

(49) **CFA FOUNDATION.** Karen Lawrence, CFA Foundation Board Member:

Hamza: Up next is Karen Lawrence with some news about the Foundation.



Lawrence: Good afternoon Fellow Delegates. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Karen Lawrence and I represent the CFA Foundation. I'm going to tell you today that **WE HAVE A MUSEUM.**

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Which means that we ALL have a museum, for indeed it belongs to all of us!

WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE A MUSEUM! FOR INDEED, THIS MUSEUM BELONGS TO ALL OF US. As you know, one of the purposes of a museum is to record the evolution of history – and to record it for all to see. How did we get from there to here is a question which people never stop asking – and it's only through the organized documentation of this evolution can that question be answered. Let's take a walk through history together:

THEN ... 1958
JEAN ROSE'S BASEMENT



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OCEAN, NJ



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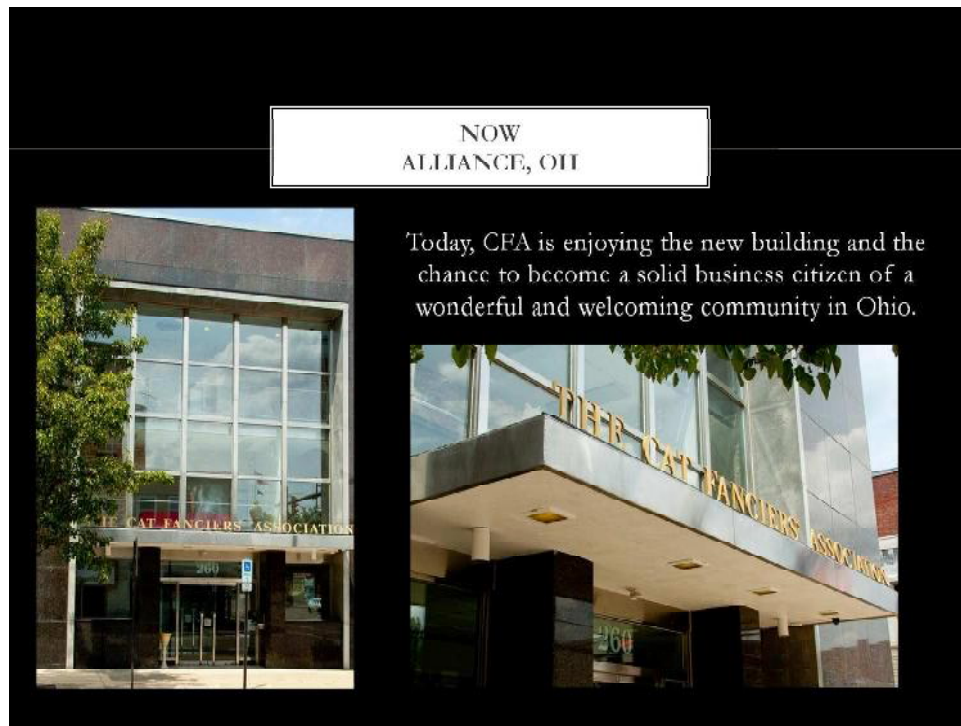
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ALLIANCE, OH



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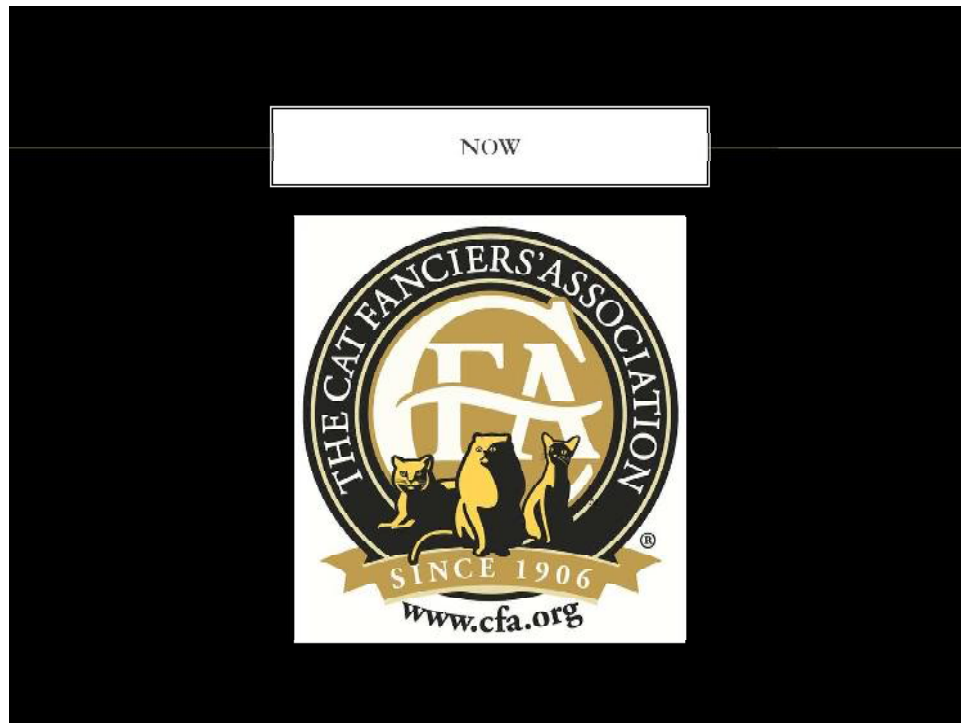
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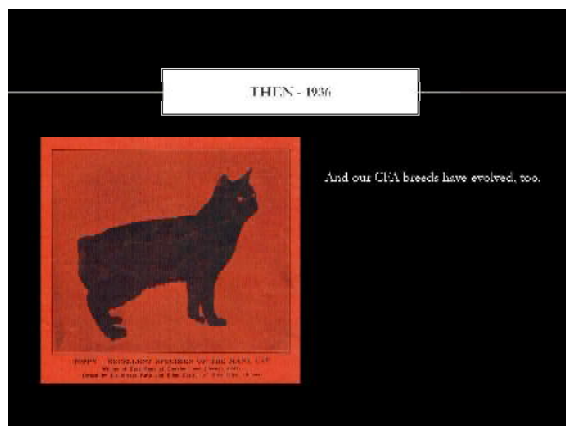
Today, CFA is enjoying the new facility and the chance to become a solid business citizen of this wonderful community in Alliance.



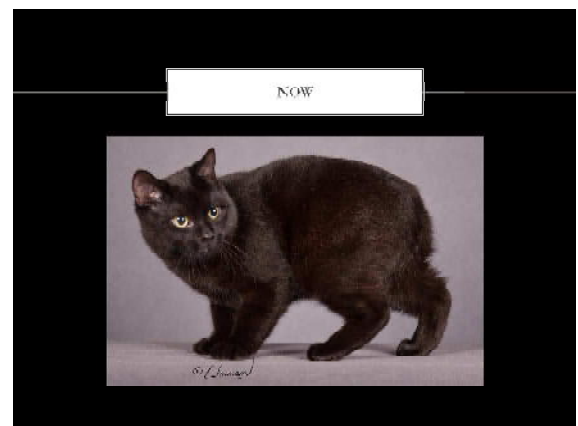
Even the CFA logo has evolved. We have four previous logos.



And our current.



And our CFA breeds have evolved, too.



And even our breeds have evolved. Note the Manx.

THEN ... 1871
LONDON, ENGLAND



Our CFA cat shows have
morphed -- from this ...

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To the shows of today ...

THEN ... 1949

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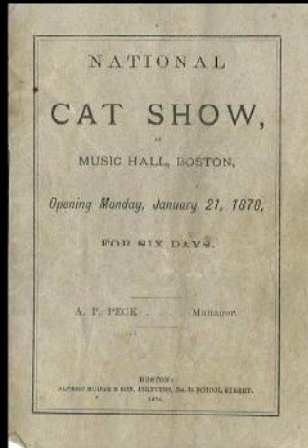
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And now we have online entry forms!

contrasted by today's online entry forms.

THEN ... 1878
BOSTON, MA

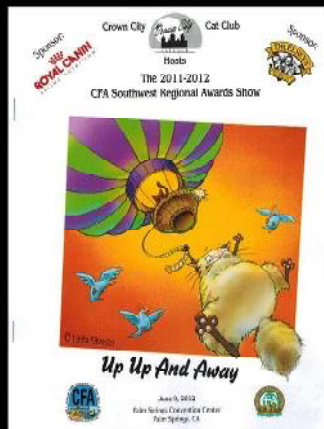


This 1878 Catalogue looks terribly serious — and somewhat intimidating.

Does that really say
“FOR SIX DAYS ” !!!?

The 1878 catalogue from a show in Boston, I believe, looks TERRIBLY SERIOUS – and somewhat intimidating. Does it really say “for 6-days”?

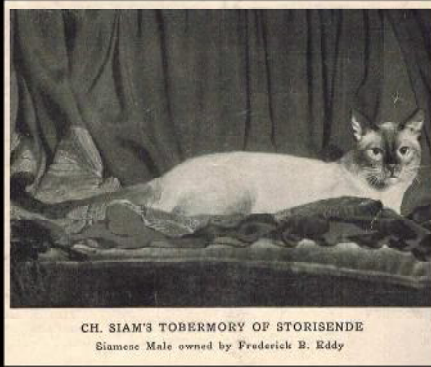
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Compare the plain 1878 catalog with the much more welcoming and frivolous catalogs of today.

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TITEN - 1934



How about this 1934 top Siamese winner -

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NOW



Versus today's aerodynamic counterpart!!

Compared to today's aerodynamic counterpart!!

THEN ... 1920'S



Even the way we transport our
beloved cats has changed ...

Even how we moved our beloved cats has evolved.

NOW



to the airline acceptable carriers
of today!

THEN ... 1896



The rosettes of yesteryear have
changed into ...

And the rosettes of old – boy, have we come a long way with those, as well.

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the beautiful awards of
today.

THEN ... 1955



Take a peek at Garden State's 1955 Show Poster.

And, how about that lovely blue-cream Persian

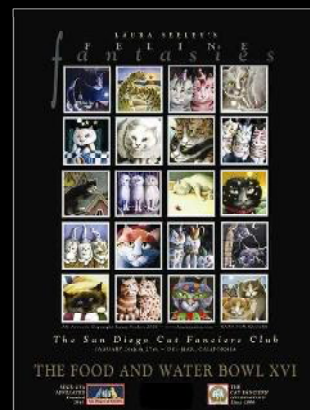
Those were the days – admission was only \$1.00!!!

Take a peek at this Garden State Cat Club 1955 show poster. Garden State Cat Club. How about that lovely blue-cream Persian on the cover? Admission you will note is only \$1.00!

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THEN ... 1939



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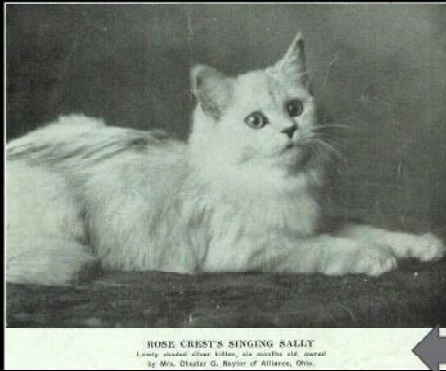
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Versus today's computer tracking which can be available just a few days from the show — and are already compiled for you!

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THEN ... 1936



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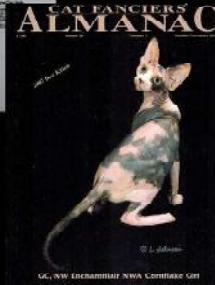
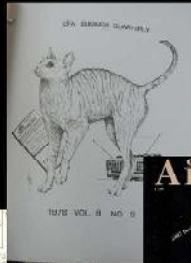
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Sally might have had some difficulty competing with one of today's Silver beauties!

Sally might have had some difficulty competing with the Shaded Silvers of today.

THEN ... 1913 - 2007



Magazines also evolved over the years.....

- in 1913 we had *The Cat Courier*

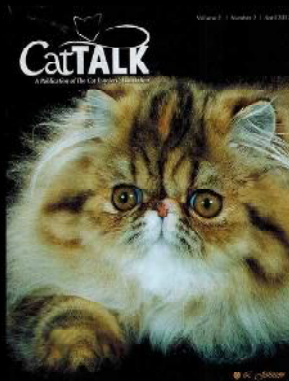
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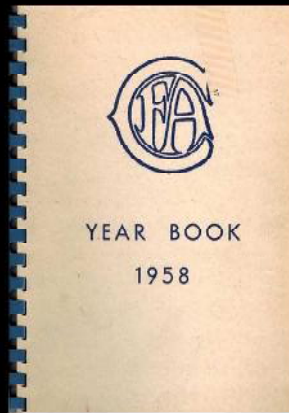
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And, now, we have *Cat Talk*

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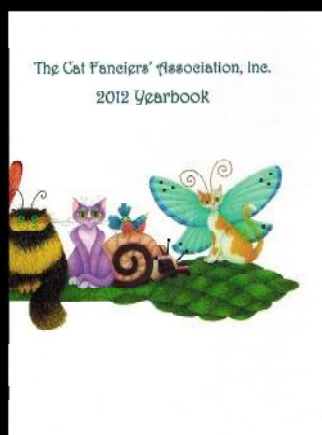
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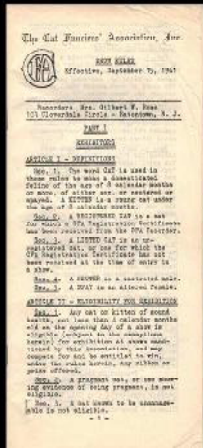
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Versus today's coffee table
sized Yearbook

versus today's coffee table version.

THEN ... 1961

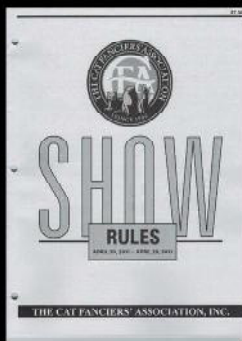


Remember the Mag Card device and the Selectric Typewriter which was shown on an earlier slide?

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Remember the Mag Card device and the Selectric Typewriter I showed you earlier? You guessed it – that's how the show rules were produced in 1961.

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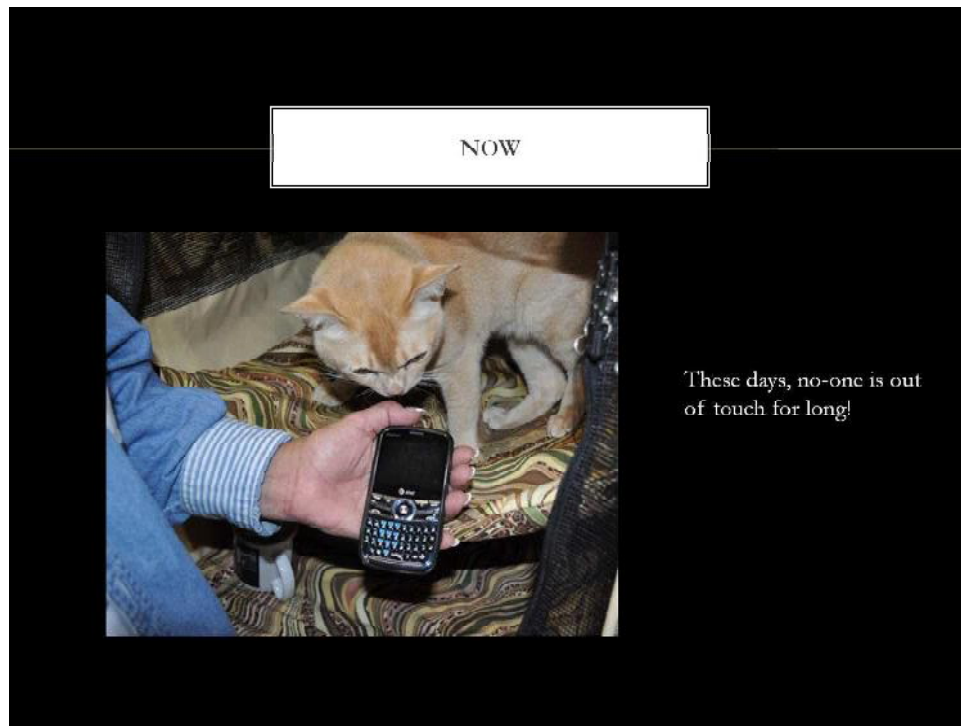
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2012	7603	7945	1005	14742	22725	14725						
2011	8021	9716	9719	13322	11251	8118	11310	11109	9119	8991	7592	8628
2010	9201	17657	20891	21097	16071	11279	14902	11167	11137	19112	12596	11721
2009	9201	16178	15052	14851	18178	10480	12880	10176	5232	15104	7011	3710
2008	9201	14230	10221	14551	15505	10530	13533	14886	11112	10222	9911	7241
2007	12531	21211	14117	15592	14235	21598	17334	19701	8898	10993	10427	7252
2006	8931	16664	12602	10790	12064	8855	8621	8901	8721	18801	12122	12119
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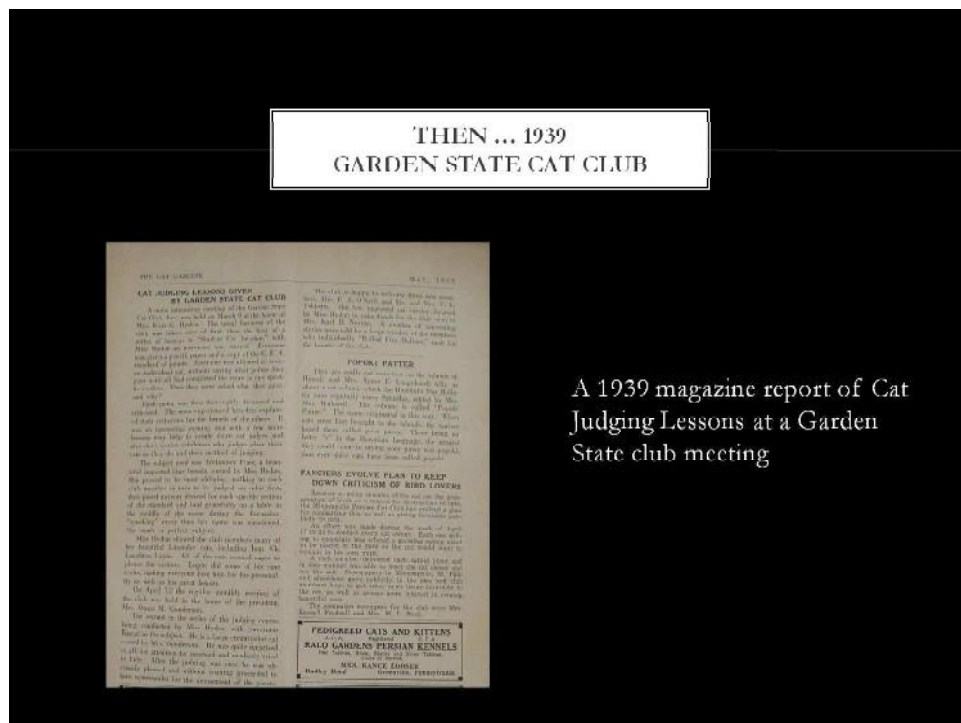
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These days, no one is out of touch with the cat fancy for long!



This 1939 magazine report is of Cat Judging Lessons at a Garden State club meeting


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Versus today's judges' school application.....

Versus today's Garden State Breed Awareness and Judging School.

THEN ... 2010



While the CFA Foundation hasn't had as many years to evolve as some of these others items – the Feline Historical Museum is evolving too.

While the CFA Foundation hasn't had as many years to evolve as all the rest of this history, we have come a long way. We now have a Museum and a Library.

NOW



I hope you enjoyed that little walk down Memory Lane. We've come a long way – we really, truly have – but the journey is ongoing. Your Feline Historical Museum will be here to record the rest of it as well, but that's all going to take your help! We're going to be offering some wonderful programs in the near future, and ways for you to help us grow and mature the Museum.

ADOPT A CAT AT THE FELINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

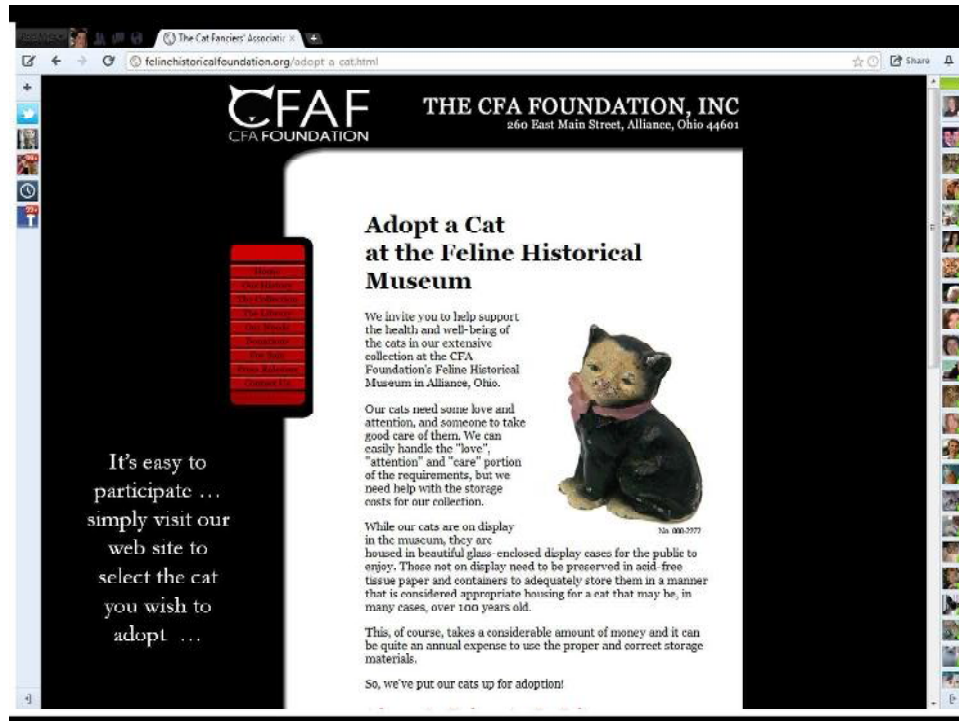


One of the programs which I would like to explain today is the opportunity to ADOPT-A-CAT at the museum, a program which we recently launched.

Adopting one of our museum cats is ideal – there's no feeding, no grooming, no bathing or blow-drying, and no clean up required!

Our museum staff is devoted to taking full care of your adoptee for you!

One of the programs today I want to introduce you to is ADOPT-A-CAT. You all should have received flyers this morning explaining the program, but let me hit a few details. Basically, you would be adopting one the cats in our museum. There's no feeding, no grooming, no bathing or blow drying, and no clean up whatsoever! Our museum staff is devoted to taking full care of your adopted cat.



It's easy to participate. Just visit our web site. Go on it, there's a link to pick the cat you want. We have all colors, styles, head types and body types.



Make a note of the number of the cat you like, go back to our web page and follow the PayPal link. That will enable you to adopt your cat. We will put your name on the little slide for that cat that you adopted, so the whole world can know which cat belongs to you. These cats, some of them are 100 years old. They deserve to be preserved in the manner in which they should be accustomed. They need archival tissue paper, they need archival packaging, cardboard cartons, etc. All of this takes a great deal of money.

It's easy to make a payment using PayPal.

Money raised from this ADOPT A CAT program will be used to preserve the cats in the museum in the custom they deserve.

It's simple, it's fast and it's easy ... and it's a great way to support YOUR museum!

Adopt a Cat Today using PayPal!

A tax deductible "adoption fee" will aid the Adopt a Cat program and will help us to preserve our collection for generations to come. With over 500 cats in the collection, there are many cats for you to choose from. We've started out with a group of 65 cats that you can select from - pick your favorite color, coat length, body type or head type, and help us give it the loving care it deserves.

100-000-2667

Browse our [slideshow of available cats](#) and make a note of the number for the cat you would like to adopt -- and then use the PayPal form below to select an adoption fee and complete the adoption process.

Select an Adoption Fee:

Cat Number

All donations will be accepted with our grateful thanks. The names of adopters will be placed on our web site beside your adopted cat, and we will acknowledge new adopters in our monthly newsletter. Note: Cats can have more than one adopter. Adoptions can be anonymous, if you so choose.

If you prefer to send a check for the adoption fee one can be mailed, along with the cat's number, to:
 The CFA Foundation, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2155
 260 East Main Street
 Alliance, OH 44001

Be sure to check out our web site!

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 260 East Main Street
 Alliance, Ohio

Hours:
 Tues-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm
 Sat 9:00am to 12:00pm

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The mission of the CFA Foundation is to acquire and conserve the history of cats and show the development of the cat fancy through the acquisition of fine art, artifacts, and literature. This collection will be maintained and made available for the benefit, education, and enjoyment of researchers and other interested parties.

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Like myself, each of them wishes to invite you
to come to Alliance to see your museum.

The CFA Foundation has a wonderful group of Board of Directors working with us. Like myself, each of them wishes to invite you to Alliance to see your museum. Think of us when you have things to preserve –historical items to donate, or any breed history books. Anything like that, that takes part and explains the history of the cat fancy, the evolution of the cat, the cat

breeds, anything like that. Any of our Directors will be happy to speak with you about donations to the museum. Hopefully, the Museum is going to be around for a long time. Our combined legacies, and the legacies of your cats, can last forever IF you plan this, and if you help us to maintain the museum. Did I make it clear we want you to visit Alliance, and visit Alliance often! We would love to see you there.



Thank you for your attention.

Hamza: You know, if you're ever in the Midwest and you've got an event or a vacation, it's so easy to swing by Alliance. The Museum is truly impressive. Our cat club, we had a show and we made money, so we took some of the money and bought an old Egyptian figurine from the 26th Dynasty and we donated it to the Museum. I'm sure that a lot of you are sitting on cat history and CFA history in one way or another, and know somebody who has got some. I can't think of a better place to put it than into the Foundation Museum, just so that we preserve history. We learn from history, but it has to be there to learn from.

(50) BREEDER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: John Bierrie, Chair

Hamza: Up next we have John Bierrie for the Breeder Assistance Program. So John, are you ready?

Bierrie: Good afternoon. If anybody doesn't know me, this is about the most nerve-wracking thing I have ever done. I'm John Bierrie and, for those that don't know, I am the Chairperson for the Breeder Assistance Program. The Breeder Assistance Program is part of the BAP/BR group, which consists of the Breeder Assistance Program, Breed Rescue and the Food Pantry. My primary job is to prevent issues from occurring for any reason that end up in breed rescue, whether it be CFA's breed rescue, the breed council breed rescues or, worse yet, the city, state, federal, whatever there may be out there, their system. Our job is to keep it from ever getting there.

To do that, and the biggest thing I can ask today, to do that, we have to be told. We have to have people ask us for help. We are not cat cops. We do not go and visit anybody's house to inspect or, in some way, create any kind of a problem. We do not take cats. Our job is to assist. We provide food, we provide litter, we will provide assistance with how to get help getting spays and neutering done so that you can start lowering populations if you need it. It can be because of a natural disaster, it can be because you got sick. There isn't a person in this room who, before you leave here, cannot have an accident that will cause you to be unable to care for the cats the way you currently are. At that time, there is every bit of likelihood that you would need assistance of some kind. This is what we do.

There are people in this room, my guess, at this moment, looking out across this room – 10 people either need help or know of somebody who needs help. Every show I go into, I know that there are probably 5 or 6 people that are on the verge of a catastrophe. I am your conscience. I am the one that has to sweep up after everything. We do it for the love of the cat, and we do it for the love of all of you. There are people in this room that I have the utmost respect for, who have sat in unbelievably horrific conditions cleaning up after some people, cleaning up after situations that have occurred simply because somebody got overwhelmed. It doesn't happen overnight. In fact, in some cases it's happening today by people who started breeding when I wasn't even born yet. This group – all of us – are the ones that have to help make sure that they get the help they need.

There isn't anybody in this room that can get me to tell them who we are helping – not Jerry, not Linda Berg (who's not here), nobody. There isn't anybody who I will talk to about any aspect of what we do, or at least any personal information. I have 5 people who deal with this day in, day out. My driving here from Illinois, 2 days, 3 phone calls, 3 new cases. One of them, absolutely fabulous. They know today that probably in a month they're going to be in trouble and they let me know. I don't have to do anything today, other than to get with the representative in that area and say, "get ready." What do we need to do? You need to tell us, and if you know somebody who is in trouble, you need to help them get over the fear, the concern for embarrassment and all the other things that go along with it so that they can ask for help. If they don't ask for help, push them harder to ask for help. I can't not stress that enough. There is nobody in here who should be afraid of asking for help.

I have a meeting tomorrow for the BAP and Breed Rescue in the Abigail Adams Room. I'm not sure exactly where that is. It will be held from 10-10:30 to 12, while Jerry and the board are meeting with the breed council secretaries. So, this is the first year in the 5 years I've been part of this where we really have an absolute time period that's away from most of the other activities that are happening. If anybody has any questions, if anybody has any ideas, if anybody just wants to come and talk about what they can do to help, we need help. We have several regions that do not have regional coordinators. This is separate from regional directors under the board, completely separate. We need some help, and we need ideas and we need whatever you can give.

So, with that I will say thank you and have a good day. [applause]

Hamza: Just so you know, there are few programs that have my backing as much as Breeder Assistance does. What they do saves us a lot of problems down the road. A lot of times, we don't have an exit strategy. We look up and all of a sudden we're a bunch of years older and what was once an easy task isn't as easy. I've got to tell you that John and his crew are truly some of the unsung heroes of CFA. You need to find it in your heart and in your pocketbooks some way to help them along. We help as much as we can, but we do know – and I don't know why it happens, but sometimes these things run in streaks and they get put under great pressure. It would be helpful if we could help them stockpile not only money, but they'll take food and litter and whatever else. If your show has a club and they've got a bunch of litter left over or other things, they would appreciate it. What they do saves us a lot of issues when breeders get in trouble. Every time we get some media in a bad way, it makes our lives harder, whether it ignites a legislative issue, or just people going, "look at those cat people." We need positive reinforcement, and Breeder Assistance has cut off a lot of negative reinforcement, so you really need to help them when you can.

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

Hamza: Up next is Jill Archibald with Agility, which is a happier topic. You go ahead and liven it up.

Archibald: Hi. My name is Jill Archibald. You say, “Hi Jill”. <Hi Jill> I admit it. I am a Cat Agility-aholic and you can be one, too. It’s not too hard. It’s a lot of fun. It’s actually an addiction. I will drag anybody else into this addiction with me that I can, even if you’re kicking and screaming. It doesn’t take much. We have had people handle their cats, handle other people’s cats, compete at the highest level on crutches, with a cane, in a wheelchair, themselves handicapped or with handicapped cats; cats with only one eye, no tail – wait, those are Bobtails. We had a cat in second place that had only 3 paws. He went pretty fast and did pretty good, and he had a wonderful time. His owner was just thrilled. First-time kitten running, first-time handler handling. It’s a wonderful thing to do, It’s a lot of fun.

This year in competition, we had 65 different cats competing at the highest level – that’s titled cats – in one year. We had approximately 400 cats competing at the beginning level. Those are cats that may or may not have been able to complete the course, but they learned to relax, they learned to enjoy it, they had a wonderful time with their handler and their friends, and they decided they want to do it again. They really have that kind of potential. All those handlers and all those cats are busy at home jumping on pillow cushions, books, shelves, climbing the curtains – no, wait. [laughter] Well, you know. They are working hard at learning more agility skills.

I have to really, from the bottom of my heart, thank Dr. Elsey. They have given me enough of a budget this year to underwrite at least the cost of cage rental for almost any club that has the space to put on agility at their show. If the cage rental is covered, then you have that money to put toward advertising. Please do. I will send you pictures – some of the pictures that are here or more recent pictures. As we go through the year, whenever you have a good picture of a cat doing agility, send it to me. I’ll give it to other clubs and other people for publicity. Lots of fun, draws a lot of people. Just ask Garden State. Their poster this year was a fantastic poster with a cat doing agility. It was an eye catcher. People go, “wait a minute, is that a cat? No, cats don’t do that.”

I have to admit, my favorite title is “cat herder”. I herd cats all day, just ask Karen, one after the next after the next, with the toy in front – all chasing the toy, and when I turn around and go the other way, they come back in a different order. It’s great fun. Anyway, it’s easy to earn your first title for your cat. One complete, correct circuit around the ring doing all 10 obstacles correctly. The cat does it – you don’t have to do it. You can stand in the middle with a really long stick and hardly move at all. You apply for that title just like you apply for a championship and you’re going to have your first agility title called Agility Competitor. That’s relatively easy to get, but you have just proved to CFA that CFA needs to score your cat in agility for the rest of its natural-born life and they will do that. When your cat earns 500 points, they automatically get the next title, and that next title is Agility Winner. When they earn 2,000 points – and that happened already this year. Two cats have earned over 2,000 points and they are now automatically Agility Masters.

When you see the slide show I'm about to show you, the one who won this year has 3 titles. Those three titles, the last one closest to his name is his agility title. The other two are his championship titles. You don't have to be a Household Pet to do this. Everybody else can get down on the floor and get dirty and run. Wait, we clean it! It's not really dirty, but you know what I mean. The last title, nobody has achieved yet. It's Agility Grand Master. That's 4,000 points. I hope that we will get our first Agility Grand Master this show season. I really do. It's a lot of fun. We have had cats doing agility on 3 different national television shows. On *Animal Planet*, on *Must Love Cats* – a whole I think 10 or 15 minutes of that hourly series had shots of agility, cats doing agility, people talking about it, walking around, the host was there and he had a wonderful time. They also have a series called *Too Cute*. I don't know if you saw the Burmese cats doing a miniature agility course on that one segment. I think it's #102, but anyway, they're having a wonderful time. They had never seen agility before. I went up to the breeder's house and I spent about 5 hours there helping the TV crew do things, and then finally they let me set up my agility equipment, and I just let the kittens loose. They were like, "what's this?", and they knocked the whole thing down. And then we put the whole thing back up. And then they knocked it all down again. Eventually, they were able to follow the toy over the jump and we had a couple of them completing the course perfectly. It was their size, and they had a wonderful time. *Animal Planet* made a wonderful story out of it – not much of it true, but it was a lot of fun.

We also have a pet expo coming up in November in Philadelphia. We'll do at least two demonstrations. I'll be demonstrating with some of my cats. You can, too, show up. You can come and play in the agility cage and get your cat to run. It's not hard to do. It's a lot of fun. All morning tomorrow morning from 10 to 2:00, I'll be in there. We'll have several cats here that love doing agility, will do it with absolutely anybody for any reason. Drop of a hat they will run around and you can help them. I invite each and every one of you to come across the hall, have fun in the agility room and walk out with a cat toy in your hand and a smile on your face.

So, without any further ado, I would like you to see this video, and enjoy! [applause]

[A presentation was given showing Agility Cats, to the Black Eyed Peas' *I Gotta a Feeling*.]

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

(52) MENTOR PROGRAM REPORT.

<i>Committee Chair:</i>	<i>Carol Krzanowski</i>
<i>List of Committee Members:</i>	<i>Diane Castor, Region 1 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Diana Nelson, Region 2 Coordinator (Northern)</i>
	<i>Mary Sietsema, Region 2 Coordinator (Southern)</i>
	<i>Kathy Black, Region 3 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Mary Ann Toth, Region 4 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Sharon Rogers, Region 5 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Mark McKenzie, Region 6 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Vickie Bingman, Region 7 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Michie Shinmoto, Region 8 Coordinator</i>
	<i>Gabrielle Lueppens, Region 9 Coordinator (Western)</i>
	<i>Vasily Butorin, Region 9 Coordinator (Eastern)</i>
	<i>Russell Law, Asia Coordinator</i>

The CFA Mentor Program is alive and well. Since spring of 2011 we've been hard at work establishing a new committee and network for handling protégés. There was a backlog of requests that needed to be addressed, and adjustments had to be made so that we could again receive email and mentor applications through the CFA web site. We're happy to report that we are caught up on pending requests and are now handling new inquiries more efficiently.

One of the greatest challenges facing CFA today is attracting and retaining new breeders and exhibitors. In order to ensure the future of CFA, we need to recruit new people and encourage them to stay. Most of us in the fancy today can attribute our success to the support and encouragement of a mentor, someone who was there to answer our questions, provide us with tips on grooming, and generally guide us on our way to showing our cats and establishing our breeding programs. Now is the time to take our turn and mentor someone new. Many of us already do some informal mentoring, particularly at shows where we might offer some suggestions to a new exhibitor. A few kind words to a newcomer can make them feel welcome in CFA, but we need to do more to encourage them to stay, particularly when it comes to new breeders.

The Mentor Program is ready to step in, but we need your help to attract new protégés. We have information and applications available on the CFA web site, and there are links to the Mentor Program on the regional web sites, too. We are also working with the NewBee Program, where there are links to our mentor information. While the Mentor Program is growing, there are still many people out there who are unaware of us. You can help get the word out in the following ways:

- Breeders – if you place a kitten or cat with a new person, please refer them to the Mentor Program, particularly if you live at some distance from each other and won't be available to help them yourself.
- Exhibitors – if you encounter a new exhibitor at a show, please refer them to both the NewBee and Mentor Programs. Even if they currently plan to exhibit only, they may “catch the bug” and develop an interest in breeding at some point.
- Entry Clerks – if you receive an entry from someone who appears to be new, please refer that person to both the NewBee and Mentor Programs. A positive experience at their first show is key to making newcomers feel welcome.
- Clubs – please add a link to the Mentor Program on your club web site and on your show flyers and/or show confirmations.
- Ambassadors – if you meet someone at a show who expresses an interest in exhibiting and/or breeding pedigreed cats, please refer them to the NewBee and Mentor Programs.

Finally, if you enjoy helping newcomers, then consider making your mentor activities official by signing on as a CFA Mentor. The Mentor Program needs the support of experienced and knowledgeable breeders and exhibitors to help newcomers learn and succeed. If you are up to the challenge, then please send an email to mentoring@cfa.org and we will put you in touch with your Regional/Divisional Mentor Coordinator. Together, we can make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Krzanowski
 Chair, CFA Mentor Committee

(53) **WINN FOUNDATION.**



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WINN FELINE FOUNDATION REPORT TO CFA JUNE 2012

Winn Feline Foundation has been very busy since June of 2011. Here is an outline of major accomplishments and ongoing projects from the past 12 months:

Grant Program

- In October, 2011, Winn Feline Foundation announced the award of six feline medical research grants funded in partnership with the George Sydney and Phyllis Redman Miller Trust in 2011. Winn awarded \$102,887 in grants for studies on stem cell therapy for inflammatory bowel disease and asthma, cancer therapy, FIP, pain management, and a safe imaging and oxygen delivery chamber for cats.”
- In February 2012, Winn awarded ten feline medical research grants for a total of \$174,018. The Foundation looks forward to seeing the results of these projects and to sharing them with the veterinary community as well as with cat owners and pedigreed cat breeders.
- Details for all grant awards appear on our website and in the news releases included at the end of this report.
- Managed the grant process, including updates to database and dissemination of progress reports and summary articles.

Partnerships

- Renewed Pfizer partnership and financial support.
- Effective April 24, 2012, Winn Feline Foundation has become an associate member in the Partnership for Preventive Pet Healthcare. The Partnership is operated by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation and its mission is to ensure that pets receive the preventive healthcare they deserve through regular visits to a veterinarian.
- **Winn/AVMF Research Award:** maintained contact with AVMA on status for award nominations along with soliciting nominations for the award.
- **Cat Health Network:** maintained contact with other CHN partners and disseminated information to the board about the second round of SNP funding to grants.
- Participated in **Chase Community Giving** campaign on FaceBook

- Renewed **Federal Employee Combined Contribution Campaign**
- Participated in **Network for Good Program**

Infrastructure and Systems

- Job search for a contract CEO per Strategic Plan, interviews and contract development, and training. Hired Maureen Walsh as Winn's contract CEO.
- Transition to a new fundraising platform, **Donor Pro**, per Strategic Plan:
 - Database/Fundraising software search and due diligence.
 - RFP, bid assessment, vendor review and award, and contract negotiation.
 - Conversion to new software program including database review, financial reconciliation, and training for implementation. (6 month process)
 - Supervision of data transfer, testing and validation.
 - Ongoing training, implementation and troubleshooting.
 - Development and implementation of SOPs for new system.
 - Managed new donor communication process (thank you and acknowledgment programs.)

Promotion and Brand Building

- Developed new Winn marketing and communications program, including:
 - New Winn key messages
 - New media announcement/news release template
 - New Winn general information PowerPoint presentation
 - Revised newsletter design (launching in July 2012)
 - New direct marketing program (quarterly email and postal mail solicitation)
 - Developing new annual report for website and major donor solicitation
 - Developed a brand mascot and illustration for rollout later in 2012.
- Vicki Thayer, DVM presented the **Winn Media Appreciation Award** to Beth Adelman with Steve Dale on Steve Dale's Pet World radio show.
- Promoting Winn in the media:
 - Taped segments at NAVC with Steve in Jan.
 - Hank for Senate Campaign, reciprocal web links
- Promoting Winn at conferences/seminars:
 - Tufts Canine/Feline Breeding & Genetics Conference
 - Boston, MA; Sept. 17, 2011
 - SVERAK cat club seminar

- Gothenburg, Sweden; Sept. 24-25, 2011
- **Ongoing Winn social media presence and web presence:**
 - Daily updates to facebook® page
 - Daily updates to twitter® feed
 - Winn blog
 - Winn newsroom on VIN
 - Winn monthly newsletter
 - New weekly newspaper with health information
 - Google Analytics and advertising program managed each month

Events

- November, 2011: Attended and exhibited at the **CFA National Cat Show** in Indianapolis, IN
- February 2012: Attended Western States Veterinary Conference for partnership development
- April 2012: Costa Mesa Pet Expo
- June 2012: Dallas Pet Expo
- Planned 2012 Winn Symposium including RACE approval.

(54) CFA YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Committee Co-Chairs: Jo Ann Cummings, Karen Lane
Liaison to Board: Loretta Baugh
List of Committee Members: See Below



Regional Representatives

Region One – Currently Vacant

Region Two – Maureen Clark, Aubrey Anderson, Jeanie Miller*, Linda Osburn*.

Region Three - Kathy Black, Sunny Lodge , Susan McNeice.

Region Four – Lorna Friemoth, Donna Runzel, Ruth Snow*, Dee White*.

Region Five - Sharon Rogers, Dee Dee Cantley*.

Region Six - Cathy Dunham (YFEP Secretary), Maureen Kramanak.

Region Seven - Marguerite Epstein, Susan Melia, Sheri Hillis*, Donna Trusler*.

Region Eight - Edward Maeda

Region Nine - Maria Kaldeweida

Regional Representatives were appointed by the Regional Directors. Names with (*) are volunteers.

The following YFEP sub-committee chairs have been appointed:

Website – Aubrey Anderson

Graphic Design - Aubrey Anderson

Reading Requirements – Sharon Rogers

National Scorer - Marguerite Epstein

Facebook Administration – Cathy Dunham and Aubrey Anderson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- Website published at www.yfep.org new material added as needed.
- Registered participants in the program.
- Article written for the CFA Newsletter
- Merit and Participation ribbons ordered and distributed to regional representatives for short talks and breed presentations by the youth.
- Regional and National Awards tabulated, rosettes and certificates ordered and distributed for presentation at the regional and national awards banquet.
- Program report submitted for distribution at the Annual Meeting.
- Launched a new Yahoo Group for the youths the discuss topics of interest.

- Printed new panels for our display.
- 2011-2012 participants total of 10, Region 2 with 3, Region 4 with 2, Region 6 with 2, and Region 7 with 3.
- 2012-2013 participants total of 14 to date, 2 of new participants are in Region 7 and 2 are in Region 2.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- The Participant Handbook is in final stages of review before going to print.
- Continuing efforts to promote the program.

Future Projections for Committee:

- Present the YFEP to other youth organizations (Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.) to encourage a working relationship.
- Establish Scholarship Awards
- Establish an Educational Foundation

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updated list by region of the number of youths participating in the program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, YFEP Secretary

(55) **2012 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 391

Number of votes for a simple majority: 196

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 261

2012 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Hamza: Let's get seated, so we can get started with the business. We start first with our constitutional amendments. Constitutional amendments must be passed by at least 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting. An abstention counts as a no vote. Constitutional amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the amendment. They must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended or brought to the floor, and cannot be changed by the board.

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– 1 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 3 – Eligibility as follows:

At each Annual or Special Meeting of this Association, each member club that has been in good standing for not less than fifty (50) days immediately prior to such meeting is entitled to cast one vote. For the purpose of determining whether a member is in good standing as required herein, the date of receipt of each member's dues and list of members and officers by the Central Office of the Association shall govern. Further, to be in good standing, the member must not be under disciplinary suspension. The secretary of each member shall communicate the names of the officers and delegate of such member to the Central Office of this Association no later than May first of each year. This communication shall be by mail or by an electronic method that includes a date mark determinative of receipt. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first Paragraph of this Section, members, the delegates from which are not so notified to the Central Office of this Association, are disqualified from voting at the meeting for which no timely notification was made. For the purpose of determining compliance with this provision, the date on the postmark of the letter of notification or the date marking Central Office's receipt of the electronic notification, if any such ~~letter notification~~ exists, shall govern. The Central Office shall preserve the container of such notification until after the date of the next Annual Meeting. The Central Office shall maintain a list of delegates as they are received and shall make this list available in electronic form to the member clubs.

RATIONALE: At last year's annual, we passed a resolution from the floor that the board and the IT committee institute online registration for delegates to the annual. The resolution was never discussed at any subsequent board meeting and nothing was done. This amendment makes

minor changes to the constitution to allow online registration so that it cannot be overlooked again.

Instead of a simple registration process, we have a strict and time-consuming requirement to have three people sign a form and mail it in, just to register a delegate. These three people could be living in different parts of the country or world requiring each to mail the form to the other for signature before finally mailing it to CO. There is no reason for the registration of a delegate to our annual to require the form to be put through the mail FOUR times when an online form could eliminate all four mailings. The only thing stopping us from having online registration of delegates is that as long as it is not a requirement, there is no incentive to get it done.

There are several possible ways to implement online registration. Both fax and email contain time stamps and would work; an online form similar to an online entry form would ensure the appropriate information is included in the communication (making Central Office's job easier in verifying forms). Registration by phone would not suffice since that does not include a date mark to indicate receipt. Currently, Central Office adds registered delegates to a list on the CFA website as those registrations come in and are verified, so CO already meets the clause to make the list available to member clubs. This list will allow club officers and members to verify that the correct delegate is registered.

Some may object to the lack of signatures on an online form fearing the ability of a rogue club secretary to register a delegate without other club members' approval, or to register a delegate without the delegate's knowledge. The constitution does not now require signatures! The online list of delegates makes the need for signatures obsolete. Further, an online form could be configured to automatically send notices to multiple people when a delegate is registered. If a club is concerned about a rogue secretary, the club can still use a mailed paper form with signatures, or elect a trustworthy secretary. Registering the wrong delegate is really the least of the problems with a rogue club secretary.

Multiple technical solutions are possible, the easiest being something similar to an online entry form, and CFA has many months to implement a reasonable and inexpensive solution before the next annual.

Hamza: The first amendment has been presented by the Lilac Point Fanciers. Go ahead, Mary. **Mary Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers]: Please, everybody be quiet. It's really hard to get up here and talk. Amendment #1. I'm not going to read the justification that's here, I just want to say a few things. If this amendment sounds familiar to you, it should. I presented this from the floor last year, we passed it overwhelmingly; yet, for whatever reason, the board never discussed it and Central Office never implemented it. So, this year, let's put it where it can't be ignored. This amendment modifies the constitution to allow delegate registration by an electronic method, such as fax or email. Our current method of delegate registration is overly complicated. While it may seem simple, even the best of us mess it up occasionally, or we wouldn't have Eve Russell reading a list of clubs that mess it up every year. We're not talking about nuclear warheads or state secrets in this room. Why should it take 3 original signatures to get in here? The constitution itself does not require 3 original signatures. It says, the secretary will submit the name of the delegate and the officers to Central Office. It doesn't say we have to sign a form, but

because it says that on the form, every year we screw it up. So, let's fix this. There are numerous ways to have electronic delegate registration. It can be as simple as it is for us to enter our cats through an online form. Central Office has many months to implement a solution before this has to go into effect next March. They don't need to wait for a new computer or anything like that. This can be a web-based solution, so this can be done now. Please, let's simplify our lives.

Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Cats]: Also, my comments have some relevance for the Credentials Committee. As written, this says, *This communication shall be by mail or by an electronic method ...* Currently, the CFA accepts hand delivered delegate forms. This wording would preclude that. Likewise, there is really no procedure set here as to exactly how the electronic – it could be signature, original, scan. Although we don't have a problem as a committee with this, we would like to see procedures set forth that would be acceptable and reviewable so that we know these delegate forms are what each of the clubs intended, rather than unintended results. **Hamza**: Would the Credentials Committee be willing to work on this proposal? Eve? **Russell**: Of course. **Hamza**: Well then, that would make a sensible solution to this. Go ahead. **Schreck**: I would just like to add that this cannot be amended as it currently stands. We either pass it as it is, or not. **Hamza**: I understand that. I just was wanting information that if it does fail, we can turn it over to the Credentials Committee to get it the way you would like it. **Pat Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: I think that the amendment is one thing; how it's implemented, the procedures that are used to implement it, is entirely different. It doesn't need to be or shouldn't be actually articulated in the constitution of the Association. Did I understand, Barbara, that you thought that should be delineated and placed in the constitution? **Schreck**: I don't think we intended that it would be in the constitution, but the particular wording of it, that it can only be by mail or electronic transmission, that would preclude any hand delivered delegate forms which are now accepted. So, that is the wording here that we take issue with. This cannot be changed. It has to be accepted as it is. The procedure that the committee would be happy to help implement would be aside from the constitution, as it is now. **Jacobberger**: Thanks for the clarification.

Hamza: Mary, did you want to say something? **Kolencik**: Is that it? I want to rebut. **Hamza**: Go ahead. **Kolencik**: OK. So, as a rebuttal, I think that's an over-technical interpretation of the rule, that it precludes somebody from hand delivering it. If somebody is afraid that that precludes them from walking into Central Office with a delegate form because it's not electronic or in an email, you walk into Central Office with a delegate form, you sit down with a secretary, the secretary enters it into an electronic form for you. I don't really believe it's that complicated. Procedures do not belong in the constitution. I purposely left that stuff out, because that should be defined by Central Office and the Credentials Committee on procedurally how they are going to do this.

Hamza: I don't see anybody else, so I'm going to call the question. Great. [laughter] **Kolencik**: I'm waiting for you to call it. **Hamza**: I don't think I can. This is very close. **Eigenhauser**: Call on the counters. **Hamza**: Yeah, that's what I'm going to have to do. We're going to have to call the counters on this. Everybody has to stay in the room. OK, the way we're going to do this is, when the counters get to the back row, the back row stands up. When the counters move to the next row, then the next row stands up. And then sit down. They have to be able to see your badge numbers. [discussion with Credentials Committee ensues] As soon as we

get ready, we're going to start with the back row and I'm going to call for the yes votes to stand up, then I'm going to call for the no votes to stand up. Further complicating the issue, if you have two votes – you're carrying two votes – and you want to vote yes with one and no with the other, you get to stand up twice. Anyway, are the counters ready? **Kolencik:** Can I have a point of order here? Aren't people supposed to stop leaving and coming in? **Hamza:** Yes, I have already mentioned that. Who is in the room is in the room. You can't go out, and the people out can't come in. Alright, so let's just watch the doors. The back row, all the yes votes, please stand. Counters, make sure that – if you have two votes, make sure that you can be seen. The front row can stand if you have a yes vote. Not the second row, just the first row. Are you done with the first row, counters? OK, no votes in the first row, please stand up. Second row, yes votes stand up. Are the counters good in the back row? OK, can we get the no votes to stand up in the back row. You have to hold your badges out so they can be seen and counted. Are we ready for no votes in the second row? Will the yes votes sit down in the second row and the no votes please stand? Alright, third row, yes votes stand. This is not a good way. What needs to happen is, sheets of paper need to be handed out in each row and handed in, with the club name at the top.

Hamza: Ain't democracy great? Yes votes, 227. No votes, 123. Squeaker, but it fails. Yes votes are 227, no votes are 123. **Eigenhauser:** Mr. President. **Hamza:** Please step to the microphone, George. You're as close to an expert on – **Eigenhauser** [Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers; Bonita Cat Fanciers]: Mr. President, since the current constitution says "communicate" and does not preclude electronic form, can we send this to the Credentials Committee to come up with a proposal to implement it. **Hamza:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** Thank you. [applause]

After a re-vote and a hand count by the Credentials Committee, **Motion Fails.**

– 2 – *Cat Fanciers of Denmark*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 4 – Delegates, second paragraph, as follows:

No person shall cast as a delegate and/or proxy more than two (2) votes. ~~Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each vote carried to help member clubs defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.~~ Each attendee, whether acting as delegate or proxy, to the Annual meeting shall pay a registration fee to help the organising Region defray the costs of the Annual Meeting. The fee to be decided by the Board for each Annual Meeting. A proxy vote can be given to a delegate in paper or electronic form.

RATIONALE: The current wording in effect imposes a form of voting tax. A democratic organisation does not charge its members to be allowed to vote.

Hamza: Cat Fanciers of Denmark, #2. Do you – ? **Lori McClain** [Cat Fanciers of Denmark]: I'm afraid you're going to have to explain procedure. Did passing of 3 make 2 irrelevant, or is there – because if this one passed, would it not – what would it do to 3 that just passed? **Hamza:** It would override it. We went to 3 first because it had – we couldn't go 2 to 3 because if 2 passed, then we couldn't vote on 3. But, we went to 3 because if 3 passed, it had less and then 2 would override it. It would say that you wanted more than what 3 just provided. Does that make sense? So, the question is, do you still wish to put – **McClain:** I would like to honor Cat Fanciers of Denmark by reading it and putting their proposal down, and then let it go from there. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Lori. **McClain:** Resolved, <reads>. The rationale was, <reads>.

Hamza: OK. **Dennis Ganoe** [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: A question on the framers of this proposal. The new part here is the, adding the proxy in electronic form. I'm wondering if there are any more clarifications from the framers of this that could answer, what do they mean by giving the proxy? Is that an email to someone that says, "I'm the registered delegate, but I'm handing the proxy over at the last minute to somebody else"? I'm not clear on what this means. **Hamza:** Lori, do you know what the framers meant? **McClain:** Under the clarifications for beyond the rationale addressing this particular issue, the last sentence in our resolution is to bring voting methods in line with modern methods. It also utilizes both meanings of the word "proxy" to allow either a person or an instrument to be valid. By "instrument", he is referring to the proxy form. **Norm Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; ~~Japanese~~ Kyoto Skylark Cat Club]: I have a couple problems. One is that they use the term "attendee". Do we record attendees if they're not delegates, and do we have to start doing that? Have we defined what we mean by an attendee who is not a delegate? So, there is an issue there. Secondly, I thought this is what the results of what we're going to do with the first amendment, even though it failed, is let the Credentials Committee work this out anyway. **Hamza:** Lori, do you want to say something? **McClain:** Well, as "attendee" he is referring to a delegate or a proxy, not just a CFA exhibitor showing up at the annual. How the proxy vote – he doesn't address regular delegate votes. He's only addressing the proxy in electronic form, not all. That's the only thing he's addressing. **Doug Von Aswege** [Siouxland Cat Fanciers]: This is trying to do – we're trying to do two things in one amendment now, here. I think we shouldn't vote for this the way it's wrote. We already – written, I'm sorry. You get me nervous. **Hamza:** That's OK. **Von Aswege:** Anyway, I feel we shouldn't vote on this

the way it is and pass this, because it's going to cause problems in the future if this is passed the way it is. That's all I have to say. **Hamza:** Justin, turn the mike on and pick it up, please. **Justin Pelletier** [Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: Hello? Hey! I just want to point out also how Resolution 2 is different from 3 in that it does not state a set registration fee for our delegates, but states that the fee is to be decided by the board at each annual meeting. So, I also find that there's a big problem with that in how that procedure would carry out on a yearly basis. There could be a determination of extremely high delegate fees that would force some clubs to rethink sending their delegates to the Annual meeting, and I find that that would be a bit of a problem. **Barb Gradowski** [Packerland Cat Fanciers]: To address Norman's question, it says, *Each attendee, whether acting as delegate or proxy*, so that's defined within the amendment.

Hamza: OK. Lori, I'm going to give you if you want your closing statement and then we're going to vote. **McClain:** In his explanations to me, I think it is interesting, and I think it would be interesting for the delegates to hear how CFA member clubs in other countries are interpreting what we do. The need for a realistic fee to be charged that is sufficient to take into account the differing needs of annual meeting organizers cannot be disputed. It will, of course, vary from venue to venue and year to year, but the fee should not be a blanket sum in the constitution, but set in consultation with the Central Office and the region involved as late as possible; say, a month before the event, information is ready for distribution. So, we would remove completely any mention of amount and replace it by the last but-one sentence. The fee needed to cover the costs involved in staging the meeting; that cost largely depends upon the number of attendees, and not on the number of clubs eligible to vote. Therefore, it is only the attendees who should defray the costs.

Hamza: OK, I'm going to call the question.

Motion Fails.

– 3 – CFA Executive Board, Arklahoma Feline Fanciers; Colorado Cat Fanciers; Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers; Foot of the Rockies Cat Club; Front Range Cat Fanciers; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; High Plains Cat Club; Houston Cat Club; International Havana Brown Society; North Texas Cat Club; Nova Scotia Cat Fanciers Club; Paper Tigers; Sophisto Cat Club; Stars and Stripes Tabby and Tortie; Sunkat Feline Fanciers; Tejas Siamese Cat Fanciers; Utah Cat Fanciers; Valley of the Moon Cat Fanciers; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 4 – Delegates, second paragraph as follows:

No person ~~shall cast~~ acting as a delegate and/or proxy shall cast more than two (2) votes. Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each vote carried to help member clubs defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.

RATIONALE: Since this section of the CFA Constitution was amended in 2004, the delegate fee has been \$20.00 per club. The original fee (year unknown) was \$6.00 per delegate. This fee was increased to \$10.00 per delegate in 1986 and to \$20.00 per club delegate in 2004. The costs of producing the annual meetings have risen dramatically since 1986. The delegate fee paid by each club enables the host region to defray some of the ever-increasing costs incurred by the production of the annual meeting. While this is a nominal increase per club, the fees will go a long way to cover those costs.

Hamza: Up next, we're going to go out of order. We're going to go 3, to Resolution 3, just for procedural purposes. Because 3 is less inclusive, it should be considered prior to 2. So, can I get whoever proposed – go ahead, Ann. **Ann Caell** [North Texas Cat Club]: Resolved, <reads>. And the rationale behind it, <reads>.

Hamza: Any rebuttal? I'm ready to call the vote on proposed Amendment #3.

Motion Carried.

– 4 – *Turkish Angora Fanciers, International*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP as follows:

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name for a period of at least three (3) years.
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 over a period of at least three (3) years.
4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

RATIONALE: The Breed Council exists as a serious group of dedicated and successful breeders who advise the Board as to periodic changes to their breed standard. The actual practice has become suspect due to the ability of certain individuals to abuse the laxity in membership standards to “pack” or “stuff” Breed Councils with family members and other individuals in order to control the voting ability of the Breed Council for both standard changes and election of Breed Council Secretaries.

The modification of a breed standard is not a trivial undertaking. It is one which should be considered carefully with regard to the immediate and the long-term effect the change will produce. The people voting on these changes should be particularly qualified breeders of long tenure who have consistently produced excellent show quality examples of their breed. They should be nearly unanimous in agreement before presenting their recommendations to the Board for consideration. Unfortunately, this is not the current situation. If more stringent requirements for membership were instituted, the Board could turn to the Breed Council with far more confidence in their recommendations.

Under the current system, anyone who has been listed as a breeder on three litters, after either addition to an existing cattery or the simple process of registering a new cattery, will qualify for this honor so long as an entry is made into any show of any of their cats/kittens (irrespective if the cat is ever exhibited, if the “breeder” had anything to do with the breeding of the cats, or if the “breeder” actually exists). This allows for the addition of any number of individuals as Breed Council members in a matter of months, as long as anyone is willing to pay the fees. Adding a three-year waiting period would demonstrate the seriousness of a new breeder, an opportunity for them to obtain breeding stock and register their own litters, and would prevent the immediate addition of members for the sole purpose of influencing voting in a particular year.

Hamza: #4, Turkish Angora Fanciers International. Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers International]: This is one in a long series that I’m sure you have read the rationale on, so I’m not going to read it back to you. A lot of people who are members of breed councils right now think that there has to be some modification to the manner in which we allow people to qualify and remain on breed councils. For this particular one, right now a new person who is a new breeder and new to cats could become a member of a breed council probably in less than 3

months. All they need is for someone to put their name on 3 litters, to be 18 years old and to have a cattery name. That would be it. They would qualify for membership. The breed councils are designed to be expert liaisons to the board. We have very high standards and we rely on those breed councils before we change any breed standards. Just as we often say we encourage people to show in Premiership first to get experience before they jump into breeding, a 3-year limitation really isn't an unreasonable period to wait. A lot of people may show cats in Premiership until they begin their breeding program. So, we don't think that this is too much of a hardship. And also, we need to make sure that the people voting on the breed councils are familiar with the unique health problems, type and various things that go into preserving our breeds. **Mary Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers]: What club did – what club was that just presented by? **Hamza**: Turkish Angora Fanciers International. **Kolencik**: Was – there is no delegate here for that club that got seated. **Shafnisky**: Mary, it's been clarified by the Parliamentarian that there is not a restriction of – **Kolencik**: Point of order then. Aren't we making a motion? When we present an item, we're making a motion. How can someone that is not seated as a delegate make a motion at this meeting? **Shafnisky**: Again, this is addressed in our constitution. It is not restricted and I would refer to our Parliamentarian. **Kolencik**: I'm asking. Ed? **Hamza**: Ed, would you clarify?

Raymond: The motions were made when these were submitted in time for the deadline by the club, so there is no requirement in the constitution that they have a delegate present and seated at the time of the Annual meeting. The club can bring it up. They can't vote on it.

Kolencik: It has been – the way that we have always worked in the past is that you had to be a delegate to step to this microphone to address this delegation, and she's not a delegate. So, how can she present this amendment? Why doesn't she find somebody else to present it for her?

Dennis Gano [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: Mr. President, I just reiterate everything Alene said on behalf of Turkish Angora Fanciers International. Thank you very much, Mary. **Kolencik**: And that's fine, and for the rest of them I hope that that's what you do. **Hamza**: OK, let's keep it civil, folks. I want to get through this and I want to keep it civil. Does anybody have anything that addresses this amendment?

Iris Zinck [Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Superstition Cat Club]: What I have to say applies equally to proposals 4, 5, 8 and 25, although I will address specific issues of each, if necessary. I am here representing primarily Superstition Cat Fanciers, which is a show-producing club based in Phoenix, Arizona, and I am a full, voting member of the club. I'm not just carrying their vote. I say this because I am not here as a member of another Turkish Angora breed club or as a member of the Turkish Angora breed council. However, I happen to be both of these things, so I have a lot of concerns about the potential impact of these proposals on my breed, if they pass. I've talked to a lot of people to get some sense of how they and their clubs feel about them. I've found that all of the clubs that considered these proposals seem to have started out with the observation that, hmm, looks like there's a problem in the Turkish Angora breed council, and then they split. Some clubs said, "this looks like a private breed-specific issue, it's not our concern, it doesn't need to be addressed." Others said, "even if there is a problem in this particular breed council that prompted these proposals, we should consider them at face value and vote on them as such." Now, have you noticed that in either case clubs simply accepted the notion that there is some sort of problem in the Turkish Angora breed council without consciously considering if this was actually the case? No evidence has been brought forth to demonstrate that there are people on the

B.C. that don't belong there, but these proposals have created a widespread impression that it is so, without explicitly saying so or providing any evidence to back it up. So, I think it's very important to remind the delegation that all we know for sure here is that one club has a problem with the current composition of the Turkish Angora breed council. Could this be because that club has an agenda that is opposed by a majority of the B.C. members and is seeking to invalidate the credentials of enough members to negate that majority? I don't know. I'm only asking the question, but if that's true, is there a need for the entire delegation to consider these proposals at all? What's probably more relevant to everybody here is that Proposal #4 represents a huge slap in the face to the dedicated breeders and exhibitors of Region 9, whose initial experience may have been with European associations. How can we welcome them into CFA, while simultaneously implying that all of their knowledge and expertise lack value and that they are not entitled to have a voice in the future of their breeds until they have spent 3 full years as apprentice breeders in CFA? The only explanation that I can see for this is a personal agenda that seeks to keep CFA as exclusive as possible, instead of making it a more inclusive organization. My club believes that personal agendas should not be dressed up as constitutional changes. Many of you have traveled far and spent a lot of money to be here, and you did it to focus on legitimate CFA issues. You did not come here to waste valuable time trying to fix problems whose existence has never been established, and you certainly didn't come here to dwell on one breed council's dirty laundry. I regret that you have had to be bothered with it to this extent.

Hamza: Alright. This is really not going down a path we should be going down. This affects every breed council, and what needs to be decided is whether this is beneficial in your thinking or not. Dennis, I assume you're speaking for Alene? **Ganoe:** No, I'm on my own. My major breed is the Korat. We have 3 active breeders in CFA at the moment – 4 if you count someone who just started about a few months ago. This proposal would preclude anybody new getting involved in our breed and being able to have a voice. I'm fully against that, on that proposal alone. **Hamza:** I'm going to call the vote after you're finished with your rebuttal.

Shafnisky: I just wanted to reiterate also that this was done in conjunction with people who worked across several breeds. This in no way is a single breed issue. Just because it happened to be brought up by one particular breed club really should not be used as a grounds to turn it down. **Unidentified Speakers:** Point of order. **Hamza:** Point of order. **Newkirk:** I agree with Mary 100% that if you're not a registered delegate, you cannot speak at this meeting. We have never, ever allowed anyone. We have had tons of people from the International Division come to this meeting and they could not speak because they were not a registered delegate. I'm sorry that they didn't get in, and it's OK that we consider the proposal. However, if you're not a registered delegate and you can't speak. My name is Darrell Newkirk if you don't know me.

Hamza: When this question came up, I turned this over to our Parliamentarian and I trust his legal advice. I have to. I've known and respected Ed for many years. If it makes people feel better, I am sure that we can have maybe Dennis if you would like, just to reiterate. It doesn't do us any good to ignore – **Kolencik:** Point of order. **Hamza:** – what the rationale is that brings this to the floor. What we need to do is just deal with them and get on with business. **Kolencik:** Can I raise a point of order over here? I have some questions for Ed. **Hamza:** Let me call the vote first. **Kolencik:** No. **Hamza:** You know what? Actually – **Kolencik:** OK, call the vote and I'll raise it after you call the vote.

Motion Fails.

Kolencik: OK. I have a point of information first. Are we not governed by parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules? **Hamza:** Yes. **Kolencik:** OK. Ed, in Robert's Rules, is there anything in there – I'm sorry, I don't have a copy so I have to ask. Is there anything in there that says that you have to be part of the meeting to talk at the meeting? I'm – you know, somebody can stand up and read the amendment for Alene, but her addressing us afterwards I find highly objectionable, exactly because of what Darrell said. So many people did everything right to get our delegate forms in so we could be here, and hers didn't – so that we could be here and speak. I want to understand why this is allowed, so I would like some information from Robert's Rules about it. **Raymond:** I have not seen anything in Robert's Rules that would not allow it. I don't claim to have memorized this entire book. **Kolencik:** OK, then I have a further question. Can we hear a vote to overrule your ruling? **Hamza:** No. You know what? First of all, we've got ice cream waiting outside for us. Second of all, I don't want to spend a lot of time arguing about arguing, so let's just get on with this. I would like to – here's the deal, folks. Let's get 5 out of the way and then we'll break for 5 minutes for ice cream and come back and finish up. **Gail Frew:** Mr. President? **Hamza:** Yes. **Frew** [Pioneer Valley Cat Fanciers]: With all due respect. My name is Gail Frew. In the 20-some plus years that I have attended a CFA meeting, we have never had anyone address the assembly who was not here as a delegate. I have no ax to grind. It is simply a point of order, and you are ramrodding something that needs to be considered carefully. **Hamza:** I'm not ramrodding anything. I've consulted with our Parliamentarian. **Frew:** With all due respect, sir, I disagree. **Hamza:** Well then, come up here and grab Robert's Rules and show me. **Frew:** Robert's Rules covers things that are not necessarily covered by the Constitution. **Hamza:** It's right here. **Frew:** We have never – at this point in this delegation, we are deviating from the norm, and I think there are enough people in this room that would agree with me. **Hamza:** We asked the question, we knew it was irregular – **Frew:** Then it should not have been accepted if it was known to be irregular, sir. **Hamza:** We are trying to follow Robert's Rules. **Kolencik:** Point of order. I never got an answer to my question about whether we can vote to overrule the Parliamentarian. **Frew:** I have no vested interest in this one way or the other. **Hamza:** If you want to vote to overrule our Parliamentarian, you can.

Kolencik: I make a motion that no one is allowed to speak at this microphone but a registered delegate to this meeting. **Frew:** Second. **Hamza:** I'll call the motion.

Motion Carried.

– 5 – *Turkish Angora Fanciers, International*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP as follows:

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 personally 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.

RATIONALE: Current rules allow little or no recourse to challenge the validity of Breed Council members. The addition of a personal exhibition requirement will at the least allow one avenue of the challenge of newly added BC members who are unknown to anyone in the breed other than those whose cattery they have joined. Certainly most, if not all, Breed Councils contain immediate and extended family members of breeders, some of whom have no interest at all in the breed and may not even know they are Breed Council members. These individuals have no place on our Breed Councils and we should begin to alter our membership rules so that honest and serious breeders do not face too large of a hurdle, but we keep out non-existent votes.

Hamza: I guess the question now is, is anybody here willing to carry – **Baugh:** I’m a delegate. I’ll carry. **Ganoe:** Mr. President? **Hamza:** Yes, Dennis. **Ganoe:** I am willing to present, with the option of voting no. **Hamza:** OK, and Loretta has also stepped forward. **Baugh:** I’m just simply saying that in the interest of getting out of here before midnight tonight, somebody needs to present this. Dennis, if you’re willing, that’s fine. **Ganoe:** I’ll do it. **Baugh:** Thank you. [Eigenhauser returns with ice cream] **Hamza:** Alright, George. Now, there’s a smart guy.

Dennis Ganoe [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: #5 is presented by Turkish Angora Fanciers International. Resolved, <reads>. They are adding the words personally exhibited to the qualifications for becoming a member of the breed council. The rationale is there for you to read. I did ask for some clarification of what they meant by personally and the real gist of this is to try and develop some method of challenging whether or not someone has actually qualified by showing a cat of the breed or division to become a member of the breed council. **Hamza:** Happy birthday. **Pam DelaBar** [Sophisto Cat Club]: Thank you. **Hamza:** How old? **DelaBar:** I’m 64. [applause] **Hamza:** “Will you still love me, when I’m 64?” Go ahead. **DelaBar:** More importantly, this is my 14th anniversary of not smoking. [applause] I believe this is out of order, because it is stated as written. *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP as follows: In addition to the above requirements, we just voted*

down those above requirements. <we voted down to change it> Oh, thank you for the clarification. **Hamza:** Can we vote on this? <yes> OK, I'm calling the question.

Motion Failed.

Hamza: I'm going to give you folks 5 minutes to go get some ice cream.

[BREAK]

– 6 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES, MEMBERSHIP as follows:

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~~ 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.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change to remove the requirement to provide to all Breed Council members a copy of the member editions of the CFA *Almanac*. The logic for that requirement was that the minutes were printed in the *Almanac* three times a year. The magazine is no longer in existence and even before it ceased publication, the minutes had been removed from that magazine.

Hamza: OK, we're moving on to #6, which was brought forward by the CFA Executive Board. Loretta Baugh is going to present the amendment. **Baugh** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Siberian Cat Club]: Resolved, <reads>. Rationale, <reads>. The logic for that requirement was that the minutes were printed in the *Almanac* 3 times a year. The magazine is no longer in existence, and even before it ceased publication, the minutes had been removed from that magazine.

Hamza: Is there any rebuttal? This is pretty straightforward. I'm going to call the vote.

Motion Carried.

– 7 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES, MEMBERSHIP as follows:

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, send 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.

RATIONALE: As CFA no longer produces an Almanac, and “member editions” have not been mailed for several years, removal and editing of this sentence is a housekeeping measure.

Hamza: The passing of amendment 6 would make amendment 7 out of order, so on behalf of the board, I am going to withdraw amendment #7.

Hamza: Amendment 8. Dennis would you like to do us all a favor and present this please? **Dennis Ganoe** [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: Since there's been rumblings, on behalf of Turkish Angora Fanciers, International, I'll withdraw #7. **Hamza:** Thank you.

Hamza: 8 has been withdrawn. <7> Oh, 7? I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Well, I already – OK, go ahead. #8. 7 had to be withdrawn because it was out of order anyway, but #8.

Withdrawn.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES (to be inserted as a paragraph under Membership, before Fees) as follows:

RELINQUISHMENT/TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A Breed Council member may at any time terminate membership in writing addressed to Central Office with an original signature. If a Breed Council member fails to register or exhibit a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division for a period of ten (10) years, membership will automatically lapse. If a Breed Council member fails to return ballots for standard proposals or Breed Council Secretary elections for a period of five (5) consecutive years of voting opportunities, their membership will automatically lapse. Such member whose membership is terminated under these provisions will be re-eligible for membership via rapid renewal immediately following their registration or exhibition of a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed/division. Members of the CFA Judging Panel are exempted from the automatic lapse in membership.

RATIONALE: The Breed Council exists as a serious group of dedicated and successful breeders who advise the Board as to periodic changes to their breed standard. The actual practice has become suspect due to the ability of certain individuals to abuse the laxity in membership standards to “pack” or “stuff” Breed Councils with family members and other individuals in order to control the voting ability of the Breed Council for both standard changes and election of Breed Council Secretaries. Further, there is no mention of the method of voluntarily resigning one’s status on a Breed Council. CFA Judging Panel members are aware of the current challenges in type and breeding to remain on Breed Councils and offer valuable input.

The modification of a breed standard is not a trivial undertaking. It is one which should be considered carefully with regard to the immediate and the long-term effect the change will produce. The people voting on these changes should be particularly qualified breeders of long tenure who have consistently produced excellent show quality examples of their breed. They should be nearly unanimous in agreement before presenting their recommendations to the Board for consideration. Unfortunately, this is not the current situation. If more stringent requirements for membership were instituted, the Board could turn to the Breed Council with far more confidence in their recommendations.

Anyone who has been listed as a breeder on three litters, after either addition to an existing cattery or the simple process of registering a new cattery, will qualify to vote so long as an entry is made into any show of any of their cats/kittens (irrespective if the cat is ever exhibited, if the “breeder” had anything to do with the breeding of the cats, or if the “breeder” actually exists). The current state of affairs shows many Breed Councils, including minority breeds, having three or more times the number of actual breeders on their Breed Council, usually only in voting years. Any number of individuals can be added as Breed Council members in a matter of months, as long as anyone is willing to pay the fees.

Those who have demonstrated their expertise in a particular breed and who serve to advise the Board should be required to actively demonstrate their interest in their particular breed by registering, showing and breeding their cats. Although much respect has been earned by many long-time breeders, those who retire from breeding or the fancy are not kept as up to date on current standard, temperament and health issues as those who are demonstrating a current interest in the future of the breed. At the present time, once a member is qualified, they are eligible in perpetuity for membership on that Breed Council no matter how removed from the breed they are.

Breed Council members should not be given in essence a lifetime pass, and CFA should require them to continue to participate in Breed Council issues and/or register and breed cats/kittens in the appropriate breed or division. They would have to, at the least, exhibit a cat/kitten in the appropriate breed or division within a ten year period. They would also be required to respond to Breed Council ballots, and if five consecutive ballots are not returned, would also be removed from membership. (This would potentially allow for a ten year period if there are no ballot issues on non-BCS election years.)

The Breed Council should be viewed as a group of experts with “on the ground” experience who are working toward preserving their breed and meeting their breed standard. It has become co-opted into voting blocs which can very quickly turn a breed in a direction the majority of true breeders do not wish to see, but which they cannot afford to enroll enough names to stop. The integrity of the Breed Council should allow for the challenges of those members who are not regular breeders, who do not exhibit, and who are added sometimes decades after the initial registration of a cattery for the sole purpose of controlling Breed Council votes.

Judy Ganoe [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers]: It is resolved, <reads>. One of the rationales for this is, a lot of our breed councils have people on it that have been on it for like forever. They haven't owned the breed forever, and they're still there. There is no way for the breed council to remove these people. If they don't pay, all they have to do is pay and they're back on to the council, so this would be a way of getting the people who are truly not interested in the breed away from making decisions for that breed. **Norm Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Japanese Kyoto Skylark Cat Club]: This comes up almost every year, and every year I get up and say almost the same thing, so I'm going to say the same thing again. Just because somebody has been in a long time and they no longer breed, whether they're a judge or not, does not mean that they are no longer interested in the breed. There is a wealth of brain power out there that we would love to tap that's not written down and it's passed on by word of mouth, and as an ex-breed council secretary, I found those people extremely helpful when those things came up and you needed to know what was going on 10 or 15 or 20 years ago. I think we would be shorting ourselves tremendously not allowing these people to remain on the breed council. **Gail Frew** [Pioneer Valley Cat Fanciers]: Who is going to track this? You've got how many breed council members across all the breeds. Who is going to start tracking this? Maybe one year I forget to send my membership in, but the next year I'm back in? How is that going to register. I think it's very cumbersome and very short-sighted. **Shirley Hess** [Valley of the Moon Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]: I'm a little confused about one thing. If your membership lapses because you haven't voted for 5 years and it's immediately renewed if you exhibit a cat? The two

don't seem to have anything to do with each other. It doesn't seem to be well worded in that sense.

Hamza: OK. I'm going to call the vote on this, since we all seem to know where it's going.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, second to last paragraph, as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected. Except where a 2/3 majority is required by Article VII and Article XIII, once a breed has been accepted for championship status the Executive Board shall not alter or amend the rules of registration for that breed or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of a majority of the members voting of the specific Breed Council. An unmarked item on an otherwise valid breed council ballot is an abstention, and an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating 60% or a majority.

RATIONALE: For context, the amendment refers to Article VII and XIII which state in part “Once a breed is accepted for championship status, it cannot have its registration status rescinded, placed back in A.O.V. status or moved to provisional status without 2/3 Breed Council approval.”

The Constitution says that the breed councils are advisory to the board, but how can we advise if we don’t know what the board is thinking of doing to our breeds?

Over the past few years, a growing list of breeds have had their registration rules changed without notice, without a poll of any sort, and over the objections of the people directly affected by the changes. We have learned the hard way that the board has unlimited capability to completely change the population of cats that we consider to be members of our breed. The board could at any time without any vote of any breed council and without any notice allow cats of one breed to be registered as another, change a breed’s import requirements or outcrosses, remove the allowance to use domestics, etc. Many people think “oh, they wouldn’t do that” and yet as some of us have found out, oh yes they would.

This amendment requires the board to get approval from the breed council to make such changes. It does not apply to breeds in development where the board may need greater leeway in developing registration policy.

As we have seen with the question of “recorded” cats, the board can poll the breed councils at any time and get an answer quickly. There is nothing so pressing that the board cannot take a little time and ask us before it totally changes the definition of our breeds. Nothing that the board has done without our input in recent years to registration policy has been so dire and absolutely essential that they could not have stopped to poll us first. If they need quick response, they can develop the capability for online voting. For any changes worth making, the board should have no difficulty achieving a simple majority of approval in a timely manner.

When making changes to our registration rules, there is no reason why the board cannot ask us first. In fact, they have a responsibility to include us in the decisions that directly affect our breeding programs.

Hamza: #9. Mary Kolencik [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: I'm withdrawing this because I'm not 100% satisfied with it and I don't expect you to be, either. So, it's withdrawn. **Hamza:** Finally, I catch a break.

Withdrawn.

– 10 – Lincoln State Cat Club; Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers; Lincoln State Shorthair Society; Alliance of Pedigreed Cat Breeders

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XII – SHOW LICENSES, as follows:

The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member of the Association a license to hold a cat show, except that no club shall be denied a show license because the same date or weekend has been scheduled by, or is the “traditional date” of (as defined in the Show Rules), any other club holding a show in a different region or division from the applying club’s show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization. At the request of any Regional Director, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.

[end of proposal]

NOTE: Constitutional amendments become effective the day after adoption unless requested otherwise. For purposes of clarity, the submitting clubs request that this amendment take effect immediately upon approval by the membership.

RATIONALE: Show-producing clubs are always at the mercy of the show venue. Sometimes, the venue becomes unavailable on the club’s traditional date. In many parts of the U.S., there are no alternative venues appropriate for holding a cat show. Many venues are booked several years in advance or have become unaffordable. The only realistic option for many clubs is to book their regular venue on a different weekend. For clubs that rely upon the gate to provide a significant portion of their show revenue, that weekend must be close in time to the normal show weekend in order to keep their regular spectators coming to the show, to keep the normal weekend in other years with the venue, and to avoid confusion.

On top of the challenges with venue, there have been multiple situations where other clubs that are hundreds of miles away and in different regions, have blocked a club from temporarily moving its show weekend to avoid “competition.” Clubs, however, are not losing money at shows because of competition with other clubs. There are shows in multiple cities every weekend. Clubs lose money when they focus only on getting campaigners and current exhibitors to enter their show, and not by attracting sponsorship, spectators, and new pet buyers. This is where new fanciers and new money come from. As a registry of pedigreed cats, CFA’s function must be to facilitate its member clubs’ shows so that more spectators and people attend cat shows, buy pedigreed cats, and begin showing and/or breeding. Preventing a club from holding its show because the club’s venue is unavailable on its traditional weekend is counterproductive and harms CFA as a whole.

In the past, the National Show Scheduling Committee was formed in an attempt to resolve conflicts between clubs temporarily moving their show date and clubs whose shows normally fall on those new dates. For various reasons, including repeated favoritism of some clubs and some

regions over others, the Committee was abolished. However, the current process still allows favoritism and politics to influence which clubs are approved and which are not.

This proposed amendment moves the essence of current Show Rule 12.03 into the Constitution. The show rule gives the Regional Director of the region in which the show is to be held, the authority to grant or deny a show weekend move. The show rule, however, has no teeth as the Board can overrule the RD for any reason or no reason. With this amendment, the Board would be prohibited from denying a show license to a club that needs to move its show off of its traditional weekend when there is not another club *in that region* holding a show on the same weekend. The Regional Directors still maintain the authority to limit the number of shows on a given weekend within each RD's own region.

Clubs that move their date expect that regular exhibitors will normally attend the show they normally attend on a given weekend, and will expect and compensate for a lower entry. "Protecting" some clubs from one-time competition is not appropriate when it may prevent the other club from holding a show at all. By passing this amendment, the membership will confirm that each region may hold a show in its own region without interference from the Board or from other regions with greater political influence.

Hamza: #10, Lincoln State Cat Club, Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers. I guess it's a Lincoln State thing. **J.D. Blythin** [Lincoln State Shorthair]: I'm not going to read this for everybody. Essentially, there is a current Show Rule 12.03 that allows, in the event, for example, you lose your venue for a week – for a year, it allows the regional director to give you permission to change your show or your venue to a different city or a different weekend in that next year. The problem is, as a show rule, it butts up against another provision in the constitution that says the board can license any show or deny a license for any reason whatsoever. Honestly, our club ran up against this. We lost our venue for one year because of a basketball tournament and, although we wanted to get approval from the regional director, the board said no. This isn't about our club, though; this is about making sure that the clubs have the flexibility to move their show to a different weekend when you lose your venue or when other circumstances intervene that you can't have it on your weekend. I think it's important that when we have cat shows, that clubs aren't put at risk because they can't have their show in a given year when they lose their venue. **George Eigenhauser** [Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers; Bonita Cat Fanciers]: I have a problem with putting this in the constitution, because it makes reference to the traditional date, as defined in the show rules. The constitution is one of those things that's set in stone. It takes 2/3 of the delegation at the Annual to change it. The show rules can be changed by a majority vote of the board, so you have a document that's set in stone built on a foundation of sand. You're making a reference to a show rule in there. That show rule could be rescinded tomorrow. A constitutional provision should be complete, in and of itself. If you want to have an objection to the show rules, the place to put that is really in the show rules, not to make a reference in the constitution to a show rule that can change tomorrow.

Hamza: Any other rebuttals? Would you like to say something in closing? **J.D. Blythin** [Lincoln State Shorthair Society]: I don't think that there is any danger of the show rule – or, not the show rule in general, but the concept of a traditional date for a show being magically or instantly removed by the board. Normally what George has said would be correct. You normally

wouldn't have a constitution referring to a lower document, but there's no reason why you can't, when it's pretty obvious that that situation would never happen.

Hamza: Anyone else? I'm going to call the question on this vote.

Motion Failed.

Proposed Show Rule Resolutions

Hamza: Now, we go to show rules. Pre-noticed show rule resolutions which pass by a 2/3 vote are sent to the board for ratification. Pre-noticed show rule resolutions which pass with more than 50% of the vote but less than 2/3 are sent to the board with a favorable recommendation. Show rule resolutions which are amended before being voted on must be passed by more than 50% and are advisory only.

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– 11 – *Lakes Country Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers; Tiger’s Lair Feline Fanciers; Cat Spring Irregulars; Valley View Cat Fanciers; Packerland Cat Fanciers; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Greater NW Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 1,04.01, 1.19, 8.01, 8.03, 16.06, 18.08.e and 30.02.c as follows:

1.04.01 A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including ~~Opens~~ the first place (blue ribbon) Open in each class competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.

1.19 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color is CFA registerable. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Winners’ ribbons are awarded in the Novice Class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, the winners’ ribbons will be posted to the cat’s record as Qualifying Rings toward its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice Class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers on the second day of a two day show or in shows held in subsequent weekends until the cat is registered with CFA. Offspring from two CFA registered parents are not eligible for this class and must compete in the ~~Champion~~ Open class (see rule 1.19b & c). Novice class cats are not eligible for National/Regional points. This class is for ~~all~~ licensed shows in International Division and Maritime Provinces of Canada.

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

~~judge's book as champions. For the purpose of judging only, the open class is considered a subset of the champion class. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Open receiving the blue ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon was awarded and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.~~

c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. ~~The Champion Class includes opens for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Open receiving a Blue Ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon was awarded, and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.~~

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

8.03 a. Six (6) Qualifying rings earned under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains) and Asia (except Japan) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation.

b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011, or as a Novice, and Qualifying Rings earned between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2013 satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for Championship or Premiership confirmation. All requests for confirmation must satisfy show rule 8.05c.

c. An Open must ~~compete~~ complete all of the requirements for Championship or Premiership confirmation before competing as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier.

d. The Open receiving a Blue Ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon was awarded, and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.

16.06 The show secretary or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in

sequence by catalog numbers. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. ~~Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judges' book as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest.~~ When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show secretary shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and were necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

18.08 e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (OP, NOV, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving final awards in the Championship and Premiership classes prior to submitting the sheets to the master clerk.

30.02 c. ~~Opens will compete as Champions or Premiers as described in 1.19 and 1.20. Opens who receive the Blue Ribbon will compete as a Champion in the ring under the judge who awards the Blue Ribbon and are eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.~~

RATIONALE: Our shows are struggling with decreased entries. This is the effect of many factors – the economy, the decrease in the number of individuals participating in our hobby, the pressures in place from Animal Rights activists and anti-breeder legislation, to name a few.

The changes passed last year and put in place at the beginning of the 2011-2012 show season had many positive effects BUT also had several negative effects. The most critical to a show producing club is the effect requiring a cat to 'just show up and not be disqualified' as the requirement to become a CFA Champion. The casual exhibitor, not the campaigner, is the heart and soul of our fancy – the bread and butter, so to speak, and the person/people who enter their cats and support our shows and clubs.

With the new process in place it is very easy to bring whatever cats an exhibitor wishes to Champion to one show – champion all of them, even if they are in the same competitive color class – and not have to enter any of them again. This has a DEFINITE effect on entries. Previously with competition in a class there was only one winners ribbon (or what is now one qualifying cat). Those who did not receive that winners ribbon had to go to other shows to earn the title. No question, this has been a benefit to the exhibitor, but there is also no question most of these instant champions would have had to be shown more to earn the title, entries that would have helped clubs to have a positive bottom line.

This proposal retains the ability of an Open to compete for and earn Grand Points, and also has the effect of making sure the Champion earns points by defeating Champion quality cats, not just cats that have shown up and have no disqualifying faults.

Yes, this does place a financial burden on the exhibitor by requiring only one qualifying cat per sex in each recognized color class – but keep in mind how our clubs are struggling with very low entries and how many shows have ceased production. This effect is forcing exhibitors to travel further to show at additional expense. The other issue remains the fact that the people coming to our shows are where our new exhibitors/breeders will come from. We need to have our ‘product’ (Pedigreed cats) seen in as many markets as possible. This is not happening, and will not happen if we continue to lose shows.

Hamza: #11. Mary Auth [Lakes Country Cat Fanciers]: A number of people have mentioned to me, it seems like an awful long resolution, but that’s because this particular change touches a number of show rules. Just to hit the highlights of the Rationale, because I’m sure you’ve all read them by now. There was an unintended consequence when we got rid of winner’s ribbons last year. There’s no incentive for people to enter multiple shows. They enter their entire litter and then they get their winners ribbons, having beaten nobody but sometimes that happens. Oh my God – having not beaten anybody. And, as a result, clubs are losing entries. It’s not a lot, but they are losing some entries, and in an environment where we’re talking about losing entries and trying to retain entries – and Jerry, in your own words, you said you want people to come to shows and you want them to continue to come back – I would like to see this changed so that you have to at least have a blue ribbon in order to get the qualifying ring. It doesn’t reinstate the winner’s ribbons, just the qualifying ring, and if you don’t think you need to come back and beat somebody, or come back to another show. Opens still will qualify for grand points, so there. The last point I want to make is that we here are a delegation of clubs. While the show rule last year did favor the exhibitors – you don’t have to enter as many shows – yet, the unintended consequences are, is that clubs are losing entries. So, when you cast your ballot, think about your voting as a club, not necessarily as an individual. **Monte Phillips** [Cat’n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: I’m going to speak now as also the numbers nerd. The reason why I’m going to speak as the numbers nerd is, of course, I’ve already done a full analysis of the 2011-2012 show statistics, and the first thing I can tell you is that if you looked at the entries for 2011-2012 compared to 2010-2011, they were down 7.9%. Now, that sounds like, oh my gosh, we’ve lost a lot of these cats because they’re not entering the opens. The problem is, the year before that, they were down 6%, which is statistically within the band. So, you’re actually not really seeing a change between before we had those considered as opens and now you have them combined in championship. So, the rationale itself, basically, is flawed. The second problem I have with this resolution – and now I’m going to speak as a master clerk – master clerks normally just look at the cats that are present to put down a count. Under this requirement, you have to be sure that the cat present also got a number 1 in front of its name if it was entered as an open. If you have a 2 and it doesn’t have any 1’s, and you put it in the count, you’re going to have that count corrected later. I would hate to be the exhibitor who took the master clerk’s count, thought I granded my cat, and then got my letter from Central Office saying all my wins had been voided because I have 198 points and not 204. **Laurie Coughlan** [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Egyptian Mau Breeders and Fanciers]: What he said. And, I would like to point out that we did this exhibitor-friendly thing last year to save us some money, and now we’re turning around and trying to institute a rule that makes us spend more again. Yes, clubs are important, but I personally take more cats to the show this year because I show every single friggin’ one of them in hopes of getting those ribbons and getting that championship, and I’m not sure that this

is a negative impact. You bring more kittens from a litter to a show because you have the opportunity of getting those qualifying ring. Finally, judges very often go more than one deep in a class, in awarding their best, second, third best champion or premier, so you're saying the cat that might be finaled isn't going to appear in the count as a champion. That's very confusing to me. Thank you. **Mary Kolencik** [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: You all know my feelings on this. I presented the original change a couple years ago and worked really hard to get it passed. The only thing I want to add to what's already been said – sometimes morale matters more than entries. You're not going to get entries if we all hate coming to cat shows. Morale matters, and we've got to always remember that and keep that in mind. **Laura Gregory** [United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]: I happen to disagree, also. I don't think it's discouraged entries. As a – coming from a breed that only has one color class, it has encouraged us to go ahead and enter all of our cats into the shows, show a show is seeing multiple entries, whereas if the rule went into effect, you would only see one male and one female entered. We would not bring the multitudes to compete against ourselves, so you would be cutting your nose off. Why would I bring my own competition to compete against myself? Instead, we feel free to go ahead and bring them all, so you're seeing those multiple numbers. Instead, you would only see one at each show. Then, we would also be more petitioning the board to get those additional color classes again, because even though it's a qualifying ring versus winner's ribbon, you need to bring them out again.

Hamza: Mary, did you want to rebut? Not anymore? I mean, if Mary doesn't want to rebut anymore, do you still want to say something? I'll call the question.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 1.18.f as follows:

1.18 f. The HOUSEHOLD PET CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat ~~entry not otherwise eligible~~. Household pets are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. ~~Pedigreed cats with a disqualifying trait(s) as listed in the standard for that particular breed are eligible for entry in the Household Pet Class.~~ Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. (See Article II – Eligibility for Entry.)

RATIONALE: The phrase “not otherwise eligible” is nebulous and can be interpreted different ways because it begs the question, “eligible for what?” There is no good answer. This has resulted in judges questioning exhibitors about the cats in the HHP class, even though the judges are not supposed to know anything about an entry they are judging other than what is in the catalog, and in at least one case going so far as to threaten to DQ a cat from the HHP class that was an AOV.

Rather than adjust the rule fussing with the meaning of “not otherwise eligible,” this proposal just makes all the cats showable in the HHP class because it should be the owner’s choice where to show the cat. If a cat is someone’s beloved Household Pet, it should have a place in the HHP class regardless of registration or pedigree status. Can we really afford to turn away those entries?

Hamza: Again, we have one of those things where proposed Resolutions 12 and 13 impact the same provision. Because 13 is less inclusive, it will be considered first. **Phillips:** Actually, it’s 12 and 12. **Hamza:** It’s what? **Phillips:** It’s 12 and 12. **Hamza:** 12 and 12? I have 12 and 13. **Phillips:** I’m looking at the one that was on the website. **Hamza:** So, get this. Monte’s wrong. [laughter]

[transcript goes to proposal 13]

[the following is copied from the discussion in #13 below] **Phillips:** On the other hand, 12 would revise the Household Pet requirements to allow any pedigreed cat to be entered as a Household Pet, regardless. That’s not an either/or proposal. That means you can show as a Household Pet this week, you could be a premiership cat next week, you can come back to Household Pet the week after that, you can go back to Premiership the week after that. You can even theoretically become a regional winner as a Household Pet and a Premiership cat, if you’re good enough. Those are the two options. If you pass 12, 13 goes away. That’s it for me.

[from after conclusion of #13] **Hamza:** Now, we’re going to go to 12. **Mary Kolencik** [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: I get to present #12. The only thing I want to add, #12, *any domestic cat or kitten*. That means any cat that’s not a tiger or a lion. Or a – you know, that kind. They have to be felis catus. A national winner being shown as a Household Pet, fine line. I mean, there’s no particular advantage for that cat in Household Pet class. The Household Pet class is purely a – I’m going to come after you. [laughter] **Hamza:** Oh great, great. **Kolencik:** I’m sorry.

I apologize. There's no particular advantage to putting a pedigreed cat in the Household Pet class because the Household Pets are judged solely on beauty, and all cats are beautiful. So, why not let that retired national winner who is in a pet home – let those people come and show the cat. That's it. **Hamza:** And just as a point of clarification, does this allow cats to flip-flop between the two classes in the same season? **Kolencik:** It currently allows it now. There's no bar against that now, Jerry. You can – **Hamza:** Well, I thought that pedigreed cats currently can't be shown in Household Pets. **Kolencik:** No. OK, let me give you an example. **Hamza:** Unless they have a disqualifiable – what I'm talking about is a show-quality cat that's – lets, for example, say a cat is winning in championship and has a good show. **Phillips:** Premiership. It has to be a spay or neuter. **Hamza:** OK, Premiership. Can they, at the same show, be shown in Household Pet? **Kolencik:** No, not at the same show. **Hamza:** But the following week they can go to Household Pet? **Kolencik:** Right now they can do that, but why would you? Let me give you an example of why that – when that might come about. In some of our breeds, we DQ for crossed eyes, and kittens might look like they have crossed eyes when they're kittens, especially the pointed breeds, and I've seen it with my pointed cats – they might look like they have crossed eyes when they're kittens, which you would show them then as a Household Pet, but when they become adults, sometimes their eyes strengthen and they're no longer crossed, so then you might move them back, which the current show rules allow, but not at the same show. **Hamza:** Because you hate to see the eyes straighten out all at once. **Donna Fuller** [San Francisco Revelers]: I'm just – I just want to ask a question. The way this is phrased, would this permit Bengals and Savannahs and all those kinds of things being shown in Household Pet? **Hamza:** No. They would have to be – **Fuller:** Aren't some of the ones that are – well, felis catus? **Kolencik:** Donna, there's another sentence in the Household Pet rule at the end of the Household Pet rule that says, "no cats with wild ancestry", so those can't be shown. I didn't change that.

Hamza: Any other rebuttals? I'm going to call the vote on 12.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE CHANGE REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF PUREBRED CATS
TO COMPETE AS HOUSEHOLD PETS

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 1.18.f as follows:

1.18. f. The HOUSEHOLD PET CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry not otherwise eligible. Household pets are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats who are not otherwise eligible to compete in the regular classes (such as those with a disqualifying trait(s) as listed in the standard for that particular breed, have received three NA/IMs in regular class competition, or whose ancestry is unknown) are eligible for entry in the Household Pet Class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. (See Article II – Eligibility for Entry.)

RATIONALE: As currently worded, a pedigreed cat that is recovered from a shelter, or one that has received three NA/IMs for insufficient merit, is not eligible for entry at any CFA sponsored cat show unless it also has a disqualifying fault. Without knowing the cat's ancestry or registration number, a pedigreed cat cannot be entered in the regular classes, and per the current wording of the rule, cannot be shown as a Household Pet either. Similarly, if a pedigreed cat is judged to be of insufficient merit to compete in the regular classes, it too is not eligible under the current rules to compete as a Household Pet. This revision would allow ALL cats to compete at a CFA show, either in the regular classes, or as Household Pets, with no discrimination. The rule still would bar a pedigreed cat eligible to compete as a pedigreed cat in the regular classes (kitten, championship, premiership) from competing as a Household Pet.

Monte Phillips [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: I call it "the devil club" because our club number is 666. What you have here are two proposals to basically amend the show rule governing pedigreed cats being able to show as Household Pets. Really, if you vote on 12 first, 13 becomes moot. It goes away. So, it would seem that that would be the right order. But, to each his own. **Hamza:** Except that – **Eigenhauser:** It's possible that neither would pass. **Phillips:** But you're right, 13 does cover less things. I'll call 13 the "either/or proposal" for Household Pets. **Hamza:** Alright. While you're standing there, why don't you – 13 is you. **Phillips:** OK. 13 would amend the Household Pet entry to allow pedigreed cats to be shown as Household Pets that currently are not allowed to be shown at all. If your cat has 3 NA/IM's, your cat can't go to a cat show in CFA period. If your cat is from a shelter or from a rescue and you don't know the registration number, don't have your name on the ownership, don't have the sire, dam and the breeder, you can't enter it as a pedigreed cat and you can't enter it as a Household Pet because it doesn't have a disqualifiable fault. Therefore, what we've done is amend 13 to allow those kind of cats to be entered as Household Pets. On the other hand, can I talk to 12, as well? **Hamza:** Go ahead. [a copy of the following appears under #12 above] **Phillips:** On the other hand, 12 would revise the Household Pet requirements to allow any pedigreed cat to be entered as a Household Pet, regardless. That's not an either/or proposal. That means you can show as a Household Pet this week, you could be a premiership cat next week,

you can come back to Household Pet the week after that, you can go back to Premiership the week after that. You can even theoretically become a regional winner as a Household Pet and a Premiership cat, if you're good enough. Those are the two options. If you pass 12, 13 goes away. That's it for me. **Hamza:** Any more comments on 13? **Mary Kolencik** [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: Oh, yeah. **Hamza:** Why can't you guys get in a room before this is all started? Go ahead. **Kolencik:** We did discuss this before the show [sic, delegate meeting] started. We did discuss this. We were asked, what's the order that you want? Monte said he didn't care and I wanted to go first. **Hamza:** OK, go ahead. **Kolencik:** OK. We're discussing 13? **Hamza:** We are discussing 13. **Kolencik:** OK. 13 is problematic. The reason why this came up is that I'm the breed council secretary of the Colorpoint Shorthair breed council and we have a lot of AOV's. 50% of our litters are AOV's. When somebody pets out one of their AOV's, sometimes the owner wants to show it as a Household Pet and we ran into a situation where a judge wanted to DQ one of these cats and was very insistent about that. So, I asked the board, as that breed council secretary, to clarify this. Now, they gave it to the Show Rules Committee to clarify. Monte's show rule I did not find satisfactory because it does not spell out that you can show your AOV's in this class. So, it doesn't answer the question I brought up. Now, the problem with the original rule – the rule as it is now – it says, “any domestic cat or kitten **not otherwise eligible**”, but it doesn't say “not otherwise eligible” for what? So there is disagreement over it, and that needs to be cleared up. Now, the way Monte addressed it, he said, “not otherwise eligible for the regular classes.” What is a regular class? There are over a dozen classes listed in our show rules, so it's still not clear. When he spelled out the exceptions, he didn't include AOV's. So, it doesn't answer my question about the half of the cats that we sell as pets, whether or not we can encourage those owners to bring them in as Household Pets. So, when I wrote #12, and I discussed it with a couple people, we thought the better approach was, hey, any of them. Let's just remove the problem phrase, “not otherwise eligible”, let's just get rid of it. When you get rid of that, any cat, any domestic cat, and “domestic cat” is defined in our show rules as any cat of the subspecies *felis catus*, which means that any cat, other than a wild cat like a lion or tiger, could be shown as a Household Pet. So, I've been getting some comments that for some reason people think that I'm banning – with #12 that I'm trying to ban pedigreed cats from the Household Pet class because it says “any domestic feline” and I removed the exception for pedigreed cats with DQ's – that's not true. Domestic feline is described in the show rules as *felis catus*. The Household Pet class is for any cat, any domestic cat. That's it, period. OK, so that's what #12 says, and that allows AOVs. We don't need to have a sentence about exceptions because we're just saying any of them. **George Eigenhauser** [Maine Attraction Cat Club; Bonita Cat Club]: Putting aside the crankiness, what we really have are two different philosophies. The philosophy of #12 is, every cat belongs in a CFA show, even a pet quality purebred. The philosophy of #13 says, you have to go through the humiliation of 3 NA/IM's before you can do it. This rule is being rewritten to deal with things like AOVs, pet quality kittens, whatever, what is their role in CFA? That's one of the growth areas of CFA, and we talk about Household Pets being a way to grow CFA – what about people who already own a pedigreed cat, and they took their cat to a show, and they want to show that cat, and they love their cat, and it's a poor example of the breed. So, the first judge buries deep in color. The second judge buries it deep in color, and finally some kindly judge pulls them aside and says, “you know, that cat doesn't really meet the standard.” Do we want to keep that person exhibiting in CFA or do we want to say, “no, we want to humiliate you two more times before we'll ever let you show in Household Pet.” I

started out in Household Pets 20-some odd years ago, and we had AOVs showing then and we had pet quality things showing then. You know what? It was still fun and it was still enjoyable and people wanted to do it. Let them show their cats. Vote no on 13, yes on 12. **Loretta Baugh** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Siberian Cat Club]: Ditto to everything that George said. You sell a pet and the pet is not show quality. First off, it doesn't have to be registered to show as a Household Pet. Secondly, we need to grow. We need to get new people in. Having people experience that sort of thing or not being able to show, if somebody comes to me and says, "you know, I have this cat I bought, is there some way I can show it?" I have to tell them no, because it doesn't meet the criteria. Let these people come in, experience CFA and hopefully they will stay in and be able to show something in addition to a Household Pet, as well, so we have them in all categories. Please support the first amendment. **Hamza**: Monte, would you like to rebut? **Phillips**: No. It's either/or. **Hamza**: I'm going to call the question on 13. Oops, go ahead. **Matt Pearson** [Nashville Cat Club]: If we're talking about #13, I'm all in favor of it. The point I think we've not mentioned is that, it's "such as". You don't have to be disqualified 3 times, you just have to be a non-qualified competitor with a pedigreed cat. If we're discussing both simultaneously, what 12 has said is, "any cat" – any pedigreed cat, any national winner, any breed winner – once it's neutered can be put into the Household Pet. Is that what we want? **Hamza**: Well, we're going to find out. Alright, I'm going to call the vote on 13. **Sande Willen** [Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers]: The problem I have with 13, it says "not eligible to compete in regular classes". What is a regular class? Does that include AOV? AOVs can compete, but quite frankly unless you're trying to get a new color, who is going to bother? We're not going to show our tailed Manx. People aren't going to show their straight-eared Folds in AOV classes. There's no point. They're not trying to get recognized. So, basically, these cats have no place to go if 13 passes.

Hamza: OK, I'm going to call the vote now, because we're starting to say the same things. **Kolencik**: What are we voting on? **Hamza**: We're voting on #13.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 1.19.d, 6.05.c, 9.05, 11.18.c, 16.09, 16.10 and 18.04 as follows, to allow cats to transfer to grand at any time during a show:

- 1.19 d.** The GRAND CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Grand Championships in CFA. These cats have been confirmed automatically by the Central Office, or the owner/agent has transferred the cat with the master clerk ~~at the end of the first day of a two day show~~ during a show, believing that the cat has met the requirements to be a Grand.
- 6.05 e.** ~~Before judging begins on the second day of a two day show, the show secretary will report all competitive transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge of changes.~~
- 9.05** Cats completing the requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership ~~by the close of the first day of a two day show~~ after any ring will then be eligible for competition as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier ~~on the second day of the show. in subsequent rings.~~ Cats will remain as champions/premiers in any ring where they were already handled as such during class judging. The exhibitor will report all ~~All~~ such transfers ~~must be made to the master clerk at the end of the first day's judging as they occur. Prior to the start of judging on the second day of the show, the show secretary will report all~~ It is the exhibitor's responsibility to report Grand Championship and Grand Premiership transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge of changes.

The master clerk will record all transfers ~~filed by the end of the first day of the show on an a absentee~~/transfer sheet designed for this purpose.

The Central Office will automatically confirm cats that have completed requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. Certificate of confirmation will be mailed as soon as possible after show records are received and wins have been recorded.

If confirmation of Grand Championship/Grand Premiership is not received, owners should contact the Central Office by phone via the number listed at the front of this booklet prior to competition in any subsequent show, to confirm that their cat(s) has completed the requirements for Grand.

A cat may also ~~begin to compete on the second day of a two day show,~~ without having the title of Grand Championship or Grand Premiership confirmed by the Central Office if the owner/agent completes a correction slip and transfer with the master clerk ~~at the end of the first day of a two day~~ during the show.

- 11.18. c.** To ~~qualify for transfer to~~ the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class ~~on the second day of a two day show~~ during a show, the owner/agent must notify the master clerk and must file a correction form with the master clerk ~~before the end of the first day of a two day show~~ prior to the first ring where the cat will compete as a grand. If the transfer is from Open to Grand, the owner/agent must file a completed Championship or

Premiership Claim form and fee with the master clerk ~~before the end of the first day of a two day show~~ prior to the transfer. If the exhibitor has already filed the claim electronically, the exhibitor must submit a catalog correction form instead of the claim form and fee. Transferring a cat from Open or Champion to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership class is at the option of the exhibitor.

~~16.09 Prior to the beginning of judging on the second day of a two day show, the show secretary must deliver to each ring a list of catalog numbers of entries that have been transferred competitively.~~

16.10 The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service, UPS OVERNIGHT, FEDERAL EXPRESS or an equivalent overnight service, on the first (1st) business day after the close of the show. This must arrive at the delivering service prior to the time such service requires for delivery to arrive at CFA Central Office the next day (the second [2nd] business day after the close of the show). Central Office may impose upon the club a \$100.00 fine for the untimely receipt of show packages.

c. a copy of the transfer and absentee list including competitive transfers ~~after the first day of a two day show~~;

18.04 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog **as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages**, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Winners (in the novice class) Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best /Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark **M** in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark **V** in judge's book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers ~~after the first day of a two day show~~ made during the show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.

RATIONALE: When we created the Sunday transfer, most shows were two day shows with 6 or 8 rings with a maximum of 4 judgings per day. The one-day 6 ring shows were not as prevalent as they are now, and the 10 ring and 6x6 shows did not yet exist. Having the transfers done at one time on the end of the first day was a matter of convenience, and the number of rings where the cat would have to remain a champion on the first day were few. If a cat graded in the first ring on Saturday, it would have to stay a champion for only 2 or 3 more rings max before transferring for Sunday. With the formats in use today, such a cat could wait through as many as 5 rings before it could transfer.

We've been using the Sunday transfer long enough that we all know how it works, we no longer need the artificial mark of the Saturday evening deadline. Mechanically, the process is the same for the master clerk. The exhibitor has to notify the master clerk prior to the transfer as a heads up, not for any other verification purposes. This would not be an increased burden on the master clerk, the master clerk simply records the cat as it was judged in the ring and that would not change. It would be the exhibitor's responsibility to notify subsequent rings of the transfer, and to notify the master clerk.

We spend a lot of money on entry fees and should be able to show our cats in the class where the cat has earned the right to be, regardless of whether the paperwork has arrived at Central Office yet. Cats that have completed the requirements to be shown as grands should be allowed in that competitive class and not held back for artificial reasons.

Hamza: 14. **Mary Kolencik** [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: #14 is to allow cats to transfer to grand at anytime after any ring during the show. This is one of those changes that looks more complicated than it is because it involves several show rules, but the idea is very simple. Instead of having to wait until the end of the first day of the show, you can transfer them after any ring. Mechanically, there's nothing that would prevent this. It's not a problem for clerks and master clerks. I'm a clerk and a master clerk, and I just don't see that this would encumber us in any way, so we're just asking to consider allowing cats to transfer between rings. **Dennis Ganoe** [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: What this rule, if passed, would require for judges is, before each class we have to get a transfer sheet so that we know whether a cat has changed category after the previous ring. We think shows go long now? Just wait. **Pat Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: I judged a show in Moscow many years ago for an independent association from CFA that did just this, and within about a half an hour span of time I had the master clerk, or their equivalent of our master clerk, dropping a note off at my clerk's station within 30 minutes, 15 or 20 times, announcing that this cat or this number had just granded or whatever in another ring. It was very disruptive. It made everything rather incohesive from the judging point of view and from the clerking point of view. I know that I made a number of errors, based on, as a result, I think, of the repeated interruptions in my work flow and the clerk's work flow. I get the gist of it. I think, you know, the idea of, as soon as a cat's a grand it should be celebrated as a grand and shown as a grand, but I just see it as being a very disruptive process. **Loretta Baugh** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Siberian Cat Club]: I discussed this several years ago when the CFA office was still in New Jersey, with Allene Tartaglia. One of the concerns that was raised at that point was scoring the grand points, and I'm concerned that this would be a problem with scoring, because Central Office doesn't know and it would actually involve going to ring-by-ring scoring. The only way to know is when a cat got to the individual rings as to how the count is for each ring, rather than for the show. **Anne Edwards** [Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.]: I just want to appeal to you. I have a husband who is getting old, but he still master clerks occasionally, and I don't want him to commit suicide. [laughter] So please vote this down. **Hamza:** Lord, we don't want that. **Seth Baugh** [Exotic Breeders]: In response to one of the other comments about having to go to ring-by-ring scoring – from my Mom [laughter] – if you look at the way we do scoring right now, when you show as a champion or premier on Saturday, you still count as a champion or premier on Sunday, so I don't see how you have to have ring-by-ring scoring. If you're a champion or premier in one ring, you count as a champion or premier in every ring the way we do it right now. So, I don't see how that's going to change ring-by-ring scoring for grand points. Again, the impetus is completely on the exhibitor, if they want to try to do that transfer. If they're wrong, then they're wrong. I'm just raising points; I'm not saying I'm for it or against it. **Hamza:** You're in so much trouble. [laughter]

Kolencik: Everybody done? OK, I wanted to address the points that were raised. There seems to be some confusion about how this would work. No, you would not need a transfer sheet for every judge after every ring. The rule says that the exhibitor is responsible for notifying the

clerk in the ring about that, so it's a stickie note. The master clerk – when the master clerk gets the sheets, we would see that the judge in that ring judges it as a grand, so we would have two lines for that cat; one line for when it's a champion and one line for when it's a grand. There's no need for ring-by-ring scoring. Loretta, when you talked to Central Office about that, remember we had opens at the same time, too. They might have been referencing problems with that. I really don't see how this involves ring-by-ring scoring or is mechanically complicated. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to go to the master clerk table and say, "I transferred the cat". They do it at the end of the day, so what's the difference between doing it during the day? **Monte Phillips** [Cat'n On the Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: Speaking as a master clerk and a ring clerk, I have one concern, and that's this; the exhibitor goes to the ring and says, "I transfer my cat to grand", but the clerk forgets to tell the judge, so the judge judges it as a champion. The master clerk gets the paperwork as a champion, doesn't know it was supposed to be – may know or may not know that it's supposed to be a grand in that ring, because we sometimes don't get the sheets until like 2 in the afternoon for cats that were judged at 9 in the morning, but that's a different issue. But, to make a long story short, then the exhibitor wonders what happened, how come all of a sudden I'm being called to the final as a champion in a ring that I was supposed to be transferred as a grand? That's a little late to know that you were in the wrong place. And yes, I've had exhibitors dumb enough – I hate to use that term for people – that haven't figured out that if you got a purple ribbon hanging on your cage, they judged you as a champion. **Kolencik**: Point of order. I thought we were done. I had the last word. Why are we – why don't we just call the vote? **Hamza**: Well, because people want to be heard, Mary. You get heard enough. **Kolencik**: It's probably going to fail, so let's go on and vote. **Hamza**: You know what? Go ahead. **Jacqui Bennett** [Ociats International]: We every year have people screaming and yelling about conspiracy theories and gaining the system. I've been a master clerk. I'm now a very junior judge. I can see people saying, "so-and-so transferred to grand because they knew that judge would put it as a grand champion, and then the next ring they put it" – if you can't time-stamp every page, I guarantee next year you're going to have protests coming out your ears. **Tracy Petty** [Cat Fanciers of Washington]: Another possibly unforeseen consequence of this would be the order of finals during the day. I can see suddenly a final gets called in one ring and class gets called in another. Everybody is going to run to the final, because they might grand and they'll be able to transfer to grand in the next ring. I would also disadvantage the Abyssinians over the Tonkinese, say, because the Abyssinians will be judged already, the final goes and the Tonkinese grands. It's just the order of appearance would become very crucial at that point. It would be hard to move a final to the end of the day without offending people. **Barbara Schreck** [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Cats]: I really don't understand why someone wants to do this. If your cat has sufficient quality and they're a champion or an open or a grand, the judge should be able to find them in the appropriate spot in a final without the title. **Kirk Jackson** [Cat Fanciers of Osaka]: My question is, don't we have to wait until Thursday for Herman-on-Line to post the points before your cat is officially considered a grand or whatever? <no> OK, so you can – this could happen in the middle of the day. **Hamza**: Well, I wouldn't shave my cat until I heard it from Herman. Mary, would you like a rebut? OK, I'm going to call the vote.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article IX, by addition of a new paragraph 9.07 as follows:

9.07 Any cat that achieves 30 or more Top 10/Top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2011-2012 may not be considered in claims for this title.

RATIONALE: This title will give exhibitors who have quality cats, but who may not have the desire or resources to compete for Regional or National wins, an intermediate goal to encourage them to show these cats. Additionally, clubs throughout CFA are struggling for entries, and this would encourage the showing of individual cats over multiple seasons.

Hamza: 15. Go ahead, Mike. **Mike Shelton** [New Millenium Cat Club; Poinsettia City Cat Club]: #15 is another incarnation of a multiple season award. This is an award that can be earned by achieving at least 30 finals in 3 different seasons. They would not have to be consecutive, at which point the cat would be award the Grand of Distinction title. The main incentive for this is to try to encourage those exhibitors who have nice cats but may not be able to or have the resources to campaign for a regional win every year. This would given them something to shoot for beyond grand but not necessarily the extent of a regional, and it might also give a few extra entries to clubs, because people would have an incentive to show cats for multiple seasons, which is now not frequently encouraged. **Hamza:** Does anybody want to rebut this? Go ahead. **Matt Pearson** [Nashville Cat Club]: While being totally in favor of the idea of a multi-season award, and we’ve been working so hard to try to find the right one, if we make this distinction based on number of finals rather than number of points, which is how we base everything else, we can find mathematical problems. Theoretically, going to small local shows, you could achieve the Grand of Distinction category without actually granding. So, do we want to do it from this standpoint? **Iris Zinck** [Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Superstition Cat Fanciers]: I just have one question. There may be better ways to do this, but who is really going to be hurt by it? **Mary Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers]: I want to address why we’re counting finals instead of points, because that was my idea. I’m not going to let Mike take the heat for that. We discussed a lot of different things. What would the point threshold be and what would it not? I want you all to remember or think about the bottom number of the 25th best cat in championship in Region 5, compared to the 25th best in Region 7 – 2,000 points to 500 points. What point threshold could we set that had meaning across all the regions, where if we sent a point threshold that was reasonably difficult for Region 5, it would be too easy for Region 7; something reasonable for Region 7 is going to be too difficult for Region 5 or Region 2 or some of these other regions without as many cats. So, I thought of, let’s get away from the point titles, because we’re never

going to be able to find something uniform that's going to have the same meaning across all these regions, and we thought that if a cat could make 30 finals in a season, even if they're little count finals, it's 30 finals. You've got to find 30 of them in 3 seasons. I mean, doing that I think is a significant thing to do. I don't think that's going to be too easy for anybody to do. **Hamza:** And, mathematically, Matt, I don't know which shows you have to go to, to have 30 finals and not grand. Maybe Hawaii 30 times. Statistically, that would be virtually impossible. **Carissa Altschul** [Hugger Mugger Feline Society]: I was also on the committee that was working on this, and I would like to present the other side of the story. I was for the point threshold, because there are two things I was looking at when I was feeling the point threshold would be better. In some regions, we have cats that have lots and lots of points. They also have lots and lots of shows to go to. It doesn't mean necessarily that they're better cats, but it does frustrate people who live in the regions with more shows and more points. They feel like, what is the point of showing my cat? I have to get 2,000 points just to be in the bottom; whereas, in some of the other regions, they only have to go to 3 or 4 shows and they're regional winners. It's an imbalance that we can't fix at this point, because every time we try to redraw the regions, it never passes. I'm not done, sorry. And trying to track 90 finals over 3 non-consecutive seasons – they don't have to be consecutive – who is going to remember which shows you made which finals at, and who in Central Office is going to have the time to verify 90 data points from possibly 15 years ago? I show my cat when it's 1, when it's 7, and then when it's 14. I'm going to remember which finals it made at which shows? How is this claim form going to work? Is CFA going to track a cat? It's too difficult for Central Office to do. Our computer system's not there yet. There's a better way to do this. **Hamza:** Just a point of clarification. I think that if we were to accept this for next season, I think the computer system would be able to handle it. **Pam DelaBar** [Sophisto Cat Club]: I live in a country where it is not unusual for another association to have 600-700 cats entered over a weekend. One of the big differences we have is that these people can work for progressively higher titles. It may take them 21 shows to get to that higher title, but that is an entry and also support for that association and for the cat fancy, in general. Our association needs that type of carrot to keep people in the cat fancy. Not everybody can afford to go for a national win. Not everybody can expect those breed wins. This does give somebody that extra goal to work for, and I really do support our association granting these types of programs and awards and titles. **Monte Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: I'm just going to make one quick point, and that's for the people who don't travel. This is an award you'll never see if you live in Regions 5, 6, 3, 8 and if Region 2 loses one more show, Region 2 as well, because they don't have 30 shows in a year to go to. They won't, if they make a lot of finals at the shows they do go to. **Hamza:** Monte, that's 30 finals. **Phillips:** That's assuming you make multiple finals at each show. **Hamza:** Just as a point of clarification, it's 30 finals, so if you can find yourself 30 rings in your region, you can do it. **Loretta Baugh** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Siberian Cat Club]: This has been talked about for a number of years. You know, our bread and butter, the people that are giving us our entries, are the casual exhibitor. The campaigner is the one that gets the big awards, but they are not the bread and butter, they are not the bulk of the cat fancy. We have people that are out there that want to exhibit, that do not want to attempt to go for a regional win or a breed win, but they want to keep showing their cat. This gives them something to show for. We want to retain them. Let's keep them in the show hall. I very, very strongly support this resolution.

Hamza: Ladies and gentlemen, it's my job sometimes to – I don't get to vote, not very often. By Robert's Rules, I cast a vote only when there's a tie. So far, I haven't voted yet. But, part of my job is to point things out that are important to this organization. One of the things we know statistically is that there are more cats owned than dogs in America. We also know that there are cats that – there are a lot of cats owned in urban areas, so what we're talking about is a real area of growth. Cats owned in urban areas are owned by people who have an upper income level and tend to be professionals, and these folks are also the folks that probably would go to the local shows and would probably pursue titles over multiple seasons. CFA has known this for a long time. That's why we have Mike and the Awards Committee trying for a long time – Mike, how long have you been at this? **Shelton:** Pretty much 2 years, and other people before me.

Hamza: So, we understand the need for providing the casual exhibitor with a way to keep going, even after one season is over. This may not be perfect, but at some point we're going to have to jump in the pool. We're going to have to try something and then maybe visit in a year and see if it failed or succeeded, and see how and if it works. **Nancy Petersen** [Long And Short of It Cat Club; Quad City Cat Club]: I think there's one other thing that would also help to keep those of us in the show ring coming back, instead of taking our grands home and not bothering to schlep again, and that's having more specialty rings at our shows. I mean, currently almost all our shows are all breed rings. That doesn't help us to try to get regional wins, it doesn't help our new judges advance through the Program, it doesn't help us to attract and maintain new people. I'm all for the idea of trying to come up with awards that go across years to help people to bring their cats out and show them multiple years, but I also think we need to change our show formats to support the primary home-based exhibitors. **Hamza:** OK, Jimmie, and then I'm going to let Mike close it out and we'll close the vote. **Jim Thompson** [Amarillo Cat Fanciers; Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers]: Many years ago, as a young person, I remember cats being in show rings multiple seasons, because it took multiple seasons to grand. We had the privilege of the breeders at that time showing these animals. It took a long time to grand, and we got to see cats as mature examples of their breed. I am all for this, so that we can see the mature examples in the ring, if people have a reason to go for that extra couple of years. It's hard. I remember the late Virginia Coughlin showing the first brown mackerel tabby Persian. For 3 years, he won regional awards for 3 years, but at the end you saw somebody that had a mature cat out there. That's the problem, we're not seeing this now. This is something that's going to be good for all of us. **Harold Bourgeois** [Tonkinese Breed Association]: I won't take long, but I think it's relevant. This is something that's for the people that are not going to put a new cat in the show ring every year. When I sell a cat to someone who is buying a pet and then I talk them into showing that cat, they're not going to buy another cat next year to try showing it, but this might encourage them to get back into shows multiple times, even if they just own 1 or 2 cats. That might be real bread and butter for us. So, I'm with Jerry. I'm ready to try this. We can't just keep trying to work on it until it's perfect. Let's try something.

Shelton: I just want to address one thing that's been brought up. As far as record keeping, yes, this will not be the simplest thing necessarily for an exhibitor to track, and Central Office will take some time, although I don't anticipate there will be a large number of these applications to start with, but that is one reason it was written into the rule that seasons before 2011-2012 could not be considered. The first time that Central Office will need to look at an application for this award is after the end of the 2014 show season. That gives us 2 years to figure out how to do

this. Hopefully, by then we will have a new computer system. **Hamza:** OK, I'm going to call the question.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 16 – Carolina Sophisticats; Kittyhawk Felines; Central Carolina Cat Fanciers; Lilac Point Fanciers; Moonport Cat Club; Topeka Cat Fanciers; American Manx Club; Cochise Cat Fanciers; Siouxland Cat Fanciers; Milkyway Cat Fanciers; Ohio State Persian Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES, Section 12.03, as follows:

12.03 No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more clubs with the following exceptions:

a. No other show within the same region will be licensed on the weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with a region's annual awards ceremony.

~~**b.** No show within the International Division will be licensed on the same weekend within 1000 kilometers of another show licensed in the International Division.~~

~~**c.** Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of either the Regional Director for the region (region 1-9) in which the show is planning to be held or from the International Division Chair for International Division shows. Written permission must accompany the show license application.~~

b. Clubs holding shows on a traditional date shall be protected from experiencing potential loss of entries or revenue due to new shows being licensed which may conflict with the traditional-date show. A conflict will be considered to exist if a traditional-date show is scheduled for the weekend before, during, or after the weekend desired for a new show, and the two shows would be held within 500 miles of each other, regardless of region.

1. Any club proposing to change its traditional-date show from the traditional-date/weekend or proposing a change in venue to another city different from the previous year shall be checked to be certain that the change does not then place it within 500 miles (1000 kilometers in Region 9) of another traditional-date show. Should there be doubt as to whether the change of date or venue will potentially affect another traditional-date show, either in the club's region or in a bordering region, the club desiring the change must secure written permission from both the Regional Director(s) for their own region and each Regional Director for bordering regions (Region 1-9) which may be affected by the show change being planned and from the Regional Show Scheduler(s) of that/those region(s).

2. Any new show to be scheduled which is determined to be within 500 miles (1000 kilometers in Region 9) of any existing traditional-date show, regardless of region, must have written permission from both the Regional Director(s) and the Regional Show Scheduler(s) of the affected show(s). Written permission stating approval from the Regional Director(s) must accompany the show license application in order for each show to be licensed as a CFA-sanctioned show.

3. The hosting club of any traditional and established show within a 500 mile (1000 kilometers in Region 9) radius of the proposed new show shall be notified, in writing, via certified letter, by their Regional Director, for input and comment, prior to the approval of a new show which may conflict with their traditional show weekend(s). Once the club(s) hosting the established show(s) is/are notified, they will be given an opportunity to respond, providing comments to their Regional Director. If the traditional show's hosting club does not respond within 21 days of the postmark of the certified letter, the Regional Director(s) may proceed, either approving or objecting to the new show, without comments from the club hosting the traditional show.
4. Two day, 6 ring, back-to-back shows which employ a different set of judges for each day will require approval as individual shows, if the shows are within 500 miles (1000 kilometers in Region 9) of another show, regardless of region. Each show must be approved by the Regional Director where the show is to be held and the Regional Director(s) of bordering regions where traditional-date shows may be affected, regardless of whether or not it is the same club sponsoring both days. Written permission stating approval from all of the Regional Director(s) affected must accompany the show license application in order for each show to be licensed as a CFA-sanctioned show.

d. c. Clubs that hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend (also referred to as date) are considered to be traditional-date traditional-date shows and do not need to seek permission from their Regional Director to license their show each year thereafter. Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years will lose the distinction of having a traditional-date weekend.

For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis, i.e., every other year, their traditional show date will be month, weekend and either odd or even to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction ~~or of~~ of having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.

e. d. Clubs that hold shows on traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let their Regional Director know as soon as possible. The date will be considered “vacant” for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club(s) for a one-time only show date.

With the written permission of the Regional Director of their region and the Regional Director of any bordering region where there is a traditional-date show which may be affected by the one-time show, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend, as long as that show is not within the 500-mile (1000 kilometers in Region 9) distance which must be maintained between licensed shows. The club that is approved to hold a show on the vacant date will submit with the show license a letter signed by their President and Secretary, along with the written permission(s) of the relevant Regional Director(s) acknowledging the show as a one-time only show for that weekend. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Regional Director.

RATIONALE: Show production should be cooperative rather than competitive. The current method of show approval has failed to protect the interests of clubs already holding established shows on “traditional” weekends. New clubs do need, and should have every right to, hold a show if they wish, but those new shows should not cause harm to the clubs already holding shows. In today’s uncertain financial climate, CFA must strive to protect the welfare of EACH of its member clubs and their shows, large or small, wealthy or otherwise. Further, CFA should do its utmost to prevent the financial ruin of any club’s show due to the scheduling of a new show in direct opposition to a traditional show. In theory, the practice of requiring show approval from the bordering regional director(s) appears to be reasonable and simple, and the generally accepted requirement of a separation of more than 500 miles between shows on any given weekend seems sufficient. However, this method has proven to be a direct cause for severe financial set-backs for some traditional shows, because the sponsoring clubs were not given any opportunity to state reasonable objection to a new show’s approval. If CFA shows are destined to become a competition due to a flawed scheduling process, rather than a cooperative and mutually supportive effort, all of CFA loses. All shows are important. While the reasons and goals may differ for each individual exhibitor, CFA’s common objective for show scheduling must and should be a cooperative effort that includes consideration of those clubs whose traditional-date shows may be negatively impacted by the addition of a new show. We must strive to serve each other well, supporting our existing and historically successful shows, and by scheduling new shows to allow both the traditional shows and the new shows, the best opportunity to showcase our pedigreed cats under the best possible circumstances. Having to “jump through the hoops” prior to licensing may prevent financial disaster for a show-producing club. Having clubs work together to produce shows is a fine idea, but if the impetus for doing that has been the ruin of a club due to unfair competition from another show, the price is too high.

Hamza: 16, I am told, is withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

– 17 – Lilac Point Fanciers; Carolina Sophisticats; Moonport Cat Club; Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.; Black Diamond Cat Club; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 12.03.c as follows, effective immediately:

12.03 c. Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of either the Regional Director for the region (region 1-9) in which the show is planning to be held or from the International Division Chair for International Division shows. Written permission must accompany the show license application. Before granting permission, the Regional Director shall notify all subscribers of the CFA News announcements or a similar CFA-managed email list of such a license request. Clubs wishing to provide comment may do so to their Regional Director within 7 days of the announcement. While the Regional Directors will consider all input, they are not bound by it. This is in addition to any other policy used by the CFA Executive Board to manage the show schedule.

RATIONALE: On a few occasions, for various reasons, a Regional Director has given approval for a change without first getting input from another affected club. It can be very difficult for the RDs to know which shows will be affected by these changes. This proposal will aid the RDs in managing the traditional dates by having a blanket pre-notice of all clubs, then anyone who wants to comment can do so and the RDs can determine the merits of the comments (as they do now). This only applies to cases where the RD is considering granting the request, not every request that comes in. If the RDs plan to deny the request (some requests are obviously bad moves and can be quickly denied), then there is no need to go further.

When the RDs are considering granting a request, notifying all clubs through an email list removes any need for the RDs to determine which clubs are affected or to figure out mileage or to worry about clubs with dates before and after the show. Nobody will be left out. Clubs who care about such notifications will make sure they have members subscribed to the necessary lists.

The 7 day requirement is enough time for a club to provide input without unduly delaying the licensing process. If a club needs more than 7 days, they can always make an initial comment and ask for a little more time.

This is the same as pre-notice of applicants to the judging program and applicants for new clubs, it is simply an opportunity for anyone with a concern to receive a notification of a proposed new show and to have the opportunity to comment. This is solely about the opportunity to provide input, it is up to the RDs to determine whether the input is relevant or has merit.

This rule is effective immediately if passed by 2/3rds because it is a requirement on the RDs and is easy to implement since we already have a CFA News announcement process and a show scheduling process in place. It is not necessary to wait until next season to implement this rule.

Hamza: That brings us to 17. **Mary Kolencik** [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: Before I start on this, I'm going to be presenting something from the floor, and I passed out copies of it. I didn't have enough for everybody, but I do have some extra, so if you want a copy, come see me.

OK, some of the problems we've had with show scheduling were the result of clubs not being told about changes. For whatever reason, they were affected by a show change and just the regional director didn't tell them. This resolution is a simple thing that we can do, that's going to help in a big way because it doesn't hurt anybody, and it helps everybody. All it is, is that when somebody wants to change their date, their traditional date, if the regional director is considering approving it, the regional director posts an announcement to the CFA News announcement thing – the thing that comes to you – not the CF list, the CFA News announcement list. If anybody wants to comment, they have 7 days to comment. Nobody is constrained by those comments. The regional director can consider them, accept them or reject them. There's no constraint on accepting it, this is just about notice. I think that this would go a very long way to solving a lot of the complaints that we have about show scheduling.

Hamza: Anybody else? OK, I'll call the question on 17. <vote taken> Let's see it again.

Motion Carried by 50%.

Hamza: It's recommended, because it passed by barely 50%. **Kolencik:** Did it pass or not? **Hamza:** Well, it's recommended to the board. If it falls between 50% and 2/3.

– 18 – *Lilac Point Fanciers; Carolina Sophisticats; Moonport Cat Club; Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.; Black Diamond Cat Club; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 12.03.d as follows, effective 90 days after passing:

12.03 d. Clubs that hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend (also referred to as date) are considered traditional dates and do not need to seek permission from their Regional Director to license their show each year thereafter. Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years will lose the distinction of having a traditional weekend.

For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis, i.e. every other year, their traditional show date will be month, weekend and either odd or even to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction ~~or~~ of having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.

CFA's Central Office shall maintain a page on the CFA website listing all traditional dates, including at a minimum the name of the club holding the traditional date and the traditional city and state.

RATIONALE: One of the most problematic areas of show scheduling when looking for a date is knowing what clubs hold which traditional weekend and where those shows are. Making this information available in a central location to all clubs will aid us immensely when planning shows.

Central Office knows which dates are traditional because it uses that information to enforce 12.03, and it is just common sense to make that information available to the rest of us to use when looking for show dates. Once the page is created, it will only have to be updated occasionally when clubs change their traditional dates. After the initial setup, this should have very little impact on Central Office. The person handling show scheduling would have to send an occasional email to the webmaster to update the page.

This information is needed now, not with the next show season. Since this is a requirement for Central Office, we do not need to wait for the next show season. Making the resolution effective 90 days after passing allows ample time for the page to be created while making the information available to CFA's clubs as quickly as possible.

Mary Kolencik [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: Are we ready for #18? **Hamza:** Yeah.
Kolencik: I just wanted to say about the last one, since it only passed by recommended, the board can tweak it to make it work. Alright, so #18. There's this thing called "traditional show dates" in our show rules, but they're not published anywhere. We know that Central Office knows them, because before anybody can change their traditional date, they have to check the traditional dates to see if they are changing it. So, what about just listing the traditional show calendar on the website somewhere so that clubs know that that weekend has a traditional show date and maybe I shouldn't go book a show hall 50 miles away. That's all we're asking, is that the list of traditional show dates be posted on the website somewhere for us to see.

Hamza: Any rebuttal? I'll call the question on 18.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE CHANGE REGARDING ENCLOSURE OF SHOW
ANNOUNCEMENT IN CONFIRMATIONS

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 17.04.e as follows:

- 17.04. e.** The entry confirmation, whether it be in the form of email, fax or regular mail, must be accompanied by a show announcement or link to a web-page containing the show announcement for emailed confirmations, and driving directions from nearby major highways to the show hall.

RATIONALE: Many entry clerk softwares, when sending an email of the show announcement as an attachment to the confirmation, find that the confirmation is treated as spam by internet service providers. Some software packages have been modified, including the one sponsored by the CFA, to prevent attaching files to a confirmation. As such, we have ignored this rule as written and accepted the practice of including the web link to the show flyer in the confirmation as an acceptable alternative to actually sending an attachment in the confirmation. This proposed rule modifies the rule to support what is actually in practice today for most shows.

Hamza: #19 is, that would be you, Monte. **Monte Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: That would be me. #19 is written basically to address a problem that I and other entry clerks have had with service providers. It seems that when we attach to an email a document – in this case a show flyer – the infamous service providers have decided that we are trying to spam people, since we are sending out 35 or 40 confirmations at a time, and so my emails don't get delivered. The net result is, I think they've got it because I have a date and a time stamp on my entry clerk program that says, that's the day the confirmation went to you. You, at the other end, have absolutely nothing. So, what I have done is, revise the show rule so that we don't have to actually send an attachment. I can put in the actual text of the confirmation the web address where you can go get the flyer, and added that as an option.

Hamza: Any rebuttals? **Laurie Coughlan** [Global Egyptian Mau Society]: This is not a rebuttal, this is a request for clarification. I'm assuming that it is not the intention that those who do not have computers and want their confirmations via mail will still be entitled to and receive a hard copy. **Phillips:** Correct. It depends on what you send me. If you send me by mail, it's going to come back by mail. **Norm Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Kyoto Skylark Cat Club]: What's happening with email these days? One, we're getting more and more people hijacked, and sometimes they don't know they've been hijacked. I'm finding with a number of people, having just gone through sending 130-some emails to judges with their judge's test, some couldn't open it because they didn't know how, and I'm in the process where I'm doing the same thing. I'm giving them a place I can upload it for free, and they can download it for free, and all I have to send them is the link. So, that is a better solution as time goes by, because the service providers are getting skimpier and skimpier with how they're allowing attachments in many cases. **Dennis Allen** [Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers; Foot of The Rockies Cat Club]: Steve Thieler, who is the author of the entry clerk software currently on CFA's website or available on the CFA website, sent me an email just before we left asking me to explain that any entry clerk using that particular program has the option of using text confirmations, HTML confirmations,

and also linking to club websites or regional website online flyers to get that kind of a flyer, that because it is, in fact, a problem with some attached flyers. Because he uses his own email client, something that he's written, his doesn't actually work the same way as something that you might send from Yahoo and never see again, like what you're talking about. He has assured me that he thinks he's got everything in that program fixed, so that if you send an email as a confirmation, you are going to get it. **Linda Martino** [~~Miami Cat Fanciers~~ Magic City Cat Club]: There is an advantage to things being sent as an attachment, adverse to a link, and that is that if you are going to a show and you have a problem locating the show hall, if you've got your email with you, you've got the information in the email. If you've got a link, you might not have internet access. So, sometimes it's really nice to have it in the actual email.

Hamza: OK. Alright. I have a feeling we all know where we're going with this, so I'm going to call the question.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE CHANGE TO LOWER NUMBER OF CATS REQUIRED FOR A TOP 15 FINAL IN CHAMPIONSHIP AND PREMIERS

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 22.01 and 22.02.a as follows:

22.01 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~450~~115, for Championship entries of ~~450~~115 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~75~~60, for Premiership entries of ~~75~~60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

22.02 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~450~~115, for Championship entries of ~~450~~115 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~75~~60, for Premiership entries of ~~75~~60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

RATIONALE: The original values selected for top 15 in Championship and Premiership were based on a “best guess” or what a number should be to raise the limit on awards from ten to 15. We have combined the statistics for the 2010-2011 and through the first part of April 2012 of the 2011-2012 show season to perform an analysis of what the requirements for top 15 in Championship and Premiership should be relative to Kittens. We do not have specific statistics for household pets. What we DO have are statistics for total cats entered at the show in addition to the basic three categories (Championship, Kittens, and Premiership). Unfortunately, those numbers would not only be household pets, but would also include AOVs, Veterans, and Exhibition Only cats. Since we don’t have any HHP-specific statistics, we make no proposal to adjust the HHP number at this time. I believe the November 2011 Board Meeting requested each Regional Director to gather that data, but none has been forwarded to me or the Committee for analyses.

For all of these analyses, the statistics are based on counts either provided directly by the entry clerks upon closing of the show, or from the CFA Exhibitors website for unofficial show counts. This results in counts being present for 487 of the 567 shows held worldwide over the time frame May 1, 2010 to April 8, 2012.

Kittens – Twenty-seven (27) shows in this time frame had 100 or more kittens entered. Based on that, no change is warranted in the number of kittens needed for a top 15 final.

Championship – Using the current criteria, only four shows out of 487 were able to obtain the required 150 cats for a top 15 final. That number jumps to 11 shows if you use a threshold of 125, 13 shows at a threshold of 120, 23 shows at a threshold of 115, 26 shows at 113, 29 shows at a threshold of 112, and 30 shows at a threshold of 110. (NOTE – one of these shows, Kittyhawk, was an all specialty show, so even it wouldn't have had a top 15 final with more than 150 entries). Based on that, it looks like it may be time to lower that requirement of entries for a top 15 final in Championship to 115 instead of the current value of 150. A requirement of 115 for Championship would have put it slightly below par compared to the number of top 15 final kitten shows, but it doesn't make sense to pick a number between 110 and 115. Going to 110 gives a result of 30 shows, which is slightly more than the number for top 15 in kittens. The committee has re-written the rule based on using 115.

Premiership – There were a total of eight shows that had more than 75 cats entered in this time frame. This compares to the 2009-2010 season's one and the prior year's four. Using the same time frame for the statistics, there were 9 shows with an entry of 65 or more cats, 17 shows with an entry of 60 cats or more, 23 with an entry of 59 cats or more and 30 with an entry of 57 cats or more, and 36 with an entry of 55 cats or more. If you assume you want to match the kitten value of approximately 27 total shows having an entry that qualifies for a top 15 final, then the Premiership number should be lowered from 75 to 59. However, the Committee is not in favor of a number that doesn't at least end with a 0 or 5. We would therefore be more inclined lowering the value to 60 to bring it in line with the kitten number.

Based on the above analysis, the Show Rules Committee proposes to revise the related rules to required numbers of cats for a top 15 final in Championship and Premiership subject to delegate approval.

Hamza: Just for fun, Resolutions 20, 21 and 22 basically cover the same ground. So, I hope in your mind you're pro to any of these, you've got one in mind and you're not wanting to pass all 3. Anyway, 20. **Monte Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: Resolution 20 is based on a statistical analysis that I did over the past 2 show seasons of the number of cats that basically enter shows, to figure out where we should be for a top 15 final, and what I did was, I used as a baseline the number of shows that get at top 15 final currently with kittens and made an adjustment, basically looking at how many shows would get a top 15 final if we lowered the entries in championship, and we lowered the entries in premiership. To get the same kinds of numbers, I picked, looking at that analysis, the numbers you see here. I believe it's 115 for championship and 60 for premiership. As an aside, proposals 21 and 22 cannot be voted on separately, because they are basically two show rules that basically do the same thing. If you pass 21 and you didn't pass 22, you would have contradictory show

rules in the rules book. So, 21 and 22 really should have one number on it, and it should be one proposal. That would lower them even further, to 100 cats in championship and I believe 55 in premiership. If you go to 100 cats in championship, I did go back and look at the numbers, instead of having approximately 27 shows that would make top 15 finals, you would be looking at something on the order of 50. **Hamza:** Just informationally, the easier this is, the more rosettes you're going to have to buy for a lower entry. I just want you to know that. The decision is yours. **Mark Hannon** [Mark and Linda]: The premiership count is the same in both. It's 60. The only difference is in championship, whether it's 100 or whether it's 115. As far as the cost of the rosettes, one can only hope that by offering more finals, you're going to be bringing in more entries, which will offset the cost of those rosettes. The purpose of this is to bring in more entries to our shows – both of them, whether you go with Monte's or whether you go with Sanguine Silver. **Hamza:** Any other comments? **Doug Von Aswege** [Siouxland Cat Fanciers]: I was just at a show awhile back in Florida and there was another deal that happened there that I kind of liked. The finals, if you made a final, you got a ribbon. In the next ring, if you made that final, you got a sticker to put on your ribbon. So, at the end of the show, you had one ribbon but you had all the finals on that. That would cut down on the cost of the shows, buying ribbons for everybody. Even if you bought a ribbon for everybody, if they made finals they get the sticker. It does cut down on the cost and we could get more people to show.

Hamza: Any other comments? I'm going to call the motion.

Motion Carried by 50%.

Hamza: Recommended. That's what that means.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 22.01 as follows:

22.01 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~150~~100, for Championship entries of ~~150~~100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~75~~60, for Premiership entries of ~~75~~60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

RATIONALE: Very few shows have 150 cats in Championship and 75 cats in Premiership to permit the awarding of Top 15 Allbreed final wins. Lowering the number to 100 cats in Championship and 60 in Premiership is a more realistic number with today's dwindling entries. This new threshold encourages more exhibitors to enter a show in hopes of achieving a final win and permits the judges to reward more of the quality cats being shown today.

Hamza: Sanguine Silver. Is there somebody here going to put forth? **Sharon Roy** [Enchanted Cat Fanciers]: I'm representing Sanguine Silver, who does have a seated delegate. I'm not going to really talk about 21, because I think it was all pretty much discussed, but it's to lower it to 100 points in championship and 60 points in premiership. **Monte Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphinx]: For a point of clarification, can we add #22 and #21, because as I said earlier, you have to pass 22 if you pass 21, because it's basically the same two different exact show rules that have top 15 finals. So, 21 is the first show rule and 22 is the second show rule. If you didn't pass one and pass the other, you have contradictory show rules. **Raymond:** Monte, they're not really contradictory because 21 deals with allbreed rings, 22 deals with specialty rings. So, you could actually have – the delegation could decide to do top 15 in one and not the other. **Phillips:** OK.

Hamza: Alright. You know what? I think we've run this horse right down, so we're going to vote on 21 and then 22. So, this is for 21, which deals with allbreed rings.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 22.02.a as follows:

22.02 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~150~~100, for Championship entries of ~~150~~100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~75~~60, for Premiership entries of ~~75~~60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

RATIONALE: Very few shows have 150 cats in Championship and 75 cats in Premiership to permit the awarding of Top 15 LH and SH Specialty final wins. Lowering the number to 100 cats in Championship and 60 in Premiership is a more realistic number with today's dwindling entries. This new threshold encourages more exhibitors to enter a show in hopes of achieving a final win and permits the judges to reward more of the quality cats being shown today.

Hamza: 22, which deals with specialty rings.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 27.02 by adding a subsection e. as follows:

e. Judges and members of their household may not campaign cats for breed wins, regional wins, or national wins. This does not prevent them from showing cats to grand or showing kittens for experience.

RATIONALE: This does not prohibit a judge or member of their household from exhibiting but from campaigning. If they wish to show a cat to grand or show a kitten for experience, they can do so. It merely prevents them from campaigning. While we do not question the integrity of most of our judges, there is the appearance of impropriety when our judges exhibit one weekend and judge their competition the following weekend.

Hamza: 23. That's Sharon, I guess. **Sharon Roy** [Enchanted Cat Fanciers]: I have my hardhat. **Hamza:** We're talking about a hardhat. **Roy:** Presented on behalf of Sanguine Silver Society, <reads>. Rationale, <reads>. **Judy Ganoë** [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers]: You know, every year this comes up and every year I get upset. **Hamza:** Don't get upset. **Judy Ganoë:** Well, I'll try not to. I'm getting kind of used to it. When you have a family member that decides to be a judge, think about it very, very seriously. You won't be able to show in your own region because your husband or your wife will be judging in that region, normally, which means you have to fly anywhere. So, you have that first coming down on top of you. So, you're sitting there wondering, "now, what do I do?" So, I sit at home because I can't be there to help with the clerking, I can't be there for almost everything and neither can the other spouses. For some reason, it's bound to be thought that the playing field would be more even if the judges didn't do X or Y, and why shouldn't a spouse or a child, aunt, uncle, mother or father enjoy showing a cat and campaigning it? It doesn't make sense. If you're worried about the judge showing it, they don't really have that much time. They're at shows most of the time. On the other hand, we're saying, well, they're showing the cats and getting extra benefits from it because, probably, they're just going to give them a win. If you take a cat as a judge or the judge's family to a show to see how the cat does, you don't really think it's going to do much but you would really like to know how it stood up, you're going to be approached with, "why did you bring that cat? You are a judge's spouse, you should know better than to bring that cat." So, we can't win. We can't show cats that could actually campaign if they wanted to, and we can't show just cats because obviously if they're a judge, they should know better. So, put it in your mind – judges' families do have some rights somewhere along the line and they are being radically penalized for allowing a spouse or other family member to judge. **Hamza:** Thank you. **Seth Baugh** [Exotic Breeders]: I have a bit of a problem with this. Define "campaign". You say you can show a cat for experience. Say, my father, who happens to be married to a judge, is showing a kitten and he takes that kitten to five 8-ring shows, picks up 40 rings, say he manages to rack up 3,000 or 4,000 points because he went to a number of shows that had a big count, he's only showing for experience and yet now he's got a national win. It's way too vague. There's no way, the way it's written, to define "campaigning". On top of that, if you're going to say that spouses and members of households and judges can't show, I wouldn't have been able to show when I was a child. My dad wouldn't be able to show. Think of how many entries you're going to lose. Clubs are hurting for entries as it is. I understand the premise behind it, but I can't support it. **Hamza:** OK, the people standing

can speak, and after that I'm going to call the vote. There you go, stand quick. **Jeri Zottoli** [National Birman Fanciers]: CFA Allbreed judge, owner of a national winner this year and very proud to have campaigned this cat to a national win this year. There are so many of us judges, we just can't show an average cat. Our fellow judges will not reward us showing an average cat. That's the way it is. I've sat in many a show hall where I don't have any rosettes on my cage. Maybe I'm just showing for experience, I don't know, but I strongly urge you to not vote in favor of this. A lot of us judges love to exhibit our cats, whether we bred them, whether we acquired them from somebody else, whatever the problem is, not just for experience but because we love to exhibit. As a judge, if this passes, I'm prepared to resign from the CFA Judging Program.

Monte Phillips [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: I want to make two points. The first point is the obvious point, that you would be reducing your entries at all of your shows for anybody that comes to your show that's a judge. The second point I want to make is that any member of a judge's family can now never become a judge. One of the things you're required to do to become a judge is to earn so many points. The only way you get those points is with national wins, regional wins or breed wins. So, if you can't get any of those, you can't become a judge. Period. **Justin Pelletier** [Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: I also want to point out that breed wins, national wins, regional wins, divisional wins, they are all awarded at the end of the season. Even as most of us started congratulating each other when the last season did just end, there's usually some time before those points have to be verified, so a what point can you say that Judge A, B, C or D is campaigning for one of these wins, when they're not even awarded until the season is over. **Harold Bourgeois** [Tonkinese Breed Association]: Let's go ahead and say it; we're talking about the integrity of our judges here. If our judges don't have any integrity, what are we doing? Let's vote this down. **Laurie Coughlan** [Global Egyptian Mau Society]: I think it is very unwise of us to impose a multi-generational punishment on people who were stupid enough to go into the Judging Program. I think it limits inclusion of multiple generations in the cat fancy. I'm sorry, it's an observation of mine that the judges tend to bring a higher quality of cat to the show hall, and so when those cats win, I find that the thing I want to see. I know there are people who tend to think that for some reason the judges are getting an unfair advantage, but I haven't seen any judges showing any ugly cats. **Hamza**: I recall a couple. **Coughlan**: The cats or the judges? [laughter] **Hamza**: What kind of trouble are you trying to cause? **Coughlan**: As an exhibitor, I find it very reassuring to know that the judges who are exhibiting are experiencing the same scary show halls, crowded venues with scary exhibitors, and other things that can upset your cat and cause it to have issues, and they are more understanding of the occasional problem with a cat. So, let the judges show, let their families show. Vote this down. **Ronna Colilla** [Sternwheel Cat Fanciers]: I don't even need this [the microphone] to do this, but we'll use it anyway. Mr. President, you spoke this morning of the future of CFA. Part of the future of CFA is our kids who were raised in the cat fancy. Bethany Colilla-Clark, Seth Baugh, Megan Hiemstra, Lauren Gonano, Michael Doernberg and Jacob Bartley. This has an impact. Even though they may not, some of them, live at their parents' houses, what is to say this is going to stop? What is to say that you're not going to say, "related to" or "former judge"? For all of you judges who are prepared to give a letter of resignation, they may decide later to change it to former judges. This will affect the future of CFA. My husband is receiving a national award tomorrow on *his* cat – not my cat, *his* cat. He got that cat because he fell in love with that cat's father two years ago because he judged it, and he told Kathy Miller, "I would like to show a son of that cat in premiership some day." He waited 2 years for that cat, and

he didn't do real well at the beginning of the show season, and a lot of people told us to wait. He got better and better and better and better. Don't do this to your judges, because you know what? If this goes through, a bunch of judges are going to resign, and you know what? You're still going to be beat by them because they still will show a good cat. **Mark Hannon** [Mark and Linda]: A couple comments. In response to Judy Ganoë, judges do show. I campaigned this year, I saw judges in the show hall. I didn't see just their spouses. They may have plenty of judging assignments. Jeri Zottoli is a good example – lots of judging assignments. I saw Jeri showing the cat herself. I never saw her husband show that cat. Nobody said judges don't show good cats. The problem is, judging the cats that you're competing against other weekends. There's a problem where morale goes down when you've got judges judging your cat one week and then competing against you the next, and then judging your cat the following week. It's just not done in other animal hobbies, where you allow people to be judging these cats and competing against these cats. As far as – it's a perception thing. You can certainly take the year off and go campaign your cat. We're not saying you can't campaign your cat, but the problem is the perception of also judging your competition. **Jacqui Bennett** [Oicats International]: I'm asking you, delegates and Mr. President, as a mother. Many of you know that Robert, my son, has been raised in the show hall by most of you. From 2 years old, he has been crawling under tables and under cages, and some of you are amazed he survived this long, because you put up petitions to kill him. He is now clerking, he has stewarded, and he's got a cat he wants to show. He's very excited. This rule would tell this young man – the future of the cat fancy – “no, sorry, your mom had the bad taste to become a judge, we don't want you anymore.” Please don't punish my 16 year old son because I wanted to serve you as a judge. **Ginger Meeker** [Fancy That Cat Club]: My concern with this proposal is, not only is it multi-generational, my concern is that it moves multi-directional. Now, we're saying, “OK, judges can't be objective to make good, quantitative evaluations from weekend to weekend.” Are we next going to say, “oops, the master clerks and the ring clerks have special affinities and attentions from judges, so their cats are going to get finals over mine.” And then are we going to expand that to say, “uh-oh, you regional directors can't show either, because you have a special attachment or association with judges.” I don't think it's fair. I think we have to trust the integrity of everybody in the show hall to do their job effectively, and if we have someone that appears to be ineffective in that capacity, then let's deal with that individual situation and not punish everyone. Thank you. **Hamza**: OK, I'm going to call the question. Name? Cat club? Speak into the mike. **Mary McCaw** [Muskogee Cat Club]: There have been a lot of comments against this proposal, but I have to say that as an exhibitor, I know the fact of the matter is that political issues are kind of like the elephant in the room, that nobody really talks about them, but I would like to say that they really do exist and that the appearance of impropriety does have a lot of influence on exhibitors. Speaking as an exhibitor, I can tell you that it is discouraging for people when they are constantly up against judges' cats. The fact of the matter is that this particular resolution does not preclude judges and their families from exhibiting their cats. I know there have been judges who have chosen to take a year off and exhibit their cats, to avoid the appearance of impropriety, and I feel that it's these judges who really need to be commended.

Hamza: OK, I'm going to call the vote, call the question.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards, as follows:

National Awards

~~Best 25th Best Cat~~ Cats in Championship earning 6,000 points*: Trophy, Rosette. These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Championship.

~~Best 25th Best Kitten~~ Kittens earning 3,000 points*: Trophy, Rosette. These kittens will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Kittens.

~~Best 25th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)~~ Cats in Premiership earning 2,400 points*: Trophy, Rosette. These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Premiership.

RATIONALE: This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. Today we have too many quality cats to limit national recognition to 25 cats/kittens if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in these Resolutions.

Hamza: #24. Pat Jacobberger [No Dogs Allowed]: Mr. President? In case you're still interested in becoming a CFA judge [laughter], we now have enough registrations at the July school being held in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Club show will go forward. So, if you're still thinking about registering, do it, do it, do it! For those of you – I had a couple questions about the Germany school. There won't be a handling session at the Germany school, but attendees at the Germany school are welcome to come to the school in Moscow and do handling there. You can register for everything today. You can register for New Jersey, you can register for Germany and you can register for the World Show. So, come on. **Hamza:** Somewhere in that shameless plug is, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em? **Jacobberger:** Right.

Sharon Roy [Enchanted Cat Fanciers]: Presented on behalf of Sanguine Silver Society, <reads>. That means that in some years, you'll have a lot more than 25 winners, some years you will only have 25. The rationale is, <reads>. **Hamza:** Anybody? Hang on, Eve beat you to the mike. Go ahead, Eve. She's quicker than she looks. **Eve Russell** [Jiminy Christmas Cat Club; Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers]: You better believe it. At what point do you think you can order your national awards? We will have to have a supply cabinet and say, "OK, now, this year we have 27, this year we have whatever." Take a look at this carefully. **Iris Zinck** [Superstition Cat Fanciers; Paumanok Cat Fanciers]: My club directed me to vote in favor of this, but had a question about it. Basically, we are ranking cats that achieve this point threshold, but the wording says that, notwithstanding, we are awarding best through 25th. So, you have a cat that makes the point threshold and it ends up in the number 28 spot. What does it get? **Hamza:** You know, I had the same question when I was looking at it. My interpretation is that you'll have unranked

national winners. **Zinck:** Well, we have that now, don't we? **Hamza:** Civilization has gone right out the window. **Monte Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx]: I have a question, because it just doesn't look right to me. It has the threshold for premiership at 2,400. We would go down to 30 cats, maybe 35 in premiership. It has the threshold for kittens at 3,000. We would be lucky to get 4. It looks to me like those two numbers are reversed. **Mark Hannon** [Mark and Linda]: Yeah, they are reversed. In regard to how many awards we would be handing out, if somebody had enough points to be ranked 28th, we would give out 28 cats that year, which is the meaning of "through xxx". However, if only 24 cats got 6,000 points, we would still award top 25. So, there would be a top 25 minimum and you would continue ranking the cats and awarding the cats beyond 25, should there be more than 25 that earn 6,000 points. **Matt Pearson** [Nashville Cat Club]: Just for the record, with the 2,400 for premiership, that would be 38 national winners this year, so perhaps the scores were reversed. **Hamza:** Any others? **John Colilla** [Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers]: How long are we planning the banquet dinner that night? Sunday? Monday? **Hamza:** It could start for breakfast and work in shifts. Can I call it? <yes> OK, thank you so much.

Motion Failed.

Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions

Hamza: Proposed non-show rule resolutions. Non-show rule resolutions must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

– 25 – *Turkish Angora Fanciers, International*

RESOLVED: Amend REGISTRATION RULES Section 5: Cattery Names: as follows:

For cattery names issued on or after January 1, 1988: Once a cattery name is registered, a breeder(s) other than the original applicant(s) may be added to the registration upon submission of a new cattery application signed by ALL current registered owners of the cattery for a period of five years from the original registration. No more than four (4) individuals can be registered to a single cattery name. After five years, no additional applicants may be added to an established cattery. Payment of the fee in effect for a cattery registration will apply. The registration period will extend for five years from the date of re-registration. For cattery names issued before January 1, 1988: A breeder(s) other than the original applicant(s) may be added to the registration upon submission of a letter signed by ALL current registered owners of the cattery. Payment of the fee in effect for a cattery registration will apply; however, the cattery will not be subject to renewal rules.

RATIONALE: Breeders of established catteries have been adding additional breeders (often family members) who have no interest or connection to the cattery in order to obtain additional Breed Council votes, even decades after establishing their cattery. The integrity of the Breed Council should allow for the challenges of those members who are not regular breeders, who do not exhibit, and who are added sometimes decades after the initial registration of a cattery for the sole purpose of controlling Breed Council votes. This rule will at the least force a new cattery name and a secondary address for these individuals, to avoid this practice of simply creating “paper” members, and if nothing else adding additional revenue to CFA. Members who are currently added to a cattery for the sole purpose of additional Breed Council voting power, are often registered to the same single address, which allows the controlling members to continually utilize those ballots/votes whether the registered member even knows they are on the Breed Council or not. These votes could also continue in perpetuity, outlasting even the death of these non-existent BC members.

Hamza: #25, Dennis. Dennis Ganoë [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: On behalf of Turkish Angora Fanciers International. We are withdrawing. [applause]

Withdrawn.

Resolutions From the Floor

Hamza: Resolutions from the Floor. All resolutions from the floor, including show rule resolutions which are brought from the floor, must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

– 26 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend show rules 3.07 and 28.17a to make them identical and to clarify the application of the rule with regard to birth control for females.

3.07 The excessive use of white powder, or chalk, or the use of any colored powder, colored chalk, tints, color rinses or other artificial coloring or concealment media on a cat or kitten entered in a CFA show is strictly forbidden. The plucking of buttons or locket; the use of any device, substance or chemical; e.g. tranquilizer, hormone, antihistamine, that will alter the natural actions or appearance of a cat or kitten, is forbidden including the surgical alteration to the cat's anatomy such as cropped or stapled ears, docked or shortened tails. Evidence of such, **as determined by the personal opinion of the judge**, will result in the immediate disqualification of the entry in that ring. This rule does not apply to hormonal forms of birth control for females prescribed by a veterinarian.

28.17 Disqualified by the judge.

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RATIONALE: There has been disagreement over whether these two rules prohibit the use of hormonal contraceptives with females while those females are being shown. Rather than argue over the applicability of the rule, we should just clarify the rule.

The use of the word “hormone” in the show rule is broad and includes many drugs that may be given to a cat for health reasons, not for show advantages. One such class of hormones includes various forms of birth control for females. The proposed change creates a narrow exception for hormonal forms of birth control just for females and only when that birth control is prescribed by a veterinarian. This change will clarify that the decision on what is best for the health of the female belongs between the owner and the vet, which has been a major principle of CFA's stance against mandatory sterilization legislation for decades. If we demand in the legislative arena that the owner in consultation with a vet has the right to make reproduction decisions for their pet,

then we must also allow the owner in consultation with a vet to make those same decisions with all of their animals, including those being shown. The proposal also includes a housekeeping change to make the two rules word for word identical.

Mary Kolencik [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: I have copies of this proposal, if anybody doesn't have it. I have copies over here. I passed them out before, but I wasn't able to get them to everybody. So, let me read the show rule. The current show rule, #3.07 and 28.17a., first of all there's a little housekeeping thing in this rule, because those two rules should be identical and are not, so I did include the housekeeping change, but let me read 3.07 to you. <reads> We would like to add this sentence: <reads> There has been disagreement over whether these two rules prohibit the use of hormonal contraceptives with females while those females are being shown. Rather than argue over the applicability of a rule, we should just clarify the rule. The use of the word "hormone" in the show rule is broad and includes many drugs that may be given to a cat for health reasons, not for show advantages. One such class of hormones includes various forms of birth control for females. The proposed change creates a narrow exception for hormonal forms of birth control just for females and only when that birth control is prescribed by a veterinarian. I was asked earlier why we didn't include males. There is some disagreement over what the purpose of giving a male estrogen is, and there are claims that it changes behavior, makes them stop spraying, so we just didn't want to go there. We left them out. We're just addressing the females. If somebody wants to include males, they can bring their own resolution. I know what some of you are thinking, especially judges, if we have this rule, are judges expected to ask to see prescriptions for every non-cycling female that they handle. Well, that would be absurd. Of course we don't want that to happen. This show rule is a judge's rule to enforce. That is clear for the statement, *as determined by the personal opinion of the judge*. But the show rules as a whole are not just about what can be enforced. They are also about what is or is not acceptable behavior among exhibitors. Because of that, we should clarify this rule about birth control because the last thing we want is for the Protest Committee to hear cases about birth control in cats from show hall vigilantes. Some people say birth control hormones are bad for females, some say they are OK. For everybody that you can find that says it's bad, I can find somebody who says it's OK. So, let's just not decide it. Let's let everybody deal with it themselves. Each line of cats is different, each cat is different, especially with regard to their reproductive genes. There's no "one size fits all" approach when it comes to the health of the cats. Isn't that what CFA says in the legislative arena about mandatory spay and neuter, that we can't have this "one size fits all" approach? I consider myself well educated, and there's no way I can decide what is good or bad, so let's take this issue out, take the issue out of the show hall and leave it where it belongs – between the owner and the vet. Thank you. **George Eigenhauser** [Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers; Bonita Cat Fanciers]: First, there is no ambiguity in the show rule. It doesn't say, "a hormone, unless prescribed by your physician", "a tranquilizer unless prescribed by your physician", "an antihistamine unless prescribed by your physician"; it says, "don't put drugs in your cat that change their natural behavior, and put them in a show ring." This does not interfere with the decision between you and your veterinarian. If your veterinarian says your cat needs a tranquilizer, give it a tranquilizer – just don't show it. If your veterinarian says your cat needs an antihistamine, give it an antihistamine – just don't show it. The people that want to be able to do this want to be able to do this because it allows them to show their girls longer because they don't go into heat. We should be judging the cat, not whose vet has better chemistry. We prohibit

drug doping in human sports. We prohibit drugs in most animals. It doesn't matter that the drug is good or bad. No one has ever said that colored powder is harmful, either. It's not about whether it's a good thing or a bad thing, it's about whether we're here to judge the cat or judge the chemistry. We should be competing against each other with the cat being the center of attention, not who can get the better mix of drugs from their veterinarian. This sends us down a slippery slope to doing a lot of things that I don't want to see CFA doing, and if we want to talk about legislation, do you really want to go up in front of a bunch of animal rights people screaming, "CFA shows drugged cats"? Is that the reputation you want us to have in the world, when we're trying to fight for the rights of our cats out there? So, no, I actually was kind of offended that this rationale brought up legislation, because this is going to kill us when people start saying, "CFA just amended their show rules to allow drugged cats to be shown." Please vote this down. **Pat Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: Back in the day – I never thought I would be old enough to say that – but back in the day when we had our first campaign cat, it was popular at the time to give Ovaban, a drug that prevents females from coming into season, to male cats. So, I think if you're going to make a show rule change like this, you have to include males. So, that addresses that issue. But, I think that any drugged animal being shown at our shows, like George suggests, is improper. The problem with Ovaban back in those days was, if you gave it to a male long enough, the cat would develop diabetes. So, we had to consider the long-term use of some of these medications. **Sandra Bell** [Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers]: I would just like to say that there is no sports association I have ever heard of that banned the use of birth control pills in females. **Hamza**: We're not banning it. It's a show rule against enhancing, of hormones. I can talk about baseball that bans hormone enhancement. **Kathryn Brady** [That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: I'm not sure how I really feel about this, but one thing I do have to say is, to me there's a big difference between drugged and medicated. I think what Mary is bringing up is, the cat is to be medicated. The cat is not being drugged. **Leann Rupy** [Havana Brown Fanciers]: First, I have to say, I've never used birth control on my cats. I do understand the health risk of people using birth control on their cats strictly for the purposes of showing them. I would never advocate anyone doing that, but I think birth control in your cats is a matter of cattery management. It should not be left to CFA to decide. That said, my entire life I've been on hormones. I was on birth control pills and then I had a radical hysterectomy and now I'm on hormone replacement therapy. Yeah, you know, it affects my personality. You probably wouldn't want to see me without my hormone replacement therapy, but I'm still here. You can say, "I don't know, you've got some hormonal issues, you probably shouldn't be showing your cat." There are probably times I shouldn't be showing my cat, but I don't think CFA has a right to tell me that my hormone replacement therapy is going to keep me from showing, and I don't think that if I have a young female that I'm concerned about and the veterinarian says, "you really need to put her on birth control", you know, I can pull her from the show hall. I know that's what a lot of people advocate, pull her from the show hall. But especially in a minority breed, if that cat is really an excellent example of the breed and I want that cat to be shown and I want to be able to breed that cat, I don't know. I mean, I know we're really walking a gray line here and a lot of people are having mixed emotions about it, but I would like to ask you to think of birth control as being a cattery management issue and not a show issue. **Marianne Clark** [Rip City Cats]: I just wanted to reply about animal rights. Since when is CFA going to let animal rights people tell us what to do? They point at us now and say, "why are you showing cats? We're against that." So, why would we worry about their saying something that we passed here at the Annual? **Hamza**: Let

me clarify something. It's not the animal rights people or the anti-breeder people that we're worried about. We're worried about the people in the middle. We're worried about the people's opinions that are going to shape legislation in the future. It's not the PETA people I'm worried about, it's the middle ground that we can gain or lose that I'm worried about, so it's not defining them, it's making a smart decision on how it's going to affect us. Yeah, we can stand up there and give people the finger and say, "you know what, F you, I don't care." But what that kind of behavior usually results in is discrediting the people doing the flipping off. What really will happen is, we will be perceived as radicals and not worth listening to. Our best defense – look, I got to tell you straight up – we have, we put almost \$80,000 into legislation. That's a joke against HSUS and PETA. These folks are able to garner millions and millions of dollars to fight us and to stop what we're trying to do. Our only defense, the only thing we can win with, is our wits. We need to be very careful where we go, because yeah, we can be defiant, but we don't write the laws. But, we have to live by the laws. So, for us, we have to be smarter than them, because they have brute force. They have millions and millions of dollars in their treasuries. Our \$80,000, it's one dancing lesson. We're lucky to have the people we have, like Joan and George, in legislation. Any success we have is due to finesse. We have to be careful we're not putting bullets in the guns of PETA and the HSUS that are aimed at us. So, that's the one thing I want to make clear here. I'm not trying to tell you what to do, but I am trying to tell you, we've got to be smart.

Loretta Baugh [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Siberian Cat Club]: We were sitting over here talking, and I guess the thing – I have a couple points I want to make, but the first question I want to ask is, why? Why do we need this? I have never, in the time that I have been judging, said, "gee, I've seen this cat all year long and I can't believe it hasn't been cycling. It must be on something." I personally showed a shorthair, an American Shorthair female, to a national win. The cat never cycled. It turned out, in the long term, after six months living with a male, she never conceived and I had her spayed. She was a natural spay. Nobody asked me, "what do you have her on?" Why are we doing this? Why do we need to open this door? What's wrong with our rules as they are right now? **Jennifer Reding** [Los Colores Cat Club]: I'm not a veterinarian but I am a technician, and I've been in the veterinary field for 27 years. I've probably worked with more than 50 different veterinarians in large groups. Not a single one of them has ever recommended that I put a female cat on birth control, except in an emergency. A single dose of Ovaban can cause diabetes in your cat. Now, it's very rare. It doesn't happen very often, but that is one of the reasons why they don't recommend it. The very few veterinarians that specialize in feline reproduction do not recommend that you use birth control in your cats because of the problems with Addisonianism, with diabetes, with the possibility your cat will never conceive. I have – I breed shorthairs, I campaign females for an entire year long. My national winner got pregnant the weekend after her last show, had kittens, and I've never used birth control. I do occasionally have cats that don't conceive, but I don't feel that taking that risk is worth showing my cat. I just don't think that CFA should recommend or endorse this kind of policy, just for the health of our cats.

Karen Thomas [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]: I am a veterinarian, and I just have a question. If this passes, does this mean that I need to get another veterinarian to prescribe the Ovaban for me? And I'm not the only vet that shows. **Betty White** [New Mexico Cat Fanciers; Tejas Siamese Cat Fanciers]: I agree with George. I agree with Jennifer. Mostly, I agree with Loretta. There are a lot of judges here – I'm one of them. How many times have you looked at a female and thought, "she's on hormones"? **Hamza**: We're talking cats? [laughter] **White**: By George, we are. I just

think this is unnecessary, I think it opens a can of worms and I just don't know why we would do it, folks. **Hamza:** Thank you.

Kolencik: Is there anybody else that wants to talk? OK. Why would we need this now? Because there are some people who believe, including – is this on? There are some people who have said that those of us – not those of us, because I don't give my cats hormones – but that have said that those who are giving their cats hormones are breaking the show rule, and we are concerned about show hall vigilantes. As I said, we don't expect the judges to deal with this. This is about the people who want to turn each other in and preventing that. About the single dose of Ovaban causing diabetes, you know, in the show hall this year a cat choked on a piece of kibble and died at that show hall because nobody could get it out. So, let's ban kibble in the show hall, too. So, we can't resolve this health issue here. There's too many people that can say one thing and we can present evidence on the other. All we want to do is take it out of the show rule.

Hamza: I have a question for George and Dick. Between the both of you, you have been on Protests for a very long time. Has a protest ever been brought that you can recall for this specific thing? **Eigenhauser:** No. **Hamza:** How about you, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** No. **Hamza:** So, before I call the question, I just want you to know that if this passes, it makes our job at this level much harder and in memory of the two most recent Protest Committee chairs, nothing has ever been done. I don't see a reason to taint us at this point. I'm going to call the question.

Motion Failed.

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Hamza: Anything else from the floor? Not kibble. Well, if you bought tickets, don't leave because we're going to draw for the Garfield print. But, I also have three more nights at Red Roof Inn, so just to make things fun, 154, you've got a free night at the Red Roof Inn. 243, you have a free night at the Red Roof Inn. And 169, you also have a free night. That's 243, 154 and 169. OK, now I have a question to ask the people who did the Garfield raffle. How much money did we take in for the print? And there's the money guy standing up. **Mastin:** \$2,485.

Hamza: \$2,485. [applause] Since Joan is about to come off the board and nobody will accuse her of cheating, I'm going to let her pull it. If you pull your own name, I'm going to look bad. The ticket number is 592663. Pam Morrison. Where are you Pam? Congratulations.

Eve Russell: Jerry, could I have the floor for a minute? Over here. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead Eve. **Russell:** My name is Eve Russell and I would like to speak on behalf of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club. The problem is, our obligation to this delegation was to provide some humor. You guys have let us down. However, I feel that it's necessary to note that Anne Edwards and Mary K have provided that type of entertainment, and I would like you to thank them, please. **Lynn Search:** Jerry, we've also got to draw for the hotel night here. I think they went out to get the tickets. **Hamza:** OK, stick around. You can win stuff. The winner of this needs to come up and get it. I know we need to end the meeting. You know what? Well, when the time comes. We always have so much fun here.

Hamza: I want to thank everyone for coming. It gets messy sometimes, but that's a pitfall of democracy. We have seen this fancy boil down to what I call it's hardened core. It has some

good features and some bad features, but mostly it's good. We are moving in a positive direction. The money is going the right way. We have to get the people into the show halls. You've got to bring friends in, but more importantly I just want to reiterate. We are going to start a comprehensive marketing campaign. Whether we make it or whether we don't, whether we fail or we succeed falls on all our shoulders. It's important. I just want to remind you, so that when we come here next year, I can say, "you know what? The financial picture is bright, but guess what? Our goal was 200 new fanciers, but we hit 300." So, that's the goal for this coming year. I can't thank you all enough for helping CFA remain strong, and I know – I said this 2 years ago- if we work together, anything can happen. We've done a lot in 2 years and I'm confident we can do a whole lot more. So, at this point, would you make a motion to adjourn? **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Hamza:** I am calling the question.

Motion Carried.