time. I think it's really exciting. It's sort of like the old time cluster shows in the dog world. The idea of coming up with a brand new thought is very exciting. I had a little bit of a concern initially about the household pets being included, because they would have to separate them into different categories, but as long as there are no standards for household pets, dividing them into category by color is not a problem just for the means of competing, but I hope we never get into the point where one black and white household pet is better than another black and white household pet. I think the special ring on Sunday, and offering rosettes and cash prizes is very exciting. **Johnson:** It's great that they think they are going to get so many household pets they need to divide them up, so they're being very proactive on that one. The second thing is, I know a few of the clubs in our Florida region have done trifectas, and it really does help boost and encourage people to go to that third show sometimes, when they only have two in their schedule, so I think it's a great idea, too. I know Region 7 has always had the most shows, but this calendar year 2010, we have lost a significant number of shows. Clubs are looking for ways to encourage people to exhibit, so I applaud this group for taking the time to do this. **Eigenhauser:** We should encourage innovation. At a time of declining counts and registrations, if people want to do something that sounds like fun, I'm all for it. **Miller:** These are experienced people. All the clubs have been around for awhile. **Meeker:** I'm excited to see this, because we've got three clubs cooperating that are on three weekends in a row, rather than protesting to the National Scheduling Committee that these other shows are going to impact their show. This not only sponsors entries, it sponsors club cooperation and communication. That's what we should be focusing on. **Miller:** What I like about it is, just because a cat is in great condition and does well in one show, it's not going to matter. If you miss a show, you're out of it. You've got to go to all three shows. It's going to be very intense and competitive. **Baugh:** We have had some clubs in Region 4 that have done this. **Miller:** I haven't been aware of it before. **Baugh:** It's a great way to get people to enter all three shows. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk abstained.

**Cantley:** Can I ask a question on that? Is there any way we can ask the clubs, after it happens in 2010, to give us a report back to the board possibly as to how it all worked, what worked, what didn't, so that maybe in the future other clubs who were interested in doing something similar might come back and want to see this report? **Miller:** Yes, I would like to see a comparison of their entries this year, compared to other years, how many they got and how many cats went to all three shows, and this kind of thing. We need some feed-back. We need to be able to measure some of the ideas that are out there. **Calhoun:** I would like to make that motion, that we get feed-back from the Regional Director. **Miller:** This is coming up in September. **Calhoun:** There could be feed-back given at the October board meeting. **Anger:** I would like to see it come from the clubs, possibly in addition to the Regional Director, but I think the clubs are more intimately involved. **Miller:** The Regional Director can present a report

that is compiled by the clubs. **Calhoun:** The Regional Director would have the responsibility of making sure that it happens. **Miller** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Baugh:** I want to make one quick comment. At our regional show two weeks ago, we had past national winners at our show and we advertised it to the public. They were benched throughout the show hall. We gave the owner of the cat a double cage and we encouraged people to bring breed booths. We also did signature hunts. We had a basket of things that would be awarded on Saturday and on Sunday. I had so much positive feed-back from the gate. They really enjoyed it, they learned a lot about the cats. The other thing that was very, very positive was for the gate to walk into the show hall and see the exhibitors interacting with the gate. I didn't want to see any 'I don't bite but my owner does' signs. We have to get people involved in the fancy, and it was really, really very well received. It really promoted a lot of education. It also promoted a great feeling of cooperation with the gate from the exhibitors. **Miller:** The Ambassador's Club has marvelous puzzles and things like that. We need to get a hold of these names. If the gate is interested and they come, we need to find ways that we can get their email addresses, because then we can involve them in Cats CenterStage and other activities like we planned. We can't let it just stop. They had a great time at the show, but this is a target audience. You can think of ways that they enter something, or they are able to pick out the best cat, and they have to do it by putting their email address on a card or something, to get it to us. **Baugh:** One additional comment. One of our exhibitors who was benched near me said, her cat had never looked as scruffy as she did, because she had so many different people petting her and so many different people handling her, but she said the cat loves it and people love it. **Miller:** We're finding out, too, in Education, some of the cats really love it. **Baugh:** We had an Ocicat that Roger [Brown] had bred that we put in people's hands and they just lit up. We want to turn people on to cats. Let them get their hands on it. **Miller:** People really respond to that in a way that we reach them and no one else can. **Calhoun:** I agree. I think that hands-on ability to let the gate touch the cats. Last year when I was showing my Maine Coon, I had them sit in a chair and I put the cat in their lap, and the next one sat in the chair. He loved it. I want to know, Loretta, would you be willing to put together an article for the Fanc-e-Mews or the Online Almanac? Get some pictures and put it together, so people who are outside of this room know about it. **Meeker:** I made a proposal for the Ambassador Program as sort of a take-off on the Ambassador Cat, and it's a small card that's laminated and you clip it on your cage, and it just has an abstract cat, and it says, "please ask, if you would like to pet me". The breeders that have cats there can take advantage or not, and then you just have a bigger sign when people come in, and they look for this sign as they go throughout the show hall, and it takes all the question out of who would be open to let me touch their cat and who would not be open to it. **Miller:** We're going to get some information from the Ambassador group on the ambassador cat idea. That was also something that I had originally brought up to Willa [Hawke] a long time ago. They really wanted to work out all the logistics of that, and one of the concepts was to have a sign, "I am an ambassador cat". **Meeker:** We're starting this in Region 2 as a pilot project, to help the gate and to help the people get more comfortable with the idea of having ambassador cats, having people touch cats and give them the option of participating or not. **Miller:** It's something that we really do need to brainstorm about. I would love to talk more about how we can get our cats to do our promotion for us.

**Newkirk:** I want to bring up one thing about this trifecta, so that the board understands everything that has gone on. On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Southern Dixie Club, that's not their traditional date and they moved it on that date. Cat Club of the Palm Beaches also has a show on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and they requested a 6x6. It was turned down by the National Show Scheduling Committee, so now not only do they not get their 6x6, they have a show in Richmond, Virginia, which will attract entries from both of those areas, plus a trifecta on top of it, so I think it will essentially pretty much kill the Cat Club of the Palm Beaches show on September 18<sup>th</sup>. I just want that in the record. **Miller:** We should have had that discussion before we took the vote. The impact of a major thing like this on another club is definitely valid. **Newkirk:** That was my reason for abstaining. **Johnson:** Maybe we can take that up when we do the National Scheduling Report. **Miller:** Was anybody aware of this? Could they have notified us? **Johnson:** Cat Club of the Palm Beaches is a 6x6. We've got several people that tried to do that. They went through and asked. It went through the Scheduling Committee, we reviewed all the shows around it like we do everybody else. They weren't given special treatment, nor were they singled out, and they were denied. They held a 6x6 in May, also, so I've got several clubs in Florida that have complained that we've got one or two clubs that seem to be getting a lot of the 6x6 requests and getting a lot of special things. So, there was a lot of discussion on this. We do two shows in the Southern Region, north and south, very often. This is not an unusual thing. Cat Club of the Palm Beaches started a lot of their shows by being the Florida show against a northernmost show, so this is not abnormal for the region. I wanted to go back to one thing you said, Joan, about using successes to get addresses for CenterStage. Cincinnati used to collect email addresses of people willing to share and they would get information. Anybody can do this with any club. That might be something to start promoting again with more clubs. They were very successful in getting year over year spectators. It would be a great thing to promote the fancy. **Miller:** Many of our clubs do try to get a list of people who want to know the next show for the next year and everything in their own region, but they don't think that we need it, too. Outreach needs these names. **Johnson:** We need to promote them sharing back to us. **Kallmeyer:** Let's follow it up so we can do some marketing. We have leads and we are losing them.

## 2. Unpaid Club/Show Late Fees.

The following dialogue took place after an executive session discussion. **Eigenhauser:** Could we simply adopt, as a matter of policy, that when somebody pays money to CFA, regardless of how it's designated, we apply it to their oldest debt to CFA first? **Jacobberger:** I think we can do that, yes. **Eigenhauser:** Then I would move that become CFA's policy. **DelaBar:** OK, would you state that policy for the whole board? **Eigenhauser:** That when monies are paid to CFA, regardless of how they may be designated by the payor, that we will apply them to the oldest debt to CFA first. **DelaBar:** Does everybody understand the motion? **Jacobberger:** You're simply recognizing that has always been our policy, right? Right now, it is. **Eigenhauser:** I would rather apply it to the oldest debt. From this point forward, if somebody sends in their dues, we apply it to the oldest debt first and they are still an unpaid member. **Newkirk:** I'm going to vote against it and I'll state why. I usually write a memo to what my check is for. If somebody sends a memo for their club renewal dues, I think that's the intention. Maybe it doesn't have any legal standing, but that's my only concern. **Cantley:** Could we send them a notification saying that you still have an outstanding debt, and anything sent in to CFA

will apply to that first? Central Office could always send an additional memo. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk voting no.

### **3. CFA Website Redesign**

*Karen Lawrence, Roeann Fulkerson and I had our initial meeting with Computan at their headquarters in Thorold, Ontario on May 21, 2010. We met with Tan Qureshi, President, and project manager Dennis Stefan. They took us through a presentation showing us the various components of the website and demonstrated the ease of making changes using the content management system. Although Karen Lawrence will continue to be the main webmaster and the one responsible for the site, CFA will have the capability of allowing certain areas to be updated and maintained by other individuals. For instance, the Central Office can maintain the meeting calendar, judge and clerk lists and changes to the show calendar. The expected launch date is this fall and I hope to have a preview of the opening/landing page for you next week at the board meeting.*

**Action Item:** None.

**Tartaglia:** We met with Computan at their headquarters in Ontario. We learned a lot about how the website will work when it's up and running. We had hoped at this point to have a very good sample of the launching page for all of you to review, but it's not quite there yet. I expect to have something in the next week or two, and I'll send it out for your comments and review. There is no action item on that. We expect it to launch this fall.

### **4. Unconfirmed Grand Title**

*You may recall the situation where a cat competed as a grand champion 5 points short of actually earning the proper number of points to qualify for grand (200). I have been asked to address how we can avoid this in the future.*

*This situation happens from time to time, but is normally caught by either the owner, another person who realizes the cat is being shown incorrectly, or sometimes is picked up by the grand point scorer. In these instances, we remove the grand points the cat received where it was shown incorrectly and then require the cat be shown as a champion at their next show to receive the required number of points to grand. In this particular instance, the owner continued to show the cat for 12+ shows before we became aware the cat had not actually earned the appropriate number of points to grand.*

*Unlike the Champion title, a form does not need to be filed to claim the grand champion title. Until a champion title is claimed, a 'title' of NC CH (not confirmed Champion) is placed in the title field of a cat's record. When grand points are posted to a record containing a NC CH title, an alert is shown on the screen for the scorer and the grand points are not posted (they are held in a pending status). Once the champion title is claimed, the title changes to CH, grand points are credited and there are no more alerts. With the grand title, however, there is nothing to claim and there is no other title to graduate up to in the regular scoring process which extends as long as a cat is shown vs. national/regional points which are only for one show season. Therefore, the 'smarts' to look for this situation was never programmed into our system.*

*Programming to catch a cat competing incorrectly as a grand is not simple as it would need to span the two separate scoring systems (grand and national/regional). The other option would be to compare titles on our system to titles in the show catalog during the national/regional scoring process. Either way will require a good amount of programming changes and/or require additional staff time to monitor titles during the scoring process, thereby incurring additional costs to score a show. Based on the fact this is the first time a situation like this has occurred where a cat continued to be shown for so many shows as a grand without it being caught, I recommend we make no changes to our system at this time.*

**Action Item:** None.

**Tartaglia:** I was asked to bring this to the board for a possible resolution. This past show season, somebody showed a cat as a grand and they were 5 points short. They showed the cat as a grand in 12 shows. It's not a situation that we programmatically are able to catch. It's something that was never put into the program. It's the first time that I recall it ever happening. It's just so unusual. For us to programmatically catch something like this would require either manually looking at more information than we normally look at when we are scoring a show, or it would require a program change, both of which will require time. One of the biggest problems in programming for it is, it spans two different scoring systems – national and regional is totally separate from grand scoring, so they don't talk to each other and we would have to somehow merge those together, have them look at each other, look for these types of things. It's very involved. I'm not sure that it's worth putting the time and effort into the programming, to catch this sort of thing. If we see it start happening more and more, we have to give it serious thought. Given it's the first time, I'm not sure how much effort we want to put into it. **Kallmeyer:** For Sunday mis-transfers to champion, we impose a penalty and can take away the points. For grand, we don't. Maybe we need an incentive on the user's part that the points don't count if you transfer by mistake. It's not really solving the problem but at least it forces the exhibitor to check and make sure. **Tartaglia:** I'm not sure that even helps, because we do take points away. **Kallmeyer:** The show rule doesn't say for grand. It does say for champion, so maybe we need at least a correction on that, some incentive that you better make sure. It doesn't solve the problem technically, but we would have something to use. **Tartaglia:** So, you're suggesting we put something in the show rules? **Kallmeyer:** Like 8.05(e). **Tartaglia:** That's something we already do. We already penalize an exhibitor. **Kallmeyer:** Right, but for a grand we don't. We do have it for champion. It's 8.05(e) but they don't have the equivalent phrase for grand. Theoretically, we shouldn't take points away for mis-transfer to grand. **Altschul:** The discussion on this was on the board members' list and was not recorded for the minutes. I want to record this officially for the minutes, that I think the situation was not handled correctly. I still have major issues that this cat violated two show rules. It competed under the incorrect title. We do have a show rule that the cat must compete under the correct title. It did not, and I don't think we set a very good precedent by saying, "since it made grand points on Saturday, it probably would have made grand points on Sunday", so we're just going give it those 5 points. I have a real issue with that. I think it set a very dangerous precedent. People are going to believe that since we let this cat get away with it, if their points are off a little bit, they can go ahead and transfer to grand. Dick was saying we need to have a show rule to handle that. If 5 points aren't that big of a deal, are 10 points not that big of a deal? 15 points? Where do we draw the line, now that we have allowed a cat to be transferred to grand that did not actually earn 200 grand points? I am very deeply



concerned that we have done this, and I don't think it was correct. The cat did violate show rules and I'm sorry that it went on and competed as a grand, but that was not CFA's fault. It is not incumbent on CFA to make sure that the cat has competed under the correct title. That is the owner's responsibility, not CFA's. **Eigenhauser:** I'm midway between Dick and Allene on this. I can see the need for a clean-up housekeeping kind of show rule to deal with the situation in the future, but as Allene noted, as it's the first time it has come up, I don't think there is such great urgency of dealing with it today. My suggestion would be to refer it to the Show Rules Committee. CFA will survive until October if we take this in the normal course. **Meeker:** If there's a provision in our program for the title of non-confirmed champion so that that's checked, what would it take to program two titles called non-confirmed Grand Premier, non-confirmed Grand Champion, to take it to the next level? **Tartaglia:** We can program for anything. The difference between grand and champion is, the owner has to claim a champion title, so there's a process in place that the owner has to claim it before we give that title of champion. If they don't claim it, then it doesn't do anything more. It accrues grand points, but they never become a grand until they actually claim that title. Once a cat grands, there's nothing in the process that the owner has to do anything to claim that grand title. **Meeker:** I understand, Allene, but as we talked about before, cats that achieve those six winners ribbons often compete as champions without paying the champion claim fee, so in essence they are competing under a title that they haven't legitimately paid for and earned. We've got a couple problems here. Some people don't pay for the championship until they are sure they're going to grand because they don't want to spend the money. **Tartaglia:** I don't know if that's true. **Meeker:** That is what the discussion was about, that these championship titles weren't paid for and requested until near the time that the cat graded, so essentially it was showing at shows as a champion when the championship title had not been confirmed. **Tartaglia:** In today's environment, a cat can get its champion and it doesn't claim its champion until the week following. The week following the shows in scoring, many of the cats in the catalog are competing incorrectly, if you want to call it that, because of the timing. Things have changed so much over the years in how titles are claimed. Cats can grand in a weekend, so if they happen to be eligible for a grand, we can't even give it its grand title until it has claimed its champion. There are many discrepancies in the show catalog. If we tried to track down every single discrepancy, it would be a full-time job for one person – the sire is wrong, the dam is wrong, the spelling of the cat's name is wrong, the owners are wrong. I can't tell you how many things are wrong, but people don't check the catalog. They don't know that the registration number is wrong. We fix the registration numbers if we have them. It just goes on and on and on. We have found that it's easier to go that way than take the time to go back to the person. It's a difficult situation. **Cantley:** Back to the fact that we claim to be a champion but we don't claim it to be a grand. It should go back on the owner. Would it be a failsafe for the owner to actually have to claim a grand? Even if we don't charge for it which, actually I think we should, but it goes back on the owner again. It always should go back to the owner. You graded, you're the one that should actually put in a claim form. I don't know if that would help or hurt, or if it would be more paperwork. **Tartaglia:** It would help in this particular case. When the cat grands, the first indication it actually graded is the receipt of a grand certificate, so we do send something out. The owner doesn't have to do anything. In this particular instance, she said she noticed she didn't get a grand certificate. I said, "that should be your first indication that there was something wrong." They're not even thinking about it because they are involved with their real time life. We could have people claim the grand. It's a thought. **Anger:** The problem Allene mentioned of not claiming champions is more than just a

one-week lag. The only requirement in the show rules is that it has to be claimed within 3 years. I think we have a study coming up that shows the extent of the problem. We don't have in the show rules, but I think it should be in there, that an exhibitor has 30 days to claim their champion title – 90 days, 180 days – some sort of time limit in which they have to do it. Nowhere in the show rules does it say when they have to claim it, and in the meantime they are competing as a champion to get points toward their grand, and other cats are using their champion entry as a point for their grand, and so on and so forth. **Tartaglia:** What would the penalty be? **Anger:** If they don't do it in 180 days or whatever our time limit is, then they have to go earn six more winners' ribbons. There has to be some ownership on the part of the exhibitor. **Tartaglia:** Right now, we hold grand points in a bucket, so to speak, and once the champion is claimed, then we release those grand points and it comes to the cat's record. Are you suggesting that they simply forego those grand points that they earned? **Anger:** What I am suggesting is that the exhibitor has a responsibility to claim their champion title, and if they don't do it, then there are consequences.

**Altschul:** If the discrepancy is the cat's sire or dam, the judge doesn't need that. That's a scoring issue, not a competition issue, but when we talk about the things that affect the way the cat competes – title, age, color class, color/tabby description – those are important. We're talking about what can affect the way the cat is scored and how it competes. If it has already won its six winners ribbons, I am honestly not that worried about people not putting their winners ribbons, because they were actually earned. But, if you didn't earn 200 grand points and we retroactively award those points based on what you "probably" would have done, that's an entirely different situation than actually winning your six winners ribbons, and being eligible for championship but being late in your paperwork. I'm having a problem with the penalty. I think an expiration date on the winners ribbons would be interesting. We would get our championships claimed a lot faster, but I don't think this is the same situation at all. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to add to Rachel's suggestion that before we have an absolute drop dead date, there be some sort of intermediate date before we drop the winners ribbons. **Newkirk:** That's what I was going to suggest. I think they should be given 14 days or 2 weeks. If they haven't paid their championship fee, it goes to \$25 to claim it. After 60 days, they are null and void, and they have to start all over. That will encourage people to get it done. **Johnson:** We were talking about an unclaimed grand champion, and we've gone into another problem about not claiming championship. Are you suggesting that if we made it the exhibitor's responsibility to claim a grand champion title, would that have helped prevent this situation? Would that be something easier to program or manage, Allene? Would that solve the problem? **Tartaglia:** We would have to think about it. We could program that in. It's been something that we have had on the report, to see how many non-confirmed grands we have, and then if we take a look and see the date and see if we could contact the person. It's going to require some work. **Johnson:** I've always been in favor of having grand champion be a claimed title, just like most associations do. We're alone in providing that as a free service.

(7) **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

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

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

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*When Pam DelaBar became President of CFA in 2004, she created the Business Development Committee and appointed me to chair this program along with our new Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Roeann Fulkerson. Roeann and I did not know each other before this committee was formed, but upon sharing our ideas to enrich the future of CFA, we found that we were, indeed, kindred spirits. From the beginning, we were able to show strengths in the area in which the other one had weaknesses. So, between the two of us, I think we've come a long way in the last six years.*

*Donna Jean Thompson has been with us since the beginning and has served well as our fearless editor. Bob Johnston came on a little later, and has done a wonderful job representing the interests of the CFA Clubs.*

*This is a complete history of our Committee for you to take home to your clubs. When Roeann and I first met, we decided on a 5-year plan. We feel we've completed that plan successfully and now are looking forward to the next 5-year plan.*

***Chronological History of Business Development Committee  
Since Inception October 2004***

***October 2004***

*Roeann and I meet for the first time and begin to lay out our plans for a 5-year plan to benefit CFA financially. We are also striving for added name recognition and beneficial programs. We both agree with President, Pam DelaBar that CFA needs to be structured towards a DNA-based registry. We also agree that CFA should have a viable healthcare plan.*

*We originate the idea of Alter-Protect-Insure (API) in hopes that we can find funding for the project.*

*Pam and Roeann travel to New York City to meet with 4-Kinds Entertainment to obtain information about licensing and branding CFA products to be sold to the public.*

***February 2005***

*The CFA Board of Directors officially ratified the following programs:*

- *4-Kids Entertainment license and branding company for CFA Trademarked Products. Initial contract with first manufacturer was Jakks Pacific (JPI) that represented 40 SKU items (products) ranging from cat toys to cat snacks \$500,000 guarantees whereas CFA received 65%*
- *Paramount Chemical Specialties, Inc manufacturer contract for twenty-four months \$30,000 guarantee whereas CFA received 65%*
- *Designed new CFA logo*
- *Updated expired CFA original Trademarks and Trademarked new CFA logos and marks*
- *New CFA "100 Year Centennial" logo designed by Fredrick & Froberg, presented and approved at the October 2005 Board meeting*
- *100 yr logo incorporated into the CFA Web site effective January 1st 2006.*
- *Developed CFA Style Guide for marketing*
- *Developed and executed contract for custom policy program for CFA with Pet Partners Insurance*
- *CFA CatBank.org for DNA Testing*
- *Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) for Microchipping*
- *Ratification of the API Feline Package (Alter, Protect, Insure)*
- *Reported contracted revenue and sponsorship funds to CFA from May 2004 through December 2005 in the amount of \$796,750 (payment schedule reflects some of the funds to be received during the following thirty-six months)*
- *Donor Recognition Program*

### ***June 2005***

*Roeann and I gave a detailed power point presentation to the Annual Delegates outlining the programs established by our committee. James Watson, a committee member at this point, was instrumental in helping us create the power point and Donna Jean Thompson served as a strict, but wise editor.*

### ***October 2005***

*Work continues with 4-Kids Entertainment. A style guide is established and CFA is launched as a property on their Corporate Web Site with a link to our own home page.  
<http://4Kids.homeunix.com/properties/catfanciers.html>.*

*A detailed list is developed including Individual registrations, Breed Councils, Show Packets, and Judge's Dues to include the CFA Pet Healthcare Brochure.*

*The Management Committee, James Watson, Chair, assisted by Kitty Angell, Fred Jacobberger (CFA Attorney), and Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer) is ratified by the Board to prepare a contract for Roeann Fulkerson as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. This contract will be written to promote and protect the best interests of both CFA and Ms. Fulkerson.*

### ***February 2006***

*The Board of Directors officially ratified the following action item brought by the Business Development Committee:*

