

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL  
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, 2011**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, via teleconference. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)**
- Ms. Joan Miller (Vice-President)**
- Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**
- Mrs. Carla Bizzell (Treasurer)**
- Sharon Roy (NAR Director)**
- Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)**
- Ms. T. Ann Caell (GSR Director)**
- Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)**
- Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)**
- Ms. Alene Shafnisky (MWR Director)**
- Mr. Mark Hannon (SOR Director)**
- Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**
- George J. Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**

**SUMMARY**

**(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

No action items were presented.

**(2) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**Chair Mrs. Baugh** moved to approve the following advancements:

**Advance to Approved Specialty:**

<i>Koji Kanise</i>	<i>(SH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes; 1 abstain (Hannon)</i>
<i>Marsha Ammons</i>	<i>(LH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)</i>	<i>18 yes</i>

**Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:**

<i>Marsha Ammons</i>	<i>18 yes</i>
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**(3) REGISTRATION ISSUE.**

Upon motion by Mr. Eigenhauser (seconded by Ms. Miller), when CFA counts generations in pedigrees, the cat itself is Generation 0, the parents are Generation 1, etc. **Motion Carried.**

After discussion regarding the proposed statement to be released to the Abyssinian breed council and breeders, it was decided to **Table** the statement until the October 2011 board meeting.

**(4) ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Mrs. Meeker **Tabled** the discussion until the October 2011 board meeting.

**(5) REGIONAL REASSIGNMENT OF MEXICO.**

After a discussion regarding the regional assignment of Mexico, it was recommended that the Region 3 clubs be polled, before any constitutional amendment is considered.

**(6) UPDATE ON CAT FANCIERS OF INDONESIA.**

The Cat Fanciers of Indonesia is currently in good standing and may proceed with their upcoming show.

**TRANSCRIPT**

**(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

**Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m., EST. **Hamza:** Good evening everybody. I understand that we're looking at two board meetings, one on top of another, so I imagine all of you are anxious to get going and try to wrap this one up in an expedited manner, so Ginger – I mean Rachel, would you call the roll please? **Anger:** Sure. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I am semi-here. **Anger:** Joan Miller. **Miller:** I'm here. **Anger:** Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** And Rachel is here. Region 1 is Sharon Roy. **Roy:** Here. **Anger:** Region 2 is Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **Anger:** Ann Caell. **Caell:** Here. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Alene Shafnisky. **Shafnisky:** Here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Koizumi. I don't think she will be here. Then we have our directors at large, which are – **White:** David White is here. **Anger:** David is here? Awesome. OK, here we go. Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. Darrell not here? Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** And David White is here. **White:** Yep. **Anger:** Great, thank you. And Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Is there anyone else who's name I have not called? **White:** Did you call Carla Bizzell? **Anger:** I did, yes. **Bizzell:** Yes.

[NOTE: Newkirk joined the conference during the executive session discussion]

(2) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

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

**List of Committee Members:** *Norman Auspitz* – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Training and File Administrator; Education Chair

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

*Ellyn Honey* – Domestic Training and File Administrator

*Rick Hoskinson* – File Administrator

*Jan Stevens* – File Administrator; Secretary (keeps all files/records and compiles for Board report)

*Donna Isenberg* – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); May teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School, Application/Advisor Coordinator

*Wayne Trevathan* – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judge (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)

*Peter Vanwonderghem* – European Liaison

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

The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Karen Godwin, John Hiemstra, Anne Mathis for acceptance. In addition, the Judging Program Committee received notes of appreciation from Pam Bassett, Teresa Keiger, Melanie Morgan, Doreann Nasin and Russell Webb for their advancements.

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

Bob Molino has come off suspension and judged his first show at Hidden Peak.

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

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### **(3) STATEMENT ON ABYSSINIAN REGISTRATION ISSUE.**

[Secretary's Note: The following Policy was presented for discussion only and was not adopted at this meeting.]

