

2009 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 25, 2010

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

DelaBar: I am calling this meeting to order. Good morning, and welcome to the 2010 CFA Annual Meeting. We have delegates representing all our 8 regions, plus our International Divisions in Europe and in Asia. Before I go any further, I want to take time to thank our faithful sponsors, who have helped make so many of our programs this past year a success. I also want to personally thank each of them for the phenomenal support to CFA throughout my presidency. Iams, represented by Bud Most. <applause> Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Products, Dr. Bruce Elsey and Gina Zarro. <applause> Sturdi Products, Rich van Engers and Penny Johnson. <applause> And we can't forget Royal Canin and Sharon Lund. <applause>

A few years ago, the former executive director asked me why we were trying so hard to come up to the level of AKC. He told me that we could never do that. You can't imagine how great it felt when AKC came to us, to ask us to join them in a joint venture. That meeting led to the birth of Meet the Breeds. This was held at the Jacob Javitz Center in New York City with 150 dog breeds and 34 of our 41 pedigreed breeds represented. The New York audiences went wild, and filled the event center each day. We even had such celebrities as Whoopie Goldberg and the fashion designer, Michael Kors, come to see our wonderful cats. Dog fanciers came to our side of the hall to see the cats, and cat breeders went to check out the dogs. One young AKC junior handler fell in love with Devon Rex and essentially stayed in that booth for two days. She told us her mother was over with the Leonburger breed. This is a breed that will be in championship the first of July, but it was developed with Saint Bernards, Newfoundlands and Great Pyrenees. Lap dogs! The neat thing about this breed, she said, is that they didn't drool. My parents had a Saint Bernard, and I knew all dogs of that size drooled. A lot. Well, I had to check it out, so when I went over and started admiring all these dogs, a woman asked her friend in the booth, who also had the Leonburger dogs, if they had seen her daughter, as she had a junior handler event to demonstrate, and I said, "Oh, your daughter is over in the Devon Rex booth." She said, "Oh, my, a stranger even knows where my daughter is!" I think we have a new cat lover on our hands that we can expect to see with a Devon Rex sometime in our show hall. That's another thing that made this event so great, is dog breeders came over to see our cats and when they saw Turkish Angoras running around on leads, they were absolutely amazed. "My God, you can train a cat to do that!" I think we gained a few converts that weekend. Meet the Breeds was a success, and such a success that AKC has asked us to do it again this year, and the sponsors have already signed on to support this event. You'll be getting a briefing from David White about this just a bit later this morning.

Other programs have also taken off this year. The Ambassador Program has the funding, support and is an ever-growing program in the International Division. The International Division itself is growing, with over half of the 750 catteries that registered this year coming from overseas countries. Joan Miller and her Outreach and Education Committee have had a very successful launch of the Cats CenterStage website, and I know that she's going to be proud to present this to you today. CFA is now branded in over 72 countries throughout the world. In fact,

our association with 4Kids and 4Sight licensing and branding company has brought in approximately 3/4 of a million dollars to CFA since I signed the contract with them in February of 2005. And yes, CFA did come in the black this year by over \$8,300. Our Treasurer, Kathy Calhoun, will be giving you more details shortly in her presentation.

When the Budget Committee met recently to formulate the budget for 2010-2011, we came up with a shortfall of approximately \$100,000. Only by having a February 2011 board meeting teleconference instead of face to face, and drastic cuts in the Legislative Group's budget could we eke out even a modest gain of \$350. Yesterday, the board took action. Registration processing fees received modest increases. Re-figuring the operating budget now puts us at a gain of over \$66,000 and those programs slashed before can now continue to function. This does not mean that CFA is out of the woods – not by a long shot. We must continue to identify new revenue sources, in addition to monitoring our expenses. We have combined programs as much as we can. We have painfully pared down CFA office personnel as far as we can go. We have to find other means in order to survive the current economic climate that we are in and hopefully rise again when we have every program in place and the economy is back where it should be. Our updated CFA website is due to be online this fall, and we project additional income streams from that.

However, our weakest income activity is registration. This is our core business. Efforts to increase registration have not been successful. Therefore, we have had to develop programs which will increase our core business, which is registrations. Today, you, the delegates, have the ability to do just that by passing by 2/3 the first amendment presented today. This amendment is presented by the CFA Board of Directors and will allow us to open up additional revenue sources for what I call “the other 95% of the cat population” and will not jeopardize the promotion of our pedigreed cats. We pride ourselves on those activities which help all cats. After all, the first object of our Constitution reads, “The welfare of all cats.” We attend interdisciplinary meetings, such as Catalyst, which was formed to raise the intrinsic value of all cats, and the value of cats in the public's mind. We can today take a step in doing just that – raising the value of all cats and by allowing the registration, recording, tracking, whatever, of non-breed cats, we can reach the other 95% of the owned cat population. In conjunction with Cats CenterStage, we can offer the cat-loving population a chance to participate in CFA. Plus, this is a dedicated pool of cat lovers who will also be exposed to pedigreed cats and activities, and could very possibly graduate to owning, showing and even breeding pedigreed cats. So, I'm asking your support of this amendment. It's your opportunity to have a positive effect on the financial posture of this organization and join the board members in sharing some of the fiscal responsibility for CFA.

I want to thank the CFA officers for their tremendous support these past 6 years, and the CFA board members in total. Everyone works hard for this organization, and though we can even disagree about issues, we can still come together and work in concert to help solve the problems we face. I also can't step down as CFA President without deep thanks to the CFA Central Office personnel; some you have already seen at this gathering – Allene Tartaglia, Gwen Foster, Shelly Borawski. Also Janet Booth, Connie Sellitto, Shirley Dent, Marilee Davis, and of course Diane Vetterl, along with our other employees who faithfully serve this organization. Finally, Roeann Fulkerson, who's tireless efforts bring us the sponsorships we so desperately need to fund our

activities at the CFA level and at club level. Let's work today, work together to strengthen this organization we all love, and of course, make a difference. Thank you.

(30) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF DESIRED). DelaBar declared a quorum, with 447 delegates checked in.

DelaBar: We have 447 clubs represented at this meeting. I am going to declare the determination of a quorum. With that count, to pass anything by 2/3, which amendments must be passed and show rules must be passed, pre-noticed show rules must be passed is 298. To pass a pre-noticed show rule, we need 224.

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| Abernethy, Sue | Kino Kat Klub |
| Adkison, Larry | Lakes Country Cat Fanciers |
| Allen, Dennis J. | Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers |
| Allen, Trudie | National Maine Coon Cc (the) |
| Altschul, Carissa | Cats Limited |
| Altschul, Janet | Land of Oz Cat Club |
| Arnmoms, Marsha | Fort Worth Cat Club |
| Ammons, Marsha | Ozark Cat Fanciers |
| Andrews, Donna | Abyssinian Soc of The South |
| Andrews, Donna | Rebel Rousers Cat Club |
| Anger, Rachel | Michicat Pet Club |
| Anger, Rachel | European Burmese Cat Club |
| Archibald, N. Jill | Nova Cat Fanciers Inc. |
| Archibald, N. Jill | Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers |
| Arnold, Betsy | Monroe Shorthair Club |
| Auspitz, Martha | Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees |
| Auspitz, Norman | Kentucky Colonels Cat Club |
| Auth, Mary | Southern Indiana LH Society |
| Auth, Mary | Valley of The Moon CF |
| Babel, Carol | Seacoast Cat Club |
| Baker, Linda Mae | Saintly City Cat Club |
| Barber, Laura | Call of The Wild |
| Barnaby, Stanley G. | American Wirehair Int'l |
| Bassett, Pamela J. | Mid South Cat Fanciers |
| Bassett, Pamela J. | Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club |
| Batterson, Mary | Midlands Cat Fanciers |
| Batterson, Mary | Sandhilis Cat Club |
| Baugh, Loretta | Yakima Valley Cat Club |
| Baugh, Loretta | Canusa Cat Club |
| Baugh, Seth | Tokyo Feline Fanciers |
| Baugh, Thomas | MC Japan Cat Club |
| Baugh, Thomas | Kyoto Skylark Cat Club |
| Bell, Sandra | Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc. |
| Bellavance, Isabelle | Ragdolls of America Group |
| Bennett, David | Space Coast Cat Club |
| Bennett, Jacqui | Nutmeg Cat Fanciers |
| Bennett, Jacqui | Ocicats International |
| Benzer, Julie A. | Superstition Cat Fanciers |

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| Bertrand, Kay | Responsible Cat Fanciers of The NW |
| Bertrand, Kay | North Pacific Siamese Fanciers |
| Beuerlein, Susan | Chocolate City Cat Club |
| Beuerlein, Susan | Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers |
| Bingham, Ann Marie | Almost Heaven Cat Club |
| Bishop, Karen J. | Sign of The Cat Fanciers |
| Bishop, Karen J. | Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers |
| Bizzell, Carla | Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc. |
| Black, Kathy | Texoma Cat Fanciers |
| Blythe, J.D. | Lincoln State Cat Club |
| Blythin, John D. | Lincoln State SH Society |
| Bock, Katherine | Hudson Valley Cat Club |
| Boot, Laura | Mad Catters (the) |
| Boulter, Stephanie | Keystone Kat Klub |
| Bourgeois, Diane | Coastwind Cat Club |
| Bove, Diane | Selkirk Rex Breed Club |
| Bove, Diane | Delaware River Cats Club |
| Boyce, David | Cats Exclusive, Inc. |
| Boyce, David | Southern Traditions Cat Club |
| Bridges, Betty | Lance And Bertha CF |
| Bridges, Betty | Shorthairs Unlimited |
| Brindle, Daphne Ann | Wenatchee Valley Cat Club |
| Brown, DVM, Roger | Creative Cats Club |
| Brown, Nancy L. | Fraser Valley All Breed CC |
| Brunk, Maria | Swedish Cat Paws |
| Bryan, Robin A. | Illini Cat Club |
| Burgess, Jed | Cheshires |
| Burney, Kathie S. | Pawprints In The Sand |
| Byrd, Cynthia | Marina All Breed Cat Club |
| Byrd, Cynthia | Crown City Cat Club |
| Caell, T. Ann | Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie |
| Caell, T. Ann | Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers |
| Cantley, Dee Dee | Philippines Cat Lovers' Society Inc. |
| Cantley, Dee Dee | Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers |
| Carazzone, Becky | Houston Cat Club |
| Carlson, Linda | Barbary Coast Cats |
| Carlson, Linda | Northwestern Siamese Breeders |
| Carr, Leslie Ann | Flamingo Cat Fanciers |
| Carr, Leslie Ann | Coastal Empire Cat Club |
| Carroll, Constance | Front Range Cat Fanciers |
| Carroll, Constance | High Plains Cat Club |
| Cassely, Beth | Midwest TGIF Fanciers |
| Chaney, Camelle | Great Lakes Great Maines |
| Coleman, Cheryl | Si Sawat Society |
| Coleman, Perry D. | Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc. |
| Colilla, John | Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers |
| Colilla, Ronna | Sternwheel Cat Fanciers |
| Conde, Marilyn | Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club |
| Constantino, Kathy | Greater St Louis Cat Club |
| Coppola, Diane | Fyfe And Drum Himalayan Club |

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| Cordes Brown, Jo Ann | Tails And No Tales Cat Club |
| Cordes Brown, Jo Ann | Cheshires Allbreed Cat Club |
| Coughlan, Laurie | GEMS |
| Cousineau, Sylvie | Alouette Cat Club |
| Cox, Neta | Tonks West |
| Cummings, Joann | Hollywood Cat Club |
| Curtiss, Diane | Cincinnati Cat Club |
| Curtiss, Diane | Queen City Cat Club |
| Cutchen, Erin | Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers |
| Cutchen, Erin | Utah Cat Fanciers |
| Defoe, Jim | Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers |
| Defoe, Sandra K. | Ever Green Cat Club |
| DelaBar, Pam | Sophisto Cat Club |
| Delony Campbell, Sherry | Maine Street Cat Club |
| Denny, Betty | McKenzie River Cat Club |
| Denny, Betty | Nishi Nihon Cat Club |
| Dinesen, Cathy | American Manx Club |
| Dinesen, James | Keystone Cat Fanciers |
| Dodds, Nancy T. | Phoenix Feline Fanciers |
| Doernberg, Diana | Russian Blue Fanciers |
| Doernberg, Robert | Constitution City LH Club |
| Douglass, Sandi | Johnny Appleseed FF |
| Douglass, Sandra | North Coast Cat Fanciers |
| Dowding, Lee | Greater NW Cat Fanciers |
| Druzisky, Jennifer L. | Butler Cat Fanciers |
| Dunham, Catherine | United Persian Society |
| Dunham, Cathy | Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance |
| Dunham, Roger | Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers |
| Eigenhauser, Jr., George J. | Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers |
| Eigenhauser, Jr., George J. | Bonita Cat Fanciers |
| Eiserloh, Fran | Alamo City Cat Club |
| Eldredge, Priscilla | Cats' World Club |
| Emrich, Ernest J. | Moonport Cat Club |
| Emrich, Gina M. | Gateway Arch Persian Society |
| Everett-Hirsch, Kim | Oregon Cats, Inc. |
| Everett-Hirsch, Kim | Enchanted Cat Fanciers |
| Faust, Sandra | Buccaneers Cat Fanciers |
| Faust, Sandra | Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders |
| Fellerman, Geraldine | Morris And Essex Cat Club |
| Flanigan, Linda L. | Country Faire Cat Fanciers |
| Fogarty, Carol J. | Miami Florida Cat Fanciers |
| Fogarty, Carol J. | Tropical Cats |
| Friemoth, Lorna | American Bobtail Breeders Club |
| Friemoth, Lorna | Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club |
| Fry, Elaine | Huntsville Cat Club |
| Fujii, Mikiko | Mt Fuji Northern Cat Club |
| Fujii, Mikiko | Kii Cat Fanciers |
| Fulkerson, Roeann | North Central Florida Cat Club |
| Fuller, Donna J. | Russian Blue West |
| Fuller, Donna J. | San Francisco Revelers |

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| Gaither, Elizabeth | Silver Rebels |
| Ganoe, Dennis | Sunkat Feline Fanciers |
| Ganoe, Dennis | For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers |
| Gardiner, John | Happy Trails Cat Club |
| Gardiner, John | International Sphynx Society |
| Garton, Rev. Gena M. | Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club |
| Garton, Rev. Gena M. | Japanese Bobtail Fanciers |
| Godwin, Karen L. | Magnolia State Cat Club |
| Godwin, Karen L. | Cats Eye Fanciers |
| Gonano, Hope M. | Black Tie & Tails Cat Club |
| Gott, Nancy | Ocicat Trust Japan |
| Gott, Nancy | Japan Tonkinese Cat Club |
| Graafmans, Art | Santa Monica Cat Club |
| Graafmans, Art | Sushi Cats Cat Fanciers |
| Graafmans, Kristi | All States Burmese Society |
| Gradowski, Barbara J. | Valley View Cat Fanciers |
| Gradowski, Charles T. | Jolly Roger Feline Fanciers |
| Gradowski, Charles T. | Windy City Cat Fanciers |
| Grant-Field, Beth | Sanguine Silver Society |
| Grant-Field, Beth | Eva Cat Club |
| Gray, Lynn | Hugger Mugger Feline Society |
| Gray, Lynn | New Horizons British Shorthair Club |
| Gregory, Laura | Ragamuffin Cat Society |
| Griffin, Yvonne | Gulf Coast Cat Club |
| Griffin, Yvonne | Treasure Coast Cat Club |
| Griggs, Danielle | Touch of Class Cat Fanciers |
| Griggs, Danielle | Fort Sumter Cat Club |
| Gunlock, Ginger | Kittyhawk Felines |
| Haley, Cain | Foothills Felines |
| Hamza, Jerry | Buffalo Cat Fanciers |
| Hannon, Mark | Mark And Linda |
| Harding, Carol | Mobile Cat Fanciers, Inc |
| Hargett, Gina D. | Carolina Sophisticats |
| Hartman, Bernard W. | New River Cat Fanciers |
| Hasay, Claudia | Maine Coon Cat Club |
| Hasay, Claudia | Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers |
| Hawke, Willa K. | Great River Cat Fanciers |
| Heidt, Wendy | Emerald Cat Club |
| Heidt, Wendy | Siberian Cat Club |
| Helmrich, Hilary | Conestoga Cat Club, Inc. |
| Henry, Michael | Twin City Cat Fanciers |
| Henry, Susan Cook | Lord Baltimore Cat Club |
| Henry, Susan Cook | Gala Allbreed Cat Club |
| Herman, Leslie | Chamberlin On The Bay CF |
| Hetherington, Donna G. | Santa Fe Trail Shorthair |
| Hetherington, Donna G. | Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers |
| Hiemstra, John E. | Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers |
| Hiemstra, Mary | Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers |
| Higareda, Angel | Crown Royal SH Fanciers |

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| Higareda, Angel | Crown Royal LH Fanciers |
| Hilchie, Marjorie | Nova Scotia Cat Fanciers Club |
| Himestra, Megan | Ocicat Society |
| Hinton, Donna | Brazos Valley Cat Club |
| Hiraki, Chika | Ruban D'or Chat Fanciers |
| Hiraki, Chika | Japan Dancing Cat Club (the) |
| Hogan-Downey, Sean | Just Cat-In Around CF |
| Hogan-Downey, Sean | Oakway Cat Fanciers |
| Honey, Ellyn | Camelot Cat Kingdom |
| Honey, Ellyn | Tonkinese East |
| Hoos, Kathleen | Havana Brown Fanciers |
| Hoover, Gloria F. | Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers |
| Hoover, Lonnie | Muskogee Cat Club |
| Hoskinson, Richard | Ohio State Persian Club |
| Huddy, Carolyn E. | Cymric Cat Club |
| Huddy, Carolyn E. | Northwest T.L.C. |
| Huggins, Pamela | Pocono Cat Fanciers |
| Huggins, Pamela | Mason-Dixon Cat Fanciers |
| Humpage, Mark H. | Spokane Cat Club |
| Humpage, Mark H. | Rose City Cat Fanciers |
| Hunt, Dawn | Indy Cat Club, Inc. |
| Irwin, Sheli | Mo-Kan Cat Club |
| Jackson, Candilee | Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society |
| Jackson, Kirk | Sun Pacific Cat Club |
| Jaeger, Barbara A. | Franciscan Silver & Golden Fanciers |
| Jaeger, Barbara A. | Abyssinian Breed Club Europe |
| Jensen, Lois | Dimes And Dollars Cat Club |
| Johnson, Bradley Craig | Cascade Cat Fanciers |
| Johnson, Carol W, DVM | Americans West |
| Johnson, Deanne | Siamese Fanciers |
| Johnson, Deanne | Cats Royale |
| Johnson, Donna | Domesti-Katz Cat Club |
| Johnson, Margaret R. | Rome Cat Forum |
| Johnston, Robert V. | Ancient Capital Cat Society |
| Johnston, Sandy | Last Chance CF International |
| Jonnson, Peg | Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society |
| Kallmeyer, Richard | Sun Kyoto Cat Club |
| Kallmeyer, Richard | Copper City Cat Club |
| Kape, Tina | Americans In Paradise |
| Kape, Tina | California Silver Fanciers |
| Keating, Allene | Topeka Cat Fanciers |
| Keenan, Denise | Egyptian Mau Breeders & Fanciers |
| Keiger, Teresa | Central Carolina Cat Fanciers |
| Kempf, Ed | Frontier Feline Fanciers |
| Kempf, Joyce E. | Portland Cat Club |
| Keyer, Julie | National Colorpoints & Orientals |
| Kingsley, Carolyn | Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers |
| Knight, Lyn | Star City Cat Fanciers |
| Koizumi, Kayoko | Japan Liberty Cat Club |

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| Koizumi, Kayoko | Exotic Cat Club Japan |
| Kojima, Takako | Sunflower Cat Club |
| Kolencik, Mary | Lilac Point Fanciers |
| Kolencik, Mary | Siamese Alliance of America |
| Koval, Carolyn | Napa Valley Cat Fanciers |
| Koval, Carolyn | Oriental West |
| Kramanak, Maureen | Tokyo Cat Fanciers |
| Krzanowski, Carol | Metropolitan Cat Fanciers |
| Kusy, Debbie | Straight And Curl Cat Club |
| Kusy, Debbie | Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers |
| Lane, Karen | Cat Club of The Palm Beaches |
| Lane, Karen | Classy Cats Society |
| Larkin, Claire | Western Pennsylvania CF |
| Lawrence, Karen | Vintage Cat Fanciers |
| Lichtenberg, Patricia | Up In Smoke Society |
| Lichtenberg, Patricia | Hotlanta Cat Club |
| Lodge, Sunny | Amarillo Cat Fanciers |
| Low, Phebe | United Feline Odyssey |
| Maddox, Patricia | North Shore Cat Club |
| Makl, Chris | Southeastern Michigan CF |
| Marcorelle, Florence | Atlanta Allbreed Cat Club |
| Mare, David L. | Cat Walkers Japan |
| Mare, David L. | Las Vegas Cat Club |
| Marron, Mary Frances | Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy |
| Marron, Mary Frances | International Scottish Fold Ass'n |
| Martino, Linda | Magic City Cat Club |
| Mastin, Lisa | Hallmark Cat Club |
| Mastin, Richard | Genesee Cat Fanciers Club |
| Mathis, Anne | Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers |
| McClain, Lori | Roses For Felines |
| McGlynn, Rosina | Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers |
| McKenzie, Mark | Cat Spring Irregulars |
| McKenzie, Mark | Hair of The Cat |
| McKenzie, Sharon | American Gothic Cat Club |
| McKenzie, Sharon | Cat Fanciers of Osaka |
| McLain, Lori | Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers |
| Meeker, Ginger | Paper Tigers |
| Meeker, Ginger | Fancy That Cat Club |
| Meeker, Paul R. | Idaho Cat Fanciers |
| Meeker, Paul R. | Riverside Cat Club Japan |
| Mellinger, Jan | San Diego Cat Fanciers |
| Merrill, Sandy | Foot of The Rockies Cat Club |
| Miller, Craig | Lewis & Clark LH Specialty |
| Miller, Craig | Sacramento Valley CF |
| Miller, Joan | Torrey Pines Cat Club |
| Miller, Rob | Mousekin Cat Club |
| Minkley, Mary Beth | Wisconsin Longhair Fanciers |
| Minkley, Mary Beth | Sofistocated Felines |
| Mitchell, Alexis | Lucky Tomcat Club |
| Mitchener, Michael | Basic Black Cat Club |

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| Moehlman, Joanne | Crossroads Cat Club |
| Morgan, Melanie | Southern Dixie Cat Club |
| Morgan, Melanie | Southeastern Persian Society |
| Moser, Gail L. | Cat Nation Fanciers |
| Muck, Carroll | No Pussy Footin' Around |
| Muck, Carroll | Grandview Cat Fanciers |
| Mulrennan, Mary | Half Moon Cat Club |
| Munro, Charlene | Agua Caliente Cat Club |
| Munro, Mac | West Hills Cat Fanciers |
| Murphy, Susan | Masters Cat Club (the) |
| Nangle, Jeanne M. | Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers |
| Newkirk, Darrell | Willamette Valley Cat Club |
| Newmarch, Mary | Rip City Cats |
| Newmarch, Mary | Quad City Cat Club |
| Nitschke, Brad | Archangel Society |
| Nitschke, Brad | American Wirehair Cat Society |
| Noble, Paula | Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers |
| Noggle, Debbie | Mid Indiana Cat Enthusiasts |
| Osier, Carolyn | Burmese Club of So California |
| Osier, Carolyn L. | Abyssinian Breeders Int'l |
| Oster, Yvonne | West Coast Cats |
| Patton, Paul | Cat'n On The Fox |
| Patton, Paul | Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx |
| Pearce, Wain | Ragdoll Breed Club |
| Pearson, Matthew | Nashville Cat Club |
| Peck, Cheryl | Colorado Cat Fanciers |
| Pedigo, Cheryl | Camino Real Cat Fanciers |
| Peet, David J. | Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers |
| Peet, David J. | Coastal Paws Cat Club |
| Peet, Shirley | Diamond State Cat Club |
| Peet, Shirley | Freestate Feline Fanciers |
| Pelletier, Justin L. | Atlanta American Shorthair CC |
| Perkins, Susan E. | Damn Yankees Cat Club |
| Petersen, Nancy | Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers |
| Petersen, Nancy | Long And Short of It Cat Club |
| Peterson, Linda A. | Devon Rex Breed Club |
| Petty, Tracy | Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society |
| Peulicke, Kathryn | Lucky Penny Cat Club |
| Phillips, Monte | Packerland Cat Fanciers |
| Pinckard, Margaret | Santa Clara Valley CF |
| Placchi, Norma J. | International Havana Brown Society |
| Placchi, Norma J. | Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc. |
| Powell, Bill | Champagne Cat Club |
| Powell, Sharon | Cleveland Persian Society |
| Quigley, Neil | Chinook Cat Club |
| Quigley, Neil | Valley Cat Fanciers |
| Raymond, Edward | Mohawk Trail Cat Club |
| Raymond, Edward | Gasparilla Feline Friends |
| Raymond, Jodell | Educated Guess Cat Fanciers (the) |
| Raynor, David | United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers |

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| Raynor, David M. | Shenandoah Valley Cat Fanciers |
| Reding, Jennifer | Los Colores Cat Club |
| Richardson, Mary-Margaret | Sunshine Cat Club |
| Robbins, Sue A. | Tonkinese Breed Association |
| Roberts, Connie | Crow Canyon Cat Club |
| Roberts, Connie | Vintage Shorthairs |
| Rogers-Pichotta, Sharon | Friends & Family |
| Rogers, Jan | National Birman Fanciers |
| Rogers, Jim | Show And Tell Cat Club |
| Rogers, Jim | Gulf Shore Consortium |
| Rommel, Robin | Bombay Enthusiasts of America |
| Rothermel, Diana | Tabby Fanciers of America |
| Rothermel, Diana | Fantastic Felines of Central NY |
| Roy, Sharon | Vermont Fancy Felines |
| Russell, Bruce | Toronto Cat Fanciers |
| Russell, Eve | Jiminy Christmas Cat Club |
| Rutledge, Kathleen | Hidden Peak Cat Club |
| Sakurai, Makiko | Osaka Philocat Society |
| Satoh, Yayoi | Royal All Breed Cat Club |
| Schneider Hester, Helene | Empire Cat Club |
| Schreck, Barbara | Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers |
| Schreck, Barbara | Jazz Kats |
| Schreiner, Lynne | Bougalie Rebels Cat Club |
| Scruggs, Allen | Crafty Cat (the) |
| Search, Lynn K. | Moorestown Cat Fanciers |
| Segrest, Ann | Manx Ltd |
| Segrest, Ann | Korats Unlimited |
| Shaffer, Regina L. | Hemet Feline Fanciers |
| Shaffer, Regina L. | Las Flores Cat Club |
| Shafnisky, Alene M. | Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l. |
| Shay, Sonja | Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders |
| Shelton, Michael | Poinsettia City Cat Club |
| Shelton, Michael | New Millenium Cat Club |
| Shinmoto, Michie | Nekogatari Cat Club |
| Sieffert, Sarah C. | Capital Cat Fanciers |
| Sieffert, Sarah C. | Greater Baltimore Cat Club |
| Signore, Teresa | Exotic Breeders |
| Simmons, Ruth | Worldwide European Burmese |
| Smalts, Randy | Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club |
| Smalts, Sherilyn S. | Lone Star Cat Club |
| Smith, Kendall | Seattle Cat Club |
| Smith, Kendall | All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club |
| Smith, Larry | Desert Cats |
| Smith, Linda | Grand Canyon Cat Club |
| Smith, Lisa | Stones River Cat Fanciers |
| Smith, Terrie | Continental Balinese Club |
| Smith, Terrie | Rainbow Plumes |
| Sogge, Pamela | Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers |
| Staker, Lynn M. | Wild Rose Cat Club |
| Stevenson, Debbi | Tri State Cat Fanciers |

Stewart, Connie
 Stewart, Donna
 Sweeters, Mary Ann
 Sweeters, Mary Ann
 Sweney, Edwin
 Takahashi, Mie
 Takano, Yaeko
 Tesdall, Mary Jane
 Thai, Rebecca
 Thompson, Donna Jean
 Thompson, Donna Jean
 Treleani, Kathy
 Truesdell, Susan H. DVM
 Underwood, Richard
 Valencia, Eric
 Van Scoyk, Wilma
 Van Scoyk, Wilma
 Vanwongerghem, Peter
 Von Aswege, Doug
 Von Aswege, Kathleen
 Von Egidy, Lynne
 Von Egidy, Lynne
 Wardlaw, Constance W.
 Watanabe, Angeline Paul
 Watanabe, Angeline
 Watson, James
 Watson, James
 Watson, Liz
 Watson, Liz
 Watson, Paula
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 Webb, Russell
 Wedel, Melissa
 Weihrauch, Roberta
 Weinberger, Renee
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 Weller, Robert
 Wentling, Kathleen C.
 Wheeldon, Virginia
 White, Betty
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 Wilkins, Karen
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 Willen, J. Sandra
 Williams, Donald
 Willingham, Christine W.

Beverly Hills Cat Club
 Victor Valley Cat Club (the)
 Cenla Cat Fanciers
 Cajun Cowboy Cat Club
 Finicky Felines Society
 Ganba Kobe Cat Club
 Nagasaki Cat Fanciers
 Hawkeye State Cat Club
 White Glove Society (the)
 Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club
 Cat's Meow (the)
 American Tabby And Tortie
 Roadrunners Cat Fanciers
 Golden Gate Cat Club
 Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers
 Dayton Cat Fanciers
 United Silver And Golden Fanciers
 Feline Fanciers of Benelux
 Siouxland Cat Fanciers
 Japan Cat Fanciers
 Oriental Shorthairs of America
 Long Island Cat Club
 Cotton States Cat Club
 Raines Cal Sid Color CC
 Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club
 Happy Alternative Cat Club
 Arklahoma Feline Fanciers
 China International Cat Club
 Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers
 Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers
 Arkansas Feline Fanciers
 Cat's Incredible Inc.
 Chicago Shorthair Cat Club
 No Dogs Allowed
 Lincoln State LH Fanciers
 Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders
 New Hampshire Feline Fanciers
 Colonial Annapolis CF
 National Siamese Cat Club
 New Mexico Cat Fanciers
 Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers
 Feline Forum of Greater NY
 Breeders Alliance & Sphynx Trust
 National American SH Club
 Aloha Cat Fanciers
 Golden West Cat Club
 Hawai'i Hulacat Club
 Monterey Peninsula CF
 Ocala Cat Club
 Coastal Cat Club

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| Willis, Karen | Westchester Cat Club |
| Willis, Karen | Eyes of Texas Cat Club |
| Wilson, Annette L. | Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club |
| Wilson, Annette L. | Western Reserve Cat Club |
| Wintershoven, Henny | Cats 'R Us |
| Wolf, Janet C. | Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey |
| Wolfson, Adrienne | Mark Twain Feline Fanciers |
| Wood, Beverly A. | Lincoln Cat Club |
| Wood, Brenda J. | Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers |
| Zabriskie, Sherrie | Pioneer Valley Cat Fanciers |
| Zaden, Sibyl | Puget Sound Cat Club |
| Zaden, Sibyl | Titletown Cat Fanciers |
| Zenda, Bob | We 'r' Having Fun Cat Club Inc |
| Zenda, Robert | Cochise Cat Fanciers |
| Zinck, B. Iris | Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers |
| Zinck, B. Iris | Fort Vancouver Cat Fanciers |
| Zinck, Robert | Turkish Angora Breeders Union |
| Zottoli, Jeri | Black Diamond Cat Club |

(31) CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2009 MINUTES.

DelaBar: I need a motion to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting we held.
Eigenhauser: So moved, Madam President. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(32) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING.

DelaBar: I am appointing our CFA Attorney Fred Jacobberger as Parliamentarian for the annual meeting, and I'm asking our Secretary to please read the rules of our parliamentary procedure that we will use today.

(33) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 2010 Annual Meeting, Fred Jacobberger had **Secretary Anger** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

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

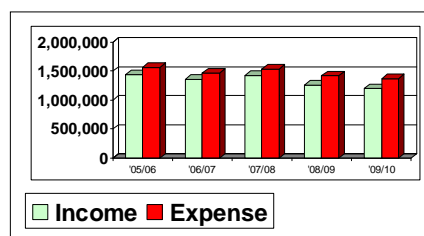
DelaBar: Now, you did remember what she just told you. There will be a quiz before we allow you to go to lunch today. As usual, we always have our little sides that especially Kathy loves so much. If you come to the speakers to be recognized to speak on an issue and you do not state your name and the club you are representing, that's \$5. However, if a cell phone goes off and it's not turned off or you don't have it in your pocket buzzing away, and we hear it, that's a \$20 fine.

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

DelaBar: Let me introduce to you our CFA Treasurer, Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Good morning CFA delegates, sponsors, friends and guests. Are we all awake? Did we have a good time last night at the picnic? Yeah, wasn't that awesome? I hope everyone is having a great time here in Minneapolis, and I hope you all had safe travels getting here. It was probably a bit of a challenge for a lot of people getting here on Wednesday and probably not much better on Thursday, but I'm glad you are all here.

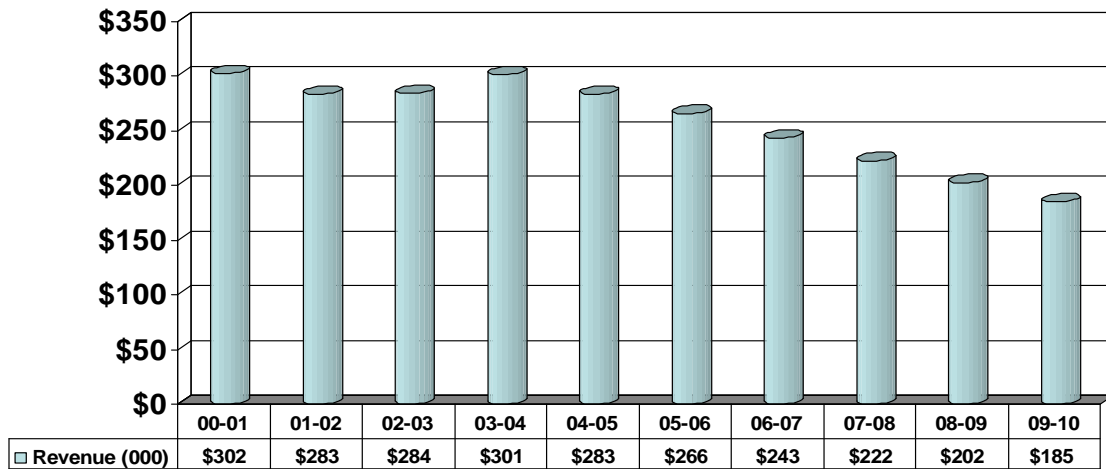
OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE

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| Income - \$ 1,196,616 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration -Litter Registration – Individuals Other Registration Services Breed Council Club & Shows Booklets and Forms | Operating Expense -\$1,368,472 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary Building Maintenance & Utilities Supplies and Systems Insurance CFA Programs Legislative |
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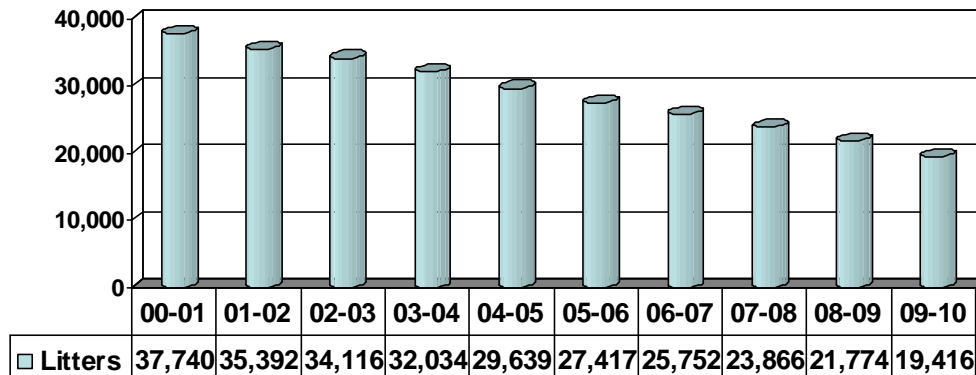
So, let's get started. Let's start with the portion of the core business that generates income, and that would be litter registration including litter and individuals, registration services such as administering name changes, leases, transfers and the generation of pedigrees. This also includes club activities, breed council, and other show activities. These types of activities generated approximately \$1,196,616 dollars in income. On the other side of the chart are operating expenses. Operating expenses include salaries, building maintenance, utilities, office supplies, system maintenance, and CFA programs such as the Animal Welfare, the Budget Committee and the International Committee. These activities cost CFA \$1,368,472 dollars. As you can see from the graph above, these expenses exceeded revenue from a core competency perspective. The difference was \$171,856. Most of this was driven by declining registration.

Revenue from Litter Registration



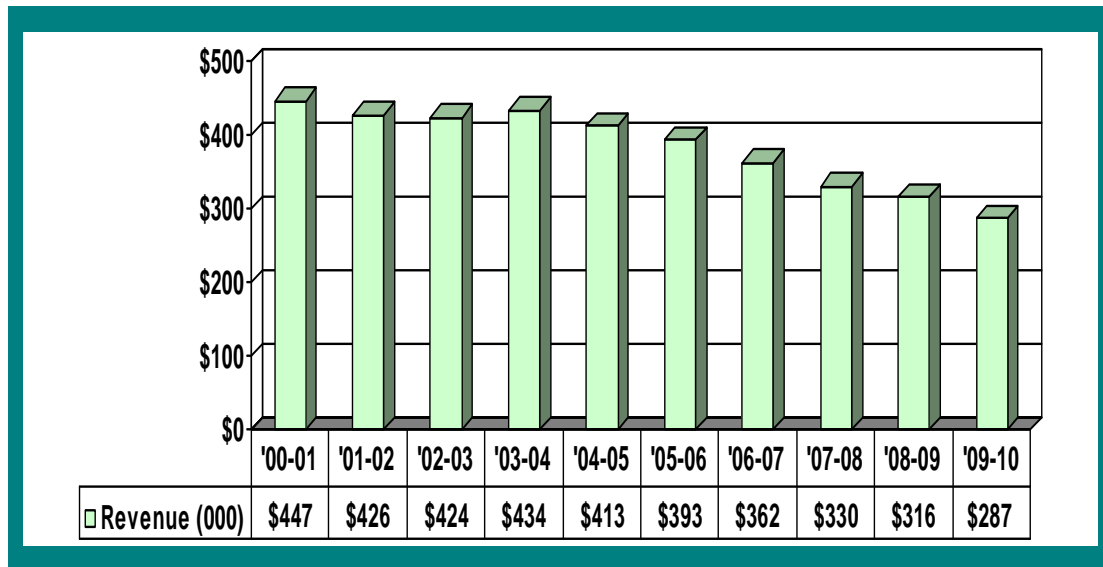
The slide above shows the decline in revenue from litter registration over the past 10 years. In the 2008-2009 season litter registration generated \$202,000 in revenue. This past season that number dropped \$17,000 to \$185,000.

Litter Registration



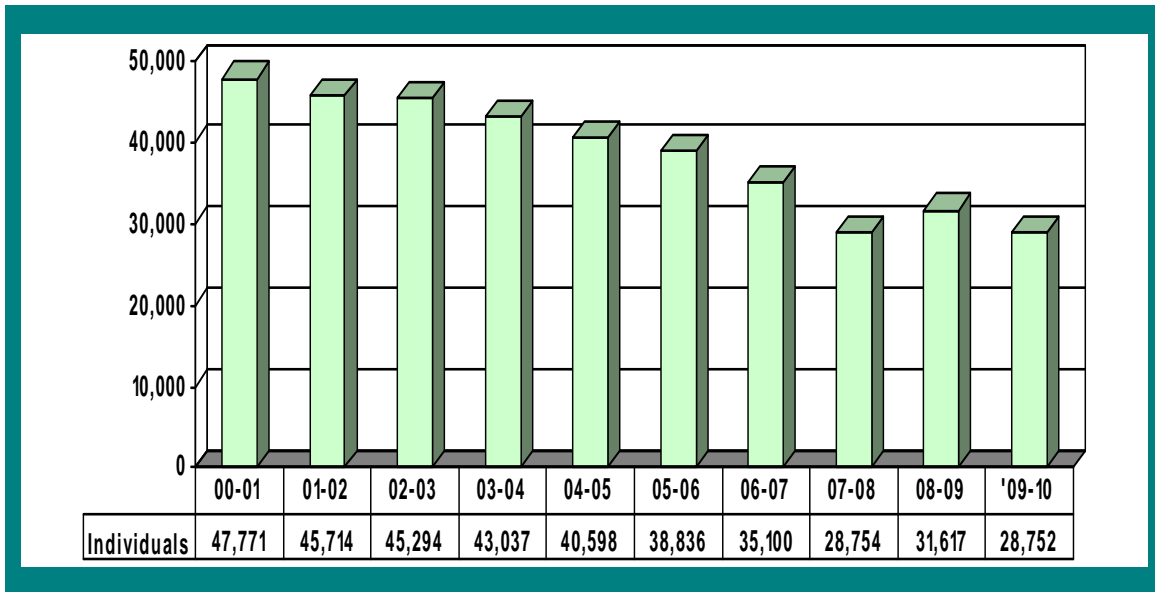
The next slide depicts the change in actual litters registered. Comparing the last two seasons we went from 21,774 litters registered to 19,416 litters registered. That is a net change of in the number of litters of 2,358 litters.

Revenue from Individual Registration

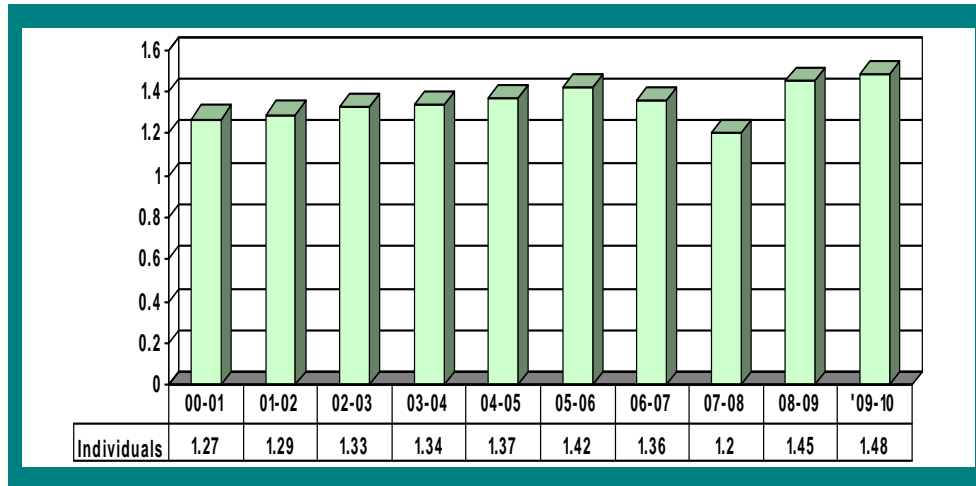


The scenario is similar in individual registration. In the 2008-2009 show season, revenue from individuals was \$316,000. In the past season, that number dropped to \$287,000. Two years ago 31,617 individuals were registered compared to 28,752 last year. This represents a net change of 2,865 individual cats or kittens.

Individual Registration



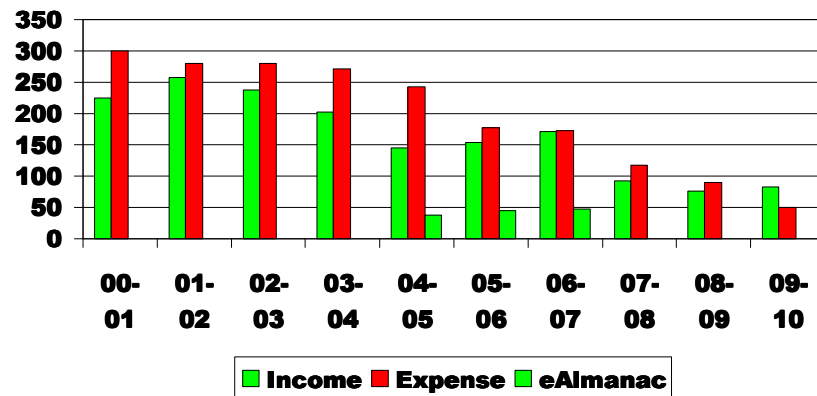
Individuals Registered Per Litter



The next chart depicts an interesting fact that the number of individuals registered per litter over the past 10 years is 1.35 individuals. As we know as breeders, the average number of live births recorded per litter is about 3.8 or an average of 4 but most of those kittens do not get registered. This represents a huge opportunity for future revenue, if we capture those kittens and cats that are not registered. We have a huge opportunity there.



Almanac/On-line Almanac



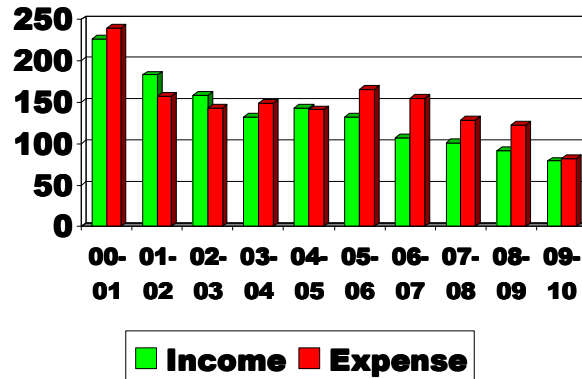
Headline

- Net revenue \$31,646
- Driven by cost reduction efforts, increased subscriptions and white page support

Let's move to Publications. Cost-savings efforts, including increased subscriptions and white page support, helped the Almanac bring in a \$31,646 dollar profit. I think that's a big improvement.



Yearbook



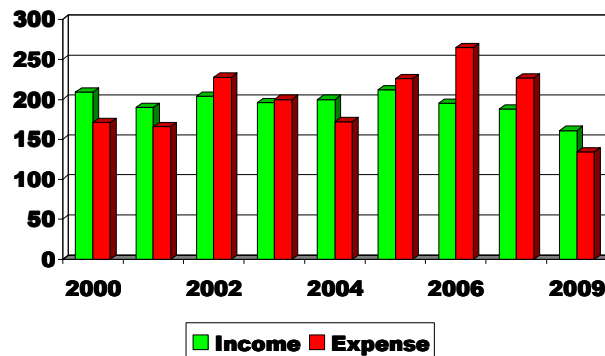
Headlines

- Order Your Book Today!
- Advertising deadline is AUGUST 18th.
- Be a Proud part of CFA History

The yearbook's performance was not as healthy as the Almanac but it only cost CFA \$3,200 to produce this wonderful publication. Given a few additional books purchased and a slight increase in advertising, this publication could be a financial success. So, your advertising deadline is August 18th. There's a message here. We want to see this come into the black.

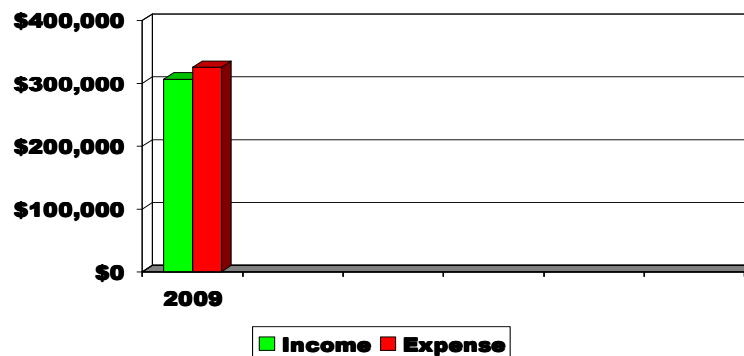


International Show



- Great Marketing Event
- Event did not meet gate expectations
- Still delivered \$27,541 profit

Meet The Breeds



- Dr Elsey's funding required website and breed booth signage which was not accomplished
- Result \$11,000 sponsorship not realized resulting in an \$18,823 loss
- This will be recovered in 2010 as the funding from Dr Elsey's has increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000

The two CFA sponsored shows were huge marketing successes. Even though the International did not meet gate expectations, it still delivered a profit of over \$27,000. Good job for the Committee. Meet the Breeds, again another huge marketing success, was not as much of a financial success, but there's a reason for that. Our Dr. Elsey's funding required signage on the website and in the breed booths that we did not accomplish. Therefore, we could not expect the \$11,000 in sponsorship that they were generating, given to CFA for those signage opportunities.

But, the good news is that the funding from Dr. Elsey's for next year's event has been increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000, so CFA will still see that revenue. Good job from Meet the Breeds.

Financial Summary



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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Ordinary Income | |
| Registration & Registration Services | \$1,196,616 |
| Interest Income | 1,302 |
| Publications | |
| Almanac | 31,646 |
| Yearbook | (3,219) |
| CFA Produced Events | |
| | 8,718 |
| International | 31,646 |
| Meet the Breeds | (3,219) |
| Merchandise | 2,579 |
| Marketing | 139,151 |
| Operating Expense | 1,368,472 |
| Net Income | \$8,323 |

So, here's the financial summary. I won't read through all these numbers, because they are the same numbers that were on the previous charts, but let's just talk a little bit about marketing. It brought in \$139,151 after all expenses and our bottom line was \$8,323. That's a huge difference from the \$95,000 loss we saw last year. Good job, everyone!

Revenue Overview

2010 – 2011

CFA has a financial structure that is increasingly dependent upon sponsorship and non-traditional revenue streams.

Upside

- Fuels innovation

- Supports marketing CFA and the Cat Fancy

Downside

- Driven by economic pressures that are not controllable

- High Risk

- Limited life span

OK, let's talk about the next year, 2010-2011. CFA has a financial structure that is increasingly dependent upon sponsorship and non-traditional revenue streams. We appreciate our sponsors. There's no doubt about it. We love our sponsors, and they do a very, very good job in their support of CFA. On the upside, our sponsors fuel innovation. They help support marketing in CFA and the cat fancy in general. But, the downside of that is, funding is subject to economic pressures that are not CFA controllable. There's high risk and the life span of many sponsorship efforts is limited.

Revenue Overview

2010 – 2011

- Guaranteed revenue agreement with Jakks Pacific, Inc
 - reaches completion
 - the revenue stream must be replaced this year
- Potential Revenue Opportunities
 - New licensing agreements – High Risk
 - New website advertisers – Medium Risk
- Basic Business Assumption
 - Core competencies – registration must support our core operations
 - Lower Risk
 - Highly Controllable

Current Registration Fees

2010 – 2011

- Potential Revenue Opportunities
 - New licensing agreements – High Risk
 - New website advertisers – Medium Risk
- Basic Business Assumption
 - Core competencies – registration must support our core operations
 - Lower Risk
 - Highly Controllable

This year, the guaranteed revenue agreement with Jakks Pacific reaches completion. That revenue stream has to be replaced this year. That is the \$100,000 gap that Pam referred to in her opening speech. Now, of course, as Pam said, we will be pursuing other revenue opportunities – new licensing agreements that are also high risk, and new website advertisers on our updated website, which I would categorize as medium risk, but we need to return to a fundamental business practice that our core operations need to be supported by our core competency, and that's registration.

New Registration Fees 2010 – 2011

| Service | Old Rate | New Rate |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Litter Registration | \$8.00 | \$10.00 |
| Late Litter Registration | \$13.00 | \$15.00 |
| Individual Registration | \$10.00 | \$12.00 |
| Late Individual Registration | \$15.00 | \$17.00 |
| Transfer Owner | \$8.00 | \$10.00 |
| Transfer Owner Late | \$13.00 | \$17.00 |
| Name Changes | \$7.00 | \$9.00 |
| Championship Confirmation | \$10.00 | \$15.00 |
| New Cattery Registration | \$50.00 | \$75.00 |
| Cattery Name Renewal | \$20.00 | \$25.00 |

Registration fees, as Pam alluded to, have been increased. Our starting point, the fact that we are lower than other registries, is indicative that we did need to increase those fees. Our registry offers superior services that are not offered by other registries. CFA supports cats through programming not offered by other registries, and these fees are currently not covering our operational costs. So, here are our new fees for registration and services for 2010-2011. As you can see, most of the fees or the rates had a modest increase of \$2. Championship confirmation was raised to \$5, new cattery registration by \$25 and renewals by \$5.

RESULTS

- Approximately \$122,000 in new revenue from our **CORE BUSINESS**
 - Complete replacement of financial gap caused by the completion of Jakks Pacific agreement
 - Minimal cost to Fanciers
 - One step towards controlling our destiny
- **Financially Sound for CFA**
- **One more thing.....**

YOU Make it Happen!

- **Registration**
 - Support YOUR CFA with REGISTRATION
 - If registration goes down none of us benefit
- **Publications**
 - Order your Yearbook NOW.
 - Advertise
 - BE A PROUD PART OF CFA HISTORY
- **Events**
 - Clubs need your support! Enter at least 2 cats each you show and show often.
- **Be Committed**
 - CFA's success depends on all of us
- **WE ARE A REGISTRY**
 - Fur, Feathers and Fins
 - Domestic or Pedigree
 - LET'S BE A LEADER



This year, that will generate approximately \$122,000 in new revenue. One-quarter of our year has already gone by, but on an annual basis, that would be closer to \$166,000. This will completely bridge the gap caused by the completion of the Jakks Pacific guarantee. As I said before, most fees were raised by a couple of dollars, so there is minimal cost to the fanciers. This is one step forward toward controlling our future. It's a financially sound step for CFA. But, there's one more thing, and that's you. You can make it happen. Registration – we must register our kittens. The two and a half kittens per litter that are going unacknowledged need to be

registered. We need to keep that number healthy, so if registration goes down as a result of the slight price increase, no one will benefit. Publications – we’re down to about 600 books per order. An organization of our size, we can do a better job of supporting that publication, so order your Yearbook today. Advertise in that book. Make sure that you and your cats and your successes are a proud part of CFA’s history. Events – clubs need our support, plain and simple, so we need to enter the shows. Bring an extra cat. Or two or three. Support the shows. The clubs need us. We want to keep the clubs healthy, we want to keep the shows alive. We’ve got to support them. Fundamentally, we are a registry. We’ve got three F’s there – fur, feathers, fins. I would register any of it. That’s what our core competency is – registry. Domestic or pedigree, so as Pam spoke earlier, please support the Constitutional change. We need that from a financial standpoint, and it’s the right thing to do. If we don’t do it, other registries will, so let’s be a leader. Let us be the innovator. Make it happen and be committed. CFA success depends on all of us – every single person in this room, at home, in their catteries – all of us.

Finance/Budget Committee Acknowledgement & THANKS!

- **Chuck Gradowski – The Closer**
 - 10 years of Service
 - You could always count on Chuck to tie up the loose ends and deliver the numbers!
- **Barb Schreck – Get to the Point**
 - 4 years of Service
 - Can always count on Barb for a quick reality check
- **Bob Johnston – Mr. Clarity**
 - New to the team
 - Being new Bob challenges the status quo and questions the paradigms
- **Allene Tartaglia – Historian**
 - Even before being named as Executive Director, Allene was a key contributor
 - Knowing where to go for the history behind the decision has been an immeasurable contribution
- **Pam DeLaBar – Tell It Like It Is**
 - The President is on each CFA committee – but Pam provided more than the Presidential drive by.
 - Active and Engaged

And, talking about the group of people to make it happen, I would like to take a moment to thank and acknowledge the Finance/Budget Committee members.

Chuck Gradowski, would you stand up? Ten years of service on the Finance Committee. I would always call Chuck. Chuck was the closer. We would go through the numbers and it just didn’t add up. “Oh my God, now what are we going to do?” Chuck would get going, and he would make that budget balance. You could always depend on him for that, and he’s a proud

Grandpa and a heck of a cook, to boot. **DelaBar:** And an alumni of the University of Illinois. **Calhoun:** Chuck, did you graduate from the University of Illinois? No wonder.

Barb Schreck, where are you? Oh, she's in Credentials. Four years of service. If anybody knows Barb, Barb is like "get to the point". You can always count on Barb for a reality check, and – little known fact – she loves blue, she loves shoes and she loves Tim, not necessarily in that order. Thank you, Barb!

Bob Johnston, are you in the room? There he is over there. New to the Committee. I call him Mr. Clarity. He questions everything – the status quo, the paradigms, the past assumptions – you can depend on Bob for calling that into question and making us think. Always there to help. Thank you, Bob!

Allene Tartaglia. Even before Allene was named as Executive Director, she was a key contributor to the process. She always knows, what did we do in this category 15 years ago, and Allene would come up with the information. By the way, we are counting on her to keep us supplied with oranges from Florida. Thank you, Allene!

Pam DelaBar. Tell it like it is. As President, Pam is on every committee, but she is not a presidential drive-by. Pam is active, she's engaged, she's asking questions, she wants answers and she's a Texas with the top down. Thank you, Pam.

So, with that, I think about this road that I've traveled with CFA. Ten years ago, when I had to do my first speech, the night before that weekend I shared a room with Bob Bradshaw and his friend. Now, if anybody has ever roomed with Bob Bradshaw, you would realize nobody snores like Bob Bradshaw. Now, if you think about it, this was the first time I had done this, and I was a bundle of nerves, so Bob is snoring there, I got up, couldn't sleep, took my pillow and blanket, and laid down in the bath tub. I thought if I went in the bathroom, it would block it out. Well, no, that doesn't work. You can hear it. About 3:00 in the morning, I get dressed and I walked around the lobby in the hotel. I was all worn out by the time the thing started, so I think about that and I think about now, and I look at all these people, the friendly faces, the people that are dedicated to their cats, to their dogs, they are animal lovers, and people out there that are dedicated to CFA. It's just been a pleasure, a true pleasure to serve, and I want to thank you Bob.

(35) ROYAL CANIN. Sharon Lund:

DelaBar: I need to recognize Sharon Lund from Royal Canin. Sharon, are you here? Come on up. It's your turn to speak. **Lund:** Good morning, everyone. I wasn't scheduled to speak here, it was Dr. Melinda Fleming. She was going to present to you the science behind our new wet diet, our canned food. Unfortunately, she's ill and cannot speak, so I do not have that PowerPoint with me. As I just said, there's a science behind the wet food. It's not just another canned. You do have samples of that in your delegate bags. Please stop by my booth and I'll be happy to talk to you about it. The other thing I would like to do, I would like to take this opportunity to thank CFA, Pam, Roeann, all the staff that has worked so closely with Royal Canin to make Royal Canin more successful in the fancy, and we sincerely appreciate all of your support. So Pam, good luck to you. It's been very, very nice working with you. OK, so stop by

the booth. Obviously, this is very short and sweet, so maybe it will cut your meeting a little bit shorter today, which is a good thing, right?

(36) DR. ELSEY'S PRECIOUS PET. Gina Zaro:

DelaBar: From Dr. Elsey's Precious Pet Products, I don't know if we have Dr. Bruce Elsey or Gina Zaro? Here comes Gina. **Zaro:** Good morning. My name is Gina Zaro and I'm the Marketing Director for Precious Cat. Precious Cat is located in Inglewood, Colorado, which is a bedroom community of Denver. Dr. Bruce Elsey is the developer of our litter products and the owner of Precious Cat Litter. Dr. Elsey started a litter company in the 1980's but as some of you know, he has also been a feline practitioner in Denver for over 30 years, starting the All Cat Clinic in the 1970's. Making a difference by saving cats' lives is what we do at Precious Cat Litter. Dr. Elsey remarked to me the other day that he thought he had made more of a difference by developing the Cat Attract™ product than maybe becoming a feline veterinarian for over 30 years. We encourage litter box use for life by developing solution-based products and we strive to make sure that a cat uses its box through all the years of its life. Along with that comes our commitment to help all cats. As Pam mentioned, Precious Cat has been a proud sponsor of the New York Meet the Breeds, and also a sponsor every year of the Mayor's Alliance Adopt-a-Cat event. Precious Cat has an extensive shelter program. Our hope is, if we can get to cats with our Cat Attract™ product before they are surrendered to a shelter, or make sure that they have the product in the shelter, these cats will be adopted. We send to shelters free of charge our Cat Attract™ litter additive, free coupons for our product, and of course our *Litterbox Solutions* booklets. We also litter any shelter that calls us with litter, and give them free bags of Cat Attract™ to give out, so those cats won't be returned back to shelters. Inappropriate elimination is the number one reason cats are abused, sent to shelters and put to sleep. We are always researching new ways with our test cat, China Girl, to keep cats using their litter box, and China says to let you know that we'll be coming out with two products next year that will be launched at the beginning of next year. So, if you have a cat that's not using the box, Cat Attract™ litter and litter additive are those products to bring them back to the litter box.

The next litter I would like to discuss is our Precious Cat Ultra. The Ultra litter is hypoallergenic, meaning it contains no plant protein. It is very low in dust. We put no chemicals or deodorants in our litter. I have a cat, China Girl, as a matter of fact, who is very allergic and she does very well on the Ultra litter, as do many of our clients that are human and cats that have asthma and allergies.

Last December, we were awarded an industry standard award from *Pet Business Magazine* for our longhair and senior litters. The editor said that we offer non-toxic biodegradable litters that were safe for felines and the environment. Precious Cat Long Haired Litter is a green product that has the right particle size for longhaired cats, and it does not adhere to their coat or color their coat. Along those lines is our Precious Cat Senior that grows no bacteria, so if you have a senior cat that would happen to soil their genital area, you would get no retrograde urinary tract infection. It also absorbs urine on contact and dehydrates the feces, which is good for *e coli*.

I would like to share just one testimonial with you today. I also do all the behavior calls at Precious Cat, which entails answering a lot of emails and talking to people on the phone about why their cats are not using the litter box, and this is just one of the testimonials we received: *I'm writing to thank you for your Precious Cat Senior Litter. It was a miracle. My cat Zena is 18 years old. She has been urinating outside the litter box for 2 years. I've tried all different kinds of litter boxes and cat litter. I gave up and was using puppy pads. One day, my daughter and I were at PetSmart looking at a cat for adoption. I turned around and there was your Senior Cat Litter. I read the outside and decided to try it. It was a miracle. She started to use the box immediately. I could not believe it. We have been so much happier ever since. I've told everyone I know about your litter. I thought I would never find anything that would get her back to using the box. Thank you for inventing such an amazing product – again, making a difference in a cat's life.*

The last litter I would like to discuss is our Kitten Attract. Kitten Attract is a great litter for your kittens when they leave the home and go into their new homes. It has the right particle size for their tender paws and an herbal additive to draw them to the box and keep them using the box consistently.

To recap our litters, Kitten Attract for kitties 7 weeks to one year, Cat Attract™ for those cats that have inappropriate elimination issues, Precious Cat Ultra, again hypoallergenic, Precious Cat Long Haired and Precious Cat Senior.

I would like to thank you for giving us at Precious Cat an opportunity to talk a bit about our cat litters and to explain our passion for cats. Anyone who knows Dr. Elsey knows his passion for cats is very, very long reaching. We are very proud of our longstanding relationship and corporate sponsorship with CFA, and we would personally like to thank Roeann Fulkerson and of course Pam for all her support for us. It has greatly increased our business and we appreciate all of you much more than we can say. This year, we are sponsoring 24 cat shows, in addition to being a major contributing sponsor to Meet the Breeds and Adopt-a-Cat in New York. We are also a contributor to the breed councils, which enables them to show their cats at Meet the Breeds, and we also support CFA publications, both print and online. We are truly dedicated at Precious Cat to make a difference in all cats' lives through our litter products. Thank you very much for your time. **DelaBar:** Not only a great sponsor, but the product works phenomenally. I recommended it to one of my former classmates from Quincy Senior High School in Quincy, Illinois, and it totally turned around this cat's life. It didn't go to a shelter; it stayed in a home because it did start using a litter box.

(37) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. Joan Miller:

DelaBar: We've got an exciting program Joan is going to tell you about. This has been truly a labor of love. **Miller:** Good morning everyone. The Outreach and Education Committee was formed several years ago, and we had a number of interesting goals. It's going to take a long time to fulfill all of them, but we have definitely been making some strides. I just want to outline what we are going to do and have done. We want to establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats. We provide educational programs and events for various audiences – the general public, the veterinarians, we have had shelter projects and other pet fairs, in particular. The Cats CenterStage website is a major goal of the Outreach Committee. This will promote

respect for all cats. We're going to attract and include all cat owners, and we would like Cats CenterStage to provide revenue for CFA. One of our major goals is to increase activity and interest in CFA, and what we have to offer. We need to reach new people, new breeders, new exhibitors, new people interested in cats that will come to shows.

Outreach and Education Committee



- Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats
- Provide educational programs and events
- CatsCenterstage website
 - promote respect for all cats
 - attract and include all cat owners
 - provide revenue for CFA
- Increase involvement in CFA activities

I would like to thank the committee members that really make a difference in what we're doing. Pam DelaBar, Roeann Fulkerson, Allene Tartaglia, Karen Lawrence, Donna Isenberg, Fred Jacobberger, Mary Sietsema, and I am the chair of the Committee. We have worked very hard for several years.



Our most exciting thing is, Cats CenterStage has finally been launched after several years of work. This is a website to reach people who may know about cats, but they have little knowledge of pedigreed cats. It's for people that are just exposed to their first cat. It's for people that don't have a cat but are curious about cats. This is really the first time that CFA has reached out to these people in a major way. Cats CenterStage provides an immense resource for health and cat care. We have articles on cats in need, cat breed personalities, and in general our website is a celebration of all cats. The content emphasizes information for cat lovers – accurate and reliable and fun. It has a section for You and Your Cat, Cats in Need, information about the breeds, emphasizing personality, Catnip Center has games and puzzles and all kinds of things that are interesting to do that are fun. The boutique is for products and book reviews, and the Community will take people to the Forum. About Us has biographical information for all of our cat contributors and our writers.



We launched on June 8th.

Thank you to start-up donors !

We launched the website on June 8th, just a couple of weeks ago, with a press release and an announcement that went out to the cat fancy and the mailing lists that we were provided by Roeann and others, reaching as many people as we can. We had no funding available for start-up and so we raised money. In a couple of months, we were very pleased to have wonderful donations from the National Capital Cat 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 a number of individuals. Without their help, we never would have been able to get this going.



Now, Marva Marrow is our editor. She is responsible for the content on the website. She communicates with the writers and photographers. She's a photographer, she's a writer and she is a videographer. Karen Lawrence created the website design that we're really very pleased with. She provided much of the content and she is the moderator for the Forum. She is constantly monitoring the website and working on it all the time. I would like Karen to stand up, because she has done a fabulous job. <applause> I have been the overall coordinator, kind of riding herd on everyone else. I created the basic website concept and I provided general oversight. I want to give thanks to Pam DelaBar, who encouraged this project from the very beginning and got us really excited about doing this. I also thank Donna Isenberg, who was a committee member who helped with the early ground work. She has been a wonderful help. We had a focus group that looked at our mock-up's as we were getting things ready, and many of them gave good ideas and input so that we could iron out a few of the bugs. I have to recognize especially Mark Hannon, Mary Kolencik, Roeann Fulkerson, Allene Tartaglia, Debbie Kusy and Nancy Reeves. So, thank you very much for all of your work.



Now, the masthead design was donated by Ron DeWilde. He's a graphic designer in Costa Mesa, and we're very pleased with the design and very happy that he was able to do this for us. We have on the website on the home page rotating photographs. You see the dog with the cat here, but these photographs are constantly rotating. We are emphasizing pictures of cats with people, with dogs, the way they are in homes, whether they are pedigreed or non-pedigreed.

Today, I want to let you know some of the things that you can do to help make this website a success. #1 fill out the survey that you will find on the home page and give us your thoughts. This will give us an idea of what your interests are. Please let pet buyers and friends and relatives and everyone go there and fill out our survey. Then, down a little bit further, you will see where you can download the flyer that explains about Cats CenterStage. Distribute those to pet owners at shows, to veterinarians, to your friends, to family, to kitten buyers. We just had a pet expo in Phoenix, Arizona, and they handed out about 10,000 of these things to the gate there, so we have no database set up for pet owners, for people that have non-pedigreed cats. We're starting from scratch, so we need your help on this. As you will notice, Fanc-e-Mews has been featured on this site, too, and 4Kids About Cats has a highlighted spot on the web page. There is a button that you can put on your own website or any website that would be interested in this, and that will link to our Cats CenterStage from other websites. Breed councils might be able to put it on their websites. We are very eager to have people linking to our website. This helps to increase the search engine interest.

LOVE AND DETERMINATION AT THE CORE OF CFA GROUP

By Nubia Rojas-Blas, 2010

When people come in through the doors of Cats Exclusive, Inc. (CEI), their eyes are instantly drawn to the large hand made cage that takes up roughly a third of the lobby. The comments on the creativity of using closet shelving, the oohing and ahing over the young kittens running around inside, are inevitably followed by "Are these all the cats you have?" The staff chuckles and leads them through a door, where visitors gasp in surprised delight. "As you can see, our adult cats are free roaming, so they are pretty much everywhere! I can tell you more about each one if you find one you like, and there's more through that door."



Lobby

Photograph ©Candace West, 2009

The adoption center can hold fifty to sixty cats and kittens at any given time. This center and the attached non-profit cat clinic are results of an ambitious Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) club. Founded in 1979 by Marge Jackson, CEI hosts an annual CFA cat show. Every year this show holds cat and kitten adoptions. In 1998 the goal of opening their own no-kill adoption storefront was realized. To date the organization has placed over 5,500 stray cats into loving homes.

Until they started the clinic, CEI was helping to spay and neuter about 1,000 cats a year. Since the clinic opened in 2007, they have been able to sterilize over 10,000 cats. Expanding on the original idea, they are now a full service veterinary clinic, able to provide such services as dental cleanings, vaccinations, microchipping, bloodwork, and more.



Feature – Cat Club Helps Cats

I want to give you an idea of a few of the features that we have in the current website. This is a wonderful one about how a cat club, Cats Exclusive Cat Club in Florida, it's a fantastic program. This club set up their own adoption center. It's a store front and they also have a neuter/spay clinic. I just think this is amazing. We want the world to know about this. This is something that the shelter world is very interested in. I don't know if there are any people from this cat club – thank you so much. We love it. We're finding that the search engines have their spiders out looking at this article, so this is going to show people a different side of CFA and what we do for cats. It's very inspiring.

Holly Sisson: Taking the Best Photos of Your Cat

How do professional animal photographers capture that perfect, adorable Kodak moment? Photographer Holly Sisson shares her secrets and her love for photographing...cats!

Legend says that the Native American people of our country often shied away from being photographed by the dedicated and pioneering photographers traveling through the rugged territory of the Old West, in the infancy of photography. The indigenous people, who lived close to the land and were in tune with Nature, thought that photography captured their souls. To me, this is not necessarily a bad thing - the soul remains and the good photographer captures an instant - a quick, insightful peek inside the individual, which we can all enjoy. Photography thus can be art. Or not.

In photographing our elusive felines, that is exactly what we strive to achieve - to capture their playful, cuddly, big-little-cat essence, their unique personalities. However, how do we do this? Although Toronto-based photographer, Holly Sisson has only been photographing for a couple of years, she has the "eye" and a gift for accomplishing just that. With her artistic sensibility and skills of observation, she is able to grab that micro second, that expression, that says it all.

In this interview for CatsCenterstage, Holly graciously shares some of her tips and secrets for photographing cats. We hope your own photos will benefit by her expertise and insight!

Marva Marrow
Editor CatsCenterstage



Q: How long have you been photographing pets and how did you get started?

Holly: I purchased my first Canon DSLR in August 2006, and started shooting professionally in Toronto the next June (2007). I love to incorporate pets into my family sessions, as they are often the first 'babies' of the house, and part of the family. In my home we have had a few different cats before our Siberian cat, Alice, arrived. I just

**Feature –
The BestPhotos
Interview**

Another interest that people have is in photographing their cats. This article by Holly Sisson has been a big hit. She photographs portraits of families and people, and more and more people want to include their cats. She got interested in cats that way and now she is doing marvelous photographs of cats in the home setting and we were very pleased to get this wonderful, fresh article from her.

THE LIFE OF A SIAMESE THERAPY CAT

by Mary Soucy

Since becoming certified through the Delta Society as a therapy cat, Aspen has gone to 'work' a number of times at a local nursing facility, which is home to approximately 100 residents (4 floors). In an effort to not 'over work' him, we do 2 floors each visit.

On our first visit, Aspen was extremely interested (nosey is a better description) in his surroundings and would have loved to have been able to run around and check every thing out but, instead, he listened to what he was being asked to do and behaved remarkably well...sitting, purring and playing with his dragon fly his favorite toy to the delight of many people. On subsequent visits, Aspen now understands what he is expected to do and simply does it.

A normal resident visit usually lasts about 5 minutes. Aspen sits on a lap or bed listening to the "oohh's and ahhh's" of how "beautiful and soft" he is, while loving all the pets he is getting. If the situation warrants a more active performance, he will run in circles and jump up, endlessly, trying to catch his toy. I answer their questions regarding what kind of cat he is, his personality traits, sometimes explaining what it means to be a 'show cat' and listen to stories of pets they have loved. It is often difficult to take him away, especially when he has decided to fall asleep while cuddling with someone. They say "Oh, he wants to stay with me!" Margaret, one of the aids, loves how he rides on shoulders and she will scoop Aspen up and walk from bed to bed, room to room with him on her shoulders (I smile and quietly follow).

Although we are supposed to be visiting only certain floors each time, there are several people (and that list is growing) who somehow find out that Aspen is in the building and the nurses hunt us down with requests of "special" visits to his biggest fans. And, yes, he does have a fan club. I have given his picture to many of the residents and it is quite comical to walk into many rooms and see MY cat's picture displayed on bulletin boards, dressers, TVs and tucked in corners of family portraits with explanations given of "Those are the people in my life that I love, and I love him too".

Because a number of people have suffered strokes, their motor skills are impaired, making it difficult for them to 'gently' pet a skinny Siamese. I find it necessary to be constantly alert to this and sometimes have to strongly hold someone's hand to assure that Aspen is not in harm's way. This exact problem was covered as part of the training from the Delta Society. I'm very impressed with the thoroughness put forth by the Delta Society in this regard, as I feel confident that I have been properly educated on situations to watch out for and how to handle them kindly and correctly.



Feature –

**Aspen, the
Therapy Cat**

Then another article, I just love this one, is Aspen the Therapy Cat. This is a Siamese cat who is a Delta Society Certified Therapy Cat, who works in a nursing home facility. He sees residents on four floors, he sits on laps, he listens to their stories, he talks to them, he rides on the shoulders of the nurses, and I tell you, this is going to bring tears to your eyes. This is an absolutely marvelous cat that again shows what our cats do, other than be in the show ring. We have wonderful health resources. I'm not sure that there's anything quite so comprehensive as what we have on this website. This information is based on a major list of over 100 resources that were compiled by the former CFA cat club, Internet Cat Club. This is a cat club that is no longer active in CFA, but we got the resources. Many of the links at one time were dead, and they had to be researched. Karen did a lot of that work and got this thing going again. Every disease is covered in this resource. It's a wonderful place. I think the veterinarians are going to be interested in coming here, they are going to send their clients here, and I think this is something that you want to refer your pet buyers to. You can look up any disease and get really nice, accurate articles about it.

ALL ABOUT CFA RECOGNIZED BREEDS

The ideal pedigreed cat is "a perfectly proportioned animal of pleasing appearance and superb refinement, a sophisticated version of a domesticated feline," according to Jeanne Singer.

Breeders of pedigreed cats select those who are well balanced temperamentally while they strive to maintain the unique personality traits of their chosen breed whether this is a quiet sweet non-demanding pet or a highly active attention loving animal. Within each breed there may be some individuals who vary but consistency in temperament, as desired in each breed, is one of the goals of all breeders.

Many of the pedigreed breeds are well-known; others are rare yet treasured by those who value their rich history and other unique characteristics.

- [Abyssinian](#)
- [American Bobtail](#)
- [American Curl](#)
- [American Shorthair](#)
- [American Wirehair](#)
- [Balinese/Japanese](#)
- [Birman](#)
- [Bombay](#)
- [British Shorthair](#)
- [Burmese](#)
- [Chartreux](#)
- [Colorpoint Shorthair](#)
- [Cornish Rex](#)
- [Devon Rex](#)
- [Egyptian Mau](#)
- [European Burmese](#)
- [Exotic](#)
- [Havana Brown](#)
- [Japanese Bobtail](#)
- [Korat](#)
- [LaPerm](#)
- [Maine Coon](#)
- [Manx](#)
- [Norwegian Forest Cat](#)
- [Ocicat](#)
- [Oriental](#)
- [Persian](#)
- [Ragdoll](#)
- [Russian Blue](#)
- [Scottish Fold](#)
- [Selkirk Rex](#)
- [Siamese](#)
- [Siberian](#)
- [Singapore](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Sphynx](#)
- [Tonkinese](#)
- [Turkish Angora](#)
- [Turkish Van](#)

Current Miscellaneous and Provisional Breeds:

- [Chinese Li Hau](#)
- [Ragamuffin](#)



TOP 10 BREEDS



1. Persian
2. Exotic
3. Maine Coon
4. Siamese
5. Ragdoll
6. Abyssinian
7. Sphynx
8. American Shorthair
9. Birman
10. Oriental

Per CFA 2009 registration statistics.



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The cat breed section is unique and it needs your help. You can see where the button is on it. If you go to that area, you're going to see all of the breeds. These photographs on the website are actually rotating, so all the breeds are coming on a regular basis. When you go to each breed, you're going to see the information on the breeds and we need your help to add to the pages.


BREED PROFILE: Abyssinian

The overall impression of the ideal Abyssinian would be a colorful cat with a distinctly ticked coat, medium in size and regal in appearance.


The Abyssinian is lithe, hard and muscular, showing eager activity and a lively interest in all surroundings. This breed is well balanced temperamentally and physically with all elements of the cat in proportion.

[More about the Abyssinian...](#)





For Kids ... About Cats
Feline Education for Youngsters



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Characteristics and Personality


COAT LENGTH: Shorthair
CHARACTERISTICS: Ticked coat
COLORS: Ruddy, red, blue and fawn
PERSONALITY: Busy, active, agenda-driven and affectionate

The Abyssinian is extremely intelligent and very people oriented. They are inquisitive and have to have their noses in everything that you do. They love their people, and can be great lap cats – when they want to be. They will quickly have their owners trained to their lifestyle.

[More about Abyssinian personality...](#)

What does "ticked" mean?

If you look closely at the fur on an Abyssinian, you'll see that there are bands of color on each individual hair. These bands of color, called "agouti", alternate bands of a light color and a dark color.



Top 10 Breed Popularity Ranking

| | 2009 | 1999 | 1989 | 1979 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|
| Abyssinian | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 |

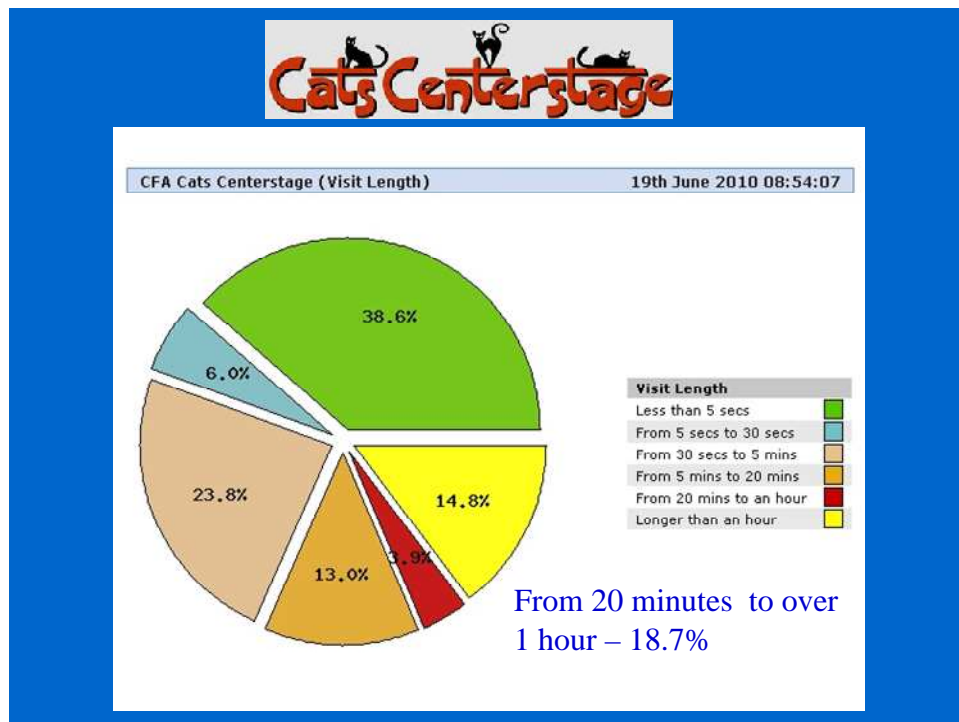
The Abyssinian is an example. You see a very short description of the breed. When we say “a ticked coat”, all of us know what a ticked coat is but the general public has no idea, so we have to let them know things. All of this is geared with the public in mind, so that they can understand. Each breed has a link. You can see the orange arrow shows you the link to the personality and we want to emphasize what these cats are like to live with at home – not necessarily in the show ring, but what they are as pets. Then, you will find down below on the breed page photographs of the cats in a home environment, photos taken by our members, and we have a part on what owners say, and that has some comments about Aby-grabbys and what they are like as pets.

I love the Exotics. There’s an Exotic in the bath tub and there are three Exotics watching television. One of the comments from a pet owner said, “Holding an Exotic is like cuddling a teddy bear that has come to life.” These are the kinds of comments that we need you to get from your pet buyers so that we can make all of our breed pages really interesting. I love the Russian Blue page. It’s delightful, and one of the owner comments says, “Sometimes I just sit and get lost in those green eyes.” We’ve got to get to the heart of these breeds, for people to be interested in them. The Maine Coon draped over the keyboard in front of a computer, I think those that have Maine Coons know that is very typical. Take pride in your breed. Get us some photos in home settings so that we know what your breed is like to live with.



A major aspect of Cats CenterStage is the Community Forum. The orange arrow will show you what to click on. This is the first time we have tried to be interactive with the public and get them involved. It's a platform for dialogue. When you go to the Forum, you're going to first see the guest area. You won't see all the topics, you'll just see a few of them. The top orange arrow is instructions for guests. We have a free membership in the Forum and the membership allows all sorts of things. First, it allows you to post on the Forum and take part in it. It's simple and it's quick to do. The members can enter our contests. They will have discounts. It's a place to also create your own profile page and talk about your cat and you – how you got into cats, what your interests area. This is an example of a wonderful page that talks about, “My Cat the Senator.” It's a nice example. The photos are uploaded and inserted. You can do much more than you can on any list. You can always put in all kinds of interesting things, so it's going to be a new element of interest for the pet owners. Very important is our calendar. It's a great thing on the Forum. Members can enter shows or other events. Our Annual is here and everything that's happening. As a guest, you can go to the calendar but you have to be a member in order to post. When you post, then it goes to whatever you want to say about your show, and what we want to you to say are all the things that the spectators would be interested in – what does it cost, what about the parking, where is the show hall, what the hours are, do you have agility, do you have household pets. If you go to the CFA website calendar, it's great for exhibitors. It tells who the judges are, it tells you the entry clerk. This is the area where we want the public to come when they want to look for a show in their area. This is very easy and you are going to be able to do

this yourself. You can put whatever you want on there. If you have discounts for the public, you can just have a link to your flyer where they can get that.



We're looking at the data to see where we are. It's interesting, because we have only been going for a couple of weeks, so we're very interested in the pattern. One thing that I have noticed is that on June 8th we have about 1,800 page views, so a lot of people were coming to see the website. I picked up the data on June 19th just before I was getting ready to come here, and we had an impressive 18.7% of viewers who stayed on the website from between 20 minutes to over an hour. I gather from many people that this is very unusual, for someone to spend that much time. We had 14.8% of the viewers of our website were over an hour on the website, so that shows that people are really looking at what we have to offer.



On the day we launched, we had visitors to the website from 31 countries. On June 19th when I looked at it again, when Karen gave me the figures, we had visitors on that particular day from 23 countries. You can see they came from New Zealand, they came from southeast Asia, from many places in Europe, and all over the United States and Canada, and even in South America. So, we're somehow reaching out to the world now, and when they come here, they're going to see all sorts of things of interest and many links back to the CFA website.



There is More to Come

- Discounts and special offers for members
- Contests
- Breed Selector System
- Webinars with experts online
- How To series of videos – two completed
- Advertising income

There is more to come. We're going to have more discounts. We already have 3 discounts for members. We've got Avis rental car, we've got two hotels. We're going to have contests, probably starting with a photographic contest. We're going to have a breed selector system which, you will be able to put in your lifestyle, your needs, and then up will come the breeds. There are others of those on the internet and I've looked at them all. Many of them have breeds that CFA doesn't recognize. Many of them have breeds that when I put in my preference for a shorthaired cat that had loads of high activity, up came a Maine Coon. We want ours to be well done. We've got someone that's ready to do the intelligent data base, which is what it takes to do this sort of thing, when we are able to continue with the funding. We're going to have webinars with experts online. We would like to work with the New Bee program, too, so that we have some things like grooming or something that would be of interest to our newcomers in the cat fancy, as well as household pet owners, so there is an overlap in some of the things that we're going to do. We have a how-to series of videos. Two of them are completed and we showed a short clip to the board yesterday. One has to do with how to train your cat to do agility. Jill Archibald was the star in that video. She was excellent. The second one was how to show your cat. Susan Cook-Henry was the star of that one, and she did a terrific job. Both of these videos were supported and funded by Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter, so we really appreciate it. We already have the scripting done for the next series, which will be quite an extensive series on how to choose your pet cat and that one will probably be about 8 short videos. We're looking for advertising income. I'm not very literate in internet gobbledegook, but I was told that the spiders are looking for us now. Those of you that know what that is all about, it has to do with evidently Google and Bing and all these people have now found us, and they are sending out their spiders, so within a short period of time, we should be listed on the search engines, from everything we hear. A lot of whether we get advertising income and advertisers on the website will depend on

your help, so please go to the website, get us lots of hits, put it on your website, a link to it. Corporations interested have to see a growing interest.

Education



Now, aside from Cats CenterStage, the Outreach and Education Committee has been doing a lot of education. We have been doing breed showcase programs. I've been expanding the speakers and they are really terrific, particularly in California. We have quite a crew that we could send all over the country if we had the money. We're very able to do pet expos and pet fairs. We've done some shelter presentations, and next month I'll be doing for the second time a two-hour workshop at the no-kill conference in Washington, D.C. for shelter staff and people about how to handle cats in the shelter environment. The talk is called, "Cultivating Cool Cats" and it's the difficult, hissy, spitty cats that they get in shelters that I like to teach them how to bring around, and I'm hoping to bring in other people, judges in particular, that have lots of experience handling difficult cats to help out with this. We also have done a couple talks at veterinary schools. I would love to be able to expand on that program, too.

Education



San Diego County Fair – June 17, 2010

This was just last week at the San Diego County Fair. We did a talk with a very novice audience. People at the fairs and expos sometimes don't even know that pedigreed cats exist. They think of cats as barn cats. They don't even realize what wonderful companions they are. So, we had a lot of the Cats CenterStage flyers to give out. We talked, we had cats there and it was a very good experience.

Our cats say it best.....



We're also working very closely with the Ambassador Program. Many of the Ambassadors are wonderful assistants for education. They help make sure that the cats are safe. They interact with the public. They know something about the breeds. In between talks, we like the people to be able to touch the cats, and you can see two examples of cats that we consider ambassador cats. I know that the Ambassador Program is working on officially adding ambassador cats, but these cats are cool. They have been to many shows and some are retired show cats. This is Justin, the Ocicat. He knows all about the people at the pet expos, and that's Ralphie. Ralphie is very high energy but a very low key, wonderful Tonkinese. So, we want to bring these cats to the public and this is the way to do it. I hope that you will go to Cats CenterStage, explore it, give us your input, read the survey, and thank you very much for your interest in what we're doing. **DelaBar:** It's a great program. Joan has done an absolutely phenomenal job.

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

DelaBar: Here come Willa and Jodell, coming up to talk about the Ambassador Program. **Hawke:** Pam, we thank you for everything you have done to help us along. Good morning. Officers, Delegates, and our CFA Central Office Staff. Thank you for being here. I also want to thank the 2010 Annual Committee from Region 6. Great annual. <applause> A special welcome to our CFA Ambassadors. It is really good to see so many of you wearing your "Ask Me" stickers. We're down to stickers, but we do still have buttons. I want to thank each of you for all that you do for CFA. First, you make the visitors to our shows feel welcome, you introduce them to our beautiful cat breeds, and you help them understand our complex system of awards. Yours are the smiling faces of CFA that make cat show experiences for our guests rewarding and memorable so that they will want to come back again and again. You are the face of CFA! Give yourselves a big hand, you deserve it! <applause>

I want to recognize our exclusive sponsor, and that is the IAMS Corporation. I will take this opportunity to send a huge thank you to the IAMS Corporation for their continuing financial commitment to our Ambassador Program. Without their generous commitment our efforts to increase public awareness of CFA and all that we do for cats would be far more difficult. Also, I would be remiss not to mention the efforts of our Business Development Group and Roeann Fulkerson, our CFA fund raiser. Thank you all.

In a few moments Jodell Raymond will tell you about two more of the latest IAMS commitments to the program. I can promise you – it is exciting.

Those of us who attend and produce cat shows have come to expect to see the "Ask Me" banners and buttons throughout the show halls. What you might not realize is that within each region we have Ambassador Regional Coordinators who are charged with taking special steps to assure that these banners and the folks sporting our buttons are in tune with the host clubs and are strategically located throughout their halls. Ambassadors must be readily visible and apparent to our visitors and spectators. This is critical if we are to be able to spread CFA's message. Our Regional Coordinators are the people responsible for making this happen. We have a total of 15 Ambassador Regional Coordinators World Wide. We are going to increase this considerably. For

those of you that are present today, when I call your names I would like you to stand, but I would like the audience to hold their applause to the end.

Region 1 we have Geri Fellerman from New Jersey. We have a brand new coordinator, Prudence Derazzio from the Connecticut area. That's also Region 1, of course. Region 2 we have Mary Sietsema and Carly Kellogg. Sheila Haskins from Texas. Cindy Gray from Arizona is here. From Region 6 we have Bob Farber and Candilee Jackson. Region 7, Karen Lane. We also have Sally Smith from Georgia, who I don't believe is here, but I think one of our newer people from the D.C. area, Lyn Knight, is with us. Region 8, we have two representatives. One is Hiroshi Shinmoto and the other is Takako Kojima. From the International Division and Asia, Phebe Low. In Europe is Dr. Olivier Grin. He's not with us today, I'm sorry to say, but we do have a new regional coordinator in Europe. I can't pronounce her last name, but her first name is Natalia and she is from Russia.

Everybody Wants To Be An Ambassador!

- All 'round the globe, You can spot CFA Ambassadors wearing a smile along with their new CFA Ambassador "ASK ME" Buttons.



Now before we start today's program there are three more people that deserve special recognition. The members of my Ambassador Core Committee – these are the idea people, these are the action people. In other words these are the folks that make it happen. We have Karen Lane, Jodell Raymond, and Art Graafmans. <applause> OK, without further adieu ladies and gentlemen it is my pleasure to turn this presentation over to our Team Leader and Core Committee member, Jodell Raymond.

Our Regional Coordinators



Raymond: We are excited to announce the launch of the Iams Ambassador Cats Program. These are select cats who will represent the Iams Ambassador Program. We're working out the particulars now, but stay tuned for details. We are all looking forward to a great partnership in building the IAMS brand and promoting the Ambassador Program, both in the U.S. and International Divisions. A big heartfelt thanks to our Ambassadors, and I would be remiss if I didn't remind you all, "what do Ambassadors do again?" Well, at shows, our Ambassadors are eager to answer questions, from what happens before the show, "Do you actually wash those cats", to "How do you prepare a cat to be a show cat?", to explaining just exactly what goes on at the cat show. Our Ambassadors are really great listeners. They love talking about CFA, and most of all they are patient and kind, as they listen to endless stories about how the spectator's cat looks "just like" that cat in the show ring. To date, we have 22 Ambassador Coordinators in the U.S. and abroad. As Willa mentioned, none of our efforts would be accomplished without our dedicated Regional Coordinators who track and organize activities. As you can see by this quote from Gulf Shore Region Spotlight Award Winner Sheila Haskins, our regional coordinators truly lead by example. They really are special people, and we are glad to have them represent our program. CFA Ambassadors have consistently demonstrated that they have been ready and willing to work in every region of the world. Over 25% of our ambassadors now come from outside the U.S. This coming year, with the help of IAMS, we are determined to keep on keepin' on. We look forward to increasing the ambassador presence in Europe and Russia. Our Ambassador Program in Hong Kong, led by Regional Coordinator Phebe Low, also continues with great success. Yes, our future truly looks bright. Every day is a holiday with our Ambassador Program, and our future truly is bright. We have double vision as we strive to double our numbers this next year. Are you with us? As we extend our hands in friendship and open our hearts all around the globe. When you get home – by the way, I already have an email from one Ambassador who signed up – go on and sign up. The sign-up form is on that CFA site. It truly is a great day for CFA. Thank you.

International Activities



(39) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser apprised the delegation of recent updates in the legislative world.

Eigenhauser: Good morning, everyone. I'm George Eigenhauser. I am Chair of CFA's Legislative Committee. I'm also CFA's Legislative Coordinator, which means I'm the team leader for our Legislative Group, which is our down-in-the-trenches legislative effort. There is a written report in each of your delegate bags, and I'm sure you will be thrilled to hear that I'm not going to read it to you, but if you do have any questions about it, I'll be here all weekend and we do have our Legislative Roundtable on Saturday afternoon at 2:00.

Before we begin, I would like to begin with a little bit of a disclaimer. People often ask me, "Who is the enemy? Where is our enemies list? Who are the organizations we're fighting?" The answer is, we don't have an enemies list. Politics makes strange bedfellows, and you never know who might be on your side in a given moment. People think of the animal rights movement as some monolithic group, little clones walking in lock step, but it's actually people with a lot of shades of gray – from the hard-core true believers we will never convince, to people who were simply misinformed. On any given issue, we don't know who's going to be on which side. There have been times when animal rights groups have called us up, because some bad cat law is coming down, some licensing law or some leash law or some cat confinement law that would impact their rescue groups, and they want us to help them fight the law. There have been other times that people, even in the cat fancy or within the dog fancy, have taken a different approach than we have taken to legislation. So, we don't have an official enemies' list. That being said, there are some people out there I like more than others. <runs news clip concerning HSUS> That hit the airwaves last fall, and of course it went viral. I used to think that the internet was unregulated, like the wild, wild west. It isn't. You would be amazed what \$100 million and an army of lawyers can do. Every time it went up anywhere, HSUS shut it down. If it popped up on YouTube, it got shut down. The station that did it ran a retraction. Everywhere it came up, it got shut down. But, politics makes strange bedfellows. It's still up on the internet in Iran.

Surprisingly, they don't care a fig what HSUS thinks. That's the kind of year it's been for HSUS. A group called Center for Consumer Freedom, which is essentially a lobbying group for the industry – meat industry, fast food industry, they do tobacco, they do alcohol – launched a new website called HumaneWatch specifically targeting HSUS, and it has been a fun year watching this knock down, drag out school yard fight between the two of them. Every time HumaneWatch sends out a press release and a station runs a story about how the HSUS pleads about animals in shelters but their money actually goes to lobbying, HSUS sends out a press release that HumaneWatch is just a bunch of industry shills, and bla, bla, bla. They're both right, but it's fun to watch. This year, the HSUS has been very distracted. I went to the Humane Lobby Day in Sacramento and they weren't even talking about cats and dogs. They were talking about bear hunting and exporting horses and little bits of fur on garments worth less than \$100. That was their big lobbying effort in Sacramento this year.

So great, with HSUS sitting on the sidelines, it must be an easy year for legislation, right? Wrong. We are actually tracking more bills at the state and federal level this year than we did last year at the same time. Last year, HSUS had a major push with what they call their “puppy mill bills” that were actually just quotas on breeders. They didn't care about the conditions of the animals. With them sitting on the sidelines this year, we still have more bills. So, where do all these bills come from if they don't just come from animal rights groups?

Who Supports Bad Cat Laws?

- Cash-strapped local governments looking at sources of revenue...
- Bureaucrats trying to justify their budgets...
- Animal Control looking for shortcuts... like limit laws in place of the more difficult humane investigations...
- News media focus on pet problems... like a hoarder or a dog bite that somehow comes back to bite us...
- Angry neighbors...
- Politicians who feel the need to justify their jobs by passing more and more legislation....
- Bird groups... environmental groups....
- Dog Fanciers...
- Even genuine cat-lovers who just don't have our understanding of some of the nuances of cat reproduction, etc.

Eigenhauser: Who supports bad cat laws? First of all, we have cash-strapped local governments. This is the time of year that local governments start doing their budgets and they are looking for sources of revenue. In these bad times, a lot of stupid ideas come forward. It seems like every year we get a couple of bills at the state level to tax cats. Sometimes they are direct bills – “Let's tax cats.” Other times, they are indirect bills – “Let's tax cat food.” At the local level, it usually comes in the form of cat licensing, and there's actually a program that's been going around the country recently on how to make so much money by licensing cats, and actually it tends to be the dog fancy that's pushing that around, but we'll come to them in a minute.

Who else? We have bureaucrats trying to justify their budget. When local government is cutting back on services, they're cutting police, they're cutting fire, they're cutting schools, it's hard to convince people the dog catcher needs a lot of money, so they create these prices, they create this mentality that there is a huge rise in rabies, that there's a huge rise in dog bites, a huge rise in something, "let's get some new laws, let's get some things rolling", so we have them.

We also have Animal Control. I consider this the lazy man's reason for bad laws. We had a situation in San Diego I would say about 25-30 years ago where there was this woman – I won't name her name because she's very litigious – who had about 100 Poodles in a studio apartment. There was a lot of noise, there was a lot of mess. You would have thought it would have been a fairly easy case to prosecute and they lost, because animal control wasn't trained on preserving evidence, they weren't trained on chain of custody, they weren't trained on how to lay a foundation, so now there's a 6 dog limit in San Diego. It takes a lot of brains to be able to do a good humane investigation. A pre-schooler can count to 6, and that's how we get these laws. You often hear when you go to these hearings on some of these limit laws or other things, the animal control directors will say, "We know CFA breeders aren't part of the problem, we know you aren't the bad guys. This is just a tool. We will only use it on the bad guys. TRUST US, we are not going to use it on you."

News media is often a source of bad cat laws. Sometimes, it's something to write about. Some hoarder somewhere gets busted, and there's a big hue and cry. "There ought to be a law to prevent this." Well, there is a law. They were arrested. The law worked. Nevertheless, it often becomes an impetus to pass new laws. In addition, it may be something unrelated to cats. A dog bites somebody, they decide to look at the animal laws. The next thing you know, they're saying, "Spayed and neutered animals don't bite as much", and suddenly there is a cat spay/neuter law coming into effect.

Who else do we have? Angry neighbors. Never discount the possibility, particularly at the local level, that neighborhood disputes can escalate into legislation. There was a thing that happened the other day, about a week ago, I think it was. I got a call from an Associated Press reporter. There was a little community up in Vermont. There had been the usual neighborhood complaints about roaming cats, so they wanted to pass a cat leash law, and they wanted to talk to me about the downside of a cat leash law. I thought I gave them a good interview. Interestingly enough, a couple of days later they discovered they already had a cat leash law. It just wasn't working, so now there has been a great jocularity in the news media laughing at Beret Vermont for wanting to pass a cat leash law that they already had.

Who else do we have? Politicians. Part of the mindset of politicians is, they believe they were elected to pass laws. Now, you would think after this country has been around 200 years, most of the good ones have already been taken, but they feel a need to justify their salary by passing laws, and that often causes a conflict between us and other groups because you do get this attitude that sometimes, maybe if they really, really want to pass a bad law, our tactic should be, let them pass a bad law to inoculate ourselves against an even worse law. This is an attitude I have run into quite often with some cat fanciers, but mostly within the dog fancy. Bird groups and environmental groups are major sources of anti-cat law. A lot of these people are very bright, very well educated, and some of them are very well educated and not very bright. You may have

a Ph.D. after your name, but that doesn't mean you have any common sense. There is a restraining order in the City of Los Angeles preventing the City of Los Angeles from assisting in the spaying and neutering of stray cats, and it was the bird groups that got the restraining order. What? They believe that TNR encourages people to keep the cats alive. They would rather see a "round up and kill" solution. They believe that spaying and neutering stray cats hurts the birds.

Dog fanciers – our wonderful friends in the dog fancy. By and large, they keep their own council. AKC in particular has been very isolationist in the last few years in terms of what they do on legislation. They march to the tune of their own drummer, and sometimes they are on our side and sometimes they're not. One of the things that has been going around the country recently is this invasion from Canada, the Bill Bruce Calgary Solution. Bill Bruce is an animal control director up in Calgary, Canada, that has some good ideas, some that I completely agree with, that limit laws are stupid, you should look at the quality of the care of the animals and things like that. His cat perspective is a little weak. His solution for dealing with stray and feral cats is, it gets cold outside in winter and they die. That's his solution to the feral cat problem, but he discovered a number of years ago that even though he didn't provide essentially any services to cat owners, if he got cat licensing passed, he could get some money. Their community now gets almost a million dollars a year in cat licensing but provides no services. But, because this million dollars helps underwrite the dog services, the dog fancy loves it. So, all across the country you see dog clubs and dog groups paying to drag this guy around to community meetings and to public forums, to talk about how wonderful it is to adopt the Calgary Solution, which is essentially license cats and provide no services.

And, of course, we have genuine cat lovers. There are people out there that want to do something to help and they just don't understand. There's a lot of well-meaning people in this world. They don't necessarily see the consequences of what they do. They need to be educated, and that's a major effort on our part.

So, who do we have on the other side that we can count on? The answer is, pretty much nobody. Every one of our alliances – I value all our friends, I value the dog fancy, I value the other groups, but we can't count on them 100%. There's only one group I can count on, and that's us. YOU are CFA legislation. You are the eyes and ears of the fancy, particularly in years like this when we don't necessarily have a unified, national animal rights push and things are happening at the local level, we need you to tell us when something's going down in your community. If you're not the kind of person that wants to go to the public hearings and isn't comfortable with public speaking, at least read the newspapers, at least keep aware of what's going on in your community. I can't tell you how many times we get a call from somebody or an email from somebody, "They just passed cat licensing last week. What do I do?" Yeah, so we need you to be the trigger out there, the tripwire to let us know when things are coming and to be ready when bad things happen, because again CFA legislation is you and we need you out there, we need you in the trenches and we need you to fight.

With that being said, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the legislative roundtable tomorrow. It will be from 2:00 to 3:00 at the Cedar Lake Room. Please remember, you are the eyes and ears of the fancy. You are CFA legislation and we need your help.

DelaBar: I have an announcement I have been asked to make. “Greetings from Pet Partners, providers of the CFA pet care plans. We have several exciting announcements to share with you today. In the delegate bag, you will find a new tri-fold brochure outlining our range of plans intended to provide affordable insurance for every cat owner’s budget. We are in the process of refreshing our CFA pet healthcare plan website and hope you will visit the site to learn more about our plans for your cats. Important: as of today, we are introducing our new CFA pet healthcare plan 60 day complimentary trial plan for all cat owners. This is our way of introducing you to our wonderful, comprehensive insurance plans with absolutely no obligation and no strings attached. CFA registered cats may be registered online, by phone or by mail. Breeders who are interested in the new trial plan should decide whether they will enroll each kitten in their own name, or the kitten’s new owner’s name. Plans cannot be transferred once kittens are enrolled. The trial plan is available in 49 states. Unfortunately, the State of New York’s Department of Insurance does not allow the trial plan in their jurisdiction.” Sounds like you all in New York have a little project on your hands with the Department of Insurance, to see if you can’t get them to change their mind. “We are in the final stages of a major IT system change at Pet Partners. Please note that when completed, the new CFA 60 day trial plan will also be available through the AKC Companion Animal Recovery Program. We are also pleased to announce that we have just announced a multi-pet discount for each pet’s plan when more than one cat or dog is insured in the CFA Pet Health Care Program. It consists of a 5% discount on the entire premium of all eligible plans in the same household. Our multi-pet discount is unlike competitors’ plans, where the discount may only be applied to a portion of the premium, or to the second or third pet’s plans onward. If you currently have more than one pet insured with the CFA Pet Health Care Program, we will apply your automatic discount at your next renewal date. Finally, Pet Partners will again be the presenting sponsor for the second annual Meet the Breeds Event in New York City at the Javitz Center in October. We look forward to seeing many of you there and hope you will stop by our sponsor booth at the main entrance.”

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

Good morning. There are milestone years in the history of any organization, and Winn reached one at the end of this fiscal year – Winn’s endowment account surpassed the \$2,000,000 mark! A positive bottom line does not just happen. A rebounding stock market helps, as well as significant bequests and loyal donors. Contributions increased a healthy 13%, an increase not enjoyed by many charitable organizations this year. Mention should also be made of the Winn corporate partnership with HomeAgain, which resulted in a substantial increase over last year.

Winn was most pleased to participate in Meet the Breeds in New York City last October. Past President Susan Little and Executive Director Janet Wolf were at the highly-successful event to answer questions and give away a variety of cat toys, cat books, photo frames, refrigerator magnets, etc. to the public. Plans are underway to attend this fall’s event as well in our continuing effort to reach the public with Winn’s message of improving the lives of “every cat, every day.”

This past February in Houston, the Winn Foundation board and scientific advisors evaluated 50 grant proposals from all over the world. Of that total, 16 new grants were awarded for a total of \$183,391, a new record for the Foundation in numbers and amounts awarded. This

year's projects include a Ricky Fund grant for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy research, 4 Bria Fund grant awards for FIP research, and other studies such as pain management, oral squamous cell carcinomas, and the development of a cat health and information registry. Besides our distinguished scientific advisors from the feline research community, two veterinary clinicians who happen to be cat fanciers joined us in February – Dr. Brian Holub from the Boston area and Dr. Betsy Arnold from Rochester, NY. We thank them both for volunteering their time to Winn.

The 32nd Winn Symposium was held last evening. Dr. Jody Lulich of the University of Minnesota presented “Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Feline Urinary Stones,” and Dr. Meghan Herron of the University of Ohio Veterinary Hospital discussed “Feline Elimination Problems: Back to Basics for Prevention and Management.” The event was billed as “To Pee or Not to Pee,” and Winn commissioned a delightful artwork by Jamie Perry. Elizabethan “Shakespurr” will find a new home after a spirited, yet silent, auction this weekend! Please visit him in the vendor area today. Once again, the symposium was certified for continuing education credit for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

The 2009 Winn Media Appreciation award was presented posthumously to Kari Winters, the author of many pet stories and an unfailing supporter of Winn's Ricky and Bria Funds. Susan Little presented the award at the Cat Writers' Association banquet in White Plains, NY last November.

Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University was the first recipient of the Winn Excellence in Feline Research Award. The award was presented last July in Seattle at the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) recognition event at the annual convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). This award is paired with a matching scholarship award by the AVMF, and last year's winner was Julia Mulvaney, a student at the Oregon State College of Veterinary Medicine. The two awards are designed to promote and encourage feline health studies by both established veterinary research scientists and by those entering this field of study. This year's research award, which we have dubbed the “Winnie,” will be presented in Atlanta. The recipient is certainly no stranger to CFA: Dr. Leslie Lyons of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. The scholarship winner was selected by the Winn Board of Directors on Wednesday evening, and was Adam Breiteneicher.

Dr. Little, Winn's extraordinary webmaster, continues to maintain the Winn online presence, which includes, in addition to the official website, a Facebook page, Twitter account, the Remember Your Cat website, and the Winn blog. With regards to the blog, she is assisted by Drs. Melissa Kennedy and Vicki Thayer in summarizing interesting and relevant research articles in feline medicine. Some of these publications reviewed are from studies supported by Winn. Subscribers to the blog continue to grow apace.

As an indication of the Foundation's growing reputation in the field of feline veterinary medicine and service to every cat, every day, Winn has recently been included in Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia.

The hardworking Winn Feline Foundation Board of Directors has begun the initial stage of a strategic plan to grow the Foundation, not only in terms of increasing our endowment, but in

terms of increasing the Foundation's visibility and prestige both in the veterinary world and among those who love and live with cats. Winn has come a long way since 1968, and the board is determined that what began in the last century will continue to flourish in this century and beyond.

As president of Winn, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce the members of the Winn Board of Directors. Most are here today, so please stand!

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| Susan Little | -- Past President |
| Vicki Thayer | -- President Elect |
| Melissa Kennedy | -- Secretary |
| Betsy Gaither | -- Treasurer |
| Board Members | -- Steve Dale; George Eigenhauser; Fred Jacobberger |

And, the one who keeps us all on the "straight and narrow," Executive Director, Janet Wolf.

There is another fancier, a loyal volunteer that has helped us at our Symposium auctions, raffles, and in many other ways – Chris Willingham.

Finally, all of us at Winn wish to express our deep appreciation to you, the representatives of CFA's clubs, for your continuing support of and affection for your Foundation. Some of you have been most generous, particularly Superstition Cat Club, Foothills Felines, and Ragdoll Fanciers Worldwide in the \$500-\$1000 range. Those clubs donating over \$1000 to Winn are Country Cousins Cat Club, Norwegian Forest Cat Fanciers Association, and Mohawk Valley Cat Fanciers. A special thank-you goes to San Diego Cat Fanciers for their gift of \$5000. Whether large or small, Winn is very grateful for your support in finding solutions for "every cat, every day."

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

Anger: [reading from laptop] Isn't technology great? In the old days, we would have a piece of paper that we would read from. Remember those days? I would like to introduce you to the committee members of the Judging Program Committee. These volunteers work behind the scenes, and believe me when I say they work hard and do a great job. They are devoted to ensuring the success of each judge. Their success is our success, and this helps to ensure the success of CFA. **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 and the fabulous judges' test that we enjoyed so much this year. Well, most of us enjoyed it.

I would like to give you a brief recap of the accomplishments of the members of the Judging Program during the past year. Although the list is long, we are proud of each and every achievement. We are going to do it a little bit differently this year. Usually we present a recap of what happened at each board meeting, but now we are on an alphabetical theme and we will stick with that.

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| <i>Marsha Ammons (LH Apprentice – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Pamela Bassett (Approval Pending LH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Jacqui Bennett (Shorthair Trainee – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Kathy Calhoun (Approval Pending SH – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Dee Dee Cantley (SH Approved – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Cathy Dinesen (Approval Pending SH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>October</i> |
| <i>Cathy Dinesen (LH Trainee – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Cathy Dinesen (SH Approved – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Jim Dinesen (Approval Pending LH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>October</i> |
| <i>Jim Dinesen (SH Trainee – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Jim Dinesen (LH Approved – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Carol Fogarty (Approval Pending LH – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Hope Gonano (Approval Pending LH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Hope Gonano (SH Trainee – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Hope Gonano (LH Approved – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Dennis Ganoë (Approved Allbreed)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Etsuko Hamayasu (LH Apprentice – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Chika Hiraki (SH Trainee – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Koji Kanise (SH Apprentice – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |

One of the most fun things this job allows me to do is call the judges that are coming up for advancement and let them know the results – well, it's fun most of the time, let's say – and let them know about the success of their advancement at the board table. This next judge was checking into the hotel when I called her yesterday. Apparently, she and the people she was checking in with yelled and screamed really loud, so I was hearing it in my phone and up the escalator, also.

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| <i>Teresa Keiger (Longhair Trainee – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Teresa Keiger (Approved SH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Teresa Keiger (LH Apprentice – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Melanie Morgan (Approval Pending SH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Anne Mathis (Approval Pending SH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Makoto Murofushi (Approved LH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Doreann Nasin (LH Apprentice – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Gary Powell (Approval Pending AB)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Lorraine Rivard (LH Trainee – 2nd Specialty)</i> | <i>October</i> |
| <i>Lorraine Rivard (SH Approved – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Michael Schleissner (Approved Allbreed)</i> | <i>June</i> |
| <i>Michie Shinmoto (Approval Pending LH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>February</i> |
| <i>Russell Webb (Approval Pending SH – 1st Specialty)</i> | <i>June</i> |

Mihoko Yabumoto (LH Trainee – 1st Specialty)
Megumi Yamashita (Approved Allbreed)

June
June

Would you please join me in honoring all of our CFA judges by having them stand. They are a pretty fun bunch of people. <applause> I would also like to quickly acknowledge those judges who are receiving service award recipients, and who will be honored at the banquet tomorrow.

5 Years

George Cherrie
Arie Groenewegen
Megumi Yamashita

10 Years

Vicki Abelson
Ellyn Honey
Jeff Janzen
Jan Rogers

15 Years

Karen Lawrence
Laura McIntyre
Becky Orlando
Bob Zenda

20 Years

Pam DelaBar
Brian Pearson

25 Years

Kenny Currle
Donna Fuller
Liz Watson

30 Years

Larry Adkison
Kazuko Akiyama
Betty Denny
Nancy Dodds
Sumiko Ishizawa
*Roger Lawrence (inadvertently
omitted in 2009)*
Yayoi Satoh
Wayne Trevathan

35 Years

Diana Doernberg
Carolyn Owen

Finally, we say good-bye to several judges who have resigned or retired this year. In February, it was Kitty Angell (1988) (who was granted emeritus status), Yoshiko Yamada (1984), Vicki Baylus (2001), Betty Denny (1979 with CFA and 1959 with ACFA before that) (who was granted emeritus status), Leslie Falteisek (1988), Nick Fischer (1981), Muriel Slodden (1967) (who was granted emeritus status), Judith Thomas (1987).

While the phone call part of the job is the most fun, the least fun is the next thing I have to do. We said a final good-bye to too many of our friends this year. Becky Jones was a former CFA Board member and allbreed judge who bred her famous Quin-Jo Siamese, Abyssinians and Persians. As one of her friends said, "If you missed knowing Becky Jones, you really missed something." Ann Pevey, former CFA allbreed judge with her well-known Wynden Persians. Midori Shimada, a Japanese judge with a keen sense of humor and infectious laughter. Sylvia Fitzgerald, a charming, kind and humorous spirit.

And in a way, the last good-bye of all is from the current Chair of the Judging Program, which would be me, as I step down as Chair of this Program that I love so much, so that I may

devote more time to job of CFA Secretary, and get those minutes out to you sooner. <standing ovation, thanks everybody!>

The future of the judging program is bright. We have our first Judging Program Applicant from Asia, who will be coming up before the board in October. We have some strong judges coming through the program and some other very exciting applicants. Stay tuned for whatever is next on the horizon, but you can be guaranteed the continuing service of the best cat judges in the world.

DelaBar: I have to recognize Rachel. She took over a tough job when we were going through a total reorganization of the Judging Program, and she has done it well. I'm sure that you will be missed, not only by the judges, but by the CFA board, as well, in that position.

(42) AKC-CFA MEET THE BREEDS. David White:

White: Good morning, everyone. As Chair of Meet the Breeds, I would like to take this opportunity to provide the delegation with a quick Meet the Breeds update. I affectionately refer to this event as "having fun with fur in New York City." Meet the Breeds, as you know, was held last October 17/18 at the Jacob Javitz Center in New York City. So, what exactly is Meet the Breeds? The premier event for cat and dog lovers, Meet the Breeds represented over 160 breeds of dogs, 41 breeds of cats, one place and two days to meet them all. It was the first ever opportunity for the public to meet and interact with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, and ultimately an unprecedented media exposure for CFA and all of its breeds. From a publicity standpoint, this event generated over 468,000,000 media impressions. That's huge. Coverage of Meet the Breeds could be found on television, radio, print media. Some of the TV included *The View*, *Fox and Friends*, *WNBC With Chuck Scarborough*, *CBS News Saturday*. Some of the press included *The New York Times*, *The New York Daily News*, *New York Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Parade* and *Martha Stewart Living*. From a radio perspective, the radio's release was picked up by over 925 stations in the New York City/tri-state area and as far south as Roanoke, Virginia, and as far west as Omaha, Nebraska. We had posters and signage on commuter rails, which included all the subway stations throughout New York City, Long Island, New Jersey, Connecticut and West Chester. From a marketing perspective, the media coverage resulted in attendance of over 36,000 spectators, including 90 state and local legislators, and numerous celebrities, which included Whoopi Goldberg, Mario Lopez, Cindy Adams and fashion icon Michael Kors. Some of the weekend events included the agility demonstration by dogs and cats. We had Joan Miller entertaining the crowd both days with Parade of Breeds. We had the Adopt-a-Cat, which found homes for over 250 cats. We had our Cat Idol judging, where we had our spectators select their favorite cats. We had 10 of those favorites for Pam to display in our Cat Idol contest that was ultimately won by Frisco the Siamese. We had several lectures and demonstrations, which included CPR. We had grooming demonstrations, as well as first aid for cats. Last, we had some fabulously decorated booths that provided educational exposure around all our cat breeds.

So, what's in store for 2010? Obviously, AKC was quite impressed with this event and pretty much said, we will not have a Meet the Breeds without CFA, so we are actually honored to be able to participate in this event in 2010, as well. This year, Meet the Breeds will be held again

at Jacob Javitz. The date is October 16/17, 2010. This year, our goal is to have 100% participation of our 41 breeds. Last year we had 34 of the 41 represented, so we are hoping that we'll be able to have all 41 breeds this year. We anticipate this year's event to be even more entertaining and exciting for our spectators and participants alike.

I would like to say a couple of special thanks to all the breed council members that participated. Obviously, without their participation, this event would not have taken place. They did a fabulous job. <applause> As well as the Meet the Breeds Committee, who worked tirelessly on this event. Claudia Hasay, who is our breed booth coordinator and worked in conjunction with our breed councils. <applause> Roeann Fulkerson, Kathy Calhoun and Allene [Tartaglia], also. I would also like to mention a special thanks to our CFA board, who saw the value in this event and gave the approval to move forward. AKC, also, with their partnership with CFA for this event. Ms. Madame President, who actually brought this event from concept to reality, so it was really her brainchild from the beginning. Lastly, all of our sponsors – Iams, Royal Canin, Dr. Elsey's and Sturdi, for their participation, as well.

Claudia [Hasay] put together a slide show, so I want to end the Meet the Breeds report with this, to give you guys a real flavor of what the event was all about. <slide presentation to music> **DelaBar:** Great presentation and great pictures. It gives you a little bit of the excitement that went on during the week. I personally fell in love with a Briard, so let's see how that happens. I like lap dogs that weigh 100 lbs.

(43) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.

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

DelaBar: Are we ready? We are ready. I will call in the Credentials Committee. They are done with all their tabulations. You will want to flip to page 92 in the delegate book. That's where you can write down the results. I would like to bring to the podium Eve Russell, who has been Chair of the Credentials Committee for many, many years. I turn the podium over to Eve Russell. **Eve Russell:** Good morning. I guess it still is. We had kind of an early morning and my report from last year was 10 pages. Unfortunately, this one is a bit longer. Our Credentials Committee met June 24th, which was yesterday, and our location was Minneapolis, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by myself, Chairperson. The Secretary was appointed, Hilary Helmrich. We had introduction of new members, followed by self-introductions, then our duties of inspectors were reviewed. All members signed our oath of inspectors of elections. Gwen Foster was our representative from Central Office and she presented all of the issues that had to be discussed.

**CFA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE –
JUNE 24-25, 2010**

DELEGATE FORMS

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| <i>Delegate Forms Mailed</i> | <i>March 10, 2010, reminders March 18, 2010</i> |
| <i>Received Delegate Forms On CFA Website</i> | <i>Updated daily</i> |
| <i>Deadline</i> | <i>Postmarked May 3, 2010*</i> |

** Due to the volcano in Iceland and its impact on the mail system, delegate ballots were allowed to be submitted by fax and email. The CFA Board passed a motion allowing this.*

Delegate Form Postmarked after Deadline of May 3, 2010

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| North Texas Cat Club | Region 3 |
| Cat Fanciers of Washington | Region 7 |

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

Delegate Form Signature Requirements

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| Online Feline Fanciers | Region 5 |
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The delegate form was received with no signatures. A call was made to the club secretary and no new form was received. A motion was made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** the delegate form for this club.

More than 2 Delegate Forms for one person

Two people were listed in this area, but both issues were resolved, so no action was taken.

BALLOTS FOR CFA OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

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| <i>Ballots Mailed</i> | <i>March 18, 2010</i> |
| <i>Ballot Reminder Mailed</i> | <i>May 4, 2010</i> |
| <i>Received Ballots Posted on CFA Website</i> | <i>Updated daily</i> |
| <i>Deadline</i> | <i>Received in Central Office June 1, 2010</i> |

Ballots

The ballots were opened, verified and counted according to the procedures used by the Committee. Incomplete ballots (missing a signature, a club name, or a vote) were removed from the count. 15 incomplete ballots were received:

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| Region 1 | 3 incomplete (Pioneer Valley CC, Morris and Essex CC, Nova Scotia CF) |
| Region 2 | 4 incomplete (Fort Vancouver CF, Golden Gate CF, Poppy State CC, Utah CF) |
| Region 3 | 0 incomplete |

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| Region 4 | 3 incomplete (Western Reserve CC, Turkish Angora Breeders Union, Western Pennsylvania CF) |
| Region 5 | 1 incomplete (Las Flores CC) |
| Region 6 | 1 incomplete (Jolly Roger CF) |
| Region 7 | 0 incomplete |
| Region 8 | 3 incomplete (Mt. Fuji Tokyo CC, Mt. Fuji Northern CC, Vertu Blanc CC) |
| International | 0 complete |

Ballots Received after the deadline of June 1, 2010

Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club Region 6

The priority mail envelope was mailed May 27. It was delivered to an incorrect PO Box. Post Office delivered to CFA June 2, 2010. A motion was made and carried to **ACCEPT** this ballot due to the circumstances.

Ace Cat Fanciers Region 8

Ballot was mailed May 26. Received at Central Office June 3. A motion was made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** this ballot because it was received after June 1, 2010.

Terrestrial Cat Club Region 8

Postmarked June 1; received after June 1, 2010. A motion was made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** this ballot because it was received after June 1, 2010.

Ballot signature requirements

Great Lakes Great Maines Region 4

Three envelopes were received by Central Office for this club. They were received on time. The ballot envelopes were to be presented to the Credentials Committee for acceptance. Motion was made and carried to table this issue until Friday June 25 when we can open and check ballot signatures and determine acceptance of this ballot.

There is a precedent issue as well. This committee has never accepted ballots, one signed by the President and the other by the Secretary. Motion was made and carried that, in the future, all required information, including signatures, must be placed on one ballot.

The three ballots from Great Lakes Great Maines were opened by the Central Office staff and presented to the committee with only signatures in view. One ballot is from the President, two from the Secretary. The ballots were reviewed by each Committee member. A motion was made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** the ballot.

Additional Club item:

Chatte Noir

International Division

On Monday, June 22, 2010, a ballot was received at Central Office. The ballot was opened by Central Office. The club, Chatte Noir, is from Russia. A motion was made and carried to **NOT ACCEPT** this ballot.

Election Results were as follows:

CFA OFFICERS: (515 votes tallied)

Office of President:

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| Kathryn M. Calhoun – Chicago IL | 191 |
| <i>Jerold Hamza – Lyndonville NY</i> | 321* |
| Abstain | 3 |

Office of Vice President:

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| <i>Joan Miller – San Diego CA</i> | 302* |
| Darrell Newkirk – Fairview Heights IL | 210 |
| Abstain | 3 |

Office of Secretary:

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| <i>Rachel Anger - Wayne MI</i> | 480* |
| Abstain | 35 |

Office of Treasurer:

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| <i>Carla Bizzell – Pensacola FL</i> | 255 |
| Charles T. Gradowski – Eden NY | 190 |
| Bernard W. Hartman – Arlington VA | 61 |
| Abstain | 9 |

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

North Atlantic (1): (total 61 ballots)

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| <i>John G. Gardiner – Hackensack NJ</i> | 31 |
| Debbie Kusy – Parkesburg PA | 29 |
| Abstain | 1 |

Northwest (2): (total 73 ballots)

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| <i>Ginger Meeker, RN, PhD – Caldwell ID</i> | 46 |
| Ann Segrest – Salem OR | 26 |
| Abstain | 1 |

Gulf Shore (3): (total 50 ballots)

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| Carissa Altschul – Arlington TX | 24 |
| <i>T. Ann Caell – Houston TX</i> | 26 |
| Abstain | 0 |

Great Lakes (4): (total 50 ballots)

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| <i>Loretta Baugh – Rochester MI</i> | 45 |
| Abstain | 5 |

Southwest (5): (total 43 ballots)

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| Cynthia Byrd – Brea CA | 15 |
| <i>Michael Shelton – Corona CA</i> | 27 |
| Abstain | 1 |

Midwest (6): (total 70 ballots)

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| Cathy Dunham – Jacksonville IL | 16 |
| Nancy Petersen – Solon IA | 22 |
| <i>Allene M. Shafnisky – Sycamore IL</i> | 32 |
| Abstain | 0 |

Southern (7): (total 96 votes)

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| Stan Barnaby – Sarasota FL | 31 |
| <i>Mark Hannon – Linden VA</i> | 64 |
| Abstain | 1 |

Japan (8): (total 58 ballots)

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| <i>Kayoko Koizumi – Kanagawa-Ken, Japan</i> | 38 |
| Abstain | 20 |

DelaBar: Thank you Eve and the Credentials Committee. I know it was a tough job. The later they are during the day, you know the more that they are recounting. At this point in time, I need a motion to destroy the ballots. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **DelaBar:** George Eigenhauser has moved that we destroy the ballots. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

DelaBar: At this point in time, I want to thank the following people for their service to CFA. Yayoi Satoh, Region 8 Director. Dee Dee Cantley, Region 5 Director. Peg Johnson, Region 7 Director. Nancy Petersen, Region 6 Director. Carissa Altschul, Region 3 Director. Debbie Kusy, Region 1 Director, and Kathy Calhoun, our Treasurer. I would like to give these people a round of applause for their work. At this time, I was asked if I would recognize Larry Adkison, who has some instructions to give us all for tonight. **Adkison:** Thanks, Pam. First of all, on behalf of the Midwest Region, I want to welcome everyone here and I would also like to extend a special invitation for you to attend our Cat-sino Night. We're going to have from 8:00 until 12:00 a wide variety of gaming tables with some professional dealers. It's held in the Gateway Ballroom, which is where the hospitality was last night. We're going to have a Blackjack, Texas Hold em and some other form of gambling that none of us can remember. I've seen it. Everyone's seen it. No one can remember. You will be as surprised as we are. We will have dessert, wine, cheese, there will be a cash bar, and we will have some fabulous prizes that you can win. As you can see, my cohorts are showing some of them. All of us having been in the cat fancy for some time are familiar with raffles. This is a class act raffle. We have over 50 prizes. We have telephones, televisions, bar-b-q grills, lots of liquor. I know there are some of you in here that would like a drink tonight, so please come and join us. The way this works is that each

person will be given tickets. You can take those tickets and turn them in for chips, or if you're not a gambler, you can just take your tickets and go straight to the raffle prizes. You can also – you can't purchase more tickets because it's illegal, but you can make a donation and you can get more tickets. Does everyone understand how that works? We really look forward to having you join us tonight. As I said, we have some wonderful prizes. It hopes to be a lot of fun and we'll see you all there. Thanks.

(44) FELINE AGILITY. Chair Jill Archibald gave a Power Point presentation.

Archibald: Hi, my name is Jill Archibald. It has been a banner year for CFA Feline Agility. We have had 100 successful handlers who trained their cats to complete the circuit – not just one jump, complete the circuit. Many, many more who have had basic training and are continuing to work with their potential CFA Feline Agility cat at home. An amazing 29 different breeds of cats have successfully completed – 132 different cats. For every cat which completed the circuit, there were at least four more which began their training with a successful experience in the ring. There has been an interest in competition worldwide. Many stories have made the rounds about many successes at Meet the Breeds. My favorite was 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 (American Kennel Club). They have never had a cat article before, but they had agility right next to agility – dogs/cats, so that was a good one. We created an agility training video with the help of the website MonkeySee.com and you can view it at their website at MonkeySee.com. Just go to pets and cats, and it's the featured video. Our highest scoring Feline Agility competitor was Black Jack, a black household pet handled by his owner, Carol Mauck from Region 2, with 1,132 points. Carol is a rescue person who has been CFA-showing for a long time and this cat was a rescue cat. Second went to Stricosa's Cosmont Illusion, 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 household pets had the most competitors, with 16 competitors who completed the course. 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 each. The Turkish Angoras and Siberians had 7 competitors each, and the Turkish Van 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. These are all cats who completed the course. The most amazing singular representation of their breed was that of the Himalayan. Dreams Willy Wonderbar of Kitkat, who garnered 5th place nationally. That's a Himalayan! We're looking forward to presenting another training session at the annual, featuring training and handling and ringmaster. Please go to page 14 in your catalog, and we have a little blip for you. It's open. Anybody can come. Anybody can run a cat. I will provide the cat – trained or untrained, you decide. There are many more new things to come this season. We really hope that you'll take a chance on agility and join us in that agility ring. Titles are coming up. It's going to be a great day. It's going to be a great year. Enjoy the video. Thank you. <video presentation of agility cats> **DelaBar:** Thank you for the entertaining presentation, Jill. At this point in time, we are going to take a lunch break and reconvene back here at 1:30.

(45) **ANNUAL MEETING 2011.** Southern Regional Director Peg Johnson presented an invitation to attend.

DelaBar: If I could please recognize Peg Johnson to present information on next year's location for our Annual Meeting. **Johnson:** Welcome, delegation. The 2011 Southern Region Annual Team are back at work to welcome you next year in Reston, Virginia. The Southern Regional Annual Dream Team – Susan Cook-Henry, Donna Jean Thompson, Mark Hannon and the infamous Mary K [Kolencik] – have prepared a special invitation to you, so please welcome them all. Thank you. **Cook-Henry:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We would like to welcome you here. We're taking care of a little bit of business right now and passing out some information of local interest to the greater Washington D.C. area. Those of you joining us next year will have an opportunity to see this information as it is current. We're passing them out now. Some of you may find inside a special envelope and coupon. We'll tell you a little more about that later. We'll just give our representatives a couple of moments to get those passed out. Also, in the back of the hall, Karen Lane and David Boyce and Sandy Faust have been manning our raffle table. Many of you may remember that this evening, after the close of the meeting, we're going to be raffling a \$500 Visa debit card, and we're going to really hope that the winner is in attendance, because you need not be present to win but we'll hope that that is the case this evening. Also at the table you will see information on the Capital Elite. This is a group of individuals with a \$100 donation, who can join this group in financial support of our Southern Region Annual next year. It still is morning, so we would like to add our "good morning!" We do invite you all to join us in the Southern Region, near our nation's capital, for the CFA Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Reston Town Center one year from now, where we're going to have cherry blossoms in June – **Thompson:** – and a capital celebration! There are so many reasons you will want to be there. Just to name a few – **Cook-Henry:** Dulles International Airport is just 10 minutes away, and there's free hotel transportation. **Thompson:** We have a fabulous hotel with a room rate of \$109. There's free parking, or you can still use the valet service if you would like. **Cook-Henry:** The Hyatt has a spacious lobby with plenty of artwork to admire, and a very friendly check-in staff. **Thompson:** Did we mention there is a lobby bar? **Cook-Henry:** Shopping, food and cinemas galore. Did we mention there's a Chico's and a Starbuck's just down the street? An 18-screen movie theater if you have the time, and free wireless at Panera Bread adjacent to the hotel lobby. **Thompson:** OK, we admit we don't have the best beach – **Cook-Henry:** – but you can check out the fountain. The temperature is just right. **Thompson:** We've worked hard to secure a first-rate venue where you'll be doing CFA's business. But you will also be on holiday. Fabulous tourist destinations, good food and drink with lots of al fresco options. Shopping 'til you drop for yourself, and those gifts for special friends. **Cook-Henry:** As mentioned earlier, a few of you lucky ones will have a head start on that, with a \$25 voucher for a gift certificate or gift card from the Reston Town Center, courtesy of the National Capital Cat Show. If any of you do happen to have that envelope, it has my return address on it. Please complete it with your address and give it to me. I will be mailing you your gift card in a couple of months. **Thompson:** So, let's move on to some sights you may take in when you come next year to our great Southern Region, and specifically our National Capital area. Now, it's holiday time! <video presentation to Madonna's *Holiday*> **Thompson:** We hope you enjoyed this short visit to a wonderful destination in our Southern Region. **Cook-Henry:** Let's take a moment to thank our production staff. Our talent, Twyla Mooner. You know the

name but you may not know the face. Our agent, Lisa-Maria Padilla. Our paparazzi, Mary Kolencik and Mark Hannon. Mary, thank you so much for putting this all together. **Thompson:** We look forward to you spending your holiday with us next year, because after all, "It's a Capital Idea!" **DelaBar:** Thank you ladies.

(46) ANNUAL MEETING 2015. Great Lakes Regional Director Loretta Baugh:

DelaBar: Loretta, would you please come up and present the location for 2015, I think it is. **Baugh:** The CFA Constitution mandates that the location of the annual meeting be announced 5 years in advance. The Great Lakes Region is going to be very proud to host the 2015 annual meeting. I would like to introduce the chair of that meeting, Rosina McGlynn. **McGlynn:** Anybody who knows my husband and myself from the show hall will realize that the only reason I'm doing this is, it's my one opportunity to get a word in edgewise, and second of all, you would not be able to understand a word he says. Ladies and gentlemen, the Great Lakes Region would like to invite you to embark on a journey and prepare to explore Toronto. Known to be one of the cleanest and safest cities, Toronto is also ranked the 4th best city in the world to experience culture. Nestled on the northwestern shore of the majestic Lake Ontario, Toronto is served by the 4th largest international airport in North America and the world's largest originator of traffic into the United States. With a wide array of attractions, entertainment and activity, Toronto is rich in diversity and culture. Marvel at the sight of one of the seven wonders of the modern world as you dare to look down through the world-famous glass floor of the CN Tower. Explore the city by bus, by boat on Lake Ontario or even by helicopter. If you would rather keep your feet firmly planted on the ground, be awed by the views from the harbor front. After a year of show hall food, I'm sure you will appreciate that Toronto's dining is characterized by globally-inspired dishes – French, Italian, Thai or a traditional Canadian dish, from home-cooked comfort foods to upscale five star cuisine. Whichever you prefer, these and more contribute to the city's dining delights. If you can't make up your mind, visit the St. Lawrence Market, where you can try a little of everything. It's hard to find the same variety of high-quality, multi-cultural food anywhere else. Whether you're in downtown or any other place in the city, you will quickly find Toronto's feast is unbeatable. With the nickname "Hollywood North", there is no question that artistry and creativity fills the City of Toronto. See for yourself by taking in the entertainment district, where you'll find everything from Broadway-style musicals and Tony-award winning plays to lavish operas and beautifully performed ballets. Savor art at the Royal Ontario Museum or pay tribute to great talent on Canada's Walk of Fame. Even if you just wander around the historic Distillery District, you are sure to come upon a brilliant art gallery and possibly a festival. If you're looking for a fun day, you will want to visit the Toronto Zoo which boasts more than 5,000 animals. Or, for a more hair-raising experience, dare to ride the thrill rides at Canada's Wonderland, North America's largest variety of roller coasters and theme rides. Everyone is aware of the legacy of Canadian hockey, but that is not Toronto's only pastime. Tap into your inner athlete and take advantage of biking, boating, golfing and more, or enjoy your workout on one of the various hiking and cycling trails. With ancestry as diverse as those of our cats, it will be with the unity of the entire Great Lakes Region that we will extend to you the warmest of welcomes. We look forward to helping you create lifelong memories of Toronto and the 2015 CFA Annual Meeting. Thank you. **DelaBar:** For any of you who were around, I think it was in '87 when we had our

Annual Meeting in Toronto, it was absolutely fabulous and I can guarantee you will gain weight eating the food there. Phenomenal.

(47) 2010 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 447

Number of votes for a simple majority: 224

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 298

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

447 votes. 50% = 224, 2/3 is 298

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

DelaBar: I need everyone to take their seats, please. As soon as everybody has taken their seats, we can start with the business of this organization. Thank you.

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– 1 – *CFA Executive Board.*

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE II – OBJECTS as follows:

The Association shall be a not-for-profit organization. Its objects shall be as follows: the welfare of all cats; the promotion and improvement of CFA recognized breeds of cats; the registering, recording or identifying by number or by other means the names and/or pedigrees of ~~only those~~ cats and kittens ~~entitled to be registered as one of the breeds recognized by the Association;~~ the promulgation of rules for the management of cat shows; the licensing of cat shows held under the rules of this organization; and the promotion of the interests of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats.

RATIONALE: CFA’s Constitution provides for the welfare of all cats. There exists a vastly greater number of domestic felines than pedigreed cats to be reached for the purpose of education and proper care. Focusing on the education of this untapped market offers CFA a legitimate opportunity to refute the many incorrect accusations made by Animal Rights activist groups against our hobby. Dedicating a segment of our organization to this endeavor will significantly improve the financial resources of our member clubs and CFA’s bottom line while providing better relationships with food and other animal care vendors who are already focused on this very large market. Public relations for our activities in this area, as well as our pedigreed cats, can be greatly enhanced because of the proven public and media interest in the domestic feline segment of the market.

DelaBar: I am going to call on Mr. David Mare to present our first amendment to the CFA Constitution. David? We need the microphones on the aisles opened, please. **Mare:** David

Mare, Las Vegas Cat Club. Distinguished officers, members of the board, regional directors, newly elected regional directors, fellow delegates, friends, and my many, many friends on the CFA List. <laughter?> You had to be there. One year ago, when I was elected to the board, President DelaBar challenged all board members to come up with ideas to raise revenue for CFA. Each of us put on our thinking caps, and many good ideas were presented, some of which have moved forward, some of which are being rethought. This is one of the ideas that the CFA board felt required and deserved further investigation. A committee was formed, I was named the chair of the committee, and I enjoyed the cooperation of a wonderful committee in coming up with a program which we believe is extremely exciting and meets four criteria that we kept foremost in our minds at all times. The first, of course, was to answer the challenge to raise revenue for CFA. The second was to do it in such a way that it required little or no start-up cost. The third was to raise revenue for our clubs. And the fourth thing, which was our goal, which we were not challenged to provide, but that it be the right thing to do. The Committee focused on all four of these things, and you have heard many things about them and I presented a formal proposal to the CFA board in February, and they felt that it was something they wished to present to the delegates today. There are, of course, 92 million domestic felines, give or take, in the United States today. We are conservatively targeting 1/2 of 1%, which translates to 465,000 cats. That is far larger than we enjoy on the pedigreed side. One-half of 1%, at an estimated \$10 per registration, translates to \$460,000. If we were to get 1%, I don't have to do the math for you. It becomes very, very profitable. You want to show us the video we've got? **DelaBar:** Just as a point of order, I need you to present the amendment first and then the rationale. **Mare:** OK, Constitutional amendment #1 presented, I believe unanimously, as I recall, by the CFA Executive Board for your consideration. Resolved, <reads proposal>. Part of what I discussed with you earlier is part of the rationale, but let me read this for you so that we have it completely accurately here. Rationale, <reads rationale>. I think what I'm going to do is allow delegates to speak, and what I'm going to do is write down some of the questions that seem to come to your mind and that you may want to ask of me. With the chair's permission, I will address them as best I can at the conclusion of those questions. Will that system work? **DelaBar:** OK. Anybody wishing to speak to, in favor of or opposed to a particular amendment, please come up to one of the microphones that is closest to you. I cannot always recognize you. If there's a great line, I'll just be going down the row like this, but I think I see Regina. **Regina Shaffer:** Regina Shaffer, Las Flores Cat Fanciers and Hemet Feline Fanciers. We are in disagreement with this amendment. At first glance, I didn't think it would be so bad. I know the purpose of the proposal is to increase registrations by allowing us to register all cats and hopes to increase revenue for CFA. I think that's really a good thing. However, the statement that's in there now says, "and/or pedigrees", and that really concerns me because I believe that would allow us to do pedigrees on household pets. I know it doesn't say that, but I see it as a loophole and we do want our household pets to be altered, so I think that's just not in the thinking that I want us to go in, or that we really want to go in. The second point that causes me great concern is that this amendment, if passed, would allow registration of cats that we do not recognize, as in cats with wild blood like Bengals and whatnot. This giant loophole is not what I want to see in the Constitution. I would have preferred the change to clarify the registration of household pets and what constitutes a household pet. The wording in this proposal is just too general and too dangerous for me, and I'm against the proposal. **Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, ~~West Shore~~ [sic, Maine Attraction] and Bonita. I support David's program, but this is more than that. This is

a much bigger item than just one program. At the board, we have developed a shorthand. We refer to it as “the other 95%” – the 95% of cats out there that don’t have papers and aren’t pedigreed cats. This affects many programs in CFA. This affects Legislation. We would like to have the household pet people, the 92 million cat people out there, on our side. This affects Agility, where many of our competitors are household pets. This affects Joan’s Cats Centerstage. Under our Constitution, as it is now written, Central Office can’t even send a household pet a birthday card, because we can’t identify a household pet by name in CFA. We can’t even say, “Happy Birthday Fluffy”. That’s how restrictive this now is. This is just the preamble to our Constitution. Nothing – nothing – in this says we ever have to register a household pet. Nothing – nothing – in this says we ever have to take the pedigree on a household pet. This is just taking out the impediment to us recognizing the existence of household pets, so the board can create policies and procedures like the Domestic Felines Program that will let CFA decide if, when and how non-pedigreed cats may be part of CFA. This isn’t a gun to anybody’s head. This language was put in the Constitution back in 1995, back when only 3 regions scored household pets, and the majority of CFA thought, if we score household pets, the sky will fall, the world will come to an end, and we will be overrun with household pets. Now, every region but one scores household pets, and the sky hasn’t fallen and the world hasn’t come to an end, because reasonable people can take a program and put it together from a basic beginning and not let it overwhelm them. This does not mandate anything. It simply removes an impediment to the board considering programs that would reach out to the other 95%. We are a small and shrinking market. We need the rest of the cat world as part of CFA. If we can’t even acknowledge that they exist, if we can’t even call Fluffy by name and admit the cat exists, how can we reach out to those people? This is not a mandate. This simply removes a roadblock. **Lynn Search:** Lynn Search, Moorestown Cat Fanciers. Actually, I can’t speak as eloquently as George Eigenhauser, but I came up here to urge all of you to vote yes for this. My reason for it is, we are all club delegates and most of our clubs put on shows, and we need the support of the household pets and the household pet people. Other associations who have catered more to the household pets are making money on their shows, because while we get 6 or 10 or 15, they get 50 or 60. It’s time that we let the people who love the household pets know that we care about them, too. We care about all cats. I urge you, because I think it will do nothing but help our clubs and our entries, to please vote yes on this amendment. **Peg Johnson:** Peg Johnson, Rome Cat Forum and Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society. Just a point of clarification because some people turned to me. When he said “the Executive Board accepted this unanimously”, that is the folks sitting up there and one other board member, so it didn’t mean the whole board, and I just wanted you to be aware of that, because we often make statements and don’t know what it means. *[Secretary’s Note: the entire board of directors voted; see February 2010 Minutes, Item #25.]* As Regional Director for the Southern Region, I was in a region that vehemently opposed household pets in the past, and we were one of the reasons it started scoring household pets during the last 10 years. We think it’s a great program for CFA and we think we should encourage our household pet friends into cat shows so that we can talk to them about pedigreed cats and welcome them to the cat fancy. The CFA Constitution is our founding document. It’s at the core of what we’re about and I think I heard David [Mare] say that we want to do the right thing. I think the right thing to do is identify household pets, but the way this is written, “and/or pedigrees”, opens up a whole can of worms, so when we change our Constitution, which is our core document, we don’t change it lightly and we don’t change it often. A lot of these things today are about things that we really need to say, “do they need to be

in the Constitution or are there other ways for us to realize this?” So, I want you to be cautious because we say “identify and/or pedigrees”, and that’s the part that I think concerns me the most. I have no problem with identifying and registering household pets, but maybe it’s not a mandate, but it also opens the door for us to start having pedigrees of cats that are household pets or other places. Wording is critical. This team worked a long time. There are many ways to skin a cat, so to speak, and we need to not rush into things and do things because maybe it’s the right intent but we do it the wrong way, so I say vote like your clubs asked you to vote and be cautious and not keep changing the Constitution lightly, and make sure we get the right words in it before we change it. Thank you. **DelaBar:** I need to make a clarification. Nothing was added. This has been in the Constitution for a long time. Only those words that preclude us ever doing anything with the household pet were stricken. The “and/or pedigrees” has been there forever. I’m sorry, Peg. I have to recognize Kim now. **Johnson:** But you’re responding to something I said. May I respond back to you? I think that’s fair, Pam. **DelaBar:** Well no, you have to get in line. **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** Kim Everett-Hirsch, Oregon Cats and Enchanted Cat Club. Pam was correct on that, and George very eloquently spoke on all this I was going to say, but this is about all cats. I look around this room, and this doesn’t even compare to what the household pet group can bring to us. I belong in an area of many school districts, and they all have pets. Most of them are not pedigreed, and those schools would like to have their kids be able to come to some shows, learn about the pets, get involved with agility, do things and become part. We also have PetCo, all these other places like that. They have these rooms that we can put in a stand-alone pet show. The idea is to neuter/spay these cats, get the papers on them. It’s not just about the \$10. That of course would help on other projects, but it would bring us new fanciers. Japan, for example, they have lots of young people coming in all the time. We don’t. We can’t grow. Some of us are going to die, myself included. I might die before I’m out of here today, but in any event, I think it’s something, it’s humane. I looked at this thing real hard, because I never trust the board. I was on it for 20 years, but anything they put in, I’m looking at it, thinking they are trying to pull a fast one, but I have to say, this one, I went over every little thing and it was our clubs that I belong to, and I belong to several, and this is good. I’ll tell you another thing that’s good. I would not be in this hall right now if it wasn’t for a household pet. I started with a pet. I showed Doberman Pinschers and I showed show horses – steeple chasers and jumpers. A horse wouldn’t handle me right now, but anyway I saw a sign on a telephone poll that said, “cat show, championship”, and I’m driving along and it said “household pet”. I got out of my car, picked it up, took it home and called up the show. Willamette Valley Cat Fanciers, which was ACFA. We had no CFA in the Pacific Northwest. My husband and I, Bob Everett, started it there. Betty Denny, who is a convert – we have many judges, four ACFA judges have come to CFA. And Stan Barnaby will be a part of this story. She took me in with my household pet snatched onto me, found out I could type, put me in and pretty soon I’m show secretary, entry clerk, setting up shows – she told me it was an honor. So there’s Betty, she has 20 years ACFA judging and she has 30 in CFA. Many of our judges have come over. Willa Hawke, Ambassador, that’s of course ACFA. Darrell Newkirk. Don Williams came from another one. Wayne Trevathan. I mean, the point is, the pets is what brought me. I showed all the associations and I adopted CFA. Now, we put our first show on. We lost tons of money, so my husband ponied up lots of money. He said, “you’re having it at the expo, here comes the pets.” This is where Stan Barnaby is in the room. We had one part of the hall with only 100 cats. This particular association was boycotting us heavily. They were not going to let us have CFA there. Clubs in Texas put money in. Californians came up with their

cats, so we had it. Guess what was in the other room? Over 100 household pets. I did the publicity. \$5 a head and they weren't neutered or spayed, nicks off the ears and everything, and Stan Barnaby is one of the judges. He said, "well, I'm almost done judging." I said, "oh, no you're not." He said, "what do you mean, I'm not?" "Step into the other room. We've got a few more." My God, he walked into the room and saw 100 household pets. He almost fainted, but you know something? And Louise Sample, we had all these head honcho CFA'ers come out. That's what saved us. That made us about \$30,000 with the gate coming to that show, and we started promoting neuters and spays and all of that. And these animal activists, they are going to get on our bandwagon. They can't fight us, so a little wording here and there, what pedigrees on these household pets? I had one of the first CFA registered cats, and then they decided to take away registrations, but I'm 100% for this and I hope you will support this. **Sue Robbins:** Sue Robbins, Tonkinese Breed Association. I'm in CFA mostly because of household pets. My husband and I both owned one, but what I wanted to address is, this is really the mission statement of CFA. It's not the rules of registration. Those appear elsewhere. The rules of registration will cover how the household pets are registered, just as they cover how pedigreed cats are registered, so I am for this. The other thing I wanted to mention is, my husband has a couple of household pets that he likes to take to cat shows. He could give squat about the Tonks. He loves his household pets. He goes to a cat show and he gets crowds of people around him because he talks enthusiastically about his household pets. He talks about how he finds them, how they come to him, which ones like to come to the shows, and he just does the whole thing and he engages people to come to CFA cat shows. This is a man who, while he is OK with my Tonks, what he really loves are the ferals that we rescue and the household pets that we have. And I have friends who come to CFA cat shows with their pedigreed cats and their household pets. There is room for us all. **Jill Archibald:** Jill Archibald, Nova Cat Fanciers. Nova Cat Fanciers has had a long, long record of supporting household pets. We've always had them in our show. We have always supported humane groups, given them free space so they can get people to help donate money to their causes. Every single show every year for about 35 years. We have to support this. This is very important. It doesn't mean that household pets can be bred. It just means that they can be registered. They still have to be neutered or spayed to be shown. Almost all of you – at least, all the people I know – started in CFA with a household pet or have a household pet right now. They certainly are beautiful, wonderful, healthy, happy cats that I would be proud to show at a cat show, right next to all my Egyptian Mau and Japanese Bobtails, so register the cat. Our household pet this year that I'm most proudest of is the one who won agility. Why not? Thank you. **Alene Shafnisky:** Alene Shafnisky, Turkish Angora Fanciers International. I want to start by saying I think this is something that CFA should be involved in at some point. I do have a few issues with the way that this is worded, in particular. I think when we are talking about our Constitution we cannot have vague wording, we cannot have questionable wording, and we really have to fully think out the processes that we are going to undertake in order to implement the changes to our Constitution. First of all, I think the argument about animal rights is not a feasible one. The fact of the matter is, they don't object to us registering our cats. They object to us breeding them. They are not going to care whether we register household pets or not, they just want us to stop breeding, so I don't think this is going to have any effect, other than a minimal public relations one. I don't think it's going to make any grand changes. The main issue I have with this is that there's nothing that underlies what the change will be. For example, we're going to say that we're going to register any cat, in essence, under this. Yes, it

doesn't address being shown or getting into show halls as a household pet, but to have a Constitutional amendment that will give the mechanism to allow anyone to register any cat with CFA without even addressing what we will call these new cats that are registered, let alone where we are going to put them, whether we are going to allow them in show halls, whether we are going to show them as household pets. We have to have that underlying structure first before we make a grand Constitutional change to what we do. Ultimately, I think this is something that we should do, but I think this amendment must be paired with show rule changes that would fully outlay the way that this program is going to be implemented, rather than just opening the door now and saying, "we'll figure it out later." **Adrienne Wolfson:** Adrienne Wolfson, Mark Twain. You know, we're about showing, we're about the cats, we're about passing out the information that we need to, or getting the information out about spay and neuter. AKC recently adopted a policy where those animals that were going to be shown in agility can be registered with AKC. My brother recently competed to be on the national agility team. He came two spaces short with his Shelties. Unfortunately, he didn't make the team. However, he has a household pet at home that also practices with him when they do their practice routines for the agility runs. As soon as AKC allowed for registration of that particular dog, he immediately went out and registered that dog with AKC. He can now proudly show that dog in AKC. He feels that the dog is getting better recognition with the organization and he is supporting that organization. So, while again the amendment as proposed may not be perfect and we may need to change some wording on it, let's not close the door on it because there is a wonderful opportunity out there for this organization to be as open to the cat world as AKC is to the dog world. **Sunny Lodge:** Sunny Lodge, Amarillo Cat Club. I want to make a comment to something that was stated a little earlier, and that was with regard to the need for more specificity to the article. In truth, this article is just our opening statement and there shouldn't be anything in it that is that kind of specific. What it speaks to is our dedication and commitment to the welfare of all cats. It doesn't specify breeds or purebred, it doesn't specify household pets. What it does is open up the opportunity for us to market to the world that our focus is all cats. I am coming from a dog handling family – my father when I was small, his father before him, and myself since. One of the interesting things I found when I came to the cat fancy was how many people said to me, "I can't believe you want to sell a cat for that much money." People never question the cost of a dog, and the reason is, everyone understands the value of a dog. But, the AKC has spent more than 100 years promoting the value of a dog, all dogs. This is our opportunity to let the world know that we support the value of all cats. I was also going to comment, because I am still involved in the AKC quite a bit, they have indeed opened the door for mixed breed dogs to be shown in agility, and what they are getting is a show number. It means that they are licensed for someone to track their points in the agility competition. It would make our lives a whole lot easier if we were doing the same thing for household pets, because they would be in the computer in the same manner as the other cats, perhaps with a different string of numbers, but nonetheless far easier to track. The other thing it would do, again, is bring in a lot of potential new owners. This says nothing about what we have to do, it just opens the door and lays a really simple foundation for things that we can do, and it's not like we aren't going to discuss and vote on those things, or the people representing us aren't going to discuss and vote on what those specifics are, too, so people aren't going to just be calling CFA and demanding, "well, I have a cat, so you can register it," because we're going to set guidelines for that. This just changes our general focus from that of being involved in the welfare of purebred cats to the welfare of cats. That's all. **Donna Andrews:** Donna Andrews,

Rebel Rousers Cat Club and Abyssinian Society of the South. First of all, let me say that I currently have a household pet, and years ago I showed my chocolate and white household pet, right along with my regional-winning Persian. But, just as accepting solid color Himi's in the mid-80's opened the door to the acceptance of solid and pointed Tonks, colorpointed Orientals, longhair Exotics, this is the first step in a road towards breeding household pets. Now, now, now, I've been to shows where there have been 50-60-70 household pets, and look, there's a seal point and white, and a seal point and white that's 2 years old, and a seal point and white that's 3 years old, and so on and so on, that looked alike. It's a method favored by the animal rights extremists – ask for an inch and you eventually get your mile. On a related topic, would this also include registering Bengals and other domestic/wild crosses? Thanks. **Annette Wilson:** Annette Wilson, Cuyahoga Valley Cat Fanciers. The CFA Constitution already allows for, or already has as an object – the welfare of all cats. This program, which I think is very aggressive, very proactive and I'm in favor of the program overall, can succeed without a change to the Constitution. Kim and everybody else who wants to show a household pet in CFA can still do so. That's already allowed. Stand-alone household pets are allowed. Despite what our Constitution currently says, household pets are listed in our catalogs, they are advertised for our shows. I don't see any reason why we need to change the Constitution to support this program. I believe the Domestic Feline Program can succeed without a change to the Constitution. I would ask Mr. Mare to explain perhaps how that could happen, and I encourage you to vote against this change to the Constitution. **Darrell Newkirk:** Darrell Newkirk, Willamette Valley Cat Club. I'm one of the board members that supported this. We had a couple of options. My opinion was that this should be brought before the delegation because I thought the delegation would support this. We cannot register or identify by number any household pet because of this existing Constitutional provision. We can't do anything until this is changed, and that's what we're asking you to do is strike out from the Constitution this line item so that we can consider some type of program that we can generate revenue and generate entries into our shows. This is a good thing. You know what? We have in there that we support and want to do the right thing for all cats. Let's step up to the plate, and put our money where our mouth is, and let's pass this and give the board an opportunity so that we can come up with some kind of program. We can offer all this other fluff in order to vote against it, but we need to change this. Let's be honest with ourselves. Let's give the household pets some amount of credit. I don't think there's going to be all the breeding, all the Bengals, all the Toygers, all the Savannahs jumping over here to register and try to show as a household pet. They've already got a place to show those cats. Of the board members that were present at the February board meeting, I think if David had said that, his statement would have been correct. We had a couple board members absent at the February board meeting, so please everyone support this. Give your board an opportunity to come up with a program so that we can generate some revenue. We had to increase fees because our treasurer gave us a budget that was over \$100,000 short, so we need new ideas to generate revenue. This is an excellent way to do it. Please, please support this. **Peg Johnson:** Peg Johnson, Rome Cat Forum and Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society. A couple just comments. I really wanted to ask Kim just a quick question. How many of those 100 cats in your show were registered with identifying numbers? Were they all registered household pets? **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** No, because CFA – **Peg Johnson:** Yeah, OK. That's the only – no, I didn't get to respond. I was just asking you a quick question, so you can get in line. No, I just want to make a comment. We have shows that support household pets. People show household pets. Nothing prohibits us embracing household pets in the fancy. I heard

some people say “wording”. We didn’t add anything. It’s not about what you add to something, it’s about where you add it. **DelaBar:** Peg, nothing was added. It was just struck out. **Peg Johnson:** Wait a minute. I’m not finished. May I speak? **DelaBar:** I recognized you. Yes. **Peg Johnson:** Thank you. It’s not about what you add, it’s about where you add it and it’s about what you don’t add. You put some words in and they open up the door for more than I feel like you need to open up the door for, and bad wording is bad wording. This isn’t rules of registration which, by the way, the board has a lot of say in and I don’t know that we vote at the delegation on a lot of rules of registration. It’s the breed councils. So, you know, you think, “oh, we are going to get to vote on how this is implemented.” Not everything that is put into place with be voted for by this delegation. I sat on the board for 10 years. The board makes a lot of decisions, and sometimes we make decisions against the way you voted on things that aren’t necessarily in line with the votes of all people, so things happen. So be careful about changing our core document. I’m in favor of household pets. I’m in favor of our programs. I’m in favor of identifying household pets for scoring and what I just want to be cautious – you don’t just go into your core document and make changes, even though they are the right intent. I agree with Darrell. We need to do this, but to put something in our core document that’s badly worded, it’s going to be there forever until we affect a change, and we can’t just do this lightly. It’s a document that has been at the foundation of CFA, which is the best cat fancy organization in the world, and we don’t need to put wording in, because it’s the right thing to do. We need to do it now, so please vote against this and let people come to the table with the right wording that protects and really focuses on the intent, which is to embrace household pets and score them and let them show, or put them in some other place like show rules and scoring rules. Thank you. Please vote against this. **Barbara Schreck:** Barbara Schreck, Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers and Jazz Kats. I’m in sympathy of the concept but not with the execution of this particular amendment. Although everybody, or some people have said that, “well, we’re not going to really register them, we’re not going to really have pedigrees,” then why do we need to change the language here if that’s the case? I remember the old Mid-Michigan days when they scored household pets, and of course they had to be altered, and they were shown and they had quite a few that were shown. And if you listened carefully to some of those people, it was very clear when they talked to exhibitors that, by golly, they had a litter at home. Now, how do you have a litter at home when you have altered household pets? By the way, the two breeds that we work with currently are American Shorthairs and Russian Blues. I have great difficulty sometimes explaining to an exhibitor the difference between an American Shorthair and a hobo cat. “Well, what’s the difference? It’s an American Shorthair. Aren’t those just what we get at the pound?” It’s difficult to do so. I think it would be even more difficult to do so if that hobo cat, as someone explained to me, had a registration number. And by the way, how many “Smoky”s turn up at the pound? **Justin Pelletier:** Justin Pelletier, Atlanta American Shorthair. I just wanted to remark that it seems like a lot of people are in favor of a way of identifying household pets, and what it comes down to is, it seems that the wording is what people have the most issue with here. It certainly could open the door to things that we don’t want to see. We’re not talking about adding wording, we’re taking away, and one of the things that we’re taking away is something that’s very important. It’s the word “entitled” recognition. “Entitled ... to be recognized by the Association.” Those words are words that people are looking for to eliminate the Toygers, Savannahs, the hybrid breeds. Can we reword this? Can we keep things like that in here that allow us to open the door to household pets, but also close the door to the other cats that we’re not in favor of, as CFA? We see things a

certain way. That's why most of us are here, so I think we're looking at taking away too many words that we should possibly rethink this, reword it and see if there's a different way that we can welcome the household pets, identify the household pets, get the revenue from the household pets, and not be scared about other cats coming in. **Iris Zinck:** Iris Zinck, representing Pacific Rim Allbreed Fanciers and Fort Vancouver Cat Fanciers. Unlike a lot of the other people who have spoken here, I started with a pedigreed cat. I never showed a household pet, and I always wanted nothing but pedigreed cats. The last thing I want to see is anybody breeding household cats, household pets. The one thing I would like to ask the delegation to think about, since everyone is using the phrase "open the door", which of these two alternatives is better for us as an organization? To close a door, bolt it, nail boards across it and not even let a crack of light in, or to open the door a little bit and monitor very carefully what might walk into it? **Leslie Carr:** Leslie Carr, Flamingo Cat Fanciers and Coastal Empire. I question, why does this need to be a Constitutional amendment? By removing the word "breed" but allowing the word "pedigree, you do open up household pet breeding and the inclusion of wild blood. Why couldn't this section, which is the objectives of the organization, be left alone and a new section added to specifically address registration of household pets? There is nothing wrong with opening up the door to registering household pets. It's the method that's being done that I have an issue with and my clubs do. Thank you. **Sunny Lodge:** Sunny Lodge, Amarillo Cat Club. I think everyone is really focused on individual words, and we're really caught up in pulling individual words out of this statement. What's not happening is, we're not stepping back and reading the entire statement as it's written and understanding the intent. I'm going to read it. <no> Not the whole thing, but listen to the sentence, "... the registering, recording or identifying by number or by other means the names and/or pedigrees of cats and kittens ...". It doesn't say anything in here about pedigrees of all cats. It says that we as an organization can identify by number or other means and identify by pedigree or identify by pedigree. It isn't necessarily, you're going to have a pedigree on a whole lot of cats. This is a preamble. I stated that before and I feel very strongly about it. This is a general statement of what our purpose is, a mission statement if you will. The details of how we register cats by breed are way further into this document and the details of how we would or would not document household pets will be in other areas of this document, as well. We haven't addressed how that's going to be. I don't even know whether the board has determined how they want that to happen. It just means here that we're willing to open our minds and our doors to some type of documentation and recording of household pets the way we're willing to do it for purebred cats, and I too started out with a purebred cat. I've never owned a household pet to this day, but I still think that we're really, really missing a fabulous marketing opportunity. We need to be seen differently out in the world. **Mike Mitchener:** Mike Mitchener, Basic Black Cat Club. I have been in the fancy for 15-16 years. I came up with Kathy [Calhoun] and [Bob] Bradshaw and all those guys. Everybody has seemed to miss the point. This organization is fading fast. You can sit here and deny and come up with purebred and bloodlines, because there's nothing pure. I'm a mutt and many of us here are mutts. Face the fact, people. Alright, we need to make money. In Region 6, the Chicago area, Milwaukee area, there's no shows no more. There were probably 5-6 shows a year. Our clubs are bleeding. I'm one of the few young ones that came up 15 years ago. All the people I came up with have vanished. We need to make some changes. We need to target this market. There's a lot of kids in my neighborhood who come and say, "what kind of cat is that?" I say, "it's a Devon Rex." I say, "do you want to go to a show?" They've got a household pet but, they say no, they don't want to

come. The cat's not registered. We need to make money. Stop denying what's pure and not pure, because there's nothing pure. We need to make money. That's the bottom line. So, people, vote for this. We've got to make change. People are scared of change. God knows, I know people are scared of change, but in this world change happens every day and there's some good changes. So please, fight for this, vote for it, let's make some money. Let's keep CFA standing for my grandkids, and so everybody's great-great-grandkids can come up, everybody can have fun showing cats regardless of their purebred cats, mutts, whatever. Let's make some changes because this thing is dying real fast, and I see it every week that I go to cat shows. Maybe you might deny it, but I don't. I'm a realist, so please vote for this, make some changes, and let's get CFA standing tall again, OK? Thank you. **DelaBar:** I have three more people to recognize, but I have been asked by the Treasurer to make this clarification. The 2010-2011 budget was not \$100,000 short, it was a plus \$350 but that cut such programs as the Legislative Group and some other vital programs. Yesterday, this was the vote that went in front of the board, and the board found ways to overcome that and reverse that trend. So, she wanted that stated. Just a clarification, when you read over all of these, if something is added it is underlined. When something is taken away it is struck through. So, that way you can keep it straight. **Bruce Russell:** Bruce Russell, Toronto Cat Fanciers. I really get the sense that in this room today, there is probably the vast majority of people that are in support of tapping the household pet pool that is out there and helping us to generate some revenue, but the one thing in this discussion that has struck a chord with me the most is the fact that we are removing important language from our Constitution. It's not what we're adding or what we're trying to do, we're removing very important language. I think that if we were only to remove the words "only those" and then add another phrase following the phrase that has been struck out, to basically also say "the registering, recording or identifying by number or by other means the names of non-pedigreed cats and kittens", that I could support this Constitutional change, but the way it's presented I cannot support it. **Susan Cook-Henry:** Susan Cook-Henry, Gala Allbreed Cat Club and Lord Baltimore. Yes, there are two sides of the fence in this room. The question that can't really be answered is, can CFA survive another year without the potential income generated from this? I'm kind of being devil's advocate here because I might be considered to be one speaking against this. On the other hand, I wonder if this is something that would be necessary to potentially generate this revenue that might not otherwise be forthcoming from the registration of the longhair Exotics, for example, and from pointed Orientals, for example. We're looking outside the box here and there are two ways to go on this, but can CFA afford to wait another year and disregard the potential income? **Donna Hetherington:** Donna Hetherington, Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers, ~~Crossroads Cat Club~~ [sic, Santa Fe Trail Shorthair]. I was going to ask to call the question. **DelaBar:** Before I call on David to give the wrap-up, I will, I thought I briefed this last year and the year before last. I'll take the blame or the credit or whatever. A few years ago at the Detroit board meeting, it was an October board meeting before we started doing teleconferencing, I brought up several initiatives to the board of directors to consider and for us to work on. One of those was to tap the market of the other 95% of the cat-owning population. Joan worked on hers, coming up with the program Cats CenterStage, and David picked up the other part on trying to find how we can drive income from the household pets. Also at that meeting, we discussed teleconferencing as a means of holding board meetings. That was passed. We have done several of those now. This is one of the last.

Mare: David Mare, Las Vegas Cat Club. As I sat at the end of the room listening to all of you, I made lots of notes from both sides of this perspective; those of you that seemed to support it, which I appreciate, and those of you who may not support it but have given me some wonderful things to think about. In summary, what I would like to say is that, as Darrell pointed out, the board felt that we had two ways to do this. One was to just simply do it as a subsidiary organization, and I will not lie to anyone in this room; that was my first choice. Your board, however, felt that it would be more appropriate to bring it to the delegation because we would get the kinds of comments that we received today, both pro and con. As has been very well pointed out by a number of you, nothing in here dictates how we do it, simply that we can do it. We have eliminated a couple of words from the mission statement of CFA, if you will, which would allow us to do it. Now, we have to sharpen our pencils, roll up our sleeves and figure out how would you like us to do it, and that's how we will do it. That's how we try to do everything within CFA, believe it or not. At any rate, our Treasurer has given us a report that says we don't have a lot of time to start wondering about things, it's time to take some action. I appreciate all of the comments that I have received. I'm going to tell you that Allene [Tartaglia] is going to show us something. We asked one of the people on my Committee who trains animals very, very well, and she had a cat fully trained to do what you're about to see, but unfortunately on the day of the filming the cat was unavailable so we had to use a stand-in. In any case, this is the kind of event that we're planning to ask you to do with your cats. I think you might enjoy this. <shows video> That's going to be the first event next weekend and I'm looking for a club to sponsor this show. It has been a lot of fun. I'm very excited for CFA. I think this is an opportunity which will help CFA grow and survive. I believe it will earn income for our clubs, as well as our organization. I think it's the right thing to do. I ask you to most sincerely please support this Constitutional amendment. Thank you.

DelaBar: If you represent or are a delegate of one association, please hold up at the appropriate time one hand. If you have two, then of course hold up both arms. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried by 2/3.**

DelaBar: 2/3, the attorney agrees. I need somebody from Willamette Valley or McKenzie River [to present Proposal #2]. Ah, Rachel. Do we have a hold-up here? **Anger:** I am being asked a question I can't answer. **Alene Shafnisky:** I'm wondering if we can have a roll call vote? **DelaBar:** I would prefer bringing the tellers out to have them do it by hand, rather than a roll call. **Shafnisky:** OK. **DelaBar:** Eve, I need your tellers. **Mary Kolencik:** Point of order, or rather a question. Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. How are you going to determine this count? Are you going to base it on 2/3 of the delegates that signed in, or 2/3 of the delegates present in the room? **DelaBar:** We have got to do it, based upon the quorum that was stated this morning, Mary. **Mary Kolencik:** OK, because in previous years you went the other way, so I just wanted to ask. **DelaBar:** OK, are all the tellers in place? OK, ready, Eve? All those in favor of the amendment, please raise your hands. [vote is taken] May I see the hands of the no's please? Tellers, go back to your places. We want to get the no's. Hang on a second. [Bob Doernberg approaches head table and challenges procedure] I know that, Bob. We're doing this, we're doing that for a reason. [comment off microphone] The reason I have asked for the no votes is because Fred has corrected me. Article XVI reads, *The Constitution may be amended by an annual or special meeting of members by 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates*

present in the meeting, in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment, together with notice of time and place of meeting, has been mailed by the Central Office of this Association or by a member club proposing the amendment to each member club at least 45 days prior to the meeting. So, our attorney is our parliamentarian. He has corrected me. That is why I have asked for the no votes.

DelaBar: With the no votes having been counted, do I have any abstentions? [comment off microphone] Yes, I can. I am asking if there are any abstentions for us to count. We have one abstention. Two abstentions. Eve, may I have the tallies here? We have the results of the tellers' vote. There were a total of 423 votes cast. Of that, 282 would be the 2/3. There were 2 abstentions, 138 no's and 283 yes's. The amendment passes by 2/3. Now, may I have Rachel present the second amendment? **Leslie Carr:** Madame President, point of order. I am questioning – **DelaBar:** Hold on. You haven't identified yourself and then you owe Kathy money. **Leslie Carr:** Leslie Carr, Flamingo Cat Fanciers, Coastal Empire. I am questioning reading the Constitution and how it's worded, it states the members registered – not registered, members present. It doesn't state present during vote. Everybody here who is wearing a badge that says 1 or 2 was present at that time. Those people who are not here, who also received 1, were present. It doesn't state present during vote. **DelaBar:** Per our parliamentarian, who ruled that it's present at time of voting.

– 2 – Willamette Valley Cat Club, McKenzie River Cat Club, Oregon Cats, Inc., Cymric Cat Club, Manx Ltd., European Shorthair Club, Seattle Cat Club, Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders, Rip City Cats, Utah Cat Fanciers, Yakima Valley Cat Club, Length and Lack of It, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance, Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers, Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers, Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers.

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE III – Membership, Section 6 – Member Secretary of Record, as follows:

The name of the Secretary of each member club shall be recorded by the CFA Central Office and this Secretary of Record shall be the point of all official communication between the CFA Central Office and each member. Designation of a new Secretary of Record for any member shall be made in writing by the existing Secretary of Record or, if the existing Secretary of Record is unavailable or otherwise unable to make such designation, by receipt of a letter signed by all other existing officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer) of the member club designating a new Secretary of Record. The previous secretary of record is required to forward all club property (previous minutes, membership lists, correspondence and other reports) to the new secretary within sixty (60) days from the date of notification to CFA Central Office. If this process is not completed, the club may file a protest to be heard by the Executive Board. The Executive Board will have the power to discipline the previous secretary by fine or withholding of CFA privileges if found guilty.

RATIONALE: Forwarding of club property is normally done without a problem in clubs, but there have been cases where the previous secretary has had to be removed by fellow officers and holds club property. The Executive Board has ruled in the past that this is an internal club issue and they have no jurisdiction. Holding the history of the club from the recognized CFA secretary

of record is detrimental to the operation of the club. This amendment adds no cost to CFA, but gives the Executive Board jurisdiction to proceed.

DelaBar: Now, may I have the second amendment read please? **Anger:** Rachel Anger, European Burmese Cat Club. Sorry, I can't outdo the drama we just had, with amendment #2. A brief recap, this just takes care of a situation where a club secretary turns over, and helps the club to facilitate the turning over. <reads proposal> Rationale: <reads rationale>. In the very rare event this would ever happen in the future ever, it would be nice to have something in place for the clubs to stand on. **Jennifer Reding:** Jennifer Reding, Los Colores Cat Club. I basically came to this annual to give you the other side of the story about this amendment. This was simply an internal club dispute between two people. The current secretary of a club, who by history and tradition of the club generally sends out the ballots with the new line-up of candidates, was bypassed by the president of the club, who manipulated the ballot and the balloting procedures to manage to get herself and several of her friends to become the new board of the club, and then declared themselves the new board. They managed to get – she managed to get herself named the new secretary of the club. The old secretary of the club decided that since the election had not been done properly, by the history and tradition of the club of 25 years, refused to cooperate with the supposed new secretary. A protest was filed by the new secretary, which was dismissed by the board, so this is just a continued individual dispute. You may think that this is a good idea and, if you do, go ahead and vote yes on it. I just think it's not a real good idea to pass a Constitutional amendment to change CFA's Constitution over a single incident that's an internal club dispute between two people. Thank you. **Sibyl Zaden:** Sibyl Zaden, Titledown Cat Fanciers and Puget Sound Cat Fanciers. We have no problem with this Constitutional amendment. However the 60 days maybe should be increased to 90 days, because depending on how long that person was secretary, they could have been secretary for like 5 years or 6 years, and it seems like 60 days would not be long enough for them to get all that paperwork together, but it would be good to have the paperwork transferred. Thank you. **Renee Weinberger:** Good afternoon. Renee Weinberger representing National Alliance of Burmese Breeders. I would just like to say that it seems like it assumes that every time you have a secretarial election, that the old secretary is leaving under very bad terms, and it seems weird to require that the previous secretary forward all elements of club property to the new secretary, regardless of what the club property is and regardless of what further position they have in the club. The club that I represent, and I'm also secretary for, has term limits and we have a very amicable election process. I don't think in the history of the club we have had any disputes about those officers, but a lot of times our secretaries will have things that are the club property, like we had a breed display booth and these things are really expensive to ship. If there's no reason why, and if they are still good friends with everybody else in the club and they are still an active member, why would we, in the Constitution, require them to give up every little scrap of club property within 60 days because maybe they didn't decide to be re-elected? **Norman Auspitz:** Norm Auspitz, Kentucky Colonels Cat Club. I really don't think this belongs in the CFA Constitution. Every club that joins CFA has to submit a constitution. If people think that there should be some protection because of secretarial property, you can make sure that clause is in the club constitution. That makes much more sense than putting this in for something that almost never happens. I think this is overkill, and I think it's in the wrong place. **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. The people that are saying this is an isolated incident or doesn't always happen, I

have to tell you that my problem with this is that it is not broad enough, that it only covers the secretary and not the treasurer. Because we have been trying to get a bank account from a club treasurer for 3 years. Not the club treasurer but somebody else. But anyhow, it's a problem we've been having for 3 years. My problem with the amendment is, I don't think we need to put it in the Constitution. If somebody is violating their club's constitution, isn't that already protestable? So, you're telling me that it is already protestable but the board won't act on it, so therefore we should change our Constitution. I'm wondering, was a protest filed? I mean in my case, in the club that I'm in, we haven't filed a protest yet, so I don't blame the board for not acting, but in the other cases, was a protest filed and was it denied? That's what I'm asking. I'm not sure that this needs to go in there yet. Nobody has proven to me that there is inaction on the board's part that requires this going in there. **Sande Willen:** Sande Willen, Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers. My problem with this is that it says to turn over all correspondence, minutes, etc. I don't know about everybody else, but my in box gets full really fast and I don't generally keep paper copies of everything. Anything that's important, yes, but how many times do we get correspondence that may be important for awhile, but within a couple months is basically trash? I don't keep correspondence for 5, 6, 7 years. I wouldn't have anyplace to put it. **Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, Maine Attraction and Bonita. I wasn't going to speak on this one, because it's one of those that could go either way, but I have a concern and it's this. I have been in some interesting clubs that the president calls a meeting without telling the other officers, or the secretary calls a meeting without telling anybody else, and suddenly there's two sets of officers to the club. Now, that's a credentials matter, that's not a protest matter, but what really bothers me about this is it says, if you want to get the records from the old secretary, contact Central Office. Wouldn't it make more sense to contact the old secretary first? There's no requirement that they even be told that the new secretary is asking for the records. If it was one of these split club decisions where one faction is claiming this and one faction is claiming that, they may not even be aware there is a new secretary. I was removed as an officer of a club. I didn't even know, so I think if we're going to start punishing people with protests, we should at least tell them in advance that they are being asked to turn over the records.

DelaBar: Rachel, would you like to make a closing statement? **Anger:** Rachel Anger, Michipet Cat Club. Just to be clear, our club saw this amendment and, actually not the one I'm a delegate for, but the last two that are sponsoring it. We thought it was a good idea. Whatever caused the initial club to make the proposal, to us, was not the issue; the issue was that this sounded like a good idea, something that would be a proactive measure. If it's not the right fit, at least it gets people thinking about what might be the right fit. Thank you.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** **DelaBar:** Amendment fails, unless someone thinks there should be a teller count.

– **3** – *Beverly Hills Cat Club, Colonial Cat Club, Happy Trails Cat Club, Just Cats N' Us Cat Club, Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers, Long Island Cat Club, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers, National Colorpoints & Orientals Cat Club, Nova Cat Fanciers Inc., Oriental Shorthairs of America, Inc., Orientals West, Sign of the Cat Fanciers, Victor Valley Cat Club, Westchester Cat Club.*

RESOLVED: to amend ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 6 - Acceptance of New Breeds for Championship Competition

Acceptance of any new breed for championship competition shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board present.

Once a breed (including a color class or division in that breed, including cats that are being shown in another breed for scoring purposes only) is accepted for championship status, it cannot have its registration status rescinded, placed back in A.O.V. status or moved to provisional status without 2/3 Breed Council approval.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to close a loophole which still allows colors and divisions within a breed to lose championship status without the approval of their breed councils. Without this, cats such as the sixteen pointed colors of Oriental Shorthairs and the long-haired Exotics could have their championship status revoked without seeking approval of the breed councils.

DelaBar: Can I have a representative from Beverly Hills or Colonial Cat Club please?

Julie Keyer: Julie Keyer, National Colorpoints and Orientals Cat Club. <reads> Rationale:

<reads>. **DelaBar:** Any comments? Calling the question. I think it passes, but not by 2/3.

Therefore, it does not become effective. So, it failed to become an amendment, yes. It failed to get to 2/3. Let me put it that way.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

– 4 – *Straight and Curl Cat Club, Black Diamond Cat Club, Capital Cat Fanciers, Cat Club Of The Palm Beaches, Cat Spring Irregulars, Cats Exclusive, Inc., Chocolate City Cat Club, Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers, Constitution City Longhair Club, Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Damn Yankees Cat Club, Diamond State Cat Club, Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Greater Baltimore Cat Club, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Havana Brown Fanciers, Hudson Valley Cat Club, Keystone Kat Klub, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, Long And Short Of It Cat Club, Lord Baltimore Cat Club, Mason-Dixon Cat Fanciers, Monroe Shorthair Club, National Siamese Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, New River Cat Fanciers, Nutmeg Cat Fanciers, Ocala Cat Club, Ohio State Persian Club, One Fine Day, Pocono Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers, Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc., Russian Blue Fanciers, Si Sawat Society, Siamese Alliance Of America, Southern Traditions Cat Club, Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers, Tri State Cat Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers, Up In Smoke Society, Valley Empire Cat Fanciers, Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers, West Coast Cats, Western Reserve Cat Club, Maine Street Cat Club, Nashville Cat Club.*

RESOLVED: Amend Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS as follows:

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected secretary of the specific breed council. The breed council secretary will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The weight of these opinions will form the basis for an annual poll taken prior to the Executive Board meeting in February when breed standard revisions are considered.

The CFA Secretary shall notify all breed council secretaries of all Executive Board motions regarding CFA recognized breeds at least 30 days in advance of the board vote on the motions. This includes registration and show rule motions affecting specifically any color, color class, breed, or division. This excludes motions that have general applicability to all breeds and those motions already included in the annual breed council poll. Notice may be by mail or by an electronic method and shall include the text of these motions and the date of the meeting. The Executive Board shall vote on these motions only at a meeting as defined in Article VII Section 2.

RATIONALE: The CFA Constitution defines the breed councils as advisory to the board. But the members of the breed councils cannot advise the board when we don't know what the board is doing. This amendment would require the board to give the breed councils time to comment on all motions regarding how specific breeds are registered and shown. It would not prevent the board from approving these motions; it only requires that the breed councils be notified so that we have a chance to comment.

The amendment is specific about the method of notification, and it is simple. The CFA Secretary notifies all breed council secretaries of all such motions, and then it is up to the breed council secretaries to decide if they believe the motions affect their breed and whether their breed councils should be informed. This relieves the CFA Secretary of trying to figure out which breed council is affected by which motion. Notice can be done by mail or email or even posted to a website.

This amendment requires the board to vote on such motions only at a true meeting of the board, which includes a teleconference meeting, and not by email. Roberts Rules of Order require that business be conducted only at meetings where the participants can interact by voice. This amendment would require the board to follow Roberts Rules when dealing with breed motions. The board may discuss the motions outside of a meeting, but must vote on them at a meeting and not by email.

This amendment furthers the interest of transparency and disclosure without severely impacting the board's ability to conduct business and without cost to CFA.

DelaBar: May I have a representative from Straight and Curl? **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik from Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. We are one of the 50 clubs, 2 of the 50 clubs sponsoring this amendment. The amendment adds to the breed council section, the following: <reads underlined> This amendment is actually very simple. If a board member wants to make a motion about show rules or registration rules that applies to a breed or breeds in particular, as opposed to like a show rule that applies to all breeds, they have to give 30 days' notice to the breed councils before they can vote on it. It has to be noticed to all the breed council secretaries so that the CFA Secretary doesn't have to figure out which ones need to see the notice. The notice can be done through regular mail, email or even on the website. When all the breed council secretaries see the notice, they each get to decide whether they or their breed council members should comment. That's all this amendment is about, comments. It allows breed council members the opportunity to comment, to make a case for or against a motion, to point out possible conflicts or flaws. And isn't that what "advise" means? The Constitution says

that the breed councils are advisory to the board, but how can we advise if we don't know what the board is thinking of doing to our breeds? I'm sure someone will say that this is too restrictive and that 30 [days] ties the board's hands too tight. Consider that the breed councils present motions to the board once every year, and if there is a flaw in our request, we have to wait another year to re-present our motion. All we're asking from the board is 30 days' notice. One more thing that this amendment does is require that the board consider these motions only at an interactive meeting, as opposed to through an email list. This is in line with Robert's Rules of Order, while the current practice of voting on such motions through email is not. Transparency – how often have we heard that word? Everybody likes to talk the talk. It's time to walk the walk, and that's what this amendment is about. Thank you for your consideration. **Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, Maine Attraction and Bonita. This seems simple on its face, but it's actually much more complicated than it looks. Most resolutions at the Annual have their basis in some action, some wrong that was done to someone somewhere, some complaint they have. If this is a complaint about the pointed Oriental situation, vote no on this one and vote yes on the next one, because it's more specific to that issue. But let me tell you my frustration. Once a year we get to deal with breeds and standards issues, and if it's a breed standard issue, it has to be pre-noticed. "Pre-noticed" is another word for, it has to be a straight up and down vote. It doesn't mean you get to give advice, because if you give advice it goes over to next year. That's what giving advice means, so whenever a breeds and standards issue comes up that's even a little bit wrong, it gets kicked over to next year. Every year we're faced with at least one or two resolutions that we really want to pass, but only have a problem that's minor or technical. Let me give you an example. First of all, the way we get around it is, on some issues they are registration issues or they're show rule issues, and we can do those without pre-notice. So, for example, we recently had an issue where a breed – I'm not going to name the breed – wanted to change their rules to be able to import some cats. They had a very detailed, very thorough system for how they were going to import the cats, and it involved the breed secretary, because of course if you are going to import cats from overseas, you need to have the breed secretary involved. They made a mistake. They put the breed secretary's name in there, instead of saying "the breed secretary". We couldn't pass it as it was, but because it was a registration rule, with the advice and consent of the breed secretary, we were able to fix it on the spot. This resolution would prevent that, because any change is a new motion. It would have to be pre-noticed for 30 days. If we make a motion that isn't the same motion, it's a new motion, and a motion would have to be pre-noticed 30 days. Since we do breeds and standards once a year, that means next year. Giving advice within 30 days of making a motion means you can't do a different motion. This resolution doesn't allow that to happen, it simply delays it. If there was one incident one time, the board could deal with that incident that one time. This is cumbersome. The breed secretary is there at the February board meeting to make their pitch one way or another. That really has been a working relationship for as long as I have been on the board and if there's one blip you don't like, deal with that one blip but don't stop us from fixing things at the board meeting when they are capable of being fixed. **Newkirk:** Darrell Newkirk, Willamette Valley Cat Club. I would remind the delegation that Article XI under breed councils, *Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA show standards*. That's why the breed councils were formed. I feel like this amendment probably has a little bit to do with the motion that I made in February to put the pointed Orientals back on the show bench and so they wanted to have had some say in this. I think that was the right thing to do. There's a lot of people

that don't agree with me, but it got passed. This ties the boards hands. Please don't pass this.

Sandi Douglass: Sandi Douglass, Johnny Appleseed Cat Fanciers and North Coast Cat Fanciers. Some of you know me very well and some of you don't, but I've been a Colorpoint Shorthair breeder for 21 years, and my question to Darrell Newkirk is this: how can we be advisory to the board when you don't even ask our opinion? **Bernie Hartman:** Bernie Hartman, New River Cat Fanciers. We understand that our breed council is advisory to the board. This is just one of those instances where the breed council didn't get consulted. I believe honestly what happened is the board exceeded its bounds, and remember, we're all about cats, and that really should be the breed council's main input. Thank you. **Ellyn Honey:** Camelot Cat Fanciers and Tonks East. Remember that our board of directors serves all of CFA. Each breed council has the opportunity to take care of their own breed. Their breed may be in conflict with something we need as a whole for CFA. We elected our board of directors to do what is best for us and for CFA. What we need to do is look past our own differences and do what's best for the organization. **Debbi Stevenson:** Debbi Stevenson, Tri State Cat Fanciers. This amendment doesn't tie the board's hands, it doesn't change anything the board can do. All it does is give the opportunity for the two breed councils involved to be part of the process. This did come from the February board meeting, but it didn't come from the results of what happened at the February board meeting. Why the amendment was put in place is because we feel that breed councils should have a right to at least put in their opinion about what is being asked of them and what is being done to their breed. What the board ultimately decides to do with the information is still the board's prerogative, but the breed councils certainly should have the right and the opportunity to be a part of that process and to have their viewpoints also heard, because what happens to the breeds is happening to something that is very personal and very individual to them.

DelaBar: Mary, would you like to wrap up? **Mary Kolencik:** Yes, I would like to wrap up. Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. I would like to address what George brought up about not being able to change things from the breed councils. I included the wording, "This excludes motions that have general applicability to all breeds and those motions already included in the annual breed council poll." It excludes things in the annual breed council poll, so if there is a mistake in something in the poll, the board still has the ability to fix it. Second, Darrell, this would not have prevented you from passing your motion, presenting your motion or anything to do with your motion. All we are asking is for comments. I understand that your motion, as originally made, was so flawed that a committee had to be appointed to fix it and the board had to revote on it several times. Had this been in place, we could have told you or somebody could have told you that your motion is flawed, you should present this instead, and then it would not have happened that way. This would not have prevented the pointed Orientals from being allowed to be shown in the Colorpoint class. We are not asking to undo anything. We're not asking to undo Darrell's motion. We're not asking to undo what happened. This is about the process and our ability as breeders to know what the board is doing to our breeds. It's about transparency and it's about our right to comment. This is only so that we can comment. Thank you. **DelaBar:** I want to caution everyone, this is a business meeting and we do not allow personal attacks. I don't care if people have different opinions, but no personal attacks. Calling the question. I'm sorry, it does not pass.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

– 5 – *Straight and Curl Cat Club, Black Diamond Cat Club, Capital Cat Fanciers, Cat Club Of The Palm Beaches, Cat Spring Irregulars, Cats Exclusive, Inc., Chocolate City Cat Club, Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers, Constitution City Longhair Club, Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Damn Yankees Cat Club, Diamond State Cat Club, Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Greater Baltimore Cat Club, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Havana Brown Fanciers, Hudson Valley Cat Club, Keystone Kat Klub, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, Long And Short Of It Cat Club, Lord Baltimore Cat Club, Mason-Dixon Cat Fanciers, Monroe Shorthair Club, National Siamese Cat Club, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, New River Cat Fanciers, Nutmeg Cat Fanciers, Ocala Cat Club, Ohio State Persian Club, One Fine Day, Pocono Cat Fanciers, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers, Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers, Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc., Russian Blue Fanciers, Si Sawat Society, Siamese Alliance Of America, Southern Traditions Cat Club, Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers, Tri State Cat Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers., Up In Smoke Society, Valley Empire Cat Fanciers, Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers, West Coast Cats, Western Reserve Cat Club, Maine Street Cat Club, Nashville Cat Club.*

RESOLVED: Amend Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY, after Vacancies clause as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected.

The Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the show rules, or add thereto, to allow cats of one breed to be shown in another breed's classes, or alter or amend the registration rules to allow cats of one breed to be registered as another breed, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of each of the two breed councils.

In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment.

RATIONALE: The relationship between the breed councils and the CFA board should be a two way street of mutual respect. The board has the power to deny requests by the breed councils, but the breed councils should have the power to prevent the board from changing the fundamentals of our breeds without asking us first. Right now, this is a one-way street and our breeds are at the mercy of the CFA board.

This amendment is not retroactive and will not change any current show rules or registration rules. It will not undo the exceptions to show rules for longhair Exotics or pointed Orientals. Those cats will continue to be shown as they are now until the show rules are changed. Nor does this amendment prevent two breed councils from cross registration or cross exhibition of cats as long as both breed councils agree.

Breed issues are critical to all of us. With the acceptance in other associations of so many new breeds that are simply variations on existing breeds, the issue of lookalikes is here to stay. When we have problems, such as we have had for decades with the question of lookalikes, the solution must come from the breeders of the breeds involved to be legitimate. The breeders themselves must solve these problems and not the board, or the problems will fester and further divide us. This amendment would prevent the board from implementing a poorly thought out solution without permission from the people most directly affected.

DelaBar: Mary, you want to present #5? **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. You are all familiar, I'm sure, with the clause in the Constitution that requires the board to have 60% approval from the breed councils before changing our standard. This adds to that section the following: <reads underlined portion> In 1984, Sy Howard wrote the clause requiring 60% of the breed councils to approve changes to the standard. I wasn't around then, but I know quite a few of you were, but back in 1984, I wonder if Mr. Howard and the people that supported this change imagined that 26 years later, the board would ignore the intent and find a way around it through the show rules. Just as with a change to the standard, this amendment makes it clear that if the board wants to make a change to allow cats of one breed to be shown or registered as another breed, the breed councils must be included in the vote – both of them. This amendment is about the process, not the result. Yes, it arose as a result of the motion in February to allow pointed Orientals to be shown in the Colorpoint classes. We are not trying to undo that. We are only asking that both breed councils be polled when such a motion is made. In that particular case, neither breed council was polled. We were both caught by surprise. This amendment is about the process, not the result. This amendment would not overturn past decisions of the board, and all cats currently showable would remain showable. Thank you. **DelaBar:** I have no one at the microphones, so I am calling the question. Mary, do you need anything else to wrap up? **Mary Kolencik:** No.

[motion called] **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, it's too close. Let's try again. All those in favor, and please keep your hands up. All those opposed. It does not have 2/3. **Mary Kolencik:** Could we count, please? Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance. I would like a count. Or hand count. **DelaBar:** You want the tellers? **Mary Kolencik:** The tellers, yes. **DelaBar:** OK. Tellers? Will everybody please get back in the room? The snacks will still be there. We have an important vote. Please take your seats. There will be plenty of popcorn. OK, do we have our tellers? All those in favor, please raise your hands and hold them high until such time as the tellers tell you it's OK. May I now have the no votes? While they are counting up the no votes, do we have any abstentions? I see one, two, three, four, five. Is that what you see, Fred? Five abstentions. **David Bennett:** David Bennett, Space Coast. Madame President, the reason I hollered was to get your attention. I believe you missed an abstention over here when you counted. You only counted one when you were looking back to this section. Thank you. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, what? **David Bennett:** When you were looking this direction, ma'am, you only counted one abstention. There was actually one up in the front corner that I do not believe you saw. **DelaBar:** We counted a total of five. There were a total of 384 votes. We needed 256 to pass. We had 5 abstentions, 183 no's and 196 yes. It fails.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Proposed Show Rule Resolutions

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– 6 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the show rules as follows to allow opens to compete as champions and to change the requirement for winners ribbons to qualifying rings:

1.19b. The OPEN CLASS is for CFA registered cats of a color accepted for Championship competition, of either sex, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show, except cats that have completed requirements for Championship confirmation. When a cat has completed requirements for confirmation, it is ineligible for the Open Class at any subsequent show (see 2.07, 8.05). Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and in the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions.

1.19c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk by the end of class judging on the first day of a two day show. The Champion Class includes opens for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions.

8.01 Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, ~~the winning Open male or neuter and the winning female or spay in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty ill be awarded the "Winners Ribbon."~~ all opens in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty, can use the ring as a "Qualifying Ring" so long as the judge does not disqualify or otherwise withhold awards from the open.

8.03a. Six (6) ~~Winners Ribbons~~ Qualifying Rings won under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) four (4) ~~Winners Ribbons~~ Qualifying Rings won under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia, Malta and Asia (except Japan) four (4) ~~Winners Ribbons~~ Qualifying Rings won under at east two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation.

8.03b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011 or as a Novice in the International Division, satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for the Championship or Premiership claim. All claims must satisfy show rule 8.05 f.

8.03c. Opens must complete all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim before competing as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier.

9.03f. An open must complete the requirements for the Champion/Premier class in order to qualify for the title of Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Opens may not compete as Grand Champions or Grand Premiers until all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim have been met.

11.18d. To qualify for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class on the second day of a two day show, the owner/agent must notify the master clerk and must file a correction form with the master clerk before the end of the first day of a two day show. If the transfer is from Open to Grand, the owner/agent must file a completed Championship or Premiership Claim form and fee with the master clerk before the end of the first day of a two day show. If the exhibitor has already filed the claim electronically, the exhibitor may submit a catalog correction form instead of the claim form and fee. Transferring a cat from Open or Champion to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership class is at the option of the exhibitor.

16.06 The show secretary or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in sequence by catalog numbers. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (~~Open~~, Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as Champions or Premiers in the judge's book as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show secretary shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division. At the end of the Veterans Class, the show secretary shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

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30.02a. The Novice class is for "listed" (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or older on the first day of the show, whose color is CFA registerable. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Winners' Ribbons are awarded in the Novice class. Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, the winning Novice male or neuter and the winning female or spay in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty will be awarded the "Winners Ribbon." Upon the cat's registration with CFA, the Winners Ribbons will be posted to the cat's record as official ~~Winners Ribbons~~ Qualifying Rings towards its Champion/Premier title.

30.02c. Opens will compete as Champions or Premiers as described in 1.19 and 1.20.

Note: The CFA Executive Board will make the necessary housekeeping changes to the following show rules: 8.02, 8.05a through f, 8.06, 11.18c, 11.24, and 28.14. These housekeeping changes may involve deleting unnecessary rules and replacing “Winners Ribbons” with “Qualifying Rings” where applicable.

RATIONALE: There is an inequality in our scoring system with the winners ribbons requirement. Opens without any disqualifying traits get winners ribbons by default when there is no competition. The inequality is that most opens have no competition in their color classes, while a few color classes have some competition. A pet quality cat that has just enough merit but no competition can easily earn the title champion in one show, yet two NW caliber cats will have to compete if they are at the same show and both could take two or more shows to get all of their winners ribbons.

The solution in this resolution is to make the requirements for the champion/premier titles the same for all color classes. Since all opens do not have to compete for winners ribbons, no opens should have to compete for winners ribbons. As long as a cat is not disqualified, the cat earns a qualifying ring. When the cat has six qualifying rings (or the required number for the geographic area), the owner can claim the champion/premier title. This is the effective requirement right now for most opens.

In addition, the changes in this resolution allow opens to compete for champion points so that exhibitors can start working on the grand title right away. Opens will be eligible for the purple ribbon and for the champion/premier final spots. Exhibitors will still enter their cats as opens, champions/premiers, and grands and the show catalog will use those titles. However, the judges’ books will list opens as champions/premiers so that the judges will judge opens and champions/premiers together. Opens will count as champions/premiers. In the event an open earns 200 grand points in fewer than six rings, the open cannot compete as a grand until finishing the necessary number of qualifying rings.

It is unclear what will happen to the champion/premier counts at shows. At first, those counts will go up. At some shows, like a large 450 show, this could be significant but should be no more than what those counts were 10 or so years ago. At other shows, the champion count will go up around 10 points per specialty, again this will be no more than what the counts were 10 or so years ago. Increasing the points available increases the competition, but it also makes the finals worth more and it will be quicker to grand a cat. However, if we find that it becomes too easy or difficult to grand a cat, we can adjust the required points or add champion/premier spots to the finals.

By allowing exhibitors to avoid split rings for winners ribbons, we save them money which helps keep people in the hobby. By allowing opens to compete for champion points, we allow people to start working on the true competitive titles right away.

DelaBar: We are on to show rule resolutions. **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. This is a very complex show rule change and if you think it’s confusing to read, trust me, it was more confusing to write. I’m going to try to summarize the high points. Hang on just a second. The intent is to allow opens to compete as champions, and

when I say champions I also mean premiers, as well. It preserves the champion title and does not change the income CFA receives from those claims. Cats would still be entered as opens and would be listed in the exhibitors' catalogs as opens, but judges would see them in their catalogs as champions and could final them as champions, or give the purple ribbon to them. Opens would begin to accrue champion points at their very first show. Instead of winners ribbons, we will have qualifying rings. A qualifying ring would be any ring where the open is not DQ'ed or otherwise withheld on. Six qualifying rings and you claim the champion title. Yes, this means that multiple opens of the same sex and color class can claim the same ring. There would not be competition for winners ribbons, and yes, cats will be able to claim the champion title without competition. **DelaBar:** Mary, hold on a second. Please give the presenters the courtesy of listening to them present these show rules. **Mary Kolencik:** I know that some of you don't understand this and you don't agree with it, but multiple people put a lot of work into this, so I would really appreciate just a little bit of your time to explain it. After six qualifying rings, you can claim the champion title, and multiple opens of the same sex and color will be able to claim the same ring. Yes, cats will be able to claim the champion title without competition, but most of them do that now. I show Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthairs, and in 15 years I have had competition for winners ribbons once, and that was at my first show before I figured out how to avoid the other opens. This equalizes the champion title for all breeds. I know some of you show in breeds where you might often have competition for winners ribbons. In my two breeds, it's rare. In many breeds, it's non-existent. Frequently, cats automatically just get their winners ribbons. This equalizes it, so that as long as the judge doesn't DQ, as long as 6 judges don't DQ the cat or withhold on the cat, they can claim the title, which is what happens for most cats now. While it's possible for a champion to earn 200 points in less than 6 rings, this resolution requires that opens must first fulfill the champion requirements before transferring to grand, so even if, in a 2 day 8 ring show, in the first four rings on Saturday, if you got all your 200 points, you would still have to compete in 2 rings on Sunday as an open. You could not automatically transfer to grand. These changes apply to the International Division, except that novices would still be required to get winners ribbons, so this would be an incentive for those people to register with CFA before showing them as a novice, because they could start right away to accumulate grand points. The question most people have probably is, what would this do to the champion counts? And honestly, I can only say what I think will happen. Based on looking at how many opens are at most shows, I believe that the champion count would go up 10 cats per specialty, or around there. A higher champion count means more points for those cats that final, but it also means more cats competing for those spots. After a year or two of this, we might find that it's easier to grand a cat, we might find it's more difficult and we can adjust our show rules to accommodate for that. Personally I think with the higher champion count, that will improve our competition and it will improve the quality of our grands. Anything that increases the champion count is a plus, to me. I realize this is a very complex issue, or complex resolution. I will be happy to answer questions, and thank you for your consideration. **DelaBar:** I know, Mary, that there was a lot of discussion on the CFA list over this, and I know it has been a lot of work. **Mary Kolencik:** Yes, I would like to thank the people who helped me review it. There were quite a few people who reviewed it. **Newkirk:** Darrell Newkirk, Willamette Valley Cat Club. I tried to come up with something similar to this a couple years ago, and when Mary put this on the list, I jumped for joy because this fixed all the issues that I had with the sort of proposal that I came up with. I think this is great. The whole purpose of getting 6 winners ribbons is for 6 judges to certify that

your cat doesn't have any disqualifying faults listed in your standard. By hanging a ribbon on it, you are also doing the exact same thing, although it's not a winners ribbon. I applaud Mary and everybody she worked with on this proposal. I think this is innovative, it's different and I think it's a really good thing. I'm in favor of this and I hope everybody will support it. The opens get such short shrift and I think some judges won't put the opens in the final. I'm not one of those. I'll do it because I've done it ever since I have been judging, because I don't consider the title whenever I consider my 10 best cats in show. However, having said that, this really gives us a few more points for grand and it also allows those opens to collect points toward grand. It's a very, very good proposal and I support it wholeheartedly. **Altschul:** Carissa Altschul, Cats Limited. As I understand this, a cat will grand before it champions, because it can accumulate grand points before it has gone to 6 rings. **Mary Kolencik:** That question came up and I was very careful in this. I'm sorry, Mary Kolencik, Lilac Point Fanciers and Siamese Alliance. The cat would have to complete the requirements for champion before it could transfer to grand, so it would have to compete in 6 rings. Listed in the exhibitors' catalog as an open, it would have to collect 6 qualifying rings before it could compete as a grand. Let me see if I can think of a scenario. If you have a 6x6 show, if you get all your grand points on the first day and you competed in all 6 rings, you could transfer to grand on the second day. In an 8 or 10 ring show, if you got all 200 points in 4 or 5 rings on the first day, you could not transfer to grand on the second day because you have to pick up one more qualifying ring, so you must compete in 6 rings and have 6 qualifying rings before competing as a grand. **Kim Everett-Hirsch:** Kim Everett-Hirsch, Oregon Cats, Enchanted Cat Fanciers. Anybody that has known me the 50 years I have been around knows that I have always been a proponent of new show formats. We read this in our clubs and I said, "usually, when something goes on this long it's instantaneous death on the floor." However, the more we read, we decided we would come to the meeting and leave it open for a little discussion, and the more I read, the more I realized I think this is a big plus for CFA. Opens, champions, grands – they all should be treated the same, and I think this is one bump up. Our clubs will support this. **Altschul:** Carissa Altschul, Cats Limited. So, thank you for the clarification. I'm going to explain to the newbies that I mentor that if, hypothetical situation, they get 200 grand points in 2 rings, they have enough points to be a grand, but they aren't really a grand because they still have to compete in 4 more rings to get the lower title of champion. So, you can meet the requirements for the higher title of grand champion before you meet the requirements of the lower title of champion because you can accumulate grand points before you have gone to the 6 rings. That is my main concern here; you can accumulate the grand points as an open, because in the judges' book you are a champion, which means you will make the champion part of the final if you have a really nice cat. You will make that part, you could be best allbreed champion in the first ring and get your first qualifying ring, so I have to explain to my newbies that I mentor, yes, your cat is a grand champion; but wait, you have to come back tomorrow to get your other two qualifying rings, because you're not really a champion yet, which means you're not really a grand champion yet, but you have enough points to be a grand champion because you have 200 grand points, because you got 100 points with 2 best allbreed champions. Hypothetically. **Monte Phillips:** Monte Phillips, Packerland Cat Club. The only concern I have with this particular amendment is the catalog, and the reason why I have a concern is because almost every entry clerk program is designed to put a cat in one class. Now, in this case, by checking the box "open", your cat is going to be listed in the catalog as one thing and in the judges' book as something else. I don't think there is any entry clerk program out there

currently that's capable of doing that. I know North Atlantic Software does not support their program anymore. I assume Clinton [Parker] is going to have to start rewriting if we vote for this, and God knows what else anybody else may do. We may be all required to get Clinton's program and all other programs become defunct, but that's my one concern with this amendment. **Mark Hannon:** Mark Hannon from Mark and Linda. To respond to Carrissa's [Altschul] concern, in order to become a grand champion, you must do two things – currently, as well as if you pass this resolution. You have to have competed in 6 rings and gotten away without having been disqualified, and you must have 200 points. Getting 200 points is not enough. You must do both. You can explain that to any novice; “you have to do two things to become a grand champion – 200 points and you have to compete in 6 rings.” **Sande Willen:** Sande Willen, Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers. I have basically two comments. #1, don't think of yourself as having earned the grand points, think of them as being put in a bank, and when you get your championship, when you get your 6 rings, then you can withdraw from that bank and not before. The other comment is that another really good thing about this is, if you are an open and for some reason you don't get that 6th winners ribbon at a one-day show, whether you lost in one ring or because a snowstorm keeps a judge from coming to that show, you haven't lost a whole show. You may have finaled in all other 5 rings. You still get something from that show instead of having to go to a whole 'nother show to get one winners ribbon. **Eve Russell:** Eve Russell, Jiminy Christmas Cat Club. I would like to say right now that I'm embarrassed to be part of this delegation. If you cannot talk to someone next to you, and some people are even talking while I am scolding, once you start talking there is a person beside you on each side that cannot hear what's going on. The same is going on with the people in front of you, so please, mind your manners the way your mothers taught you. **Sue Robbins:** Sue Robbins, Tonkinese Breed Association. What I just want to clarify, because I think this is also going to do something else. And yes, there are a lot of classes where there are not more than one cat competing, but there are classes where there are 2 or possibly even 3 worthy opens that happen to show up at the same show. This does not mean that only one cat in one ring gets a winners ribbon, if I am understanding this correctly. As long as the cat is not DQ'ed and as long as it has been found worthy by the judge, that means that if you have 3 blue Persian opens that show up, and they're all worthy and maybe really spectacular cats, then they all would be considered to have fulfilled one ring of the open requirement, instead of just having it be one cat of that particular ring. Rather than having to go to 2 and 3 shows to meet the qualifications of the open, with 3 really nice cats, you can all do it at one show. Am I correct on this? <yes> Thank you. **Donna Hetherington:** Donna Hetherington, Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers and ~~Crossroads Cat Club~~ [sic Santa Fe Trail Shorthair]. If I may, Mark, there are actually three things you need to do presently. One is, you have to have 6 winners ribbons, which means you cannot have a disqualifying trait. #2, you must claim that championship or premiership by filling out the form, paying your \$10, and 3, you must get 200 points to become a grand. So, I don't see how this amendment is going to change any of that. Yes, you can start, because now, even if you don't claim your championship or premiership and you inadvertently enter your cat as a champion or premier, it shows up on the website. If you go to Herman, it shows up as “non-claimed champion” or “non-claimed premier”, and you still can accumulate grand points but until you pay the confirmation, you won't be granted your grand championship. So, I'm in favor of this resolution. As Sue just said, it allows more than one deserving open to be qualified to compete for grand points. Thank you.

DelaBar: Mary, would you like to wrap up please? **Mary Kolencik:** Yes, I want to address a few things. Mary Kolencik, Lilac Point Fanciers and Siamese Alliance. There is actually four requirements, as Ann Segrest pointed out to me. You can't grand in 2 rings. You have to be handled by 3 different judges. So, you can't in 2, it has to be 3. Someone else brought up to me a question about what happens if there is 5 seal point Siamese champions in a ring? The judges see them as champions. Let me rephrase that, I'm sorry. There's a couple of open and champion seal point males, and the judges see them all as champions, and let's say one of them has a visible tail kink. Right now, if a judge sees a champion and it has a disqualifying fault or something like that, they might be inclined to bury the cat, rather than withhold on the cat. They would just get a dash in the notation. They wouldn't necessarily want to push the issue, but with this rule, we would have to expect our judges to be a little more selective. You might want to actually look at the champions – you are going to have to look at them as though they are opens and apply those traits to the champions, as well as the opens, because you might be giving a cat with a fault, a qualifying ring. That's just something we're going to have to depend on our judges to handle, and I have every faith in them that they can do it. Monte [Phillips] brought up about the entry clerk programming changes. I'm a programmer myself. I know how to write programs. If somebody paid me enough, I could sit down and write an entry clerk program. Of course, the entry clerk programs don't do this now. They will have to be rewritten. They have nearly a year to do it, if we passed it today. It wouldn't take effect until May 1st, so they have quite a long time. Knowing the logic of some of these types of programs, I know that it can be done. One more thing that I wanted to point out is that right now with our 10 ring shows, we are not allowed to have 6 rings on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. If we pass this, we could ask the board to relax that and allow our 10 ring shows, few that there are, but we could have 6 rings on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. That's it. **DelaBar:** Just to review the requirements, if something passes by 2/3, it goes to the board for ratification. If it passes by 50% or more, it goes with a favorable recommendation. Over 50% but not 2/3.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried** by 50%.

The following is to be considered if #6 does not pass.

– 7 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend show rule 11.18c as follows:

11.18c To qualify for the Champion or Premier class on the second day of a two day show, the exhibitor must notify the master clerk and file a completed Championship or Premiership Claim form and fee with the master clerk before the end of the first day of a two day show. If the exhibitor has already filed the claim electronically, the exhibitor may submit a catalog correction form instead of the claim form and fee. Transferring a cat from Open to the Champion or Premier class is at the option of the exhibitor.

RATIONALE: When the Sunday transfer was created, master clerks wanted a paper trail for these transfers and requiring the claim form and fee provided that paper trail. CFA now offers an online championship/premiership claim that allows the exhibitor to pay with a credit card and to pre-pay before the show, so it does not make sense anymore to require those who have already

paid online to fill out the form again. This change allows the exhibitor to use the pre-pay online method for opens that might finish their winners ribbons requirement on the first day of a two day show while maintaining a paper trail for the master clerks.

DelaBar: Next one, Mary? **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. Amendment #7 I said I was going to withdraw if #6 does not pass. Since it only got a 50%, I would like to have a vote on this and then the board can decide whether or not to include this. Basically, what this does is, when the Sunday transfer was created, to allow cats to transfer from open to champions, master clerks wanted a paper trail for these transfers, requiring a claim form fee. That requirement provided that paper trail, but CFA now offers online championship and premiership claim, so before you go to a show, you could use your credit card and pre-pay, and then as soon as the show is scored, your cat would be claimed. But, according to the show rules, you still have to file that claim if you want to do a Sunday transfer with the show master clerk. This change allows the exhibitor to use a catalog correction form instead, so that they can pre-pay on line their opens and still give the master clerks that paper trail. And, this is included in #6, so if the board does pass #6, this wouldn't have to go into effect. **DelaBar:** OK, I am calling the question. We've got 2/3.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried** by 2/3.

– 8 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend show rule 11.08b. 5 as follows:

11.08b. 5. All cats entered by the exhibitor, whether owned by the exhibitor or some other person(s) are affected by this rule. This rule applies to all of the owners of an unpaid entry. However, an owner must be notified as required in this rule before CFA will suspend services for that owner.

RATIONALE: When an exhibitor does not pay an entry and the club follows the rule 11.08 procedure, CFA Central Office only applies the procedure to the person who entered the cat and not all of the owners of the cat. Exhibitor is defined as owner in show rule 1.05, and many people interpret that as all of the owners. But CO is not applying the definition that way. This show rule change would make it clear that when an entry is unpaid, all of the owners of the entry are responsible for payment and the process will apply to all of those owners as long as the club sends the proper notification to all of the owners.

In the event someone is listed as a co-owner and is no longer able to prevent the other owner from entering the cat and not paying the entries, the co-owner can request to be removed from the entry or can petition the board for special handling. But no club should have to watch as owners of an unpaid entry continue to receive CFA services simply because Central Office applies 11.08 to just the person that signed the entry blank.

DelaBar: Next one, Mary? **Mary Kolencik:** #8. Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. This is a modification to Rule 11.08 and it adds the sentence that, "This rule applies to all of the owners of an unpaid entry. However, an owner must be notified as required

in this rule before CFA will suspend services for that owner.” Rule 11.08 is the show rule that lays out the procedures for a club to follow, to involve CFA in collecting unpaid entries. It is where it specifies the certified letters, the time limits and the notifications. The rule says that if the fee is not paid and the club follows the process, CFA will rescind all wins earned that weekend for the exhibitors’ cat and suspend the exhibitors’ services. The show rules define “exhibitor” as the owner or agent. Now, many of us have discussed this. I have discussed this with quite a few people, and all of us interpret “owner” as all of the names listed in the owner field on a cat’s registration, but Central Office interprets “exhibitor” as the person that entered the cat, and only that person, and not the owner. This show rule change clarifies the rule so that there would no longer be any discrepancy there, and 11.08, the whole procedure, would apply to all of the owners of the cat. As long as all of them are properly notified, all would be affected by any suspensions. I know many of you have had unpaid entries at your shows. That’s why we have this rule, so imagine having an unpaid entry and seeing one of the owners at show after show because CFA only suspends the one that entered the show. Thank you. **Altschul:** Carissa Altschul, Cats Limited. At a club meeting I was at, when we were discussing this rule, we were originally in favor of it. Then, we got to thinking. You can add co-owners to any cat without the co-owner’s knowledge or permission. They don’t have to sign off to have their name added to a cat, so if somebody really didn’t like somebody else, this show rule allows them to enter a cat that they have added this person as a co-owner of, at a whole bunch of shows. Yes, both of them will get in trouble, but I think that unfortunately this show rule change would allow for abuse, and we know that sometimes we don’t all get along. **Sande Willen:** Sande Willen, Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers. I have the same problem with this. I co-own a cat with someone who lives quite far away. We are co-owners in name and for breeding purposes. I have no way of preventing her from entering that cat. It’s not a problem with us, but what if she entered 20 shows and all of a sudden I find out I’m on the hook for 20 shows that I didn’t even know I was entered in? **Alene Shafnisky:** Alene Shafnisky, Turkish Angora Fanciers International. Along with the expressions that have already been put forth by Carissa, I would also note that the rationale itself is a little bit too vague for this to pass with a favorable recommendation. When you are saying that someone who is listed as a co-owner and is having this kind of dispute – which of course let’s face it, we all know this happens – that they can come to the board and petition for a special hearing. That could end up with the board having an overwhelming number of requests for special consideration, in case relationships break down or somebody just doesn’t want to be on the hook for this and they are going to claim that the relationship has broken down. Unless you can put a more concrete system in place, it’s premature and probably should be fleshed out a bit more before it gets a favorable recommendation. Thank you. **Bob Zenda:** Bob Zenda, Cochise Cat Fanciers. At least one of this year’s national winners has 6 co-owners, and some of those are just initials. I don’t see how anybody could ever figure out how to make it work.

DelaBar: Mary, would you like to wrap up, please? **Mary Kolencik:** Sure. I just want to address one thing that Carissa said about this being used. I hate to tell everybody, but I could enter cats on an online entry form, put your name and email address down, and you’re on the hook for the entries. Somebody else asked me to present this. If you’re not in favor of it, I’m not going to be offended, but I really think that it’s unfair for a club not to be able to collect from the people who stiffed the club.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

– 9 – Tropical Cats, National Alliance of Birman Breeders, Classy Cats Society, Keystone Kat Klub, Miami Florida Cat Fanciers, Southern Traditions Cat Club, Burmese South Cat Club, North Central Florida Cat Club, American Wirehair International, Domesti-Katz Cat Club, Gasparilla Feline Friends, Cascades Cat Fanciers, Atlanta Allbreed Cat Club, Buccaneers Cat Fanciers, Treasure Coast Cat Club, Ocala Cat Club, Daytona Beach Cat Fanciers, Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club.

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XII - Show Licenses, by adding a new section as follows:

12.08 Cancellation of Show Previously Licensed

a. A show may be cancelled after it is licensed due to reasons such as, but not limited to:

Weather: Acts of God, Acts of Nature (hurricanes, blizzards, floods, tornados)

Show hall unavailability: fire, flood, lack of electric, building damage, bankruptcy, government takeover, National or Regional catastrophe: terrorist attack, airport closures, flight cancellations, earthquakes

b. Refund/Recycle of Unused Show License fees and supplies

1. The sponsoring clubs' show license fee(s), due to cancellation of the show, will be held by the Central Office as full credit for that club's next show.

2. Regarding the show box: If the show box has been received by the sponsoring club, this box will be retained for future use and the club would then purchase new Judges Breed Sheets and Final Sheets, should they differ from the originals. It will be the club's responsibility to inform Central Office if a new show box and supplies are needed. If the show box has not been received by the sponsoring club, the Central Office would send the box at the appropriate time for their next licensed show.

c. Unused Insurance Fees

Prepaid insurance fees for the cancelled show will be credited to the club's next show.

RATIONALE: Canceling a show is a traumatic event for all involved personnel. A club forced to cancel a show after licensing should not have to purchase an additional show package, or liability insurance, as neither was used. These items should be credited toward their next show. The club is already financially penalized, and our association should not add to that financial burden.

DelaBar: Anyone from Tropical Cats? **Karen Lane:** Hi, I'm Karen Lane and I'm from Cat Club of the Palm Beaches. We have proposed to add an article to the show license fees as part of our show rules. I hope that many of us that are in the show halls that produce cat shows

have never been unlucky enough to have to cancel their show for reasons having nothing to do with the club. I happen to live in Florida. We are a hurricane-impacted state. There are other states that have had floods this last year. There are other states that have hurricanes and all sorts of weather situations. We also have show halls that have become unavailable to us, sometimes just before a show. We also have had airline strikes. We have had many things that can force a show to cancel. What we are asking here is that if a club is forced to cancel their show after having licensed it, the club does get a financial penalty in all sorts of ways for cancellation. We would like CFA to allow the fees that we have paid and are unused – we have not used the show license on a particular date but would like to have these fees credited for our next show license. The insurance part of our show fees has not been used. The show box has not been used and is sitting in somebody's house or garage, and the show box would have to be recycled for the next show. Certainly, CFA is within their rights to require the clubs to pay for any changes to that show box, due to changes in show rules from one year to the next. In some cases, clubs only have a show one time a year. In other cases, there are clubs that have multiple shows in a year, but I know that clubs do have a penalty when they cancel a show. We have been one of those clubs. We have lost our deposits. We have lost our advertising money. We have paid for a box of rosettes. In some cases, our judges have had to have been cancelled and we are required to pay those changes for their airline tickets. Most of the judges that we have had to cancel in the past have been nice enough to charge the club only for the cancellation fee, and they use that ticket at another time. We have paid for printing. In some cases, we have paid printing for catalogs. We have paid for flyers. We have paid for posters that have gone up in our community and signage along the highway. The club has been penalized enough financially, and we would like our association to not add to that financial burden. **DelaBar:** Allene would like to address this.

Karen Lane: Can I make one comment? Allene was very helpful, and I do want to thank you for the help in writing it. **Tartaglia:** Allene Tartaglia, CFA Central Office. Essentially, this proposed show rule is basically what we do already. It's a policy we follow. We always transfer the show insurance fee to the next show. As far as the licensing fee of \$100, it's really a processing fee. Most of the processing fee takes place right up front when we process the show license. If for some reason the show gets cancelled and the show box has not been sent out, we typically will refund the club \$50 or apply a \$50 credit towards their next show license. If that hasn't been done in your case, Karen, then certainly we will fix it but I just don't see the reason to have a show rule for something that is already being done. **Karen Lane:** There are clubs in Florida that had no knowledge of this. We had three clubs within one year that had to cancel their shows; two for hurricanes, one club because their building was destroyed in a previous hurricane, so none of these three clubs received anything as a credit or in any other way. I think if this is being done as a practice, maybe you and I ought to think about how we are writing this, so that everybody is at least aware that this is a practice, because there are three clubs in Florida that were not aware of this practice. So, Allene, if you want to work together on this, I withdraw this as written, and I would like to bring it back later. **DelaBar:** You're withdrawing? **Karen Lane:** Yes, I think I should, because none of the clubs that I represent want to do anything to penalize our association. We want what's fair for everybody. If CFA is doing this, then there are three clubs that this didn't happen with. There are lots of reasons that cause a show to be cancelled, and it's devastating to the club. If this is a policy, I would like to work with the board so we can at least put it as part of our show rules so, going forward, all clubs will be aware of this. At this

particular time, I think it is fair that I withdraw this, and we would like to come back with it at a later date. **DelaBar:** Thank you, Karen.

Withdrawn.

– 10 – *Siamese Alliance of America*

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Articles XXI, XXIII and XXVIII, by adding the following rule to each article as 21.01.01, 23.04.01 and 28.22.01 respectively:

Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is 3rd, 4th, and 5th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or national awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.

RATIONALE: According to show rules 21.01, 23.04 and 28.22, judges are not allowed to make awards other than those provided for in the show rules. But several clubs try to promote a breed by offering additional awards to those breeds at their shows. The extra placements and awards are not scored by CFA, they are just an incentive for exhibitors with cats of those breeds to come to the show and compete for special breed awards. The formality of asking the board could be avoided by clarifying in the show rules that up to three extra non-scored breed awards are allowed and do not violate prohibitions on extra awards found elsewhere in the show rules. The proposed rule is very specific and allows only three additional awards so that clubs may offer to honor the top 5 of a breed or division in each ring. Anything beyond 5 breed/division awards would require board approval.

DelaBar: #10, Siamese Alliance? Mary? **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. #10 is better wording of a resolution that we presented a couple of years ago. It says, <reads underlined text>. When we presented this last time, we didn't have a limit and the complaint was, what if somebody decided they wanted to present 15 or 20 or whatever, so we came back with this and added a limit. I'm one of the people that reads the minutes of the board meetings religiously. I often see a lot of breed clubs asking the board to allow this to happen, and the board always says yes to at least 5. I've seen them say no to things beyond that, but the board always says yes to 5, so if they are always going to say yes, then let's make it by default that we can do it without having to go through the process. That's all we're asking. Thank you. **DelaBar:** Comments? **Carolyn Osier:** Carolyn Osier, Abyssinian Breeders International and Burmese Club of Southern California. Our Aby club, whenever we put on a show, has traditionally asked the board to be able to do breed wins through 10. We have never been denied. This would put us in the position of still having to ask, while many, many other clubs don't have to. Why do we have to have a limit? **Alene Shafnisky:** Alene Shafnisky, Turkish Angora Fanciers International. I can see where the board wouldn't want to approve more than 5, just because of the additional time it would take during the show. Generally, these are done during class judging, so it doesn't slow things down too much, but if you were going to go much deeper into that and have a show where you've got maybe 20 Aby kittens that you're favoring, you're going to need some additional time to go through that and rank all those cats, so

it's going to add significant time to the show. I do like the fact that it's limited to 5, because I think this is going to allow a lot of clubs like mine who maybe don't have the treasury to put on a stand-alone show but who want to work with clubs and feature our breed, and not having to petition the board and go through things a year in advance. It would be very helpful to be able to go to a club and say, "let us co-sponsor a show with you and feature our breed. We will bring you more entries," and there's not going to be a technical process involved.

DelaBar: OK Mary, would you like to make a closing statement? **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. All I can say is that last time I didn't have a limit in the proposal because I thought it was common sense, and everybody said, "you have to put a limit in." That's why it says 5 this time. We couldn't get the last one passed. This is the best we can do. If this one works, then maybe next time we can ask for 10. **DelaBar:** It passes very favorably, with a 2/3.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried** by 2/3.

Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolution

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– 11 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: The CFA board will make either podcasts or the transcripts of the open sessions of board meetings available to any club in good standing. Podcasts will be available on the CFA web site. Transcripts will be available at Central Office for viewing. If the club requests a mailed copy of the transcripts, the club will pay any associated expenses.

RATIONALE: It is impossible to have full disclosure when the members of CFA do not know exactly what is said at board meetings. The minutes present only a summary of discussion. Podcasts of open session meetings are preferred, but until CFA has sufficient technology to make and host podcasts, the clubs should be able to view the transcripts of board meetings.

DelaBar: Our non-show rule resolutions go to the board, either with a favorable recommendation or an unfavorable recommendation. **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Lilac Point Fanciers and Siamese Alliance, and this is my last one. When I talked about transparency issues with the board meetings to several other people, there were several of us that originally thought of presenting a Constitutional amendment that required that everyone be able to see transcripts, but I think it's just simpler to ask, as a non-binding resolution, first. So, all we're asking is that the board either create podcasts or allow us to have access to the transcripts of the board meetings. This would allow us to have more information about what you're doing. Especially now that the board has electronic meetings, we don't even have a way to attend those if we wanted to, so this is just a request. We're asking the board if you can do this. Could you do this for us? We're not asking for a whole lot. It's just a request, and it's not binding on the board if we pass it by 50%, which means if they can't do it, they don't have to do it. It just gives us greater access to what the board members are saying and doing on our behalf. **DelaBar:** Mary, do you have a figure on what podcasts cost? **Mary Kolencik:** I have no idea, but that's why I also

included a transcript request. We're asking for both, and it's up to you. If we ask for it and we pass it here, and you think it's too expensive, then tell us that but at least consider it and also allow us to have access to the transcripts. **DelaBar:** Maybe Monte [Phillips], who knows everything, might know. **Monte Phillips:** Monte Phillips, Packerland. I don't know about podcasts, but I do know that you can use GoToMeeting and right now they are running a 30-day free trial. **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance and Lilac Point Fanciers. I know that putting them on the web space is cheap. It's just the process of getting somebody to do the recording and put it in a file and upload it to the website. I think that's where your cost is going to be. The cost isn't going to be the space on the website or making a recording. **DelaBar:** Seeing nothing else, we are calling the question. I can definitely say it passed by over 50% and will go to the board with a favorable recommendation.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried** by 50%.

DelaBar: For any resolutions from the floor, please provide the Secretary with a copy of the resolution that has been presented. Having said that, do we have any resolutions from the floor?

Resolutions From the Floor

– 12 – American Bobtail Breed Club, American Tabby & Tortie, Beverly Hills Cat Club, Butler Cat Fanciers, Colonial Cat Club, Continental Balinese Club, Happy Trails Cat Club, Just Cats N' Us Cat Club, Long Island Cat Club, National Colorpoints and Orientals Cat Club, Oriental Shorthairs of America, Rainbow Plumes, Turkish Angora Fanciers International, Westchester Cat Club.

RESOLUTION: Change in Show Rule XXXII Championship Breeds/Divisions & Colors (page 32)

ORIENTAL

Note: Pointed Orientals Shorthairs that meet Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese-Javanese color descriptions are eligible to compete in Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese-Javanese color classes. Refer to the Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese-Javanese section for a complete list of colors. These cats are also referred to as AOV Orientals. A division for pointed Oriental Shorthairs and Longhairs will be created for scoring purposes only and National/Regional points accumulated by pointed Orientals ~~Shorthairs~~ shown in Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese-Javanese color classes will count towards pointed Oriental ~~Shorthairs~~ wins, not Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese-Javanese wins. ~~Shorthair variants of longhair Oriental breeding with the prefixes of 41xx and 42xx are not eligible for competition in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes.~~

RATIONALE: Last year altered the Oriental Shorthair rule to allow Oriental Shorthair that meet Colorpoint Shorthair description to show as Colorpoint Shorthair but register as Oriental Shorthairs. The Oriental Longhair standard was not similarly altered to allow qualifying Oriental Longhair to show in the Javanese division of the Balinese. This is a housekeeping change that will allow is to capture additional income for CFA and member clubs with currently unshowable

cats. Since the allowance of outcross for Orientals for the Balinese and Balinese-Japanese breeds in 2004, there have been 111 pointed Oriental Longhairs registered.

This will be applicable to Oriental Longhair wins and will be identical to the Oriental Shorthair with one additional note: this will have no effect on the cats in the four Siamese colors.

Alene Shafnisky: Alene Shafnisky with Turkish Angora Fanciers International. We are proposing this with 13 other clubs. The resolution is a change in Show Rule XXXII, Championship Breeds/Divisions & Colors. I don't know how many of you have your Show Rules, but in the section dealing with the Oriental, in the note, this would alter last year's change to read: <reads>. The Rationale: <reads>. If I may add a personal note, we have contacted the breed council secretaries and multiple members of the breed councils in the affected breed, including the Colorpoint Shorthair, Oriental Longhair and Shorthair, Siamese, and all of them have been nearly universally positive about this change, to bring the Oriental Longhairs into compliance with the changes in the standard from last year. **Mary Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Siamese Alliance, Lilac Point Fanciers. I have been a Colorpoint Shorthair breed council member for over 10 years. I wasn't contacted about this. Sandi [Douglass], Gail [Moser], were you contacted about this? I would have said, "absolutely not." The breed council secretary is over there saying she wasn't contacted about this. We weren't contacted about this. I know you voted down those amendments. We weren't trying to undo what happened in February, but we were told that the reason that motion was made was to right a wrong that happened in 2001. In 2001, the board removed 16 pointed Oriental colors from the Colorpoint Shorthair breed. We asked for that removal, it happened, then the board in February decided that that was wrong, and they decided to right the wrong. What this is asking is to make the Colorpoint Shorthair breed the dumping ground of every AOV of every other breed. We weren't even asked about this. We weren't even notified about this. I've got to tell you, right now, I'm wondering why do we have breed councils? I pay \$25 a year to be a member of the Colorpoint breed council, and it's getting me nowhere, so if we pass this, if the board does this kind of thing and continues to do this, this is destroying us. I can't continue to participate in a hobby where I don't have a voice. **Sandi Douglass:** Sandi Douglass, Johnny Appleseed Cat Fanciers and North Coast Cat Fanciers. As Mary just said, I will attest to the fact that I was never notified about this. I also want to point out to the delegation that you made your decisions earlier about the amendments that came up. I feel that this is a breed council issue that needs to be dealt with, with the individual breed councils and not everyone in this delegation. This does not affect most of you. I am a Javanese/Balinese breed council member and this was never pre-noticed to us, either. **Alene Shafnisky:** Alene Shafnisky. I would like to make a clarification. I did not contact – **DelaBar:** I'm sorry. I recognized Debbi Stevenson. **Debbi Stevenson:** I'll yield to Alene for clarification, if that's OK with you, Pam. **DelaBar:** Alene? **Alene Shafnisky:** I would like to note that I did not represent that I spoke to every breed council secretary, nor did I speak to every breeder. I spoke to a selection of them and they were supportive. We are not asking for Oriental Longhairs to go into the Colorpoint Shorthair group. I don't know why that comment was made. These are cats that would show appropriately. It brings the Oriental Longhair into compliance with what the Oriental Shorthair has. I understand it's not popular. I'm reviewing this and proposing this solely as a housekeeping matter, to keep the Orientals in line with the Oriental Longhairs. That's all. **Diane Curfiss:** Diane Curfiss, Queen City Cat Club and Cincinnati Cat Club. There aren't a lot of us in

here that have these breeds, but I've been in long enough, over 30 years, to know that if we let it go with this one, it has happened before and it will happen with the other ones. Just remember, it may not affect you today, it will affect you tomorrow. **DelaBar:** I have just conferred with our parliamentarian, and I am calling this motion out of order. The reason being, breed-specific matters no longer come to the total delegation. They are decided by the board of directors in February.

Out of Order.

– 13 – Toronto Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: According to Article XVI of the Constitution of the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. “*2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present in the meeting, in person or by proxy*” at an AGM, shall be calculated based on the number of votes eligible to be cast at the AGM, as determined by the number of delegates seated. The total number of votes eligible to be cast shall also be used to determine the number of votes required for a simple majority.

DelaBar: Do I have any other motions from the floor? **Bruce Russell:** Bruce Russell, Toronto Cat Fanciers. I have a resolution that I would like to read to the delegate body. <reads>. There's a few other people believe that determination by our parliamentarian was incorrect regarding a 2/3 majority. We were given the number of votes that were eligible to be cast, we were given a 2/3 number, a 50% number. I don't know why that was done, if we choose another number part way through the AGM. That doesn't make sense to me. I think that we should stick with the 2/3 and 50% numbers that were given at the start of the meeting, in order to determine whether an issue passes or not. **DelaBar:** Bruce, you do know that we have to go with the Constitution, as written? What you have presented is a change to the Constitution. **Bruce Russell:** It's not a change to the Constitution. What it is, is the interpretation of that and if you would perhaps give me an opportunity to read this, you can probably get the idea, as I have, that when it comes down to it, you are looking at – there's a quote right from Article XVI. It says, “The Constitution may be amended by an annual or special meeting of members by 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment, together with the notice of time and place of the meeting, has been made at the Central Office,” and so on and so forth. But, it's the number of votes that are entitled to be cast, and that number of votes was given to us early in the meeting this morning. **DelaBar:** The parliamentarian will explain this. **Hannon:** Mark Hannon, Mark and Linda. Fred, I would just like to comment before you start that the same parliamentarian ruled differently in the past. We received a lecture at a former meeting that we couldn't possibly have come up with 2/3 because so many of the delegates were out at the pool. **Jacobberger:** Ladies and gentlemen, just explaining the parliamentary ruling. The delegate certainly read it correctly, but I believe he has a different interpretation of the word “present” than I do. Rule XVI again, or Article XVI, *2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present in the meeting*. That doesn't mean, to me, “present in Minneapolis”. That means present in this room, working like the rest of us. That's the basis for the ruling. If you're not in the room working – if you're out shopping or at the bar or whatever – then your vote doesn't count. You're not present at the meeting, in my opinion. That was the basis for the ruling. **George Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, Maine Attraction and Bonita. A couple of things I want to say on this. First of all, it had been a previous interpretation.

I have the same recollection, that it was 2/3 of the delegates seated, not those present in the room. “Present” meant checked in with CFA. In fact, several years ago San Diego Cat Fanciers proposed a resolution to make it 2/3 of those physically present in the room and it was voted down, so the previous ruling by our parliamentarian at previous board meetings had been that it was 2/3 of those checked in. However, under Robert’s Rules of Order, once the chair accepts the rules of the parliamentarian, a challenge to the chair must be made prior to the next motion or the motion is untimely. **Bruce Russell:** Obviously you have heard that there’s been different interpretations given at different meetings. There has been a proposal to just have the people who were present voting, which failed, so what I’m trying to do with this proposal is to provide some consistency for the future. I’m not talking about changing the vote that was accepted already, based on the parliamentarian’s ruling, but this is a resolution to go forward. If people are registered as delegates for this meeting, or they are carrying proxies for this meeting, it is important that they be in this room until the end of the meeting, and if they choose to leave, then that is their problem, and if that causes a motion to fail because there’s not enough people to vote for it, then so be it, because if it was that important, then people would be in the room to vote on it. **Donna Fuller:** Donna Fuller, San Francisco Revelers and Russian Blues West. I’ve been attending annual meetings for close to 40 years, and I can remember many times, especially back when we did roll calls all the time, when something was particularly contentious, people running out and rounding up everybody and rushing them back in because you needed to have the full 2/3 of whatever was checked in and accepted by the Credentials Committee, and it has always been that way until this morning. **Leslie Carr:** Leslie Carr, Flamingo Cat Fanciers and Coastal Empire. Point of clarification. I did call the question during the discussion originally. This is not out of order, this is just a continuation of what was done before. And like Donna and others have said, I’ve attended these going back 20 years, and we’ve always heard the “don’t go out to the pool” until this morning. **DelaBar:** Actually, the interpretation was changed a couple years ago. I have to go with the interpretation of our parliamentarian, who was accepted by this delegation and myself, to rule on such things covered by Robert’s Rules of Order, so I don’t have to keep looking them up. **Sherry [Delony] Campbell:** Sherry Campbell, Maine Street Cat Fanciers, Region 7. It seems to me that if you go with the delegates that should be here, it leaves people the opportunity to manipulate the vote. People don’t want something passed, they just get enough people not to be here, and that hole shouldn’t be here, I don’t think. If people are not here to vote – in fact, they have abstained – and I don’t understand actually – maybe just because I don’t understand – why if you’re not here, your vote is just not an abstention. **DelaBar:** I guess that’s one of the reasons why we don’t have ring-by-ring scoring is that you could pull your cat to make sure your competition doesn’t grand. **Peg Johnson:** Peg Johnson, Rome Cat Fanciers, Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society. I just want to follow up on what the gentleman from Toronto said. One of the things today, I think we did hear some numbers. The parliamentarian did instruct the delegation. What seems strange to some of the delegation is, we didn’t hear about a change until the vote was in progress or after it was being tallied and you were trying to figure out what was 2/3. The rule was sort of changed somewhat after the fact or while the vote was being tallied, so we need to make sure that in the future the parliamentarian is correct from the beginning of the meeting and we don’t see changes mid-stream. That’s what some people question or are concerned with. We want to make sure that we understand the rules from the beginning. **DelaBar:** I’ll take the hit on that, Peg, because I was challenged when I asked for the “no” votes, and I was challenged why I was asking for that, because I heard that I did not, in the middle of all

this, communicate that. For that reason, I'll take that hit for not passing on what I was being told. It was a little confusing. Bruce, you want to wrap on your motion?

Bruce Russell: Bruce Russell, Toronto Cat Fanciers. Once again, I just want to bring some consistency to our process here at an annual general meeting. I know that there's a lot of board meetings that I have attended in the past and executive meetings with other organizations, and certainly sometimes you only have certain numbers of people available, and even though you might have 12 board members, maybe only 10 of them are there for whatever reason, but when we have a certain number of votes that are eligible to be cast at the AGM, we go with that number and that's what we set our 2/3 or a simple majority, and that way it's not going to be as much work for the Credentials Committee because then all they'll have to do is count the yes votes. We wasted a lot of time today with them having to do all that extra counting, and if you stick with those numbers right from the beginning, all they have to do is one count, the yes votes. I just want to bring some consistency. If you agree with how we should determine that 2/3 and 50% as being the number of delegates seated, then please vote for this resolution. **DelaBar:** I'm calling the question. It passes with a favorable recommendation. We need a copy of it for the Secretary.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carries** with a favorable recommendation.

DelaBar: Do I have any more resolutions? **Eve Russell:** Eve Russell, Jiminy Christmas Cat Club. This is not a resolution, but I would like people to raise their hand if you have never participated in one of our old time roll calls. **DelaBar:** If you have never participated in one of the old time roll calls. **Eve Russell:** OK, thank you. For a point of history, in the old days when they called for a roll call, you got out of your seat, you went up to the front and if your name was between A and F, you maybe went in the first group. You had to give your name, show your badge, go back to your seat, wait for the next 10 or 15 people and it went on and on and on forever. So, when you hear "roll call" and you're from the old age, you say, "oh no." **DelaBar:** Also, in the old days, how many remember two-day meetings? **Eve Russell:** Eve Russell, Jiminy Christmas Cat Club again. On behalf of the Slip of the Lip Club, we have failed. Come on, folks. Listen carefully. We need new members. **DelaBar:** Because of that, everybody is being very careful.

Bob Doernberg: Bob Doernberg, Constitution City Cat Club. The business that is transacted in this meeting is very significant to this organization. We made some very dramatic changes today, and we did it on the basis of one vote and we did it on the basis of an opinion that changed during that vote. I think that we need as a resolution to be thinking between now and the next meeting whether or not we should come up with some additional way of getting a very accurate vote on Constitutional amendments that could be efficient and effective and accurate. Thank you.

DelaBar: Do I have any other resolutions from the floor? **Rachel Anger:** I made a very bad error when I gave my Judging Program report on the judges that we have lost. I left out someone very important. Sylvia Fitzgerald, we also lost her in this past year. I unfortunately omitted her. I apologize to all her friends and the people who loved her, and I know that was many. Thank you.

DelaBar: Anything else to come in front of the delegation? **David Mare:** David Mare, Las Vegas Cat Club. I personally would like to extend my thanks to Pam DelaBar for 8 years of service to CFA. She leaves the board in better shape than she found it. CFA hopefully is on a course that is going to help us grow and survive. I personally thank you and I'm sure that the majority of the delegates would like to join me. Thank you. < applause> **DelaBar:** Thank you. Now, please sit down before you make me show emotion. **David Mare:** I'm not finished. One more thanks, please, and that's to our Treasurer, Kathy Calhoun. Kathy has done an outstanding job. Thank you so much, Kathy. We'll miss you at the meetings. < applause>

Susan Cook-Henry: First of all, the Southern Region owes a very great thank you to the CFA Midwest Region. Pat Jacobberger and your crew, you are throwing a wonderful party and causing us to take a lot of notes. You've done a wonderful thing here. We thank you very much for the opportunity to conduct a raffle during your meeting. Thank you and we hope we have a winner here and present. **DelaBar:** I want to thank Pat Jacobberger and Gary Powell and their committees for putting together this wonderful meeting. This is a great facility. I hope everybody has gotten in with all their clothing now, with all the airline schedule disruptions. At one time, I could say "Midwest is Best." I'm not allowed to say that anymore, living in the Gulf Shore Region, but it was the region where I started in the cat fancy, and as I said in my opening, it seemed like the proper place to retire. And David, it has been 24 years and I guarantee you that people don't get that for murder anymore. I have had a phenomenal time and experience being on the CFA Board of Directors, and especially as Vice President and President, as anybody that has had the experience in either one of those positions can tell you. I feel I am a very lucky person, and the reason I'm retiring is, I need to take care of me for awhile. At the end of September I'm going to have knee replacement surgery and that gets started after I've had both shoulders done, so we're going to start on a little reconstruction. As I said, I need time to devote to me for awhile and it came down to this decision. Next meeting, you will see probably Kim and I arguing over who gets the microphone. I'm not retiring from CFA or from judging, but I thank each and every one of you for making my life richer. On the 24 years I spent in the Army, it was "duty, honor, country". This has been "duty, honor, CFA". Are there any other things anybody wants to bring up? I am happy to say, "Do I have a motion to adjourn?" **Eigenhauser:** So moved.

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