- *Creation of an e-messaging service for CFA breeders, to be called “CFA-NEWS”*

**June 2006**

*National corporate partner sponsorship for CFA Shows that includes:*

- *CFA/IAMS Cat Championships sponsorship of \$160,000*
- *CFA International Show sponsorship of \$70,000*
- *Clubs Show Sponsorship \$60,500*
- *Sold advertising support for CFA Publications \$31,792*
- *300 SurgiVet Animal Oxygen Masks Mask Distribution to Fire Stations throughout USA in cooperation with the Disaster Relief Fund and H.E.L.P. Animals of Daytona, FL*

**October 2006**

*Three new manufacturers were contracted for CFA licensed and/or endorsed products.*

- *Danbury Mint twelve months \$2,400 guarantee CFA received 65%*
- *Commonwealth Toys \$15,000 guarantee CFA received 65%*
- *CFA branded products are regularly appearing in:*

<i>PetCo</i>	<i>Zellers</i>	<i>Concord Pet</i>
<i>PetSmart</i>	<i>Cherrybrook</i>	<i>Ocean State</i>
<i>Wal-Mart</i>	<i>Northpoint Trading Co</i>	
<i>K-Mart</i>	<i>Central Garden &amp; Pet</i>	

***Ringling of the New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell.*** *4-Kids Entertainment is listed on the NYSE, CFA and Iams were both honored to be on the stage for the ringing of the closing bell of the NYSE on Oct.5, 2006. Pam DelaBar and Kitty Angell, holding two beautiful pedigreed cats, represented CFA on the platform, televised.*

***CFA was honored for 100 years of business!***

**February 2007**

*CFA launches a new Kitten line of products manufactured by Jakks Pacific (JPI). Branded CFA products grow: 33,000 cat toy pieces sold in the two weeks before Christmas. Sales of CFA toys exceeded \$800,000 from the launch in late August 2006 to December 2006.*

*Two additional manufactures were contracted for CFA licensed products.*

- *Paramount Chemical \$55,000 guarantee CFA received 65%*
- *Eternal Image Urns \$5,000 guarantee CFA received 65%*

*National corporate partner sponsorship for CFA Events and programs that includes:*

- *Royal Canin \$51,700.00*

- *Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter* \$86,950 (including \$35,000 for a educational Video/DVD; this project has not been completed as of this report, April 12, 2010)
- *Greenies Feline Treats* \$30,000.00

*The Editor of Fanc-e-News was encouraged to promote selling Online Banner Ads and Classified and track them. Sold separate by BDC \$4,700*

*Brought in proposal for consideration of re-design and expanded CFA website. Mindtouch's CEO Ken Liu made a proposal presentation to the Board. The matter was tabled.*

### **June 2007**

*Proctor and Gamble, P&G Pet Care (Iams) agrees to fund the CFA/Iams Cat Championships in Madison Square Garden, New York, NY in 2007. \$220,000 exceeded the goal set by the Board for the Business Development Committee in February!*

*Royal Canin increases their sponsorship to \$130,000*

### **October 2007**

*CFA Sponsorship Events and Funded Programs*

*Proctor & Gamble Pet Care; Iams \$245,000 for CICC Show at Madison Square Garden, New York, NY (\$220,000 cash \$25,000 for "Trained Cats" show to increase gate)*

*Royal Canin purchased advertising for CFA Publications \$31,792*

*PetSmart \$7,500 sponsorship for Adopt-A-Cat and show*

*Sturdi Products sponsorship Annual*

*World's Best \$2,500 sponsorship CICC*

*A 30 second video spot is created to air on the Marquee at 7th Avenue in front of Madison Square Garden featuring CFA's Pedigreed Cats. This ran on 7th Avenue for several weeks prior and during the event.*

*Simon & Schuster Publishing Company partners with CFA to launch their new children's book, 'Hello Calico' at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show.*

### **February 2008**

*4-Sight expands CFA branded product, adding Toys R Us and Sam's Club to list of distributors.*

*New Licensing Contract:*

*Aspen Pet and Grooming Products \$25,000 guarantee whereas CFA receives 65%*

*CFA International shipment during 2nd QT 2008 (\$420,000 wholesale order of plush toys)*

*Cynful Inc. a producer of high quality CFA Trademarked products; CFA receives \$1.00 on every sale*

*CFA Window cling decals sponsored by Royal Canin and available through Midwest Region.*

*CFA is recognized by Royaltie\$ Magazine, making both the front and back cover, including an article on the **success of CFA branded products** in the body of the magazine.*

*NBC partners with CFA \$2,500 annual payment from Universal Television Studio to provide content on CFA pedigreed cats to [www.Petside.com](http://www.Petside.com) (Promoted weekly on the Today show)*

### **June 2008**

*Revenue Central Office received from CFA's Trademarked branded products from 4Kids/4-Sight from August 2006 until December 2007: **\$203,364.79.***

*CFA Nominated for Prestigious Branding Award- for best products of the year. There are only 6 nominated for this award each year through The International Licensing Agency Merchandisers Association (LIMA). Previous winners have included Disney, Jeep, & Fischer-Price Inc.*

#### *New Licensing Contracts:*

- *Motel 6: Revenue to CFA in the amount of 5% of the standard guest room Motel 6/Studio 6, customers using CFA Corporate # receive 10% discounted room rate. Promotional material will be provided for CFA both electronically and hard copy distribution when guests check in.*
- *Messy Pet \$55,000 guarantee whereas CFA receives 65%*
- *Aspen Products \$25,000 guarantee whereas CFA receives 65%*

*CFA and Web-Vet, LLC [www.webvet.com](http://www.webvet.com) became strategic partners to “help you and your vet provide the best possible care for your cats.” The companies will share content, resources, marketing and promotional opportunities.*

*Proctor and Gamble, P&G Pet Care (Iams) renews their sponsorship funding of the CFA/Iams Cat Championships in Madison Square Garden, New York, NY at the same \$220,000 funding.*

*Royal Canin \$85,400 (with \$48,000 going to show producing clubs)*

*Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat \$77,200 (with \$15,400 going to show producing clubs and \$10,000 to World Cat Congress as CFA was the host)*

*Sturdi Pet Products \$12,550 (with \$3,500 going to World Cat Congress as CFA was the host)*

*World's Best Litter \$7,500*

*Eukanuba \$3,500*

*Requested the Board (through an action item) to approve a company to expand and redesign the CFA website.*

### **October 2008**

*Business Development Committee again requested the Board to approve a company that would expand and redesign the CFA website. Business Development stressed the importance of a redesign need for the CFA web site so BDC can move forward with ability to sell advertising as well as its own products. Seven (7) full business proposals were made from 7 different companies and turned down by the IT Committee.*

*Renewed licensing contract agreements:*

- *Jakks Pacific Inc. \$400,000 guarantee whereas CFA receives 65%*
- *Paramount Chemical adjustment increase % royalty from 7% to 10% net sales*

*New Licensing Contracts*

- *FotoGraFixUSA \$5,000 guarantee whereas CFA receives 65%*

*CFA applied and was awarded the “SHOW COLORS” Lighting of the Empire State Building. Purple bottom, Orange middle, and White top for the CFA-Iams Cat Championship Show.*

### **February 2009**

*Revenue Central Office received to date for CFA’s Trademark branded products from 4Kids/4-Sight is \$649,606.12*

*CFA joins AKC in partnership for “Meet the Breeds™” event October 17th and 18th 2009 at Jacob Javits Center, NYC. This replaces the CFA-Iams Cat Championship (due to renovations at MSG, CICC show space is not available)*

*National corporate partner sponsorship for CFA Events and programs that includes:*

*Royal Canin \$50,196 (including \$15,896 to CFA Publications)*

*Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Litter \$77,100 (including \$20,000 for Breed Councils to off-set breed booth at MTB, \$5,000 for Amyloidosis Research, \$19,500 to show producing clubs)*

*Sturdi Products \$14,050*

*Iams \$220,000 disbursed to Meet the Breeds™, International and sponsorship of Ambassador program.*

*Eukanuba \$6,500 for Meet the Breeds and International*

*World’s Best Litter \$10,000 for Meet the Breeds™ but withdrew \$7,500 sponsorship four weeks prior to International*



*CFA has agreement with Martha Stewart Pet to provide <http://marthastewart.com/pets> with access to CFA breed profiles.*

*<http://PawNation> ,in conjunction with Meet the Breeds™, AOL's newly launched animal website is giving CFA good links back and forth providing a chance for us to promote our pedigreed cats.*

*<http://www.petside.com> has renewed its agreement with CFA to feature our 40 breeds of cat.*

*<http://www.webvet> continues to partner with CFA to share information and promote CFA.*

*Animal Planet "Cats 101" filmed in 2008 at the CICC show in New York has become a significant presence of reference to pedigreed cats on television Animal Planet. Several CFA breeds have been filmed in the breeder's home and highlighted on "Cats 101"*

### **October 2009**

#### *New Licensing Contracts*

- *Sherpa \$25,000 guarantee whereas CFA receives 65%, CFA pet carrier and partnership with American Airlines for the "Guaranteed on Board" program*
- *red82 pays CFA 15% of every \$1.99 app sold. red82 development of iPhone applications promoting the CFA breeds with four photos of each breed, a description of breeds and a link back to the CFA web site on every page.*
- *Hybrid T's \$5,000 guarantee: Whereas CFA receives 65%. Additional 20% net sales donated back to CFA Feline Education from one distributor. Company manufactures designer T's with CFA pedigreed breeds. CatsCenterStage.com, CFA's new program targeted to reach the 95% non-pedigreed cats, will receive this money.*
- *Eagle Eye Marketing Group is first manufacturer to partner together with CFA and AKC. Each receive 2.5% (5% total) revenue net sales*

### **February 2010**

*Business Development Committee proposed the following **action items** :*

*Deadline for a finished product on the Dr. Elsey's Video Stream- product must be finished by May 1 ,2010.*

*Carried by Board*

*Deadline for updated and expanded website. Contract to be executed by March 1, 2010.*

*Carried by Board. Chairman of IT Committee voting no.*

*Vote to establish a plan to co-op advertising branded/endorsed CFA products in order to advertise and sell them on an expanded market. Also to ratify John Clark and Roeann Fulkerson to establish a committee to carry out this plan.*

*Carried by the Board.*

*Vote to establish, where appropriate, new CFA logo formats with stacked lettering.  
Carried by Board.*

*Jakks Pacific Inc. (JPI) continues to be our largest producer/manufacturer of CFA branded products. They ended the year with just over \$2 million in sales for CFA with about 150k in close-outs.*

***New Licensing Contracts and Future Promotions:***

*La Quinta Hotel National chain has partnered with CFA to offer a corporate number whereas CFA will benefit by receiving 5% of all rooms booked using CFA's number and the cat fancy will receive a 10% off their room rate.*

*Avis Rental Car now has a partnership with CFA by issuing a Corporate number that allows a 25% reduction in rental car rates.*

*Pet Airways agreement issues CFA a Corporate number which will entitle the cat fancy to a significantly reduced pet travel rate. They also are partnered with CFA for promotions, corporate booking number 5% booked revenue return to CFA, They have given promotional gift certificates to our Annual and [www.CatsCenterstage.org](http://www.CatsCenterstage.org)*

*National corporate partner sponsorship for CFA Events and programs that includes:*

*Royal Canin has increased their show sponsorship and once again supports CFA's growth in programs.*

*Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter increased their annual partnership dollar by 38% in 2010*

*Sturdi Products has once again supported our Annual and will again participate at Meet The Breeds.*

*P&G Pet Care/Iams and Eukanuba increased their partnership by 35% in 2010, which makes a growth of 380% increase from five years ago when the Business Development Committee was established. This year CFA can thank P&G Pet Care Meet the Breeds™, Expanded Sponsorship of Ambassador program, new breed tri-fold brochures, funding for the new [www.CatsCenterstage.org](http://www.CatsCenterstage.org) site, Online Individual registration, the Annual Delegate brunch, Outreach and Education and the Publications department with Yearbook advertising.*

*CFA web site and advertising –Allene Tartaglia, Karen Lawrence and Roeann Fulkerson had a meeting in Canada with Computan; the company awarded the contract for the new CFA web site redesign. The newly designed web site will allow Business Development to provide professional tracking, click through(s), and presentations which will open the door to several more major companies partnering with CFA.*

*Funding for the completion of **On-line individual registration** was obtained by bringing on Eukanuba as a CFA annual partner. We owe gratitude to both Eukanuba's new partnering and Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat litter company for providing the needed funds to launch the online registration for CFA and the cat fancy.*

*4Kids has secured another manufacturer for CFA brands. The company is Coveroo, Inc.  
<http://www.coveroo.com/>*

*Coveroo engraves your design on a new faceplate, just like the one that came with your phone, and sends it to you in the mail. Coveroo supports all major phone brands like Blackberry, iPhone, Motorola, Samsung and many more. Unlike other customization products, Coveroo uses laser engraving technology and a High-Color process to give personal electronic devices a high-quality design that will not ever fade, peel or rub off.*

*4Kids/4Sight meet with the Wal-Mart "As Seen on TV" Buyer at the House-wares Show*

*The Petzzz Pad (CFA and AKC) is a unique warming/heating pad that is very popular. It was previously sold only via TV and info commercials. Wal-Mart has redesigned their floor plans and is rolling out a new section, "As Seen on TV" CFA/AKC will have this summer the co-branded Petzzz Pad on sale in this section of Wal-Mart.*

*PetCo continues to offer many CFA branded items, included as an addition to their inventory are a wide selection of designer, safety release collars. The House Mouse remains the number one selling cat toy in all locations nation wide. PetCo will be placing in their inventory the Petzzz Pad for Fall 2010.*

#### ***New branded Products being discussed:***

*We are working on \$19.99 Water Fountain for Cats and rolling out offering a Cat Treats market.*

***CFA Healthcare Plan** is pleased to announce at this June 2010 Annual, the availability to our Breeders and the Cat Fancy, a Complementary 60-day Trial coverage for kittens/cats that. That means **Free 60-day Healthcare Insurance** coverage for kittens and cats placed into new homes. All that is necessary is to activate the policy. Please be sure to look at the new CFA Pet Healthcare Tri-Fold Brochure placed into your delegate bags.*

#### ***The CFA is now connected through Twitter***

*Manasquan, NJ -- March 23, 2010 - The Cat Fanciers' Association announced today that it has taken the initiative to keep in touch with cat lovers worldwide through the creation of an account on Twitter. As social networking grows in popularity by leaps and bounds, what better way for owners of millions of felines to stay connected with a reliable source of information about cats and their care. The new twitter account -- @CFACatlover - will be a venue for tweets that will allow followers to keep up-to-date with CFA and its vast number of activities and programs.*

*With over 93.6 million owned cats in the United States alone, this new Twitter account will bring information to the owner's fingertips through a web browser, Blackberry, iPhone or SmartPhone. CFA has determined that a Twitter account will be a dynamic new way to keep in touch with those cat lovers. Followers of @CFACatlover will receive tweet tidbits about cat care, feline health issues,*

*educational programs, legislative alerts, sponsor offers, press releases and much more, with links provided for additional details.*

*The @CFAcatlover Twitter account can be found at <http://www.twitter.com/CFAcatlover>. For additional information please contact Allene Tartaglia, 732-528-9797 or email [CFA@CFA.org](mailto:CFA@CFA.org).*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Kitty Angell, Chair*

*Roeann Fulkerson, CFA Director of Marketing and Public Relations*

**DelaBar:** Kitty and Roeann have given you a history and a timeline that you all can share with your constituents and regions on what actually has been going on, both in sponsorship and traditional revenue streams. Our additional revenue streams have brought in close to three-quarters of a million dollars to this association. To keep operating at a high level, we need to continue to identify new sources of revenue and new streams of revenue as a supplement.

**Altschul:** Can we share this? Can we put it on our regional websites? **DelaBar:** Yes, this is a complete history for you to take home to your clubs. People need to see it in one, big lump, then they understand what all has been going on.

**(8) 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*  
*Kathy Black – Domestic Trainee Administrator*  
*Pat Jacobberger – Judges’ Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)*  
*Neil Quigley – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School*  
*Wayne Trevathan – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)*  
*Annette Wilson – File Administrator; Domestic Trainee Administrator*  
*Bob Zenda – Judges’ Education (Workshops, Judges’ Test)*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

**Resignation:** *Vicki Baylus, Approved Shorthair judge, has requested to resign from the Judging Program for reasons beyond her control. Vicki began judging in 2001 and, along with husband Steve, has worked with several different breeds under the Koryn and Michou prefixes. We wish Vicki well, and hope for good things in her future.*

**Action Item:** *Accept the resignation of Vicki Baylus from the CFA Judging Program with regret.*

**Anger:** *Vicki Baylus has resigned and I would like to move that we accept her resignation.* **DelaBar:** *Any comments?* **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Retirement:** *The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Betty Denny, Approved Allbreed judge. Betty started in the cat fancy in 1954 with Siamese, and eventually named her cattery Timfy after a seal point import named Brenmor Timothy. She began her judging career in 1959 with ACFA after and has been a CFA Judge since 1979 – over 50 years of judging pedigreed cats! The history of the cat fancy witnessed by Betty is remarkable. When she started judging, there were only 9 recognized breeds and now there are 40+. Betty says, “It has been a privilege to have been able to handle all the beautiful cats, attend professional shows and meet great people.” Betty knows how to live life to the fullest, and has many plans for the future. We all wish her the very best.*

**Action Item:** Grant retirement status to Betty Denny from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.

**Anger:** Betty Denny has requested retirement from the CFA Judging Program. **DelaBar:** Any comments? With great regret. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Anger:** I would also like to move that we grant emeritus status to Betty. **DelaBar:** She fulfills the guidelines. **Anger:** And then some. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Retirement:** *The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Leslie Falteisek-Sultemeier, Approved Allbreed judge. Leslie has been a CFA Judge since 1988 and bred her famous Manx under the Clacritter prefix. Leslie also shared her artistic talents in many of the hand drawings included in our Judges' Workshop presentations.*

**Action Item:** Grant retirement status to Leslie Falteisek-Sultemeier from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.

**Anger:** We have received a retirement request from Leslie Falteisek. **Kusy:** She got married? **Anger:** She did. **DelaBar:** Any comments? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Retirement:** *The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Nick Fischer, Approved Shorthair judge. Nick has been a CFA Judge since 1981. He says, "Leaving this fine group was not an easy decision. My years as a judge have been personally rewarding and I will miss judging more than you will ever know. I will always be proud to say that I was a CFA judge and will never forget handling some of the finest cats in the world." Nick bred Burmese cats under the Da-Nis prefix, including notably GRC Da-Nis Bad Bad Leona Brown. Nick's humor and practical jokes are legendary, and will be greatly missed.*

**Action Item:** Grant retirement status to Nick Fischer from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.

**Anger:** We have received a retirement request from Nick Fischer from the CFA Judging Program. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Retirement:** *The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Muriel Slodden, Approved Allbreed judge. Muriel has been a CFA Judge since 1967. Additionally, she served on the CFA Board of Directors as a Regional Director from 1974 to 1978. She was instrumental in seeing that the Oriental Shorthair was accepted. Muriel loves all cats, but particularly white cats. She owned CFA's first Grand Premier – GP Muriel's Heidi of Mayflower, a blue-eyed white American Shorthair – and achieved national wins beginning in 1966-1967 with GC/NW Mayflower Frosty Noelle, a blue-eyed white American Shorthair female. Muriel went on to achieve national wins with GC NW Wila-Blyte's Pola of Silva-Wyte, a copper-eyed white Manx female, GC/BW Petmark's Pola of Mayflower, a blue-eyed white Oriental Shorthair female, GC/BW/NW Mendocino's Bare Elegance of Mayflower, a copper-eyed white Manx female, and GC/BW/NW-GP/NW Leggs Amapola of Mayflower, a blue-eyed white Oriental Shorthair male.*

*Long-time friend Omar Gonzalez remembers a Pennsylvania show, where some shelter cats were benched near the vendors. Muriel took a peek at them. The next morning she told Omar that she could not sleep – there was a white kitten there and she was going to adopt it. At the end of the show, she came back with a big carrier. Omar looked inside and there were FOUR kittens. Omar said to Muriel, “I thought you said one kitten”; she replied, “yes, but I could not break up a family”, so they flew back to NY with an entire litter.*

*Muriel says, “I leave the program with the fondest of memories. Words cannot express the pleasure it has given me. Throughout my career I have not only had the honor of handling the best cats in the world but to have been a part of the most prestigious association in the cat fancy. Please extend my sincerest gratitude to the board for their constant support in my ability to uphold the high standards set by this association. It was an honor and a pleasure to have served CFA and I thank you all.”*

**Action Item:** *Grant retirement status to Muriel Slodden from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.*

**Anger:** We have received a retirement request from Muriel Slodden. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**DelaBar:** Do you want me to do it? **Anger:** Please. **DelaBar:** I would like to propose that Muriel Slodden be retired with Emeritus status. This woman has served as a board member, she has served on the Credentials Committee, and this has been for long periods of time. This woman has served CFA above and beyond the minimum criteria from the Judging Program to retire in Emeritus status. I can’t make the motion. **Kusy:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Retirement:** *The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Judith Thomas, Approved Shorthair judge. Judy has been a CFA Judge since 1987. She has served as a frequent announcer at many major CFA shows and events, with her color commentary always being entertaining and of high quality. Judy has bred cats under the Kumasi and Thendara cattery names. She says, “I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my 23 years in the program, but feel it’s time to concentrate on other things.” Judy will stay active in CFA and we look forward to her continued contributions.*

**Action Item:** *Grant retirement status to Judith Thomas from the CFA Judging Program, with regret.*

**Anger:** It has been a tough quarter, with all these retirements. We have received a retirement request from Judy Thomas from the CFA Judging Program. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Deaths:** *It is with great sadness that we report the loss of several of our Judging Panel members.*

- *It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Becky Jones, former CFA Allbreed Judge and CFA Board Member, on March 20, 2010. Becky bred Siamese, Abyssinians and Persians in her Quin-Jo cattery, including 55 grands, 4 regional winners and 3*

*national winners – Abyssinians GRC/NW Quin-Jo’s Cardinal and GRC/NW Quin-Jo’s Red N Reddy, and the famous Persian GRC/NW Quin-Jo’s Bravo. She served on the CFA Board of Directors from 1975 to 1992 as the Great Lakes Regional Director, and innovated the regional newsletter concept. On the board, she served on the Publicity Committee, the Show Rules Committee and the Judging Program Committee. She was a former board member and officer of The Winn Feline Foundation, and was very instrumental with husband Rich in starting the Wayne County Humane Society shelter located in Wooster, Ohio. Many of us recall Becky donning rubber gloves to retrieve cans, to support the shelter. Becky began judging in 1978 and retired in 2001. Her contributions to the Great Lakes Region, to CFA and to the cat fancy are many. As one of her friends said, “If you missed knowing Becky Jones, you really missed something.”*

- *Sylvia Fitzgerald, former Approved Shorthair judge, passed away quietly on April 22, 2010. Many cat fanciers, neighbors and other friends gathered at her home in Solana Beach, California on May 23, 2010 to celebrate her life with her son, Guy and daughter in law, Tina. Sylvia began judging for CFA in 1977 and bred her Abyssinians under the Phaulkon cattery name. She retired from the Judging Program in June 2009. Sylvia had kept meticulous records of her cats and all have been placed in new homes thanks to Angie Watanabe, who organized the efforts of several Abyssinian fanciers. Her breed knowledge and elegant style in the ring was a pleasure to watch. She always handled with grace and skill keeping everyone’s attention on the cat. Sylvia judged with enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment. For many years she was an active member of San Diego Cat Fanciers and she continued her membership in Abyssinian Breeders International. She worked for a veterinarian for 34 years but eventually called herself a “beach bum” after she got into boogy boarding. All of us who knew Sylvia miss her charming, kind and humorous spirit.*

### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Subcommittee to Review Cross-Over Judge Requirements: A new “Domestic Judge Transfer Committee” consisting of Darrell Newkirk, Sharon Roy, Bob Zenda and Neil Quigley is working on a project to revise Judging Program Rules, Section II.A.13. to create more comprehensive and reasonable requirements, and to streamline and clarify the process for judges from other domestic associations who are considering coming over to CFA. We are looking forward to seeing what they will come up with. Their recommendations will be presented at the October “rules” board meeting.*

**Anger:** We have a subcommittee to review the cross-over judge requirements. The subcommittee is made up of judges that have come over from other associations, so they know the challenges; also, Neil Quigley, who is currently our Applications Administrator, is a member of that committee, so we will look forward to their recommendations in October.

*Judging School/Breed Awareness and Orientation Seminar: Regions 4 and 6 will sponsor the school in connection with their Gala in Indianapolis, IN on 11/20-21/2010 (with the school being held on Friday, 11/19/2010). Following last year’s school, there was discussion related to perhaps starting the school on Thursday afternoon covering the materials we would normally*



*address on Friday morning. It would certainly give us several more hours on Friday for the Shorthair breeds and we wouldn't be finishing up late Friday night.*

**Anger:** We are also looking forward to our Breed Awareness and Orientation Judging School that we are having in conjunction with the Regions 4 and 6 Gala in Indianapolis in November. We had been talking about perhaps starting it on Thursday, for taking care of the joint class which both longhair and shorthair students attend, so that they are less brain dead at the end of the second day.

*A Proposal for Continuing Education is presented for consideration.*

## **PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **Overview**

*Some adults seek to learn for their own benefit and enrichment, but more and more professional associations are mandating continuing educational in order for the participant to maintain licensure, if not, their job in today's market place.*

*CFA has already proven that we value the continuing education of our judges. We expect attendance at CFA Judging Workshops once in three years; we expect our judges will renew their license through fees; we provide continuing education materials at the CFA Judge's Workshop every year in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting.*

*Continuing education is important because the association adds new breeds from time-to-time. Judges are expected to handle these cats in a public forum and provide their observations and input into the advancement of these new breeds.*

*Additionally, breed standards in approved breeds change from time to time. While these changes are generally small, they sometimes have a significant impact on how the standard may be interpreted. Any change to a standard brings with a nuance or two to the application of the change.*

*The customers who are impacted by continuing education include the CFA BOD, the CFA judging panel, the breeder, the exhibitor, the public and each other. We are already considered to have a fine panel of judges and this proposal will only increase that perception.*

### **What are the issues?**

*The members of our judging panel understand that continuing education in their craft is an important element. The CFA Judging Workshops are always well attended and judges willingly and vigorously at times, address issues with the breeds that are presented for introduction or review. The advent of PowerPoint has made the visual aspects of the presentations palatable and fun in many cases.*

*There are still barriers that crop up however. The cost of travel, hotel and meal expenses is, for some of our panel, a challenge. Yes, one can use miles to travel and one can share a room with a friend, but there are some judges who are unable to bear all the costs. As our panel ages, this issue will only become larger.*

*For some judges, the timing of the CFA Annual Meeting doesn't always meet their needs. Many of our panel looks at this week as "time-off" from their busy judging and work schedules. Personal issues, health, weddings, family and work place expectations enter into decisions as to whether or not to attend an annual meeting.*

*People learn in different manners. For some, a classroom presentation such as a CFA Judge's Workshop is just the ticket. These very visually adept individuals who are able to see and apply the information in what appears to be an instant enjoy the workshops and come away with a lot of information. However, not all of us learn that way.*

*Some of us need time to look at each element and absorb what it means to the bigger picture of a breed. These people are also very visually adept but they process the information in a much different manner. They may require re-exposure to an element or two and may want to skip back and forth in a presentation before they can move to the next.*

*Yet another sub-group needs both. The quick and down-to-earth presentation and then an opportunity to look at the material again and again to reinforce what they have learned are valuable.*

*While our workshops meet many of these learning styles and needs and while they provide us with good take-away information, for some participants, they fail to answer all the questions and concerns. And, frankly, there is no panacea – no one method will work 100% of the time for 100% of the population of judges.*

### **What could it look like?**

*This proposal suggests a new paradigm or methodology for providing continuing education for the CFA Judging Panel. It recommends that judges be allowed to acquire their continuing education in a number of manners. This approach has been used for many years by a variety of associations; the Minnesota Nurse's Association, American Nephrology Nurse Association, a variety of state medical continuing education associations, etc.*

#### *Classroom/Seminar Education:*

- *Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop – This would be, in-and-of-itself enough and requires yearly attendance for four out of five consecutive years.*
- *Attendance at a LH or SH portion of the CFA Judging School/BAOS once in five years. It also requires attendance at the general session (morning session). Judges using this methodology would pay half-price for attendance. This requires the fulfillment of other activities.*
- *Participation as an instructor at a CFA Judging School/BOAS once in five years. This includes presentation of three breeds and conducting a portion of the hands-on experience at the show the next day. This also requires the fulfillment of other activities.*

#### *On-line Education:*

*On-line courses are becoming viable and useful in a number of professions, for example, nursing, accounting and physician CME. It meets the needs of these populations and is a winning solution for everyone. It seems reasonable to expect a judge to complete fifteen (15)*

breed presentations and post tests in a five year period of time if that is the main source of their continuing education.

The CFA Judging School has, over the years, amassed a large library of breed presentations as well as materials aimed at judging procedure and the psychology of judging. The breed presentations are updated by the breed council secretaries and nearly all of them have been revised in the past three years. Judges who want to review some or all of the topics for personal reasons as well as to fulfill continuing education courses would be able to do so on their own time and at little or no expense.

### **Implementation**

The recommendation is to begin with the new program May 1, 2011. What would happen between now and then?

- Develop and disseminate the information about the changes and requirements to the CFA Judging Panel and answer their questions.
- Prepare the website with the breed presentations, Colors and Patterns and Judging Procedures presentations (actually, these are complete at this time because we needed a site for the attendees to the CFA Judging School/BOAS to go to prepare for the classes.
- Materials for post testing for on-line education need to be prepared.

Currently, the CFA Judging Program has the authority and responsibility for the development and distribution of continuing education among our judges. This proposal does not suggest any change to that structure.

The CFA Judging Program would be responsible for maintaining the materials on a web site providing updated versions as they become available.

### **How does it look in real life?**

The following page shows the “score card” that judges would use to decide and track the requirements and note the completion of those requirements. This is a shared responsibility between the JP and each judge.

Each judge will keep track of their own continuing education progress and then, submit it at the end of five years to the Chair of the Judging Program along with the proof of their accomplishments.

**Action Item:** Adopt Proposal for Continuing Education.

**Anger:** We also have a proposal for continuing education that was presented by Pat Jacobberger. It is very comprehensive and gives us a good template to continue our continuing education. We have an action item that we adopt this proposal for continuing education.

**Eigenhauser:** You talk about different types of educational things – the judges’ workshop, the judging school, online programs – is this going to be a “you have to do all of them” or is it going to be, you have to have a total of 15 points. You know, you can take 8 hours of this and 5 hours of that to get to your minimum number. Is it going to be a mix and match? **Anger:** It is going to

be a mix and match. It is any and/or all of the three bulleted items there. Of course, the more, the better. **DelaBar:** I attended FIFe's annual general meeting and they have a full day of judge seminars. It was on Saturday. We started at 9 with 2 hours of genetics and then went to 2 hours of discussing the breed evaluations between the Cornish Rex, Devon Rex and German Rex, which I found interesting. We had, I thought, a very interesting program on how to train judges to train trainees. I think this is something that we need. We just throw these trainees at our judges and say, "train them". People who have been teachers can do it, but others are sometimes awkward. This is something that we need. **Anger:** We not only say "train them", but we say "train them or evaluate them; pick one or pick both or do neither". We have rules saying how the session is supposed to be handled, but beyond that it's unstructured. Whoever the new personnel is that takes this up, this would be a great project in their spare time. **DelaBar:** The last subject we had was a few hours on, how do you interpret breed standards? That ended up in a very lively discussion. There was a lot of give and take going on, especially when you think that they have to conduct all of their events in three languages. It was quite interesting. **Anger:** We attended a workshop in Australia on the Peterbald, the Burmilla, and there was a compare and contrast of the Norwegian, the Siberian and the Maine Coon. I move that we adopt the Proposal for Continuing Education. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Judges' Workshop: Preparations for the 2010 Judges' Workshop are well underway and this year will feature discussion of the Havana Brown and Egyptian Mau. The newly-accepted Chinese Li Hua Mau will also be reviewed. Workshop logistics have been coordinated with Allene, i.e., room setup, projection & sound equipment and cages for our distinguished feline visitors. Additionally, the Executive Committee of the 2010 CFA Annual Meeting is pleased to announce that the Midwest Region will sponsor a light supper for the CFA Judges who are attending the Judges' Workshop this year. Please enjoy the evening.*

**Anger:** We have our workshop planned for this event. We're discussing the Havana Brown and Egyptian Mau, and the new-accepted Chinese Li Hua Mau. Of course, board members are invited to attend. We would love for you to be in attendance, if you can. Also, the region is providing us with a little supper so that no one passes out during the presentation.

*Judges' Test: This year's Judges' Examination was designed to have our judges consider the Show Rules, the Judging Program Rules and the Judges' Code of Ethics. Examinations were timely returned by 129 of our judges and trainees. The average score for all the tests received was 92.88 (slightly lower than 2008's 95.38). Perfect exams were written by 20 judges.*

**Anger:** We have completed our judges' test cycle. There was a real mixed reaction. I thought it was a really easy test and others didn't. We had a number of judges that didn't pass, and they have been sent the re-test. They will be paying the re-test fee. The average score for all the tests received was 92.88, as opposed to 95.38 the last time we did it. Perfect exams were written by 20 judges, and we will be talking about who those individuals are at our workshop. **White:** Just curious – how many judges did not pass the test? **Anger:** 14. We have a couple that just missed. We have a re-test that has already been sent out to those judges.

*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>
Anger, Rachel	NZCF	Patches&Pointed	Napier New Zealand	6/6/10
Anger, Rachel	ACF	Perth National	Perth Australia	6/13/10
Auth, Mary	WCA	WCA	Moscow Russia	9/26/10
DelaBar, Pam	CCCofA	WCC	Melbourne Australia	5/1-2/10
Hawke, Willa	CATZ Inc.	Karnak Show	Hamilton N.Z.	7/15/12
Hayata, Yukiko	ACF	CFCCQ	Brisbane Australia	6/12/11
Honey, Ellyn	NZCF	Patches&Pointed	Napier New Zealand	6/6/10
Honey, Ellyn	ACF	Perth National	Perth Australia	6/13/10
Hutzler, Walter	FIFE	Oskatten	Norrkoping Sweden	10/2-3/10
Jaeger, Barbara	FIFE	Ostkatten	Norrkoping Sweden	10/2-3/10
Rogers, Jan	ACF	QFA	Brisbane Australia	9/11-12/10
Rogers, Jan	ACF	Perth Royal	Perth Australia	9/25/10
Trevathan, Wayne	FIFe	Sverak	Hassleholm Sweden	10/9-10/10
Watson, Liz	WCA	WCA	Moscow Russia	9/26/10
White, Betty	ACF	Royal Adelaide	Adelaide Australia	9/2-6/10
Zenda, Bob	ACF	QFA	Brisbane Australia	9/11-12/10
Zenda, Bob	CCCofA	North Coast CC	Coffs Harbor Australia	9/18/10

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>
Brodskaya, Svetlana	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	3/20/10
Cernova, Tatjana	WCF	Estonia Cat Club	Tallinn Estonia	4/17-18/10
Davies, Allan	CCCA	Borneo Cat Club	Kulai, Malaysia	6/5/10
Davies, Allan	CCCA	Sarawak Cat Club	Sarawak, Malaysia	4/3/10
Davies, Allan	CCCA	CF Society of Indonesia	Tangerang, Malaysia	3/27/10
Dubrovskaya, Galina	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	4/3/10
Dubrovskaya, Galina	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	9/25/10
Franc, Genevieve	LOOF	Malta Cat Society	Malta	11/28/10
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Estonia Cat Club	Tallinn Estonia	4/17/18/10
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	3/20/10
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Estonia Cat Club	Tallinn Estonia	4/17-18/10
Jacobs, Sue	SAC	Nat'l Birman Fanciers	Belton, Texas	5/15/10
Kharchenko, Irina	RUI	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	4/3/10
Koretskaya, Maria	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	3/20/10
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	3/20/10
Kretschmer-Kraiczek	WCF	Malta Cat Society	Malta	4/25/10
Neukircher, Brenda	SAC	Nat'l Birman Fanciers	Belton, Texas	5/15/10
Pohvalina, Victoria	RUI	Chatte Noir Club	Moscow, Russia	4/3/10
Pohvalina, Victoria	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	9/25/10
Raymond, Allan	ACF	Hong Kong SH	Hong Kong, China	7/31/10
Rumyantseva, Nadejda	FIFe	Estonia Cat Club	Tallinn Estonia	4/17-18/10
Rumyantseva, Nadejda	FIFe	China Phoenix Cat Club	Hong Kong, China	3/20/10
Tokmakova, Irina	RUI	Chatte Noir Club	Moscow, Russia	4/3/10
Tokmakova, Irina	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	9/25/10
U'Ren, Cheryle	CCCA	Borneo Cat Club	Kulai, Malaysia	6/5/10
U'Ren, Cheryle	CCCA	United Feline Odyssey	Hong Kong, China	4/24-25/10

**Anger:** Here is our list of international judging assignments. We have a long list of our CFA judges that we are real proud to have judging other places in the world, and we are very happy to have a great group of guest judges that have requested permission to judge our shows. Those have all been approved by Wayne Trevathan, our Guest Judge Administrator. **DelaBar:** One thing that we have had come up, I was contacted by another association in the U.S. who was bringing over an Australian judge that has judged for CFA several times. They wanted to know about other CFA shows picking up this judge so we can all split the cost. How do we want to handle getting that message out to clubs and saying, “hey, this is available at a very reasonable price because you would be splitting up the cost”? When we go to other countries, like in Australia and New Zealand, they sell us off to other clubs so they can split it among different clubs, so nobody is paying for the \$1,800 ticket for us to fly down to Australia or wherever, so they split the cost between everybody who uses that judge. We’ve never done that here. **Anger:** Maybe we could facilitate it through our CFA-News list, and that’s always picked up by the CFA List. We could also send it out on our judges’ list, because judges are all members of clubs. There is certainly a great deal to be learned from guest judges and they from us. **Eigenhauser:** I want to be careful that however we word this doesn’t sound like we are soliciting assignments for a non-U.S. judge. There are U.S. judges that are going to think, “why are you taking away my assignment?” It needs to be carefully worded, but I think it’s a good idea. **Meeker:** I’m wondering if it couldn’t be done through the regional director of the region where the other association’s show is being held and then work with those clubs that might be able to do it. Why not run it through the regional director that could work with the clubs that are running the shows in that time frame, given that there is enough time that they haven’t already contacted the judges? **DelaBar:** I’m having the judge from the other association sponsoring this individual over to get the time frames that they will be in country, and I can provide that to everybody. I just want to make sure, because I was very aware of the solicitation of judges. We’re not soliciting ourselves. **Jacobberger:** Actually, we did this a number of years ago with an Australian judge, but not with other associations. Only CFA clubs. I think the arrangement was by word of mouth with some other clubs that we thought might be interested. **DelaBar:** I’ll work with Rachel and the regional directors on this. **Anger:** Very good.

**Pre-Notice of Application:** *The following individual is scheduled to be presented to the Board in October 2010 for acceptance:*

*Neil Quigley (Shorthair – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)  
Pitt Meadows, British Columbia Canada*

*Chloe (Li Ling) Chung (Shorthair – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)  
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong*

**Anger:** We have received an application in which the cattery requirement will have been met by the next board meeting, but not at the time of application. If we interpret that requirement to be, “at the time it is reviewed by the board”, the applicant will have well met it. It’s a date issue. I am looking to the board for guidance on when to review the application. I don’t see any benefit to be gained by waiting. My motion would be to bring the application forward. **Newkirk:**

Can we make it more general, so if it comes up in the future, not make it specific? **DelaBar:** We could just say that meeting requirements at the time the board reviews the application. **Newkirk:** I would rather see it that way, than to try and make one special exception. **Anger:** Can we make it more specific than that, to make it a date requirement? Somebody might say, “I’ve got 12 grands and I’m going to grand 3 more before February.” **Miller:** Why don’t we only do that particular requirement having to do with the cattery registration? **Anger:** As far as the date requirements on the application. So, that’s my motion. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

**Accept as Trainee:**

<i>Cathy Dinesen (LH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Jim Dinesen (SH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Hope Gonano (SH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>18 yes; 1 abstain (Altschul)</i>
<i>Chika Hiraki (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Mihoko Yabumoto (LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>

**Advance to Apprentice:**

<i>Etsuko Hamayasu (LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Koji Kanise (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Teresa Keiger (LH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Doreann Nasin (LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>16 yes; 2 no (Anger, Altschul); 1 abstain (Brown)</i>

**Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:**

<i>Pamela Bassett (LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Kathy Calhoun (SH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes; 2 abstain (Calhoun, Newkirk)</i>
<i>Anne Mathis (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Russell Webb (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>

**Advance to Approved Specialty:**

<i>Dee Dee Cantley (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Cathy Dinesen (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Jim Dinesen (LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Hope Gonano (LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>18 yes; 1 abstain (Altschul)</i>
<i>Lorraine Rivard (SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>19 yes</i>

**Advance to Approved Allbreed:**

<i>Dennis Gano</i>	<i>18 yes; 1 no (Altschul)</i>
<i>Michael Schleissner</i>	<i>19 yes</i>
<i>Megumi Yamashita</i>	<i>19 yes</i>

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Chair*



(9) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

**Protest Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer** gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #54).

**(10) 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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Since January of 2010 CFA has tracked over 280 state and federal bills (along with many proposed city and county ordinances). Much of 2009 had been dominated by an organized Animal Rights campaign to enact “puppy mill” legislation, introduced in 35 states, imposing caps on possession of breedable animals. Arbitrary limits would be imposed regardless of the care or condition of the animals. Most of these bills were defeated last year but a few carried forward into this year in states with two year legislative sessions. In 2010 only a handful of these bills have been introduced.*

*At the state and federal level the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) provides us with bill introductions based on broad search parameters. We then read the bills and select a few for CFA tracking. For local (city, county, parish, and borough) legislation we monitor several dozen pet law lists online as well as relying on our “grassroots” fanciers in reporting pet-related legislation in their area (“You are the eyes and ears of the fancy.”) We continue to monitor major Animal Rights groups, their web sites and events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.*

**Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:**

*Even without a national anti-breeder campaign by the large Animal Rights groups, 2010 has been a busy year at the state level for animal legislation. Since January CFA has been tracking over 280 bills (not counting local jurisdictions such as cities and counties) as follows:*

<i>Federal - 7 bills</i>	<i>Kentucky - 2 bills</i>	<i>Ohio - 2 bills</i>
<i>Alabama - 1 bill</i>	<i>Louisiana - 3 bills</i>	<i>Oklahoma - 5 bills</i>
<i>Arizona - 5 bills</i>	<i>Maine - 4 bills</i>	<i>Pennsylvania - 5 bills</i>
<i>California - 7 bills</i>	<i>Maryland - 2 bills</i>	<i>Rhode Island - 6 bills</i>
<i>Connecticut - 1 bill</i>	<i>Massachusetts - 20 bills</i>	<i>South Dakota - 2 bills</i>
<i>Delaware - 4 bills</i>	<i>Maryland - 2 bills</i>	<i>Tennessee - 9 bills</i>
<i>Florida - 2 bills</i>	<i>Minnesota - 5 bills</i>	<i>Vermont - 3 bills</i>
<i>Hawaii - 7 bills</i>	<i>Missouri - 7 bills</i>	<i>Virginia - 3 bills</i>
<i>Idaho - 1 bill</i>	<i>Nebraska - 2 bills</i>	<i>Washington - 2 bills</i>
<i>Illinois - 33 bills</i>	<i>New Hampshire - 1 bill</i>	<i>West Virginia - 9 bills</i>
<i>Indiana - 1 bill</i>	<i>New Jersey - 36 bills</i>	<i>Wisconsin - 4 bills</i>
<i>Iowa - 7 bills</i>	<i>New York - 62 bills</i>	
<i>Kansas - 1 bill</i>	<i>North Carolina - 8 bills</i>	

***Highlights of a few selected Bills:*** (Not by any means complete - just a few examples.)

## **Federal**

The “Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act” (PUPS) has been introduced in the United States Senate (S 3424) along with a companion bill in the House of Representatives (H 5434). PUPS would require federal licensing and inspection of home hobby dog breeders who place as few as 50 puppies per year. At present cats are not included in the bill but experienced sources have informed us that it is unlikely Congress would amend the Animal Welfare Act for dogs without adding cats. The bill has been assigned to committee in each house but no hearing dates have been set. The **battle** over this bill **has just begun**.

## **Arizona**

HB 2375 as introduced would make owning, transporting or breeding any species of “dangerous wildlife” unlawful. However, the bill was so badly written that it would include the domestic dog and cat. After a hue and cry from cat and dog breeders in Arizona the bill was **amended to exclude cats and dogs**.

## **California**

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. It was stopped in the state Assembly in 2009 but held over at the author’s request it was converted to a “two year bill.” It is **still on the Assembly floor** as “inactive” until they have enough votes for passage.

## **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 in 2009 but carried forward into 2010. They have now been **defeated in 2010**.

In addition to the bills carried forward a new bill for 2010, S 3385, would have regulated “Commercial breeders” which could include hobby breeder possesses as few as 20 adult intact animals and produces more than five total litters of puppies or kittens a year. This bill was also **defeated**.

## **Missouri**

Animal Rights organizations continue to use ballot initiatives with large, well-funded advertising campaigns which can circumvent grassroots opposition. In Missouri “The Puppy Mill Cruelty

*Prevention Act” is a ballot initiative which would affect any person having custody or ownership of more than ten female covered dogs for breeding. It caps total intact dogs of either gender kept for breeding to 50. It creates a new crime of “puppy mill cruelty” for any violations of the Act. While this Act would not affect cats [yet] it represents a new approach by well-funded Animal Rights groups to bypass a state legislature to take away rights of hobby breeders. The **battle** over this ballot initiative **has just begun**.*

### **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 stopped in 2009 but carried forward into 2010. It has now been **defeated in 2101**.*

### **Local Trends**

*Several cities such as **West Hollywood, CA, Albuquerque, NM, and South Lake Tahoe, CA** have enacted laws to ban pet sales at pet stores **San Francisco, CA** and a number of other cities across the country are said to be considering similar bans on the sale of dogs and cats. While these laws generally apply only to commercial pet shops and exempt hobby breeders they represent a larger trend to demonize the purchase of a pet (as opposed to buying one at a shelter.) **Clark County, NV** passed a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. The City of **Riverside, CA** is considering reduction of the number of cats or dogs a person may own. The proposal contains a number of other unfavorable provisions and is being introduced through the Land Use Committee rather than as an animal matter. Due to budget shortfalls **Sacramento County, CA** recently proposed closing their new \$14 million facility for animals. They claimed budget cuts left them without the means to staff the facility.*

*Especially when dealing with local laws it is important for the fancy to remember that not all bad legislation is proposed by national Animal Rights groups. In today's tough economy cash-strapped government may perceive pet owners as sources of revenue through pet food taxes, cat licensing or breeder permits. The news media focus on a specific pet problem, such as a hoarder or serious dog bite, may lead politicians to pass new anti-pet laws. Bird groups and environmental groups continue to press for anti-cat laws. Even genuine cat-lovers who just aren't part of the fancy and don't have our understanding of some of the nuances of cat reproduction may support laws we know would be detrimental to cats.*

### **Litigation**

*Litigation remains a costly and problematic solution to legislative issues and as a means to influence public policy. While CFA has no budget for litigation we continue to note lawsuits affecting cats. We may offer assistance to those protecting our point of view when it can be done without additional cost.*

*The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curie briefs opposing non-economic damages for injuries to animals. In February we reported that in Kaufman v. Langhofer, the Arizona appeals court affirmed dismissal of the non-economic damages claim. On May 21, 2010 the Arizona Supreme Court denied the appeal (we won).*

*In Los Angeles the Superior Court injunction blocking the City's feral cat trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs remains in effect. While the City of Los Angeles has stopped its feral cat programs, local non-government groups are working to cope with the ruling.*

*In Missouri signatures have been gathered and turned in to the state to place "The Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act" before the voters. MoFed (Missouri Federation of Animal Owners) has filed a lawsuit concerning the language of the Summary Statements and the Fiscal Notes associated with the proposed Ballot Initiative.*

*It has been reported that Feld Entertainment and the Ringling Brothers circus sued the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), its lawyers, and several other animal rights groups in a federal RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) lawsuit. The suit arises following the December 2009 dismissal of a previous action by the Defendants alleging, inter alia, mistreatment of circus elephants.*

#### **Conferences:**

*"Humane Lobby Day" on April 8, 2010 in Sacramento, CA was attended by George Eigenhauser to monitor the event. The HSUS and the ASPCA held the event jointly to discuss "key" legislative issues. This year the focus of Humane Lobby Day was not legislation restricting cats, dogs or other pets. HSUS and ASPCA wanted to oppose the California Fish and Game Commission's expansion of bear hunting. Other issues included labeling clothing that has animal fur); an advisory measure to ask congress to outlaw export of horses for food; and pet insurance regulation.*

*HSUS Animal Care Expo in Nashville, TN May 12-15, 2010 was attended by George Eigenhauser as well. While they had the obligatory "puppy mill" presentations there was no focus on hobby breeders legislative initiatives this year. While not all bad anti-breeder law comes from the national AR groups, having them focused elsewhere is welcome. New for this year was a full day session devoted to "No Kill." HSUS continues to embrace TNR as the best approach to dealing with feral cats. 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.*

*As a personal observation, HSUS has become engaged in a bitter war of words with Humane Watch aka Center for Consumer Freedom (CFF). Humane Watch has suggested that HSUS exploits the confusion in the minds of the public between local shelters and HSUS to raise money. There have been several newspaper articles, a TV story and many blog entries picking up Humane Watch press releases that were critical of HSUS. HSUS has responded with their own PR campaign and there have been a number of articles, stories and blogs critical of Humane Watch and their tactics. Wayne Pacelle used a significant part of his "town hall"*

meeting time at Expo to attack Humane Watch and CFF. It came up several times during the Expo workshops and HSUS even hired a writer to do a ten page report on Rick Berman, the leader of the CFF.

CFA's legislative approach has been to fight bad legislation, not the organizations proposing the bad laws. We have remained on the sidelines in this media battle.

### **CFA Fanc-e-Mews & Legislative page**

The legislative alerts page 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 2010 Board meeting:

- *March/April 2010 – “A Dog Law That Sounds Good Can Be Bad For Cats” by Joan Miller. The article explores the fallacy that a law which may sound good to regulate dogs may be inappropriate for cats. It explains that unlike dogs there are no high volume commercial sellers of cats. Laws to regulate commercial operations may be impossible for a hobby breeder to meet. These laws often reflect little understanding of how laws to protect dogs from cruelty in a substandard kennel could possibly mean the end of certain breeds of cats.*
- *May/June 2010 - “Limit Laws - What If Your Cats Make You A “Law Breaker” by Joan Miller. The article points out current statistics on multi-cat households in the United States and the dangers of arbitrary limits without regard to the quality of care of the pets. It provides an overview of some of the unintended consequences of limit laws, such as owners who have to forego veterinary care out of fear of exposure. Limit laws may impose burdens on rescuers or feral cat caretakers and exacerbate problems. Responsible pet owners may live in fear or be forced to give up well cared for pets in a good home.*

### **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 26, 2010 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the CFA Annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, MN.

**No-Kill Conference**, Washington, DC, George Washington Law School, July 31-August 1, 2010. The conference is organized by Nathan Winograd and his “No-Kill Solutions.” CFA was a sponsor at the last conference thanks to matching donations to the Sy Howard Legislative Fund. Most of the “No-Kill Equation” is very positive, favoring cooperative, community solutions over coercive legislation. This event has helped steer the discussion toward approaches more favorable to CFA and responsible breeders. CFA is a sponsor of this event through the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and plans are already underway to attend this year.

**PetSmart Charities Feline Forum**; Chicago, IL, Fall 2010 - This conference will focus on the ever-growing needs of homeless cats with experts on feral cat issues, rebranding cats, veterinary and shelter practices.

**Animal Health Institute (AHI) Pet Night on Capitol Hill**, Washington, DC, September 14-15, 2010. CFA has co-sponsored this event for 13 years. 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 2010. This is an important meeting for networking with animal welfare moderates.

**NAIA Annual Conference**, Denver, CO October 2-3, 2010. The National Animal Interest Alliance is a national group directly confronting the extreme animal rights positions that threaten pet ownership and breeding of dogs/cats. CFA used to be a participant in this event but we were unable to have a presence last year due to budget constraints. Unfortunately this year it conflicts with the CFA Board meeting. However, in previous years there have been other fanciers in attendance.

**SAWA Annual Conference**, Kansas City, MO, November 7-9. 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 4 years ago. CFA is not a member and George Eigenhauser attended previously as Joan's “guest.” It is important that Joan maintain her contact/membership with the group.

**Cat Writers Annual Conference**, White Plains, NY, November 18-20, 2010. The Cat Writers Association meeting remains important to reach out to the media, editors and writers on cat issues. All the dog and cat writers are there especially for the dinners/awards plus many of the pharmaceutical company people and others. These media/book/blog writers get our message out to the public.

**HSUS Animal Care Expo.**, Disney World Resort, FL, May 4-7, 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.

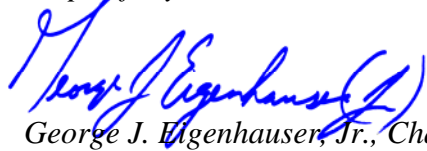
**Time Frame:**

Ongoing.

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

**Eigenhauser:** There's going to be presentation to the delegation tomorrow. The message to take back to your regions is, we have to always be vigilant, and particular on city and county and local bills, we don't have any national tracking sources. That little ad you see in the catalog, "You are the eyes and ears of the fancy", we really mean it and we need people to be our trip wires out there, for when bad legislation comes. **Miller:** It's very difficult to see any tangible results from the efforts of the legislative group. We fight legislation, and we have been quite successful in defeating the mandatory neuter/spay, breeder licensing and many things. We had a conference call with the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council attorney Mike Maddox, talking about the new dog bill that has been introduced on the federal level. This is the Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act, which is going to start regulating dog breeders that sell directly at retail. It's the same as what we fought a number of years ago, which is the PAWS bill, but at that time it was dogs and cats. Mike Maddox told us, because he is working with Senator Durbin very closely on this bill. I said, "won't it eventually add cats? How can they make a major change in the animal welfare act just for dogs, when the rest of the animal welfare act applies to dogs and cats?" He said, "they don't want to deal with Joan Miller and the likes of them anymore." So, we do make an impact.



**(11) AKC-CFA MEET THE BREEDS.**

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

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**Committee Activities since February Board Meeting:**

*Working with committee members to determine areas of improvement for 2010 based on a deep dive into the 2009 MTB event. Based on our findings, I have summarized a few areas of opportunities that will be addressed in our planning for the 2010 MTB event.*

- 1. Have panel of judges for CFA-Iams Cat Idol. Judges walk into each breed booth for a pre-selection. Then the final determination will be a grand finale event to select the 2010 Cat Idol winner.*
- 2. Need CFA signage at spectator entry. Last year the signage was all AKC and limited for CFA. We are working with AKC to ensure CFA has signage at spectator entry.*
- 3. We will have one contract for the decorator, executed by AKC. We are negotiating different drayage rates for product vs. cat food, litter and Sturdi products. We have worked with AKC and Metro and there will not be a separate decorator bill for CFA in 2010 (should be no surprises).*
- 4. Rosettes for top 5 breed booths. CFA will do our own breed booth judging and have pre-printed sheets for judges to use for things such as originality, overall theme, flow of the booth, educational aspect, and aesthetic appeal. Our goal is to have a judging team of 5 or so to include one or two show committee members.*
- 5. We will have better signage for locating cats, thereby eliminating the confusion as to where cats are located vs. dogs.*
- 6. We will make it clear this year at the Breed Council Secretaries meeting at the Annual that if a Breed Council doesn't step up to the plate to participate, we will offer it to a breed club. Our goal is to have every breed represented at the 2010 event.*
- 7. Create "Vendor Mall". We will intermingle cat vendors with dog vendors and still keep a reasonable rate for cat vendors. The goal is to attract more vendors.*

**Initiatives/highlights:**

*Ande DeGeer is our contact for vendors for 2010. She has already established a website for vendors and begun to send out vendor packages announcing the event highlighting the benefits of being a vendor at MTB. The vendor website is [www.cfa-iams-cat-championship.org/meet-vendors.html](http://www.cfa-iams-cat-championship.org/meet-vendors.html)*

*We have received a check for \$17,000 from AKC to cover a significant portion of our loss at the 2009 event. This was sent once we signed the contract of intent for the 2010 MTB event.*

*The following sponsorship has been secured for 2010:*

*IAMS – \$150,000  
Dr. Elsey – \$17,500  
Dr. Elsey - \$20,000 breed councils  
Royal Canin- \$10,000*

*We have commitment from the following sponsors and are awaiting final contracts:*

*Sturdi  
Pet Airways*

*We will not be hiring our own Publicity Coordinator this year. Having a CFA publicity person in addition to AKC's publicist caused much confusion in 2009. We will recognize dollar savings in 2010 by utilizing the AKC PR department working directly with CFA's own Marketing and PR Director.*

*Each Breed Council will be given \$1000 for attending the 2010 event. This is \$900 less than last year. Since 34 of our 41 breeds attended last year, we are expecting those breeds to utilize the booth setup material used last year. We will be providing transportation to and from the event at no charge to the breed councils. Last year each breed council paid a \$100 transportation fee for the buses we contracted.*

*To create consistency around breeder referral lists as well as generate additional income for the event, we created an on-line breeder referral website from CFA.org in 2009. We created one referral list by breed to be handed out during this event. Anyone wishing to be included in the breeder referral website could do so for \$25 for the first breed and \$10 for each additional breed. Each referral was also listed on [www.meetthebreds.com](http://www.meetthebreds.com). We had 219 breeders sign up for this special promotion in 2009 and we plan on offering the same opportunity for 2010.*

**Special Events at 2010 MTB:**

*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 was a huge hit with the public and will be scheduled for 2010. Hosted by Joan Miller*

**Action Item:**

*None*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
David White,  
Meet The Breed Chairperson*

**White:** I am also going to be providing a Meet the Breeds update to the delegation tomorrow. Everything is working as planned, although we will have some change in the committee members, depending on what happens in the upcoming elections. Allene, of course, we are concerned that potentially we will have a different committee member for this year. A lot of wheels are in motion, so that's a slight concern that I have. **DelaBar:** David, you always have my support in whatever you need. **Meeker:** Is there any source of funds for the 9 breed councils that didn't get to participate last year because of space? Are there any funds to help them with that initial cost structure that the other breed councils got? **White:** Last year we had 34 breeds. The budget is pretty tight, so we would have to see what we can do in terms of making any incremental sponsorship funds. We can work with Roemann and see if we can help fund those that didn't participate last year. One other thing that I wanted to bring up, obviously we had tremendous gate last year. One thing that we wanted to try to see if we can capitalize on is similar to what we discussed earlier. We had 36,000 approximate spectators come through the door. It would be nice to capture some of those names and contact information, to point them to Cats CenterStage or to invite them to a local show in the area, so if anybody has any ideas how we can capture some of the contact information to help in other areas. **Newkirk:** Last year, we had a breed where the council didn't want to participate and another breed club within that breed spent their own money to come and do the decorations. I would like to make sure that that doesn't happen this coming year. I don't know if the board should make a ruling about it, but I did get notified before I came to this meeting, and that breed club said they want to make sure that their breed is represented. They felt like it was smarter, since they already had everything lined up, that they should be allowed to go ahead and go forward with this. I know that maybe that might be stepping on some toes and the breed council for that breed might feel slighted, but I want to make sure that that breed gets represented at the Meet the Breeds. **White:** That, believe it or not, has already come up. We are proactively trying to get ahead of that. **Newkirk:** OK, good. **White:** The breed council secretary has contacted us, saying that they have every intention of participating this year. One of the things that we are going to be talking about with the breed council secretaries is, being that we want every breed represented, whether it be the breed councils are not stepping up to the plate, we're going to open it up and offer it to breed clubs. That way, we will fund them, as well, but in that particular situation the breed council has already committed to participate, which is pretty tough because the breed club, as you know, did everything last year and they have all the materials. They did a great job, too. **Newkirk:** Yes. **DelaBar:** It probably is best to work through the accepted structure and make exceptions as they occur, rather than dealing with them at this level. **Anger:** Speaking of collecting names and data, all the years that Mid-Michigan was around, they had a carrier on a table at the gate, and you filled out a coupon with your name and address, to put it in there to win the carrier. They certainly collected the information. Every time you went by there at the show, there were hundreds of coupons from people that wanted to be notified of upcoming shows. They got gate. **Miller:** I remember our discussions last year. There was some talk about the fact that, in order to get media attraction, like the Regis show, that they like to have the competitive angle. I didn't see in the report anything about that, other than the cat idol. I do like that very much. I think the judges going into the booths for selection instead of the public stuffing the ballot boxes might be a bit better. Then, the final determination, I gather, would be like a judging set-up, so we end up with the cat that wins or the three cats that win are selected by CFA judges, right? **White:** We are going to have a panel of judges going around. **Miller:** So, they will come up to be judged? **White:** The top 10 are. **Miller:** The pre-selected cats. Alright, so you think that will satisfy the

media as far as being a competition? **White:** I think so. **Miller:** Now, the other thing is, some of the neatest cats of all are in the education ring, so I hope the judges will look there, too. In fact, there was one there last year that I think would have been a great winner and was in the finals, so be sure, in addition to going into the breed booths, that they watch the cats in the education ring. The public just loves them. **Eigenhauser:** I don't want to be a downer, but let's just say there are no bad situations, just learning experiences. Last year, we did have a learning experience regarding how some breeds get along better than others, and I would like to see this year some uniform rules about what is or is not allowed in your both. I don't want AOV's allowed in some breeds but AOV's not allowed in other breeds. **White:** We are speaking to that. **Eigenhauser:** Some uniform objective standard, so that the next time a complaint comes up, we can say, "you should have read the rules." **Meeker:** I was thinking, we are looking at ways to expand gate, and we're looking forward to doing this show year after year after year. Maybe we can do something this year, like a coupon system, so the following year you get a reduced entry if you bring a dog buddy or a cat buddy, and you get people to bring a friend from the opposite fancy. I mean, it wouldn't even have to be that, but I think we can use ways of getting people's information, giving them something in exchange for that, that will encourage them to come back next year and bring a friend. **DelaBar:** In New York, you really don't have to encourage. You put it out and they come. **Miller:** They do. They love it. **DelaBar:** And we were stacked to capacity. I always thought we should be recruiting dog fanciers to come into the cat fancy. They are amazed how cheap it is, and they go, "oh, you can go to a show and do all this and that, and I don't have to hire a professional handler, etc., etc." We had so much cross-pollination go up at that thing. We had Turkish Angoras running around on leads. These dog people are amazed. "Cats can walk on leads?" They certainly can. They were Turkish Angoras. It was phenomenal, absolutely phenomenal. The general public was happy. But, I promise you, this was something else. If you haven't been to help out in the CFA booth or whatever, it's phenomenal. Absolutely phenomenal. It was one of the biggest up's I think we had all year. Everybody that was there, was charged up and yes, I did see the pictures of everybody with Whoopie Goldberg for On the Road Again, so we will see how much they were able to use. It was really cool. Michael Kors was there, too. It was a phenomenal day. Anything else, David? **White:** That's it.

(12) **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, Mary Sietsema*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

***CatsCenterstage.org – launched June 8, 2010***

*Outreach Committee activity over the last few months has been focused entirely on preparing the CatsCenterstage.org website for launch. This was a huge undertaking by Karen Lawrence, Marva Marrow and myself, but the website is now underway with a discussion forum and membership. There are numerous articles on all aspects of pet care, ask the experts about health, behavior, grooming; breed pages emphasizing personality characteristics and pet photos, information on upcoming events; feature articles on stray cats and about a cat club run adoption center and clinic in Florida. We have games, puzzles and quizzes, articles on photography, and product reviews. One of the most impressive sections is a resource for health information including over 100 links covering extensive feline diseases and disorders. The website also includes Fanc-e-Mews ezine and For Kids – About Cats.*

*Many thanks to Roeann Fulkerson and Allene Tartaglia for their help and advice. Our logo/masthead design was donated by Ron deWilde, a graphic artist in Costa Mesa, CA.*

*Here are the page view stats for one day – June 8<sup>th</sup>:*

*Page loads – 1,836*  
*First time visitors – 687*  
*Visitors came from 31 countries around the world*

*9.2% of visitors stayed on the site longer than an hour.*

*Most popular pages:*

*691 Opening page*  
*185 Breeds*  
*65 Spotlight on Strays*  
*56 Holly Sisson's photography article*  
*46 CFA Branded Products*

*Community Forum*

*Page views for June 8<sup>th</sup> – 1125*  
*New members on June 8<sup>th</sup> – 27*

*Below is the post to the CFA lists, Regional Lists, CFA News, Cat Writers Association members and to many individuals. Roeann sent out our press release to numerous corporations and others. Our promotion flyer can be downloaded from the home page and distributed at upcoming shows, pet expos and other events to reach the pet owning public.*

June 8, 2010

Forwarding is encouraged

Everyone -

*CatsCenterstage launched today!! The concept is to reach all pet lovers who own cats as well as those who care for cats in need. Originated by the CFA Outreach and Education Committee, [www.CatsCenterstage.org](http://www.CatsCenterstage.org) is a place for accurate and reliable information about all cats whether pedigreed or random-bred. You will find a comprehensive index of health information, breed personality pages, feature articles of interest to pet owners, expert advice on health and behavior, and games to play. Please let your friends, family and others know about this new resource. Urge them to join a unique community of cat lovers. Forward the CFA press release.*

<http://www.cfa.org/press/2010-CatsCenterstage.pdf>

*CatsCenterstage membership is free and provides special discount and other benefits that will expand as we grow. On the Community Forum members can discuss cat topics, post photos, videos, enter contests or create profiles for their own cats. Guests are welcome to read all the posts.*

*The mission of [www.catscenterstage.org](http://www.catscenterstage.org) is "to promote respect for all cats - random bred, pedigreed and feral - through participation, education, communication and advocacy".*

*This vision was encouraged by Pam DelaBar, CFA President, and the CFA Board of Directors. Numerous individuals deserve credit for the creation and execution of CatsCenterstage.org. Marva Marrow is our Editor, responsible for overseeing the editorial content of the website. She is a Certified Cat Behavior Consultant, as well as a photographer, writer and videographer. Karen Lawrence created the CatsCenterstage website design on a volunteer basis. She provides much of the website content and is a Forum Moderator. Joan Miller conceived, coordinated and provided overall guidance for the CatsCenterstage project from the beginning, as Chair of the Outreach and Education Committee. Donna Isenberg helped with groundwork for the initial idea and continues to be instrumental in shaping the CatsCenterstage concept. A "focus group" of advisors provide ongoing input. Many other contributors are presented in the section called "About Us".*

*We are grateful to the following donors who generously provided start up funds for CatsCenterstage. Many thanks to the National Capital Show, Cat Fanciers of Washington, the Devon Rex Club, Educated Guess Cat Club, San Diego Cat Fanciers, the CFA Southern Region, the CFA Persian Breed Council and individual donors - Sue Beuerlein, Linda Carlson, Judy Friedman, Susan Henry/Donna Cook, Mark Hannon, Ginger Meeker, Carolyn Owen and Jane Smith.*

*Until advertising support is sufficient to sustain this project we need donations to the Outreach Fund – stipulated for CatsCenterstage. Send your contribution online through the CFA website or by mail to the Central Office:*

<http://www.cfa.org/catalog/donations.html#oe>

*We also welcome volunteers to help provide articles, photos of people and pets and videos. Let us know if you want to actively participate. There is lots more to come. Enjoy going to [www.CatsCenterstage.org](http://www.CatsCenterstage.org) often, take our survey to give us your input.*

Joan Miller  
Cat Fanciers' Association  
Vice President  
Chair, Outreach and Education Committee  
[JMillerArt@aol.com](mailto:JMillerArt@aol.com)

### **Video projects:**

#### **MonkeySee – Series of “How To” videos:**

*Allene and I worked with [www.MonkeySee.com](http://www.MonkeySee.com), a website that produces instructional videos on numerous topics from cooking to gardening. We completed two cat series taped in conjunction with a March cat show. Jill Archibald starred in “Feline Agility Training” and Susan Cook-Henry is the leading lady in “How to Show Your Cat”. Previews of both videos look excellent and as soon as a few edits are done and advertising is added they are ready for the [CatsCenterstage.org](http://CatsCenterstage.org) website.*

#### **Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Litter – Video project “How to Choose a Pet Cat” -**

*I reported in October 2009 and again in February 2010 that we had received a revised contract from PineRidge Film Company in Florida. I completed the scripting in order to have a better estimate of costs, since PineRidge did not know what would require new footage or what they could use from their existing library. Because some of the existing footage showed cats running freely outside and other parts were not suitable the estimate to shoot new footage increased and we became concerned we would go beyond our budget. The decision was made to wait until we saw the completed MonkeySee videos.*

*We have now decided to do this project with MonkeySee and are currently working to develop a contract with them and plan for taping. We will again start with a new script and determine new footage needed.*

### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

#### **Education:**

*Recent educational programs – to the end of June:*

- *America’s Family Pet Expo, Costa Mesa, CA, April 16, 17, 18, 2010. This event was coordinated by Mary Sietsema and Joan Miller. We had at least 6 topics per day over the three days. My presentations covered the history of breeds, breed personalities, the basic nature of cats, how cats play, senior cats, the basics of cat color/pattern and how to select a pet cat. We also had talks on behavior, grooming, introducing a cat to the home, the mysteries of cat shows and ribbons and other subjects presented by Dee Dee Cantley, Julie Averill-Martin, Jennifer Redding, Carolyn Osier, Bill Gott, Isabel Pomfrey, Marva Marrow, Lorraine Shelton, Mike Shelton and Sharon Rogers. The Pet Expo contributed \$1000 toward the expense of this educational program plus the cost of ring set up and sound system.*

- *Pet Expo Phoenix, AZ, June 12, 2010 – we assisted in suggesting materials for the public for this event and preparing the flyer for CatsCenterstage, working with the Phoenix Cat Club.*
- *San Diego County Fair June 17, 2010– San Diego Cat Fanciers will have cats for petting. I will be doing a talk for the public.*

*Upcoming educational programs:*

- *No Kill Conference, Washington, DC. July 31, August 1, 2010. This is an important gathering of shelter directors, staff and volunteers. I am a speaker and will present “Cultivating Cool Cats” (handling of cats in the shelter environment to enhance their behavior.) CFA is a conference sponsor with funds provided by the National Capital Cat Show and matched by the Sy Howard Legislative Fund. Local fanciers plan to attend and man a table with breed, legislative materials and CatsCenterstage flyers and network with representatives from shelters around the country.*
- *San Diego Cat Fanciers show, August 7-8, 2010 – Education program.*
- *Meet the Breeds Oct 16-17, 2010 – Breed Showcase in New York City.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Video production – complete Dr. Elsey’s series “How to Choose a Pet Cat” with MonkeySee Productions*

*CatsCenterstage.org - Find funds for editor/coordinator and other expenses to sustain the website until advertising income can be obtained; expand the membership program and forum. Develop the “Breed Selector” project. Explore online Webinars geared to education of newcomers in the cat fancy.*

***Overall Outreach and Education Program goals –***

- *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*

**Action Items:**

*None*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Updates*



*Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Miller, Chair*

**Miller:** We have been working hard on the Cats CenterStage and raised the money to get the start-up costs. We launched when we said we were going to. Almost everything is in the report. I would like to make a few comments. One of the things that we are watching very closely is the page views on our stats. This is what the corporations are also watching – what is our reception? There are two interesting things that I have found so far, that we’re getting views from all over the world. On the day we launched, we got views from 31 countries. Just before I left, we did another check of a typical day. We had 23 countries that had viewed. The other interesting thing that I’m finding is that people are staying a long time. Others that have done this kind of thing say that this is very unusual. We find that we had 14.8% of the people that viewed our website stay for over an hour. I don’t know if any of you know anything about this, but I was told that this is quite unusual. Actually, 18.7% stayed between 20 minutes and over an hour, so that’s a high percentage. When I left, we had on the forum, which is interactive, we were picking up a lot of people that are interested in getting used to how a forum operates. We have now about 18,000 page views on the forum alone, so we’re new, we’re starting out, we’re learning a lot, but it is very, very interesting and Google is starting to find us. One of the projects that I’ve been working on for a long time, I think you know, is the video that Dr. Elsey’s had given us some money to do a video and we started with that. We then worked with a production company in California. We did some taping, then we worked with another production company in Florida. The budget got higher and higher. Finally, Allene and I started worked with Monkey See, which is a how-to website. They tell you how to do a Thanksgiving turkey to how to plant your garden. It’s everything. They have a very weak section on pets, in general. They have a little bit on dogs, and they have practically nothing on cats, other than a video about shelter cats. So, we thought, let’s give them a try. We used some of Dr. Elsey’s money that was stipulated for the other video, for the Monkey See. I want to show you some clips from two of the videos that we have completed with Monkey See, and they will be on the Cats CenterStage website. Karen may be already getting them up there right now. They are also going to be on the Monkey See website, so that’s going to draw some people to come over to Cats CenterStage, as well. Then, we liked what Monkey See did. It’s cut and dried. It’s not very expensive or fancy video, but it’s pretty good for what it is. The original concept was, How to Choose a Pet Cat. That will be a series of videos. And then we are going to go into a lot of other how-to; How to Clip a Cat’s Claws; How to Give a Cat a Pill; How to Groom a Persian; How to Groom a Hairless Cat, all the how-to’s that will draw people to the website. Just to give you an idea, Allene is going to show you a little bit of the agility training, “How to Train your Cat for Agility.” <shows video clip> I think this is going to reach all of the huge audience that Monkey See has, and this is the first of a series of about 5. She goes into every step. We’re emphasizing what’s fun for the pet owner with their own cat at home. Pedigreed cats, random bred cats, anyone is fine on Cats CenterStage. Now, this is the one on how to show your cat. We’ll show you the first segment. Susan Cook[-Henry] stars in this one. <shows video clip> Again, this is a series of about 5, so it has been a struggle to get all these videos done. We’ve got more in the works that are still going to be done. I think it’s a good start of trying to reach the non-pedigreed owners out there to help them enjoy what we have to offer. So, this is the concept.

**Kallmeyer:** I would like to make a comment. When I talked to the Hong Kong quarantine, they also are basically animal control for Hong Kong. I mentioned CenterStage and videos on grooming, etc., and they were very interested because they want to increase their retention rate, for people to hold onto their animals. So, it's very valuable for our image in the outside world, too. Good stuff. **Miller:** It's evolving and we need help. We need input. I have a focus group that was established of about 25 people to look at our mock-up's before we launched. I would say when I sent the mock-up's to everyone, I only got about 5 people that actually responded. I know everybody is busy, but I am urging the board to please go on there, try to figure out the forum, get on there, post your page. Even though it may not be of interest to you to have a page about "my cat" or "how I got started in cats", it just helps to encourage other people to do it. If you see something that we can make clearer or Debbie mentioned something, or Ginger yesterday, that she thought that you could post on the breed pages on the website. I was talking about the forum, so this is something that just didn't occur to me, that it would be confusing to anybody. So, we can use all of you to please go on there, take a look, send me any comments or things that you don't understand. **Newkirk:** Last weekend, we had our AMB show and I had gone on and looked at the site. I thought it was really, really great. So, we went to the printers to print it out the link, the big sign that you made. **Miller:** The flyer? **Newkirk:** We didn't print out that, but there was a red Cats CenterStage thing with the website on it. We took it to the printer and they chopped it into 3, and we passed that out to all the people that came in as spectators to our show this weekend. **Miller:** We actually have post card size, and you can print it. We've got that right on the home page. Again, you have to explore it and get to know the website. That's what I'll be presenting to the delegates and telling them, emphasizing what they can do to help us, so they know where the flyer is, where the post cards are, get it out to the pet expos, to the shows, in the veterinarian offices. We don't have any data base of pet owners right now. We're starting at the very, very bottom, so we have to really work on it. But, we'll get there. **DelaBar:** Thank you very much, Joan. This, I think is a phenomenal start.

(13) **JAPAN REGION.**

**Director:** *Yayoi Satoh*

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*I would like to express my thanks to the board for giving me time to explain and discuss the Japan rules at the last Board Meeting. I would very much appreciate it if you would recall that discussion with respect to the following.*

**Satoh:** We had a meeting in April and discussed about the Japan rule change that was done and voted on at the February meeting. We reached some, little more amendment for rules that we find necessary.

*We held the Japan Club Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> and discussed the points that had been questioned by the board members. We then decided that we would try to make some amendments by a unanimous vote in order to resolve some remaining problems with the rules. I would now like to present the recent current Japan rules, and indicate how we hope to change them.*

*Current:*

*Article 5*

*While the new regional director is elected in June of even number years, the former regional director has responsibility to the Japan Regional Awards. The newly elected regional director will chair the regional club meeting in July*

*Proposed:*

*Article 5*

*While the new regional director is elected in June of even-numbered years, the former regional director will be responsible for the Japan Regional Awards, and for preparing the regional club meeting in July. The newly-elected regional director will chair the regional club meeting in July, after the former director makes a financial report for the last term and a report of the board meeting in June.*

**Reasons for the proposed amendments:** *We have to reserve a banquet room for the award ceremony. We used to book a conference room for the club meeting in the same hotel at the same time, since the cost of a conference room is cheaper than usual when reserving both rooms together. Moreover, it is impossible for a new regional director to make such arrangements after he/she is elected in June, so the successive directors used to do this work for new directors. In addition, we think the last term's financial report and the report of the board meeting in June are important roles for a director.*

**Satoh:** Our proposed change is to insert the sentence, *the former regional director will be responsible for the Japan Regional Awards, and for preparing the regional club meeting in July. The newly-elected regional director will chair the regional club meeting in July, after the former director makes a financial report for the last term and a report of the board meeting in June.*

The reason being, the former regional director will be responsible for the Japan Regional awards. It's just simply the new director won't be able to arrange the necessary venue, to make arrangements for the appropriate venues and the negotiation before hand that will result in a higher charge for the rooms and higher budget. That will be the consequences. Once more thing, the former director is responsible for presenting the financial report at the board meeting in June. It's simply, that's the last job as director of the last term. The last term's final show is responsible for the former director. Our region feels that financial reports should be presented from the former director. Do you have any question or comments on this? **Newkirk:** I was the one that brought all these amendments to the board and I don't have a problem with this, as long as the new director chairs the meeting. I think that is delineated, "The newly-elected regional director will chair the regional club meeting in July," correct? I'm OK with that. **DelaBar:** OK, thank you very much.

*Current:*

#### *Article 7*

*Clubs may receive additional service from CFA Japan Region.*

- 1) *Free copies of Japanese version of CFA Show Rules and CFA Show Standards (published in May, regular price ¥3,000)*
- 2) *Free rental of regional show materials (regular rental fee ¥5,000)*
- 3) *Club link from CFA Japan Region Web Site*
- 4) *Detailed show schedules at Region Web Site*
- 5) *Discounted fee for club advertisement on the regional award catalog (¥3,000 discount)*
- 6) *Japanese version of Board meeting summary*

*Proposed:*

#### *Article 7*

*CFA Japan region may receive voluntary contributions to maintain its regional administration.*

*CFA Japan region may offer the following services to clubs for a charge.*

~~*Clubs may receive additional service from CFA Japan Region.*~~

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- ~~6) Japanese version of Board meeting summary~~

The regional fund, part of which will be made up by the methods shown above, is to be used mainly for the cost of interpreters and translators, and for the maintenance of regional show materials and the Japan Region Web Site.

**Reasons for the proposed amendments:** After the first paragraph of the proposed Article 7 was deleted at the board meeting in October of 2009 (rendering the proposal partial and incomplete), we were left with the present rule whereby the Japan region has to provide additional services without any revenue [See reference below]. I think this is both impossible and unreasonable. We spend approximately 800,000 yen/year [about \$8,500] for interpreters and translators, and for printing Japanese show rules and standards, which are unnecessary for other regions in the USA. Who is to pay the costs of supplying these essential services if we are left without any resources? The regional shows have made some profits in the past, but those profits have depended entirely on sponsorship from only one company – and that company only supports individual events in the Japan region. There is no guarantee that the region can continue to get this support in the future. We believe that it is reasonable for us to try to share essential base expenses through voluntary contributions and payment for regional services.

It is our firm belief that none of these amendments violate any CFA rules, nor the rights of any club in Japan. Each club can freely choose of its own volition whether or not to spend its money on a voluntary contribution to the Japan region, or on buying services from the region.

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Oct 2009

Rules for the CFA Japan Region

Article 5

While the new regional director is elected in ~~July~~ June of even number years, the former regional director has responsibility to ~~Japan regional award and the regional club meeting in July.~~ the Japan Regional Awards. The newly elected regional director will chair the regional club meeting in July

Article 7

~~CFA Japan Region receives regional annual club fee of ¥10,000. Dead line of the payment is September 30th. The club permitted at October or February board meeting can pay the fee until November 30th or March 31st respectively. Those clubs paid regional annual club fee may receive additional service from CFA Japan Region.~~

Clubs may receive additional service from CFA Japan Region.

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**Satoh:** The second proposal is Article 7 and is currently, *Clubs may receive additional service from CFA Japan Region*. From 1 to 6 for basically free. Everything is free from 1 to 6. Our proposed changes is, *CFA Japan region may receive voluntary contributions to maintain its regional administration. CFA Japan region may offer the following services to clubs for a charge*. One is, copy of Japanese version of CFA Show Rules and CFA Show Standards, which will be ¥3,000, and then rental of regional show materials, which will be about ¥ 5,000, or \$45 U.S. at the current exchange rate. The addition is, *The regional fund, part of which will be made up by the methods shown above, is to be used mainly for the cost of interpreters and translators, and for the maintenance of regional show materials and the Japan Region Web Site*. This is the argument at the last couple of meetings that we are collecting annual fee. We are completely eliminating the annual fee, but we still need the total budget to maintain our administration, so we changed to the completely voluntary contribution, which is, in other words, a donation that is no obligation whatsoever. Then, we feel we should be allowed to charge for some of the services, again, in order to maintain our administrative costs and support the regional activities.

**Newkirk:** What is presented here is incorrect. I think everybody will recall that when I made this originally, we eliminated the ¥10,000 fee, we left in item #1, which is copies of the translated show rules. She has in here that it's still free. That's not correct. We took free out, and I specifically stated that the rental fee of ¥5,000 and the discounted fee for advertising in the regional awards catalog at ¥3,000 – all of that was left in. It's in the minutes. That was all changed. Now, I think what they have eliminated here, their proposal, why wouldn't the Japanese version of the board minutes be presented to all the clubs? They want to eliminate that. We want the clubs to be informed of what's going on at the board. This takes it out. The detailed show schedule on the regional website – why in the world would you eliminate that from your website? How do people get on the website and know where the shows are? As I pointed out before, I went on there and went into the Google translation, and it doesn't look like it has been updated since 2006. Club links on the Japan Regional website. All the regions provide these services to their clubs. I know we have show schedules, a list of the clubs, the club secretaries. I'm not sure why they would want to eliminate all this from their website, but the current Article 7 is not correct. The free copies, “free” was eliminated. The free rental in #2, the “free” was eliminated and the rest of it is remaining the same, so I'm not sure if Satoh-san got confused, but I think all of you will remember that I specifically left those things in because the region ought to be able to charge the clubs that need these services, so if a club needs translated show rules or show standards, then yes, they should be able to charge them the ¥3,000 that's on here. That amounts to a little over \$30.00. If they want to rent the show materials, then they are allowed to

charge the clubs the ¥5,000. That was all left in. Now, they have bunched in with this proposal, and I don't know what the intent is here about the ¥1,000 fee. We voted against that in October and we voted against it in February when Satoh-san brought back her proposal to try to change it to a voluntary fee. It sets up two classes. The people in Japan don't like it. I was over there and I talked to them. The Japan Region gets a fair amount of donations. Hills-Colgate was a big sponsor for the Japan Region. I asked how much Hills-Colgate sponsors in their shows and to the region. For the regional show in January, it's about \$12,000 to \$20,000 that Hills-Colgate donates. For seminars, it's about \$4,000 each year. For the regional show in April, it's about \$6,000 a year. For the Japan awards banquet in July, it's about \$8,000 to \$12,000. If you add all that up, they get between \$30,000 to \$36,000 U.S. dollars donated to the Region from Hills-Colgate. Now, for them to come and ask the board to reinstate the \$100 fee is unconscionable, as far as I'm concerned. We told them no, we provided them a method for them to charge a fee for a service they provide. All the clubs should be entitled to go to the meetings. If they want to have delegates, that's fine. That's their business how they conduct their meetings, but if you're not a delegate, you can't even go into the meeting room. **DelaBar:** The board voted on what we wanted Japan to do in October. We voted on it again in February. If it has not been done, then let's have a motion stating something now, so we don't go over this again. No other region is so micromanaged as we do for Japan, so I want to hear a motion of some type of action. If they have not done that, then let's have a motion and ensure something. **Newkirk:** We just made a motion to change #5. I don't need to make a motion to make things stand the way they are. **DelaBar:** If they have not been changed at the direction of this board, then this board needs to do something. I can't make a motion. **Newkirk:** I made a motion on the board list. You asked me to withdraw it, and I did. **DelaBar:** So we could have it at the meeting. **Newkirk:** Then I'll make that motion that I made, and that is – now, it will be altered because we accepted the alteration to #5, but my motion was that it be placed on the opening page of the Japan website, in English and in Japanese, and that the rules that we changed in October be listed on their website. That's my motion and #5 altered, all the board minutes. **DelaBar:** That was all in the board minutes, that those portions of the board minutes be posted on their website. **Newkirk:** Yes. **DelaBar:** Discussion? I'm going to call the question. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Kallmeyer voting no.

**Anger:** Did you have a date on your motion, Darrell? **Newkirk:** It has been months, so – **DelaBar:** 1 July? 10 days. **Newkirk:** That's fine. Shino-san, July 1 on Japan website, she has to place the changed rules on the opening page of the Japan website, in English and Japanese. If it's better, August 1 is fine with me. **DelaBar:** 1 August, then. **Newkirk:** Shino-san, would August 1<sup>st</sup> be better? OK.

**Newkirk:** Thank you. **DelaBar:** Do you have any action items? We need to keep going. Any other reports from Japan? **Satoh:** To get approval for the proposed change for Article 7. **DelaBar:** Which was? **Satoh:** Which is adding, *CFA Japan region may receive voluntary contributions to maintain its regional administration. CFA Japan region may offer the following services to clubs for a charge.* First, copies of Japanese version of CFA show rules and CFA show standards for ¥3,000, and rental of regional show materials for ¥5,000. **Newkirk:** Shino-san, it already passed. **Satoh:** Oh, it is? Article 5 and 7? **Newkirk:** No, no. You have to go back to the October minutes. Japan Region can charge, not to every club but just the ones who want it, the translated show rules and show standards, the rental of the show equipment that the Japan

Region owns, they can charge a club only if they want to rent it. OK, do you understand? **Satoh:** Yes. **Newkirk:** And then the discount fee for advertising in the awards catalog. Japan Region can charge those things, but they still must provide, as we originally stated – Satoh-san’s proposal here deletes many things, but she cannot delete those, OK? Number 3, 4, 5 and 6 she has crossed out. They cannot cross out. **Satoh:** What about adding voluntary contribution? **Newkirk:** No. The board voted no. I can donate to my club or my region, but you can’t make a fee that’s voluntary. If you set a price for a voluntary fee, it’s not voluntary. **Satoh:** The voluntary fee is not stated. **DelaBar:** They didn’t state that. They just said that voluntary contributions would be accepted. **Newkirk:** You don’t have to have a motion to have somebody volunteer to donate to you. **Satoh:** So she can leave this statement on her rules? **DelaBar:** The statement is not needed. You don’t need it. **Newkirk:** She can’t change what we voted on. **DelaBar:** She is talking about show scheduling. **Satoh:** The reason one of the things of show schedule that the region has deleted is, it’s already on there so I thought it doesn’t have to be mentioned on there. It’s always on there. I thought that there was no need to mention it. **DelaBar:** Just as long as show schedules are on the website. That’s all.

#### *Article 10*

*Regional club meetings are held as regular club meeting (July meeting) or emergency meeting. ~~Those clubs who paid regional annual club fee by September 30<sup>th</sup> as described on Article 7 have a right to discuss and vote at the regional club meeting.~~ All clubs are invited to attend and participate. Those meetings need the presence of more than 50% of the club representatives, and need the major vote for the decision.*

**DelaBar:** OK, do we have anything else? OK, Darrell will provide the statement there that the board passed, OK? **Newkirk:** Number 5 is OK. **DelaBar:** Do we have anything else from Japan Region? **Satoh:** Is there any CFA rules or constitution stating that the Japan Rules have to be on the website? **Newkirk:** Yes, we made that motion. **DelaBar:** Yes, the Board of Directors moved in October and again was ratified in February, so that was the reason for that. **Newkirk:** And we just passed a motion that these have to be put on the opening page of the website. **DelaBar:** And Darrell will provide that. The board wants all the rules out in front, so everybody knows. Thank you.



(14) **2010 ANNUAL MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE.**

Midwest Regional Director Nancy Petersen presented an update on the 2010 Annual.

**Committee Chairs:** *Pat Jacobberger and Gary Powell*  
**Liaison to Board:** *Nancy Petersen*  
**Committee Members:** *Larry Adkison, Beth Cassely, Bob Farber, Candilee Jackson, Kirk Jackson, Beth Newkirk, Nancy Petersen, Jill Singer, Kathy Vonaswege, Bobbie Weihrauch*

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**Finances and Fundraising Efforts:**

- *We have secured considerable corporate funding as well as private and member club funding for the various events.*
- *It appears that at this time, we will be able to leave at least \$10,000 in the coffers to start the work towards 2017.*

**Completed Activities:**

- *The delegate books were printed and on their way to the Hyatt by June 8, 2010. (Candilee Jackson with Pat Jacobberger)*
- *The delegate bags arrived June 1, 2010 and they are cuter than you can imagine! (Bobbie Weihrauch – Bag Lady)*
- *June 22, 2010 - delegate bags will be assembled. We have the membership of the host club, Twin City Cat Fanciers, helping. The motto is the more the merrier! The sooner we get done the better. If you are available that evening, great! Come join us in the Exhibition Hall at the Hyatt.*
- *We have 11 vendors (Bob Farber – Coordinator)*

**Hospitality Events:**

- *Delegate Check-in will start the afternoon of June 24 in the Exhibition Hall. We have arranged for a cash bar to help delegates get into the swing of things. Twin City Cat Fanciers is acting as the host club and members will be there to assist with the check-in and also will act as ambassadors throughout the planned events.*
- *The Thursday, June 24 (sponsored by Royal Canin, Quad City CC, Hawkeye State CC, X-O and the MWR) Minnesota Picnic is set to go (Brian Tripp with Larry Adkison). We've arranged some special entertainment for our delegates:*
  - *A Mystic Cat Reader who uses Cat Tarot Cards – what will she predict for YOU?!*
  - *Seated Chair Massage – Pat and Gary get to go first!*
  - *A Caricature Artist – get a GROUP together!*

- *Henna Body Painting – Darrell, your appointment is at 10:00 PM.*
- *Also Thursday evening, the MWR is hosting the supper for the CFA Judge’s Workshop.*
- *Friday morning IAMS is sponsoring the Continental Breakfast for the Delegates.*
- *Friday afternoon refreshment break is sponsored by the MWR.*
- *Friday night!!! We have over 50 great prizes for Cat-sino Royale! This hospitality suite is sponsored by Royal Canin, T.G.I.F. CF, Mo-Kan CC and Lakes Country Cat Club. The suite opens at 8:00 PM. Each person attending has a chance to win a really nice prize! (Larry Adkison – Hospitality Coordinator)*
- *Annual Awards Banquet is ready to go. Room set-up starts Saturday at 12 noon. (Beth Newkirk – Banquet Decorations)*
- *Celebration Party with a DJ and Ice Cream Sundaes is scheduled Saturday night after the banquet (sponsored by Bob and Diana Doernberg and Rick Hoskinson in honor of CFA’s Best Cat and Royal Canin).*

**Action Items:**

*There are none at this time.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Pat Jacobberger Co-chair with Gary Powell*

**Petersen:** As far as I know, everything is running very well. They haven’t been calling me, so that’s good. However, by not going through check-in ourselves, none of you got the t-shirt you were supposed to get, so please stop by registration tomorrow morning and claim a t-shirt. Otherwise, Dee Dee, you do want all the regional directors to participate tomorrow night in handing out awards? **Cantley:** Yes. I sent an email to all the regional directors, and they are going to, as well as I have 3 or 4 men who are going to help with the breed awards. **DelaBar:** Thank you very much. Anything else, Nancy? **Petersen:** No. It’s going well and we don’t think we will break the bank. We think we will actually have significant funds left to help support the region after this. **DelaBar:** Very good. Congratulations.

## (15) PUBLICATIONS.

**Executive Director Allene Tartaglia** presented the following report:

*In an effort to avoid duplication between publications, at the February 2010 meeting the Board endorsed the idea of scaling back the Online Almanac (OLA) by removing articles of general interest and placing them in either the Yearbook or on the CFA website, CatsCenterstage or some other online format. The OLA's focus will be scoring and shows as that is of most interest to Online Almanac subscribers; the focus of the Yearbook would continue to be for historical purposes; and items appearing online would be of general interest to the cat owning public. There is still a minor amount of necessary duplication. Although much of the information proposed to stay in the OLA and the Yearbook could be published online in the CFA website, if we want to continue with these "for fee" publications, we must keep some information exclusive to the respective publications. Below is a proposed list of items for each area. I will be working with the Publications Committee to firm up the content of each list. The transition would happen over a period of months to be completed by February 1, 2011.*

### **Online Almanac**

- Scoreboard, perhaps expanded to weekly updates with tab-delimited text importable into Excel
- Epoints
- Show Counts
- Judge and Clerk lists with full info
- White Pages
- Grand & DM Photos & Lists (Monthly)
- Show Stat Listing (show number, date, # of paid entries, etc.)
- Registration Stat listing (popularity chart, breed code chart, etc.)
- Central Office Personnel

**CFA site or CatsCenterstage** (\*Items currently in the OLA and duplicated either on the website and/or in the Yearbook)

- National/Regional Awards\*
- Articles of general interest such as photography
- New Product info
- Judge and Clerk lists - abbreviated to include no address info
- Judging Program Applicants\*
- Exhibitor of the Year articles\*
- CFA Meeting Calendar\*

### **Yearbook**

- National/Regional Awards
- National Top Cats/Kittens/Cats in Premiership Article
- Judge Photos and Info
- Statistical Info and Articles (shows, DM, and any other similar info)
- Club List
- Complete Grand & DM lists and photos
- Exhibitor of the Year Articles
- Compete Minutes (not just summary)
- Breed Articles

- Club applicants\*
- Declared Candidate listing, statements and Q&A\*
- Breed Council Secretary Listing\*
- Donations\* (Winn, CFA Foundation, Legislative, etc.)
- Photographer Listing
- Suspensions\*
- Central Office Personnel
- Breed Articles (If previously published in the Yearbook, they could be moved online once a new Yearbook is published.)

*Action Item: Endorse the ongoing restructuring of info to appear in the OLA, Yearbook and on the web.*

**Tartaglia:** We talked about restructuring, and what would be included in the online Almanac versus the Yearbook versus Cats CenterStage. What I have provided is an outline of a proposed restructuring. It's not set in concrete, but it's there for your review. The Publications Committee still has to take a look at this. If you have any comments or feed-back, I would love to hear it. **DelaBar:** You have this as an action item. You want to withdraw the action item? **Tartaglia:** No, it's just to endorse the online restructuring info. I would like to move ahead with it. **DelaBar:** OK, I need a motion. **Johnson:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(16) **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:** Regional Chairs; John Bierrie, Food Pantry

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The group continues to work hard to find placement for all the cats that need a place to go because of the present economic trends and older breeders finding it is time to stop their programs and place their cats. I thought you would enjoy reading a couple of emails that tell the story better than I can. I have removed all the pertinent information so as not to give away the identity.*

3/11/2010

*Subject: Breeders Assistance*

*My name is CFA Breeder. My Cattery name is CFA Cattery. I have put off writing this message as long as I can, but find I must now do so. Your mission to help people neuter/spay and find adoptive homes, are the services I desperately need.*

*I do not wish to go into the lengthy details of my decline but I am gravely ill and have been for the last ten years. I am physically disabled and last year further causes of illness have determined that my time is limited. Due to medical bills my financial resources are strained. My husband is currently looking after the cats, but is unwilling to do so any longer and will probably not be in the picture soon.*

*My greatest fear and concern is that my cats will be placed in secure and safe home environments. If we find that cannot be ensured it would be better and more responsible to have them put down.*

*I currently have 44 ranging in age from 11 years to 2 years. A few are neutered / spayed, but most are not. My husband agreed to help me keep 8. These are the oldest who would be difficult to place and have some health issues. We will make the hard decisions when the time comes in regard to these.*

*Please let me know in what way you can help me.*

*Thank you for your time.*

*CFA Breeder*

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5/25/2010

*Subject: Thank You*

*Regional Coordinator, I just wanted to send you a personal note to extend my gratitude to the great service you did for me and my cherished cats. The decision to shut down my breeding program and having to place the bulk of my kits was heart wrenching and something I will never quite forgive myself for or be able to forget.*

*You made the experience bearable and offered not only the means but a great deal of comfort and compassion. There are so few people like you in CFA I do hope you can stay the course as I could not. As long as I am still here if there is any way in which I could help or assist you, please let me know I will happily bear testimony to anyone who is needing your services, but teetering on the edge. Also, give the valuable information that you are not just here to “take people’s cats away from them” due to shameful circumstances.*

*Many blessings always*

*CFA Breeder*

*Ps as I get my feet back under me I will be going through my cages, supplies, cage curtains, bowls etc.... I am going to offer them as donations to the 3 organizations that took my cats. It will be a bit yet, but I will get to it ☺*

*The Regional Coordinators try to be compassionate and not judge any of the cases. They work to involve the breeder in the decisions and make them part of the process, allowing them to have some control over the process. This is important in getting the kitties properly placed with all the information available. This is good for the kitties, good for the breeder and it also allows for closure.*

*I wanted you to have some idea of how many calls we get for help. This is just one coordinator so you can see what the volume could potentially be nationwide. 398 emails, 113 first time calls placement of 187 cats and one hamster and home care for 44 cats. It really gives you an idea of the need for what we are doing!*

*Food Pantry: Our food pantry is totally empty and we are hoping that Royal Canin or Iams will be able to help us soon. John has been getting stores to donate what has needed the last few weeks but we will have to find another source soon as there are too many people out there who really need this service. We can buy it of course but that takes away from paying medical bills for the cats we have under our care until they make it to their forever homes.*

### **Treasurers Report**

*Hello All,*

*A month of a few donations and a few paid bills. Wells Fargo Bank = \$4577.70, PayPal = \$267.45 (\$500 transferred to bank from PayPal on 5/12/10).*

*The attachment shows a “loss” of \$106.93 -- the difference between \$305 in donations and \$411.93 in expenses paid. \$17.60 was for postage (since the “rescue” stamp was issued I bought*

needed postage). \$394.33 was vet expenses paid directly to the Animal Care Clinic & Animal Savers Rescue for vet bills on the most recent Georgia Persian rescue.

The donations were \$205 from a variety of individuals in Memory of Susan Ferguson (our condolences), and \$100 from the Lucky Tom CC, MO for use when we have some Region 6 expenses.

As always, should anyone have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Falteisek - Treasurer

### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

We have reviewed our guidelines and are re-working some of the forms and the wording to make it easier for individuals to complete.

You have a copy of the Cattery Organizing System. Ginger has a prototype for the booklet. Please give us any input on what else you feel it needs and what direction you would like to see us go with this.

### **Future Projections for Committee:**

To get more people involved. Work on some grants for funding of rescue.

### **Action Items:**

In getting ready for the upcoming court case one of the things that they asked for was a written policy when we suspend someone when civil authorities are involved. We could find lots of proof that we've done it for a long time but no actual written policy. I will be taking documents to court starting in 1996 up thru present to show we did not single any individual out it is a "policy". However, if the need should ever arise again I believe we need a written policy. I have written one below please confirm it and I will make sure Diane Vetterl has a copy for any such challenges in the future.

### **Animal Welfare suspension policy when civil authorities are involved:**

When Civil Authority is involved in an Animal Welfare case the individual(s) will be temporarily suspended from all CFA services pending an investigation and board action.

### **Time Frame:**

### **What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda M. Berg

**Meeker:** We do have an action item, and that's permission to move forward with the cattery organization system. We're designing to possibly get a sponsor for, and to be a fundraiser

for Breeder Assistance and Animal Welfare. **DelaBar:** we have one action item. It's the Animal Welfare Suspension Policy. We don't have this in writing. We took cases from 1996 forward to the hearing, to show that the individual involved had not been singled out for any punitive measures. **Miller:** I remember when all of this came about, when Linda [Berg] was on the board. In addition to any civil authority, I remember that if we had evidence of newspaper articles, that was going to be the basis of suspension, as well. **DelaBar:** I was still in charge of Animal Welfare when we came up with this particular one. We did put down specifically for civil court. So, would you like to move that? **Meeker:** I would like to move that. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Miller:** Ginger, please tell Linda and everyone else that this is just so important. I thought the use of the individual comments was absolutely marvelous in the report. You get a real feel for how meaningful this effort is, and everybody that's working on it is doing so much to prevent legislation. It's a tremendous tie-in to what's going on here and I want to say that I think it's fantastic. I hope you get more donations. It is an excellent report. **Meeker:** I agree, and I'm concerned that our food pantry is currently empty, so any ideas are welcome and any donations are welcome. Please remember that Breeder Assistance is a 501(c)(3) and it's tax deductible.



(17) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

1. *Monitoring CFA's DNA Program*
2. *Communication by phone and e-mail with clients*
3. *Coordination of web-site changes for the DNA program*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

1. *Daily troubleshooting and answering client questions on test results and their sample status at the labs.*
2. *Web-site changes involving CFA's DNA program*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*CFA's DNA program is a project that has never been attempted by anyone in the Cat Fancy. ..there are no guidelines, and it must constantly evolve to meet the demands of a Worldwide program. New science...and a groundbreaking program equals many changes as our project matures. We are presently restructuring CFA's entire DNA testing program. I will bring you up to date.*

**Action Items:**

*None*

**Time Frame:**

*None*

**What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*An update on CFA's DNA testing project*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Roger Brown, DVM*

**Brown:** I liken the report to the readers that love to read fiction. There are two types of readers; those who go all the way through the book and suffer until the last page to find the end result, and then there's the other reader that goes through the book and gets half way through,

can't stand the suspense any longer and goes to the back page to find out what happened. I'm going to be like that. The DNA problem has been solved and there will be a happy ending. Dr. Melba Ketchum of Shelterwood Laboratory has been our primary service provider since the beginning of our CatGenes program. During the last 9 months, we have been working very hard to address the problems that have been associated with this program. In February, Kitty Angell, Roeann and I visited the lab to address these problems. We gave it a few weeks and we found the problems were not being addressed, so on April 15<sup>th</sup>, we pulled the order page from the CFA CatGenes website. We did this for two reasons: one, to give her the opportunity to catch up on the timelines, on the orders that we already had in-house in the lab that had to be processed, and the other one was to keep it down permanently if these problems were not addressed. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, it was determined that Shelterwood was unable to meet the requirements that we asked for in February, and the contract agreement was terminated. Dr. Ketchum mailed a letter to us, giving the effective date of the termination, April 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, and in terminating the contract she promised us that she would process all the DNA samples that had been sent to her by April 15<sup>th</sup> and would render the appropriate reports. This is in writing and this is a promise. CFA still has a contractual agreement with Texas A&M. Texas A&M was simply serving as a research arm or a back-up laboratory that would run retests if the original testing provided markers that were inconclusive. We have begun a search. In April, we started a search throughout the United States, talking to the various DNA labs asking them about their ability to continue the program that was already started and we ended up talking with Dr. Gus Cothran at Texas A&M, and their service lab will be glad to take over the program. It will be a seamless transition from Shelterwood labs to the service lab at Texas A&M, and they will provide us with the same type of service with SNP testing, the same number of tests, and they are even adding three new tests. We found during the conference call with Dr. Cothran that he was actually the person that designed the chip in the first place, so we feel that the change will be seamless. He promised a turn-around time of 2 weeks and said that most of the things get out of his lab in 10 days. The only problem would be during the Christmas break and the Spring break. At Christmas, they have a 2-week break and Spring break is 5 days, but he said that they would still try to honor a 2-week turn-around time. We went through an extensive search process and we had very strong feelings about trying to utilize Davis, the VGL testing program. We have the highest regard for the VGL lab for Dr. Leslie Lyons, Dr. Neils Pedersen and for Cecelia, who is the manager of the lab, but the contract that was sent to us was one that CFA, in our present financial position, would not be able to handle. There were 8 parts to the contract that created a problem for us. The first one was that we must provide no fewer than 5,000 samples in one year, and for any deficit in that 5,000 number, we had to pay an extra \$2 per sample that we were short, to the laboratory as a fine. The second problem was that UC Davis still reserved the right to independently test other animals from other registries, so basically instead of having CFA maintaining a worldwide program of cross-registries, we would just simply be servicing CFA. The pricing was a problem, in that what we can get at Texas A&M for less than \$50 would cost \$150-\$180 for the same test. Another problem was limitation of liability. Davis would limit the liability to the price of the test. This is not the case at Texas A&M. They have insurance that covers problems associated with any litigation that would be involved if someone questioned a test. The contract also states that CFA would have to indemnify and hold harmless UC Davis; however, we did not receive the same indemnification. It also said that the contract was not negotiable, so the contract could not be changed and would be as written. So, we look forward to our association with Texas A&M. We already have a year left with them on our three-year

contract, and they will be doing a chip that checks 64 different markers, all through the SNP program, and we will be charged \$45 for each test and CFA will be charging \$55 and this will give CFA a \$10 profit on each test submitted. That ends my report. **DelaBar:** Thank you, Roger. I know this has been a long, drawn out process to finally get this nailed down. Texas A&M enjoys a very good reputation with its veterinary school. **Brown:** I would like to add one thing. Texas A&M has built their laboratory in a huge new building that will incorporate teaching, research and the service lab, all in the same building. As we speak, they are in the process of moving to the new building. The move will take less than 2 weeks, so we have a brand new facility, the equipment is state of the art and they have a Biotrove, just like Shelterwood had. **DelaBar:** Thank you very much.

**(18) WORLD CAT CONGRESS REPORT.**

**CFA President and World Cat Congress President Pam DeLaBar** presented the following report:

*The World Cat Congress was founded in 1996 to promote harmony among the major cat associations in the world. CFA is a charter member along with FIFE, TICA, WCF, and ACF. Four additional associations have been added to the membership to include GCCF, NZCF, SACC, and CCCA. This year's meeting was hosted by CCCA (Coordinating Cat Council of Australia), the largest association in Australia. CCCA hosted a two-day show sponsored by Royal Canin (Royal Canin world headquarters is the sole sponsor of the World Cat Congress). With a few exceptions, all participating delegates and organization representatives judged the show.*

*A seminar was held the Friday preceding the show. Each organization gave a presentation on their organizations and significant events since the last meeting. I was very proud to show a short PowerPoint presentation of our Meet the Breeds Event with AKC, and our CatGenes program. One interesting note: we advertise CFA as being the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats; TICA advertises as the world's largest genetic registry; and, FIFE is now advertising as the world's largest feline association. Hopefully we will soon be able to add CFA is also the world's largest DNA registry of pedigreed cats. Another interesting presentation was given by the local Victoria animal control chief who presented reasons why breeder restrictive laws should be enacted in Melbourne and the surrounding communities. Needless to say, he was fair game. After explaining to him the error of his theories (breeders do NOT contribute to the shelter population, inc.) and being supported by the local genetics experts and a member of parliament, he remained sullenly quiet for the rest of the seminar.*

*The business meeting was not without controversy. Prior to the weekend, I asked the secretary/treasurer if she received our dues; she hadn't. I told her I would pay our dues myself. At the start of the business meeting our right to vote was challenged by two organizations because the dues had not been paid prior to the meeting. I explained my conversation with the secretary/treasurer and our right to vote was upheld by a vote of the members. Additionally there was discussion on who should initiate projects and programs, how often the officers should teleconference, etc. Schedules were set and projects were then approved. I have spoken with Joan Miller about providing generic information for WCC website concerning dealing with restrictive breeder legislation. Too often the other organizations feel they have no recourse in fighting these restrictions. Another project for the WCC website is the comparison of breeds across the WCC member organizations. We are tackling this project by breed alphabetically and I do have a form I will provide to the Breeds and Standards chair.*

*The World Cat Congress does work and is effective in promoting harmony among the member organizations. We have an effective means of communication and problem solving because we do have face to face communication. Currently we are working with FIFE to identify individuals and/or clubs participating in "baby salon" shows. Eight week old and younger kittens are sold at these shows, thus the name "baby salon". (As an aside, I attended the FIFE AGM this year in Albufeira, Portugal, at my own expense, and fully participated and observed all open meetings and judges' training.)*

*I have one more year left on my term as president of the World Cat Congress . The next meeting is hosted by SACC (Southern Africa Cat Council) in Johannesburg, South Africa, date to be announced. I highly recommend continued participation by CFA in this worthy endeavor and do recommend the CFA delegate be a member of the judging program and someone with international judging experience. This not only adds to the credibility of the delegate (and organization) but is essential to deal with some of the issues facing the cat fancy worldwide.*

*Respectfully submitted:  
Pam DelaBar*

**DelaBar:** I have been working with FIFe. There is such a thing called “baby salons” that are turning up in Russia and these are shows of some sort. Basically, they are for sale markets with kittens 8 weeks and younger. Fortunately, it doesn’t look like it is anything having to do with either TICA or CFA. This is the type of coordinated action that we’re working on for the benefit of both associations. I said in the last paragraph, *I have one more year left on my term as president of the World Cat Congress . The next meeting is hosted by the Southern Africa Cat Council in Johannesburg, South Africa, date to be announced. I highly recommend continued participation by CFA in this worthy endeavor and do recommend the CFA delegate be a member of the judging program and someone with international judging experience.* So they at least know what’s going on, they establish credibility and can talk on the same level as the other delegates. That’s the way it has been set up. It’s not a hard and fast rule. Rachel has been to a meeting, she knows what’s going on and to be able to communicate with some level of knowledge is my recommendation. That’s it for my report.

**(19) CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM REPORT.**

**Ambassador Program Liaison Carissa Altschul** presented the following report:

**Ambassador Program Chair:** Willa Hawke  
**Liaison to Board:** Carissa Altschul  
**Committee Members:** Willa Hawke, Jodell Raymond, Karen Lane, Art Graafmans

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**Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Ambassador Program continues to remain very active since the last CFA Board meeting. Art, Karen, Jodell, and I held our annual planning session on February 13-14, 2010 in Orange County, CA. We determined the feasibility of an Ambassador Cat Program along with an outline of its scope and logistics, reviewed Ambassador program operations and management activities to assure continued growth and success, discussed ways to assist the European RC with Ambassador Outreach efforts in an effort to grow a successful Ambassador program in Europe, discussed Asia's and Japan's progress and have determined where we can be of further assistance and support in strengthening those areas, and began to develop a strategic plan outline for 2010-2011.*

*Two new RCs are now in place. They are Carmen Marie Johnston, Region 4 (Rochester, NY) and Region 3 Janice Walkingstick (Oklahoma). The two new Regional Coordinators join the other 13 U.S. and 5 overseas Regional Coordinators. We now have 320 Ambassadors enrolled in the program.*

*We have updated the RC Position Description to allow the position to be more flexible and to easily adapt to the needs of each region.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*IAMS has agreed to fund our program for another year so that we can continue our presence in major shows and events such as Meet the Breeds, increase our presence in the International Divisions, and cover printing and shipping costs for marketing materials.*

*In addition to our initial requests, Proctor & Gamble approved two additional requests asking for IAMs to become involved in and provide funding for a new IAMs Ambassador Cat Program and a new IAMs Ambassador Coupon Program. Details for both of these programs will be unveiled during the CFA delegates meeting on Friday.*

*During April, I traveled to Hong Kong to judge a show and during that time I met with our Regional Coordinator, Phebe Low. We discussed projected needs for the Program's increased presence there. As a result of that meeting, Phebe forwarded a list of anticipated budget requirements for items including additional materials, printing, and translations of our materials (five languages in all). She will soon be sending the names of translators and the completed budget for funds to accomplish this objective.*

*During September, I am scheduled to travel to Germany for a judging assignment. While I am*

*there and as a part of the commitment with IAMS to increase presence in the International Division, I plan to set up meeting(s) with the Europeans to discuss details of the Ambassador program in Europe.*

*We are currently reviewing Japan's progress and assessing where we can be of further assistance and support in strengthening their region.*

*Regional Coordinator Workshop Plans are underway for a workshop to update RC's on the status of the program and to review best practices. The workshop is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 25 after the Delegates Meeting. Place TBA.*

*The Strategic Plan Outline has been completed and is submitted for review.*

**Time Frame:**

*June-October 2010.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*The future projections for the committee include a continued effort for strategic national and international program components with a focus on continued outreach efforts that strengthen our relationship with our sponsor and the public-at-large and ensure continued program success.*

**Action Items:**

- 1. Implement Ambassador Program operations and management activities to assure continued growth and success.*
- 2. Upon sponsor approval, implementation of an Ambassador Cat and Ambassador Coupon Program along with an outline of scope and logistics.*
- 3. Assist the European RC with Ambassador Outreach efforts in an effort to grow a successful Ambassador program in Europe, finalize Asia's project plan, and review Japan's progress and determine where we can be of further assistance and support in strengthening those areas.*
- 4. Develop a final strategic plan for 2010-2011.*

**What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

- 1. Follow up on Action Item requests.*
- 2. A final strategic plan for board review.*

*Remember - The Ambassadors are the Face of CFA!*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Willa K. Hawke, Chair &*

*Jodell Raymond, Team Leader  
CFA Ambassador Program*



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

*Committee Chair: Nancy Petersen*

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**Current Activity:**

*There is no current activity.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Petersen, Chair*

(21) **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*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Foundation Activities:**

*The fiscal year ended for the Foundation on April 30, 2010. Our financial position is solid at this time. The investment firm chosen by our Treasurer, Jan Rogers, has done an outstanding job working with an investment firm for the bulk of our funds. At this time, we see between \$20,000 and \$30,000 interest income annually on our funds, and this allows us enough income to pursue modest activities and potentially purchase art or other materials of a historical nature.*

*The insurance company who insures CFA now insures the Foundation as well, and covers our storage units. The storage areas for our materials are air-conditioned and secure.*

*We are still in the organizational stages of development, and our goal of completing the inventory of prior donations is coming along. We have catalogued all of the books we have in the Phoenix storage area, and we have listed duplicate books for sale on our website. Rachel Anger has taken over the responsibility for sending letters of acknowledgement to donors.*

*We have two full copies of the CFA Yearbooks in excellent condition in storage, and a full set of the CFA Almanacs as well. In addition, we have two sets of CFA Stud Books (one with missing volume 16 and 4 photocopied books). We have some yearbooks from other associations, and they continue to come in slowly.*

*Jan Rogers has assumed responsibility for the storage we have in Virginia which includes figurines, artwork, furniture and other collectibles from the Wheeldon estate, and has visited the storage area and begun the process of inventorying the items we will be keeping and selling the items that we will not keep. She will be moving the contents of the storage unit to Texas where she and Chris Willingham will be able to access the items.*

*A donation by Paul Patton of his services to scan all of the breed articles in the Yearbooks and the Almanacs was gratefully acknowledged by our Board in June 2009. Paul is doing this as time permits and is sending us disks of data as available*

*We have started a digital collection of newspaper articles about cats and cat shows which can be displayed with our booth. We are asking people to go back into their files and provide us with old newspaper articles that appeared in conjunction with their shows or about cats.*

*Karen Lawrence and Hilary Helmrich wrote an article about the CFA Foundation which was published in the 2010 CFA Yearbook and which has received favorable reviews by cat fanciers. This article will be on our website for people to read next year when the agreement with CFA*

*expires. The agreement prohibits the republication of these items for a proscribed period. The article describes our history and shows photos of some of our artifacts.*

*We have developed two booths for exhibition in 30x10 foot spaces so that we can have different booths for the public to look at. The booths include artwork, advertising materials over 100 years, various medals given out at cat shows, old carriers, figurines and jewelry from our collection. Our booth was exhibited at "Meet the Breeds" in New York City in October 2009 and at the CFA International Show in November 2009. Foundation members manned the booth at both events.*

*We have put together mailing lists for our newsletter using names received during the Meet the Breeds and CFA International Show when we raffled two Sherpa Cat Carriers donated by the company to the Foundation. These mailing lists have been used for solicitations.*

*We are in the process of changing our bylaws and constitution to broaden our historical perspective on the cat. We continue to look for cat history items online as well as soliciting (mostly by word of mouth) from exhibitors and people interested in pedigreed cats.*

*We were featured on a calendar of events on the internet and have received a couple of donations from that feature page. One of the donations proved to be substantial.*

### **Current Happenings of Foundation:**

*The Foundation is still in organizational stages. We are actively searching for a home since we currently have three storage units: two full of our materials: (one 10' x 10' unit and one 10' x 20' unit) and one 10' x 10' unit that has the booth materials in it.*

*We are looking for space to rent which includes both display and office space. This will give us a permanent display area, and a place to display the yearbooks, almanacs, stud books, and books that we have currently. The space will have a small area with duplicate books for sale, as well as a children's area with books, toys, and reading area. This should attract children's groups or school classes.*

*The Foundation has been working behind the scenes with Art Graafman from Southwest Region to have Art photograph the scroll donated by the Hong Kong group for use during CFA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2006. Art and Richard Katris has opened the scroll and photographed it using a special camera setup which gives a very clear print of the hand-painted silk. He has generously donated his time and the cost of camera setup and film. He has also airbrushed out the minor damage from the CFA International Show. The print is beautiful and suitable for use by CFA. Hilary has informed the CFA President of the generous donation by Art Graafman. He has agreed to make one full-sized copy of the scroll for CFA at no charge, in exchange for the scroll to be given to the Foundation. We will await the CFA Board approval of this plan.*

*We have been corresponding with the publishers of FUR and FEATHER, a British weekly publication from 1892 to 2008. The publisher has the entire collection of the magazine as well as other books published early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They want to place this unique publication and these books in the hands of a Foundation that would use them as part of their collection. We are*

*negotiating with the publisher at this time. These publications are invaluable as a resource for the origins of breeds and the matings that were being done 100 years ago.*

*Karen and Hilary visited the Cat Museum in Kuching, Sarawak in March 2010. This museum has many figurines and pieces of art about cats. Our Foundation has some items which we could donate to the Cat Museum in Kuching to begin an exchange with other museums around the world. Our Board will take up this subject at our June Board meeting. Our intent is to offer them a full sized copy of the CFA Scroll donated by the Hong Kong CC for CFA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, some of our US Postage Cat Stamps, and some miscellaneous artwork owned by the Foundation.*

**Future Projections for Foundation:**

*Our annual meeting will take place at the same time as the CFA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN in June 2010. At that time, we will finalize budgets and plans for 2010 and 2011.*

*The Foundation will find a suitable property to rent or lease in the coming year so that we will have an address and a gallery to begin our collection displays as well as work space to catalog items.*

*We hope to finalize the purchase of the FUR and FEATHER archive in the near future. This will give us a history of the cat fancy in England.*

*On visiting the Cat Museum in Kuching, Sarawak in March 2010, Karen Lawrence had the idea that the Foundation should develop a relationship with the Kuching Museum. To that end, a group of items suitable for donation to the Kuching Museum has been collected. We plan to offer these items to the Kuching Museum over the summer and hope that they will send us some items from their collection which we can display. This will be the first time that our Foundation has one this kind of donation. We hope that this will be the beginning of relationships with other museums around the world.*

**Action Items:**

*None*

**Donations for the fiscal year 2009 (May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010):**

*6/19/2009 Beverly Bragdon Morris Animal Foundation HHP trophy*

*6/28/2009 Dee White book, "Cats and People"*

*6/29/2009 Pat Lichtenberg tradecards and postcards*

*7/6/2009 Karen Lawrence Abyssinian Breed Award Winners Booklet 2008-2009*

*7/19/2009 Karen Lawrence 10 boxes of assorted cat related magazines*

*7/21/2009 Andy Lawrence 7 antique storyboards by Harry Whittier Frees*

*11/21/2009 Tetsu Yamazaki Manx memorabilia from the Isle of Man*

*12/12/2009 Charles Ober 1967 CFA Yearbook*

*12/31/2009 Patricia Nell Warren historical paperwork related to the development of the Somali*

*12/25/2009 Sarah Bixler: Almanacs and Abyssinian Historical Material*

*02/00/2010 Jan Rogers: Collections plate "formalities", Cat Figurine, Victorian cat card 1985 (from National Birman Fanciers), Group Cats by Walter Chandoha from Paula Boroff, Complete Book of the Cat donated by Diane Dunn, Cat Figurine 1981 from Anna Sadler Collection; Cat Figurine "Milly" by Jim Shore, 2007; China Cat Fanciers Catalog Beijing 2009; The Aqua Eye, July 2009; 2009 Gulf Shore Regional Awards program; Malta Cat Society 2009; Poster Cat Friends of Asia, Dec 2008*

*03/00/2010 Norma Placchi – Havana Brown Award plaques; Sacramento CF Catalog for show Feb 26-27, 1966; AristoCat show catalog pages for Abyssinians 1959; Set of pictures containing cat carrier (1946) built by Warrens for shipping cats; magazines*

*2/5/2010 Sarawak CC – Banner from first show in Kuching (from Jan Rogers)*

*04/00/2010 – Tracy Palmer bowl and pitcher (Laurel Burch design)*

*04/00/2010 – Pat Jacobberger book "Adventures in Judging by Pat Jacobberger (including wishes from friends)*

*A few monetary donations were received this year:*

*6/18/2009 Church of Jesus Christ Latter Days Saints Foundation (Matching fund donation)*

*5/23/2009 Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers*

*5/9/2009 Kim Bass*

*4/18/2009 Utah Cat Fanciers*

**Anger:** We are having our Foundation meeting after the close of business on Sunday to discuss ongoing issues. We have a tremendous amount of Foundation archival property that we would love to have a museum for some day and that is still what we have our eyes on. We will be discussing that more at length at our meeting on Sunday, but things are moving along. **Miller:** Rachel, one of the questions I have on this is that I read in here that you are going to be reviewing your Bylaws. Is that right? **Mare:** That's true. **Miller:** My concern is that an organization called the "CFA Foundation", how can we insure that this organization remains actually part of CFA? I know that the Winn Foundation is now a separate organization established by CFA. **Anger:** So is this. **Miller:** But it may not ever be connected to CFA some day. Those of us who may have left our money in our wills for Win and the CFA Foundation are a little concerned. Will it be still a part of CFA? I wondered, when you are reviewing your bylaws, if something can be put in there that there will always be some connection to CFA. I'm

getting worried about all these 501(c)(3)'s that drift off. **Anger:** What I can tell you is that nothing has changed in the Bylaws. Our relationship with CFA is the same as it has always been. We have no intention of changing that. **Miller:** What is it, then? **Anger:** It's a separate organization that is – **Miller:** A separate organization. **Anger:** - and it always has been. **Miller:** Yeah, I know but if there is something that can be added to assure that they will be connected with CFA. That's my question. **Anger:** I believe there is a reference in our bylaws and constitution now, but I won't have that until Sunday. **DelaBar:** You can take that concern to the meeting on Sunday. **Anger:** Joan has brought this same issue up several times before. Nothing has changed since that time. David might be able to answer a little better. **Mare:** One of the things that we did to hopefully allay the fear was to abandon the idea of changing the name to the Feline Historical Foundation because at the time we felt we could embrace other associations to work with us in developing this archive. Your concern and other people's concerns encouraged us to leave the name as the CFA Foundation. Hopefully, that would accommodate that. We are a separate entity, a 501(c)(3). There is little we can do to change that except to assure you that we will continue to call it the CFA Foundation and those people who are associated with it are CFA people. **Miller:** The breed rescue group used to be CFA, too, and then gradually one by one the board members left and it became another organization which finally disappeared. **DelaBar:** That's so we could give donations to it. **Cantley:** I would like to have it on record that I would like to encourage the regional directors to donate their regional awards booklets to the Foundation, because after all they are historical records, and some of those cats were never in our national awards booklets. It would be nice to see. It's only 8 booklets a year at this point which shouldn't take up too much space, but it would be nice to have that record going to the Foundation. I'm going to donate my last 2 years that I was RD to the Foundation, so I will be sending those off, so I would like to encourage the rest of the RD's to do it, as well. **Anger:** We have had some interesting donations and something that was exciting to us was when the CFA Foundation spontaneously appeared on the "Cat a Day" Workman desk calendar. It had our website on there also. We were very happy to see that promotion of us. We don't know where it came from, but we were happy to receive it. We sent them a thank you letter, and we would be happy to have them feature us again on a future Cat of the Day calendar. **DelaBar:** Very good, thank you.

(22) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Clerking Program Liaison **Debbie Kusy** presented the following report:

**Committee Chair:** *John Hiemstra*  
**Liaison to the Board:** *Debbie Kusy*  
**List of Committee Members:** *Rhonda Avery, Ronna Colilla, Cheryl and Perry Coleman, Megan Hiemstra, Jeri Zottoli*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The CFA clerking test has been mailed. Thanks to Rhonda Avery and Megan Hiemstra for their contributions in preparing this year's clerking exam. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to those individuals who were willing to serve on this year's clerking committee.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*One domestic clerking school has been held since the last report, in Northville Michigan, taught by Megan Hiemstra on May 23, 2010. Another clerking school is planned for Saturday, July 16, 2010 in conjunction with Garden State Cat Club's show in New Jersey, to be instructed by Debbie Kusy.*

*The following clerking schools have been held internationally since the last report: China, Friday April 16, 2010 - instructor Bob Zenda. Hong Kong - Friday April 23, 2010 - instructor Dick Kallmeyer, Assistant Vera Chan. Malta, Friday April 24, 2010 - instructor Reto Gfeller. Denmark, May 22, 2010 - instructor Henny Wintershoven. Japan, June 13, 2010 – instructor Edward Maeda.*

*Eric Wang has resigned from the Clerking Program and will no longer be our Asian Liaison.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*During the past show season I have had the opportunity to travel and attend shows in several regions. I have had an opportunity to observe and get acquainted with many CFA clerks. I continue to be impressed with the quality of clerks that we have in CFA. I have also received many suggestions about ways to enhance our clerking program.*

*One idea we are investigating is the possibility of an online clerking school. This would make it possible for individuals to obtain the necessary training to become a clerk if schools are not available at their convenience.*

*Another idea is to develop the criteria for a clerking award to be presented annually to an outstanding clerk by the chairman of the Clerking Program. Nominations for this award would be solicited from CFA Judges. I have received compliments from judges regarding many of our CFA Clerks for doing an exceptional job, and this would be an opportunity to recognize these clerks.*

*I would also like to pursue the possibility of creating an online database for anyone participating in the CFA clerking program. This database would have information regarding number of assignments completed with satisfactory evaluations and clerk's status within the program. The intent of this database is to make this information available to anyone at any time, much like HERMAN is available at any time for checking on a cat's status. Shirley and I each receive many requests for this kind of information and it requires a manual record check each time to provide that information to an individual.*

**Action Items:**

*I am continuing to revise the Clerking Guidelines & Procedures, Clerking Manual, and Master Clerk Manual.*

**Time Frame:**

*I hope to have these revisions completed and ready to publish before the next Clerking Examination is released.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Names of new Committee Members, and name of new Asian Liaison.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
John Hiemstra, Chair*



(23) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

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

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*It has been a banner year for CFA Feline Agility.*

*We have had 100 successful handlers who have trained their cats to complete the circuit. Many, many more who have had basic training and are continuing their work with their potential CFA Feline Agility cat at home. An amazing 29 different breeds of cat have successfully competed - 132 different cats. For every cat which completed the circuit there are at least 4 more which began their training with a successful experience in the ring.*

*There has been interest and competition world-wide. Many stories have made the rounds about the many successes at Meet The Breeds. My favorite is when Whoopi Goldberg came to the CFA Feline Agility ring and asked to be trained. She had a great time!*

*We have given demonstrations for some Humane groups who have requested it. We have been the feature article in the AKC magazine. We created an Agility Training video with the help of the website Monkey See . com which can be viewed at:*

*<http://www.monkeysee.com/play/16750-cat-agility-training>*

*Our highest scoring Feline Agility competitor was 'Black Jack' a black HHP handled by his owner Carroll Muck from Region 2 with 1,132 points. Second went to Strekoza's Cosmonaut Ilyushin, a Siberian handled by Daphne Brindle from Region 2 with 1,111 points. Third place went to Nascat Roar-of-the Engines a Maine Coon handled by Donna Hinton from Region 3.*

*The HHPs had the most competitors with 16. Following close behind were the Japanese Bobtails with 14 and the Maine Coons with 13. Excellent representation was put forward by the Abyssinians and the Exotics with 8, the Turkish Angoras and Siberians with 7 competitors, and the Turkish Vans with 6. The Rex made a great showing with 5 competitors of the Devon persuasion and 4 Cornish. The Manx and Oriental had 4 competitors while all other breeds competing had 1, 2 or 3 cats representing them as competitors. The most amazing singular representation of their breed was that of the Himalayan, Dreamz Willy Wunderbar of a Kitkat who garnered 5th place Nationally.*

*We are looking forward to presenting another training session at the Annual featuring training in handling, and Ring Master. We will have an open door for anyone to drop in as they wish.*

*Many more things to come this new season with Feline Agility titles to be earned and more presentations to Humane groups and organizations.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Archibald  
CFA FAC Coordinator*

(24) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Management Committee Chair Ginger Meeker presented the following report:

**Committee Chair:** *Ginger Meeker*  
**Committee Members:** *Ellyn Honey, Rich Mastin, Charles Gradowski, Dick Kallmeyer, James Watson and Jerry Hamza*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The last project to be completed by this committee was the BCS job description submitted again, for review with Debbie Kusy's help, for further input from the BCS. With this further appeal to the BCS for input the response was again disappointing. The document being submitted for approval now represents the input from the BCS on 2 different occasions. I would hope at this point we can approve this job description and move on to other areas of need.*

*Current projects include: job description for BCS (James Watson) to continue with the on-going project of developing job descriptions for CFA employees and entities working with the BOD; the project to work with Allene Tartaglia to develop employee evaluations is currently on hold. In the meantime, Ellyn Honey is developing forms and formats for this process.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Ellyn Honey will continue to work with the Executive Director at CO on employee evaluations and will make a trip to CO at her own expense to review what is currently happening at a later date. After the visit she will then make recommendations for what she feels might be needed. I am hoping that James Watson will continue on the job descriptions project and the next job description to be done has not yet been chosen.*

**Action Items:**

*Review and approve the job description for Breed Council Secretaries. Once approved the document will be distributed to Breed Council Secretaries through Central Office.*

**Time Frame:**

*Projects will be completed in an efficient and effective time frame with some, obviously, taking longer than others.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Any completed projects done in the next time period.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginger Meeker, Chair*

## **JOB DESCRIPTION BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY**

### **PURPOSE**

*This document is intended to provide a description of a CFA Breed Council Secretary's (BCS) job. It is a description for performing the job.*

*The Breeds and Standards Chairperson can be your resource for questions, coordination, and assistance in fulfilling your job responsibilities. Consult with this individual when you have questions or need assistance.*

### **BASIC RESPONSIBILITY**

*Adopt the role of guardian for your breed standard and promoting the breed would be considered a primary responsibility of the Breed Council Secretary. Prepare a yearly breed council ballot, if appropriate. Serve as an advisor and resource person to the CFA Board, CFA Central Office, CFA Committees and CFA Judges, as requested, on matters related to your breed. Provide an atmosphere for communication for all breed council members to achieve consensus.*

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- *Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the CFA standard for your breed in order to discuss the provisions contained therein, with any interested party, as an expert on that breed.*
- *Respond to information requests regarding your breed from breeders, the CFA Board, CFA Central Office, CFA Committees, CFA Judges, and other interested parties.*
- *Plan and coordinate breed presentations at Judges' Workshops and Schools; prepare or arrange for preparation of breed display(s) at shows or other organized CFA events. Write or arrange for preparation of CFA breed pamphlet; write or arrange for preparation of breed articles for the CFA Almanac and Yearbook, as requested.*
- *Attend the Breed Council Secretaries Meeting with the Board held in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting, if possible.*
- *Plan, schedule, and conduct at least one Breed Council Meeting per year, if possible. Meeting space for these meetings is made available at the CFA Annual Meeting and the CFA International Cat Show. To promote communication among or to disseminate information to members, the Breed Council Secretary may request of the CFA Central Office reasonable financial assistance for producing and mailing one set of correspondence to members, or request insertion of relevant information in the CFA Almanac.*
- *Prepare the annual Breed Council ballot, if appropriate, and submit it to the Central Office by September 1st of each year. Verification of receipt is advised.*

- *Review written and signed questions from current Breed Council members, submitted to the Breed Council Secretary by August 15th, for possible inclusion on the annual ballot. Revise questions and rationales, as needed, and discuss proposed revisions with submitter(s); e.g. remove ambiguities in proposals or consolidate similar questions into a single question.*
- *Select the specific questions and rationales to be included on the Breed Council ballot. With one exception\*, the Breed Council Secretary has total latitude in selecting the specific questions to be included on the ballot, the questions to be included subject to editing, the questions to be included with editorial comment, and the questions to be omitted. A Breed Council Secretary has the option to include or not include questions submitted by the Breed Council Secretary of another breed. \*A Breed Council Secretary must include questions submitted at the official request of the CFA Board of Directors.*
- *Inform individuals who submit questions whether or not you will place their question(s) on the ballot.*
- *Submit a draft ballot to the CFA Breeds and Standards Chairperson for review.*
- *Maintain contact with Breed Council members via BC email list/regular mail and keep informed of new developments or issues relevant to your breed through such activities as exhibiting at CFA shows and attending the CFA Annual Meeting.*
- *CFA Breed Council Secretaries are expected to follow CFA mandated procedures and rules.*

**Meeker:** The action item was to approve the job description for the breed council secretaries. This was previously submitted, but now participation in Meet the Breeds is included.

**DelaBar:** Has everybody reviewed this? **Meeker:** I move that the job description for Breed Council Secretary be approved as written. **DelaBar:** Comments? **DelaBar** called the motion.  
**Motion Carried.**

(25) **NEW BEE PROGRAM:**

***Committee Chair: Teresa Keiger***

***Liaison to Board: Dee Dee Cantley***

***List of Committee Members: Kathy Black, Sande Willen***

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The New Bee Program has continued to steadily grow in numbers. All indications are that the program IS benefiting our new exhibitors in CFA. Some of our earliest members are now seasoned exhibitors in their own right and have been in turn taking current new exhibitors under their wing.*

*Immediate action of the group is to promote individual clubs to sponsor NewBee classes (either in conjunction with a show or with a club meeting)*

**Junior Showmanship:**

*Two years ago, the CFA Board of Directors placed the CFA Junior Showmanship Program under the CFA NewBee Program as they felt that it needed to go 'somewhere' and that they shared a common goal of working with people new to the cat fancy. The original funds for the JS Program have been depleted and the Program has dwindled. Some Regions felt emphatic enough about the Junior Showmanship Program that they donated funds to assist the program.*

*One comment that I have heard most often over the years is that the Junior Showmanship program in its present state does not truly prepare or encourage the participant to become a breeder/exhibitor, but rather prepares them to present a breed. It also only reaches children of exhibitors. However, with proper planning and structure, the Junior Showmanship Program could reach a wider population of young people; educate them in greater depth about feline history, welfare, and genetics; become a positive outreach program for CFA and help counteract some of the 'outreach programs' that PETA and the like have brought into the sphere of education; and possibly have these young people continue their 'career' in the cat fancy as breeders and exhibitor.*

*Attached with this report is a proposed overview of the Junior Showmanship revision and an activity matrix. This is provided as a starting point for discussion only.*

**Action Items:**

*Decide whether to continue with the CFA Junior Showmanship Program in a revised form, using the submitted proposed revision as a starting point*

*Form a committee to develop the revised program*

*Begin seeking regional Junior Showmanship coordinators.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

**PROPOSED JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PROGRAM REVISION MATRIX -  
 SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES**

<b>Junior Level Ages 6-12</b>	<b>General Feline Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>Breed Knowledge</b>	<b>Exhibitor Experience</b>
<b>Written</b>	Paper on a litter's first 4 months History of the cat in a specific area Basic Feline Nutrition Representations of the cat in a particular country or culture The Cat in Art (or History)	Breed-specific paper Breed comparison paper using at least 2 different breeds Report linking breeds and colors	Observations on exhibitors at a show "My First Cat Show" "My First Show Cat"
<b>Presentation</b>	Correct & incorrect way to train your cat The Cat in Art Display showing proper feline nutrition Display depicting a healthy feline lifestyle A Display of the proper general feline care (or grooming) A Display of cats' coexistence with man	Presenting one's own cat and answering questions (traditional Jr. Showmanship presentation) Small breed specific 'booth' at a show Display of colors and patterns Display showing which countries breeds come from	Ring Stewarding (with follow-up essay which would fall under the written portion of the program) Showing a cat at a CFA Cat show Assisting an experienced exhibitor during (and even prior) to a show(s) to learn grooming Stewarding at a CFA Cat Show
<b>Senior Level Ages 12-16</b>	<b>General Feline Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>Breed Knowledge</b>	<b>Exhibitor Experience</b>
(many of the suggested projects are the same at both levels. However, the Senior Participant is expected to show a greater depth of knowledge)			
<b>Written</b>	Report on common household toxins/cats History of the cat in a	Breed comparison paper using at least 2 different breeds	Showing a cat at a CFA Cat show Clerking or assistant

	<p>specific area</p> <p>Representations of the cat in a particular country or culture</p> <p>Basic disease prevention in cats</p>	<p>Cattery visitation</p> <p>Breeder(s) Interview</p> <p>Report on basic feline color genetics</p> <p>Constructing a basic pedigree</p> <p>Writing about one particular genetic attribute (color, pattern, dilute factor for example) - how it is inherited, expressed, and in what breeds it may appear.</p>	<p>clerking at a CFA Cat show.</p> <p>Agenting a cat at a CFA Cat Show</p>
<b>Presentation</b>	<p>Display on a proper breeding program</p> <p>Display on the dangers of declawing, why cats are safer indoors</p> <p>Display on poisonous plants</p> <p>A Display on Disease Vectors and Cats</p>	<p>Breed-specific presentation at a show, using 2 or more cats</p> <p>Breed comparison presentation at a show using at least 2 different breeds</p> <p>Small breed specific 'booth' at a show</p> <p>Presenting one's own cat and answering questions (traditional Jr. Showmanship presentation)</p>	<p>Spectator guide display (on ribbons, judging schedule for the public to view)</p> <p>Working at a CFA Show as an ambassador</p> <p>Operating an 'information' booth at a CFA Cat show</p> <p>Taking a Clerking School and/or assistant clerking</p> <p>Working on a specific facet of producing a show - scheduling, benching</p>
<p>Note: these activities are offered as already approved topics, but the participants work and field of interest in no way limited to only these activities.</p>			
<p>However, it is suggested that the participant contact their regional program director should he question that his project may not accepted.</p>			



(26) **OMBUDSMAN REPORT.**

**Committee Chair:** Pam Huggins  
**Liaison to Board:** Pam DelaBar  
**Committee Members:** Ellyn Honey, Graham Stevens, Gail Frew

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Please welcome Gail Frew, Region 1, to the Ombudsman team. Gail was approved in late February 2010 by the Ombudsman Board Liaison. She has been actively training and is a welcome addition to Ombudsman program.*

*The Ombudsman team has been very busy. Since the February board meeting, we received 36 new cases; 22 remain open; 14 were closed either via the mediation process or because they could not be worked via the Ombudsman role; 3 had filed lemon law complaints and one had engaged an attorney. Additionally, we received 12 additional queries for Ombudsman assistance, 10 of which were not viable due to lack of CFA affiliation and could not be worked via the Ombudsman process; the remaining two were referred to the Chairperson of the Judging program. Currently, the Ombudsman team has a total of 48 open cases stemming from November 2009 through the end of May 2010. Several cases were also referred to the Chairperson of Animal Welfare, either to be worked under her purview or referred to protest under conduct detrimental. One particular case transferred to animal welfare grew from a single complaint originating in 2009, to multiple complaints against the same breeder. As a reminder, due to the confidentiality of the Ombudsman program, other pending CFA actions, or continuing mediation efforts, specific details and names of the individuals involved are not included in the board reports.*

*Of the remaining open cases, several have been successfully mediated and are awaiting refund payments, replacement cats, or change in ownership issues, at which time they will be closed. Unfortunately, several of the new cases received again involved breeders selling cats or kittens with known hereditary issues, disqualifying faults, or kittens that were very ill with active upper respiratory infections, FIP, ringworm, or serious eye issues. Several cases during this timeframe were again from those who only wanted to file a complaint with CFA regarding a kitten they purchased from a breeder. In most of those cases, the kitten became seriously ill or died within a short time frame of the purchase. Some requested a refund of the purchase price or reimbursement of vet bills, while others only wanted to document the issue to CFA. Other cases involved rightful ownership, registration issues, and cats purchased, paid for, and never received.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Continue to work ongoing and new Ombudsman issues working closely with the Chairperson of Animal Welfare to avoid duplicative efforts as well as the Chairperson of the Protest Committee as needed.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*To be determined*

**Action Items:**

*Review and approve the modifications to the Ombudsman process and role as stated. Changes are based on discussions and/or meetings with the Ombudsman committee members, Chairperson of Animal Welfare, and Chairperson of the Protest committee.*

***Rationale:*** *The changes add minimal new information but provide clarification and document existing mechanisms currently in place. Changes include a specified timeline for documentation to be received in order to pursue an Ombudsman case. Another change documents the Ombudsman may refer multiple complaint issues against a particular breeder to the Chairperson of the Animal Welfare committee when issues and documentation substantiate protest consideration under conduct detrimental or other serious offenses to CFA. This allows the Ombudsman role to retain a neutral position and provides documentation within the role and process for awareness to those who file Ombudsman complaints. Currently the process and role states cases may be transferred when warranted, but does not address the multiple complaint issue.*

*These changes have been discussed with both the Chairperson of Animal Welfare and the Chairperson of the Protest Committee who are in agreement.*

*All changes are incorporated in the Ombudsman process and role document and are indicated in bold, italicized text for your convenience.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Information regarding Ombudsman issues worked since the last report.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Huggins  
CFA Ombudsman, Chair*

**Role and Process  
Established October, 2006  
Pam Huggins  
Revised June & September 2009; May 2010**

***Action item: CFA Board Approval of Changes identified by italicized text.***

The CFA Ombudsman is appointed by the CFA President and serves CFA in a volunteer capacity.

***In June 2009, the CFA Board approved the use of additional Ombudsman if needed.***

***Accordingly, the Ombudsman may solicit volunteers to serve as additional Ombudsman, and will represent those interested to the CFA Board Liaison for approval. The Chairperson will***

*receive all Ombudsman cases initially and after review, will allocate cases to committee members accordingly, dependent on content and workload.*

### **The CFA Ombudsman Role**

The CFA Ombudsman role was created in an effort to provide supportive assistance to CFA affiliates (clubs, breeders, and others), who may find themselves in conflict with other CFA affiliates and require assistance towards resolution of the issue.

The CFA Ombudsman serves as a middle person and liaison towards conflict resolution between two parties who are no longer able to communicate or reach an equitable agreement.

The Ombudsman functions in a fair, objective, and unbiased manner towards all parties involved and based on the particular circumstances, most frequently serves in a negotiation and mediation role between the two parties in an effort to resolve the conflict.

The Ombudsman attempts to open lines of communication, provide guidance, facilitate discussion, make recommendations, and suggest alternative solutions.

Documentation is key and is required before an Ombudsman case is opened. All documentation is kept confidential and is not shared with others. Documentation may be in the form of contracts, emails, letters, faxes, vet records, CFA records, or other documents pertinent to the issue. Email exchanges between the Ombudsman and those in negotiation are not shared with either party, nor are they shared with others in CFA, *unless the situation warrants and there is no resolution.*

*Both parties must be willing to negotiate toward an equitable agreement for both and maintain confidentiality regarding the details of the Ombudsman situation. If one person refuses to respond, then mediation efforts may not be pursued. If the mediation process is exhausted without a resolution or if a resolution is agreed upon by both parties and either defaults, and the documentation substantiates the injured party's complaint, the issue may be referred to the Chairperson of Animal Welfare.*

*Any person having repetitive Ombudsman complaints made against them, dependent on adequate documentation, may be referred to the Chairperson of Animal Welfare who may recommend the issue should be pursued via the CFA protest process and/or possible removal from one or more of the following:*

- a) removal from the CFA Mentoring program;*
- b) removal from the CFA Ambassador program;*
- c) removal of the CFA logo from the individual's website; and,*
- d) removal of the individual's Cattery of Excellence.*

Negotiation and mediation efforts are in writing, generally via email but may also be via fax or letter. Routinely the Ombudsman will not contact either party via phone, unless time sensitive issues are involved. Should phone calls be warranted, they will be documented with a call record for documentation purposes. The Ombudsman does not react on verbal accusations, innuendo, or third party (he said, she said) gossip. If a third party has knowledge and is willing to provide

documentation, a notarized letter must be provided to the Ombudsman to document their information.

The Ombudsman may reach out to others in CFA to obtain additional documentation if needed and may be provided copies of breeder or club affiliated records from Central Office if necessary (registration, cattery reports, club application, membership list, etc). CFA records may be requested when necessary by the Ombudsman and provided by CFA Central Office at no charge. Such documentation received is also considered confidential information and is used for validation of CFA affiliation or other documentation to substantiate the Ombudsman case.

On some occasions, dependent on circumstances, the Ombudsman may need to address the situation to the CFA board. If it becomes necessary to share any information, seek guidance, or refer the matter to the Board for resolution, the individuals are referred to as Breeder A and Breeder B, Club A, Club B, buyer or seller, etc.; no names will be involved, other than to the Board Liaison or other board members, if deemed necessary.

If the issue remains unresolved, involves Animal Welfare, inhumane treatment, violates show rules or is a CFA constitutional issue, then names may be disclosed to the CFA board or the ***Animal Welfare Chairperson***. Animal welfare, inhumane treatment, or breeder assistance issues are the exception and Ombudsman documentation may be provided when ***deemed appropriate by the CFA Ombudsman or Animal Welfare Chairperson***.

When an Ombudsman case is not resolved, and when applicable, dependent on the specific circumstances and accompanying valid documentation, the Ombudsman or the Animal Welfare Chairperson, may determine the case should be referred to the formal CFA protest process. Cases with a documented history of multiple complaints or are clearly conduct detrimental to CFA, will be represented by the Animal Welfare Chairperson to the Protest Chairperson, as is the current process. At such time, applicable Ombudsman records may be provided as supportive documentation.

If either party involved in an Ombudsman case determines they want to file a formal protest rather than pursue the issue via the Ombudsman process, all Ombudsman records, documentation, and associated files are sealed and the party filing the protest must complete the protest application, provide their own documentation and follow the CFA protest process.

If either party involved in an Ombudsman issue engages an attorney or otherwise seeks legal assistance, resides in a lemon law state and has filed a formal lemon law complaint, a Better Business Bureau complaint, or a civil or small claims suit, an Ombudsman case may not be pursued until those formal mechanisms are completed, and only then, if applicable to the Ombudsman role. When any of these legal or formal mechanisms are in place, an Ombudsman case may not be opened, and requestor is notified accordingly.

***If an Ombudsman case is opened and under mediation efforts, and either party involved reveals they have retained an attorney in regard to the settlement of these specific issues, the Ombudsman may not continue mediation efforts. The Ombudsman will notify both parties***

*involved, the Ombudsman case will be closed immediately, and all Ombudsman records will be sealed and not shared outside of CFA.*

*If a CFA affiliated person is on suspension from CFA services, they will not be eligible to pursue an issue via the Ombudsman role. Once suspension is resolved, an Ombudsman case may be pursued if applicable.*

### **The Ombudsman Process**

The Ombudsman receives a query or is referred to the Ombudsman by others. *The Ombudsman provides the name of parties involved to Animal Welfare Chairperson to determine if previous complaints are on file. If sick kitten/cat issues are involved, the issue may be transferred to the Chairperson of Animal Welfare to handle, dependent on circumstances.*

The Ombudsman reviews the information and responds with an introductory informative email that explains the Ombudsman role and process. The Ombudsman requests documentation to substantiate the issue. *Documentation must include proof of CFA affiliation and be received by the Ombudsman within 15 working days in order to pursue an Ombudsman case. They must also provide additional documentation in the form of email exchanges documenting their agreement, copy of contracts, proof of monies paid, copies of vet bills, or other valid documentation to substantiate the complaint.* On occasion, when the requestor is notified they must provide documentation and the Ombudsman will not react on verbal accusations, the case is often resolved immediately by the requestor who decides they do not want to proceed. *The Ombudsman case is closed at that time.*

*If no response is forthcoming within 15 days, the Ombudsman will send a second email requesting the documentation and provide an additional 15 days. If documentation is still not received after thirty days, the Ombudsman case will be closed administratively and the requestor notified. If however, an interim response is received advising when documentation will be provided, the Ombudsman may keep the case open and provide a deadline for receipt of the documentation. If the documentation is not received by the stated date, the case will be closed administratively and records will be maintained for future reference if needed. Both parties will be notified accordingly.*

When adequate documentation is received by the Ombudsman, the materials will be reviewed to determine if mediation efforts may be beneficial or referred to others. If the Ombudsman requires additional documentation, guidance will be provided per the Ombudsman process.

The Ombudsman contacts the other party, notifies them of the complaint, provides the Ombudsman role and process information and offers the second party the same opportunity and timeline to provide supporting documentation. All negotiation efforts are done in writing, via email, letters, faxes, etc. Phone calls are documented for Ombudsman files if warranted.

All Ombudsman negotiations, to include email exchanges, phone calls, letters, or other Ombudsman related conversations are conducted in a professional, fair, objective, and unbiased manner between the parties in conflict. The Ombudsman does not take sides or show favoritism towards either party, but determines the way ahead based on documentation. The Ombudsman is

not an attorney and may not provide legal advice or speak to legal issues. The Ombudsman suggests, recommends, provides guidance, and maintains a calm, and professional demeanor at all times whether in writing, or speaking to others regarding Ombudsman issues.

On occasion, when nearing resolution, the Ombudsman may offer to be, but is not required to be, the middle person in exchange of monies and/or accompanying CFA registration papers. As an example, the Ombudsman may hold signed CFA registration papers until money is paid, contract signed, cat is returned, etc. This is generally done when breeders are ready to resolve the issue, but since trust is broken, they are hesitant to send signed papers or monies directly to the other party in fear of not receiving what they have agreed to, but are comfortable providing them to the Ombudsman to hold as an interim measure.

Board reports will be provided when requested, but will include no names, or specific details of Ombudsman cases. Generic information is provided for board report purposes and will generally reference the number of cases received, those that remain open or closed, and if any were forwarded to protest or other CFA mechanisms for resolution.

A record of Ombudsman cases will be maintained by the Ombudsman.

**Note:** The Ombudsman role and process may be amended from time to time as new issues arise and modifications may need to be incorporated. The Ombudsman will notify the CFA Board Liaison accordingly.

*June 2009 Amendment:* Amended by addition of Ombudsman committee member as a result of the June 2009 board meeting. Modified process to incorporate change.

*September 2009 Amendment:* Amended to incorporate reference to Lemon Law due to recent case and additional Ombudsman assistant.

*May 2010 Amendment:* Process and role amended per discussions with Ombudsman committee members, Animal Welfare Chairperson and meeting with Protest Committee Chairperson and to document additional Ombudsman assistant.

**Note:** Ellyn Honey was approved by the Ombudsman Liaison (President CFA) in June 2009. Graham Stevens was approved by the Ombudsman Liaison (President CFA) September 30, 2009. Information was not available at time process/role document was sent to Pam DelaBar (9/26/09) for the CFA Oct 2009 teleconference board meeting. Gail Frew approved by the Ombudsman Liaison (President CFA), 2/24/10.

**DelaBar:** Ombudsman Report, and we do have an action item here. The Ombudsman Program was to be separate and distinct from the protest process and we have, through the hard work of Pam Huggins and her team of Ellyn Honey, Graham Stevens and Gail Frew, have worked with both Linda Berg and Dick Kallmeyer to come up when things are to be actually handed over as a protest, and have separated and delineated these processes. That's what you have here on the Ombudsman process and they would like the board to ratify this. **Miller:** I think it's terrific. **DelaBar:** Joan thinks it's terrific. Do we have any other discussion or comment? Do

I have somebody who will make a motion for the acceptance? **Newkirk:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**DelaBar:** I have to say that one program that I instituted in 2004, I am very proud of this one. I want to thank Pam Huggins for all of her leadership and work on this project. I thank you very much. <applause>

(27) **SHOW SCHEDULING.**

**Committee Chair:** Gina Lehman  
**Liaison to Board:** Debbie Kusy  
**List of Committee Members:** All Regional Directors and their schedulers

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**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. Beginning with shows in the 2010 show season, we are no longer approving 6x6s as they will be a standard format for shows.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

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

*Oklahoma City CC is approved to move to the 1st weekend Sep 2010 and years forward. This is their 2nd year so this will become their TDate.*

*Bougalie Rebels is approved to move to the 4th weekend of November 2010. Their location remains the same - New Orleans area (Kenner, LA). They are planning a one day show.*

*Greater Baton Rouge CC is approved to move to the 1st weekend Oct 2010.*

*Rainbow Plumes approved to hold a show (most likely a regional fundraiser) on the 3rd weekend in November, Fitchburg, MA*

*Half Moon CC and Cats Plain and Fancy approved to hold a show on the 5th weekend in October (weekend previously used by Rainbow Plumes, both in MA)*

*Fraser Valley CC is approved to hold a show the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in January 2011 as a potential Traditional Date.*

*New Hampshire Felines is approved to move their summer show from the last weekend in July to the last weekend in September.*

*Maine Attraction is approved to have a change in location from Carson, CA to Yucaipa, CA which is approximately 81 miles away on their traditional date (12/04/2010).*

*Platinum Coast is approved for a one-time move to the 4th w/e, July 24-25, 2010.*

*Cats of Wisconsin is approved to hold a show on Sept 26, 2011 in Inver Grove Heights, MN. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of a 6x6 show on Twin City CF's traditional Date.*



*Colorado Cat Fanciers is approved to hold a show on the weekend of March 5 or 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Albuquerque in conjunction an Albuquerque club which holds the traditional date for the weekend.*

*Southern Dixie is approved a one time only move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Sept 2010.*

*Cat Fanciers of Washington is approved to hold a one-time only show on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November 2010 in lieu of their traditional date of the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of July due to that date being vacated one time only by Capital Cat Fanciers.*

*Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie Cat and the Tonkinese Breed Association are approved to hold a 6x4 show in Houston, TX on Sept 11-12. This is a one-time only event.*

*North Central Florida Cat Club is approved to hold a show the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of July 2010 as part of a 6x6 in conjunction with Buccaneers Cat Fanciers who hold the traditional date for the weekend.*

*Rebel Rousers is approved to hold a show on Sunday May 1, 2011 as a one-time only move. Their TDate is the first weekend of May.*

*Midwest Region is approved to hold their annual awards show in Peoria, IL on June 4-5, 2011. This is one week later than their Tdate of last weekend in May.*

*Houston Cat Club is approved to hold a show on August 27-28, 2011 in the Houston, TX area.*

*West Coast Cat Club is approved to hold a 2 day show on May 28-29, 2011 in the Vancouver, BC, Canada area.*

*Fort Worth Cat Club is approved to move to the 5<sup>th</sup> weekend of Oct and pair up Lone Star CC and do a 6x6 on this weekend. Lone Star CC is also approved for a move to this weekend.*

*Cats Exclusive is approved to move to the 5<sup>th</sup>/last weekend of October 2010, as a one-time only move.*

*Approved Stones River CC to hold a show the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of January 2011 in conjunction with Cleveland Persian Society. This is their 2<sup>nd</sup> year to do a 6x6 and this will become their traditional date after this show.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

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

**Action Items:**

*None*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Nothing planned at this time.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Gina Lehman, Chair*

(28) **WINN FELINE FOUNDATION.**

**Winn Feline Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser** presented the following report:



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

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*The Winn Feline Foundation grant review meeting in Houston on February 5, 2010 set a new record for the Foundation in numbers and amounts awarded – 16 new grants for a total of \$183,391! Joining the board were scientific advisors Dr. Patricia Gallo of T.H.E. Boston Cat Hospital and Dr. Shila Nordone of North Carolina State University, as well as veterinary clinicians Drs. Bill Folger, Brian Holub, and Betsy Arnold. Over 50 feline grant submissions from all over the world were evaluated.*

*Our Executive Director, Janet Wolf, spearheaded a major solicitation to raise funds from prior donors during the month of February, as well as a significant overhaul of Winn's Virtual Memorial campaign, "Remember Your Cat," involving a new brochure, postcards for flyers and a new ad. Winn also has a new ad for Cat Fancy, continuing our "Every cat, Every Day" theme.*

*Besides promoting Winn at conferences and seminars around the world, Susan Little maintains Winn's considerable worldwide web presence. In addition to the website and Winn blog, Winn is represented by Facebook and Twitter pages. Dr. Little is assisted by veterinarians/board members Drs. Vicki Thayer and Melissa Kennedy on our very popular Winn health blog. The blog identifies and publicizes relevant feline health developments to our subscribers, including the published research of studies supported by Winn. The subscriber list continues to grow apace, a very successful Winn public service to both the feline scientific community and to the world of cat lovers. I am also pleased to report to you that Winn Feline Foundation is now in Wikipedia.*

*During the past few months, Vicki Thayer worked actively with the AVMA in the selection of the 2010 Excellence in Feline Research Award. This year's winner is no stranger to CFA: Dr. Leslie Lyons of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. The 2010 AVMF/Winn scholarship recipient will be announced shortly. Both awards will be presented at the AVMA meeting in Atlanta in early August.*

*The distinguished speakers at this year's Winn Foundation Symposium to be held in Minneapolis on June 24, include Jody Lulich, DVM, PhD, ACVIM, presenting "Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Feline Urinary Stones," and Meghan Herron, DVM, DACVB, discussing "Feline Elimination Problems: Back to Basics for Prevention and Management." The event is billed as "To Pee or Not to Pee," and features a captivating artwork by Jamie Perry of an Elizabethan-attired feline "Shakespurr." Coordinated by Drs. Little and Thayer, the symposium is once again certified for continuing education credit for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.*

*Steve Dale actively promotes Winn on his website, radio shows, and newspaper columns. He is instrumental in securing a good deal of individual and corporate support for Winn's work in helping "every cat, every day," and this has been especially true during this past year.*

*Winn treasurer Betsy Gaither has been very busy with year-end accounting duties, especially audit procedures with investment advisor Frank Meyers and the federal tax return. Thanks to the many people who have remembered Winn in their estate plans, in addition to a large bequest last year from a single donor, Betsy reported an eagerly-awaited milestone was passed in this last quarter:*

***Winn's endowment account has surpassed the \$2,000,000 mark!***

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Betty White*

*Winn Feline Foundation, President*

<http://www.winnfelinehealth.org>

<http://www.winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/WinnFelineFoundation>

<http://www.twitter.com/WinnFeline>

<http://rememberyourcat.org>

**Eigenhauser:** Normally, we have our Winn board meeting the night before the board meeting, and so we would have an update, but I missed the Winn meeting last night [he was participating in a board-cited hearing] and so I have nothing to add to the written report, unless somebody has any questions. They are having the Winn symposium again. It's going to run against the board meeting, as it always does, and so I'm not going to be able to go. None of us can go, either. **DelaBar:** OK, thank you.

**Awards Review Committee. Altschul:** I didn't present a report for my awards committee, because when I came back to the board members' list with the numbers that were asked for in the February meeting, I got zero response. So, is there still interest? I still would like to leave the fee structure that I proposed in February, which I can bring up again, whether I am on the board or not. I think somebody else who is on the board could deal with it. **Anger:** We talked about that last night, and I think unfortunately right around the time it was posted on the board members' list, there were many other fires burning. I thought it was an excellent concept. There seemed to be a lot of excitement when the buzz got out about a proposal to acknowledge our breeders and catteries for their significant achievements. I thought it was a fantastic concept, and I think a lot of other people did, too. **Altschul:** If I'm not in a position to continue it, I hope someone who is still on the board will take it. **DelaBar:** I know that you picked it up for Region 3. **Altschul:** They like it. They want it on a national level. **DelaBar:** Anytime you recognize people, it helps retain them. That's why people are here. **Baugh:** I have floated the idea about having the awards for cats over time and have gotten very positive feedback on that.

**DelaBar:** Any other thoughts, comments, whatever? **Newkirk:** I've got one final closing comment. I would like to thank you, Pam, for the service you have given CFA. I think you've done a great job. <applause> **Anger:** We have one more thing. <a gold lapel pin was presented> This is from most of our board members, from Committee Chairs Kitty Angell, Linda Berg, John Hiemstra, Roeann Fulkerson, Hilary Helmrich, Pam Huggins, Betty White, the CFA Judges' Association, so as something to acknowledge our appreciation of your service of six years as our President. We are hoping you wear it in good health and happiness. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Anger:** Lonnie at Precious Pets donated her time for designing and making the pin. **DelaBar:** Thank you all very much. I want to tell you that yes, it has been 24 years and people don't get that for murder anymore. When I look back and see where we've been and where we have come, and yes, we have had our up's and down's. Each and every one of us has made a difference. That's all we can ever ask in life is to go into a position and make a difference. I thank you all. We have been friends. We've been enemies at times, we've argued, but we have made a difference, and we have brought this Association forward. I thank each and every one of you for serving with me. Thank you. <applause> On that, we are adjourned.