#### **POLICY REGARDING ABYSSINIAN REGISTRATION VIA PEDIGREE**

*The CFA Board of Directors has devised a policy to resolve the issue of Abyssinians registered via pedigree from other associations which may use different terminology or definitions for their breeds; thus making it unclear to our Registration Department or impossible to determine what the accurate lineage is. For instance, some registering bodies refer to all shorthaired Somali offspring as "Abyssinian" in their pedigrees. Another example is a cat that may have a Somali in the 10<sup>th</sup> generation, which is so far back in the pedigree as to make it unreasonable to look, but some breeders may have a sensitivity to even this degree of purity.*

*Therefore, any Abyssinian registered with CFA via pedigree from another association with known longhair in the first 8 generations will be assigned or reassigned the prefix numbers of 0358 for males and 0359 for females, regardless of color, as will their offspring in perpetuity. Additionally, all cats in CFA (regardless of breed) registered via pedigree will have the designation "IMP" added to the prefix number, once the new computer is online.*

*For purposes of showing, these 035X-IMP cats will compete in the regular Abyssinian color classes. For instance, a ruddy 0358 male kitten will compete and be scored in Class 0380K.*

*In devising this policy, an attempt was made to take into account the philosophies of all Abyssinian breeders, with the realization at the onset that no "perfect" policy could exist which would make everyone happy. Hopefully, this policy will strike a balance, so to speak, that will be as least disruptive and most inclusive as possible.*

*Central Office will begin to re-register the Abyssinians known to have been registered via pedigree. This statement will be included in each re-registration and will serve as notice of the need to re-register certain cats.*

**Hamza:** The third item on tonight's agenda is the statement on the Abyssinian registration issue. Has everybody had a chance to read it? <yes> **Eigenhauser:** I'm not sure I understand it, though. **Miller:** I don't either. **Eigenhauser:** My question, it says that *all cats in CFA (regardless of breed) registered via pedigree will have the designation "IMP" added to the prefix number, once the new computer is online.* Is that just for the individual cat, or is that going to follow it down the line? **Hamza:** I believe it says it follows it down the line. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** It is talking about two different things. What follows it down the line is the prefix indicator that indicates it was out of a cat registered by pedigree. The IMP thing is only for the imported cat itself. **Eigenhauser:** OK, yeah. Thanks for the explanation, because otherwise it would seem kind of redundant to me, but now I understand the difference. I'm good. **Hamza:** And just, just as a point of clarification from a technical aspect, we won't be able to use the IMP until we have the new computer system. **Eigenhauser:** Right.

**Miller:** Jerry, this is Joan. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Joan. **Miller:** Two things. I had expected that maybe in any kind of a policy we would finally determine what makes up a certain generation pedigree. I know in the dog fancy, the dog itself is one generation and then the

parents are the second. CFA has not been consistent, I hear. Sometimes they consider the cat itself to be the first generation, sometimes they consider the parents to be the first generation. I don't think we've resolved that problem. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** Joan, that's a good point and I think we talked about it a couple of meetings ago. The rules for registration, when they describe registration by pedigree, just referenced the number of generations and they don't specify what that means, as far as the number of ancestors. However, they have been consistent with the – at least the consistency I could find is when you request or your order a certified pedigree from CFA online, they also don't count the cat who's registration number you are requesting as one of the generations, so I did find that it was consistent, at least within those two things – that we don't count the cat as a generation. Now, we can talk about changing it. **Miller:** No. I've heard from a breeder just recently that said that they've had it come through both ways. **Wilson:** Well, without an example to look at, you know, if it is lacking one generation, they will register the cat for breeding only, so I would have to have some examples to take a look at. **Hamza:** I know that the staff in Central Office would also like the board to come to some sort of standardized decision, whether the individual is Generation 0 or Generation 1. It would make life here a lot easier. **Eigenhauser:** Well then, let's just make it a motion and be done with it. **Hannon:** But we've already got this policy in front of us which I don't think we need to resolve the generation issue first. **Miller:** Well, because this policy mentions *Another example is a cat that may have a Somali in the 10<sup>th</sup> generation*, so we have to know what do they consider the 10<sup>th</sup> generation? **Hamza:** What does AKC do, and does anybody know what like the American Quarter Horse does? **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** If you look up on PedigreeQuery.com and look up the pedigree of Secretariat, and you ask for a 3-generation pedigree, it gives the parents, the grandparents and the great-grandparents. **Hamza:** OK, so the individual is Generation 0. **Anger:** Exactly. **Newkirk:** Jerry, it's Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** That's always been my impression, that the cat itself does not count as a generation. The parents are Generation 1, the grandparents are Generation 2 and so forth. **Hamza:** Well then, I would like to have a motion of clarification. **Eigenhauser:** I'll make the motion, that from now on, when CFA counts pedigrees, the cat itself is Generation 0, the parents are Generation 1. **Miller:** I'll second that.

**Hamza** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** I appreciate that. I'm in Central Office today. That's going to make life around here a lot easier.

**Miller:** Jerry, this is Joan. I have another question. I just want a clarification of what do they mean, what does the statement mean as far as *Central Office will begin to re-register the Abyssinians known to have been registered via pedigree*. What is that going to entail? **Hamza:** It means that the – and I want to make sure that I'm understanding Annette and Rachel, as well. My take is that any cats that were registered as Abyssinians with a shorthair Somali variant behind it will carry this identifying prefix. **Miller:** Oh, I see. OK. **Newkirk:** Can I ask a question? This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Why were 0358 and 0359 the numbers picked? **Hamza:** When we had the conference call with Marsha last week, it came to our attention that there were some cats that were still showing using the other prefix. She thought it would be best, to avoid confusion. **Newkirk:** The only cats that have an 036X number were 0360, 0361, 0362 and 0363, because the fawns and the blues had no identifying number. There were only four numbers, and those were cats that – those were reds and ruddies who had blues and fawns in their pedigree at some point in time. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I have that email from Marsha, if that would be helpful. **Hamza:** Yeah, why don't you read that into the record, please. **Anger:** OK. She says, *Because we still have Abyssinians alive who carry the 036X numbering system, is it not possible to use 136X?* That

was her suggestion. She's claiming that there are still Abys that are being shown in the Veterans Class that have the 036X prefix and that it would be confusing. So, we selected a completely unique identifier that nothing has ever used before. **Newkirk:** My other problem that I have with this policy, I mean, I'm just now reading this because when I left work this had not been posted. But, I'm not sure why all cats that are imported are going to have to carry this 0358 and 0359 prefix number. That doesn't make sense to me. **Hamza:** I think, and I might be wrong, but Rachel and Annette, didn't you mean that any cats that were found to have a Somali variant would carry that number? **Newkirk:** That's not what this says. It says, *Therefore, any Abyssinian registered with CFA via pedigree from another association will be assigned or reassigned the prefix numbers of 0358 for males and 0359 for females, regardless of color, as will their offspring in perpetuity.* **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** OK. If that's incorrect, then, you know, that's why we're talking about it now, so we don't release anything that's wrong. My understanding was – **Newkirk:** The whole thing that we made the motion on was those two cats, to re-register them. It wasn't everything by pedigree. That's not my understanding. **Anger:** OK, so please give me a suggested change to the wording. **Newkirk:** Well, I mean, I like the IMP designation for a cat that's been imported in. However, the only two cats that we know of, of record right now, are [male cat name omitted] and [female cat name omitted] that [owner's name omitted] has. Those are the only two cats, in my opinion, that should be re-registered and all their offspring with this number because we know that in the 8<sup>th</sup> generation in those two cats, there was a Somali. Marsha is trying to put together a thing to update the breed book that Annette sent and whatever the other thing – there was another thing that Central Office uses. I guess it's the color code prefixes from the foreign registries, to update that. But I think the Abyssinian people, they want Abys in all 8 generations. That's what the understanding is, and this loophole – and I call it a loophole because it works the system, because a German FIFe club assigns an Abyssinian number to a shorthair Somali variant – what we consider a shorthair Somali variant. I'm not in favor of registering or giving a prefix number of 0358 and 0359 just because it's imported from a foreign registry. If they can show documentation that these are Abyssinians for 8 generations, I think everybody understands that if you go 9, 10 and beyond, there could be a shorthair variant in there, but there has to be a cut-off at some point in time because the genetic contribution to a cat in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> generation is very small. **Anger:** This is Rachel. Can I make a suggested change to the wording then? **Newkirk:** Sure. **Anger:** In the second paragraph, at the end of the first line where it says, *Therefore, any Abyssinian registered with CFA via pedigree from another association with known longhair in the background will be assigned or reassigned* and so on and so forth. Is – **Newkirk:** I would think longhair in 8 generations. I think you need to put a cut-off. **Anger:** OK, so it's – **Hamza:** No longhairs in generation 8 or fewer. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Anger:** So, do you want it to say *via pedigree from another association with known longhair in the first 8 generations will be assigned ... ?* **Newkirk:** Yes. That would work. **Anger:** Got it.

**Newkirk:** Can I make another comment, Jerry? **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I mean, I'm assuming that you all have gotten a copy of the petition that the Abyssinian people are circulating. Have you? **Anger:** No. **Hamza:** We've seen it. I've seen it. **Newkirk:** They sent it to all the board members. **Hannon:** No, I've never seen it. **Miller:** I've never seen it, either. <me either> **Newkirk:** I'll try to find it and send it to you. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** In a previous conversation at one of our board meetings, I was left with the understanding exactly what we were just sent. I mean, Darrell was saying this was not his understanding. This was exactly my understanding from a previous conversation. We were going to give a unique prefix to all imported cats. **Meeker:** Mm-hmm. **Hannon:** Not just the two. **Hamza:** It was going to be the IMP. **Hannon:** No. **Hamza:** Either in the prefix or the suffix,

right? **Hannon:** It was going to be both. It was going to be IMP for the one cat and it was going to be a unique prefix for all cats coming out of them. What we were presented tonight is exactly what I understood from a previous discussion. **Miller:** This is Joan, Jerry. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Joan. **Miller:** Well, that one line though, *Additionally, all cats in CFA (regardless of breed) registered via pedigree will have the designation "IMP" added to the prefix number.* It's not clear that these are all cats that are imported. It sounds like the prefix number will have the IMP. The same question that George asked. So, we're not talking just about Abyssinians in this, we're talking about all cats. **Hamza:** We're actually addressing – we seem to be mixing two issues here. We have this particular snafu with a registration problem in CFA where cats were inadvertently or otherwise registered erroneously as Abyssinians, when they had a Somali variant within the 8 generations. We have to deal with that particular situation. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I would like to clarify that I sent this prior to the last teleconference we had, specifically mentioning the two cats. I didn't say one word about all imports into CFA from foreign registries via pedigree. I specifically addressed the issue of [male cat name omitted] and [female cat name omitted] that [owner's name omitted] has. That's the only two cats I ever mentioned. I never, ever mentioned any cat being imported that's Abyssinian via pedigree from a foreign registry. **Hamza:** OK. Well, here's what we can do, because we're all meeting again in less than two weeks, which is a very short window of time. Rachel, can you find within that time the conversation we had, was it last meeting or the meeting before? **Newkirk:** It was the last meeting. **Hamza:** Last meeting, and then we can look at that. You know, send everybody a transcript. Also send everybody a reworded proposal on this and we'll deal with it in the October meeting, which is what, 11 days from now? **Anger:** OK. This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I would be glad to do those first two things. I thought putting in the IMP phrase would avoid confusion later. If taking that out now makes this issue clearer, I am all for that, so I can just completely take out that, *Additionally, all cats in CFA (regardless of breed) registered via pedigree.* I can take that out completely, and the other reference out of this statement – **Hamza:** I think we're in agreement that that should be there. I think maybe we should separate these two issues. **Hannon:** Let's see what the earlier discussion was. **Hamza:** I agree, I agree. That's part of the reason why I said Rachel should draw that up. I think when we see what the earlier discussion is, I think this is going to be a lot easier to resolve with it in front of us, so we'll make sure that we have that in front of us for the October meeting. Does anybody have a problem with that? **Hannon:** No. **Meeker:** No. **Hamza:** That way, it will give us more time to get more familiar with our solution to a confusing and dizzying problem. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** I would just like to add one more thing. If somebody has a copy of that Aby petition that's going around, if they could get it to Rachel, and then Rachel can send it to everybody so we all know what they're talking about, because I would like to know what their input is on this, as well. **Newkirk:** They want those cats de-registered. I can tell you what the gist of the conversation is. Several of these are from people in the European registry. They came to CFA because we identify the Aby as being unique, not as a longhair Abyssinian in the Somali, so that was the gist of it. I'm trying to find it. **Hannon:** But that would mean that we would have to unregister all their offspring as well, right? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Hannon:** OK. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Shafnisky:** Jerry, this is Alene. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Shafnisky:** Do we need to redact or otherwise just make this all in closed session, since the names of the cats have been mentioned several times? I know it's probably a moot point at this juncture. Everybody probably knows about it, but just for the record. **Hamza:** Yeah, for the record, any mention of the cats, personal pronouns, should be taken out, just to avoid any liability issues. **White:** Just for recollection, what was the number of the offspring associated in this scenario? **Newkirk:** I believe it was 66, and of those 66, 28 were registered. **White:** OK, thank you. **Newkirk:** That's rough. **Miller:** Is there any break-down as to whether they were

registered for breeding or not for breeding, or neutered and spayed? **Hamza:** No. They're registered as Abys. You know, we can talk about, as we, we probably need to, I thought we have already discussed this and made a motion. This is supposed to be implementation of that motion, so there is a motion that's been passed to do what Annette and Rachel have done, and we need to follow Robert's Rules if we're going to reconsider the motion. **Hannon:** Why don't we wait until we've seen everything and just move on to the next subject? **Hamza:** I agree, because some of this, if we're going to re-open it, needs to be done in closed session. **Hannon:** Alright. Let's move on to another subject then. **Hamza:** OK.

(4) **ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**Hamza:** #4 is Annual Responsibilities. **Meeker:** I would like to pull that until October, to the October board meeting. **Hamza:** OK. Ginger, you may want to get all the board members just an outline of what you want to talk about, because it has major ramifications to the way we've been doing things. **Meeker:** Will do. **Hamza:** OK.

(5) **REGIONAL REASSIGNMENT OF MEXICO.**

**Hamza:** #5 is Ann Caell's regional reassignment of Mexico. **Caell:** Yeah. We have an exhibitor who has contacted me through Dick Kallmeyer. She wants to start showing. She's in Monterey, Mexico, and she wants to show in the U.S., and this started this whole thing. I sent emails to Dick and Darrell, and they confirmed or talked about the points. They're not in Latin America and they're not in Asia and they're not in the U.S., so they're in between a rock and a hard place, as far as trying to find, you know, get the points and even get regional wins or whatever. This led to Carissa [Altschul] also got involved and this led to a discussion that she would like to have and asked me to talk to the board members about it, possibly, first of all, polling the Gulf Shore Region to see what their take is on this thing, if there's a possibility we can bring them into the Gulf Shore Region or, on the other hand, I would like to know a little bit about the history of Mexico with CFA, if there has been any type of a movement at any point in the past to bring them on board as a region or included as part of a region. Does anybody have any information on that? Can you hear me? **Hamza:** Yeah, we can hear you. I mean, we do know there's been exhibitors from Mexico in the past. **Kallmeyer:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Kallmeyer:** Dick here. At one time we had a club in Mexico City but it basically failed. There is kind of a problem with Mexico and Latin America, too, because they're just not showing the development that we've had in Europe. They definitely need someplace to go, to show. We are constrained, though, according to our current scoring rules that if they show in the U.S., it will not count toward their divisional win, it would count for their national win. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Hang on for a second, Mark. Ed, do you know what the constitutional parameters are for expanding a region? **Raymond:** We would have to – I mean, the regions are defined in the constitution, so we would have to take it to the delegation at the Annual meeting. **Hamza:** That's what I thought. Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** It's my understanding, and I'm not good with geography, that Mexico borders two of our regions, so why are we picking Region 3 over Region 5? **Caell:** Well, that was the other part of my conversation. I was thinking about this, this morning. I thought, why don't we try to split it between the Southwest Region and Region 3, the Gulf Shore Region? You know, maybe Mike Shelton's group can take that nice side of Mexico with Porto Vallarta and Cabo [San Lucas] and all those places, and then we'll get Monterey and what have you. It's a huge country, so maybe we could divide it somehow and attach it to both regions. Just a thought. **Miller:** This is Joan. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Joan. **Miller:** It's been awhile, but I've judged for FIFe in Mexico City, and my impression, unless it has changed dramatically, is that the cat fancy is pretty much centered in Mexico City, and I met some of the people that



later on did apply to CFA. There's a wonderful group there and I was judging for a veterinarian who is very active in FIFe who was the show manager, and they thought there would be real potential because people can drive to Texas, but from Mexico City to, say, San Diego, it's a little bit more difficult. I think unless there's something that's changed and there are more cat clubs in Mexico, which I kind of doubt, that there would be any potential fanciers, other than Mexico City. I think Region 3 makes more sense. **Caell:** OK. **Miller:** Maybe eventually, if there's some growth there, some of it could go to Region 5. **Caell:** That's a possibility down the road. I'm thinking, the first thing we need to find out if we're going to do anything here is to determine an exhibitor base, if there is any, and secondly, to determine if there are any clubs – any active, show-producing clubs; there were show-producing clubs there that are not active anymore – and see if they're interested. This was all spurred on by this individual who contacted CFA, Dick Kallmeyer, and then Dick passed it on to me and Carissa. So, we're just trying to figure out. Right now, all I need to know is, can she show in the United States. **Hamza:** Tell her to get a post office box in Texas. **Caell:** Or co-owned by somebody in Texas. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Hannon:** If we're going to change the constitution, we can't do that until June. For this show season, that person is not going to be able to show in the United States and take the points back. Does anybody disagree with me? **White:** I agree with you, Mark. **Caell:** That's what I needed to find out, because I need to get back and give her the information. I know that she can get grand points. Can she get grand points, too? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Caell:** So, this year she can get grand points? **Hannon:** She can grand her cat, but unless she's going for a national win, she's wasting her time other than that, showing in the United States. **Caell:** She would have to go to another country, like Europe or Latin America or Asia. **Hannon:** Isn't she being scored for Asia? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. She would have to be. **Hannon:** So, she could go to Asia or South America. If she goes to Europe, she's in the same bind. Right or wrong? **Hamza:** No, she can show Europe this season. **Hannon:** It's in the International Division. **Hamza:** Yeah, until the end of the season. **Caell:** So, she can grand a cat sometime this season, and that's about all she can do. **Hamza:** No, no. She can get a DW. **Hannon:** But she has to go to shows outside the United States. **Hamza:** Right. **Hannon:** She has to go to other International Division countries. **Caell:** It's just an unusual situation and I really didn't have the answers, but thank you very much. Is there any possibility down the road? I mean, it seems like there's a lot of history with Mexico, and Mexico is not the most settled country right now, so I don't know that we really need to dive into this, but just as a thought down the road perhaps, we need to think about maybe investigating it some more. **Hannon:** Before you bring up a constitutional change, you should poll your own region's clubs to see if they want Mexico in their region. We would hate to have this come up before the delegates and then have Region 3 clubs saying, "we don't want them". **Caell:** Yeah, and that's what I will do. That's one thing I'll say to them, and if they want to we can poll them, and if they want to do something about it come the next Annual, we can bring it up. **Hamza:** Right. That would make 3 an awfully large region. **Hannon:** It already is. **Hamza:** It would go from the equator to the arctic. **Eigenhauser:** Can I just say something here? **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** I think redrawing regional boundaries to bring in an area that's not really all that interested in cat shows is a lot of work for very little. If there were a lot of interest in Mexico, then they would probably be better off being in the International Division, because then they're competing against similarly situated cats. So, if there were a lot of interest in Mexico, they could become a center for shows in Mexico, but the fancy in Mexico is very dormant right now. It is not very active. **Caell:** Was it ever active? **Eigenhauser:** I just can't see amending the constitution for one person. It would be easier just to find somebody in the States to co-own the cat. **Caell:** Yeah. Well, was it ever active, to the point where it was a possibility to become a region? **Kallmeyer:** No. **Hamza:** Not that I recall. **Miller:** It wasn't active for CFA, but very active for FIFe. I mean, I judged a huge show and there were big classes of certain

breeds that were very, very popular. **Hamza:** Maybe there's a future there. **Miller:** Yeah, I think there is. **Caell:** OK, thank you.

(6) **UPDATE ON CAT FANCIERS OF INDONESIA.**

**Hamza:** #6 is update on Cat Fanciers of Indonesia. Ed, should this be a closed session item? **Raymond:** I think the only question here was whether or not they had paid the fine. They have done so and we published the fact that they were fined. **Hamza:** OK. **Raymond:** The club is in good standing. **Hamza:** OK. Anybody have any questions on that?

**Hamza:** So, does anybody else have anything? Do I have a motion to call it a night?  
**Meeker:** Motion to adjourn. **White:** Second.

**Hamza** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary