

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 13, 2013**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, via teleconference. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)**
- Mr. Mark Hannon (Vice-President)**
- Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Treasurer)**
- Sharon Roy (NAR Director)**
- Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)**
- Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)**
- Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)**
- Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)**
- Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)**
- Mrs. Tracy Petty (SOR Director)**
- Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**
- George Eigenhauser (Director-at-Large)**
- Dennis Ganoë (Director-at-Large)**
- Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)**
- Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)**
- Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**

Also Present:

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

Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations

Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

Shino Wiley, Japanese Translator

Not Present:

Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)

Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)

(4) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

(a) Club Request to Add a Judge to a Licensed show.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to allow the China International Pedigree Cat Fanciers Club to add a 9th judge to each of their back-to-back shows held on October 12-13, 2013 and Oct 26-27, 2013 in Shanghai, China. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

(b) TRN and Show Rules.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to ratify revised Show Rules 1.24, 4.03, 16.10 l., 17.02 and 18.19 (pre-noticed to the Annual Meeting Delegates as Resolution #6 and passed by greater than 2/3 margin) to clarify the language and the requirements to issue a Temporary Registration Number for a cat with two CFA-registered parents, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**

(c) Correction Policies and Procedures for Registration Errors.

No action items were presented.

(5) MOTION FOR EXCEPTION TO SHOW RULE 13.15 TO ALLOW 1 OR 2 BENGAL CATS TO BE PRESENTED IN THE BREED PRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CAT SHOW.

Withdrawn.

(6) ALTERNATE SHOW FORMATS.

Mrs. Krzanowski moved to grant Sharon Roy the ability to award 3 special format shows, one for the International Division and two in North America. **Seconded by Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

(7) TREASURER'S REPORT.

(a) World Show Budget

No action items were presented.

(b) Audit, Final 2013 Results, Update on Year-to-Date Numbers

No action items were presented.

(8) SHOW LOCATOR PROGRAM – CFA WEBSITE.

Ms. Altschul moved to purchase an app for the CFA Website that will allow visitors to the site to locate upcoming shows by their zip code. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

(9) ANNUAL MANUAL.

Mrs. Meeker moved to accept the Annual Manual as written, and change the Annual process focus back to Central Office. Seconded by **Mr. Ganoe, Motion Carried.**

(10) BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION.

No action items were presented.

(11) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – LIAISONS.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to ratify the appointment of liaisons for the following committees:

Ambassador Program.....Willa Hawke, Chair; Sharon Roy, Liaison
Clerking ProgramCheryl Coleman, Chair; Carol Krzanowski, Liaison
Community Outreach/EducationJoan Miller, Chair; Tracy Petty, Liaison

Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

(12) **TRAVEL PROGRAM.**

Tabled.

(13) **GRANT A REQUEST TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO SEPTEMBER 1 FOR A BENGAL GROUP TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REGISTRATION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.**

Mrs. Wilson moved to grant an extension to the Bengal group which is interested in applying for CFA registration to September 1st. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh, Motion Failed.** Meeker voting yes. Shelton abstained.

(14) **WORLD SHOW UPDATE.**

No action items were presented.

(15) **PREMIERSHIP IN CHINA.**

Mr. Kallmeyer moved to increase premiership grand points for China from 25 points to 50 points, beginning December 1st. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: Dick, you are going to pinch hit a little bit for Rachel? Is that my understanding?
Kallmeyer: I'm going to keep the judging ballots. I don't have a list of the board members for the roll call, though. **Hamza:** OK, I'll have Mark call the roll. Just a couple things I want to do before we get to the roll. I'm going to move the closed session items to the end tonight. To me, that's going to be easier. I hope that doesn't cause anybody any issues. Alright Mark, go ahead. Call the roll. **Hannon:** Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I'm here. **Hannon:** Mark Hannon is here. Rachel is not. Carla. **Bizzell:** Here. **Hannon:** Sharon Roy. **Roy:** Here. **Hannon:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **Hannon:** Carissa Altschul. **Altschul:** Here. **Hannon:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Hannon:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Hannon:** Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Here. **Hannon:** Tracy Petty. **Petty:** Here. **Hannon:** Kayoko Koizumi. **Koizumi:** Here. **Hannon:** Pauli is not with us tonight. **Hamza:** Is Shino here with Koizumi? **Hannon:** Yes, she said here. They are both here. **Hamza:** OK, great. **Hannon:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Hannon:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Hannon:** Dennis Gano. **Gano:** Here. **Hannon:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Hannon:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Hannon:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Hannon:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Hannon:** Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Hannon:** Donna Jean Thompson. No Donna Jean? Is there anybody else whose name I have not called that is on this call? **Baugh:** This is Loretta. I just came on when Mike was saying "here". **Hannon:** OK, we've got you. OK, that's it.

(1) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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

List of Committee Members: *Norman Auspitz – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Training and File Administrator;*
Pat Jacobberger – Education Chair
Ellyn Honey – Domestic Training and File Administrator
Rick Hoskinson – Domestic Training and File Administrator
Jan Stevens – Domestic Training and File Administrator; Secretary (keeps all files/records and compiles for Board report)
Donna Isenberg – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); May teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School, Application/Advisor Coordinator
Wayne Trevathan – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judge (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)
Peter Vanwonderghem – European Liaison; Application Advisor – Europe

Hamza: OK. Loretta, do you mind if we push the Judging Program toward the end? I'm assuming you have a bunch that is going to be in closed session. **Baugh:** Yeah. That's fine. [Thompson joins the conference] **Hannon:** Welcome Donna Jean. **Thompson:** Thank you. **Hannon:** Do you want to put the judges' gift policy off to the end, as well? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Baugh:** We don't have a whole lot on that yet. We're not ready to present something. We're probably going to do it next month, because we're still working on it. **Hamza:** With the gift policy, you're going to move that to next month? **Baugh:** Yes. We can do it October or next month, but we're not ready tonight. **Hamza:** OK, so actually September. We're going to move the judge gift policy committee. We're going to move that to September, then. **Baugh:** OK good. Thank you. **Hamza:** OK.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank you notes from Cathy Dinesen and Neil Quigley for their recent advancements have been received.

Medical release forms to return to judging have been received from Tracy Petty and Marsha Ammons.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Marilee Griswold's application is currently on the website for consideration for Shorthair Specialty and the application will be uploaded to File Vista at the beginning of September for Board vote at the October meeting.

I have answered inquiries from Virginia Wight. She will be applying for Shorthair Specialty in the near future, I believe; and she has asked Teresa Keiger to be her mentor. Teresa accepted.

Doreann Nasin is planning on applying for her 2nd specialty, Shorthair, in November, depending on requirements being in place.

Neil Quigley is quite close to applying for his 2nd specialty, Longhair. I expect to receive his application soon.

I continue to hold a partial application from Dmitriy Gubenko. I have attempted communication this past May and now July and have not received an answer for either email.

Jan and I continue to update forms to reflect the new Club Evaluation Form for Advancing Judges.

*Respectfully,
Donna Isenberg*

CFA JUDGING PROGRAM EDUCATION

CFA Judge's Workshop – Vancouver, WA 2013

- *This was a well-attended workshop with 66 CFA judges and two guest judges, one from the CCA and another from FIFE. The Abyssinian, Somali and Maine Coon Cat presentations were nicely done and there was excellent discussion generated. Thank you to the CFA NW Region for their generosity in providing our attendees with delicious food.*

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2013:

- **July 18-20/2013** – *The BAOS held in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Club Expo show was very successful. Our instructors were Ellyn Honey, Rick Hoskinson, Pat Jacobberger, and Darrell Newkirk with Walter Hutzler and Jeri Zottoli joining us on Saturday for "In the Ring" handling. Pam Bassett was at the show and I pulled her in to give a detailed lesson on examining the Persian and Exotic.*

Attendees at the July BAOS were:

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| • Carol Babel | First Time SH | • John Adelhoch | Second Time SH |
| • Chris Giammarinaro | First Time SH | • Joy Yoders-Dey | Second Time LH |
| • Stephen Joostema | First Time SH | • Michael Jacobi | Second Time LH |
| • Terrie Smith | First Time SH | • Jennifer Reding | Second Time LH |
| • Robert Zinck | First Time SH | • Sandra Willen | Second Time LH |

Donna Isenberg spoke at the BAOS at the Garden State show in July regarding the requirements to apply to the Judging Program.

Future Projections for Committee:

- **August 29-30, 2013** - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to be held in conjunction with the International Division Awards Show on August 31, 2013. Instructors are Rick Hoskinson, Pat Jacobberger and Gary Veach. Since the show on August 31 is a one day show, there will be no handling offered. Further information can be found at <http://www.cfa.org/Shows/Judges/BreedOrientationSchools.aspx>. Registration closes on August 11, 2013. Information can also be found on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn#!/pages/CFA-Breed-Awareness-and-Orientation-School/191026980780. Thus far, there are six people registered.
- **November 21-23, 2013** – This school is set to be held in conjunction with the CFA World Show in Novi, Michigan on November 23-24, 2013. Instructors are yet to be confirmed. The flyer should be completed soon. Registration closes on November 3, 2013. Information can also be found on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn#!/pages/CFA-Breed-Awareness-and-Orientation-School/191026980780.

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools for 2014:

- **January 23-25, 2014** – This school will be held in conjunction with the San Diego Cat Club Food and Water Bowl in Del Mar, California on January 25-26, 2014. We are looking forward to this school as we unfortunately found it necessary to cancel the school in 2012. Instructors are yet to be confirmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the CFA Judging Program and the association as the Judge's Education Chair and coordinator for the CFA BAOS events.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Jacobberger

Board Action Item:

Resignation:

Stan Barnaby has submitted his request for retirement from the CFA Judging Panel effective immediately.

Action Item:

Accept Stan Barnaby's retirement.

Baugh: You have all read the Judging Program Committee report. I'm not going to read it or even highlight at this point. We have a request for retirement from Stan Barnaby. His letter is attached, effective immediately. I make a motion that we accept his – I prefer we call it retirement, rather than resignation. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** Good luck Stan.

In an executive session motion, which was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Stan Barnaby was elevated to emeritus status.

Advancement:

The following individual is presented to the Board for Advancement:

Advance to Approved Specialty

Jacqui Bennett Buford, Georgia LH– 2nd Specialty 17 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Jacqui Bennett Buford, Georgia 17 yes

Baugh: I have a couple things that aren't on the agenda. They aren't on the report that came in. We have a longstanding policy that we only have one trainee per specialty at a show. We're asking for an exception for that. There's an 8 ring back-to-back in Shanghai China in November. There's going to be 6 American judges there. They would like to be able to have a longhair trainee each day, being Amanda Chang and Suki Lee. It's very rare that you get that many Americans together over there and it really would help them with their training. **Hannon:** We only have one trainee, don't we? **Baugh:** Suki. **Hannon:** You're right, you're right. **Baugh:** Amanda would train on Saturday and Suki would train on Sunday. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Baugh:** Go ahead. **Petty:** I would be concerned about that number of handlings with the cats. That's a lot of handling. It's fine if she has two different judges to train with, but the cats are being handled that many times, too. **Baugh:** They are handled that many times in a 10 ring show. Or 6 times in a one day show. They are only being handled 5 times each day. The fact that we're doing 10 ring shows would kind of take care of it. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Altschul:** I don't have a problem with it, just so long as they are not exhibiting on the day that they're not training. Whoever is Sunday training shouldn't even be in the show hall on Saturday, right? **Baugh:** That's right. I make a motion to allow it. **Meeker:** I'll second. Ginger.

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

Baugh: The next item is, Norma Placchi was granted a 6 month leave of absence in March, and she has requested an extension for another 6 months, to take her to March 12, 2014, which would be a full year. **Hamza:** Can I get a motion? **Baugh:** I make a motion to that effect.

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

Kallmeyer: OK. The results are 17 yes for both cases, and Rachel not voting. **Hamza:** Did you get that Loretta? **Baugh:** I did, thank you. **Hamza:** You can certainly publish that as open session – the result and the vote. Are you done with that? **Baugh:** I am done. **Hamza:** So, that's the end of judging.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh,
Committee Chair*

(2) CATTERY OF DISTINCTION PROPOSAL.

Cattery of Distinction Year-End Awards

Other Name Ideas: Exemplary Cattery; Cattery of Prestige

Idea: *To acknowledge *catteries* that have reached certain thresholds of Grands produced. Will be recorded by cattery name ONLY. Not breeder names. Grand Champion/Grand Premier not distinguished. Not dependent on the grands being the same breeds. “Tiers” will be created so as to celebrate each “level” of accomplishment. “Extra” embellishment to be added for certain levels of DM’s produced by a cattery.*

Tier I – 10 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate suitable for framing from CO, along with a letter thanking them for their dedication to CFA. Notification their cattery name is now eligible for a permanent “standing” in CFA. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet.

Tier II – 25 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet.

Tier III – 50 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet.

Tier IV - 75 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet.

Tier V – 100 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet & National Awards Banquet.

Tier VI– 150 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet & National Awards Banquet.

Tier VII– 200 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet & National Awards Banquet.

Tier VIII– 250 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet & National Awards Banquet.

Tier IX– 300 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet & National Awards Banquet.

Tier X– 350 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

Certificate Suitable for framing, letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at the Regional Awards Banquet & National Awards Banquet.

Breeders who win the award can display on their websites, “CFA Cattery of Distinction – Tier I” or “CFA Cattery of Distinction – Tier V” depending on where their level is at.

Extra Embellishment: At each tier, an additional ranking of “Superior” can be added of a certain number of DM’s accompanies the Grands. For example, if someone at Tier II (25 grands) also has 3 DMs, then they might have an award that is “CFA Cattery of Distinction – Tier II Superior.” Here is a recommendation for the number of DM’s to achieve a “superior” rating.

<i>Tier I</i>	<i>1 DM (10 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier II</i>	<i>3 DMs (25 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier III</i>	<i>4 DMs (50 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier IV</i>	<i>6 DMs (75 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier V</i>	<i>8 DMs (100 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier VI</i>	<i>12 DMs (150 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier VII</i>	<i>16 DMs (200 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier VIII</i>	<i>20 DMs (250 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier IX</i>	<i>25 DMs (300 Grands)</i>
<i>Tier X</i>	<i>30 DMs (350 Grands)</i>

This allows for both categories to be celebrated, putting a higher emphasis on quality over quantity. However, even if a breeder/cattery doesn’t achieve the superior rating, it doesn’t marginalize their achievements. The Superior rating can be added after a Tier level increases. For example, a cattery that is at Tier II and only has 2 DMs when they achieve 25 Grands can still merit the Superior rating if they achieve a 3rd DM before they reach Tier III. If they reach 50 grands without adding a 4th DM, they will lose the Superior rating until they achieve that 4th DM.

Foreseeable problems: *co-bred cats and breeders who operate under more than one cattery name. The simplest solution to this is to maintain that the awards are by cattery, not breeder. At which point, both these problems become somewhat moot. For those that choose or chose to breed under more than one cattery name, we could either allow them to petition the*

board and present their evidence that the multiple cattery names were really just one person/partnership. Additionally, this could be very labor-intensive with CO. Will have to work with IT to determine how they can narrow their search parameters for grands by cattery (this could be done on the old system, so I would expect it can be done on the new.)

Implementation timeline: *Immediately upon BOD approval. CO will run a report of Grands by cattery name and the for the 2013-2014 season, all active catteries that qualify for a Tier rating will be acknowledged at the end-of-year Awards Banquets. (Active cattery to be designated by a cattery that has registered a litter or cat within the last 5 years.) CO will then run a report at the end of each show season to determine which catteries meet the Tier levels. I would like to see this as an end-of-year award to keep the man hours down at CO. I would recommend that CO maintain a list of catteries at each Tier level to limit the amount of time needed to pull the search.*

Hamza: Cattery of Distinction proposal. Is that also – **Shelton:** That’s Awards Committee, but Carissa is going to present it. It’s really her project. **Hamza:** OK. Carissa, you want to go ahead? **Altschul:** Sure. Did everyone get a chance to read it? <yes> I don’t really want to read the whole thing again. I’m sure it will be included in the minutes, so I guess my main question would be, if anyone had any questions. I wanted to address that. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead Mark. **Hannon:** I’m a little bit concerned about the Tier I, which is the 10 grands. That seems kind of low to me. I would also propose that we put this out for comments before we take any action on it. **Altschul:** OK, the 10 grands. To be honest, for most of us it’s not that big of a deal, but for the normal exhibitor, I think 10 grands is a big deal, especially people who are just getting started and it takes them 5 years to get their first grand. I know you, Mark, and I can, and a lot of people on the board, a lot of people in CFA, we could reach 10 grands in a year. But I also know, most of the people who I show with are excited when they get 2 grands in a year, since normally they only get one. Also, the reason why I think 10 is a big deal is, according to our Rules of Registration, at 10 grands their cattery is eligible to become permanent. **Hannon:** Do you have any comment about my suggestion that we put it out for comments before we act on it? **Altschul:** I’m fine with that. I wasn’t sure if I covered it. I’m not sure where I put file the now, but I was going to count the grands the same way we count DMs, which means if one cat grand champions and grand premiers, it still only counts once. This is a count of total cats produced/granded, not “you graded a cat, that’s great, but you double graded it and it’s not going to count.” Other than that, that’s kind of what I was looking at there. I have no problem putting it out for comment. I’m actually kind of curious to see what people say. I don’t want to make it too complicated or too hard to understand. The goal is to basically celebrate and recognize people and their contributions to CFA, outside of what we already do for the top runners. [**Fulkerson** joins the conference] **Hamza:** The only input I have on this is, I don’t want it to take too long. I think this is a great idea. If we’re going to put it out for comment, I would kind of – **Hannon:** We can act on it at the next meeting. **Altschul:** As long as we do it before the end of the show season, then we’ve got time. I would like to go ahead and implement it. Implementation would be at the end of this show season. It’s just giving people another goal to shoot for. People who don’t want to run cats or don’t financially have the means to run cats, but they want to show in CFA. **Hannon:** So, if they are sitting at 9 grands, it gives them incentive to grand another cat. **Altschul:** Or if they are sitting at 24 or 49 or any of those other thresholds. Honestly, I would say, probably only 1% of catteries is going to go past the 50 mark. **Hannon:** She had gotten a print-out before when she proposed this a couple years ago, so you probably have a pretty good feeling, Carissa, of how many we’ve got in these different categories. **Altschul:** I don’t have it anymore, and I can’t find the email where I sent it out, but I

talked to Dick today and he is going to try to get me a new list. For some reason, I have not been able to get a new list. If I can get a new list of all the cats that have granded in CFA, as long as it's a tab-delineated file, I am happy to sort it and go through it, and I'll give you the exact numbers. **Hamza:** I would just like something that recognizes our breeders. I think that's a good idea. **Hannon:** I think Dennis was next. I interrupted him. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** I have one question about, how will this work for people who have – is this retroactive to the life of the cattery, or just from it would be enacted forward? **Altschul:** It's retroactive. However, if we have catteries that are no longer functioning, I think in included that in my write-up. If they clearly haven't functioned in the last 5 or more years, then those particular catteries are going to have to just write a letter to CFA and say, "Hey, I'm still alive. I would like the recognition." There's quite a few catteries, I know, who have passed some of these thresholds, but I don't want this to be from this moment forward. I would like it to be retroactive by CFA's electronic records. **Ganoe:** OK. **Bizzell:** This is Carla. Am I stepping on someone else's toes? **Hannon:** I think Loretta was next. **Bizzell:** OK. **Baugh:** I just wanted to say that I agree with Carissa on the Tier I. There are a lot of people out there that really are our bread and butter, that aren't out there doing a lot of breeding, but they are showing. I think 10 grands would be a real accomplishment for them. I think those are the people we need to try to keep active and showing. Thank you. **Altschul:** Does everyone understand about the tiers? <yes> I was trying to find a way to list them. **Bizzell:** OK, my turn now? **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead. **Bizzell:** OK. We need to be aware that not all of our grands are going to be in the system. Some of them are pre-computer. **Hannon:** She said it would just be the point at which we have them in electronic format. **Bizzell:** That's a shame. **Hamza:** Carissa, if somebody wanted to update our list, like if they were line chasing and could demonstrate that they indeed met the threshold, would we recognize that? **Altschul:** Yeah, I would have no problem with that. Maybe with CFA's new system coming on line, maybe at some point those files down in the basement could eventually be added to our records. I know that a project you thought about was all those index cards. At some point, we could add those to our records. Yeah, if they can prove it, certainly we'll take those on a case-by-case basis. We're not going to do the research on our own, so if they can present evidence, then certainly I can see no reason not to recognize them. I don't think there's going to be very many catteries that are still functioning, that were functioning pre-1971. We're talking about a handful of catteries, so it's a minimal amount of work. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead Tracy. **Petty:** Just for implementing this going forward, would it be up to the exhibitor to try to claim it, or is this something Central Office will run automatically? How would it work? **Altschul:** I'm anticipating that Central Office will run a report at the end of the show season, and it will be end-of-show-season type notification. So, it's not something that's going to be awarded when you hit your 10th grand – oh boy, big celebration – it will be at the end of the show season, all of these catteries have hit their 10th grand. Of course, I tried to put that most of them are going to be at regional recognition, to try to keep from adding a whole lot to our national awards banquet, but it would be something that would be an end-of-season thing and then the people could really get the recognition I think they deserve. Dick is going to work on, and hopefully we'll be able to get, a report. Once we get through the first group, keeping up with it is going to be really easy. **Hamza:** Any other questions for Carissa? **Raymond:** This is Ed. **Hamza:** Go ahead Ed. **Raymond:** Does this apply only to the cattery that breeds the cat, or does it also apply to catteries whose name is added to the cat as a suffix? **Altschul:** It is only cattery prefix. **Raymond:** OK. **Altschul:** This is one thing, and I did kind of address it. Like Mark, I know, bred under more than one cattery name. I really hate to see people do that. It makes it really messy pedigree-wise. I know there's several other people out there who operate under multiple cattery names, and I think we're going to have to take those on a case-by-case basis. I know some people, here is Person A with this cattery name, here is Person B and they have this cattery

name, but when Person A and B come together, they have a third cattery name. How we are going to count those is going to be a little dicey. **Hannon:** I think you had in your proposal that they could come in and make a specific request. **Altschul:** Right, and they will have to be handled on a case-by-case basis. We're just going to have to put them there. It's going to be up to the board to decide on those particular cases, so those people will have to petition the board. The way this was set up is, it's going to go by cattery prefix. Maybe it will encourage people to just stick with one cattery name, which I think would be a lot better for our line chasing and pedigree purposes in the first place. **Hamza:** Alright. So, let's see if we can't get that in line for the September meeting. **Meeker:** I had a question. **Hamza:** OK Ginger, go ahead. Sorry. **Meeker:** That's OK. On the grands, it can be multiple breeds, but if it has the same cattery name? **Hannon:** Sure. **Altschul:** Correct. It's a breeder award. We are looking at recognizing breeders, no matter if they work with one breed or 10. It is looking at people. This is an award for people who have really supported CFA, because when you show a cat to grand, you're really supporting CFA. If you run a cat, sure, but people who run a cat already get recognition. **Meeker:** Right. I think it's an excellent idea. I just wanted to make sure if people ask if it had to be only one breed or if you could breed multiple breeds under the same cattery name, if they would be combined. Thank you.

(3) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chairs: *Liz Watson & Carol Krzanowski*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Five clubs were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment A). They are:

*Italy Cat Fancier, Region 9, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Director
Arabian Cats, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
Ice City Cat Fans Club, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*

Hamza: Club applications. **Krzanowski:** Yes, I'm ready with that. We have 5 clubs pre-noticed for consideration at this meeting, one from Region 9 and four from the International Division.

***Italy Cat Fancier (Attachment B)
Region 9, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Director***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. No members are members of other clubs. This is an allbreed club that wishes to produce shows in Milan, Genoa, Rome, Florence and Venice. The dues have been set and if disbanded, the monies will go to a cat welfare organization. This is a re-application as the club was dropped for not submitting a membership list. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received on the club. The Regional Director supports this club.

Krzanowski: The first club up for consideration is Italy Cat Fancier. That's from Region 9. This is a club that actually reapplied. They were dropped from membership in June for not submitting their membership list on time. This club was pre-noticed. We've had no negative letters and the regional director supports this club, as he indicated in an email earlier today. I move that this club be accepted into membership. **Hamza:** Anybody have any comments on the Italy Cat Fanciers? Can I get a second? **Meeker:** I'll second. **Eigenhauser:** Whose got the music going? **Hamza:** Thank you, whoever it was who ceased and desisted. Can I get a second please? **Meeker:** I seconded it, Jerry. This is Ginger. **Hamza:** OK, I'm sorry. I couldn't hear over the music.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Congratulations to the Italy Cat Fanciers.

***Arabian Cats (Attachment C)
International Division--Saudi Arabia, Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member is a member of other clubs. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold shows in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The dues have been set. Liz contacted the club about the monies should the club disband and the secretary emailed her that the monies will be donated to a welfare organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Go ahead, Carol. **Krzanowski:** Thank you. The next club up for consideration is Arabian Cats from the International Division in Saudi Arabia. This is a new area for CFA, and from what I understand with this club is that they don't have an intention of producing any shows in their country at the present time. They do have some cultural issues that would be a problem. What they plan to do instead is to work with the E Cats Club in Egypt, together with that club, to produce shows in Cairo. All of their constitution and bylaws and application was all in order. Everything was send in, in a timely manner. Our International Chair supports this club. Are there any questions? **Ganoe:** This is Dennis. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** I have a question. Their application indicated they were going to do their shows in Riyadh, not in Cairo. Was that a mistake on the application or was it some other communication that said Cairo? **Kallmeyer:** Dick here. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** I think afterwards they did give a communication to Kenny Currler that they were jointly going to put on shows in Egypt. Just to point out, too, that these people have already been supporting CFA. They have attended all the Kuwait shows, so they have been going to shows already, but obviously if they do put on a show in Saudi Arabia, there's other considerations we have to worry about, but they were talking about putting their initial shows in Egypt, when Egypt settles down. **Hamza:** And they have been working closely with Shereen [Eldemery], haven't they Dick? **Kallmeyer:** Oh, very close. In fact, she was the one really helping us. Shereen is one of the primary people behind the Kuwait club and she is also on the International Committee for the Middle East. **Hamza:** This is only a positive for us. It gives us a presence. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. **Hamza:** Go ahead Carol. **Krzanowski:** I have one other comment. Kenny did contact Liz, and Liz and I have been in touch about this, as well. Yes indeed they do plan to produce shows with the club in Egypt and they really want to be members of CFA. They want to register their cats in CFA. They love CFA, so I would move that this club be accepted. **Kallmeyer:** I second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Welcome to CFA, Arabian Cats.

China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club (Attachment D)
International Division--Asia (LiaoNing Province, China) Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are ten members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed that wishes to put on several shows a year in the LiaoNing Province. If disbanded the monies will go to help homeless cats. The signature of the Secretary and members' CFA activities are included in the Addendum. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: OK Carol. Go on to China. **Krzanowski:** The next club up for consideration is China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club, also from the International Division in China. Everything was in order with their application and they were pre-noticed. We received no negative letters, and the International Chair supports this club. **Kallmeyer:** Dick here. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** Let me point out, last year I guess if we look at it, there were 19 Chinese clubs that put on 16 shows, and that's 19 clubs as of June. These new clubs actually are people that do not belong to current clubs and already this year through December we have 17 shows already set up. We expect from January to May probably another 10-12 shows. So, it's a significant amount of shows put on. Of these 17 shows, and I'm not picking on Carissa or anything, but Region 3

had 22 shows with 56 clubs. To put on shows, it does wear on a lot of clubs, so it's nice to see we're getting more clubs that want to put on more shows. In fact, this year it's probably the first time that we may have two simultaneous shows in China at one time, so the demand is phenomenal and I support it. This particular club is in the northeastern part of China. The population of this county or state of China is about 43 million people, so it's significant population opportunity here.

[An executive session discussion was had in which **Altschul** expressed her general concerns.]

Krzanowski: I move that China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club be accepted into CFA.
Kallmeyer: Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no. **Hamza:** Welcome to CFA, the China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club.

Ice City Cat Fans Club (Attachment E)
International Division--Asia (ShenYang, China) Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. No member is a member of another club. The application has been corrected in the Addendum to reflect a change in the Vice President, three new club directors and the CFA activities of the members. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in the ShenYang area. If disbanded the monies will go to help homeless cats. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Carol, go ahead. **Krzanowski:** OK, the next club is Ice City Cat Fans Club, also in the International Division from Shenyang China. Everything in their application was in order. They plan to put on shows in the Shenyang area. The club was pre-noticed. No negative letters were received and the International Chair supports this club. **Kallmeyer:** Dick here. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** This is another great area. Remember, Shenyang is right next to Hong Kong, and the area that it's in is really a population area on the order closer to 100 million if you look at the greater provinces, so it's really significant where this is. This area has a lot of western businesses, as well, so we definitely can use it. The breeders in this club are, we have a lot of Persian breeders coming in. In fact, they bought a lot of Persians now from the top U.S. breeders, so I think it's really a great opportunity, and actually this is one area where we're going to see growth in the Persian breed, rather than the Exotics that we've been seeing. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. If there aren't any other questions, I move that we accept the Ice City Cat Fans Club. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hamza:** We'll let George second this one.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no. **Hamza:** I was waiting on you. Welcome Ice City Cat Fans Club.

Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance (Attachment F)
International Division--Asia (Beijing, China) Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are nineteen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in the Beijing area. If disbanded, monies will go to animal welfare associations. Although the application lists many

Americanized names, the Chinese names have been submitted, also. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Finally, Carol, Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance. **Krzanowski:** Yes, that's the last club for consideration this evening, and it's also in the International Division, located in Beijing China. Everything in their application was in order. You will note in the application that many Americanized names were used, but we did ask them to supply their official Chinese names, which they did promptly. The club was pre-noticed and no negative letters were received. The International Chair supports this club. **Ganoe:** This is Dennis. **Hamza:** We'll let Dick talk and then go ahead Dennis. **Kallmeyer:** Again, I support it. I think it's another great opportunity to help us drive into the Beijing region. Beijing is considered one of the 5 major areas for China and we have had a long tradition of CFA shows in this area, so this will help drive more business for us, as well. **Hamza:** Dennis. **Ganoe:** I was just curious how many clubs we have in the Beijing metro area right now. Do you know? **Kallmeyer:** There's 3 that I know of, and one of them obviously is not going to be putting on shows for a while. The other one does not put on many shows. The Beijing area is about 18 million in the greater area. **Hamza:** It's a very big city. Any other questions here? **Krzanowski:** OK, then I move that we accept the Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance. **Kallmeyer:** I'll second if nobody will. **Eigenhauser:** I was being polite that time. **Hamza:** You're so polite, George.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no. **Hamza:** Welcome Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance to CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

August, 2013 to Board teleconference in September, 2013.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski, Co-Chairs

Krzanowski: I have one more thing I would like to bring up for very short discussion, if you don't mind. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Krzanowski:** It has been suggested that when we pre-notice the clubs, that we might want to list the name of the president, as well as the secretary. As you know, we only list the secretary, and the city and state, or city and country. [**Baugh** leaves the conference] It has been suggested that we supply more information and I wanted to get a feel from the board what you think about that situation. **Kallmeyer:** Dick. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** I think it's important. The notices that go out in Mark's CFA News, we don't even list the secretary, and I notice on the Chinese club we didn't list the city even, so I think the notices that we put out should have more information, especially I think in China or Asia, that knowing the president and the secretary gives you more information of the people involved. That's why I'm in favor of providing that. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. In the most recent pre-notices, we did list the secretary, and also the city and country. I don't know that we want to go

beyond that. We could list the president's name perhaps, but I'm reluctant to include any kind of contact information that's more personal because of anti-breeder legislation and animal rights people and things like that. We're not just talking about the International Division, we're talking about all the regions. What we do for one, we have to do for all, as far as the pre-notice is concerned. I don't think we can be selective in that. **Hamza:** Ed, when we're dealing with this, we have to think of the laws everywhere. I know privacy laws in Europe are pretty tough. **Raymond:** But listing the secretary and the president's name should not be a problem. **Hamza:** OK, but we shouldn't go any further. Just city and names. **Raymond:** I certainly wouldn't list anything more than that. The city it's going to be based in is fine as well, too. **Krzanowski:** OK, that would be fine. I don't have an objection to putting the secretary's name in there, as well. Would that be satisfactory for you, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** Sure, it's great. I don't care where the secretary lives, but I would like their name for people's comments. **Krzanowski:** OK. We'll do that from now on. **Calhoun:** This is Kathy. As Carol said, you would do that universally, right? **Hamza:** Yeah, we would have to do it in the States, we would have to do it everywhere. You have to apply the standard evenly. **Calhoun:** That's the appropriate thing. **Hamza:** The only caution I have is what Carol mentioned. **Calhoun:** I just want you to know that the music is gone. It was courtesy of Marriott. **Hamza:** OK, I'm glad that it's gone. **Calhoun:** Is it gone? Because I couldn't hear it. **Hamza:** I can't hear it anymore. It's gone for me. Great. Alright, thank you Carol. **Krzanowski:** Thank you.

(4) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Breed Council membership deadline has come and gone with a lot of last-minute activity.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We're doing our best to have a successful Kitten Season as litters and individual registrations take their Annual spike in activity.

Future Projections for Committee:

Action Items:

1. Show Format Request

Club Name: China International Pedigree Cat Fanciers Club

Show Date: October 12-13 and Oct 26-27, 2013

Location: Shanghai, China

Both Shows are licensed as 8 ring back to back shows. They are requesting to add a 9th judge to each show to be shared with another show to be held in between these two.

Hamza: Up next is the Central Office report. Donna Jean, go ahead. **Thompson:** OK, the first thing was a show format request from the China International Pedigree Cat Fanciers. They are having two shows in October, the 12/13 and the 26/27 in Shanghai. Both shows are licensed as an 8 ring back to back, and they are requesting to add a 9th judge to each show that's going to be shared with another show that will be held on the weekend in between these two dates.

Ganoe: So, one judge would be there for 3 shows in a row? **Thompson:** That I don't know for sure. I know they would be doing at least 2. **Hamza:** Why is this coming to the board?

Thompson: Because the two shows were already licensed, and it's a change of format.

Eigenhauser: And it's less than 90 days out. **Hamza:** Oh, less than 90 days, OK. What is it, October?

Eigenhauser: Yeah. I move we allow it. **Hamza:** Can we get a second. **Meeker:** I'll second it.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.

2. TRN and Show Rules

Committee Chair: Monte Phillips

List of Committee Members: Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Based on the request from George Eigenhauser to bring the rules associated with the temporary registration number process to the August Board meeting for passage, and to make them immediately effective, the Committee has prepared the following amended show rules.

Essentially, the only CHANGE is that 1.24 and the associated amendments are revised to allow for the submission of registration numbers for CFA parents for the TRN process for cats with CFA registered parents.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Updating rules based on Board requests.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee is still working on the show rules revamp. We hope to have something to the September Board meeting for comment, and then to the October meeting for final approval.

Action Items:

Revise Rules to address Resolution 6 Passed at Annual by greater than 2/3 and make it Immediately Effective.

Rule # 1.24	Show Rules Committee based on Board Member request	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER is provided to listed cats who wish to compete at a CFA show and earn awards in any competitive category, e.g., points earned and qualifying rings will be credited to the cat. The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 2.04) and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee for registration by pedigree; or a CFA-issued pedigree showing the CFA registration</p>	<p>A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER (TRN) is provided to listed cats who wish to compete at a CFA show and earn awards in any competitive category, e.g., points earned and qualifying rings will be credited to the cat. The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of <u>the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-generation pedigree</u> (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 2.04) and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee for</p>

<p>number for both the sire and dam of the cat/kitten, and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee. This must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the beginning of judging for the show. The fee, application form, and pedigree will be provided to Central Office in the show package. Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the bases for such decision. . Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be listed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.</p>	<p>registration by pedigree; or a CFA issued pedigree showing the CFA registration number for both the sire and dam of the cat/kitten, and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee. If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) This must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the beginning of judging for the show. The fee, application form, and pedigree and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. <u>The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable).</u> Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the bases<u>basis</u> for such decision. . Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be listed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.</p>
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Rule # 4.03

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>It is It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, region/area of residence, and when required, registration number. (See Paragraph 2.03.) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number will also include a pedigree as specified in paragraph 1.24 of these rules.</p>	<p>It is It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, region/area of residence, and when required, registration number. (See Paragraph 2.03.) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number will also include a <u>pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24)</u> as specified in paragraph 1.24 of these rules.</p>

Rule # 16.101	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<i>l. For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree, and appropriate fees submitted for said cats.</i>	<i>l. For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree <u>(or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24)</u>, and appropriate fees submitted for said cats.</i>
Rule # 17.02	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<i>The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will contact Central Office and obtain the number for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree. The cat's pedigree, application form, and associated registration fee must be provided no later than the start of judging for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice.</i>	<i>The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will contact Central Office and obtain the number for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree. The cat's pedigree <u>(or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24)</u>, application form, and associated registration fee must be provided no later than the start of judging for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice.</i>
Rule #18.19	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<i>Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to paragraphs 16.10 through 16.12, 18.14,18.17 and 18.18. The master clerk shall separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to</i>	<i>Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to paragraphs 16.10 through 16.12, 18.14,18.17 and 18.18. The master clerk shall separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to identify the</i>

<p><i>identify the destination of each set, i.e., “Central Office Copy” and “Club Copy,” when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, stapled together for each associated cat. The master clerk’s responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.</i></p>	<p><i>destination of each set, i.e., “Central Office Copy” and “Club Copy,” when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees <u>(or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24)</u> submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, stapled together for each associated cat. The master clerk’s responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.</i></p>
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RATIONALE: *Some confusion on how to handle TRNs has recently come up where an entry clerk issued a TRN without being in receipt of the pedigree information. According to the entry clerk, this was in accordance with guidance provided to everyone on how to handle TRNs. This is contrary to the current rule. The rule is revised to make it clear that the EC must have all three things to issue a TRN - the application, fee, and pedigree. However, at the Vancouver Annual Meeting, these rules were revised to allow for obtaining a TRN by providing the registration numbers only for a cat whose sire and dam were both CFA registered. Rather than have confusion between now and the end of the show season, when this rule would normally take effect, the change passed at the annual by greater than 2/3 has been incorporated here. It is recommended that the rule be made immediately effective, and then the rule itself be sent out as the definitive guidance on how to handle TRNs.*

Hamza: Donna Jean? **Thompson:** The second item was TRN and show rules, and this item was put together by Monte. I asked someone to give Monte a phone call and call in. I don’t know for sure if that’s happening or not. **Baugh:** Does he have the new conference code? Otherwise, he won’t get in. **Thompson:** Yes, he should. Yes, he does. I sent it to him. **Hannon:** So, do you want to wait on that and see if he calls in later? **Hamza:** Yeah.

[**Phillips** joins the conference] **Hamza:** Hi Monte. Thank you for coming in. We’re discussing the TRN and the show rules, and hopefully you have a bridge for us. Can you hear us, Monte? **Phillips:** Yep, but I missed what the question was. **Hamza:** We’re discussing the TRN numbers in the show rules. **Phillips:** Ah yes, novices to opens. **Hamza:** OK. Have you come up with a bridge? A solution? **Phillips:** I thought I gave that rule off to Rachel. Did you guys get it? **Hamza:** Yes, we have it and Rachel is not with us tonight, so I was hoping that you would become Rachel for a short period. **Phillips:** No way can I take minutes, but I’ll try. **Hamza:** No, no. Just explain what you have done so that we can say, “oh yes, what a clever boy” and we’ll pass it and move on. **Phillips:** There’s two things that are part of the problem. The first part of the problem is that entry clerks/exhibitors are actually following the TRN process. We’re getting TRNs issued without actually getting pedigrees or fees or application forms. We’re also having people doing what I’ll call catalog corrections at the beginning of the show to transfer their cat from novice to open. There are no provisions in the rules at all that allow that. You have to have a registration number to enter a cat, so by definition to enter the cat, you have to put it in, unless you are going to put it in as a novice with a TRN. Now, the TRN process requires you to have three things. What I’ve done is, I’ve added the sentence that says basically the entry clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of all three things, but as George pointed out at the annual meeting, we also had a revision to the TRN process to add “in lieu of pedigrees”, just providing the CFA registration numbers for the sire and dam of the cat. So, that’s also covered in here, everything that was voted on and passed at the annual. So, what you would be looking at is two things in this actual rule making. The first is to basically incorporate the stuff that was

passed at the annual by greater than 2/3, then the part that basically clarifies for the entry clerk, you don't issue TRNs until you have all 3 things – application, fee, and either pedigree or registration numbers. Now, where Shirley made me confused is, either unfortunately or fortunately, the TRN process does allow you to basically get your TRN the morning of the show. You don't have to have it at the time of entry. That hasn't changed. So, that process is still allowed. **Hamza:** Well, we've seen what we think is a dramatic increase in registrations because of it, so I think it's fortunate. It may be a little extra work for some folks. **Phillips:** Oh, I agree with you. It's working great in Europe. I think it's got us a lot of cats that we would not have otherwise have gotten registered in CFA. In the U.S., what I see it turning into – let me finish – in the U.S., what I see it turning into is the opportunity for people to enter the show before they get their registrations completed. **Hamza:** Let me ask you this, Monte, on that particular note. We're not seeing large quantities of that, are we? **Phillips:** I don't think so. Shirley would be the expert and I think she's only had like 3 or 4 of these cases. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, there's only been about 3 or 4 from the U.S. **Hamza:** Alright. What are we in, Dick, our second season with this now? **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, and just to give you an idea, last year to monetize it, it brought in about \$9,000 with registrations and the pedigrees. A couple things; we don't want to make it too hard, but I don't think that we should allow the novice-to-open transfer. I think they should go through the TRN process – apply for the TRN with the needed material. They go into the show as a TRN, then they can do the transfer. **Phillips:** But your problem there, Dick is when we first passed this, and this is the problem you have when you go back and look at the actual rule making, in the 5th sentence (I believe it's the 5th sentence), we basically give them right up until the beginning of the show to actually submit the paperwork for a TRN. So, that's issuing a novice-to-open transfer the morning of the show. **Hannon:** Right. I don't know why we want to discourage that. **Kallmeyer:** I think in this case, wasn't Shirley's case that they didn't even provide the paperwork? **Phillips:** The problem Shirley is having is, people are not following the process to actually get a TRN. **Kallmeyer:** Right, so I think, you know, I have no objections if they provide it during check-in, the material, but I think there should be a default if they entered the show as a TRN cat but then don't follow through. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** It already says in Show Rule 1.24 that Central Office will void any points earned by a cat that had a temporary registration number where the requirements were not met, so we do have that now. I think what we're trying to do right now are two things; in the U.S. We're having a certain amount of confusion about this, and the informational sheet that Central Office has been sending out hasn't been making it better, so the idea was to clarify that, to clean that up, but my suggestion was, if we're doing that and we know there's another change coming down the pipe anyway, do it all at once so we don't have the confusion of explaining the requirements to people once, and then in a few months changing it all. **Phillips:** I did that, George. **Eigenhauser:** So, normally I wouldn't say jump ahead and do something that's not going to be effective until May 1 unless it's important, but to me this is almost housekeeping. As long as we're going in and trying to clean this up anyway, we might as well incorporate it at the same time. So, in terms of what Dick is looking for, in terms of being able to submit the paperwork right up to the day of the show, that's still possible, as I understand it under Monte's proposal. It's just that, while we're going through and cleaning this up in terms of what Central Office tells the entry clerks and what Central Office tells the exhibitors, when we clean that up we'll incorporate the new changes, as well – doing it with the registration numbers of CFA cats instead of the pedigrees – so we're doing all the changes as a package to try to simplify it. That was my suggestion. **Hamza:** Monte, isn't that what you tried to do here? **Phillips:** Right. George, if you look at the revision, it does incorporate the stuff that was passed at the annual that goes in effect next show season. It's in here. **Hannon:** But he's suggesting we make it effective immediately. That's the way I'm taking it. **Eigenhauser:** Correct. **Hamza:** Ed, go ahead. **Raymond:** I'm curious about

the sentence that was added about the entry clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of everything they need. So, if someone registers to enter the show, it says they are going to apply for a TRN. Does the entry clerk include a TRN for catalog purposes, even though they don't have everything in hand until the day of the show? **Phillips:** No, and that's the problem that's occurring today. They are issuing a TRN without having all the stuff, and they are not getting all the stuff and they're not taking it out of the catalog. **Hamza:** But, even if that happens and all the stuff doesn't come forward, they've done all this for nothing then, right? **Kallmeyer:** And it would screw up the show count, because the master clerk would count it as if it was a valid TRN. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** I have one more question and then Mark go ahead. Does this have the potential to reduce income? **Phillips:** Actually, it has the potential to increase income. **Hamza:** Right. OK. **Phillips:** Because what you're looking at are people – I'm going to speak for what I think are a couple of these examples – they've got their CFA registration number by the time they come to the show and, as a result, what they do is, they do a catalog correction and put their permanent registration number into the show, transfer it to open that way, which is not allowed by the show rules, rather than doing it via the TRN process which would require them to pay an extra \$15 fee to get the TRN. **Hamza:** OK. I was just thinking about human nature being what it is. Go ahead Mark. **Hannon:** Alright. So, if they do this the morning of the show and they are assigned a TRN the morning of the show, I'm assuming the master clerk then writes it in to the master catalog, that number, and when we're counting the number of opens and champions present, they are included, right? **Phillips:** That is correct. **Hannon:** The way that they have erroneously been doing it is, giving out the number in advance and pre-printing it in the catalog, and hoping that the morning of the show they are going to provide the rest of the documentation. And we're saying we're not allowing that. **Phillips:** Correct. **Hamza:** Are we going to have a hard time getting them in Europe to do this? **Phillips:** I don't think Europe's the problem. **Ganoe:** This is Dennis. **Hamza:** Hang on for a second. I thought 90% of these are being done in Europe. **Phillips:** But they're not the problem. **Eigenhauser:** 90% of the problems are coming from the U.S. **Hamza:** But I thought that we are only doing like 2 or 3 of these a year in the U.S. **Phillips:** Well, I don't know about 2 or 3 a year. I think we have 2 or 3 problems a year. I'll give you an example. I just did a show in Wisconsin back in March or April. I can't remember the exact month, but I had 4 of these and they all came on the day of the show. I did all the transfers, put the TRNs in the catalog, switched them from novice to open in the catalog, novice to champion in the judges' books, no problem. But they gave me all 3 things that I need. I had a pedigree, I had a fee and I had an application form. **Hamza:** Dick, do you know how many TRNs were doing in North America? **Kallmeyer:** I haven't done the latest count, but again I would probably say 10-15 total, but I haven't seen the latest numbers. **Baugh:** We're not addressing what Monte is talking about. When somebody has not got their CFA registration number yet, they enter the cat using a TRN and they want to transfer it to open and they can't do that without paying the TRN fee. They're not paying it. **Kallmeyer:** I think there was another case, too, where didn't they enter as novice and wanted to transfer to open so they would bypass TRN even. **Hannon:** Yeah, but that's not legal. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Phillips:** That is correct. That is not legal. **Baugh:** They are trying to avoid the \$15 TRN fee. **Hannon:** They can avoid it, but they're not going to get credit for the rings. Shirley is going to void it, right? **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Phillips:** That's what Shirley wants to do, and that's the problem with that. **Hamza:** That's what she is supposed to do. Isn't that the way it's written in the show rules? **Kallmeyer:** Right, but we want to make that notice, too. Again, that's going to screw up the champion count that people depend on.

Altschul: This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead Carissa. **Altschul:** This is outside of the people trying to get around paying the fee. I'm imagining end-of-season antics. Do I understand

correctly that the way this is written, that someone could show up the day of the show with 5 cats, and if they have the proper documentation, those 5 cats will be added to the catalog that were not part of the – **Hannon:** No, no. **Phillips:** Well, yes and no. Carissa, those 5 cats would have already had to have been entered as novices, but yes you are right. That’s exactly what they could do. **Altschul:** But they are entered as novices, so they are part of the count? **Phillips:** Let me finish. They are outside of the count before they show up the day of the show and turn in their application form, fee and the registration numbers for the sires and dams. Now, all of a sudden, they move into the count and become opens. **Hamza:** They are part of the overall count. They’re not part of the class count. **Altschul:** But it’s not like cats that would suddenly show up that nobody knew about. **Hannon:** No. **Phillips:** No, they know about them. **Hannon:** They are in the catalog. **Altschul:** OK.

Hamza: Anyway, we’re going way adrift and it’s my job to pull it back into focus. Monte, what you have here fixes the problem we asked you to fix. **Phillips:** Correct. **Hamza:** Alright. So, everybody has looked at it. The problem at hand, I’m comfortable with what Monte has done. I think it addresses the problem. George, you were the other guy that had a lot of questions. Are you comfortable that this fixes the problem you thought was there? **Eigenhauser:** Yep. I move we accept it, effective immediately. **Kallmeyer:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** It is effective immediately. Monte, it’s refreshing, as always. We may have you back at the next meeting to explain the Easter thing again. I enjoyed it so much last time. **Phillips:** I believe at the next meeting you’ll have me back to talk about grand points for premiers in China. **Hamza:** Yes. Actually, Dick, I’m going to add you #14 with that today if you don’t mind. Just to bring it up. We may address it at the next meeting, but I want to talk a little bit about it so everybody knows it’s coming. Monte, thank you. **Phillips:** You’re welcome. My wife will be happy. This means we have time for Baker’s Square. See you next month. **Hamza:** Bless your soul. Bye-bye. **Hannon:** What is Baker’s Square? **Baugh:** Dessert.

Shelton: Jerry? **Hamza:** Who called my name out? **Shelton:** This is Mike. I did. **Hamza:** OK Michael. **Shelton:** Before we move on to the rest of Donna Jean’s report, I would just like to request – there was a recommendation for this show rule change that the rule be sent out as a definitive guidance. I want to make sure this show rule, a copy of it, is going to be sent out to all of the licensed clerks, master clerks, entry clerks, anybody who can be affected by it, because the one we passed last year in the middle of the season, effective immediately, did not get disseminated very well and it caused problems. I just want to make sure we have something in place on how this is going to be sent out to the clerks, master clerks and entry clerks. **Hamza:** Jodell, are you on the line? I did ask her to be here in Rachel’s absence. **J. Raymond:** Yeah, I’m here. **Hamza:** Call me tomorrow. We’ve got to make sure that we get this distributed to everybody. We need to send it to the judges via Loretta, and we need to get it to all the clerks via Cheryl. Am I forgetting anybody? **Eigenhauser:** The entry clerks. **Hannon:** It’s going to be in the newsletter. That will hit most of those people. **Hamza:** Yeah, and entry clerks. If I’m forgetting anybody, let me know but let’s get a copy of it. Send Monte an email getting a polished copy that is suitable for publication, and we’ll just get it everywhere. We should establish a mailing list of all of these kinds of things. Even though they don’t come up frequently, it’s just good to have. We’ll start doing it. Okie dokie? **J. Raymond:** OK.

Time Frame:

At the current board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

It is our hope to have the first draft of the rules revamp ready to review at the September Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Monte Phillips, Chair

3. Correction Policies and Procedures for Registration Errors

Recently many if not all of you have received an anonymous email alleging fraud against a fellow breeder. These emails arose from different sources, were sent to several employees as well as past and current Board members. While I do not approve of responses to anonymous accusations, I felt the problem could be fairly quickly researched (which I did) and a response given to the email forwarded to me.

I did respond alerting the sender that suspected “fraud” should be addressed via the Protest Committee. I sent instructions for such a submission noting they would have to provide proof and sign the protest.

The issue is the color of a kitten, now cat that has earned dual Regional Awards. The cat has a red tabby and white sire mated with a blue patched tabby and white dam. The kitten was erroneously registered as a blue tabby and white female – a color not possible with that mating. Genetically the kitten has to be a blue patched tabby and white. Given my 40 plus years judging experience I know it is possible the “patch” could be very small and is extremely difficult to distinguish with the tabby “patina”. I explained this possibility in the “fraud” response.

It appeared to have fallen on deaf ears as this situation has grown an incredible life of its own. During this time period I had discussions with George, Ed, Roger and a very compliant breeder-owner of the cat.

The breeder-owner has sent swabs from the questioned cat, the sire and dam for DNA testing. We await the results. Based on the handling of a similar situation in the past, I assured the breeder awards won by the cat would remain.

Also during this same time period I was noticed of a suspected error via a Persian Breeder questioning if a LH cat was a Persian or a longhair Exotic. She had found indications the cat in question might be a LH Exotic – which it was. When the cat was registered all the information was properly submitted but the registrar assigned the wrong BCS code which deemed it a Persian when it should have been an Exotic Longhair. Again a very compliant breeder is working with us to have accurate registration records.

With some of our breeds already acknowledging the usage of genetic testing in registering for hair length and color as well as breeders testing for disease issues, we need to consider policies and procedures in the reliance and future of DNA testing for problems that arise and issues easily solved via the results of DNA testing.

Thompson: OK then, we can move on to the correction policies and procedures for registration errors. We’re getting a lot of situations, and I know the one you very much have heard an awful lot about, I put a long explanation of two of the issues. I have also worked with Ed and George and Roger in discussing how to handle some of these issues. While I was hoping the board might have a full discussion, in thinking about it more myself, I probably should have

asked for an action item, because I thought it might be better if we could put together a small committee to discuss some of these things and come up with possible solutions. I know that some of this is coming forth because of DNA testing. I think maybe CFA as a whole, it's probably time to look very seriously at DNA testing and how we use it in problems. **Hamza:** But Donna Jean, in this case, there wasn't a test for the red gene. **Thompson:** Right, but the lady has agreed to test all 3 cats. She is having all 3 cats tested. **Eigenhauser:** We can do paternity testing, even if we can't test for a specific gene, which would imply it is out of those two cats. **Thompson:** Right. That's what she's in the process of doing right now. The cat's mother is a blue patched tabby and white. I bet my last nickel that the daughter is a blue patched tabby and white. Because it's a blue tabby with the patina, there's a patch there that perhaps they didn't see. **Hamza:** OK. [transcript goes to Show Rules]

Hamza: Back to your list there, we are sort of familiar with that problem. You don't have an action item, do you? **Thompson:** No, I didn't put an action item in. I just put an explanation of some of the things that are coming before us and it is my suggestion that we get some policies in effect to handle these situations. **Hamza:** I know, but I'm not going to deal with them ad hoc at a board meeting that's going to run late enough as it is. **Thompson:** No, I don't expect you to do that. The longer I thought about it – it came up kind of rapidly, and the longer I thought about it, and actually in talking with Ed and George and Roger, I thought the better idea – I should have put in an action item to have a committee formed which would include at least those people. **Hamza:** I think the way we handled it was the correct way. I think that the policy we have is the correct policy, which prohibits any offspring from that cat in question from being registered until we clear up. Here's the thing, and I think everybody should agree with this. CFA is a registry of cats. Our main obligation is the correctness of our registry. As long as we are dedicated and working to make sure that that registration is as clear and as precise as it can be, I think we're on the right track with that. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead George, and then Carissa. **Eigenhauser:** The thing is, we don't actually have a policy on this. That's kind of the problem. In the past, there's always been a certain number of cats that have been registered that have produced genetically impossible offspring, in one manner or another, and it's just one of those little things that we've never really had a game plan what to do about, and so in this particular instance, we kind of ad hoc decided that what we're going to do is ask for DNA testing. The owner was very compliant, but I think what we're looking for is kind of a sense of approval from the board that that's the way we want to go and this will be our policy going forward, so that we don't have to deal with these on an ad hoc basis. We have a standing rule that says, if you come up with a genetically impossible offspring, we can ask for DNA testing. That way, Central Office doesn't have to try to figure out each time this comes up how we're going to handle it. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** I want to pop into executive session for one second on all of this, because I want to say something that shouldn't be said off the cuff.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Hamza: I forgot who I left off with. Somebody help me. **Hannon:** Mark. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. I was before you, Mark. **Hamza:** Carissa then Mark. It doesn't matter. Go ahead Carissa. **Altschul:** OK. This whole issue, I'm not taking the specific issue that we're talking about, but just the big picture. I know that there's a lot of stuff that comes in to CFA that's impossible type colors, so I really think we've got to get a handle on that problem. Our pedigrees are what we are, and if our pedigrees aren't correct, then what we are becomes devalued and our entire business becomes devalued. I think that anytime that we have a pedigree problem found,

it's our obligation to fix it and to fix anything that descended from it. A couple months, years, I can't remember – it was a while back where there was a cat that had a color behind it that was not allowed. I'm going to leave all the breed stuff out, and when we discovered the mistake, we rescinded that cat's registration and all the registrations of the offspring that came from that cat. We fixed it, and it caused some hard feelings. I understand that, but our pedigrees are our business. They have got to be correct. **Hamza:** I agree with that. **Altschul:** The other issue that I'm really concerned with, and I've seen it happen twice in my own breed, is people purchase a cat from somebody, from a breeder, and they change the color of the cat from what the breeder had without any genetic basis for changing the cat. One case is where a blue lynx point got changed into a lilac lynx point and there was absolutely no chocolate or lilac behind that cat, but they called it a lilac lynx point because it would make more money on the kittens. The other case is where a calico supposedly produced a Himi. This isn't my line, but it's other people's stuff that I've dealt with, and CFA let the buyer of the cat re-register this calico as a CPC calico because this breeder let all of her cats run together but somehow she knew that that flame point kitten had to be out of the calico. I'm really concerned here about how they are letting people reregister cats without checking back with the original breeder, particularly when it was a showing breeder who registered the original color of the cat and it's a non-showing breeder who reregisters the cat. I've just got a lot of concerns, not just with my breed, but with others. **Hamza:** There are other issues, though. You can't say it's all that. We had a mink Persian get registered and we know it's a mink Persian. **Altschul:** Well then, in that case it's not a Persian. That's what I'm saying. For certain stuff, we should require a genetic test. If you're going to call it a chocolate or a lilac and you don't have any chocolate or lilac behind it, there is a DNA test for that. **Hamza:** The question is this; is the science there yet? I think we're moving toward a genetic registry. The real question is, is the science there? **Altschul:** If it is there then we should.

Hannon: My concern was, in the particular cat we're discussing, the owner has agreed to have the parents DNA tested. All that's going to tell us is, they were the parents, but they still produced a color that is impossible, which tells me one of the parents isn't the color they are saying it is, as Donna Jean explained it. I don't think we can allow just testing the parents to be the answer. We would still end up with an unacceptable pedigree. **Hamza:** In this particular instance, we don't know that's the case yet. We may find out that one of the parents isn't the parent and somebody else snuck out of a cage and did the breeding. We have to see how the smoke is going to clear on this particular case. **Hannon:** I agree with Carissa. We don't want to register this offspring, just based on DNA testing that the parents are who they say they are. Carissa came up with some good examples. I'm sure we could get all kinds of good examples of things that the Central Office has registered incorrectly. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** First of all, to answer Mark, in this particular situation if the parents are who we think the parents are, and turn out to be the parents, then the cat's color is wrong because it's an unapparent patched. That's what Donna Jean was talking about. When you've got a patched and white, you lose a red hair somewhere under the white or it could be hidden away someplace else. If we know it's the correct offspring, we know what the color genetically has to be, even though there's not a test for it, because sometimes phenotype and genotype don't agree. But, if the parents are the parents, then she's a patched. We don't need a DNA test for patching to know that, so yes, parentage testing will definitely tell us the color of this cat. If those are her parents, then she is an unapparent patched. To respond to something that Jerry was saying, in a lot of these cases people don't really care what color you register their cat as, they just want to register the cat. They register it as what they think it is. If you breed blue girl to a red boy and they try to register a blue and white girl out of it, it clearly has to be a patched. I think in a lot of cases, you don't need a DNA test. All you need is Central Office to say, *based*

on that genetics, that girl has got a red hair someplace. Would you like to register her as a patched? If we catch it right, we can do it before it gets all mucked up in the system. The reason we have a problem here is because it got registered without anybody picking up on a genetic mistake and now we're trying to undo something after it was registered, but when we catch these mistakes before the cat is registered, CFA can do a lot to kind of clean things up and fix it before it gets into the system. So, it doesn't mean turning down a registration, it doesn't mean sending somebody away. It simply means helping them pick the right color over the phone on a cat that we can't see but that logically we know has to be this or has to be that. So, that's another solution to the problem, too – not just DNA testing but a little bit of helpfulness in terms of being able to advise people when they come up with something funky that can't possibly be, to explain to them what the outcome is likely to be and then letting them choose, "OK, well then, I'm going to register it as a patched then, if your' telling me it has to be a patched." **Hamza:** Here's the other thing too, folks. We're not prepared to tackle this issue in this context tonight. This is a big issue, so if we want to discuss this, we can add this as an agenda issue to the next meeting and decide how we're going to approach this problem, because this isn't a quick fix. Ultimately, in my mind what I think I would like to see is some sort of program that would help people, but again there's other issues. I mean, I'm a Persian breeder, so it's not that hard but when you go to a breed like Oriental, all of a sudden it's much harder.

Altschul: This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead Carissa. **Altschul:** I would really like to see some more training for the people doing registrations. **Hamza:** I agree. **Altschul:** I think it would go a long way, and I think that's part of what we need to do as part of our business, and not just a one-time training but, you know, most places have continuing education, and they're going to need it. **Hamza:** I agree. **Altschul:** There's wonderful color charts. That's a good way to start this. **Hamza:** I agree. I think that's wonderful, too, but the other thing you guys have got to know, too, is that a lot of our customers are not sophisticated breeders. When they start talking to us about colors, we're only as good as the information we get fed, too. This problem is a lot more complex. It's going to take more time than an hour or 45 minutes on a Board of Director phone call. This is a big problem. This isn't a little problem, this is a big problem. So, I would like to put this on the agenda for the September meeting. What it's going to take is, it's going to take the formation of a committee that's going to have to start looking into it to define the scope and then start working toward – we've talked about this. Carla, you're on the call, right? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Hamza:** Carla and I, when we started working on the computer system with Dick, we knew it goes back to the Gencore program on the old Hewlett-Packard that tried to do this. It didn't go very far. **Bizzell:** It was very elementary. Very elementary. Good, but elementary. **Hamza:** And it just covered a few of the breeds. **Kallmeyer:** It hasn't been updated since 92. **Hamza:** Yeah. And we do know that there's an English program that can be used. Carla and I have been talking about it, but we're not close. A lot of things have to happen before that can be implemented. I think it can be done, but I also think that it's going to be expensive and if that's something CFA wants, they are going to have to commit a lot of time, money and energy. **Hannon:** Let's move on. **Hamza:** OK. I'm going to ask Rachel to put this on the September agenda. We'll talk about it a little bit more and see what the board's gut feeling is towards this. So, we'll move on.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson*

(5) **MOTION FOR EXCEPTION TO SHOW RULE 13.15 TO ALLOW 1 OR 2 BENGAL CATS TO BE PRESENTED IN THE BREED PRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CAT SHOW.**

Hamza: Am I correct that Tracy withdrew #5? **Petty:** That's correct. **Hamza:** OK, thank you.

(6) ALTERNATE SHOW FORMATS.

1- Show licensed for 125 entries or less. The club may use a split format 6 judgings per day. 3 in the am and 3 in the pm, sharing the ring.

~~*2- Re discussion of Rick Hoskinson's proposal for a 3 ring show with the judges awarding both an AB and a LH/SH final. Points will be duplicated.*~~

~~*These points will include breed points.*~~

3- Alternate format. Maximum of 4 rings per day. Judges will award both an AB Top 10 final, and a LH/SH top 10 final. No duplication of points. Only cats that make the LH or SH top 10 are eligible for the top 10AB. If an exhibitor makes both, they take the highest final.

The reasoning behind this is to hopefully encourage more exhibitors to Enter the show. So many shows today are AB only. As much as we talk about people wanting specialty rings there seems to be some resistance from clubs to schedule specialty rings. Most feel they will not get the entries to justify the extra cost. Using this format will result in some higher costs such as MC fees for listing the additional rings, more final sheets need to be included in a show package and additional rosette/award cost. A club could opt to award something other than a rosette for the specialty rings such as large flats, certificates. They could also use the one rosette per exhibitor with stickers/plaques for the award.

I am hoping that perhaps we can get 1 club per Region to try this format.

Hopefully it will be in this show season. We need to develop a survey for the exhibitors who attend to get feedback.

I am open to any suggestions for change or to improve. We need to start somewhere to save our shows and increase our breeders and exhibitors. It is very difficult today for new exhibitors to break in.

Hamza: #6, Sharon, alternative show formats. Sharon? Maybe she is on mute. Did we lose Sharon? Can anybody hear me? **Hannon:** Yeah, we can hear you. **Hamza:** Alright. So, that means that Sharon can't hear me or isn't on the call. We'll skip over Sharon.

[after World Show Report] **Hannon:** Jerry, I see that Sharon's back. Do you want to go back and talk about the alternate show format? **Hamza:** Yeah. Sharon, are you ready to deal with the alternate show format? **Roy:** I am. Sorry about that. **Hamza:** Not a problem. We're flexible. **Roy:** OK, good. First of all, the one about Rick Hoskinson, I talked to him this weekend and I guess he's been talking to a lot of people and he realizes that most people are against double points, and it probably won't fly. So, I don't know that we really need to discuss that one at this point in time. But, the other one – you know, the one with 4 rings and double finals? I would like us to come up with some kind of a plan to try it. **Hamza:** All we really need is a club to do it. **Hannon:** I've got a couple questions about it. You're talking about having 3 or 4 judges, and from that we're going to get 6 or 8 rings or finals, or what have you. Are they going to actually handle the cats twice? **Roy:** No. They are only going to handle the cats once. They are going to do a longhair final, a shorthair final, and then from those 20 cats, a top 10 allbreed final. **Hannon:** Alright. The cats require 6 qualifying rings to become a champion or a premier. Are we considering that 3 rings (or 4 rings), or are we considering it 6 (or 8) rings for qualifying.

Roy: Just the 3 or 4. No double. Now, Mary K suggested this weekend that we try it as a one day, 6 ring show. I don't know how long that show would go. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. I talked to one of the clubs in my region who likes to play with different formats. One thing they suggested was not to have all the rings do this – whatever we want to call it. I want to say “double double specialty”, so we need a name. But, you could have it be a 6 ring show but maybe only 3 of the rings do this split final thing, and the other 3 rings could be one of the more traditional formats, probably allbreed. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead Annette. **Wilson:** How is this different from just awarding top 20? I mean, I realize it could be all longhairs or all shorthairs or something like that, but I'm not getting this. **Roy:** The specialty points are specialty points, so if there are 30 longhairs and 40 shorthairs, and I'm 8th best longhair, that's not the same as being 18th best allbreed. **Wilson:** I understand the math for counting points for regional or national awards. **Roy:** Part of the problem, Annette, is that there's an awful lot of people out there – new breeders, small breeders – that want specialty rings. **Wilson:** I understand. I do understand that. I've been a proponent of having more specialty rings all along. Why not just have them be specialty rings? We're trying to cater to those new people or anybody, actually, not necessarily new, who just wants to go to a show and maybe pick up some points and maybe have a chance to make a final, but we're also at the same time trying to attract a few regional campaigners. Why not just have a 4 ring all specialty show? **Altschul:** This is Carissa. Several clubs in my region have tried doing more specialty rings, and they have had horrible counts. People don't enter. **Wilson:** I understand, and I don't see how this kind of show is going to appeal to the same people who are avoiding an all specialty show. I realize the reason we're doing this is to have less rings that could fit into a smaller venue and take fewer entries. I get all that, but it seems to me that the people who don't want to go to a show where there aren't allbreed rings are also the same people who aren't going to a show that is only going to take 125 entries or less. **Roy:** We're talking about two different formats, Annette. We're talking about the one that allows the judges to do both finals, so that would appeal to those people who want specialty rings, while not discouraging the people who want allbreed rings. **Hannon:** But it will discourage allbreed people. She's right, it will discourage them, because it's 125 entries. **Wilson:** Right. **Roy:** No. The 125 entries is for the split, 3 judges in the morning and 3 judges in the afternoon. That's a whole separate idea. **Wilson:** We're just talking about format #3, which isn't a limit on the entry. I'm really not getting why this is any different than just saying, we want to give top 20 to everybody. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** While I agree with Annette, on the other hand, if a club doesn't do it, it's never going to happen anyway. I think that if we go ahead and approve it, if people have an interest in it, they'll do it. If people don't have an interest in it, they won't do it. Maybe there's something I'm missing on it that will make people happy. I'm willing to give them a try. **Hamza:** I think the proof is in the pudding. **Eigenhauser:** But on the #1 format, I'm a little concerned with 125 because I think that if you've only got 120 cats to do, you take your time and then the judge after you has 2 hours left to do all their judging. I really think we need to crank it down just a little bit. I would be looking at more like 115. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. **Hamza:** Alright Ginger, then whoever I heard after that. **Meeker:** My understanding was that these new formats were not only to get people to come in, but to try to raise revenue for the clubs. If you're doing all those finals with those judges, the club is really spending additional money on rosettes that it might not make in entries. Each ring would have to have 36 or 39 rosettes. **Hamza:** They can make homemade ones. Let the clubs figure that out. **Roy:** One of the things that Rick suggested to me last weekend when we were talking was, the clubs order rosettes for the specialty rings and just put a sticker on it for the allbreed rings, which of course saves quite a bit of money. We knew that, and I put that in the original that yes, it is going to cost a little more, so you're not going to necessarily have a cheaper entry fee. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead Annette. **Wilson:** Just one

comment on the entry fee. Really, the cost of the entry is the smallest part of some of the expense at a show, but I have a question about the mechanics. It would be weird not to have this be mechanically correct. In other words, walk me through this. Is the judge going to have a final, and they will do, “here’s my top 10 shorthairs, here’s my top 10 longhairs and here’s my top 10 cats” and they are going to do it all at the same time? **Hannon:** Why not? **Wilson:** Sort of like we do with specialty and allbreed champions now. **Shelton:** They would have to split it up somewhat, because we’re not going to set up 20 cage rings, I wouldn’t think. **Hamza:** But wouldn’t it be mechanically correct? It would have to be, right? **Roy:** It would have to be. They would do a top 10 shorthair, they would do a top 10 longhair, and then they would bring back their 10 best cats out of those 20 cats. So yes, it would have to be. **Wilson:** I just want to clarify that. They can’t just pick different cats or put them in a different order. **Roy:** No, it has to be part of the same 20 cats. **Hannon:** It also has to be mechanically correct. You can’t use your 6th through 10th best longhairs in your allbreed and forget the top 5. **Wilson:** Right. OK, I just want to make sure this isn’t a free for all here, where every kitty really does get a prize. **Hamza:** Can we have a free for all ring, where the judges pick cats’ names out of a hat? **Wilson:** Isn’t that what we do anyway? [laughter] **Hamza:** Oh, stop. That’s not the kind of trouble we need. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. **Hamza:** Go ahead Loretta. **Baugh:** I have a couple of comments. It has to be mechanically correct, obviously. A lot of the clubs have been using the large, flat ribbons. #1, 125 entries minus absentees, that’s maybe 115-120 cats. It can be done in 4 or 5 hours, 6 at the max, but if they have it down for 9 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon – **Hannon:** There is not a limit, Loretta. They told us the 125 limit was not for this format. **Baugh:** I’m talking about the one that is a limit, where we’re going to do 3 rings in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. George said he was concerned 125 was too many, and I don’t believe that’s a problem when you take out absentees. **Kallmeyer:** Wait, Dick here. **Baugh:** The main thing is, it’s experimental. We don’t know if it’s going to work unless we try it. I think that’s all we can do is try it. **Hamza:** OK folks. Here’s the thing. We’ll call it the experimental format. Anyway, it’s getting late and we’ve still got a lot of ground to cover. Can I get a motion? Sharon, do you have a club that wants to try one of these formats out? Let’s give somebody something. **Roy:** I believe so, but I will let you know once I hear definitely. I didn’t want to get a club to agree to it without knowing they could do it. **Hamza:** Can we get a motion to give Sharon the ability to sanction two clubs with the experimental format, so she can give one in her region and maybe somebody else is interested in it. **Kallmeyer:** Jerry, Taiwan would like option 1. **Hamza:** How about 3? How about if we give Sharon 3, so she can give one to the International Division and two in North America, and we’ll see how it goes. Is that fair enough? **Baugh:** Are you planning a total of 3, one for the ID and two in North America? **Hamza:** Yes. **Baugh:** OK. I would like to see us do that for each. **Hannon:** For this experimental format, we’re talking about one and 3. We’ve tossed out two? **Roy:** Yes, we have tossed out two, because Rick finally agreed that people weren’t happy with double points. **Hamza:** That wasn’t going to work, so let’s give Sharon the ability to award – can you hear me? OK, I’m sorry. Can I get a motion that gives Sharon the ability to award 3 special format shows, one for the International Division and two in North America, and let’s see how it goes. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I move that we allow that. **Meeker:** I’ll second it. Ginger.

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

(7) **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Hamza: We'll go to Carla and the Treasurer's Report. **Bizzell:** OK. I just wanted to update everybody on a few things that have been going on.

(a) **World Show Budget.**

Bizzell: The first thing on the list is the World Show budget. I don't know if we want to do that now or during the World Show update. What do you think, Rich? Want me to do it now?

Mastin: Whatever you decide, Carla. I'm fine. **Hamza:** Why don't we kind of hybridize both? Can we combine the World Show Budget with the World Show Update? Would that be possible?

Bizzell: That would make sense. That's why I thought I would skip past that for now. **Hamza:** Alright. Why don't you skip past that? We'll move the World Show Budget, and do the World Show Update and Budget. How is that? **Bizzell:** OK, perfect.

(b) **Audit, Final 2013 Results, Update on Year-to-Date Numbers.**

Bizzell: We have on File Vista the April 2013 Audit. We got a clean audit, which is always a happy thing. So, you all have copies of that. The result of the audit was increasing our income by \$297. That related primarily to allocating some of our Cat Shows US costs to different items that had different amortization periods, so we actually had less cost this year related to that, on an amortization basis. So, it was really just some small changes. There wasn't anything really to be concerned about. On File Vista you also have the updated package that went to the club delegates, and I'll be getting this out to club secretaries along with the audit report. So, that's another thing. The last thing I had put on File Vista was the year-to-date June 30 P&L, and it shows that we had a loss of about \$9,000 which compares very favorably to budget and also very favorably to 2012, where we had a loss of almost \$18,000 and 2011 where we had a loss of more than \$76,000. Typically, this time of year is a loss time, so it's not unusual. We have big expenses coming in and our revenue tends to slow down around Annual time, but we didn't do as poorly as we had budgeted for a couple of reasons. One reason is that the Annual cost has not yet all been booked in here. The Annual has been settled with the region. We billed those entities who owe us money. We have sent Winn their net income from their symposium, so all we need right now is just booking CFA's portion into the categories, and Chuck will be doing that in the quarter close. Also, when you look at a non-quarter close set of financials, there are certain items of expense and income that don't get booked, except quarterly. One example would be our insurance. We book that quarterly, so we'll have a better picture when we close the quarter, which unfortunately won't be for another couple weeks. But, as soon as we get that information, I'll get that out to the board. I think that's pretty much it. I just wanted to give an update so that you all kind of know what's going on. **Hamza:** OK. Any questions for Carla?

(8) SHOW LOCATOR PROGRAM – CFA WEBSITE.

Hamza: OK, Show Locator Program for Carissa. **Altschul:** I actually got interested in this surfing the web, but basically this is a way to reach the public. The current calendar we have on the CFA website is very non-functional, and the Cat Shows US is very cluttered. It's not something that's very good for the public. People are kind of used to using a locator tool, like what I found and Kathy has been working with. I go to some store and I'm like, "This is a cool store. I wonder if there's one near me?" Then it goes, "Type in your zip code and the amount of mileage you are willing to drive" or it gives you a specific amount of miles. Now, the test version doesn't allow you to specify it. There are still some kinks that Kathy was working out. It's supposed to show miles for U.S. shows and kilometers for areas outside of the U.S. It would have to be updated as new shows are licensed, but basically it would be for Joe Blow Public and, "Hey, I live in Dallas. I wonder if there's any shows near Dallas". And I type it in and, "Oh look, there's a show then and there's a show 3 months from now. Well, I'm going to write that on my calendar." Those people aren't going to be like, "Gee, I'm bored this weekend. I wonder if there's a cat show near me?" It's not going to happen, but if they know there's a show coming up, they are more likely to make the time for it. It's a really cheap app and we can go ahead and add it to our website. Questions? **Hamza:** Carissa, did you get my email on this? **Altschul:** I don't think so. **Hamza:** First off, I am very supportive of it. I just want you to forward the cost to Carla and Rich so that we can figure out how to make it happen. **Altschul:** \$149. **Hamza:** Oh, well heck. We can make that happen very easily. **Altschul:** It's \$149. It's such a small amount. That's not a yearly fee. We get the whole thing for \$149. **Hamza:** I like those figures. **Altschul:** Kathy said that at some point we might have to update it, but no time soon. Is it possible I can get that approved and we can move forward with that? **Hamza:** Yeah. Carla, can you take care of that? Do you want to vote on it? We can.

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

(9) **ANNUAL MANUAL.**

Hamza: Annual Manual. Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** That's me. Again, we're bringing the Annual Manual back. I talked to Loretta at the Annual this year and I think there has been some misconceptions about what this document actually is. The hope is that the project manager for the Annual, because it is a CFA national event, would move back to Central Office. The region could then negotiate with that project manager to do only the minimum, or they could take on more responsibility, but there would be someone at Central Office that would be monitoring and making sure all details were covered. I'm hoping that we can get board approval to get that point person back in Central Office. Just having gone through an Annual, I know that working with Jodell and Pat Zollman was absolutely critical to the success of the Annual, and I would hope we could make this official. I would move that we accept the Annual Manual as written, and change the Annual process focus back to Central Office. **Gano:** This is Dennis. I'll second that.

Hannon: This is Mark. I have a comment. **Hamza:** Go ahead Mark. **Hannon:** We changed this process because we lost the employee that was handling the Annuals. We now have somebody else doing that, but I just envision at some point if that person leaves, we're going to be right back where we were when we lost Allene. **Meeker:** Mark, I don't think that's totally accurate. When we lost Allene, not one word of the process had been documented and a group of people have spent a lot of time building a very detailed document that would take a person step by step through the process. We are now away from the Navajo tradition of oral history. There is a document, and I think anybody in the Central Office that has been assigned to the project manager position could use this document to accomplish the task. One of the problems with leaving it in the regional hands is, it is a tremendous amount of work for a regional director and a committee to try and coordinate. It really does need to come from Central Office. **Hannon:** OK. **Hamza:** Alright, we've got a motion.

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

(10) **BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION.**

Hamza: On to Breed Council Secretary job description. **Meeker:** I just need to get something in the minutes that would close the circle from the breed council meeting at the Annual. The Breed Council Secretary job description was completed probably 4 years ago and it was determined that it should have been disseminated to the Breed Council Secretaries by Central Office, but for whatever reason that never happened. That job description is now posted online under the Breed Council Secretary area and I just want to get in the minutes that it's there, to complete the circle. So, it really doesn't need an action item. I just wanted it in the minutes that it's there and where they could find it. **Hamza:** And so you just did it. **Meeker:** Thank you.

<http://www.cfa.org/Breeds/BreedCouncils/BCSecretaryJobDescription.aspx>

(11) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – LIAISONS.

Hamza: Here we go, up to Committee Appointments, and that’s me. This is going to be very, very quick. Tracy Petty is going to do Education for Joan Miller. Sharon Roy is going to be the board liaison to the Ambassadors. Carol Krzanowski is going to be the board liaison to the Clerking Committee. That is my committee appointments of the board liaisons that I have.

Ambassador Program.....Willa Hawke, Chair; Sharon Roy, Liaison
Clerking Program.....Cheryl Coleman, Chair; Carol Krzanowski, Liaison
Community Outreach/EducationJoan Miller, Chair; Tracy Petty, Liaison

Eigenhauser: I move we ratify those liaisons. **Meeker:** I second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** Sorry, I’m trying to move things along. We’ve got a lot to go.

(12) **TRAVEL PROGRAM.**

Previously, a travel program existed with Northwest Airlines. Points were earned by both the booking party (judges), and CFA. It is unclear what became of the program. Central Office has not found any information on the previous program.

Delta Airlines offers the Delta SkyBonus mileage program for corporate business travel. This program would allow CFA to earn points for future flights, based on judge travel. Please note that this process will have no impact on judges with their personal SkyMiles bonus programs. They will still receive the same points as they do currently. This process is only to provide CFA with points in addition to what the judges may already be receiving.

Other airlines offer similar programs. At this time, I am requesting permission to enroll CFA in the Delta SkyBonus mileage program, and any other airline bonus programs.

*Rachel Anger, Chair
Hotel and Travel Program*

Hamza: I'm going to put Rachel's Travel Program off until September, and we'll let her do her issues.

(13) GRANT A REQUEST TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO SEPTEMBER 1 FOR A BENGAL GROUP TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REGISTRATION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

Hamza: #13 has created quite an uproar. I'm not exactly sure why. Annette, are you on the call? **Wilson:** I am. **Hamza:** I have a very simple question for you. To the best of your knowledge, did the application for their request – was that tendered on time? **Wilson:** No. **Hamza:** Did it meet the deadline? **Wilson:** No. As far as I know, no one has an application. **Hamza:** That brings me up to two things. Carol, you sent the board an email about a process that Central Office used to go through when you were there. **Krzanowski:** Yes, that's correct. **Hamza:** And if I'm not mistaken, I have something in my hands that sort of outlines that today. **Krzanowski:** OK.

When I worked at Central Office, I was the C.O. liaison for new breeds wishing to apply for registration. The procedure may have changed since then, but I will describe the procedure as I remember it. I do not recall that we ever had a "form" for new breed consideration, but we did have a fairly good procedure in place to help these breeds compile the necessary information.

Whenever I received an inquiry from someone expressing interest in applying for new breed recognition, I responded with a general overview of the procedure and a copy of the CFA Breed and Advancement Matrix, which outlines the procedure in detail. The Breeds and Standards Chair(s) was copied on all correspondence regarding new breeds as well as advancements, and the spokesperson was encouraged to work closely with the chair while preparing the application. I also encouraged the spokesperson to contact me with any questions they may have.

The Matrix is quite clear and requires that the request be submitted as a complete package by August 1 preceding the February meeting at which they wish to be considered. The complete package included the following (see Matrix for further explanation):

- 1. A request letter submitted by the breed's spokesperson and signed by a minimum of 10 breeders working with that breed. Each of the breeders were required to provide CFA registered cattery names, cattery numbers and addresses.*
- 2. Classification information for the breed.*
- 3. A tentative standard for the breed.*
- 4. Registration application documents for 50 cats of the new breed with payment (no payment was charged until the breed was accepted).*

The deadline of August 1 existed so that all breed council secretaries could be notified by August 15 of new breeds applying for registration, which in turn allowed ample time for breed council secretaries of affected breeds to poll their members on the regularly scheduled annual ballot. This was an extremely important part of the process and was intended to meet the following requirement outlined in the CFA Constitution, Article XI - Breed Council: "In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment." Whenever I had an inquiry from a new breed that could not meet the August 1 deadline, they were informed that they would have to submit their package for consideration the following year.

The new breed's spokesperson was responsible for submitting the materials noted above as a complete package. The reason for this was so that the burden of compiling the required documents was placed on that spokesperson, not on C.O. staff; and it ensured that C.O. had one key person to work with, not 10 or more different individuals which would create an unnecessary burden on C.O. staff. Questions or requests for additional information were always asked of the spokesperson, and it was that person's responsibility to obtain the answers from the group working for recognition.

I hope this information is helpful. Let me know if anyone has questions.

Carol

Hamza: What I would really like, and Jodell are you on the call? **J. Raymond:** Yeah, I'm here. **Hamza:** Carol, would you mind working with Jodell to actually come up with a form that somebody could request? **Krzanowski:** Sure. **Hamza:** Something more formal that maybe we could have for the next board meeting? Because I think it would just be maybe a package that a breed could request from CFA that would sort of be like a combination of a guide and something to fill out, something formal. **Krzanowski:** Sure. I can work with Jodell. **Wilson:** This is Annette. I think Jodell is already working on something, so I think Carol would be key to that. **Hamza:** Reading Carol's email, she had some vivid recollection, so I think that would be a good thing to have happen. **Krzanowski:** OK. **Hamza:** As we get in here, what I don't want to have happen, I really don't want this to turn into something heated or ugly. It's my understanding that these people have come to us wanting – it's a nice thing that they want to be part of CFA.

Wilson: Can I just go through the timeline? I can make this pretty simple, because I did some investigation after I filed the request for an extension and found out some additional information that will put it into a better perspective. Late on July 30th, a string of emails was forwarded I believe to Rachel from Lorraine Shelton, because the Bengal contact had gone to her because he was feeling he wasn't getting information he needed in order to do this on time, and she wrote to Rachel. Rachel was tied up at work the next day and I was traveling, but I was able to see the email that Rachel then forwarded to me when I was in Stockholm at the airport. So, I wrote and said, *Rachel is swamped from work. I'm on my way back from vacation.* I clarified that the first column of the acceptance of the new breed matrix applies to application for registration, which is the miscellaneous class. *Some breeds send a booklet, others gather the necessary information in a document, it should go to Central Office and she would notify the Breeds and Standards Committee. I won't be home until very late tonight. I'm home this weekend if you have questions. We need one contact, and there should be a breed club to act as the breed committee.* She wrote back on August 1st to me and said, *Thank you for the clarification. Is there any possibility we can petition the CFA Board for an extension of the August 1st deadline so the breeders may still be able to present cats at the February board meeting in 2014 and not have to wait until 2015? Ten breeders or more have expressed interest. They have cattery names registered with TICA and will need to register them with CFA. Fifty cats need to be registered with CATS – which isn't quite true, but this next part is – Getting their certified pedigrees through TICA may take about a month. We would like to ask for an extension to September 30 to submit the proposal to CFA.* I asked Rachel, can we put the request for an extension on the meeting agenda for Tuesday. So, I then thought that they had been in contact with Central Office, and Central Office then solidified that for me by sending me an email on the 7th I believe of August, or the 6th, saying, where's the form for application? So, I kind of went off on that, and then I kind of went back and re-read things after I sorted through all my emails and realized that nobody had ever said they had contacted Central Office about any of this. I verified that with Central Office. In fact, no one had gone to Central Office with any of this. So, they really did miss the deadline. They thought that maybe just an email saying they intended to apply would be good enough. So, at first I thought this wasn't fair, they had tried and tried, and gotten nowhere so maybe we should give them an extension because that would be the fair thing to do. So, I would make the motion, with the right to vote no at this point. Now, they asked for an extension to September 30th. I suggested an extension to September 1 because I assumed that we would want to discuss this whole matter of the whole wild hybrid thing at the October board meeting, and we would need the material before that so that we knew what we were talking about. I'm happy to make both motions.

Hamza: I want to say a few things before we go down this road, because some things have happened and I'm not sure how or why. I know on one level something has happened, because some people have political ambitions and they have exploited the situation and it's unfortunate. You know, it's nice that these people want to become part of CFA, and that's a good thing. We have to figure out a way to be a more open and friendly organization. At the board meeting in June, we talked to the constituency as a board and we asked their opinion. We told them that we would explore this and we would go at a pace where everybody would be comfortable. We sort of made them a promise, and I think we should keep that promise. To the Bengal people, I think that my approach has always been to err on the side of caution. If something is good today, it will be good tomorrow. I think that there is no reason to rush here. I'm going to encourage this board to not bend the rules. I think that in a situation where people have so many questions, I think it's better that we take our time, and use science and logic to go through this thing the right way. One of the things I have done – I'm pretty honest and I'm going to lay my cards on the table – I've been working with the Bengal people to come to the February board meeting. I would like to see the cats and I would like to learn about them. I would prefer that they get their ducks in a row to have their application the following year and do this the right way. I think that meets the agreement we came up with our constituency in June. I find it distressing that some people are trying to create divisions and make political hay out of this. There's too much at stake here. I wish somebody would just make a motion. I really don't want this to become charged or ugly, because these are people who want to become part of CFA. We want to send the right message. So, let's send the right message.

Baugh: Jerry? This is Loretta. I purposely went back and reviewed what we did at the Annual. You are 100% right. When you look at the rationale, that this resolution did not require acceptance by any particular breed in CFA nor change show rules prohibiting their entry. Rather, this will allow the Board of Directors to consider under what conditions, if any, these cats could be eligible for registration in CFA. We skipped that step. In my opinion, and I know we haven't because we haven't had this discussion, so I'm not coming down on one side or the other, but I think we need to do this in the proper way. This is what we told the delegates we were going to do. We're not doing it, if we consider these cats for registration now. **Ganoe:** This is Dennis. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** I thought I heard Carol in front of me. **Krzanowski:** Yes, I did. **Hamza:** You know, it's so hard with this big a board and these teleconferences. **Krzanowski:** Thank you Dennis. **Hamza:** Carol, go ahead. If we're polite it works so much better. Go ahead Carol.

Krzanowski: First, I would like to address what you said, Jerry. It's very important to adhere to the deadlines and to the actual process, because there are so many different facets of accepting a new breed for registration and working through the application process with them. By having all those deadlines in place, we are able to notify all the Breed Council Secretaries on time, they can poll their members on their annual ballot, we have time to work with the group that's proposing the new breed to make sure all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed. They have to put a package together for the board in February. It's a long process. When I worked at CFA, I had breeds that would come to me at the last minute and want to be put on the agenda. Sure, they were disappointed when they were denied, but they just worked harder to produce a really good package for the following year. There is no reason why these people can't do the same, if we change our policy. That's my next comment. We have not changed our policy yet, so even considering the Bengal for registration application at this point is moot, in my opinion. We currently still have a policy that does not allow them. **Hamza:** We have to discuss that. That's one of the things we have to do, and that's one of the things I want to work toward at the

February meeting. **Krzanowski:** I assumed we would talk about it in October, as it was a resolution from the Annual, but sure, February is fine, too, because that's Breeds and Standards. But, the point is, until we do that and we establish some sort of parameters or regulations on how we're going to deal with these hybrid/domestic breeds, we can't even entertain the idea of accepting any registrations for them. It's really premature to even consider this, at this point in time. **Hamza:** I also want to make sure we send a message to these people that we're not – you know, I want to make sure they understand we're kind and we're going to give them a fair shake. That's part of the message I want to be there.

Hamza: Who is next? Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** I would like to reiterate what Carol just said and state that we have our procedures that have existed for many years. Having taken a minority breed or a new breed through it, I actually welcome that procedure because it gives all of CFA a chance to come to grips with new breeds coming in. We haven't changed the policy. I think it's premature to accept an application that's in violation of our policy and October seems the earliest we can. I would also like to point out that I don't know of any reason why we can't invite the Bengal people to come to a February meeting, even if they're not coming up for registration, to let the board see their cats and experience them, because I know there are a lot of people who have not. **Hamza:** Dennis, I am working on that. I would like to have their presence at the February meeting. I think part of what we said that we would do is to investigate and to look at them, so I agree with everything you've said. Does anybody else have anything here?

Meeker: Yes, I do, Jerry. This is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead Ginger. **Meeker:** We keep talking about procedures and deadlines. One of my concerns is that this whole packet and procedure is not at all clear, it's not at all organized and it's not at all transparent. My understanding is that both people from TICA and Kim called multiple people, and no one really knew how to do this. I find that kind of discouraging. I would hope that we can get a packet that's workable with all the information, and get it on the website in one place so we don't discourage people. I think we have a different issue here in that the last new breed that we looked at for acceptance really didn't have any footing in any other association. This particular breed has a huge footprint around the world, and we really are looking at apples and oranges when we're trying to say that all breeds applying for acceptance into CFA are going to come in on an equal footing. I'm a little discouraged that we have people that want to join us, I understand there's a process and we need to follow the process, but I really think that process certainly needs to be clarified and much more transparent. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol again. **Hamza:** Before you go Carol, I just want to address one thing. I do agree that one of the things that's clearly wrong is that there was a lack of a way for any breed to approach CFA with coming on board. I have to take responsibility as President of the organization for that shortcoming, and I'm going to work hard to make sure that we correct it. There should be an application in place and a procedural manual that's readily available for any breed that wants to come to CFA. It's just an egregious oversight, and it needs to be corrected. I'm going to do what I can to fix it as quickly as possible. **Meeker:** This is going to create some hard feelings, regardless of which way we go. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I would like to say that once we put together a written procedure, I don't see any reason why we cannot publish that on the CFA website, just as we do the procedure for new club applicants. In defense of Central Office, I think since the move and the change in staff, I don't think we've had a breed approach CFA for registration, so this is something new that they've never encountered before. It's not surprising that they really didn't know how to deal with it, but regardless of that, I think the Bengal group this time around was late out of the gate. I don't think that they were on time. They never even approached Central Office, from what we've been told. I will work with Jodell and we'll get something set up that

will be clear and concise and easy to follow. **Hamza:** If we can keep this positive, that will be a bonus for CFA. Anybody else have anything?

Shelton: Jerry, this is Mike. **Hamza:** Go ahead Mike. **Shelton:** I just want to reiterate something that Ginger added as a little postscript about the potential of creating hard feelings. I think that the potential is there, but if we handle this right we can keep it to a minimum and also I had the same impression that Carol did, is that this is new people in Central Office who have not been through this process before. As Annette mentioned, some of these communications went through my wife because Lorraine had been through this with the Selkirks a while back, so she is familiar with the process of getting a new breed approved, and also because I'm somewhat of a TICA reference in CFA and she is somewhat of a CFA reference in TICA. So, I was kind of familiar with what was going on, which is why I'm going to abstain on this vote. I'm really too close to it, but I think we can build on this and get the people trained and get all the documentation in place right so we can do this right, let the current group know that this is not a referendum really on how we're going to treat the breed as a whole. This is a procedural thing right now that we just have to follow and do what we do, but we're looking to fix it and encourage them to come through later. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead Ginger. **Meeker:** What I see happening here is a group of people that functioned in good faith and ran up against our not being able to answer their questions. Now, for whatever reason – no blame – that to me is a fact. I hate to see us punishing this group that to my understanding at this point have got their 50 pedigrees. They have got their 10 breeders. It's just a matter of writing a letter and getting it all to Central Office. I see this could happen very quickly. **Hamza:** They're going to have to be patient, too, Ginger, because the reality is, they have run into a political cyclone and other things. That's just reality. **Meeker:** OK. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Meeker:** Well, I understand, but what I'm sensing at this point is that we are, because of this political cyclone, we opened the door, they couldn't walk through it because there was no entry way, and now we're saying, "no, we're not going to open the door right now because we have to build the floor." **Baugh:** We didn't open the door. **Hamza:** The other thing, Ginger, to be honest, and I don't know if it's right. It's never been easy for any breed in CFA. Again, I'm not saying it's right. **Meeker:** I totally agree, but I just think that Kim was functioning under some misconceptions or miscommunications, and I'm concerned about that. **Altschul:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Altschul:** I don't think we necessarily opened the door. The vote at the Annual was very, very close and I think that CFA is still very, very divided. I hate to see that we're taking up an issue that's going to divide CFA at a time when we've just started really getting CFA on the right track again. Clearly, this is a divisive issue and we didn't open the door. We thought about unlocking it. We opened up discussion to maybe unlocking the door, not even opening it, so saying that we opened the door is incorrect. They are trying to knock the door down because they think we unlocked it. I think we need to take some more time with this. **Hamza:** I think we need to be very careful. I think what we need to understand is that we are the Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, who is a registry of cats. I think as the Board of Directors, we have to rise above some of the fears and irrationalities of things. I think what we need to do is take this very slowly, one step at a time, and look at science and logic, and go one step at a time. So far, this conversation we're having hasn't gotten offensive on any quarter and I appreciate that from every one of you. So, what I would like to do is just call the vote and let the chips fall where they may. Carissa said something and so have other people. We have to work. As long as we are working toward finding out the truth about some things and we're willing to keep an open mind and look at facts and not what may or may not be, but actual science, and keep an open mind and see what's good for the fancy that we represent, that we're the Board of Directors for, we're going to be alright. Is there even a motion here? **Wilson:** This is Annette. I will make the motion.

I want to mention one other thing, though, and that is the problem with making a motion this late in the month is that, should the motion pass to grant an extension, we have only one day until the 15th to notify any breeds that could be affected, and we don't know what the outcrosses would be. **Meeker:** They're not requesting outcrosses. They have over 500,000 F5 or greater gene pool. They don't need outcrossing. **Wilson:** I think they still outcross to Egyptian Mau. **Meeker:** No, according to the information I have. **Wilson:** Here's the problem I have, Ginger. I'm sorry. We haven't seen the application to know what it is for, and one of the requirements for the application is that it include any outcrosses. **Meeker:** I understand that, but if we don't allow them to give us an application, then we don't have facts with which to deal. **Wilson:** Right. I understand. I understand, but now it's no longer August 1st, it's August 13th. So anyway, I move that we grant an extension to the Bengal group who is interested in applying for CFA registration to September 1st, with the right to vote no. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. I second, with the same right.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Meeker voting yes. Shelton abstained.

Hamza: I'm going to move on. **Wilson:** Before we move on, this is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Wilson:** Is Central Office going to notify them that they did not get the extension? **Thompson:** I don't know who to notify. **Wilson:** [name omitted] **Thompson:** OK. I will need an email address or a phone number or something. **Hamza:** I'll do it, I'll do it, I'll do it. **Thompson:** OK, because I have no contact information for him. **Hamza:** I'll do it. I will do it. **Thompson:** OK.

(14) WORLD SHOW UPDATE AND BUDGET.

Show Manager: **Rich Mastin**
Assistant Show Managers: **Ed Raymond; Mark Hannon**
Show Secretary: **Rachel Anger**
Show Treasurer: **Teresa Sweeney**

Hamza: Alright, #14 is Rich and Carla with the World Show update and budget. **Hannon:** No, it's Mark. **Hamza:** Oh, it's Mark and Carla? **Bizzell:** Mark and Carla. Do you want me to quickly go through the budget, or how do you want to do this, Mark? **Hannon:** You can go ahead. **Bizzell:** OK. We put together the budget. It was a community effort, with input from several people and in a lot of cases I used the same values that we had last year; for instance, how much we were paying the clerks and stewards, and such things as that, and came up with the budget which is a loss of about \$10,000. Considering that in the CFA budget, we show an expected loss of \$22,000, it's an improvement. This is not obviously 100% nailed down yet, because there are still some decisions that need to be made, but this is a really solid indication of what the numbers should come in at. **Hamza:** If we do good with the advertising, it could be even better. **Bizzell:** Yeah. **Hamza:** There's a vote of confidence. **Bizzell:** Well, I don't know the area. Rich knows the area, and he wanted to have \$25,000 in advertising. [**Roy** leaves the conference] I've never been to that facility and I haven't been to a show, so I don't know how effective advertising is, but the people who know it better than I seem to think this would be very beneficial. We're estimating gate to be quite a bit more at this facility, and I hope it's right. **Hamza:** It couldn't be quite a bit less. **Bizzell:** It couldn't be much less, you're right. **Hamza:** OK, is that it? **Bizzell:** That's all I have. I could go through item by item, but at this point I'm not sure that would be useful.

Hamza: Is there anything anyone else has, before we deal with closed session items? **Hannon:** We have to do my part of the World Show. **Hamza:** OK Mark, let's do your part of the World Show. **Hannon:** I'm just going to hit a couple highlights. We're going to start accepting entries at 4 p.m. on September 2nd, which is Labor Day. I don't know why we didn't think of that before, rather than do a midnight thing, which proved difficult for a lot of people last year. We're hoping that a lot of our exhibitors have the day off and that they will be able to enter easier at that time. It's even earlier on the west coast, and in Europe it's not exactly prohibitively late. We're only going to accept online entries. We're not taking fax entries, we're not taking email entries, we're not taking snail mail entries. We're not allowing any double entering this year. If you enter a show and decide you want to enter the other show, you've got to withdraw your entry from one show before you can enter the other. I sent out a CFA News notice about sponsorships, and I just want to point out that for the two types of sponsorships that involve rosettes and having the sponsor's name on the rosettes, which is ring sponsors and breed sponsors, the deadline for that is September 20th, which is early but it's necessary in order to get the rosettes printed with the name of the sponsor on it. We do have the blog up again. Mary K has been really good about updating that, and we've got an awful lot of information. It's cfablog.org. We are finalizing the flyers. I think that's going to be in the next couple days we should have that ready, right? **Raymond:** That's the goal. We should have them in the next day or two. **Hannon:** Alright, so we're almost ready with the flyers. Other than that, Rich and I and Ed are all on this call, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hannon:** Yes ma'am. **Altschul:** 4:00 p.m. Eastern, correct? **Hannon:** Correct. **Altschul:** The same thing I brought up in June – if we get close to the closing date for the shows and the shows are not full,

are you going to allow double entering, or not at all? **Hannon:** We haven't addressed it. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hannon:** Yes. **Wilson:** If 501 persons enter the red show or the purple show and they don't get in, will they have to re-enter the other show, or will they roll the entry over? **Hannon:** They will have to enter the other show, because we don't know that they want the other show. They may not like that slate. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead Tracy. **Petty:** Are we going with one entry clerk or two this time? **Hannon:** One entry clerk. We talked about doing two, but Monte says he can do the whole thing. [**Roy** joins the conference] **Baugh:** Mark, this is Loretta. **Hannon:** Yes ma'am. **Baugh:** We had a club meeting last week, and the club members were wondering when we could get something that we could put out to the gate. We have a number of shows coming up in Michigan and Ohio. **Hannon:** I believe Jodell is working on that. We have gotten requests from people in Michigan to have the flyer so they could start passing stuff out. Jodell is working on that. Right, Jodell? **Baugh:** We want to give it to the gate. **J. Raymond:** We're working on that. **Baugh:** OK. **Shelton:** This is Mike. **Hannon:** Yes sir. **Shelton:** Do we have hotel information yet? I'm getting a lot of questions about people wanting to make hotel reservations. **Hannon:** Jodell, you have just about finalized that, right? **J. Raymond:** I'm just waiting for confirmation before we made that public, yep. **Hannon:** What she wanted to do is, before she made it public, she wanted to make sure we got our rooms booked for the judges and show personnel. We didn't want to find ourselves having to stay by ourselves, since the hotel is connected to the facility. **Raymond:** The hotel information is on the show flyers that will be out in a few days. **Hannon:** It's imminent.

(15) **PREMIERSHIP IN CHINA.**

Hamza: Dick, you wanted to talk about Chinese premiership. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah. Dick here. I did an analysis of the shows last year and there were 18 shows, of which – I don't have the number. I sent it to Carissa. Maybe you have it, but most of the shows had no premiers. I think we had 5 or 6 shows that had 6 premiers. We had 3 shows that had 9 or greater premiers. The China premiership count is 25 right now. The problem is, there was a show recently this summer which was a 10 ring show, 8 premiers, and every one of the 8 became one-show grands. Obviously, somebody discovered, "hey, the premiers are out there, maybe we ought to do it." So, I think it's time probably to raise that to 50 points, to correspond. At the same time, because the season has started, I think we ought to give them 2 or 3 months' notice, just out of fairness, that we're changing those numbers. That's what we've done in the past. In the past – it was several years ago – I think there were changes Darrell made toward the International Division to change the grand points. **Hannon:** Do you have a date in mind? **Kallmeyer:** I would say at least December 1st, just kind of as a way to give them a head's up. **Hannon:** Is that a motion? **Kallmeyer:** I'll make a motion. **Meeker:** I'll second it. **Kallmeyer:** And the motion is, to raise the grand points to 50 points, beginning December 1st, for China. **Ganoe:** This is Dennis with a question. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** Does that include Hong Kong or not? **Kallmeyer:** Hong Kong is at 75, just like the U.S. Hong Kong has about 3 to 4 times as many premiers being shown, so they were moved up way ahead of time. **Ganoe:** We're only talking about mainland China itself. **Kallmeyer:** Mainland China, right. **Hamza:** Do we have a motion? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Hamza:** Do we have a second? **Ganoe:** Ginger seconded it.

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

Hamza: OK everybody, have a good night. It's a late night and I thank you all. It was a tough call and you all did good.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary