

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 10, 2012**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 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)
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)

Also Present:

Cheryl Coleman, Clerking Program Chair
Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel

Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations
Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

Not Present:

Mrs. Carla Bizzell (Treasurer)

SUMMARY

(1) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to approve bronze sponsorship in the amount of 200.00 for the August 9-19, 2012 Alliance Carnation Festival. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Baugh moved to approve the request of the Cat Fashion Club (International Division – Israel), for permission to have in one ring a British Shorthair specialty that would include pointed cats and colors not now registerable (not be scored), at its May 5, 2012 show, Akko Israel. Seconded **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Failed.**

(2) CLERKING PROGRAM REPORT.

Clerking Program Chair Cheryl Coleman presented the following changes which have been made:

- Evaluation form updated and sent to Clerks and Judges for feedback. Changes completed.
- Made changes in Clerking Manual to require the envelope to again be provided to the Judge in addition to the evaluation form.
- NEW Evaluation being sent ELECTRONICALLY to Board.

(3) CLUB REPORT (NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS).

The following club applications were presented for acceptance:

- TAKARAZUKA CAT FANCIERS (Region 8). Upon motion by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**
- SHENYANG CAT LOVER CLUB (International Division-Asia). Upon motion by **Mrs. Meeker**, seconded by **Ms. Shafnisky, Motion Carried.**
- CHINA INTERNATIONAL PEDIGREE CAT FANCIERS CLUB (International Division-Asia). Upon motion by **Mrs. Meeker**, seconded by **Ms. Shafnisky, Motion Carried.**

(4) POSSIBLE SPEAKER AT JUNE BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING RE: GENETIC DIVERSITY ISSUES, ETC.

The gracious offer of Leslie Lyons, Ph.D. has been accepted for her to speak for the last 15 minutes of the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting on Saturday of the CFA Annual Meeting on genetic diversity, breed longevity, etc.

(5) DNT MEDIA PROPOSAL.

During a lengthy executive session discussion, **Mr. Newkirk** moved to limit the debate. Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.** Shafnisky, Krzanowski, Miller and Wilson voting no.

Mr. Newkirk moved to approve a complete media package delivered to CFA via proposal from DNT Media. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

(6) OCTOBER BOARD MEETING (FACE TO FACE VS. TELECONFERENCE).

Tabled.

(7) PUBLICATIONS (CAT TALK AND ONLINE ALMANAC PACKAGE).

No action items were presented.

(8) 2013 YEARBOOK UPDATE.

No action items were presented.

(9) SHOW SCHEDULING.

Ms. Anger moved to reconsider the February 2012 motion to allow Lincoln State a one-year exception to hold their show the third week in February, 2013. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Failed.** Anger, Eigenhauser, Shafnisky, Miller, Newkirk and Caell voting yes (to reconsider).

(10) PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (HOUSEKEEPING ITEM).

Mr. White moved that the Board sponsor an amendment to Article XI of the CFA Constitution, as presented (and as amended), to go to the delegates in June. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

(11) HAWAII (REVIVING THE CAT FANCY IN HAWAII).

Ken Cribbs will make a 10 – 12 minute PowerPoint presentation to the delegates at the Annual meeting to suggest a means by which breeders can help revive the cat fancy in the State of Hawaii.

(12) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to approve the following amendments the Sy Howard Legislative Fund description on the CFA web site:

- remove two references to Joan Miller as Chair of the CFA Legislative Committee and replace each with the title of CFA Legislative Committee Chairperson.
- replace one reference to “CFA Executive Director” with “CFA Director of Operations/Executive Director”.

Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, **Motion Carried.**

(13) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

Chair Mrs. Baugh moved to approve the following advancements, reserving the right to vote no:

Advance to Apprentice

<i>John Hiemstra – Northville, MI</i>	<i>(LH - 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes)</i>
<i>Tomoko Kitao -- Yokohama, Japan</i>	<i>(SH - 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Kevin Weber -- Kansas City, MO</i>	<i>(SH - 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>Tabled</i>

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

<i>Pam Bassett – Baton Rouge, Louisiana</i>	<i>(SH – 2nd Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
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Advance to Approved Specialty

Etsuko Hamayasu – Tokyo, Japan (LH - 1st Specialty) 17 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Teresa Keiger – Greensboro, NC 17 yes

Melanie Morgan – Trevilians, VA 17 yes

(14) STATUS OF REGISTRATIONS VIA PEDIGREE.

No action items were presented.

(15) BOARD CITE (PROTEST).

[Secretary's Note: due to language difficulties, the hearing on this matter was postponed until the May 8, 2012 meeting, for information to be gathered and questions answered about certain transactions.]

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: Hello everybody. **Eigenhauser:** Good evening. **Hamza:** Before we get started, I just want to say that I got banged around pretty rough, so I would like to get through this as quickly as we can. **Meeker:** Amen. **Shelton:** I don't think anybody will argue with that. **Caell:** No, not at all. **Hamza:** Knowing what this agenda looks like, I know there's the potential for it to get heated and out of hand, so I'm asking people to keep their heads and not let that happen. **Meeker:** Jerry, when people were checking in to the conference, I heard "call record" had checked in. Did somebody push *2 already? **Hamza:** I'm not certain. **White:** I did, Ginger. **Meeker:** OK, because Rachel had asked me to and I wanted to be sure that if I did it, I didn't shut something off so we're already recording? **White:** Yep, we are. **Meeker:** Great. Thanks so much. **Hamza:** Is everybody here yet, or are we still waiting? Rachel? **Miller:** Rachel is going to be late, Jerry. **Hamza:** OK. **Miller:** I offered to take roll and so did Sharon, so either one of us can do it. **Roy:** Go ahead, Joan. You can do it. **Miller:** OK. Hold on just a minute. I'll get my list. **Hamza:** Hang on for a second before we do it, because I was going to ask her to feed me the agenda so I don't have to keep reading it. I will get it. How late did Rachel say she is going to be? **Miller:** She didn't say, so I don't know. **Hannon:** She said she was in a training class that she couldn't get out of early. **Meeker:** She said she would be about an hour late. **Hannon:** Somebody's got a TV on in the background. Can we turn that off? **Hamza:** Yeah. Lisa, turn that TV off, would you? Sorry about that. You're bothering Mark. **Meeker:** Jerry, I got the second package today. Thank you so much. **Hamza:** Did everybody get the phone book I sent them? **Hannon:** Oh, yes. **Caell:** Yesterday. **Miller:** The what? No, I didn't get anything. **Hamza:** A big, giant package? **Miller:** No. **Hannon:** I am sure any one of us would be glad to share it with her. **Hamza:** Yeah, please download it to her. **Miller:** What was it all about? **Hamza:** It's going to deal with – **Shelton:** Registrations by Pedigree. **Hamza:** I figure that if we're going to talk about it, we're going to understand it. **Hannon:** Is Cheryl on the line? **Coleman:** Yes I am. **Hannon:** Since Cheryl is on, we might want to do the roll call and then start with her first so that she can get about her business for the night. **Eigenhauser:** I didn't get it either, by the way. I'm wondering how many board members did not get the package? **Hamza:** I sent it two day and I sent it Friday. It was very large. We can push that over. When we talk about it, it's not critical that you have it. [**Newkirk** joins the conference] **Meeker:** Who is that? **Hamza:** That was Darrell. It's not critical that you have that in your hands. **Eigenhauser:** OK. Good enough.

Hamza: Basically, it's just – I'm sure other board members will share it with you, what a large volume of work it is.

Hannon: You want to do a roll call? **Hamza:** Yeah. I'm just trying to find my agenda. Can somebody just email me the agenda real quick? **Shafnisky:** Jerry, I'll send it. **Hannon:** Joan, do you have the roll call ready? **Miller:** I was just trying to find it on my computer. **Hannon:** I've got it in front of me. Do you want me to read the names? **Miller:** Yeah, why don't you? I can't – my computer isn't working. **Roy:** I've got it, too. **Hannon:** Alright. Sharon, why don't you do it? **Miller:** Sharon, go ahead. **Roy:** OK. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I'm here. **Roy:** Joan Miller. **Miller:** Here. **Roy:** Rachel's not here. I'm here. Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **Roy:** Ann Caell. **Caell:** Here. **Roy:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Roy:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Roy:** Alene Shafnisky. **Shafnisky:** Here. **Roy:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Roy:** Kayoko Koizumi. **Koizumi:** Here. **Roy:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Roy:** Richard Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Roy:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Roy:** Darrell Newkirk. **Newkirk:** Here. **Roy:** David White. **White:** Here. **Roy:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Roy:** Cheryl Coleman. **Coleman:** Here. **Roy:** Ed Raymond. He's going to be late, I think Rachel said. **Hamza:** Yeah, he's going to be late. **Hannon:** And then we've got Donna Jean and Verna. **Roy:** Donna Jean and Verna. **Thompson:** Here. **Dobbins:** Here. **Roy:** And Roeann Fulkerson. **Fulkerson:** Here. **Roy:** Carla is not going to be here. **Hannon:** Anybody on the line that we haven't called their name? **Eigenhauser:** Yeah. George Eigenhauser. **Roy:** Oh, I missed you? **Eigenhauser:** Yeah. **Shelton:** Cheryl Coleman is going to be joining us. **White:** Ed's going to be late, too. **Hamza:** Uh-oh. Somebody's got to start me up. **Miller:** OK. We can start with the Central Office Report.

[from after Clerking Report] **Hannon:** OK, now you want to go back to Central Office? **Hamza:** Well, I would like to go back to something I would like to address the board for a minute. **Eigenhauser:** Is it open session? **Hamza:** Yeah. I want it to be open session. A couple weeks back I was in France, and I violated show rule violation. I've always said that we're all equal under the law – judges and exhibitors and board members – and I believe that that accountability should go right to the president. **White:** I propose a \$1,000 fine. **Hamza:** You don't even want to hear what I did? **Hannon:** I already heard. **Hamza:** Oh, OK. For those who hadn't heard, and I'll try to get through this quickly. I was in France. The mayor was there and a French senator was there and we were showing him the cats. I ended up in a ring. I don't want to mention whose ring. They were waiting on a final and kittens were coming in. People wanted me to look at their cats, mostly Persian people, and so I started looking at their cats. Not to make anybody feel bad, I ended up looking at everybody's cats. I never ranked them, I never judged them, hung them or anything. I just looked at them and let everybody know what a beautiful bunch of kittens they were, which they were, and how I was glad I didn't have to judge them, which I was. But, I've read through the show rules. I constantly do that. I think it's part of my job, and to be familiar with the Constitution which I also think is part of my job. Unfortunately so far I haven't been able to memorize either, but that doesn't excuse what I did, so rather than having to put somebody through an awkward process of accusing the president of breaking show rules and making an unpleasant situation, one of the first things I did when I found out I violated the show rule is, I called our resident sheriff, Dick Kallmeyer, and turned myself in. So, I had no excuse. I was just trying to be a good will ambassador to CFA. I had no cat there. I was visiting, and I just thought I was doing a good thing, but it's never a good thing when you break a show rule. **Hannon:** Can I ask a question? **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead. **Hannon:** The story I heard was that you presented his kitten finals – not that you made any decisions, but you took out a kitten and said, "this is his 10th best kitten". **Hamza:** No. Absolutely not true. **Hannon:** OK, OK.

Hamza: Absolutely. There was no judge in the ring when I was looking at the cats. **Hannon:** And so the judge later went on to present his own finals. **Hamza:** Absolutely correct. **Hannon:** OK. **White:** Jerry, did anybody file an official complaint? **Hamza:** No, not that I know of. They shouldn't have to. I should be aware of show rules. **White:** I was just wondering if anybody at the show actually lodged a complaint. **Hamza:** Again, not that I know. Dick, have you heard anything? **Kallmeyer:** Not that I've heard. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead Darrell. **Newkirk:** I was – most of you know I was in Sweden last weekend and it was brought to my attention. Apparently someone video taped it, but I don't think anybody is going to make a complaint. I don't think there was any harm done and I think your intentions were good. I don't think anybody was harmed by it and there was some political good will done by it. It was a show rule violation, but you've confessed to it, so I don't see any need to pursue it any further. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** To back up what Darrell said, typically when there's a technical violation but no actual harm done and no serious complaint, what the board does as punishment if we find somebody guilty is to reprimand them so that the public is aware that this was done and to let people know not to do it. Since Jerry has already reprimanded himself publicly in the minutes, there's not anything more to do. **Hamza:** OK. Well, again, I take whatever decision the board makes, without prejudice. **Newkirk:** Let's move on to the next agenda item. **Hamza:** OK. It's going to be one of those nights anyway, so I appreciate getting through that briefly.

(1) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Committee Chair: Donna Jean Thompson
List of Committee Members: Verna Dobbins – Administrative Assistant
Kristi Wollam – Administrative Assistant

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

It has been an incredibly busy time since the last Board Meeting as we progress from one fiscal year to another. The new Show Standards are printed and in house, soon to match up with the Show Rules to be sent to our Judging Panel. The new Show Rules will accompany the May Show boxes awaiting their arrival mid-week (4/4-5). By actual meeting time, this will be a “past” activity.

Our ongoing Foreign Pedigree Registrations are headed for control in spite of a lengthy back log due to the fact we lost our first two FP Registrars. Our new registrar plans to be on target by June and is doing an admirable job. We will have statistics for this area of responsibility in time for the meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

At this point in time we just completed a conference call delineating the duties and schedule for the C.O. up to and including the Annual. We want to have a smooth running and successful NAR Annual Meeting.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue our progress to bring up to speed our Foreign Pedigree Registration back log. Our initial start shows great promise and hopefully the third time is the charm.

Action Items:

Hamza: Donna Jean? **Thompson:** Yes, I’m here. Do you want – I don’t think it’s necessary to read everything. We can just move on to the action items. **Hamza:** OK. **Thompson:** There were only three.

1. *Request for financial participation the Alliance Carnation Festival.*

Thompson: One was a request for our participation in the Alliance Carnation Festival. I think if you look at the attachment, it’s anywhere from \$10 to up beyond \$4,000. **Eigenhauser:** Do you have a recommendation? **Thompson:** Well, no I didn’t, quite honestly, but I would think perhaps we could be at least a bronze sponsor, which is \$200-\$499. **Hamza:** Do we have to participate in this, or are they just looking for funds? **Thompson:** At this point in time, this letter is just simply for donations. A bronze sponsor is \$200-\$499. It gives you website recognition and your name listed in the brochure. **Miller:** Donna Jean? **Thompson:** Yes. **Miller:** Is this one of many kind of Alliance festivals, or is this one a very unique one? **Thompson:** This is the main festival that they have every summer. I believe it’s in August, isn’t it? Yeah, it’s in August. **Hamza:** It’s their big festival, Joan. President McKinley wore a red carnation from Alliance. **Miller:** OK, and this would be for community good will? Would that be the main purpose of this? **Thompson:** Yes. From August 9th to the 19th. It’s 10 days. **Miller:** Um-hmm. OK. **White:**

So, is it like an outdoor activity, like is it on Main Street? **Hamza:** They have a parade and everything. They do – **Thompson:** It’s all over town. It’s in the parks, it’s in the mall, it’s here on Main Street, it’s at the University. There’s different activities all over town, and yes, a big parade. There’s an evening of fireworks. Right, they elect a queen and she has a court and they actually serve for a year. **Hamza:** Ah, now the truth comes out. **Thompson:** What? **Hannon:** Are we trying to bribe them, to give Donna Jean the crown? **Hamza:** That’s what I think is going on here. **White:** I don’t think it would look good if we didn’t participate, right? **Hamza:** No, no. We have to. They’ve been awfully good to us. **Hannon:** What’s an appropriate amount? **Hamza:** \$200 should be good. A bronze membership is fine. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Newkirk:** I second the motion.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Take a bronze star out of petty cash. What’s the next action item? **Meeker:** Donna Jean, you go for that crown. **Thompson:** OK!

2. Club Name Change.

<i>Current Name:</i>	<i>Si-Sawat Society</i>
<i>Proposed Name:</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers Ink</i>
<i>Region:</i>	<i>Great Lakes (Region 4)</i>
<i>Reason:</i>	<i>Most of the members have "ink" (i.e. tattoos) and</i>

that is why we chose the name that we did (and, a play on words, per se!) Most (if not all) club members will have some sort of 'ink' or related to it (i.e. husband, wife, etc.). The club is presently a breed club (Korat) and has been limited to individuals who breed/show Korats. The show is to feature the Korat; however, we normally only have 1 or 2 Korats at this show. In order to open it up to more individuals, we would like to change the name to Cat Fanciers Ink. It would remain a Region 4 club since our secretary is still in that region, as well as the facility where we have the show, really would like us back and to stay having shows in Zanesville.

Thompson: We had a request for a club name change from the Si-Sawat Society, and they want to call themselves “Cat Fanciers Ink”, I-N-K. You have their rationale there. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead George. You’ve probably got the same objections I do. **Eigenhauser:** I have no problem with the word “ink”, but “Cat Fanciers Ink” sounds too much like “Cat Fanciers Association, Inc.” and we have always prohibited clubs from having names that sound too much like ours. **Hannon:** We should have kept Cheryl on the line. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. I had the same objection to that. **Roy:** Can we just ask them to go back and reword it as “something else Ink”? **Hannon:** Yeah. “Cat Lovers Ink” or something. **Roy:** Something like that, yeah. **Eigenhauser:** We have meetings every month. They can submit it in May. **Hamza:** Yeah, I agree. **Thompson:** I don’t think they’ll have a problem with that. **Hamza:** Alright. Loretta – I mean, Donna Jean, just ask them, just ask them to come in May with a little different name that gives us a little more comfort. **Thompson:** OK, not a problem. I kind of thought maybe you might react that way.

3. Show Format Request.

Cat Fashion Club (International Division – Israel), May 5, 2012 show, Akko Israel. The club would like permission to have in one ring a British Shorthair specialty that would include pointed cats and colors not now registerable. This ring would not be scored – it is for evaluation only.

RATIONALE: There are many cats that do not meet CFA standards in color/pattern that would like to be evaluated, as this is the first show in Israel.

Thompson: And then the third one was, is a show format request. The Cat Fashion Club in Israel is having their show May 5th. They wanted to know if they could have permission to have a ring, one ring, a British Shorthair specialty that would include pointed cats and colors not now registerable by CFA. Of course, the ring would not be scored and it would simply be for evaluation of their cats. **Hamza:** Is Ginger judging that ring? **Meeker:** I think it would be perfectly lovely and I think they need to score it, but it needs to be called Household Pet. **White:** Oh ouch. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Baugh:** Yeah, they're not recognized colors. I agree with Ginger. I'm not comfortable with this. I think we would really divide the British Shorthair people – not that they're already not divided into camps, but I don't think it's a good idea. **Meeker:** Jerry, I don't think it is, either. I think we either go by our rules or open the whole thing up and bring everything in. **Shafnisky:** This is Alene. This is the kind of thing that will now beg participation in other breeds that also don't accept these colors, so I think Ginger is absolutely correct. **Hamza:** Alright. So, is there anybody out there that thinks this ring should happen? **Baugh:** This is Loretta. I'll make a motion to approve this with the right to vote no. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second it, with the same reservation.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Failed.** **Hamza:** Motion fails. They cannot have this ring.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will continue to submit requests, questions, problems that may arise requiring Board action and/or input.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson*

Thompson: OK, that's all I have for you this evening. **Miller:** I have one more thing, Donna Jean. **Thompson:** OK. **Miller:** I guess I got an email today, or was it yesterday, that said that you had removed the registration@cfa.org and I'm wondering if that's really a good idea, because I think – **Thompson:** Joan, excuse me. I'm sorry. We didn't remove it. What happened is, we had some IT problems and we had gentleman in here today helping us with them, and we suspected there were serious problems with that email address, and when he was checking it, he found out that no one had been receiving those emails, and that's quite possibly behind a great many of the problems we've been encountering with our foreign registrations and registrations in general, when people complained that we had not been responding, because no one had been receiving those emails through that address. **Hamza:** Donna Jean, let me cut you off here. Dick, why don't you – because Dick and I have been working on this. **Thompson:** OK. Thank you. **Hamza:** He's probably the most familiar with what we've been doing to, I guess, straighten out CFA's emails. Go ahead, Dick. **Kallmeyer:** OK. Yeah, there's several issues, I think. We had a consultant at one time that was helping us with the email problems, but he turned out missing in action. Last week, I actually found a consultant in Alliance, and Brian in Central Office had worked with him on the Chamber of Commerce, and we engaged him. Unfortunately, we couldn't get him last week because of the [Easter] holidays, so he was able to do it today. His first task is actually to fix the email problems, and also to go in, make sure we have all the passwords and websites, make sure our network is set up to train Central Office, and to add and delete email users, so that's going on. So, he's available. He's very well known in the local

community. He has several local government customers in addition to ours, and he's within 2 miles. So, that's helping on the network side. Let me take it a little bit further on the HP3000 side. We do have a local consultant in the Ohio area within about 30 miles, I guess, of our Central Office and he will sit down with Connie Sellitto, our former programmer, to actually work through the trail run on April 16th. I just sent a lot of the regional directors an email introducing him and he will help us through that process via phone, talking with Connie, so this will ensure that we get our scoring done on time. **Hamza:** Does everybody know what the trial run is? **Hannon:** Yeah. It's for the end of the show season scoring. **Hamza:** Yeah, yeah. It's something CFA has always done. So, go ahead, Dick. **Kallmeyer:** So, this is great. We'll have a local presence to help us work through the threads, and he's had I think over 35 years experience in the HP world and most of that has been with HP3000. **Hannon:** This is a different person than the email person, right? **Kallmeyer:** No, this is the email person. Oh, I'm sorry. It's a different person than the networking person. The networking person will handle email local server issues. Jim Chance, the HP3000 person, will be dedicated to the HP3000. **White:** Hi Dick. It's David. What, do we just pay him a per-hour rate, based on work performed? **Kallmeyer:** Both of them are hourly rates. The networking consultant is very attractive, because if he puts in 15 minutes, we pay 15 minutes' worth. **Miller:** So, what will happen then is the registration@cfa.org will come back, but somebody will actually be answering these emails now? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, that's the hope. **Miller:** OK. Well, at the same time, you know, legislation@cfa.org used to come to Karen Lawrence, as well as the Legislative Group – George and Sharon and myself. Now it comes just to the three of us, so we feel sometimes these legislation, the Japanese in particular think "legislation" is "registration". **Kallmeyer:** Joan, what I recommend is, sent a note to me and we'll make sure our consultant finds out about that. **Miller:** Yeah, if they could be screened like Karen used to. She used to pull those out. **Kallmeyer:** He'll handle the email routing issues. **Miller:** Yeah, that's it. Email routing. **Kallmeyer:** Right. One advancement we have coming, too, is that we've always talked about having a secure server for putting files like board reports or legislative reports, so I've asked the consultant to look that we can set this up, as well, to be targeted within. You could have a global legislative, you could have a ticket or slate, you could have the core committee. The same with some of the other organizations. Judging could take advantage of their own file system, as well. **Miller:** OK, great. Thank you. **Hamza:** OK. Alright, any other questions for Central Office? Dick and I will have more to say about the computer system later on in the call.

(2) **CLERKING PROGRAM REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Cheryl Coleman
Liaison to Board: Michael Shelton

Brief Summation

The items below are Items for Action (needing Board Approval) to complete the Clerking Manual to accompany the Clerking test which will be going out this month.

Current Summation:

Clerking Manual

ITEMS FOR ACTION (Board Approval to submit changes to consolidated Clerking Manual)

- *DRAFT has been completed. Was not aware of how much really needed to be done until I asked some Clerks to be proofreaders. Excellent information was obtained, and those changes were completed.*
- *Also had to locate all forms for scanning to put into Addendum of Clerking Manual*
- *Clerking Manual now has an index to help clerks find more information*
- *FINAL DRAFT of Clerking Manual being sent ELECTRONICALLY to all board members*
- *NOTE: for the upcoming test, Central Office should not have to send the Clerking Manual to all clerks, since it can be downloaded and referenced electronically if posted on the website (this will save in postage). Give them the option of hardcopy or electronic copy (save substantial money in postage).*

Advancement Changes in Clerking

ITEMS FOR ACTION (Board Approval) – changes in requirements needed (listed below) to complete the updated Clerking Manual

Clerking Evaluation Form

ITEMS FOR ACTION (Board Approval)

- *Evaluation form updated and sent to Clerks and Judges for feedback. Changes completed*
- *Made changes in Clerking Manual to require the envelope to again be provided to the Judge in addition to the evaluation form*
- *NEW Evaluation being sent ELECTRONICALLY to Board*

Action Items (ITEMS NEEDING BOARD APPROVAL FOR CLERKING MANUAL/TEST):

- **TO APPROVE: CHANGES IN ADVANCEMENT IN CLERKING PROGRAM**
I would like to change the following requirements for individuals in the Clerking program. The consensus of the clerks is that due to the decreasing number of shows being held, as well as the newer show formats, that it is more difficult to advance in the program. After taking into consideration all comments made, and speaking to clerks at shows, I would like to propose the following changes for BOARD APPROVAL:
 1. Clerking Category Requirements: *The following changes for the number of assignments required are listed (assignments required, with the exception of one, have been reduced from the number they were previously) (Please refer to chart on Page 17 of the consolidated Clerking Manual sent to Board).*

- a. Assistant/Trainee Clerk (Regions 1-9: going for licensing): 3 assistant ring clerk assignments under 3 different licensed Chief Ring Clerks.
The current program policy requires 4 (four) under 3 (three) Ring Clerks. Also changed verbiage to require a “Licensed” Chief Ring Clerk.
 - b. Certified Clerk (Regions 1-9): Act as solo Chief Ring Clerk for 6 times under 4 different judges
The current program policy requires eight (8) assignments under six (6) different judges.
 - c. Certified Clerk (Hawaii/Int’l): Act as solo Chief Ring Clerk for 3 times under 3 different judges
The current program policy requires four (4) assignments under three (3) different judges
 - d. Master Clerk (Regions 1-9): After licensed as a Chief Ring Clerk, must perform 4 additional clerk assignments before assistant Master Clerking under 4 different judges; Complete 3 assignments assisting different Master Clerks; Complete 5 solo assignment as Master Clerk.
The current program policy requires six (6) additional assignments under four (4) judges.
For the assists with a Master clerk, I have increased the number since numerous individuals have stated they take on additional assignments since there is so much to learn with each Master Clerk they work with. Also, there are more mistakes with the newer Master Clerks due to ‘rushing’ thru the Master Clerking portion.
The number of solo assignments is presently at six (6).
 - e. Master Clerk (Hawaii/Int’l): Complete 2 assignments assisting different Master Clerks; complete 3 solo assignments as Master Clerk
Current documentation (manual) is unclear as to assisting assignments.
 - f. Master Clerk Instructor (Regions 1-9): Before Assistant MCI, perform 2 additional Ring Clerk and 2 Master Clerk assignments; perform 2 assists with different MCI’s at schools; Conduct 3 schools as MCI in charge.
Current program states four (4) additional Ring Clerk and two (2) additional Master Clerk.
Current rules state two (2) assists and conducting six (6) solo schools as MCI. There are many individuals who are unable to reach this (have been trying for YEARS to become an MCI) and this helps shorten that gap (and will give us new MCI’s).
 - g. Master Clerk Instructor (Hawaii/Int): Perform 2 assists under 2 MCI instructors; conduct 3 clerking schools as MCI in charge
Current documentation (manual) is unclear as to assisting/solo assignments
2. Master Clerk Assignment qualifications: because of the newer formats of shows, and less shows being put on, allow individuals going for their Master Clerking license to allow these types of shows count (see Clerking Manual, Page 10, section: “Assistant/Solo Master Clerking Assignments”):

All shows in which **you** are the Master-Clerk-in Charge, count as **one (1)** assignment. If you are the **co-master clerk** with another licensed Master Clerk at

a one day, 225 limit show, and are responsible for at least three (3) rings, this counts as **one (1)** assignment. Any less than 3 rings, **will not** count towards your Master Clerk-in-Charge solo assignments.

The newer formats of shows, as well as the decreasing count of shows, this allows ALL opportunities for the Master Clerk to advance. One day shows doing 3 rings is just as busy as back-to-back shows. It is very difficult for new Master Clerks to be able to 'solo' the one-day, 225 show, unless it is a low count.

3. Clerking Examination online: *The following verbiage will be in the new Clerking Manual in regards to Online testing (see Page 13 of consolidated Manual):*

The Clerking examination can be taken online. Links and information required for this will be on the CFA website. If the Clerk does not have internet access, or chooses not to take the test online, the examination will be sent to clerks in mid-April, and the completed answer sheets shall be returned to the Central Office Clerking Department with a postmark no later than June 30 of the examination year. Tests received with a postmark after June 30 must be accompanied by a US \$5.00 late processing fee. Examination answers received by the Central Office Clerking Department postmarked after June 30th may be subjected to a delay in grading and issuing of the renewal license.

4. Renewal of Lapsed Licenses: *many clerks are not renewing their licenses, due to the fact that they need to pay (in arrears) ALL years in which they have not been licensed. This change would limit the amount the person would have to pay, as well as define the number of assists that need to be performed before being relicensed: (see Page 13 of consolidated Manual)*

Clerks whose licenses have lapsed for more than four (4) years may reinstate their license by performing the following:

- *Notify Central Office Clerking Department of your intentions*
- *Pay a minimum of delinquent Clerking Program fees equivalent to 5 years. Once the fees have been received and processed, the individual will receive the current exam*
- *Perform one assist with a licensed Ring Clerk; evaluation to be done by Clerk-in-Charge*
- *Act as a Chief Ring Clerk for 3 different Judges, evaluations from all 3. Last assignment, additional evaluation from the Master Clerk is required.*
- *Complete/receive a satisfactory grade on the current clerking examination.*

5. Definition of Opens: *(NOTE: ALL references of Opens and the 6 winners ribbons needed to be reworded or removed – this is just one small section that explains more detail):*

The Open title for a cat is ONLY listed in the exhibitor and Master Clerk catalogs. The Judge's sheets have these cats listed as Champions or Premiers. If you are clerking a 6x6 show, please remember that if a cat receives its requirements on Saturday as a title of Open, then on Sunday it should compete as a Champion or Premier. This way, it is not re-qualifying. Exhibitors should tell the clerks/master

clerks. However, as a courtesy, you might want to check with the exhibitor(s) to see if they should transfer their cat(s).

- **TO APPROVE: SUBMITTAL OF CLERKING MANUAL WITH ABOVE CHANGES APPROVED**

If the changes in Advancement are approved, the Clerking Manual can be officially submitted for Distribution to the Clerks (put onto the CFA website). The Clerking Manual IS REQUIRED to complete the Clerking Test, so this is vital to the questions that are also on the test.

- **TO APPROVE: UPDATED EVALUATION FORM**

This form was submitted with the last Board report, and has been distributed to all Clerks/Judges for their input. This Evaluation form needs to be included in the updated Clerking Manual which coincides with the Clerking Test, as well as put onto the CFA Website. (there is now an Addendum with a copy of it as well)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Coleman
CFA Clerking Chair (attachments sent in email)*

Hannon: Why don't we start with the clerking, since Cheryl is on the line? **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead, Cheryl. **Coleman:** OK. Hi everybody. I'm sure Rachel had forwarded you all the things that I would like to have approved so I can finalize the test. Basically, the test is completed but these were things that, based off of what clerks had said on the list, what I discussed with clerks in person and in individual emails, lots of concerns about, "we're never going to get advanced, this is just too difficult", so instead of going through every one of them because it would take all night, if anybody has any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them. **Miller:** Cheryl, are you talking about questions on the first part or questions on the entire report? **Coleman:** Basically, it's on the questions regarding that need approved for the clerking changes, like the number of assignments they need to have done. That was a lot of changes, because I consolidated the manual and in order to make sure the manual is finalized, which that goes with the test, I wanted to make sure that everything was OK with everyone and that there wasn't anything in question, like you say, "I've been to that part of the country", or "this is too much", "this is not enough", and basically that's what it comes down to for the changes and qualifications to become advanced as a clerk, master clerk and master clerk instructor. **Caell:** Cheryl, this is Ann Caell. I was reading this, this afternoon, and I came across on page 35 you were discussing the number of cats in a final in championship, and you still have the number of 150. If I'm not mistaken – correct me if I'm wrong, everybody, but I think it has moved down to 115. **Hannon:** No. **Miller:** Not yet. **Caell:** Not yet? As of May 1st, right? **Hannon:** No. It's going to be proposed at the annual and voted on by the delegates. **Caell:** Right, OK, so that should be something you should be aware of, Cheryl, for future reference. **Coleman:** OK, thank you. **Caell:** Um-hmm. **Miller:** Cheryl, this is Joan. The only thing that I – I thought the changes were very good and they are very well written and everything. I thought the manual changes were wonderful. I didn't find any problems at all. There's just a very small thing I wanted to question on page 25 about the cage cards and the male and female cards. It says, "for championship or premiership", and that also should apply to Household Pets, shouldn't it? **Coleman:** Yes. **Miller:** And for Veterans. I don't know if it does for Veterans. I think it should, probably. **Eigenhauser:** It does. **Miller:** Yeah, OK. Well, you should add those. **Coleman:** OK. That was page 25? **Miller:** Page 25. The first paragraph on page 25. **Coleman:** OK. **Miller:**

Otherwise, I thought everything looked very good. **Coleman:** OK. Anybody else? **Hannon:** How do you plan to convey this information to the clerks? **Coleman:** Now, in the past, I know that Shirley has sent out either emails or letters to all the clerks. I have been doing it through the clerks' list. I can do it through the CFA list. Shirley, I have been trying to get a hold of her and I know she's really bogged down with doing things with the end of the year. **Hamza:** We should do this through the CFA News. **Hannon:** That's what I was going to suggest, is that you and I can work together and pull together a CFA News announcement, and I can send it just to the clerks if you want. I can just pull their email addresses and send it to them. **Coleman:** OK. Probably not, because there's a lot of people who are going toward their clerking and they aren't on those lists yet. **Hannon:** Well, we can send it out to everybody. **Hamza:** I think that would be a good idea. **Hannon:** The distribution list I've got is a little over 3,000 email addresses, and it includes every clerk and every club secretary. **Eigenhauser:** Anybody who doesn't want it can just delete it. I think we should send it to everybody. **Hannon:** Right, OK. We'll work together on that. **Coleman:** OK. And then the other – I'm sorry, go ahead. **Hamza:** No, go ahead. I was going to ask if anybody had any other questions for you. **Coleman:** The other thing was the clerking evaluation form. I had submitted that in the last report and then there were some changes made, just clarifying and cleaning it up, that I had from judges, board members and clerks, and I just wanted to make sure everybody saw that, and is that OK for when the judges, you know, get their evaluation. This new form, is it better for them? I would like to put that forth, too, as well, to put that in the new clerking manual. **Hamza:** If you feel it will help, then you should do it. **Coleman:** That's my gut feel. **Hamza:** Well, I think you can use all the help you can get. **Coleman:** OK. Well, anybody else have any questions? **Hamza:** I guess it looks good Cheryl, so thank you for stopping by. **Coleman:** OK, and I'll work with Mark on getting everything distributed. **Hamza:** That would be the best way. **Coleman:** OK. Talk to you guys later. **Meeker:** Thanks, Cheryl. **Hannon:** Good job, Cheryl. [**Coleman** leaves the conference]

(3) **CLUB REPORT (NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS).**

Committee Chair: Liz Watson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Presented new clubs applying to the CFA to be approved by the Board.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Three new clubs have applied for membership into CFA. They are:

*Region Eight: Takarazuka Cat Fanciers
International Division – Asia: Shenyang Cat Lover Club
International Division – Asia: China International Pedigreed Cat Fanciers Club*

No negative letters were received regarding these clubs.

**TAKARAZUKA CAT FANCIERS
Region Eight – Kayoko Koizumi, Director**

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eighteen members, one member is a director in another club. They do not plan to incorporate. This is an Allbreed club which wishes to put on one show a year in the Kobe, Kansai area. The dues have been set and if disbanded, monies will be donated to an organization consistent with the guidelines of the CFA. The Region Eight Director supports this club.

Caell: Dick, this is Ann. When I was reading this, I noticed that in all three of these applications they never referenced any CFA clubs that the members belong to. Is that because there's just nothing – there's nothing out there for them, or all they all brand new? **Kallmeyer:** I don't know about Japan, but the Chinese, they're not members of existing clubs. **Caell:** OK, because even the Japanese one doesn't have any members listed. **Kallmeyer:** I don't know about the Japanese. **Caell:** OK. **Hamza:** Well, we can ask. Kayoko is on the line. We can certainly ask her. **Caell:** Kayoko? Hi, this is Ann. How are you? **Koizumi:** Good. **Caell:** I just wanted to ask a question about your members and if they have any relationship with any of the CFA clubs, as we go through this new club application for you? **Koizumi:** I never heard of this club. I wasn't aware of this club that is applying for a new club. I have no idea. **Caell:** OK, that's fine. Thank you. **Hannon:** That should concern us. **Miller:** It really does concern me. It sounds as if this person that wants her club, I don't know who these other people are. **Hamza:** Why don't we vote on the Chinese clubs one at a time, and then we can ask Kayoko to bring this club back next month. **Newkirk:** Jerry, this is Darrell. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead Darrell. **Newkirk:** I was in Japan about three weeks ago. I spoke with Mie and asked her if she had talked to Koizumi-san, and she said Koizumi-san supported her club. **Hamza:** Shino, could you translate? Shino? Hello? **Wiley:** Yes, I'm sorry. I was on mute. **Hamza:** Would you ask Kayoko. Darrell-san seemed to think that these people had asked Koizumi about becoming a club, so I guess we need to know what – **Newkirk:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yes. **Newkirk:** Also, in the application, it says, "Are any of your officers or directors currently officers and directors in other CFA clubs. Please identify same in detail." Mie Takahashi, who is the secretary of this new club, is a director on the Ganba Kobe Cat Club, so she is a member of another club. **Caell:** OK. **Wiley:** Darrell, Takahashi spoke

to her? Koizumi-san? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Wiley:** OK. She remembered, but she doesn't recognize the other persons' names. **Newkirk:** So, she doesn't recognize the other members of the club, is what she's saying? **Wiley:** She's the secretary. She spoke to her? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Hamza:** Does she – **Wiley:** She recognizes the secretary, Ms. Takahashi. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Hamza:** Does she support this club? **Koizumi:** Yes. **Hamza:** OK, alright. It was the long way around the barn, but we got there. **Newkirk:** Yes, it was. **Hamza:** OK, would somebody bring up the clubs one at a time so we can approve them? **Caell:** I can't pronounce them. Otherwise I would. **Eigenhauser:** How about this? I move we approve the Region 8 club. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Congratulations to the Region 8 club.

SHENYANG CAT LOVER CLUB
International Division (Asia) – Darrell Newkirk, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member belongs to or holds offices in other clubs. The club does not plan to incorporate. This is an Allbreed club. They intend to put on one to two shows a year in the Shenyang area. Shenyang is northeast of Beijing near the Korean border. This is the first club in this area. The dues have been set and if disbanded, monies will be donated to an organization consistent with the guidelines of the CFA. The International Chair and Liaison support this club.

CHINA INTERNATIONAL PEDIGREE CAT FANCIERS CLUB
International Division (Asia) – Darrell Newkirk, Director

Constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members with none belonging to other clubs. This is an Allbreed club with no plans to incorporate. The club intends to put on two shows a year in the Shanghai area. The dues have been set and should the club disband, excess funds will be given to charitable organizations consistent with the policy of CFA. The Asian liaison and International Chair support this club.

Hamza: That would bring us to club business. I'm trying to open this report. I'm having a hard time. Are these clubs up for advancement? **Hannon:** They are up for acceptance. **Hamza:** Up for acceptance. **Miller:** My problem with the clubs from China and from Japan is that I don't know the people well enough to make any judgments, and I just have to totally rely on Darrell for the two Chinese clubs, and for Japanese from Region 8. I wish there was some better way to do it. **Hamza:** There's really not. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** When Liz sent me the applications for the China clubs, I referred her to Dick because Dick knows the players over there and I don't. However, I do know the lady from Japan that's putting on the show. She's very active over there. She breeds Persians. She breeds nice Persians. She ran a black a couple of years ago, a very forthright person, so I would support her highly, and Dick recommended the China clubs, so I would recommend them. **Kallmeyer:** Joan, Dick here. On the China clubs, these people have been at least provided work assistance. Two clubs putting on shows in these two areas, so they are trying to get involved. They are new people trying to get involved. In one case, the Shenyang area is definitely a new area. It's way up north very near the Korean border, so one of them is penetrating new areas and the second in Shanghai is bringing up new people to drive more shows.

Meeker: I move we accept the Shenyang and China International Pedigreed Cat Fanciers clubs. **Shafnisky:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** Congratulations to all the new clubs in CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Watson, Chair*

(4) **POSSIBLE SPEAKER AT JUNE BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING
RE: GENETIC DIVERSITY ISSUES, ETC.**

Hamza: I'm trying one more thing to get my agenda upright, folks. **Meeker:** Didn't she send it to you, Jerry? **Hamza:** She did. I just couldn't open it on the computer I was using. **Hannon:** The next thing is the speaker at the June Breeds & Standards meeting, so I assume that would be Annette? **Hamza:** No, that would be Ginger, I believe. **Hannon:** Really. **Meeker:** Yeah. I can walk and chew gum, Mark. **Hannon:** I didn't think you had anything to do with Breeds & Standards. **Miller:** She brought the agenda item. **Meeker:** Agenda item 4. **Hannon:** Yeah, OK. **Meeker:** I had been talking with Leslie Lyons on another issue and she was telling me about a project that she has for helping develop common sense cattery-based breeding protocols for health and genetic diversity, and I was totally fascinated by this, and I asked her if she was available and the board approved it, would she be willing to speak to the Breed Council Secretaries at the meeting, and she said she would. Her stipend would be, my taking her to breakfast, which I am willing to do. I thought it was an excellent way for our breed council secretaries to get some information straight from Leslie, and for her to make some really salient points about the health and diversity, as she sees it, of some of our breeds and I'm putting it out there for comment. Thank you. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** At a past annual – I believe it was the Southern Region Annual in Orlando – Leslie made herself available for various breed council meetings, if the individual Breed Council Secretaries wanted to invite her to speak. I could be wrong, but isn't she speaking at the Winn Foundation dinner this year on this very subject? **Miller:** Yes, she is. **Meeker:** Something similar, but this is a different task. She is speaking directly – I think on the Winn Foundation, she's speaking generally about genetic diversity; at the breed council meeting, she was wanting to take a more direct approach to some breeds that she feels are in serious trouble. **Wilson:** OK. This is Annette. I'm not adverse to it, but we usually have a very full agenda, and we could maybe fit her in for 10 or 15 minutes if the board was interested in that. The way we come up with the agenda is, we ask the Breed Council Secretaries what they would like to talk to the board about, and we ask the board what they would like to talk to the Breed Council Secretaries about. I think we have an hour or an hour and a half, followed by another meeting. So, what I would like to do is see if the Breed Council Secretaries are interested in having her speak at that meeting, or if they would be interested at having her speak at individual meetings if they feel that this is specific to their breed. My concern is that we give our entire Breed Council Secretaries' meeting over to this, and I'm not saying it's not an important subject, but if it's not applicable to the entire group, then I'm not sure we should spend a lot of time on it. **Hamza:** Ginger, can she do 15 minutes? A real 15 minutes? **Meeker:** She can do anything that we want her to do. She's amenable to meeting our needs, and I just felt that if she was there and available, it would be a real waste if we didn't utilize her offer. I don't think she wants to do a whole meeting and a whole presentation. She did speak to breed councils last year and she felt that it was not the best use of her time. The best use of her time would be in a bigger group formation. **Wilson:** What if we gave her – I assume we're using that same room for something else at the end of our meeting, but if we gave her like the last 15 minutes or something like that, or if we ended earlier, she could have more time, and then if there's breed council secretaries that either went to the Winn meeting and realized that they didn't really need to listen to this, or if they had other plans, they could go. I'm not adverse to it. I would like to hear what she has to say, personally, for my breed council but I'm just concerned that we're going to have enough time for all of our subjects. **Meeker:** Annette, I fully understand and I think she would be amenable to whatever we could offer her. **Hamza:** Why don't we put her in at the last 15 minutes, then? **Meeker:** OK. So, I would make a motion to allow Leslie Lyons the last 15 minutes of the Breeds & Standards meeting. **Wilson:** It's the Breed Council

Secretaries' meeting with the board. **Hamza:** So you would just have to clear that with Annette and Rachel. **Meeker:** OK, so we would ask her to do the last 15 minutes on the agenda, Annette? **Wilson:** Right. **Meeker:** OK. Saturday. **Miller:** This sounds like to me that this is part of what Leslie is working on in her research project which the Winn Foundation has presented to the entire board, that they are going to study two breeds in order to illustrate how they can make plans for future breeding programs for breeds that are becoming too inbred or need to have some help in various ways, and I think it would be something that would be – if she kept it very general; in other words, didn't talk about problems with specific breeds, but just to warn breeds to think about the future and I thought that's what she would probably be talking about at the Winn Foundation, but I don't know what she's going to talk about. She might want to just reiterate, or she may just want to be there to answer questions from Breed Council Secretaries. **Hamza:** Well, we'll have to wait and see. **Meeker:** So, the motion is to offer her the last 15 minutes of the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting on Saturday. **Hamza:** I don't think we need a motion. I think you just need to work it out with Rachel and Annette. **Wilson:** Yeah. We'll just put it on the agenda. **Meeker:** OK. **Wilson:** Put her in touch with us. **Meeker:** I'll put her in touch. **Wilson:** OK. **Meeker:** Thank you very much.

(5) **DNT MEDIA PROPOSAL.**

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

(6) OCTOBER BOARD MEETING (FACE TO FACE VS. TELECONFERENCE).

Caell: Dick, in the meantime, would you want me to do that one minute report on the October meeting? **Hamza:** Yeah, you can. Go ahead. **Caell:** OK. Jerry and I talked at one point about – everybody did. We had a conversation back in October about whether we should have the October meeting as a face-to-face meeting or stick with the tele-sessions. So, I just open it up for discussion, or if anybody just wants to go ahead and vote face-to-face and maybe have it in Alliance, and it's over with. So, let me know your thoughts. Let Jerry know. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Eigenhauser:** Is Carla on the line yet? **Hamza:** No, Carla's not going to be on. **Eigenhauser:** I would rather not add a major new budget expenditure. **Hamza:** Without the Treasurer. We can forward this to the May meeting. It will take something off. **Eigenhauser:** At the very least, though, we could at least take a vote. Does the board support the concept? If we do, then we can go forward with trying to find the money for it. If we don't, then there's no point. **Hamza:** Yeah. The pay-off is so easy. I mean, it's going to cost money, but we've limited the money that we spend. I guess the question is, how much more effective are we face to face than we are over the telephone? So, I guess if we want to do a straw poll, that would be fine with me. So, why don't we just, everybody who thinks that we get more done at a face-to-face meeting? [everyone] I guess the other question is, who thinks we get less done at a face-to-face meeting? Then the last one is, who thinks it doesn't matter? OK, so we all agree that there's some quality issues that we resolve at a face-to-face meeting. [**Raymond** joins the conference] **Caell:** Do you want to just table this, now that we have made a decision that face-to-face seems to be the best alternative? We can just discuss this at the May meeting. **Hamza:** Yeah. We've had a straw poll deciding that we are more effective face to face. Now, we need to see what the financial ramifications are at the next meeting when Carla, our Treasurer, will be here. Is that pretty much what you had in mind, Mr. Eigenhauser? **Eigenhauser:** Sounds good to me, and just so we know, we're back in open session, right? **Hamza:** Yeah, we're back in open session. **Caell:** Thank you. **Hamza:** When did Rachel say she was going to come on this thing? **Miller:** I don't know. **Hannon:** She didn't give us a specific time. She just said she would be late.

(7) **PUBLICATIONS (CAT TALK AND ONLINE ALMANAC PACKAGE).**

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

(8) 2013 YEARBOOK UPDATE.

Hamza: OK, Yearbook. That would be Mark. **Hannon:** Yeah, just a couple things. On the 2013 Yearbook, we've lowered the price on the ads in an attempt to get more people advertising and I certainly need the board pushing people to place ads, encouraging people to place ads. One of the things we've done in the next book is to take out the article on the Top 25 people. That frees up a lot of space for more ads. [transcript goes to #14]

Hamza: The next thing, we'll go back to the Yearbook. There's nothing closed session about that, correct? **Hannon:** No, there's nothing closed session about the Yearbook. **Hamza:** Alright. **Hannon:** Just to repeat, I plan to take out the Top 25 articles. I would like to fill that space with ads. We've lowered the price of the ads and I need the board members to help us pull in those ads, and to encourage clubs, breed clubs, breed councils, etc., to place ads in this Yearbook. We didn't have a lot of ads last year and we need to turn that around. **Meeker:** Mark? **Hannon:** Yeah? **Meeker:** I have a question. This is Ginger. If you're pulling out articles like Top 25, what's going to be in the Yearbook besides the pictures of the winning cats and ads? It is a historical document. **Hannon:** It should be a document – Jerry's concept was that the Yearbook should be a history of what happened during a particular show season, and that's what we plan to do. So, we would have something then on the National Show which took place during the show season. Things like that. **Meeker:** OK, because I think for someone to purchase a Yearbook, there has to be something of general value, not just pictures of 75 cats and then the rest be advertising. **Hamza:** Your picture is in there, Ginger. **Meeker:** I'm sorry? **Hamza:** Your picture is in there. **Meeker:** Well now, that's really earth shaking. **Hannon:** If you look at the current book, there's 320 pages and maybe 25 of them are devoted to the national winner articles. My concern is that this book is supposed to be something of a permanent nature, as opposed to a magazine, and I just don't know that 10 years from now somebody is going to be interested in the story about, "what I enjoyed most about my campaign was the dinner we had in Chicago" and "oh, what a funny story about such-and-such". I don't think over time that that article maintains interest, so what my proposal is, is to put that on the online Almanac and to send out a CFA newsletter with a link to it. The problem right now is that we are selling – I think we've only sold maybe 300 Yearbooks, so there's a very limited audience for those articles. I think if we give them a bigger distribution, people will be happier with it. **Meeker:** I think you just hit the nail on the head why some people aren't using it as an advertising tool. It is a very limited audience and you're sort of preaching to the choir at this point. **Hannon:** I don't think anybody places an ad in the Yearbook for purposes of selling kittens or providing stud service. I think what they're doing is tooting their own horn about the win they had that particular season or they're trying to support CFA and keep this Yearbook in existence. **Meeker:** OK. **Hamza:** I agree, I agree. You know what it is, it's a permanent historical document that we would all hate to see go away. It's so nice to be able to go through Yearbooks. As a breeder, I use Yearbooks constantly. If I want to look up a cat and see what he looked like, sometimes I can find them in Yearbooks. **Meeker:** I think those are good points. I just think it's pertinent to get some of these discussions in the minutes. **Hamza:** Right. I agree, I agree. Anyway, Mark, I'll put an ad in the Yearbook this year. **Hannon:** OK. **White:** Actually, Mark, what was the pricing again for the ads? **Hannon:** I don't have the numbers in front of me. We dropped the price \$50 to the full-page color ad and we've dropped similar prices for the other types of ads – black and white, half page, etc. **White:** OK. **Hannon:** I'll have a link to the pricing in the next newsletter, which goes out next Sunday.

Caell: Mark, this is Ann. I just have a quick question regarding the newsletter which just came out from the Central Office email. Is the email situation in the Central Office fixed, or what do you have to - can you send out something that can give us an update when we send it out to our regions? **Hannon:** We discussed it earlier in the meeting. **Caell:** I missed it, then. **Hannon:** I think Dick talked about the fact that it was the registrations@cfa.org email address. Isn't that the one that was the problem? **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, Donna Jean did, yeah. **Caell:** What? **Hannon:** We're trying to get it repaired, but it's a long-term thing, right? This is not something that's going to be happening tomorrow. **Caell:** OK, so that's what we should just say? That it's in the process of being reworked or fixed? **Hamza:** Dick, what's the window on that, do you know? **Kallmeyer:** He's trying to fix it by tomorrow. He's looking at it today, but I think we just discovered a lot of things that – **Hamza:** Are not right? **Kallmeyer:** – are just sitting there and so he's doing the correction now. **Hamza:** OK. Folks, let's move on, because we have so much tonight. **Eigenhauser:** Are we going to go back to the *Cat Talk* and online Almanac package? **Hamza:** I want to do that in closed session. **Eigenhauser:** OK. **Hamza:** Just because it's going to mention some things that are business oriented and should stay that way. We've been popping in and out of closed session anyway. Do you want to just go back to that, because that's a quick item. **Eigenhauser:** Might as well get rid of it. **Hamza:** OK.

(9) SHOW SCHEDULING.

Hannon: Next, I guess, we need to go on to the Lincoln State situation. [transcript goes to another topic] **Hamza:** OK, we have show scheduling. **Shafnisky:** Yeah, the first one is Lincoln State and Jerry, I know you have spoken with members of the club. The club has continued to look for an alternate venue with no success, so at this point we just need to take a vote up or down. **Hamza:** OK, and just – Loretta, the other agenda has been removed from the item – the other item has been removed from the agenda? **Baugh:** It has been removed, yes. **Hamza:** See what happens when you play around with anesthesia? Anyway, I don't know as if – go ahead. Did somebody say something? **Newkirk:** It was Darrell. I was just saying, propofol does it to you every time. **Hamza:** I know. Every time, that's all I'm going to say. Do we need to discuss this a whole lot? I think we've beat the hell out of this thing. **Baugh:** Yes, I think we have, too. **Shafnisky:** I'll make a motion that for one year they are allowed to hold it on the third weekend of February. **Baugh:** I thought we voted on that in February and we turned it down. Why are we voting again? **Shafnisky:** Because I was asked to put it off in February in exchange for them talking with Jerry about a new show hall. We put them off for two months, waiting to take another vote on this. **Hamza:** Rachel, did we vote on this once. **Baugh:** Yes, we did in February. **Anger:** I think we tabled it, but let me call that up and I'll review it if you can give me a minute. **Hamza:** Yeah. It wouldn't have been last month, it would have been the month before. **Anger:** It was from the February meeting. **Shafnisky:** So, what are we supposed to do? Do we just tell them that they can't hold their show? **Hamza:** Nobody is saying that at all. **Shafnisky:** I'm a little bit confused, because I thought – **Hamza:** I'm just trying to follow procedure, so let's make sure and we'll go from there. **Hannon:** Do you want to discuss the next item – the proposed constitutional amendment – while Rachel checks her notes? **Hamza:** Yeah, that's fine. Whose is this? Whose is this? **Anger:** Well, I think I have the answer. There was no motion made in February. **Hamza:** OK. **Anger:** Sorry, no motion called. There was an action item but I don't see where it was voted on. **Hannon:** Maybe Alene can make a motion. **Shafnisky:** So moved, same motion from the February meeting, that they get a one-time only change in the show date for 2013. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Anger:** Can I state the actual action item for clarification? **Hamza:** Go ahead. Clarify. **Anger:** OK, it says, *Allow Lincoln State Cat Club to hold their show in 2013 on the third weekend in February on a one-time basis.* **Baugh:** I thought we voted on that. I could have sworn we did. **Hamza:** I think it was voted on. You checked February, right Rachel? **Anger:** I'm looking at it right now. **Hamza:** If we didn't vote on it in February, it's unlikely that we – **Baugh:** That's OK, we can vote again. I just had thought we had. I will once again state my objection to it. It's barely over 300 miles away, for a club that has had their show on that date. They are more than willing to share the weekend, and were going to compromise to do that, but Lincoln State says they can't do that and I'm sorry but I have to oppose it. I appreciate Lincoln State's problems, but we did this once before with Cincinnati and practically broke the club.

Anger: This is Rachel. Can I do a mea culpa? I didn't scroll down far enough. Loretta, I apologize. You are correct. There was a motion that Alene made. It failed, and then another motion was made that was not voted on, and that's what I was looking at. So, I apologize. **Baugh:** OK, thank you. I thought I was right but I wasn't going to push it. **Anger:** Yeah, you were. **Hamza:** Roberts Rules state that we need a motion to re-open this, if we're going to. **Newkirk:** Rachel needs to read the members that voted in the affirmative. **Anger:** Alright, the motion failed. Shafnisky, Eigenhauser, Wilson and Newkirk voted yes. **Newkirk:** So, someone other than the four of us has to make a motion to reconsider. **Anger:** This is Rachel. So moved.

Hamza: Do I have a second? **Meeker:** Second, with the option to vote no. **Hamza:** OK, we have a motion to reconsider on the floor.

Hamza called the motion (to reconsider). **Motion Failed.** Anger, Eigenhauser, Shafnisky, Miller, Newkirk and Caell voting yes. **Hannon:** Sounds like it's 3 to 3. **Hamza:** I know there's more than 6 people on this call, because we wouldn't have a quorum. **Anger:** Can we get the yes votes? This is Rachel, I voted yes. **Eigenhauser:** George is a yes. **Caell:** Ann is a yes. **Miller:** Joan is a yes. **Newkirk:** Darrell is a yes. **Shafnisky:** Alene is a yes. **Anger:** OK, so I have Anger, Eigenhauser, Shafnisky, Miller, Newkirk and Caell voting yes. Is that correct? **Meeker:** I think it's Eigenhauser. **Caell:** Eisenhower died a long time ago. **Anger:** I'm sorry. I'm so tired. That's the second time I've done it, George. I apologize. **Hamza:** I was ready to ask him for his autograph. **Meeker:** Me, too. **Hannon:** Is that 6 yes votes? **Hamza:** Yeah, 6 yes votes. Not enough for me to open the voting. Alright. **Shafnisky:** So, Jerry, I think you and I need to have a conversation tomorrow. **Hamza:** That's fine.

(10) PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (HOUSEKEEPING ITEM).

ARTICLE XI — BREED COUNCIL

Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards. The rules governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules listed below:

BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES

PURPOSE

The CFA Breed Councils were established in 1970 to serve as advisory bodies on breed standards to the CFA Executive Board. The Breed Councils channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the Breed Council Secretary elected by each specific breed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.*
- 2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.*
- 3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.*
- 4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.*

In addition to the above requirements, membership is limited to individuals who have met either of the following qualifications:

Bred at least one CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division,

OR

Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and, have exhibited a cat/kitten owned or leased by the applicant of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

A litter which has been reregistered to add an individual or individuals as additional breeders of the litter may not be used to qualify the additional breeder or breeders for Breed Council membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from January 1 to December 31. ~~Upon receipt of the membership application and fee(s), the Central Office will place the member's name on the mailing list for the member editions of the CFA Almanac, and, when available for distribution, the Show Rules~~

and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

Hannon: Constitutional Amendment. Do we know who put that on? **Hamza:** It says you did. **Hannon:** Alright. That deals with taking out of the constitution the statement that breed council members will receive a free copy of the member edition of the Almanac. We don't print the Almanac, and even the new magazine doesn't have a member edition, so we wanted to propose to take that section of the sentence out. Is that right, Ed? **Raymond:** That is correct. **White:** So moved. **Hamza:** Housekeeping. We have a movement. Do we have a second movement? **Eigenhauser:** Wait, wait, wait. The version I have, however, starts in mid-sentence. They take out the first clause and then it starts with the word "and". **Hamza:** Uh-oh. **Eigenhauser:** We need to do a little better editing here when you chop it up. **Hamza:** We can't start a sentence with "and". **Eigenhauser:** Right, so take out the word "and" and capitalize the W on "when available for distribution, the Show Rules and show Standards will be sent to each member." So, take out the word "and" and capitalize the W. **Hamza:** So, the motion would be to accept this addition with the grammar corrections in place. **Meeker:** I would second that, Jerry. **Hamza:** OK, alright. All in favor of the grammatically correct edit to the constitution.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hannon:** Technically, what happens now is that this gets sent out to the clubs for a vote at the annual, right? **Hamza:** Right. **Raymond:** Does someone want to write a rationale? **Hamza:** Yeah, you can. See what happens when you speak up? **Raymond:** No good deed goes unpunished. **Hamza:** You're too nice a guy.

(11) HAWAII (REVIVING THE CAT FANCY IN HAWAII).

Action Item: Board approval for Ken Cribbs to make a 10 – 12 minute PowerPoint presentation to the delegates at the Annual meeting to suggest a means by which breeders can help revive the cat fancy in the State of Hawaii.

Background: Ken Cribbs is President of Hawai'i Hulacat Club. He is a consulting legal expert who trains lawyers for trial litigation in medical cases and an excellent speaker. He has suggested a proposal to help increase the numbers of pedigreed cats in Hawaii. At the last Regional Show I judged in Honolulu in February there were only 24 entries total (kittens, championship and premiership). The quality of the cats was excellent, but the number of cat fanciers and breeding programs have greatly diminished. They did have some visitors due to advertising the show and educational talk for the public. It is apparent that the cat fancy cannot survive much longer in the State. Several members pay about \$3,000 each to sustain the few shows they have every year. A core issue has been the long-time quarantine laws. These have been modified but it is still a complicated process; and a cat has to be at least 8 months old to enter the State without having to go through quarantine.

Though the proposal would be the basis for a good article in Cat Talk, it would effectively reach many club members and serious breeders at the Annual. It is a topic that warrants special attention and urgency.

Time Frame: ASAP, to give Ken time to prepare the presentation and to follow up with an article for Cat Talk.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller
CFA Vice President
Chair, Outreach and Education

Summary - Hawaii quarantine laws and proposal to revive the cat fancy in this State – by Ken Cribbs

Hawai'i's animal quarantine laws are the strictest in the world, and they are rigidly enforced. This makes it extremely difficult and costly for cat and dog fanciers here to establish or maintain breeding programs. Below is a summary of what is required if someone wants to bring a pet to Hawai'i and NOT pay \$1,080 to have it endure 120 days in "jail" at the state-run quarantine facility (which is hot, outdoors, crowded, difficult to visit, and full of barking dogs). If all these requirements are met, then the incoming pet can be released to its owner within five days or less after arrival in Hawai'i. (per Ken, sometimes a cat can be released as soon as a plane arrives – "direct release".)

1. The pet must have been vaccinated against rabies at least twice in its lifetime, and the two doses must have been administered more than 30 days apart from one another. The most recent vaccination must be done at least 90 days before the pet's arrival in Hawai'i, but no later than the expiration date of the vaccine. This requirement effectively prevents importation of puppies or kittens, because they cannot receive the initial rabies vaccination until they're at least 16 weeks old. Add another 121 days to that and it means the very youngest a kitten could be upon arrival is 8 months and 1 day. By that time the owner has lost the most important opportunity to create an optimal bond with the cat.

2. *The pet must be microchipped prior to the first rabies vaccination, and the microchip number must appear on each vaccination certificate. If the chip cannot be read on arrival in Hawai'i, the pet will have to undergo the 120-day quarantine.*

3. *A veterinarian must draw two blood samples and forward them to an approved laboratory in either Kansas or Texas for OIE-FAVN Rabies Blood Titer testing. Assuming an adequate titer (level of immunity) was achieved, then after the test results are received, another 120 days must pass before the animal arrives in Hawai'i. Arriving before the full 120 days has elapsed will result in disqualification from the 5-day-or-less program.*

4. *Within 14 days prior to arrival, a veterinarian (not the breeder or owner) must treat the pet for ticks and fleas with an approved product (such as fipronil) and record it on the pet's health certificate. If there is any evidence of infestation upon inspection at the airport, the pet can be quarantined for 120 days despite meeting all the other criteria. (What happens if your pet picks up fleas or ticks in-flight from an inadequately-treated pet also being transported in the baggage compartment?)*

5. *All documents need to be received by the Animal Quarantine Station together in one package, at least ten days in advance of the pet's arrival, and they must be originals. No faxes or photocopies are accepted.*

6. *The airport animal inspection office is only open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and is not open at all on Mondays, Fridays, or state holidays. So the pet owner must make sure they book a flight that arrives in Honolulu on one their "open" days, and no later than 3:30 PM, as it can take longer than an hour for the pet to be transferred from the baggage compartment of the plane. Pets cannot be transported in the aircraft's passenger compartment on flights to Hawai'i, except for service dogs accompanying blind passengers. Flights arriving during those hours of the day generally are fuller and have higher airfare prices.*

7. *The expenses are tremendous. The veterinarian bills, rabies laboratory testing, etc., total about \$700 per pet. The state's fee for direct release at the airport is \$165 per pet, or \$224 for the 5-day-or-less program, or \$1,080 for the full 120-day quarantine. Add the airline's fee (\$250 to \$375, depending on the airline) and it costs at least \$1,200 per pet, but could go well over \$2,000.*

The full details can be found at: <http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/aqsbrochure.pdf>

*Here's the supreme irony: in the many decades since Hawai'i imposed its rigid rabies quarantine program, **no case of rabies has ever been intercepted -- not a single one!***

Can you see why we're so desperate for help from CFA and corporate sponsorship with promoting the fancy here and supporting the few remaining Hawai'i catteries? We also desperately need for mainland breeders to ship bred queens to us. That way, the kittens are transported in utero, and delivered after the queen arrives here -- allowing for us to bond with the kittens at an early age. After weaning and kitten-training, the queen (per Ken, with possibly a kitten) can be shipped back to the mainland if the owner wants her back. The Hawai'i breeder would pay all the above expenses to get the queen qualified for the direct-release or the 5-day-or-less program.

I think it's important for CFA to fully understand what we're facing out here in the lovely 50th state

Hamza: Alright, Hawaii quarantine. **Miller:** I put that on the agenda, Jerry. **Hamza:** Yes, you did. Go ahead. **Miller:** Really, I think if everyone has read it, it's really a matter of, can we allow Ken Cribbs to make a short PowerPoint presentation to discuss the ways in which breeds can help revive the cat fancy in the state of Hawaii. I don't think it's going to last very much longer. It's a shame for an entire state to go – **Hamza:** I agree, and I would agree with letting Ken have whatever venue he is looking for. **Miller:** I think the most powerful would be to reach the delegates because they can take the information back to their clubs. **Eigenhauser:** And it will show up in the minutes. **Miller:** And it would be in the minutes, yes. **Hamza:** Sharon, could you tell the folks that are working on your annual to give Ken some floor time on Friday? **Roy:** OK. **Hamza:** In the morning. **Roy:** Yep. **Hamza:** And you can tell – Joan, you can tell Ken that we gave him prime time. **Miller:** OK, great. I'm sure he will do a good job. He is an incredible speaker. **Hamza:** I'm looking forward to it. **Shelton:** He is working very hard on legislative issues in Hawaii lately. He has done a lot of really good stuff. **Miller:** Yes, he has. This will be his very first annual, too. **Hamza:** And I know we have to help those folks. The way they are looking for help is not the way we're used to giving it. I was talking with somebody who said they are looking to get pregnant queens moved over and such. **Miller:** Yeah, I know that there are questions. I have some questions myself, and if any other board members have questions, they can – either I can give you his email or you can send them to me and I'll forward them to Ken. I would like to know what their long-range plan is. It doesn't help to send one pregnant female, and then you maybe one or two kittens, and then what do you do? Then you're at a standstill point again. **Hamza:** I agree, I agree, but it will be good to hear what he thinks would be solutions to these problems. **Miller:** I also think that the fanciers have to realize what they can do to get around the quarantine if they are willing to, and the fact that the Hawaiian people will pay the money. It takes almost \$2,000 to get a cat in through the quarantine. They are willing to pay it. They are willing to do anything to get the cat fancy back alive again. **Hamza:** I would help to do whatever we could with our cats. **Miller:** They are really wonderful people over there. **Hamza:** I know, and what a cool place to go see a show. **Miller:** Yes. OK, well great. I'll tell Ken and any questions you have we can funnel them to him easily. **Hamza:** Are you done, Joan? **Miller:** Yes.

(12) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

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

Action Item: *It has been noted that the link to the Sy Howard Legislative Fund description on the CFA web site is dead. Before reposting the fund description there are two housekeeping items we ask the Board to approve:*

Item 1: remove two references to Joan Miller as Chair of the CFA Legislative Committee and replace each with the title of CFA Legislative Committee Chairperson.

Item 2: replace one reference to "CFA Executive Director" with "CFA Director of Operations/Executive Director".

RATIONALE: housekeeping to reflect current CFA practices and assignments.

A copy of the current Sy Howard Legislative Fund description is attached with the proposed changes noted with additions underlined (underline) and deletions in double strikeout (~~strikeout~~).

Time Frame: *ASAP.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

**THE CFA
SY HOWARD LEGISLATIVE FUND**

I. Fund description

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Board of Directors at its June 1991 meeting established an allocated fund that will accept contributions received from individuals, organizations and/or clubs to be used in the legislative area. In 1998 the fund was renamed the "Sy Howard Legislative Fund". The purpose of the Fund is to address issues, related to legislation, of animal rights/animal welfare, dog and cat population dynamics and other concerns, that may impact CFA and cat fanciers, whether the matters are at the local, state or federal level. It is the intent to use these funds to oppose

legislation or regulation that is detrimental to the activities of CFA participants, to encourage meaningful legislation and/or alternative solutions to animal welfare/population problems while protecting the interests of CFA, its participants, pet owners and cats.

II. Contributions to the Fund

Contributions to the Fund may be made by sending a check to the CFA Central Office to the attention of the CFA Director of Operations/Executive Director, with the check being made payable to the CFA/Sy Howard Legislative Fund. The general contributions will support designated projects, programs, and/or activities approved by the CFA Legislative Committee. Contributions for a specific use may be matched by the Sy Howard Legislative Fund to the extent that funds are available. Contributions are not tax deductible.

III. Use of the Fund

- A.** *Approval of all projects, programs or activities and/or the use of funds will be made by the CFA Legislative Committee.*
- B.** *The guidelines to be used by the Committee to determine appropriate use of the funds are to include, but not be restricted to:*
 - 1.** *Assistance in lobbying and communicating with governmental bodies.*
 - 2.** *Distribution of material related to matters involving animal rights/welfare and dog/cat population matters.*
 - 3.** *Support of epidemiology surveys related to dog/cat population matters.*
 - 4.** *Attendance of appropriate CFA individuals, such as the President and/or designated members of the CFA Legislative Committee or the CFA Legislative Group at hearings, meetings, symposiums or media opportunities related to legislative issues and/or animal rights/welfare and dog/cat population matters.*
 - 5.** *Assistance to individuals and/or clubs or organizations to mobilize cat fanciers and to facilitate the distribution of information in the involved areas.*
 - 6.** *Establishment of a rapport and/or working relationship with humane organizations, animal welfare organizations and other dog/cat related associations with whom cooperation and interaction would benefit CFA.*
 - 7.** *Cooperative efforts in the legislative area with other pedigreed animal registry organizations where there are common interests and benefits to be achieved.*

IV. Matching Fund allocations

A. Applications for matching funds for programs and projects:

A club, organization or individual, having raised and set aside funds for a specific use or program, must submit a written request to the CFA Legislative Committee, to the attention of the Chairperson, ~~Joan Miller~~, seeking matching funds

B. Requests for matching funds must set out the following:

1. General background information on the organization, individual or group.
2. Identification of the program or project.
3. Description of how the program or project will be carried out and/or description of the activities involved.
4. Description of the benefit which the program or project will have in the legislative area.
5. An estimate of the time needed to achieve the objective described.
6. A complete budget indicating all funds required and activities for which the funds are to be used will be required, including supporting data and documentation.
7. Information regarding any other sources of funding solicited for the program or project.
8. Evidence that the funds equal to the request for the matching funds are available, secure and specifically designated for the identified program or project.
9. Once a project is approved solicitation for stipulated funds may be initiated and will be matched.

C. Reporting:

1. Any organization, individual or group obtaining matching funds under this provision must file a quarterly report on the activity and accounting showing the use of the funds. This report is to be sent to the CFA Legislative Committee Chairperson, ~~Joan Miller~~. Further, if there are any funds left after the specific program or project is completed the unused CFA Sy Howard Legislative Fund contribution must be returned to CFA.
2. Articles, press releases, reports or other publication of a program or project that has received matching funds must provide credit to CFA.

V. Special Contribution Fund allocations

A. Non-matching fund projects:

The CFA Legislative Committee will consider special projects or programs for which the matching fund allocation concept and procedure, as set out in Paragraph IV, may not be appropriate or practicable. To the extent that the Committee receives general contributions pursuant to Paragraph II above, the total of these donations will be usable for these special projects or programs.

B. Requests for funding:

Proposals for funding under this provision must contain the same information as that required for a matching fund program or project above and should also include a statement explaining why the matching fund is not suitable.

C. Other use of funding:

General or special contribution fund allocations may be used to enable attendance by appropriate CFA officials or other individuals designated by the CFA Legislative Committee to attend various meetings, functions or events involving legislative matters or issues. These conferences, meetings, or functions would essentially relate to legislative proposals governing animal welfare, animal population matters, licensing or regulation of ownership of animals and/or alternative solutions to animal welfare and/or animal population problems and issues.

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Hamza: OK, next on the agenda, all the way from sunny California, we've got George Eigenhauser and the Sy Howard deal. **Eigenhauser:** I apologize for the length of this. Normally, when I'm just making a few changes here and there, I would just give you the paragraphs that change, but the thing that brought the changes to our attention was that it has fallen off the website and isn't available anymore, so I figured I would send the whole thing so you would have context, but basically it's just housekeeping. Before we put it back up on the website, Joan Miller isn't Chair of the Legislative Committee anymore so we're taking that out, and we don't have an executive director anymore. We have a Director of Operations, so we're calling it Director of Operations/Executive Director. This is truly just housekeeping, changing a couple of names here and there. So moved. **Newkirk:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** OK, very good. Thank you, George.

(13) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

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; Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Training and File Administrator
Pat Jacobberger – Education Chair
Ellyn Honey – Domestic Training and File Administrator
Rick Hoskinson – Domestic Training and File Administrator
Jan Stevens – Domestic Training and 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; Application Advisor - Europe

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank You Messages: The Judging Program Committee has received a note of appreciation from Teresa Sweeney for her recent advancement to Apprentice/Longhair.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The JPC had a telephonic conference on March 21, 2012, to discuss several issues among them, deadlines, communication, confidentiality, training classes for Training Judges, club evaluations, and Trainees abilities and making sure they are receiving the amount of training to be advanced. In addition, discussing what aspects are there behind the judging tables that need to be addressed for new Trainees, as well as those going through the program. Are 2nd Specialty judges getting the experience they need to be advanced? We will have a meeting at the Annual and be talking about these things.

Hamza: Next up is Judging. **Baugh:** OK, as soon as I can get the thing up. Hold on. Where its it? This not having everything where it needs to be has been a real pain. OK, basically the report is in front of you. There's nothing urgent happening as far as what's going on. We did have a teleconference last month, so we have a number of things we're going to be talking about at the meeting when we meet in June. We're going to be meeting right after the annual meeting on Friday.

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

Advance to Apprentice

<i>John Hiemstra – Northville, MI</i>	<i>(LH - 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes)</i>
<i>Tomoko Kitao -- Yokohama, Japan</i>	<i>(SH - 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Kevin Weber -- Kansas City, MO</i>	<i>(SH - 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>Tabled</i>

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

<i>Pam Bassett – Baton Rouge, Louisiana</i>	<i>(SH – 2nd Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
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Advance to Approved Specialty

<i>Etsuko Hamayasu – Tokyo, Japan</i>	<i>(LH - 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
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Advance to Approved Allbreed:

<i>Teresa Keiger – Greensboro, NC</i>		<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Melanie Morgan – Trevilians, VA</i>		<i>17 yes</i>

*Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh, Chair*

(14) STATUS OF REGISTRATIONS VIA PEDIGREE.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

(15) **BOARD CITE (PROTEST).**

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Hamza: Do I get a motion to adjourn? **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Newkirk:** So moved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 a.m. EST.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*