

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1/2, 2014**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 1, 2014, in the courtroom of the Honorable Robert G. Lavery, Alliance Municipal Court House, 470 East Market Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)
Mr. Mark Hannon (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Treasurer)
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)

Present by Teleconference:

Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
James Simbro, Director of Operations
Donna Jean Thompson, Immediate Past Director of Operations
Jodell Raymond, Assistant to the President
Verna Dobbins, Business Development Liaison
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Hamza: Alright, why don't we bring the meeting to order. Rachel can call the roll. Sharon will probably jump on here shortly. Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** Sure. Jerold Hamza. **Hamza:** Here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **Anger:** Carissa Altschul. **Altschul:** Here. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Michael Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Here. **Anger:** Tracy Petty. **Petty:** Here. **Anger:** Kayoko Koizumi. **Koizumi:** Here. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Present. **Anger:** Dennis Ganoë. **Ganoë:** Here. **Anger:** Richard Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Richard Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** And present by teleconference, we have Pauli Huhtaniemi. **Huhtaniemi:** Here. **Anger:** And Sharon Roy, are you on the call? Also present, we have Edward L. Raymond, Esq. **E. Raymond:** Present. **Anger:** James Simbro.

Simbro: Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** Verna Dobbins. **Dobbins:** Here. **Anger:** Jodell Raymond. **J. Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Shino Wiley. **Wiley:** Here. **Anger:** Is there anyone here whose name I have not called? Thank you.

(1) **ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1.	Anger Roy	Grant an exception to Show Rules 1.08 and 15.08n and allow the New Hampshire Feline Fanciers (Region 1) to use one ring for judging a shorthair single specialty in the morning and a longhair single specialty in the afternoon (two different judges/one ring) at its January 25/26, 2014 8 ring back-to-back show in Dover, New Hampshire.	Motion Carried. Hannon did not vote.
2.	Anger Baugh (via Executive Committee Motion)	Due to an emergency situation, for its show to be held in Moscow, Russia on October 27, 2013, grant the Chatte Noir Club an exception to (i) Show Rule 25.13 to allow the use of an additional guest judge (Nadezhda Rummyantzeva) at its 6-ring show, and (ii) to Show Rule 25.02.d to allow Nadezhda Rummyantzeva to judge a sixth guest judging assignment for the show season.	Motion Carried.
3.	Hannon Meeker	That CFA score the Agility Ring at the March, 2014, WCC/TICA event for CFA titles and CFA end-of-season awards. Only those cats normally eligible will be scored for CFA (i.e., any wildcat hybrids would be scored for that event's awards but not for CFA awards).	Motion Carried.
4.	Anger Wilson	Grant a show format change request to the Shenyang Cat Lover Club for its November 16/17, 2013 show in Sheneng City, China to change from a 7 AB to 6 AB/1 SP format.	Motion Carried.
5.	Huhtaniemi Anger	Allow Edelweiss Club to have conjunctioned show with Russian Felinological Association on February 16, 2014 at Moscow, Russia.	Motion Carried.
6.	Hannon Altschul	That the 2013 World Show be permitted to schedule a maximum of 7 rings on Saturday.	Motion Carried.
7.	Anger Calhoun	Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow the Miami Florida Cat Fanciers to change their show license to add Junior Showmanship at its February 1, 2014 show in Lakeland, Florida (Region 7).	Motion Carried.

Hamza: OK. We will ratify the minutes, and then we will go into closed session. We'll take care of all the closed session items and then we'll break and let everybody back. **Anger:** So,

you have my report of the online motions, that I would look for the board’s ratification of. I have motions 1 through 7. **Wilson:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

RATIFICATION OF TELECONFERENCE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
• From November 12, 2013 Teleconference •			
1.	Baugh Anger	Advance Li Ling (Chloe) Chung to 2 nd Specialty Approved Longhair, Approval Pending Allbreed status.	Motion Carried.
2.	Baugh Anger	Advance Tomoko Kitao to 1 st Specialty Approved Shorthair status.	Motion Carried.
3.	Brown Meeker	Accept Bob Bryan’s request for one more year’s medical leave extension.	Motion Carried.
4.	Executive Session	Reaffirm that the previously granted guest judge permission will stand.	Motion Carried. [vote sealed]
5.	Executive Session	13-028 <u>CFA v. Hoskinson, Richard</u> <i>Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4g (conduct detrimental)</i> <i>Violation of Show Rule 11.27</i>	GUILTY (vote sealed). Sentence of \$500 fine and letter of reprimand.
6.	Eigenhauser Baugh	Grant the Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow them to change their licensed show format from 2 Allbreed rings to 3 Allbreed rings at their December 22, 2013 show in Sampran Nakhonpathom, Thailand (International Division).	Motion Carried.
7.	Eigenhauser Baugh	Uphold the current policy on show scheduling (Show Rule 12.03).	Motion Carried.
8.	Huhtaniemi Eigenhauser	Grant permission to Edelweiss Cat Club for an “in conjunction” show on August 23-25, 2014 in Moscow, Russia, and August 22-23, 2015, in Moscow Russia.	Motion Carried.
9.	Baugh Ganoe	Revise Show Rule 2.30 regarding Weekend Definition to put split weekends of months (30/1, 31/1, etc.) into the previous month such that the first full weekend of a month is the first weekend of the month. Exception made for May due to end-of-season requirement in the rare case that April 30 falls on a Saturday.	Motion Carried.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
10.	Eigenhauser Baugh	Revise Show Rule 4.03b to allow a show license to be issued for a show within the 1,000 kilometer restriction, provided it has the approval of the CFA International Division Chair.	Motion Carried.
11.	Anger Eigenhauser	Approve the complete revamp of the show rules, as presented at the October board meeting.	Motion Carried.
12.	Baugh Calhoun	That each regional director be permitted to award one experimental format show in their region this show season (exceptions permitted), with a maximum of 4 rings per day, at the discretion of the regional directors.	Motion Carried. Ganoe voting no.
• From December 17, 2013 Teleconference •			
1.	Baugh Anger	Accept John Hiemstra as a 2 nd Specialty Shorthair trainee.	Motion Carried.
2.	Baugh Anger	Accept Neil Quigley as a 2 nd Specialty Longhair trainee.	Motion Carried.
3.	Baugh Anger	Accept Teresa Sweeney as a 2 nd Specialty Shorthair trainee.	Motion Carried.
4.	Baugh Anger	Advance Toshihiko Tsuchiya to 1 st Specialty Shorthair Apprentice status.	Motion Carried.
5.	Baugh Anger	Advance Etsuko Hamayasu to 2 nd Specialty Shorthair Apprentice status.	Motion Failed. Kallmeyer, Ganoe, Wilson, Eigenhauser, Brown, Huhtaniemi, Koizumi voting yes.
6.	Executive Session	That when a decision is reached in closed session, the parties will be notified electronically by Central Office, under the advisement of CFA counsel (if the parties have provided a means of communication to allow that) by the second business day following the decision.	Motion Carried. [vote sealed]
7.	Executive Session	Reconsider the fine allocation in Docket No. 13-002 – <i>CFA v. China Cat Fanciers; Show Management; Pang, Ruixuang; Low, Thomas.</i>	Motion Carried. [vote sealed]
8.	Executive Session	That the allocation of fines be as follows: Thomas Low \$1,000; Ruixuang Pang \$1,000; China Cat Fanciers \$1,000. In all other respects the original findings and sentences remain unchanged.	Motion Carried. [vote sealed]

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
9.	Anger Baugh	Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 for Hong Kong Shorthair Club to amend its show license to change its show date from February 23, 2014 to February 22, 2014 for its show in Johor Bahru, Malaysia (International Division).	Motion Carried.
10.	Anger Meeker	Grant K-Cats permission to have 2 rings judged in the morning and 4 rings judged in the afternoon at its February 1, 2014 show in Kuwait City, Kuwait (International Division).	Motion Carried.
11.	Baugh Anger	Grant an exception to Show Rules 13.11 and 15.03 for Crown City Cat Club to start its January 11/12, 2014 show in Anaheim, California (Region 5) at 10:00 a.m. both days.	Motion Carried.
12.	Anger Baugh	Allow Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers to have Bengal cats on display outside of the show hall at its January 25/26, 2014 show in Monroe, Michigan (Region 4).	Motion Carried. Brown, Wilson, Altschul and Calhoun voting no.
13.	Krzanowski Baugh	Grant an exception to Show Rule 13.12.b for Cat-a-Lina Cats to offer the published early bird fee for third and subsequent entries at its December 28/29, 2013 show in Las Vegas, Nevada (Region 5).	Motion Carried.
14.	Bizzell Anger	Adopt the following policy statement: <i>All committee budget requests pertaining to the subsequent fiscal year's budget must be submitted to the CFA Treasurer on or before the last day of February each year.</i>	Motion Carried.
15.	Baugh Meeker	Grant permission to North Texas Cat Club and National Birman Fanciers to hold an 11 ring, 225 entry back-to-back show, with 6 AB rings on Saturday and 5 rings on Sunday (2-3 specialty rings) at its April 2014 show in Region 3.	Motion Failed. Altschul voting yes.
• From January 7, 2014 Teleconference •			
1.	Baugh Anger	Advance Suki Shuk Man Lee to 1 st Specialty Apprentice Longhair status.	Motion Carried.
2.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve the acceptance of Emirates Feline Federation – International Division, United Arab Emirates.	Motion Carried.
3.	Krzanowski Ganoe	Approve the acceptance of Felidae Beyond Infinity, International Division, Asia (Hong Kong).	Motion Carried.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
4.	Anger Kallmeyer	Approve the acceptance of JiLin Cat Fanciers Club, International Division, Asia (JiLin Province, China).	Motion Carried. Altschul voting no.
5.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve the acceptance of Northeast Cat Fanciers Club, International Division, Asia (Shenyang, China).	Motion Carried. Altschul voting no.
6.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve the acceptance of Khao Manee Cat Club, International Division, Asia (Thailand).	Motion Carried.
7.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve the acceptance of Felinus International, Region 9.	Motion Carried. Huhtaniemi abstained.
8.	Altschul Eigenhauser	Grant approval to North Texas Cat Club and National Birman Fanciers to use the experimental AB/SP format for 4 rings for the April 19/20, 2014 show in Mesquite, Texas (Region 3).	Motion Carried. Bizzell abstained.

Anger: Next, we have the teleconference motions from all of the various teleconferences, and I would look for your ratification of those, as well. **Wilson:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Anger: There have been no corrections submitted to the October 2013 minutes, so I would look for those to be ratified, as well please. **Wilson:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Anger:** Thank you.

Hamza: OK, well, all non-board members, please excuse us.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

In an executive session discussion, the Board decided to re-allocate our resources. Donna Jean Thompson will return to serving as the Director of Operations. James Simbro will continue to serve as the IT Support/Systems Administrator.

(2) **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
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

Baugh: You have all received the report. A couple things that will be in open session we can just talk about now and still have them in the minutes as open, correct? **Hamza:** Yeah.
Baugh: OK. We found out that Muriel Slodden was advanced to Judge Emeritus when she retired from the Program and she is not listed in the Yearbook as Emeritus. She contacted Mark about that. She is 90 years, smart as a tack, but is not happy that she is not listed as Emeritus. It was an oversight and I think that needs to be noted in the minutes, that she is. **Hamza:** Yeah, so make it look good. **Anger:** So noted.

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**Muriel Slodden – CFA Judge Emeritus
as of June 2010**

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Eigenhauser: Can we send her a personal note saying we're sorry? **Huhtaniemi:** This is Pauli. Is there a chance that Loretta can come a little bit closer to the phone? **Hamza:** Not a good one, unless she jumps a rail. Pauli, what she is talking about is Muriel Slodden didn't get her Emeritus status in the Yearbook, so I suggest, from the board, we send a small pick-me-up bouquet. I think it's \$10 or \$12 well spent, saying we're sorry and she deserves it. **Calhoun:** Can we make a note to have her listed next year? **Hannon:** I've already contacted Shelly Borawski about that. **Hamza:** I am guaranteeing we will never forget that again. **Hannon:** I don't want another call from Muriel. **Hamza:** I just turned to him when I found out he called her, I just said to him, "how was it?" He shook his head, so I know what happened. **Hannon:** I had earlier suggested that maybe Rachel just drop her a quick note or a card or something, saying the board

apologizes. **Hamza:** For \$8 or \$10, send her a pick-me-up bouquet and just say, you know, “We’re very sorry”, from the whole board, and we still love her and we think about her often. **Anger:** I will take care of that. **Raymond:** When was the last time you bought flowers? **Hamza:** I know it’s more expensive than that. What is this? If this is the way it’s going to be, we’re going to get out of here at midnight, alright? It’s like cracking nuts with your knees.

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Baugh: We’ve had a little bit of an issue getting evaluations in on our apprentice and approval pending judges, and I just want to have it noticed in the minutes reminding that there is a 30 day window. I don’t like to have to have the file administrators contacting clubs requesting the reports. We had one that came in that was almost 2 months. It’s just a reminder.

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Baugh: We do have a show rule change, and we can do that with the show rule changes if you want.

Baugh: I did want to report that in March, both John Hiemstra and Teresa Sweeny will be coming up for approved longhair. They have already been accepted for shorthair. Their reviews are great and I don’t think there will be a problem with them being advanced. They will be able to start training.

Baugh: Very pleasantly, I want to report that John Adelhoch has completed all of his classes. We don’t have him coming up yet for advancement because they didn’t come in, in time to get it into the report, but he has done very well. So, I think that he should be coming up in March, as well.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

No items were presented.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Pat Jacobberger has graciously consented to write the 2014 Judges Test.

Future Projections for Committee:

No items were presented.

Resignations/Retirements:

Retirement: The Judging Program has received a request for retirement from Larry Swanson, Approved Allbreed judge. Larry has been a CFA Judge since 1979 and bred his silver Persians under the La Chrisma prefix with wife Marijo, including the famous GP, NW La Chrisma Somethin' Special, Shaded Silver Persian Neuter CFA's 4th Best Cat in Premiership, 1982-83. Larry says, "For thirty-three years I was privileged to represent CFA as a judge. It was an honor to serve in this capacity and judge some of the most beautiful cats on the planet. I made

certain that I carried out my responsibilities in a honorable and professional manner. Along the way I met many really fine people who were my peers and so many others who presented their cats for CFA judges to evaluate and admire. It was very rewarding and fun times were also part of the experience. For this I am most grateful and thankful to CFA for allowing me to serve as their agent.”

Action Item: Grant resignation/retirement status to Larry Swanson from the Judging Program.

Baugh: OK, the other things are in closed session. **Hannon:** What about the retirements? They're not in closed session. **Baugh:** Pardon? **Hannon:** The retirements aren't in closed session. **Baugh:** I did receive a letter from Larry Swanson dated in December. He has a problem with his computer in that he is sending things out and is not being told they are bouncing, so a lot of the emails that he has been sending out were not getting through, but he called me and explained the situation. I do have his retirement letter at home. It came yesterday. In December, Larry had back problems and had surgery, and he is not able to stand. He is reluctantly giving his resignation, and I would like to move that we accept and retire him, rather than resigning. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** So, we accept his resignation with regret. **Anger:** Retirement. **Hamza:** Retirement, with regret.

Retirement: The Judging Program has received a request for resignation from Robert Molino, Approved Allbreed judge. Bob has been a CFA Judge since 1983, and bred Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthairs under the Sanlino prefix with partner, the late Bernie Hartman, including the famous GC, NW Sanlino Mary Queen of Scots, seal point Siamese female, CFA's Eighth Best Kitten & Seventeenth Best Cat 1982-83, and GC, NW Sanlino Sophie Tortie, DM, seal tortie point Colorpoint Shorthair female, CFA's 21st Best Cat 1998-1998.

Action Item: Grant resignation/retirement status to Robert Molino from the Judging Program, effective June 30, 2014.

Eigenhauser: So, is that a motion to accept his resignation? **Baugh:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Hamza:** There's a motion and a second, so I'm going to call the vote.

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

Baugh: Also, Sharon Powell has suffered a torn rotator cuff and originally had hoped to be able to continue judging some of her assignments. She did a shorthair specialty in Parma and had a difficult time with it. I saw her last week and she came over and said, "I just can't do it", so she has canceled all of her February shows and is working on her March shows. At the time Rick Hoskinson withdrew his resignation, I informed him that he could not exhibit, nor could he judge for another club on the weekends that he had canceled shows, but I double checked with Ed and if a club that had him under contract wanted to recontract him, they could do that. So, there is at least one club, possibly two, that he was judging those shows and withdrew, and now the clubs are wanting to contract him back as a replacement. So, if the question comes to you whether or not it's OK for him to do that, it is. I apprised the committee and I told the officers, but I think the whole board needs to know that if that question arises, that it's perfectly legal. I'm glad to have him back behind the table.

Advancements:

Advance to Apprentice:

Karen Godwin Baton Rouge, LA LH – 2nd Specialty 19 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Pamela Bassett Baton Rouge, LA 19 yes

Action Item: Relicense Judges – All judges are presented to the Board for relicensing.

[from after agenda item #17] **Baugh:** I just want to announce the results of the ballots. Karen Godwin was advanced to Apprentice Longhair unanimously. Pam Bassett was advanced to Approved Allbreed unanimously. All of the judges were relicensed. Officially, for publication, Larry Swanson's retirement has been accepted effective last December and Bob Molino's is effective the 30th of June of 2014. I want to thank everybody for your support. [applause]

Permission given to CFA Judges to guest judge non-CFA International Shows:

Name	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Bassett, Pamela	ACF	Royal Agri Society	Brisbane, Australia	08/9-12/14
Calhoun, Kathy	CCA	Fundy Fanciers	Moncton, NB, Canada	03/29/14
Chung, Chloe	NZCF	National Cat Show	Nelson, NZ	06/29/14
Kharchinko, Irina	LOOF	Cercle Felinde Lang.	Langeudoc, France	10/12-13/13
Lawrence, Karen	CCA	Quinte Cat Club	Brookville, Ontario	06/01/14
Raymond, Allan	CCCA	Western Distr. CC	Sydney, Australia	02/23/14
Rivard, Lorraine	CCCA	Fundy Fanciers	Moncton, NB, Canada	03/29/14

Permission given to non-CFA Judges to guest judge CFA Shows:

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	Location	Date
Chernova, Elena	WCA	Club Felino Espanol	Madrid, Spain	12/14-15/13
		Bulgarian Elite Cats	Sofia, Bulgaria	02/1-2/14
Dubrovskaya, Galina	WCA	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	03/1-2/14
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Club Felino Espanol	Madrid, Spain	12/14-15/13
		UK Cat Fanciers	Swanley, Kent England	01/18-19/14
Korotonozhina, Olga	RUI	China Phoenix CC	Shenyang, China	12/21-22/14
Nazarova, Anna	WCA	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	03/1-2/14
Neukircher, Brenda	WCF	Show & Tell CC	Cleburne, Texas	12/21/13
Podprugina, Elena	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	03/15-16/14
Rumyantseva, Nadezhda	WCA	Chatte Noir	Moscow, Russia	10/27/13
Ustinov, Andrew	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	03/14-15/14

In an executive session discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to uphold the rules regarding judge travel; i.e., a club shall not require a judge to travel on a mileage ticket provided by the club.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh
Committee Chair*

(3) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
List of Committee Members: Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Joel Chaney, Norman Auspitz, Pam Huggins
Animal Welfare: Linda Berg
Asian ID liaison: Sara Tsui
European ID liaison: George Cherrie
Japan liaison: Yukiko Hayata
Judging liaison: Norman Auspitz
Legal Counsel: Ed Raymond

Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on January 8, 2014. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Joel Chaney, and Linda Berg.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

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(4) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

Committee Chair: James Simbro
List of Committee Members: Kristi Wollam – Administrative Assistant

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Club dues reminders went out January 3rd to the club secretaries and copied to the club presidents.

As of 1/23/14

423 Clubs had submitted both their dues and membership lists.

55 Clubs have submitted dues and we are waiting on a membership list.

23 Clubs have submitted their membership list and we are waiting on dues.

132 Clubs have submitted neither dues nor membership list.

Breed Council membership dues continue to be processed daily.

Hamza: James, I have one question before we move on. I look at your summary of your clubs. I'm assuming that the clubs in good standing are greatly increased from this list. Do you have an updated one? **Simbro:** I don't. I was not able to get that from Kristi. **Eigenhauser:** It's probably online. **Hamza:** I think that's a little delayed because Kristi has been gone since Friday, right? 423 clubs is not very good, but I know that a lot of clubs are last minute. I have a hand in that.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Registration has caught up from the holidays. As of this time (1/23/14), our processing turnaround is bouncing between 5 to 6 days depending on the volume of orders.

Mariane Toth left us in December to help take care of an extended family member that is having health issues. This left us without anyone to handle pedigree orders, and none of our in-house staff had enough available time to do the research required to process orders. In the months leading up to Mariane's last day, Judy Minich's (Registration) daughter Erica Minich had been voluntarily working a few hours here a week to gain office work experience. She had been doing an exceptional job doing tasks like filing and became very interested in the work we do here. She took the initiative to learn the pedigree process from Mariane, as well as other registration tasks. We have since hired Erica full-time and will be reviewing her performance over the next 60 days. At this point she is proving herself to be a hard worker committed to producing quality work.

Hamza: Alright, let's get going. James, are you ready to give the Central Office Report?
Simbro: Hopefully, everybody had a chance to read through it. There's really nothing too much to add. I want to talk a little bit, that Donna Jean has done a fantastic job picking up the

registration via pedigree work that Mariane Toth had been doing for us, in addition to pedigrees. She has worked very well with Monique. They streamlined the process. We had a lot of catch up to do after Mariane left, but they have really worked through that and are working great as a team. I'm very happy to see what they have done with that. A lot of work was going to Monique without any pre-screening and that was resulting in delays on Monique's end, because she had to do a lot more contact with people that really she shouldn't have had to do, so Donna Jean has taken that on, to pre-screen a lot of these applications before they even get passed on to Monique. The turn-around time has been much improved on that. Pedigrees, with Mariane leaving, I say in my report about Judy's daughter who has taken on that in the office and has really picked up well on the pedigrees. We're printing those back out, as Ginger and I were talking about. She was surprised to find out that the HP, especially when you are dealing with pedigrees that have cats that were registered via pedigree in there, the HP only stores 3 generations, so anytime you do a large pedigree that has got foreign registered cats early in the pedigree, you have a lot of missing information that has to be manually entered into the pedigree. Every time that pedigree is ever run again, you are again manually entering that information in, so it is very prone to error. The new system, we have a new function in there that will allow us to add in unlimited numbers of generations of pedigrees.

Hamza: Annette has a question. **Wilson:** I have a question and it's a point that I need clarified. I thought unless you registered every cat in the foreign pedigree, it didn't get entered in. In other words, if you registered a cat by pedigree and all the cats behind it were not CFA registered, then it was a blank pedigree because they're paying to register that cat, but if you've got foreign cats behind it that were not registered, you wouldn't enter those in because they haven't paid to register them. **Hamza:** But even if they are CFA – **Wilson:** If they are CFA cats, absolutely. **Hamza:** It can only go back 3 generations because of the limitation of the HP. I think that's what you're saying, right James? **Simbro:** Yes. They enter in the foreign registration numbers. We track the foreign registration numbers. **Wilson:** What you're saying, though, is they are paying to register Cat A, and if there are non-CFA cats in the pedigree behind it, you are entering those in as – **Simbro:** On the pedigree with the foreign registration numbers. **Wilson:** Right, and I think that's different than what used to be done. If you register by pedigree and you then ask for a certified pedigree, unless there was a CFA-registered cat somewhere in there, it was blank for those other cats. **Hamza:** I think what shows up is CFA up until the last generation. You know what I'm saying? Is that what you've been doing? **Wilson:** No. They are entering every cat on the pedigree. That's what I'm hearing. **Simbro:** When people order a pedigree and say there was – **Hamza:** Well, how would you have – oh, you're digging up the foreign pedigrees. **Simbro:** Yeah. We have copies. **Wilson:** I don't have a problem with that, but I think it's totally different than what it used to be before. **Simbro:** I wasn't aware. **Wilson:** The other question I have is, if they don't tell you it's a CFA cat, if you just had the name of a cat and the foreign registration number, there's no way for you to look and see if you already have that cat. **Simbro:** Not in the current system, unless you recognize the cattery name and then do a cattery report. **Wilson:** So there's duplicate cats in your database then, with or without a CFA registration number. **Hamza:** There's duplicate cats all over the place. **Wilson:** I know, but this complicates it. I think that's why it wasn't done that way before, for that very reason. OK, I'm done. **Hamza:** I think that's one of the things that's being addressed with the new system, isn't it? **Simbro:** Yes. **Wilson:** Thank you.

Ganoe: One question that this brought up to me was, if someone orders a certified pedigree from CFA and it includes a foreign-registered cat, do we include in that certified pedigree those foreign registrations behind it? Because what we're certifying is CFA's records, and those really aren't CFA's records. So, I'm wondering, just because you enter them for record keeping sake, do you include them on a paid-for certified pedigree? **Simbro:** They have been. They have been. **Wilson:** And that's how I found out about this, because I have a certified pedigree on a foreign registered cat and I was like, "well wait, this cat is in there with a SVERAK number or whatever, a FIFe number, but it's a CFA registered cat, and so that's how this came about, because I have a certified pedigree with all these cats on there. **Ganoe:** What's our position legally, certifying a pedigree with information that isn't ours? **Hamza:** There's two ways of looking at it. When we go and register a cat from another registry, we have requirements that we say that we have to be able to look behind that cat so far, so if you're saying that you're proving out that those requirements exist, that's one way of saying that you're following through. **Eigenhauser:** Whenever we certify a pedigree, all we're saying is, we're certifying our own records. I can't guarantee the person entered that cat correctly anyway. All we can say is, this is an accurate copy of what we have in our records. That's really what we're certifying. **Hamza:** You could register a cat totally wrong and we'll certify it, but what you're getting from us is an assurance that this is the way our records read. **Thompson:** What is happening now, when we're sending out certified pedigrees that include cats from another registry, Monique is highly skilled in the codes for those registries. Our pedigrees for the breeds and their required number of generations, whether it's 3, 5, whatever your particular breed is asking for, for us to register a cat, those cats from a foreign registry that we may put on a pedigree that we send out have been thoroughly checked and proven to be the appropriate color and all the resources we have available to us to find out if they are correct. We have found some incorrect pedigrees. We have contacted associations. Monique is fairly skilled in genetics. We have found some genetic problems in pedigrees. Between the two of us, we have contacted the breeders and the organizations. The breeders are not too happy, but that's life. What goes out from CFA is as correct as we can possibly make it. Monique and my system does seem to be working extremely well. I'm sure there's going to be an error or something someplace, but it's I think far superior to what we've had in the past. What we had in the past was, pedigrees went out with copies attached of the other association's pedigree because it wasn't in CFA's database or whatever. They just attached whatever pedigrees might be needed to make the 6 or 8 generations. **Hamza:** The thing is that one of our good revenue streams is selling pedigrees, so if we can deliver something that makes the customer happy along those lines, it's in our best interest to do it. A piece of paper is inexpensive. **Thompson:** Even with board support, when we had that cat that was desperately misregistered and had to go back and make those changes, we were able to make them. The other associations, we have a kitty now where it's parents, it's impossible for it to be the color it is. What happens with TICA, they are being very helpful. People from FIFe and people from GCCF are very willing to work with us to see if we made an error or if it's their error. **Hamza:** I think it's in everybody's best interests to have them be accurate.

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Hamza: James, let's move on. **Simbro:** Do you want to do the three action items before we talk about the audit we did, or do the audit now? **Hamza:** Do the audit. We usually do action items at the end. **Simbro:** OK. The last meeting it was requested that we do an audit regarding ownership transfers. We wanted to do a sample of 500. We were able to do 200. Verna helped me with this over the course of a couple days. We pulled records starting in 2012 – June of 2012 up to current. We pulled approximately 5 transfers per month. We tried to spread it out between different people who were entering these, so we weren't picking the top ones on the pile. Out of those 200 we found 5 that were apparently missing a signature or the name wasn't – the last name really wasn't clear. So, 5 out of 200, that's a 2.5% error rate. I would like to see that lower. **Hamza:** It's not significant, but you can do better. **Simbro:** We have reviewed the rules with the Registration Department on what is required as far as signatures. They are well aware that all signatures must be on the paperwork. Even if one of the owners is staying on the ownership, their signature still must be there. **Mastin:** Can we monitor this for the next 4 week period and see if that rate is going to drop? A 2.5% rate is not bad, but it's not good. **Simbro:** Yeah. **Hamza:** It's labor intensive, is the problem. **Mastin:** But if we can at least monitor it for at least one more month, just so we know if we're improving or we're going backwards. **Hamza:** Let me ask you this; how hard was it to do? **Simbro:** It wasn't too terribly hard. **Hamza:** Were you not being able to do other things because you were doing this? **Dobbins:** I worked it in between, but all in all, it probably took 6-8 hours to do. **Kallmeyer:** If you had the paperwork real time, does that simplify it, so you don't have to pull anything? **Dobbins:** Real time might simplify it. **Simbro:** If we were checking these on a daily basis, when they hand in work for the day and we just had the transfers separate, it wouldn't take very long at all to scan through those. **Thompson:** Are we simply looking for names of transfer of ownership? **Simbro:** Yes. **Thompson:** Donna can do that at the mail-out. **Simbro:** She can, yeah. **Mastin:** What I'm going for, Jerry, is preventing people to have to go back in and make corrections later, and that's where the time and money cost more. **Hamza:** Let's check it for the next month, but the reality is that out of the 2.5%, how many people actually come back and it becomes an issue? We're talking about a non-existent problem. I agree that the work should be right. You know what, James? We'll pull it out for, why don't you take a whole week next month, do it for a week and let's see what the rate is. **Simbro:** OK. **Hamza:** And we'll go from there. It just doesn't come up. We never have somebody go – **Altschul:** It's because people didn't know. It came up. That's why I brought it to the board last month. It is coming up, that CFA is being inconsistent. I think a lot of people don't understand the registering process themselves. 2.5% is still an error rate. **Hamza:** We're going to see if it has gone down. **Altschul:** I hope it will. **Hamza:** There is always going to be an error rate. **Simbro:** A lot of times it comes down to a judgment call, especially when you have more than 3 or 4 owners on a cat and there's not 4 line signatures. They are cramming all the names together and trying to discern where a name starts and ends, they are having to make some judgment calls. **Hamza:** I understand, and some of it is legibility and everything else. Part of the problem is the form size and the space to write the stuff. There are some issues, because people don't want a registration form that's big. It has space issues. Anyway, like I said, I'm going to try real hard this weekend to keep things moving along, so let's get to the action items.

Future Projections for Committee:

As we near the final launch of the new computer system, we will be reviewing our internal process and make adjustments to accommodate the changes it will bring.

Board Action Items:

1. Havana Brown Breed Council Request:

July 1, 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of the acceptance of the Havana Brown into the CFA family of pedigreed cats. The Breed Council is making the following requests:

- A. They would like to present flat ribbons to all Havana Browns present and competing at all July shows and forward until the supply is depleted.*
- B. They would like to present the flats to all the Havana Browns present and competing at the 2015-2014 World Show.*
- C. They are requesting the web master to use the Havana Brown as the banner for the main CFA site for the month of July.*

Simbro: First action item comes from the Havana Brown Breed Council. July 1st marks their 50th Anniversary. They have made three requests here. First, they would like to present flat ribbons to all Havana Browns present and competing at all July shows and forward until the supply is depleted. B, they would like to present the flats to all Havana Browns present and competing at the 2015 World Show. And they are requesting the web master to use the Havana Brown as the banner for the main CFA site for the month of July. **Altschul:** I have a question. Should that be the 2014 World Show? **Hamza:** If they want to wait two years, that's OK. **Thompson:** No, it's 2014. **Hamza:** Let's start with the third request first. **Hannon:** The third request is having their banner on the website, and that's me. I create those banners, but I don't plan to after the election and this is July. Whether I win or lose the election, I don't plan to continue doing this. I talked to Teresa Keiger and to Kathy Durdick about it, and they have agreed that they are going to create the banner and have it up there for them. **Petty:** Will that be the only banner up for that month, or is it going to be in the rotation? **Hannon:** What we normally do now is, every two weeks we rotate banners. We have four banners that go up every two weeks, and they rotate in turn, the four of them. So, it will be one of the four, but we'll leave it up for the full month, not just a two week period. Right now, one of those banners is always *Our Featured Breed is* and we've been doing it in alphabetic order. I think the LaPerm is the current one, and we've already done the Havana, but we'll go back and make a special one congratulating them on their 50th anniversary. That will be one of the four that rotates. **Hamza:** So, that's easy. **Hannon:** Yes, and the graphic artist and the webmistress have already agreed to do it. **Hamza:** I believe that A we have taken care of in past meetings. Didn't we already decide that they could just do that? **Wilson:** I just have a question. Are they supplying the flats and are they sending them out? **Thompson:** Yes. They will be supplying the ribbons. The reason the request was made is because judges are only supposed to award certain ribbons. **Wilson:** OK, so there's no mailing from Central Office. **Thompson:** No, no. **Wilson:** I just wanted to clarify. **Hamza:** When I look at this, the only thing I see that is board actionable is B. The question is, and I guess this would go to the people who have been involved in running the show, does this cause a log jam? **Mastin:** Depending on how many Havana Browns and how long it's going to take to present these. **Petty:** They're also not saying, do they want the judge to present these? Are they ranking them or is this just a participation flat? **Hamza:** Here's what's got to happen. Tell them A and C they get, B they've got to come up with something more specific. How can

we judge whether this is going to be an issue with timing? **Thompson:** When I spoke with her, it was my understanding that it was almost kind of like the little red white and [sic] blue ribbon for Household Pets, *We're pleased that you attended.* **Hamza:** But we need to know exactly.

Thompson: It's part of their celebration. I can check that out. **Hamza:** And we can deal with that at a subsequent meeting. **Eigenhauser:** In ancient times, the Maine Coon Breeders and Fanciers' Association used to have these brownish purple ribbon. They would pick one judge out of the judging line-up and say, "hang this one on every cage as you go through". It was just a participation award. It was never a big deal. If that's the kind of thing they want, I'm fine. If they want something more complicated than that, they are going to have to tell us. **Hamza:** We can roll this over into the next meeting. I just want to know, and I want to give the people who worked on the show the last couple years the chance to say, "well, that shouldn't be a problem" or "that's going to cause a log jam". I think that's only fair.

2. **Club Name: Sophisto Cat Club**
Event Date: April 18-20 or 21
Location: Tampere, Finland

Sophisto Cat Club would like permission to host an exhibition of cats, an educational "meet the breeds" type of event, over Easter Weekend (18, 19, 20 or 21 April 2014), in Tampere (Lamminpää), Finland. The exact date is dependent on the hall availability. Easter weekend, to include Good Friday and the following Monday are traditional holidays in Finland. This "hobby show/breed presentation" concept is common in Finland and is used by clubs to raise money. Sophisto Cat Club would use this event to help raise funds for a future CFA show in Finland.

We plan for 25-30 cats present, all volunteer exhibitors with various breeds recognized by CFA. Exhibitors provide their own cages, though cages can be provided if necessary, at no cost. There will be no entry fees; funds are raised from public attendance and a raffle. Breeds, and why they are so special, will be presented to the public at specified times along with presentations on responsible cat ownership. Hours for this exhibition will be from 10am to 5pm. The hall has a restaurant and kitchen so food will be available to exhibitors and the public. Cost for the hall is 200 Euros (\$260 USD) for the day. I will conduct presentations, along with my able translators.

CFA show rules will be followed as applicable, such as minimum age for kittens to be present. There is no judging and no points awarded though we may have fun class categories such as Most Colorful Cat, Public's Favorite, etc.

This concept is used successfully in Finland by other associations. This is a new concept for CFA club fund raising and a welcome departure from garage sales. This also helps introduce pedigreed cats to the public and promotes positive animal welfare.

I am requesting permission for Sophisto Cat Club to host this event and, as a CFA Judge, I request permission to conduct the public presentations.

*Pam DelaBar,
CFA Allbreed Judge
Secretary, Sophisto Cat Club*

Hamza: Alright, James? **Simbro:** #2, Sophisto Cat Club is looking for permission to host an exhibition of cats in a “meet the breeds” type of event over Easter weekend. The date depends on hall availability. They kind of give a range of dates there. This is a common concept over there to present the cats. They are planning on 25-30 cats, all volunteer exhibitors. Let’s see, CFA show rules will be followed. There’s no judging, no points awarded, although they may have some fun class categories, such as Most Colorful Cat, Public’s Favorite, etc. So, they are requesting permission to host this event by Pam DelaBar and request permission to conduct the public presentations. **Altschul:** The only question I have is, they say that CFA show rules will be followed. I’m assuming that means only CFA cats are going to be on exhibition. **Eigenhauser:** This says *breeds recognized by CFA*. **Hannon:** I don’t understand what we need to approve. Can’t any club just put on a Meet the Breeds style event if they want? **Eigenhauser:** Yeah, but our show rules say you can’t put on a non-CFA show and I think they’re just covering their butts. I think it’s a fair question. I move we allow it. **Baugh:** I second it.

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

Anger: One more thing. I think we need to refer the permission for her to officiate, to the Judging Program Committee. **Hamza:** OK. **Baugh:** The Judging Program Committee has no problem with it. **Hamza:** OK. I think that was implied. **Anger:** I was just making sure.

3. **Show Format Request:**

- (a) *Club Names: Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cat’s Incredible*
Show Date: March 22/23, 2014
Location: Matamoras, Pennsylvania (Region 1)

Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cat's Incredible are licensed to conduct a 6x6 show on March 23-24, 2014. It would be to the clubs' financial advantage to request a change in their judging line up, and to replace one of their show managers. They would like to switch Russell Webb (currently judging on Saturday, March 22) with Iris Zinck (currently judging on Sunday, March 23). Therefore, Iris Zinck will judge Saturday and Russell Webb will judge Sunday. Both judges have graciously agreed to accommodate the clubs, if approved by the Board.

Cat's Incredible would also like to change the Show Manager for its show on Sunday, March 23, 2014 to Mr. Anthony Nardone. After careful consideration this would be of financial benefit to both clubs.

Hamza: Alright James. **Simbro:** The last item is a show format request from Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cat’s Incredible. [reads] **Anger:** I fielded this for the clubs, so I would like to make a motion that we approve their requests. **Baugh:** Second.

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

- (b) *Club Name: China International Pedigree Cat Fancier Club*
Show Dates: February 22/23, 2014 and March 29/30, 2014
Location: Shanghai, China (International Division)

China International Pedigree Cat Fancier Club is licensed to conduct an 8 ring show on February 22/23, 2014. The club would like to add a split specialty ring, to make the format 8 Allbreed/1 Longhair/1 Shorthair.

China International Pedigree Cat Fancier Club is also licensed to conduct an 8 ring show on March 29/30, 2014. The club would like to add a longhair specialty ring, to make the format 8 Allbreed/1 Longhair.

Action Item: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 for China International Pedigree Cat Fancier Club to amend its show license to add a split specialty ring to its February 22/23, 2014 show. Grant a further exception to amend its show license to add a longhair specialty ring to its show licensed March 29/30, 2014.*

[this action item was approved via previous Executive Session motion]

- (c) *Club Names: Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers and Fort Wayne Cat Club*
Show Date: April 12, 2014
Location: Monroe, Michigan (Region 4)

Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers is licensed to conduct a 6 ring show on April 12, 2014. They would like an exception to Show Rule 12.04 to add a co-sponsor to its show license for the April 12, 2014 show in Monroe, Michigan. They would like to add the Fort Wayne Cat Club to co-sponsor.

Anger: I have an additional request that just came in at our cat club meeting that I attended right before I left to come here. [reads] **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Anger:** Thank you.

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,
James Simbro, Director of Operations

(5) **TREASURER’S REPORT.**

Overall Performance

CFA’s overall financial performance year to date (December) is favorable to both budget and last year’s results. The year-to-date profit of \$121,794 is \$143,948 better than budget and \$10,241 better than last year’s year to date numbers.

Hamza: On to the Treasurer’s Report, and that would be Carla. **Bizzell:** OK. The Treasurer’s Report is as of December 31st, so it does not include January. It’s good news, which is always great to report. Our year-to-date profit is \$121,794 and just to compare it to last year, it’s \$10,241 better than last year, so we’re actually tracking slightly better to last year and I didn’t expect us to be doing that, so it’s a good thing. We’re almost \$144,000 better than budget at this point, but again I’ll caution you that this is not a quarter end. At a quarter end is when we record things such as insurance expense and certain things that we only look at on the quarter, cost of goods sold on the Yearbook, stuff like that. That will moderate this slightly, but it’s not going to deteriorate our margin all that much, I don’t think.

Key Financial Indicators

Ordinary Income—Registrations and Related Services

Below is a table showing a comparison of registrations from this year (year to date) to the same period last year.

<i>December YTD</i>	<i>Cat Registration Revenue</i>	<i>Litter Registration Revenue</i>	<i>Total Regular Registration Revenue</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>\$216,327</i>	<i>\$117,778</i>	<i>\$334,105</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>212,518</i>	<i>143,270</i>	<i>355,788</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>230,004</i>	<i>149,300</i>	<i>379,304</i>

This chart shows that Cat Registration revenue in total continues to trend slightly upward, which is encouraging!

Cattery registrations are up from last year’s \$69,762 to \$84,800, which is also encouraging. Other line items that are notably higher than last year are Club Dues/Applications (along with club insurance) and Show Surcharge. Line items that are notably down from last year are registration via pedigree and show license and insurance fees. Overall Ordinary Income of \$939,215 is \$42,111 better than budget and \$33,983 better than last year.

Bizzell: When we get to Ordinary Income, particularly Registrations and Related Services, we are on a roll now. We’ve got increases, so far two years in a row year-to-date. [applause] About 6.5% year on year from 2011 to 2012, and from 2012 to December of 2013. I hope that continues. That’s great news, because we had been in a free fall slide. **Hamza:** I think it was 10% last year or the year before. **Bizzell:** It’s really encouraging. **Hamza:** At 6.5% a year, you roughly double in size over 10 years. **Bizzell:** Well, from your lips to God’s ears. **Hamza:**

That's what that percentage comes out to be. **Bizzell:** In addition, in the Ordinary Income arena, our cattery registrations are up 21.6% year on year. I know! They are up to \$84,800 year to date. So, that's pretty amazing. Club dues and applications are also up. The line items that are down are registration via pedigree, and that probably has to do with a little bit of a back log that we had and now we're caught up, so the January report ought to show us catching up in that arena. In general, Ordinary Income is up \$42,000 better than budget and \$33,900 better than last year. So, Ordinary Income continues to track better.

Other Income/Expense

This category includes Interest and Rental income.

Events

The World Show is the only activity in this category this year. The financials are substantially complete for the event with only a few entry fees still outstanding. The financial results for the show as of December 31 is a profit of \$205, versus a budgeted loss of (\$22,000).

Bizzell: Under Events we have the World Show and we'll detail that out a little better later, but we're still showing a slight profit which, considering we had a budgeted loss of \$22,000 is a wonderful feat, and I congratulate the entire committee for bringing that to us.

Yearbook

The Yearbook is currently at \$3,869 better than budget mostly due to higher advertising revenue and higher sales figures for the 2013 book.

Bizzell: The Yearbook is currently about \$3,800 better than budget, and that's mostly due to higher advertising revenue.

[from end of report] **Hannon:** Carla mentioned the Yearbook, and I've got a copy here. If you haven't seen one, you're welcome to borrow mine and page through it. **Hamza:** I had this done. **Hannon:** Jerry arranged for the cover. **Hamza:** I had an artist do this. If you saw what was going to be the cover, you would kiss me on the mouth. **Hannon:** Well, I did see what was on the cover, but I'll refrain. **Hamza:** And you want to know something? I'm kind of glad of that, but you know. I like you well enough. **Altschul:** Real quick. I've been asked, how many Yearbooks were printed? **Hannon:** 450, wasn't it Donna? I think we printed 450. **Hamza:** Just so everybody here knows, last year's Yearbook was the first time in a long time that the CFA Yearbook was sold out completely. There are no more Yearbooks from last year. [applause] Mark has done a wonderful job with the Yearbook. You've got to remember, when I got elected, we had a soft cover yearbook. **Hannon:** It was much bigger. We curtailed the cost by limited the number of pages. **Hamza:** And it was a loss leader. We made a decision that this was historically important, that in this age of media where everything is on a website, nothing is permanent. It's all transient. So, we made a decision that we should keep this, that this is a permanent record of who we are. Mark did a great job, because we were able to keep a hard cover edition that holds up the prestige of the organization and it will last a long time, so people in years to come can look back and see how handsome this board is, and beautiful, and how nice our cats are. I think it would be a shame if CFA didn't have a Yearbook. **Hannon:** According to Carla, it looks like we

are turning a slight profit on it, too. **Hamza:** So, we're actually making money with it. **Hannon:** Jerry negotiated with the printer to get a better price for us, and part of that deal was limiting the number of pages to 320 pages. We had gone up to 640 in the past, so we've cut the number of pages down dramatically, but we were able to produce something we can cover our costs on now.

Almanac

We currently offer the On-Line Almanac and Cat Talk only as a package deal and they are both included in this business area. While comparison to budget is showing unfavorable at this time, we will be booking subscription revenue with the January close and there will be a "catch up" of revenue.

Bizzell: The Almanac is unfavorable at this time, but again quarterly is when we recognize the subscription income and such things, so there should be a catch-up there in the January close.

Marketing Area

Overall the Marketing area is \$20,365 favorable to December year-to-date budget.

Bizzell: The Marketing area is showing a \$20,000 favorable to December year-to-date budget. Again, that's another one that has some significant accruals and such going on in it, so that will moderate a bit at the end of January.

Central Office

Total Central Office expense is \$41,449 favorable to budget. Many line items go into this total, however Salaries/Taxes/Benefits are favorable to budget as is Building Maintenance. Office Supplies, Bank Charges, Legal Fees, Printing, Website Maintenance and Software Amortization are also favorable to budget. Line items that are unfavorable to budget include Utilities and Credit Card Fees (which will improve once we start using PayPal to clear most of our transactions.)

Bizzell: On to Central Office. Central Office expense is \$41,000 favorable to budget, so that's very great. Another thing that is favorable in that area is printing and website maintenance. I wanted to touch on software amortization. We had anticipated the new system being on board and thus amortizing the cost. We are currently still building that up on the balance sheet, so when we do finally start amortizing it, it will be a little higher number but we haven't had any amortization yet, so that's kind of soft money. It's an accrued expense that will be amortized over time, which we're not yet doing. Our unfavorable items are utilities, and that's probably no surprise to anybody here. Credit card fees will improve when we start using PayPal for our clearinghouse, because we got a really good deal with PayPal.

Computer

Computer Expense is currently \$13,622 favorable to budget with all line items being favorable across the board.

Bizzell: Computer expense is favorable to budget.

CFA Programs

The CFA Programs expense is \$6,017 favorable to budget. Line items that are favorable to budget include Judging Program, Awards/Plaques, Club Assistance (which is timing), and International Division. Line items that are unfavorable to budget include Judging Schools (however, income is now included elsewhere), Show Supplies/Postage, and Club/Show Insurance.

Bizzell: CFA Programs expense is favorable to budget.

Corporate Expense

Corporate Expense is unfavorable to budget mostly due to Board Meeting expense.

Bizzell: Corporate Expense is slightly unfavorable and that's mostly due to board meeting and Annual-type expenses.

Legislative Expense

Legislative Expense is currently running slightly favorable to budget.

Bizzell: And Legislative Expense is currently running slightly favorable. They are almost always nearly spot on, but they are running slightly favorable.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Bizzell, Treasurer*

Bizzell: So, that would be the Treasurer's Report. **Hamza:** You know what, folks? It doesn't get any better than this. Four years of profit. We've got registrations trending up and we've got slow, sustainable growth which is what you want. So, there's a good track here. I encourage this board to keep the blueprint that's been set forth in the future. One of the things I've said in the past and I would like to talk about it a little more here maybe tomorrow if we get a chance – definitely next board meeting – you know, I'm not a big fan of reinventing the wheel because you don't have to. It's round and it rolls. You know, AKC has been moving forward with investing money into safe, passive streams of income. We have income, we're making money. I think we ought to look at investing our money in safe, passive streams of income while we have it. It will take the pressure off down the line. What we're doing right now, nobody in the pet world is doing. The dogs are retracting, other organizations are retracting, so those of you who have been on this ride with me for four years, I thank you. We've done a lot, and those who just jumped on, I thank you, too. You've just got to be very mindful. I know there's talk about giving money back here or there. You know, if it's not broke, don't fix it. I guess that's the only caution I'm going to give here. **Hannon:** I had a town hall meeting last weekend in San Diego, and I told them what I plan to continue is slow, steady growth, which is what you're talking about. They also asked, what are we doing about investing the money? I told them that we were going to work on that, that we weren't going to let it sit there idle so that it could be tapped into, that we're planning to do something with it. One of the questions also was, what are we doing

about the decline in registrations? Dick was there and we corrected that. There is no decline in registrations. For two years in a row, we've had an increase in registrations. Dick talked to them at that meeting about, we have particular growth in Asia and Europe, and that things are trending well for us. **Hamza:** It brings me to another thing, a program that has been near and dear to my heart, and it's the Club Marketing Program. It's sort of a redistribution of wealth, but it's more than that. I think it has been a real key to our growth. **Hannon:** Because they have to spend it in advertising for gate. **Hamza:** That's right. I think that it exposes us and I think there are multiple factors. We are by no means in an economy that is flying forward. This is not what anybody would describe as robust. People are not going out and buying expensive new cars and buying second homes. This is a very strained economy, so for us to perform like this, we have to look at some things. I am encouraging this board in the future to maintain the club marketing. I see that as an important key to growth. At this point, I'm lame duck. All I can do is encourage what I see as key pieces to the past success, to going forward in the future.

(6) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: **Carla Bizzell**

List of Committee Members: **Chuck Gradowski, Bob Johnston, Rich Mastin**

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Monthly review and comparison of financial achievement to budget. Transmitted quarterly financial information to Club Secretaries.

Prepared and analyzed World Show financial results. Although the numbers are not yet 100% final (some exhibitor payments still outstanding) the numbers show that we are essentially at break even for the show (showing a \$205 profit). A financial summary as of December 31 has been prepared.

Hamza: We'll go to the Budget Committee, which would also be Carla. **Bizzell:** The Budget Committee is responsible for looking at the financial information, sometimes on a daily basis but for sure on a monthly basis, comparing it to budget. So, that was done. Also, prepared and analyzed the World Show financial results, which you will again be seeing more of that later.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Begin the 2015 FY budgeting process. Committee Budget Requests should be submitted to me (Carla.Bizzell@yahoo.com) by the last day of February, 2014.

Bizzell: The Current Happenings of the Committee is, we're starting the budgeting process for the 2015 year, which is the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Committee budget requests should be submitted by the last day of February 2014. So, if you have a committee or if you are the liaison to a committee, we need those budgets. I'll be starting on the budget the beginning of March and my expectation is that we will have the budget prepared by the April board teleconference, and the final 2015 budget presented for board approval prior to May 1, 2014. So, continuing having the budget in place by the time the new year starts.

Future Projections for Committee:

Produce FY 2015 Budget for Board review.

Continue comparison of monthly financial achievement to budget. Transmit quarterly financial statements to Club Secretaries.

Time Frame

Preliminary budget prepared by the date of the April Board teleconference. Final 2015 Budget presented for Board Approval prior to May 1, 2014.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Current financial results compared to budget.

Bizzell: Then, what will be at the next meeting is the current financial results compared to budget. **Hamza:** It's important – all committee members get your budget requests in. If they're not in by that deadline, I'm going to make the budget determinations myself. One of the things we've worked very hard on is to have a budget in place before the fiscal year starts and we all should be proud of that. That's a very big thing. At this point I would like to also acknowledge Carla's accomplishment in her budgeting over this period of time. She has fallen within I think it's effectively 3% or 4% annually, which if you take into consideration how wild the first year was and where we are now, those forecasts are just amazing in any situation, but in our situation it was even more amazing. [applause]

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Bizzell, Chair*

(7) **AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: *Carla Bizzell*

List of Committee Members: *Karen Boyce, Karen Godwin, Bob Johnston, Ed Raymond*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities

Collaborated with Audit Firm to complete, review and file IRS forms 990 and 990T. Scanned copies will be uploaded to File Vista.

Continued to work with Central Office on financial matters.

Hamza: Next up is the Audit Committee. **Bizzell:** Again, this is very brief. Collaborated with Audit Firm to complete, review and file IRS forms 990 and 990T. I do need to get those up on File Vista but those have been filed. I will get that done shortly.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continue to work with Central Office on various financial matters.

Bizzell: Current Happenings, we continue to work with Central Office.

Future Projections for Committee:

Prepare for audit which should begin in early May.

Bizzell: We will start preparing for the audit which will begin right after the year end, so it will begin in May. The expectation is to have the audited financials prepared in time to put them in the delegate bags and to have at the June meeting. So, we will have those financials in the delegate bag. **Hamza:** Which will be another big milestone for CFA. You talk about disclosure, we're talking about actual disclosure – important things like hard number and things of that nature. We're going to try this year to actually have a real annual report at this year's Annual which, if we can get that done, that will be quite the thing. We will have covered a lot of ground in 4 years. If we can get an actual annual report in that delegate bag, there's not much more transparency than that. That's really the box score of any organization. Thank you Carla.

Time Frame:

Assist in completion of audit in order to include Audited Financial Statements in Annual Delegate Bags.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Complete Audit package submitted to Board prior to June Regular Board Meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Bizzell, Chair*

(8) **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: **Rich Mastin**
List of Committee Members: **Carla Bizzell, Chuck Gradowski, Ed Raymond & Rich Mastin**

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Available to Central Office Team as needed*
- *Review monthly financial reports and commentaries*
- *Renewed existing Central Office Team/Staff's health insurance plan, and discuss short and long term options with insurance rep*

Hamza: Next up is the Finance Committee, and that's Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** I don't know that I necessarily have to read through this whole thing. Currently we're working with our insurance rep on securing short- and long-term health insurance for the staff at Central Office. I'll try and sum it up a little bit. Most of our employee staff is best to go with the state exchange versus the plan that we offer. At the present time, the current insurance plan we have set up, the group plan, is guaranteed through the end of November of this year, so we're working with the insurance rep in determining the best possible plans for all the team members, not just one individual. Once we elect to go to the exchange, we cannot have our own group plan. It's one or the other, so it's a little bit of a challenge in making sure that we don't have issues where one or two of the staff end up paying more for insurance because of the exchange and there will be 2 or 3 individuals who will benefit from buying the exchange. So, it's a little bit of a challenge. We're in the process right now where we've asked to discuss again the first week of February with the insurance rep what he has found with the exchange available in Ohio. The second part of the complication is, we have two staff members in New Jersey. Our current insurance rep is not licensed in New Jersey, to offer solutions and suggestions and what have you. He is in the process of being licensed. He assured me within sometime in February, he will have his license and we can negotiate the rates for our New Jersey staff. So, that's a summary of what's going on. It's a to-be-continued process here through February. The good news, we do have health insurance for our team through the end of November, even if we have to stay on our current group plan.

- *Implement annual weekly bank balance report of all accounts*
- *Working with Pat Zollman (Helms Briscoe) on securing additional hotel rooms in New Orleans for this year's annual, may need to add 100 to 200 room nights based on previous year and current bookings*

Mastin: I've heard we may have a need, and I probably need to spend some time with Carissa on this, because I haven't done a follow-up, but I heard from Jodell and Pat Zollman. We may have a need to increase the number of rooms we contracted. Do you have an update?

Altschul: Sunday they are already working on that. Someone was trying to book and the Sunday rooms are already booked up. Jan told me they are already on that and they are adding rooms.

Hamza: Is it because we've booked up, or is it because other people are crowding us in.

Altschul: We used up our block already. **Hamza:** OK. That's good. **Altschul:** On Sunday only,

but the other ones – we’re supposed to receive weekly reports starting the first week of February of where we are, so they are actually trying to get that now. **Hamza:** And Pat is all over it? **Mastin:** Pat is all over it. The delay in signing the addendum – and I’ll sign it as soon as I get the information from Pat – I have a rooming list that has everyone on it with the exception of the people in this room. I need to make sure we have everybody in this room on that rooming list before I sign the addendum, and that includes the Central Office staff. It’s not on that rooming list, either. **Hamza:** Oh, how nice. **Mastin:** They are working on it. I’ve been told they have that list but it’s got to show up and I’ll sign the addendum. I can sign the addendum as soon as Monday. So, once we get it – **Thompson:** Who’s not doing it? **Mastin:** I think the hotel. It’s the hotel. I believe we’re adding 200 rooms, based on the rate and last year. It’s a minimum of 125 and we are looking at possibly 200. **Hannon:** That’s not nights, it’s rooms? **Mastin:** That’s room nights. I’m sorry, when I say “rooms”, I mean room nights. **Hannon:** Because we could use up – **Mastin:** 100. **Hannon:** Yeah. **Mastin:** Right. I need to make sure they’re on there. As of last Thursday, the report had 237 room nights already booked, not including this room. That will take it up probably close to 350. Carissa, do you have anything else? **Altschul:** Only what I’ve got in my report.

- *Work with Club Sponsorship Committee Chair Ann Caell on show sponsorship requests*
- *Follow up with Corporate Sponsors on funding; Royal Canin’s Sharon Lund and Dr. Elsey’s Gina Zaro*

Mastin: Club Sponsorship, we will review that later. Follow-up with Corporate Sponsors on funding.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Accessible to Central Office Team, Club Sponsorship Chair, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair as needed*
- *Weekly review of all bank account balances*
- *Review payroll reports as provided*
- *Review monthly financial reports and commentaries*
- *Accessible to current sponsors as needed, and assist in securing future relationships and funding with new sponsors*
- *World Show 2014*
- *Club Sponsorship reviews and approvals as submitted*
- *Review and advise as needed on contractual agreements/arrangements*
 - o *Insurances*
 - o *Marketing and licensing contracts as submitted*
 - o *Hotel contracts (new and updates/changes to existing as needed)*
 - o *Others relating to work on Central Office building and office equipment*

Mastin: Current happenings, we have accessibility to Central Office as usual. Weekly review of the bank accounts. I think a couple weeks ago I put together an Excel spreadsheet for Kristi to get using in reporting the weekly bank accounts. We have six. Three are active and

three are not so active. Two of the three that are not active, we have a sweep account tied to the checking account. On the report, the balance will fluctuate, depending on the day she receives the bank balances. **Hamza:** Rich, the one thing you've got to explain because most of the board doesn't know, but that list goes to the executive committee. We monitor all the bank balances once a week. We get forwarded to us all the CFA bank balances and the payroll as it comes out. So, the board is in constant contact with our money and our payroll. One of the things that's missing here, and I don't necessarily want it to be passed around publicly because it's not the kind of thing you do, but is the board aware of what we have in the accounts? **Bizzell:** There's a balance sheet on File Vista. **Hamza:** OK. I would ask you to look at that. Tomorrow at some point I just want to talk about our money a little bit. **Mastin:** Carla, is that the current balance sheet? **Bizzell:** No, it's the December balance sheet. It's up a little bit from that. **Mastin:** I have the number for Friday. **Hamza:** You know, the last Friday one, somebody should just throw that up on File Vista. It's only one page. **Meeker:** It is. December 2013? **Hamza:** No, no. Last Friday's balance. **Mastin:** Last Friday's bank balance. Let me see if I can pull it up. **Hannon:** It's close to what you've seen, but it's a little bit higher. **Mastin:** Our current total bank balances are running \$1,429,000 as of Friday, and a few hundred bucks. It jumped up from the previous week maybe \$18,000, but this is the time of year we've got club dues coming in and breed council dues, so it jumped close to \$80,000 in the last four weeks. **Hamza:** In CFA, our bills, unfortunately or it's just the way it is, you always start off in the hole because of the Annual. We load in very heavy with expenses in the beginning, so to be where we're at right now is really good, because we know that the remainder of the year it will only increase. Go ahead Rich.

Mastin: Working on the 2014 World Show, we will talk about that tomorrow. Club sponsorship reviews and approvals as submitted. That is Ann Caell. I work very closely with her on it, sometimes on a daily basis and sometimes every other day.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Budgets/Projections: assist in achieving 2013 – 2014 and assist in creating and reviewing 2014 - 2015*
- *Begin review of 2014-2015 insurance coverage and premiums*
- *Secure 2014 World Show location and begin budget review*
- *Finalize short and long term health insurance plans for Central Office Team/Staff*
- *Recommend and establish 2014 – 2015 CFA Show Sponsorship Funding Amounts*

Mastin: In the Future Projects, insurance coverages, we'll begin reviewing those in March for 2014-2015 year. **Hamza:** Do you have any action items? **Mastin:** No.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Committee's progress*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair*

(9) **WORLD SHOW FINANCIAL WRAP-UP.**

Hamza: Do you want to go to World Show? **Mastin:** Yes. As Carla already stated, there is no change in our net profit. It's \$205 and we don't anticipate any changes. However, as of Tuesday the 28th, we had \$192 outstanding in entries. **Bizzell:** We've done the required dunning letters. **Hamza:** Carissa has volunteered to go collect it. **Bizzell:** Thank you. **Baugh:** I have a question that I was asked. Since we close our entries so far in advance of the show, is there a reason why we have unpaid entries? I mean, in my estimation, if people haven't paid at that point, their entries should be returned or deleted. I can't see carrying entries into the show that haven't been paid when we close that part. **Hamza:** Is that like a Monte question, maybe? **Bizzell:** There's no entry fees returned for failure to bench. That's a show rule. **Baugh:** Why did we not just – **Hamza:** The \$192, is that vendor space maybe? **Mastin:** No, that's entries. **Baugh:** Three entry fees. **Hamza:** What are they, bounced checks? **Bizzell:** No, just people who haven't paid them. **Mastin:** I don't know specifically what those are. **Hamza:** We can look at tightening that up, then. When you look at what percentage that is of the total money in, it's – **Baugh:** As I said, when we are doing it so far in advance, if they aren't paid when we are closed so far in advance, I can't understand why we can't say, "you're not entered anymore". **Hamza:** We probably could. **Raymond:** Part of the reason for closing so far in advance is the amount of time it takes to produce a catalog of that size. **Hannon:** And bench the show. **Raymond:** That catalog went to the printer two days after the show closed and it took the full time, so we wouldn't have time to, at that point, figure that out. One thing that Rich and Mark and I talked about was adding some serious penalty fees for failure to pay. If you don't pay within the 10 days, there's a fee. If you're not paid at check-in, we're talking about hitting them with \$100. **Hannon:** It just seems to me that it's silly to take entries out of the show because somebody owes some money, because I'm sure we collected the bulk of it and we could have potentially lost all of that income. **Baugh:** People were asking and I said I was going to ask. **Hannon:** And I'm just providing you some feedback. I'm not arguing. **Hamza:** If we don't collect another dollar of it, it ends up being a tiny percentage of the whole. **Eigenhauser:** There are already provisions in the show rules for a financial penalty if they don't pay. **Hamza:** Right. They can lose their points. **Eigenhauser:** They can lose their points, it costs them \$100. We already have a provision in the show rules. We just need to deal with it and move on. This isn't really a board matter. **Calhoun:** These are no shows though, right, that didn't pay? **Hamza:** Yeah. I agree, let's go ahead. Are there any other questions on the World Show? We've sort of kept our finger on the pulse of this thing from when it started until now, so I think it went great. Everybody did a good job. **Mastin:** The only other item I had on the World Show was, at the last board meeting we still had a \$1,000 deposit check that was outstanding owed to us from the facility. We have since received that. **Hamza:** OK. Alright, so let's move on.

(10) CLUB MARKETING.

Committee Chair: T. Ann Caell

Liaison to Board: Rich Mastin

List of Committee Members: T. Ann Caell, Rich Mastin, Ed. Raymond

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Club Marketing Committee reports that from Jan., 2013 to Dec.31, 2013 a total of 112 Corporate Club Sponsorship awards were given to 94 clubs in Regions 1-7. In Jan.-Feb 2014, 3 Corporate Club Sponsorships were awarded to 3 International clubs in Region 9. The total award for Region 9 clubs in 2014, thus far, is \$2,000. The total award for the clubs in domestic regions for 2013 is \$79,460. These awards were provided by Dr. Elsey's, Royal Canin, Iams and the CFA Allocation Fund.

Mastin: The break-down of the actual shows that were awarded funds is highly confidential and I ask that you please not share that at this time because we have sponsor money in here that shows what they contributed. I don't know at this point in time if we want that out.

Hamza: No, because it only jeopardizes the ability to get more. The other part of this that you don't want to share is, you don't want jealous child syndrome out here.

Hannon: What I would like to put out is a summary that X number of clubs had X number of dollars in total which was provided to our shows. **Hamza:** That's the absolute right way to do it. We want to let the clubs know that there's money out there for them to get and that a lot of clubs are taking advantage of it and it's reaping benefits. I just don't think we want to identify what the sponsors have paid out in specific dollar amounts, and I don't think we want to disclose what each club has received. If they want to tell what they got, that's fine, but I don't think it's our job to tell what they got.

Hannon: I think at this point every club that requests gets the money, right? **Hamza:** Has any club not been granted? **Mastin:** I don't believe we have. **Raymond:** The only thing we did was clarify that a club can't double dip. If they hold more than one show in a year, they only get funding for one. **Hamza:** Well, that's fair. **Mastin:** Right. **Petty:** I just wanted to mention that the emails I've been receiving where the clubs get approved have been coming very close to their show, like sometimes within a month of their show. It's kind of hard for them to plan what they are going to do with that money when they are notified so close to the show. **Mastin:** There's a couple reasons for that. Some of the clubs send us the information late, and some of it was due to vacations. I don't remember the exact date, but there was a little bit of lag time. She did quickly get it out. I know she works part-time with another company. This is a lot of work for her.

Hamza: The reality is, it's volunteer driven. **Petty:** I understand. Is it going to be rectified? Is that what you're saying, that we don't have to worry about this? **Mastin:** I believe so. That's our direction, is to get things out a bit sooner, get the approvals done. A lot of it is, we need the information from them. Contact information, sometimes that doesn't come through. We do have emails and we're chasing them. It's a combination of both. **Hamza:** The other thing is, this program has grown. How many sponsorships were given out this past fiscal year? **Mastin:** We awarded 94 shows and 109 sponsorships. **Hamza:** What was it the first year? It was like 25 I think. **Mastin:** I only go back to 2011, and that's calendar year. There was 45 shows awarded 50 awards, for \$39,000. **Hamza:** I'm pretty sure the first year was about 25. **Hannon:** From 2011 it has more than doubled. **Hamza:** Yeah. We sort of doubled every year, so it's a growing

program. It's had a great impact. This has been a program I've been really in favor of. **Calhoun:** It may be easily accessible, but can the forms required to request sponsorship be resent out to the Regional Directors so we can keep talking about it and talking about it? The Midwest Region is not taking advantage of it to the full extent that they could, so my next step would be like, "I am going to send you the form". **Mastin:** Sure, we can get that to you. **Calhoun:** Maybe all the RDs want them. **Hamza:** That's a great idea. So, maybe we get a standardized form together and maybe you try to figure out a way to administer it through the RDs. Maybe that makes your job easier. **Mastin:** We have a standardized form. We need to clean it up. **Hamza:** But I'm saying, if you give it to the RDs and have them – maybe there's a way to use them. You have a change in personnel coming, so maybe that can be part of your program. I don't know, that's your program. I'm just throwing a suggestion out. **Meeker:** On behalf of Region 2, I would like to thank this program. My clubs got 13 grants this year, and for many of my clubs it made the difference between them breaking even and losing money, so thank you very much to all the sponsors and the people that manage the program. **Hamza:** I just want to mention that I think over half the money came from CFA itself. **Hannon:** We have to understand that the money that's coming from the corporate sponsors works on a calendar year basis and CFA's money works on a show season basis, which is our fiscal year, so it doesn't completely match up. We allocated \$50,000 for this, but we haven't spent all \$50,000 because part of it is in the rest of the fiscal year. **Hamza:** We've got to sit down and figure what next year is going to look like, as we get into the budgeting process, which we'll have that to do by the end of February itself.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Regional Summary report from Jan., 2013 through Dec 31, 2013 shows comparisons to prior year awards. This summary will be presented with a CFA Club Sponsorship Award listing through Dec.31, 2013. They will be available prior to the Feb. 2014 meeting for the Board of Directors.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Corporate Sponsorship Awards from Dr. Elsey's, Royal Canin and the CFA Allocations will be projected upon receipt of Royal Canin's selected clubs for 2014 and the 2014-2015 receipt of the CFA Allocation fund. Dr. Elsey's has provided a listing of 26 selected clubs for sponsorship awards through Dec. 2014. In addition, several clubs have requested CFA award sponsorships for the 2014-2015 show season. Thus far, 8 clubs have been awarded sponsorship from the CFA Sponsorship Allocation. In addition, least 15 clubs have requested information for 2014 Corporate Sponsorship Awards.

Board Action Items:

No Board Action items are requested at this time by the Club Marketing Committee.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Current status of CFA Club Marketing Committee award sponsorships.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Ann Caell, Chair, CFA Club Marketing Committee

Hamza: Rich, do you have anything else? **Mastin:** No. **Hamza:** Alright. I would like to not break for lunch right this minute because we're ahead of schedule.

(11) REVIEW PROPOSED 2014-2015 SHOW RULES.

Hamza: As we get into 11 we're in show rules. Tracy. **Raymond:** Do we need Monte?
Hamza: Do you need Monte? Did you read through them? Are they flawless? **Petty:** I'm sorry to report, no. **Hamza:** Why don't you tell Monte to call in. **Hannon:** Do we need Monte now? I don't think we need Monte at this point. **Petty:** We don't need him for this part. **Hamza:** Alright. We'll leave Monte alone, then. **Petty:** I did have a small team of people looking at it – four people that got back to me, in addition to a couple of board members who had run through it. They mentioned that they found some things. I kind of thought it was originally going to be just proofreading, but it turned out there are actually more substantial issues that we probably want to deal with before we print these. Do you want me to go through some of the issues we have found? **Hannon:** Just give us some samples. **Hamza:** Just give us some samples. Here's the thing. This has got to make it to the printer. Donna Jean, what is our – **Hannon:** She said early March, right? **Thompson:** Early March. **Hamza:** But I want to play it safe, so do we say March 1st? **Thompson:** Let's do that, yes. **Hannon:** Alright, but let's listen to her and then talk about it. **Petty:** Here's some examples of some of the things we found. Some of these are carried over from the old show rules that maybe should be cleaned up and some are new with the rewrite. An example, in the definitions, the definitions are now sorted alphabetically, which means you have to know the actual term that you're looking up, to find it. Before they were ordered in some kind of sense. It started with the definition of a cat. Now it starts with the definition of an agility handler, so it's not intuitive when you're going through this. It's like reading a dictionary. My recommendation is, it gets put back in that previous order, with maybe a list at the beginning alphabetized and say which rule they go to, to look at a particular definition. Household Pet is defined, but the term HHP is not defined, and it's used within the rest of the show rules. I don't think we should abbreviate at all. We can spell out the words "Household Pet", but at least define what HHP is. Also, the term Ringmaster is never defined. Although there is a whole article that talks about it, it does not specify that that's for an agility ring, so I can see someone who is not English as a first language wondering how many ring clerks and master clerks and ringmasters they need for a show. **Hamza:** Does it make sense to put a small CFA table of contents or CFA dictionary? **Petty:** That is what the definition section is. It's just a matter of how it's organized. Monte changed it and made it alphabetical, which makes sense in one respect but it's not really intuitive if you're reading through the rules and understand what's going on. I think it's an easy fix to make it both ways. **Hannon:** But she's got such a volume of issues here that we're not going to make a March 1st deadline. **Petty:** That's just it. **Hannon:** I just talked to one of the people that did the reviews, and there were a phenomenal number of errors. The references in the show rules to, "see show rule such-and-such" points to the wrong show rule. **Petty:** There's a lot of wrong references. **Hannon:** When you take a current show rule and break it into two, pieces are missing. There's no longer a show rule telling you that if you're absent, you have to pay an entry fee. **Petty:** There's emphasis that was in the old rules that's not in the new rules. Our board policy frowning on stuffing is now a show rule. We did not vote to make it a show rule. **Hamza:** Well, we did vote. **Eigenhauser:** We did vote to make it a show rule. **Petty:** A show rule, not a policy? I thought it was a policy. **Hamza:** No, it's a show rule. **Hannon:** But between those four people, they came up with a phenomenal number of issues. **Petty:** And we did not get through the entire thing. **Hamza:** Here's the thing. The old book is a mess. It's a snowball that snow was added to it every year in different directions. The board has to decide whether they want to keep that for another year or they want to roll this out and have it evolve and get better, and we've got a deadline. **Petty:** Can I go on? This is a testing year for both clerks and the judges, so it's an

entire new format with errors in it. I think it would be a mistake to roll this out this year. What I would recommend is that we update the current rules with the new changes, let the test go out using those, continue vetting the new set of rules and maybe bring them out in the Fall. Have some overlap where people have both versions. We don't necessarily have to print the new version. We can just put it online so people can get used to the format, look at the changes, have a whole year. We can put this out in the 2015-2016 show season. They will have a whole year to use this new format before they have to be tested on it again. That would be my recommendation. **Raymond:** The other thing to keep in mind is that April 15th is the deadline for any proposed show rule changes for the annual meeting. If you want folks to propose amendments to the new set of show rules, they need to see them. If they are only going to the printer at the beginning of March, I'm not sure they're going to be out there long enough. **Hannon:** Traditionally, what they do is, they amend the existing show rules for the current show season. **Raymond:** Right, but if those are not the rules that are in effect at the beginning of the next show season, I have to rule them out of order. It's a proposed amendment to a rule that no longer exists. **Hannon:** What would happen if we had just renumbered one because we put in a new show rule during the course of the year, then that throws off the numbers for all the others. **Raymond:** That's easy enough when Rachel and I are reviewing them beforehand, to reach out to somebody and say, "the rule number changed, just tweak your number." It's different if the substantive language is different. **Hamza:** So then, that's a whole different kettle of fish. **Hannon:** Who else? **Baugh:** I talked with Tracy, and several of us talked at the meeting last night. I agree with Tracy. I would much prefer, especially with the fact that we have a judges' test this year, to modify the current rules and move forward with these. They are wonderful, the concept is great, they just need a lot of work. I don't think we should be putting it out until they are correct. **Krzanowski:** I would like to ask, from the Clerking Program standpoint, that they anticipate problems for the Clerking Committee, since this is a test year for the clerks. Cheryl Coleman and her group have been reviewing them and they have issues, as well. If we adopt the new formatted rules, it will be impossible to have a test ready before sometime in May or June. **Eigenhauser:** I have a difference here. I agree we should delay the implementation of the new rules, but I don't believe that we have to fix problems that existed in the old rules before we put out the new rules. We can't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. What we need to do is, if we're going to do a reformatting, do the reformatting. If there was a problem with the old rule and we survived it in the old format, we will survive it in the new format. I think our goal should be moving them over to the new format, fixing all the mistakes that were made in the transition, and having the same rules we already had but in a different format. If there are things that need to be fixed, discuss them as a separate issue like we always do. If we wait for the new rules to be absolutely perfect, they will never roll out, but I agree at this point in time if there's still a lot of errors in making the transition, we're not ready. **Hamza:** What about this. I have an idea. We amend the old rules and we work on putting the new rules in the delegate bag. **Petty:** I don't know that we would be able to totally go through it in that time. **Hamza:** It doesn't have to be. What George said applies. It's more an idea of getting the congregation used to the look, so that when this time comes around next year, they have a copy that they're walking around with and that they are getting able to see where stuff is, and it addresses your problem. **Baugh:** You're talking about an effective date of using those of May 1, 2015? **Hamza:** This is what's coming, folks. This is a first draft of what's coming. We've done the work, we've taken the time. It has an additional benefit because then you have all the members – if there's 500 delegate bags, you have all those people looking it over and they're going to pick out even more than what you

picked out. **Eigenhauser:** And if we're going to go that way, I would suggest that if we're going to go through probably multiple revisions of this over the next year, we're going to have some that we do now, we're going to have some we do after the June Annual, we're going to have some that we do in October of next year, that every version across the front in big, black letters give us revision dates so when people are picking up a copy, they know, this is the delegate bag version, this isn't the one we corrected for October, so we're not constantly getting people going, "what about --", no we handled that one already. **Hamza:** I agree, but it's a way to get the ball rolling and it's a way to get input. **Ganoe:** I also want to delay this, but for a slightly different reason. One of the things we are probably forgetting is that when we redo these rules, we've got to present them in more than just English. **Hamza:** I agree. **Ganoe:** That translation takes time, as well. **Hamza:** Basically, what this does is, it addresses the issues that we have on the table but it doesn't discourage people that have worked hard on the new model. It puts a whole bunch of new eyes on the thing that's going to roll out. It gives you plenty of time to start working on translating it where it needs to be translated, and it gives the organization time, because everybody should understand that this is the direction we're going in for the following year. It gives Ed a chance to figure out how to make it work for next year constitutionally so that it doesn't cause issues on motions. **Wilson:** Who is going to put the new rules we passed into the old format show rules? **Hamza:** We'll do it just the way we've always done it. **Hannon:** Monte should do that. **Wilson:** Monte does that? **Hannon:** Yeah, and just put the black bar next to the new rules like we always did. **Hamza:** So, that process will be the same. The only thing is, and Jodell, I'm going to ask you to work on getting the delegate bag version together. Work with Tracy and anybody else who wants to make a better mousetrap out of it. **Petty:** So, do we want to try to incorporate as many issues as we found into the first draft? **Hamza:** What we want to try to do is correct it. That's right. What you've got to do is, Jodell, you've got to figure out when you're going to need that to get it printed, and then you're going to have to put a big disclaimer on the first page explaining that this is the prototype, that people shouldn't go having strokes and convulsions. It's a prototype and they are part of the solution, if they choose to be. **Hannon:** Maybe we need to say, if you see problems, contact us. **Hamza:** On that page, there should be some sort of, *If you find something, please contact us. This is the format that we want you to use to help us correct any issues that are there.* **Raymond:** So, really, what you've got there is the proposed 2015-2016 show rules, so I would label it as that. **Hamza:** Yeah, OK. **Hannon:** So, we want Tracy's committee to provide Monte with all their findings and he will do both. He will do the version that we have now and just inserting changes in the new rules, and he will also come up a little bit later with the changes to the new format. **Hamza:** And it gives the judges a chance to walk around with it a little bit and look at it. It gives clerks a chance to walk around with it a little bit, and people to get familiar. It's time has come, and I agree that if there's issues, especially if the judges and clerks don't feel like they can approach this test year the right way, then you can't do it. So, I think that's an acceptable solution, isn't it? Good. We worked that through.

[from end of agenda item #17] **Hamza:** Monte? **Phillips:** Yes. **Hamza:** Because we know you don't have enough to do, this is the result of what we've discussed. Tracy and her gang have found a lot of errors in the work. **Phillips:** I've just started to proof it now. **Hamza:** OK. Here was the main concern. It being a test year for the judges and the clerks, that here's the resolution we came up with. Also, there's other issues with the CFA constitution and to be able to bring resolutions from the floor and to have pre-noticed resolutions. Anyway, what we're going to do for this year is, we're going to run with the old formatted rules and add the new

rules. At the same time, we're going to try to put the new format and have that ready to stick in the delegate bags so that everybody gets a chance to look them over and to have a year to get familiar and to launch this in the next show season. **Phillips:** That works for me. **Hamza:** Alright. **Hannon:** So, March 1st is Donna Jean's deadline for printing the new show rules, so what you need to do by March 1st is use the current format and just insert any changes or any new rules and put the little black bar to the left so that they know it's been changed. **Hamza:** What you've always done. **Hannon:** Right, but you've got a month to get that ready so that it can be printed and out in time for the new show season. **Hamza:** What we've always done, so it's always the same rush. Then after that we're going to put together the best version of the new version and put it in the delegate bag clearly marked as a prototype. I think you understand. **Hannon:** It will be in the minutes. **Hamza:** Yeah. We don't want you hanging on the line any longer than you have to, so thank you for stopping by. **Phillips:** Alright. What did we do with the biting rule? Hold off for the Annual? **Hannon:** Yes. We're going to submit it to the Annual. **Hamza:** Yeah. We decided that we're going to take a board-sponsored resolution to the Annual. **Phillips:** Sounds good. **Kallmeyer:** And we passed the judges' rule. **Hamza:** We passed the judges' rule, as well. Do you have that rule? **Phillips:** The only thing I have to worry about now is what you do to Breeds and Standards. OK. **Hamza:** Yeah, that comes after lunch. Alright Monte, thank you so much. **Phillips:** You bet.

(12) DISCUSS SHOW RULE 11.24c RE: DQ BITING CATS.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities:

At the January 7, 2014 teleconference, the Board of Directors addressed a proposed Show Rule change presented by the Show Rules Committee regarding Rule 11.24c, to address cats that bite or otherwise violate the rule. The action item is restated below.

Action Item:

Revise Rule 11.24c to address disqualification of biting cats

Rule # 11.24c		Modified per a discussion on the CFA Judges List/CFA-List	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
c. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d)		c. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. <u>When a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten or attacked, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet “DISQ/BITE,” otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior.</u> (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d) <u>The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded “DISQ/BITE” for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show.</u>	
RATIONALE: As has recently been noted in discussions on the internet, there is no rule that prevents a cat that habitually bites judges from continuing to be shown by its owner. This really is inappropriate, as it puts the judge at risk of serious infection, even with prompt first-aid attention at the show. This rule is proposed to use similar wording that is currently used to track cats that are given NA/IM to prevent them from continuing to show after three judges have determined that the cat is a “biter.” The three strikes approach is used here, as in the NA/IM rule, to ensure that the behavior is not a “rare” occurrence.			

After initial discussion, the action item was postponed. It was determined that the proposal would appear on the agenda for this meeting, at which time a dialogue would begin. It was also published in the board meeting notes via the CFA-News. In this manner, CFA’s constituents will have been provided with the opportunity to discuss the proposed Show Rule and provide feedback to their chosen board member(s).

The CFA Secretary was also asked to research previous delegate proposals relating to this issue, so that the board could get a feel for the delegates' wishes. After a thorough search of the past 13 years' minutes, no previous discussion of this specific rule was found.

Current Happenings:

Actions discussed by the Board at the January teleconference include the following possible options:

- 1. Adoption of the rule by the Board, to go into effect with the 2014-2014 Show Rules.*
- 2. Determine that the Board will sponsor the Show Rule at the Annual Meeting.*
- 3. No Board action, although a club may choose to present the proposal at the Annual Meeting.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

Hamza: The biting cats. I wish Rachel would stop biting the cats. They are very upset about it. Go ahead, I'm just having fun. **Anger:** Of course. OK, I'll speak on this. At first, I was against implementing a rule for this situation. I thought that we could use the NA/IM, but a good point was brought up to me, that in our rules we want to have a clear instruction what to do. The NA/IM doesn't specifically say that if a cat bites you, you can do this. Now, I'm supporting the rule. It gives clear language about exactly what should be done. In theory, I am supporting the rule. There were several different options discussed on how to move forward with the rule. My recommendation is #2, that we should somehow get the rule to the delegates to vote on, either through a board-sponsored amendment or to see if a club wants to present it, as in #3, but not at this meeting, not today. **Hamza:** I think this should definitely come down as a board-sponsored rule. **Eigenhauser:** And I am going to make that motion. We shouldn't be asking some club to do our job for us. I move that we submit this at the Annual as a board proposal. **Gano:** Second. **Hamza:** There's a motion already, but being devil's advocate, is everybody comfortable with this wording? Then I will call the motion.

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

Hamza: Ed, if you see any issues as we get closer to the Annual, as you pray over it a little bit and you want to bring it up to the board, please do so. **Raymond:** The only thing I might suggest is, the last couple words, instead of saying *the cat shall never be shown*, I would say *the cat shall no longer be shown*. **Eigenhauser:** Or *the cat is ineligible for entry* or something to that effect. **Raymond:** It's future tense. **Hannon:** If clubs are unhappy with it, they will present their own version. **Hamza:** I agree. Can we just understand that it says *no longer*? **Raymond:** What I normally do is, I'll draft the amendment, bring it to the board for ratification. **Hamza:** Alright. That's right and that's good. **Hannon:** So, we don't need Monte on the conference call? **Hamza:** Not yet.

JPC SHOW RULES REQUEST

Action Item:

Revise Show Rules, ARTICLE XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, to add Guest Judge provisions.

Article XXV	CFA Judging Program	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>d. For shows in Regions 1-9, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.</p>	<p>c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>d. For shows in Regions 1-9, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.</p> <p>e. <u>A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Judging Program Committee within thirty (30) days of the show..</u></p> <p>f. <u>When possible, it is recommended that Guest Judges officiating at a two day show (6X6 or back to back) be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: It has come to the attention of the JPC that there is no requirement in the show Rules for Guest Judge Evaluations. The proposed added wording to 25.02e is taken verbatim from the Judging Program Rules.</p> <p>Some clubs are unaware of the requirement since it is not part of the Show Rules.</p> <p>The JPC is also requesting to include a recommendation that Guest Judges officiate at the second day of a two-day show to enable CFA judges present to observe and report on the performance of a guest judge. The more input provided on Guest Judges the better we are able to determine their ability to comply with CFA format, standards and Show Rules. 25.02 f is stating that request.</p>		

Eigenhauser: We have one more show rule, I believe. **Hamza:** OK. **Anger:** We do?
Baugh: From the Judging Program. **Hamza:** Oh yeah. Loretta handed it out this morning.
Baugh: I'm not going to do the last part, because I talked with Pauli on line and his concern is

that it might create a problem with scheduling, so what we'll do with that portion is, when the approval goes out, make sure that Wayne requests, if possible, that they judge on the second day. The first part, which is the one about requiring the evaluation form, it is part of the Judging Program Rules but it is not part of the Show Rules. Some of the clubs are not aware of the fact that we need to do that. This is the exact wording that's in the Judging Program Rules. We want to insert it in the Show Rules. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Revise Judging Program Rules, SECTION XI – INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, Paragraph 3.c, to add Guest Judge provisions.

Section XI, Paragraph 3	CFA Judging Program	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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Withdrawn.

(13) CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The latter part of calendar 2013 was dominated by the September 10, 2013 announcement by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) of their final rulemaking decision that revises the definition of “retail pet store” under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces the AWA, which regulates certain transactions in animals. The final rule became effective on November 18, 2013. The new rule may require federal licensing, regulation and inspection of an unknown number of home, hobby breeders. There are many triggers under the rule which, in certain combinations, might require federal licensing. Areas of concern include having more than 4 intact female cats, placing cats not born of those queens on premises (i.e. placing rescue cats or perhaps homing of retired breeding cats) or selling pet cats without a “hands on” face to face inspection by the buyer prior to sale.

CFA has been fighting against efforts to expand USDA/APHIS inspections under the AWA to include hobby breeders since 1997. We have been fighting this particular rule for over a year, ever since it was announced in May 2012. During the official comment period CFA urged fanciers to join us in opposition prior to the deadline of August 15, 2012. After the official comment period ended we continued our efforts to persuade congress, and recently the Office of Management and Budget, to use their influence with the USDA on our behalf.

Since the announcement of the final rule we have focused on providing simple but accurate information to the fancy about the effect of the rule and, if necessary, how to comply with the new USDA/APHIS regulation. We have participated in USDA/APHIS conference calls and webinars to fine tune our understanding of the rule and how it might be enforced. We have published numerous articles on the subject (see below) and posted helpful information through the CFA newsletter, the Cat Talk Almanac, and on the CFA web site legislative page. We have coordinated our efforts with AKC and TICA in an effort to provide understandable guidance to breeders who might be impacted by the rule. An example is the joint TICA/CFA flow chart for breeders or rescuers which may be found at:

<http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/legislative/APHIS-TICA-CFA-Flowchart.pdf>.

In addition to the USDA/APHIS rule, the year 2013 was noteworthy for the continued local legislative efforts by Animal Rights advocates. Bans on sales of cats and dogs in “Pet Shops” continue to be a hot issue in many communities, often cities or counties with no pet shops. They generate a fake public outcry (“Astroturf”) to generate publicity with little risk of opposition. They then use the media attention to target other jurisdictions nearby. While these bans on pet sales may be focused on “brick and mortar” pet stores, they may also impact home hobby breeders. Bans may be overly broad and include hobby breeders. However, when hobby

breeders are expressly exempted the “cure” may be as bad as the “disease”. For example, to exempt hobby breeders you have to define the term. To assure a hobby breeder meets that definition you might need breeder licensing and inspections. Of course that costs money so there needs to be fees imposed on hobby breeders in addition to the licensing and inspections.

Looking forward, January 2014 marks the beginning of new legislative sessions at both the state and federal level. PIJAC continues to provide state tracking information for CFA, as they have for the last 16 years, based on our established search words, which we update as needed. We review each bill for potential interest and select those appropriate for additional tracking. This may include bills related to dog breeding, other species, or animals in general but still of interest to us. PIJAC also provides updated status of the bills we have selected for ongoing tracking. This information includes amendments, committee assignments, hearing dates and other information.

We subscribe to and monitor many pet-related lists on the Internet and receive information from a multitude of sources. We network with other animal groups, such as the dog fancy, about proposed or pending laws and follow their legislative tracking. CFA Legislative network liaisons provide information about bills introduced or proposed in their state, city or county. We ask local fanciers to watch out for state bills of interest or concern to the fancy which, for whatever reason, failed to match our search criteria and do not appear on our tracking list. Each of these sources may provide us with additional bills which are reviewed and, if appropriate, added to our tracking list. Amendments to some bills, which may not have been of interest to us initially, are often brought to our attention by local fanciers and other groups. We continue to monitor major Animal Rights groups, their web sites and events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.

Outright bans on pet sales continue to be a hot topic at the local level. Mandatory spay/neuter, breeder bans, limit laws, cat licensing and mandatory microchipping continue to be a problem. In today's tough economy cash-strapped government may perceive pet owners as sources of revenue through pet food taxes, cat licensing or breeder permits.

Upcoming HOT SPOTS - (just a few examples)

Federal

*The federal “Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act” (PUPS) continues to slowly gain sponsors with more than 200 cosponsors to date. Even with the gridlock in congress this level of bipartisan support is a concern. The American Veterinary Medical Association supports PUPS, giving it mainstream credibility. With the new USDA/APHIS retail pet store rule being challenged in court, this may provide impetus to move PUPS through congress as an alternative. Fanciers should write their Senators and house representatives to **oppose** PUPS.*

New York

New York has long been a main target for “progressive” Animal Rights activism and we expect the trend to continue through 2014. In addition to legislative activity at the state level a bill just signed into law, AB 740, allows local jurisdictions in the State of New York to pass their own ordinances to regulate pet dealers. A pet dealer could include someone who sells or offers to sell more than nine (9) dogs and/or cats per year to the public. Giving local jurisdictions the power

to regulate pet deals would promote inconsistent standards across the state as localities pass their own laws which may conflict with existing state animal welfare laws.

Hawaii

Hawaii has one of the shortest legislative sessions of all the states making it difficult for grass roots organizations to oppose bad legislation. The last several years have seen a rise in anti-breeder activity by HSUS and related groups. The Hawaiian clubs are working proactively to stop HSUS from pushing through an anti-breeder agenda.

California

The California Animal Welfare Stakeholders Group was formed to deal with homeless animals within the state. Representatives include non-profit animal shelters, animal services agencies, rescue groups, veterinarians, HSUS, Found Animals Foundation, State Humane Association, Maddies Fund, ASPCA and the Shelter Medicine Program at U. C. Davis. None of the pet registries or breeder groups was invited to participate. An extensive 49 page Report/Whitepaper focused on four topics with strategies to improve the outcomes for homeless animals in the State. Public meetings were held at various locations throughout 2013. The plan has already received criticism and is expected to lead to specific legislative proposals in the near future. We will have more to report on this development later.

Recent Local Issues

The City of Los Angeles continues modifications to the current mandatory spay/neuter ordinance to require tighter regulation of any cat and dog breeders still remaining in the city.

The County of Ventura, CA recently adopted a Mandatory Spay and Neuter ordinance. It is expected the MSN proposal will be presented to cities within that county in the near future.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in Abraham & Veneklasen Joint Venture et al. v. American Quarter Horse Association. The American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) was sued in federal court for anti-trust violations for their policy of not registering clone horses or their offspring. They lost at trial and appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Other horse registries, AKC and CFA petitioned the court to submit an amicus brief, not as a party, but as a friend of the court in support of the appeal.

CFA's participation in the brief does not indicate we oppose or support the registration of clones or their offspring. Our position is based on the right of animal registries to register, or not register, animals based on the rules promulgated by the association. If registries could be sued for refusing to register an animal in violation of their own rules we'd have a situation where federal courts would be making up our rules of registration. In theory CFA could be sued for not registering a breed, or a color/pattern within a breed, or even for requiring multi-generational pedigrees for registering cats from other associations.

“Keep Our Domestic Animals (KODA)”, a consortium led by the Associated Dog Clubs of New York State, has filed a lawsuit to block the new USDA/APHIS rule. Associated Dog Clubs of NYS, Inc. et al., v. Tom Vilsack, Secretary of United States Department of Agriculture, and United States Department of Agriculture was filed in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia seeking an injunction against the USDA to block enforcement of the new Retail Pet Store Rule.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) filed a motion on or about December 30, 2013 to intervene in the proceeding as a party defendant (on the same side as the USDA). This is being opposed by the KODA group who filed papers in opposition on or about January 13, 2014. The Justice Department, representing the USDA, has indicated they take no position regarding the HSUS motion.

CFA and AKC have maintained a neutral stance on the lawsuit, respecting the opinions of experienced lawyers who have presented reasons why a legal challenge to a federal agency’s authority for rulemaking is not likely to succeed. Even if successful this proceeding could lead to unintended consequences. Instead CFA has focused on helping breeders understand the new Rule and how you can be exempt. However, we are keeping our options open and are always seeking reasonable alternatives. We will continue to monitor and report on the progress of the court action.

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

Publications

The CFA Newsletter has provided space for a “What’s Hot” legislative column used to disseminate information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. By contrast, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on lobbying in general. Articles planned or updated since our report for the October 2013 Board meeting:

- *CFA Newsletter, September 25, 2013, “**DON’T PANIC – Living within the new USDA/APHIS Rule.**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison (with thanks to George Eigenhauser and Sharon Coleman). This article helped explain to the fancy the new USDA/APHIS final rule. It explained the differences between the final rule, announced September 10, 2013, and the proposed rule from May, 2013. It outlined two basic ways a hobby breeder can sell cats as pets to consumers without being considered a “dealer” and obtaining a federal license. It provided some very basic advice for living with the new rule.*
- *CFA Newsletter, October 2013, “**The USDA/APHIS Final Rule – an Exemption CHART to help navigate the storm!**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article introduced the joint TICA/CFA flow chart to provide understandable guidance to breeders who might be impacted by the rule. A narrative summary helped explain the different purposes for which an animal might be sold. Commonly asked questions were answered and gray areas outlined.*

- *CFA Newsletter, November 2013, “**Update – USDA/APHIS Webinar**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The article discusses the webinars held by the USDA/APHIS to help explain the new rule. Some parts of the AWA, regulations and policies are clear but there are many unknowns. There are policy gray areas that will be determined later or through individual assessment by inspectors. The article helped outline the gray areas and listed some of the unanswered questions concerning the rule and its implementation.*
- *CFA Newsletter, December 2013, “**Mandatory Spay Neuter - Ventura County, California**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The article discusses attempts by the cat and dog fancy to stop a Mandatory Spay and Neuter (MSN) ordinance. Despite the combined effort the ordinance passed. Despite obvious flaws in the approach the sentiment seemed to be that “doing something was better than doing nothing.” It is expected this MSN ordinance will be presented to the cities within Ventura County as well. The article provides suggestions for fighting these proposals in the future. Don't let this happen in your home town.*
- *CFA Newsletter, January 2014, “**Heads up - New York State Fanciers!**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The article discusses NY AB 740, recently signed into law. The new law allows every jurisdiction in the State of New York to pass their own ordinances to regulate pet dealers. This gives Animal Rights extremists a new tool for attacking at the local level anyone who sells pets. Even if most of the regulation is benign, a patchwork of different requirements will make it more difficult for hobby breeders to stay within the law. NY fanciers be on the alert!*
- *Cat Talk Almanac, December 2013, “**The USDA/APHIS Final Rule – the black/white and gray!**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article updates the information available to understand the USDA/APHIS rule. It recounts the history of the rulemaking and previous explanations of the impact. In addition, it provides guidance as to what a breeder can expect if they are subject to mandatory federal licensing. It discusses issues such as some of the direct and indirect costs, facility structural and cleanliness issues. It provides a comparison to the CFA “Cattery Standards – Minimum Requirements” which are based on those of APHIS but differ in a few areas.*

Conferences:

***Cat Writers Annual Conference**, on October 31 – November 2, 2013 in Irving, TX. CFA was instrumental in founding the Cat Writers Association (CWA) 20 years ago. This meeting allows us to reach out to the media, editors and writers on cat issues and educate them to our “spin” on issues. CWA now includes not only book and article writers, but bloggers, photographers, videographers and websites. The work of CWA members to educate the public is critical to CFA's mission to preserve pedigreed breeds and enhance the well-being of all cats. This year Joan Miller attended on behalf of CFA legislation as well as several local fancier/writers.*

***National Council on Pet Population, Cat Research Day**, on November 9, 2013, in Phoenix, AZ (in conjunction with the SAWA Annual Conference). The NCPP symposium featured highly*

respected researchers presenting summaries of studies and how their findings may be applied at the shelter or community level. Joan Miller and George Eigenhauser attended on behalf of CFA.

Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) Annual Conference, in Phoenix, AZ on November 9-12, 2013. *The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) are leading animal control and shelter professionals. Unlike Animal Rights groups, SAWA members tend to be pragmatic professionals in the sheltering community and amenable to discussion. George Eigenhauser and Joan Miller are both members and attended on behalf of CFA.*

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

Pet Industry’s Top to Top Conference. Amelia Island, FL on April 23 - 24, 2014. *This annual Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) event brings together leaders in the pet industry including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers and others. Topics presented at the conference include: trends in the pet industry, the AVMA Pet Demographic Study as well as legislation, regulation and the pet industry. CFA has always had a close working relationship with PIJAC and this is an opportunity to build relationships with other groups who support pet ownership and pet owners. Unfortunately, the location and cost to attend makes it difficult to fit into the budget this year.*

HSUS Humane Care Expo will take place in Daytona Beach, FL on May 20-23, 2014. *This is by far the largest animal rights conference of the year and is often used to showcase upcoming HSUS initiatives. CFA's presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA’s goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. Our presence at Expo helps us anticipate HSUS legislative initiatives for the coming year. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend on behalf of CFA.*

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA’s mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*

- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Hamza: #13 is Legislative. **George. Eigenhauser:** You have the report, so unless anybody has any questions. **Hamza:** I'm good.

(14) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison **George Eigenhauser** presented the following report:



President: *Dr. Vicki Thayer*
Chief Executive Officer: *Maureen Walsh*
President Elect: *Dr. Glenn Olah*
Secretary: *Janet Wolf*
Treasurer: *Vickie Fisher*
Liaison to CFA Board: *George Eigenhauser*
Board Members: *Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger, Betty White, Eric Bruner, Dr. Susan Little, Dr. Brian Holub*

Winn Feline Foundation's outline of major accomplishments and ongoing projects from the past 4 months:

Grant Program

The Miller Trust Grant review was held by teleconference at 12 p.m. on October 23, 2013. There were 12 proposals to review, with a 13th proposal with a continuation budget approval by the Winn officers. Five proposals were funded for a total of \$122,066 and subsequently approved by the San Francisco Foundation on behalf of the Miller-Redman Trust. The proposals approved are:

Carol Reiner, DVM, DACVIM, PhD, Associate Professor and Director, Comparative Internal Medicine Laboratory, the University of Missouri, will study the effects of neurokinin-1 ((NK1) receptor antagonism on acute and chronic airway inflammation and airflow limitation in experimental feline asthma. Asthma is a common breathing disorder in cats, decreasing quality of life and sometimes causing death. It is hoped that the results of this study involving a drug, maropitant, may provide a safe and effective alternative treatment to current therapies for pet cats with asthma. The grant amount is \$29,597.

Wool sucking behavior (an Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder) involves the repetitive searching, suckling, chewing and ingestion of non-food items. Drs. Nicholas Dodman, BVMS, DACVB of Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and Leslie Lyons, PhD, of the University of Missouri, will continue their previously-funded work by Winn Feline Foundation. The goal of this study is to determine if "wool sucking" has a genetic

basis in cats, and if it is in the same genetic area of interest as that in Dobermans exhibiting a similar oral compulsion. The grant amount is \$20,000.

Neils Pederson, DVM, of the University of California, Davis, continues his work with feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), this time a pharmacokinetic and toxicity testing of novel feline coronavirus protease inhibitors in laboratory cats. This study aims to initiate testing of first-generation anti-corona viral drugs in cats to determine optimal dosage, routes of administration, duration of action, and acute and chronic toxicity. Ultimately, the goal is to identify safe and effective compounds with which to treat cats with FIP. The grant amount is \$22,464.

Rebecca P. Wilkes, DVM, PhD, of the University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine, plans to study a potential treatment for FIP involving small pieces of RNA, small-interfering RNAs (siRNAs), which can guide the cell's own machinery to inhibit viral replication. Prevalent in domestic cats, feline coronavirus (FCoV) develops into fatal FIP in a small number of them. The goal of this project is to test the ability to efficiently, safely, and reproducibly introduce the genetic material into stem cell cultures and to test whether these transduced cells will produce RNAs that inhibit coronavirus replication. The grant amount is \$19,453.

9 Lives Cat Genome Sequencing Initiative aims to whole genome sequence 9 cats (9 Lives) that have genetic disease traits previously identified, and will be the first step in providing a denser array and more accurate assembly of the cat genome. **Leslie Lyons, PhD, of the University of Missouri, Columbia,** is principal investigator. Mutation detection by the present DNA array was accomplished using inbred cats. This proposed higher density DNA array is needed to perform studies in the less inbred, ordinary house cat. Resulting data will make other genome studies more efficient and cost effective, rather than to study each individual trait and disease of interest. The grant amount is \$30,552.

Purrfect Partners

- Winn is proud to announce a special funding opportunity made possible through a charitable donation from Zoetis. This is a third grant review program in addition to the Miller Trust and regular Winn review. Winn is calling for proposals that address assessment of pain, osteoarthritis/joint health and kidney disease in cats. Approximately \$100,000 is available to fund proposals of sufficient scientific merit, relevance and potential to impact feline health. It is anticipated that the proposals will be returned to the Winn office by April 21, 2014, the grant review held while in New Orleans on June 26, 2014 and announcements of the funded grants in July 2014. In addition, Zoetis will give a charitable donation of \$75,000 at the start of 2014 for general support of Winn and the 2014 Winn grant review.
- Steve Dale worked with Home Again as a contest judge for their Hero of the Year award winner. The Hero is someone who has made significant contributions to ensure the welfare of animals. Winn is one of four foundations benefiting from donations by Home Again as part of the program. Winn received \$1000 from Merck Animal Health as a result of this effort.

Financial Highlights (Calendar year 2013 to 2012, unaudited)

- Overall Income for 2013: \$494,897.00; for 2012: 339,810.00. An increase of 45.6%
- The number of donations increased 25% over the same period.
- The Veterinary Pet Memorial Donation Program had a 36% increase for that period.

Fund breakdown

Endowment	\$11,280.00
General	\$385,234.00
Bria Fund for FIP	\$45,936.00
Norwegian Forest Cat HCM	\$15,284.00
Birman Heart Fund	\$2,352.00
Ricky Fund for HCM	\$33,501.00
Persian HCM	\$990.00
Cancer	\$170.00
Bengal PRA	\$150.00

Infrastructure and Systems

- Winn has contracted with Component Web Services to develop a new dynamic website that will coordinate with our CRM, DonorPro. A committee within Winn and under the direction of Maureen Walsh is working with the company to develop a website that will be easy to use, informative, and offer access to our other social media outreach sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Pinterest, YouTube, and our Blog. We hope to roll out the new website before Winn's board meeting at the annual CFA meeting in New Orleans.
- Eric Bruner, our newest board member, is chair of Winn's new Development Committee. With his background in working with other non-profits, he plans on bringing more structure and involvement in our fundraising efforts. His vision is to provide four program areas to target in structure: General, Corporate, Planned Giving, and Named Funds and Programs. This committee will work closely with the Communications (Marketing) and Finance Committees in Winn.
- Drs. Olah and Thayer have instituted a new additional program to thank Winn's donors. They have over the past four months been calling and thanking donors who have contributed \$100 or more to Winn. While in most instances a thank you message is left by voicemail, we have spoken to a number of donors who all have appreciated the personal thank you.

Promotion and Brand Building

- Betty White and Maureen Walsh have maintained our monthly Winn newsletter and content for the CFA newsletter. The Winn mascot, Winnie, continues to share Winn news and engage readers. Betty also provides content about Winn for the CFA newsletter.

- *Winn has arranged for speakers and topics for a track at AAHA's 2014 meeting in Nashville. The planned speakers and topics are Dr. Philip Fox covering feline cardiology and Drs. Craig and Tracy Webb on stem cell therapies.*
- *Dr. Philip Fox of the Animal Medical Center of New York (cardiology) and Dr. Beth Licitra of Cornell University will be the speakers at the 2014 Winn Symposium. Dr. Licitra is part of Dr. Gary Whittaker's laboratory and the team who reported on the recent advance in FIP pathogenesis.*
- *Maureen Walsh and Dr. Glenn Olah are in talks with the American Association of Feline Practitioners to partner in providing speakers on state of the art topics in research for cats.*
- *Videos are being developed for Winn with Steve Dale and his producer to highlight our currently funded research and researchers. The plan is to do a pilot of eight videos. Three are being produced currently at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando. These will be uploaded to Winn's YouTube channel and accessed from Winn's new website.*
- *Ongoing Winn social media presence and web presence is still being maintained by Dr. Susan Little.*
- *Winn has twelve podcasts available through the Libsyn syndication service (RSS) and the podcasts can be found for one at <http://www.fluctu8.com/podcast/winn-feline-foundation-podcasts-on-feline-health-94899-0.html>*
- *The podcasts are all the audiocasts of the past three-year's Symposiums and a developing library of podcast interviews with researchers involved in Winn funded cat health studies.*

Events

- *The February board meeting will be held at The Palms Hotel in Las Vegas on Thursday evening, February 20, and the Winn Grant Review the next day, February 21.*
- *A teleconference call by the board is planned the first part of April to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year, starting May 1, and to update any contracts that run for the same fiscal year.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Thayer DVM, DABVP (feline)
Winn Feline Foundation, President
<http://www.winnfelinehealth.org>
<http://www.winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com>*

Eigenhauser: #14, you've got the report, so unless somebody has any questions.
Hamza: I love you, George.

(15) **ANNUAL MEETING – 2014.**

Committee Chair:	Jan Rogers
Site Chair:	Patti Oehler
Annual Awards Schedule:	Carissa Altschul; Jan Rogers, Shelly Borawski/CFA
Annual Treasurer:	Sheryl Zink
Assistant Treasurer:	Patti Oehler
Banquet Coordinator:	Anita Mehryari; Jan Rogers; Carissa Altschul, Patti Oehler
Decorations:	Donna Waskiewicz; Connie Wardlaw; Sheila Haskins
Benching Coordinator:	Karen Godwin
Assistant Benching Coordinator:	Paula Noble
Website Design & Artistic Director:	Teresa Keiger
Awards Co-ordinator:	Donna Hinton; Chris Willingham
Awards Distribution:	Karen Lane; Sandy Faust
Delegate Ad Coordinator:	JoAnn Lamb
Delegate Check In:	Central Office; Janet Altschul; Jim Rogers
Vendor Coordinator – chair:	Jacqui Bennett
Delegate Bags – Chair:	Tracy Bayarena
Assistant:	Beth Grant Field
Stuffers/Procurers:	Pam Bassett; Toni Huff; Sandi Defoe; Irene Allen; Sherry Kern
On The Road:	Cheryl Coleman
MC:	TBD
Audio/Video – Chair:	Shelly Borawski/CFA
Fund Raising – chair:	Jan Rogers; clubs & members of the Gulf Shore Region
Annual Sponsorship – chair:	Jack Nichols; Cheryl Thieler; Sheryl Zink; Verna Dobbins
Annual Booklet Production:	Sheryl Zink; Jan Rogers; Carissa Altschul; Central Office
Public Relations Manager:	Jodell Raymond
Sponsor Relations:	Verna Dobbins; Central Office
Sponsor Funding:	Jodell Raymond
Region Three Club Organizer:	TBD
Outside Event Planner:	Patti Oehler; Anita Mehryari
New Orleans/CFA Annual	
Bonus Item Coordinator:	Jan Rogers; Judy Binion; Patti Oehler
Thursday Night “Taste of New Orleans” – hospitality night:	Gulf Shore Region
Donor Reception- Friday Night:	Invitation ONLY; Betty White
Friday Night “Mas-purr-ade” hospitality night:	Monique Van Eijk – chair; Region Nine

The New Orleans Annual is coming along very well with all the committees kicking into high gear after the first of the year.

Delegate bags:

- *The bags have been ordered.*
- *Letters have gone out to the region clubs solicited items/money for contents.*
- *The committee is very enthusiastic and already have several items committed and/or in hand to get the ball rolling.*

Fundraising:

- *Annual pins sold over the year have netted us over \$2,000.*
- *Necklace Fundraiser generated over \$1000. Thank you to Dr. Roger Brown for his generous donation of this handmade item.*
- *Northwest Region donated \$1,000 towards the annual – thank you.*
- *Current iPad Air raffle is close to \$1500 and still running until April. Carissa has tickets for you this weekend , thank you Dick for already purchasing yours. Thank you Southern region for donating this great raffle item.*
- *Two more mini raffles are scheduled March/April and a \$200 . gift certificate from Sturdi will be offered at the annual meeting and drawn there. Thanks to the generous donation of Donna Waskiwiecz and Cheryl McKay, Region 3 folks.*
- *A special donor pin has been designed and offered with other items for those who donate \$100.00 or more, and they will also be invited to a special reception for their generosity. This will be called the Orpheus Krewe in keeping with the New Orleans theme.*

Website:

- *Continues to be updated with information on fundraising, hotel reservation forms, airline discount information and fun things to do.*
- *Cat Talk will feature an ad for the annual in the coming issue.*

Hospitality:

- *Region 9, our partner this year, will be hosting the Friday night Hos-purr-tality and the Mask-purr-ade Ball.*
- *Region 3 members will be hosting the Thursday night event, centered around a “Taste of New Orleans”.*
- *Currently waiting on hotel for input on food costs, and assorted other items.*
- *Bands are being finalized by end of January.*

Sponsorship:

- *Expect to have about 10 vendors for the weekend.*
- *Corporate sponsorship is at zero at this point, awaiting central office to provide funding opportunities. Working closely with Jodell and Verna on this.*
- *We have 3 levels outlined at the \$1000/\$3000/\$5000 and will be contacting possible sponsors over the next weeks/months.*

Banquet:

- *Will have 3 entrees, to be yet determined. Waiting on Sheraton to outline menus and pricing.*
- *There will be no after awards banquet party on Saturday night. There will be a “morning after” celebratory brunch at the hotel.*

Summary:

We currently have \$43,000. in our region annual fund. We intend to add at least \$7,000. more by May 1, 2014. Coupled with the delegate fees and annual advertising we estimate a satisfactory amount to cover the cost of the annual in New Orleans, and make it the best it can possibly be.

We are working closely with the hotel, the Convention Bureau has been fabulous, and we have a distributor in the New Orleans area that is helping tremendously as well.

Hope to see you all in New Orleans. Check out our website, www.2014cfaannual.org

Hamza: We will head up to 15, and that's Carissa. **Altschul:** We had a few glitches with the format, so I have updated it and sent it to Rachel, so it should show up on the official report. The Committee Chair is Jan Rogers. We have a million committee members. We are trying to really spread things out. We are also utilizing people from other regions, including Region 9, which I am really excited about a partnership with Region 9. The delegate bags have been ordered. We're pretty excited about those. They are going to be very "New Orleans style". We are also soliciting for the regional clubs and anybody else who wants to contribute to the delegate bag. If you have any clubs in your region who would like to contribute to the delegate bags, if you are a member of a breed council or an individual, we don't really care. We like to have a lot of stuff in the delegate bag. If you don't know what to donate, contact anyone who is working on the bag, who is Tracy Bayarena, Pam Bassett and Beth Grant Field. Fundraising, we are working on that still. We sold a lot of those little diamond cat pins. We got over \$2,000. We made \$1,000 on the necklace from Roger Brown. Thank you very much. It was a gorgeous necklace. We had a lot of fun. I bought a couple tickets. I didn't get it, though. We thank the Northwest Region. They gave us \$1,000 which helped, and we also thank the Southern Region for the donation of an iPad Air, which we are raffling off and that is going very well. Tickets were supposed to have been sent. Did you get the tickets? **Dobbins:** We got the tickets. **Altschul:** I have tickets to sell because they were sent to Central Office, so it's \$10 a ticket. How much did she send you? Did she send you more than one book? **Dobbins:** Oh yes, about 4 books. **Altschul:** You can buy a whole book. It's \$10 a ticket or you can buy 10 tickets for \$75. I'm hoping to win that, too. But thank you if you have already purchased yours. We are still working on some other things. Sturdi has offered to do some other things, and we have more coming in to the awards. We'll be doing a special \$100 donor pin. Jodell has already bought hers. We appreciate that. There will be a special hospitality for those people, among some other things. The website, we're working on it. If you come across anything on the website that needs to be corrected, please let us know as quickly as possible. We're finding little glitches and some new ones that have come up. We're really excited about our Friday night hospitality. Region 9 is partnering with us for a "Mas-purr-ade" ball. We're pretty excited about this. It's going to be a lot of fun. We're going to arrange that people who don't want to bring their own costumes might want to rent one. We've arranged for some local companies. They will actually bring the costumes to the hotel and you will be able to rent your costume. You do that all in advance, so it's going to be really exciting and there will be prizes for those kinds of things. Thursday night is going to be a Taste of New Orleans. We're going to try to bring in food trucks. They are each going to do their own little food thing, sampling thing. We're pretty excited about that, too. Corporate sponsorship is a major concern right now. I'm sure Jodell has got a headache. **Hamza:** Don't talk about Ed like that. **Altschul:**

Well, we're kind of scared about that point. **Hamza:** Don't be too scared. We'll figure it out. We always do. **Altschul:** Dinner has not be figured out yet. The first set we got, we rejected their first offering, so we're working on that. We are not doing an after-awards banquet party on Saturday. That's kind of a new thing, I know, but it's attended usually by 20 people and so we thought instead, we are doing a hangover party in the morning. As you heard, we are getting more rooms. We underestimated how many. This is going to be a great Annual, so I hope everyone is planning. If you are planning on coming, you need to make those reservations as quickly as possible. **Hannon:** We will be there if we have rooms. **Altschul:** Just relay that to your regions. **Hamza:** The board meeting will be in Bangor, Maine. **Altschul:** It will be in New Orleans in June, so it's going to be steamy. Dress appropriately. The idea is, that's what New Orleans is about. **Hamza:** I like the Big Easy. That will be fun. **Altschul:** We do have alternate plans. There is Plan B in the works, just in case there's an early season hurricane. **Hamza:** Meet under the dock for a crawdad boil. **Altschul:** We do have Plan B, just in case anybody mentions that to you. There is a Plan B, insurance and stuff. **Hamza:** We don't even want to talk about it. Let's not tempt the fates. **Altschul:** Best to be prepared. Does anyone have any questions?

(16) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Roger Brown, DVM
List of Committee Members: Michael Henry, MD, Jodell Raymond

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Monitoring CFA's DNA Program

Current Happenings of Committee:

Trouble shooting and answering client questions on DNA test results and their samples

Assisting in the development of a new DNA testing platform

Future Projections for Committee:

Finalizing new DNA platform

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on new DNA program.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM, Chair*

Hamza: Roger, why don't you go. We'll finish up with you. We'll break for lunch and then we'll come back. We'll finish up with you, we'll tell Monte what you guys did to him and then we'll break for lunch. **Hamza:** Monte is on the phone. **Brown:** Some exciting things are happening with CFA's DNA program. I traveled to Texas A&M to talk with the people from Illumina that will be hosting our new platform. They will provide the hardware and the software for the new program, and I need to travel back to Texas A&M next month to finalize everything. The new program uses florescent tags instead of marker position, like the old program, so that's going to allow Texas A&M to run the tests in a more timely fashion. We're not going to have to wait for 46 samples to come in, as we had to with the old program, now that we're using florescent tags. There are some new diseases and markers that we hope to add to the test array, but we're uncertain about that at this point. The old array was 61 markers. The new one will be probably 380. Obviously, when you go to 380 from 61, the chemistries are going to be more

expensive. How much more expensive we don't know yet, because the final quote from Illumina has not come in. We suspect that chemistries are going to be about four times more expensive than the ones we were using. So, it's really very difficult to know. We're going to try to make the cost as reasonable as possible so that more people are going to be able to participate in the program, and it hopefully will roll out, we're hoping for March, April, somewhere in that period of time for the roll out. If by some chance it goes beyond this time, we may have to pull the DNA test site down from the computer system and stop taking samples for a very short period of time until the new program is rolling out. The old program was started about 6 or 7 years ago, and CFA was the first to use the program that did array testing that used SNPs for the markers. The old way was STRs. So, what we're trying to do is improve upon that. We have Bill Murphy of Texas A&M that cut his teeth doing investigation of color markers, so with all of the color questions that are coming up, we are hoping that we're going to have some expert advice in dealing with it in our new array testing. He has also discovered an infertility issue in the Y chromosome, and recently received a very high award for that. We're hoping that that can go on the array but we don't know yet. The new system will allow us to add markers very easily because it's kind of like a cocktail. You can make each one different, depending upon how much liquor you want to put in it or how much mix or other substances, so it's going to be very easy to change the program rapidly as time goes on and as new discoveries are made. I am very excited about this and I think that probably once the product is in our system, it's going to be one of the best array testing possibilities that will be available worldwide. That's pretty much the DNA.

Brown: One other thing I want to remind you of is that with array testing, we're looking at 380 markers. If you're just testing one marker, you're going to get it much faster. It's much quicker to do one marker or two markers than it is to do an entire array, so we're still looking at a time lag, but I think it's important that the people realize that this is occurring and try to get the samples in, in a timely manner.

Brown: Another thing that I was thinking about is that there is a new microchip. To me, CFA is going to need to put more emphasis on microchips, particularly with our shift in our rise of cats traveling worldwide. In the foreign countries, to get across borders, they need a microchip. The new computer system is going to have space for the microchip numbers, so it's possible that we can add this to our registration data. So, this microchip, I'm hoping that maybe we could have a CFA-branded microchip and this is a much better product than the products that have been available, in that it's a smaller needle and it's a smaller grain of rice that goes in that is basically the chip. In the past, the smaller, less invasive chips had the major disadvantage that because they were so small, the antenna was so small, that the reader couldn't pick them up unless you had the reader almost next to the skin and if it had migrated, you might miss it completely. That's not present with this one. It actually has a better reading distance, so that's something to think about and we need to decide whether or not CFA wants to go into the microchip business.

Brown: The other thing is, we need to think about a way to actually increase the number of people that are doing DNA testing. I am just throwing this out for you all to think about, but I think that we should consider offering a DNA registration, and we would call it a DNA birth certificate. The amount of value added to that individual animal that has a DNA birth certificate would be immeasurable. This would be a way of adding data for the pedigree chasers that would allow them to look for specific DNA problems in cats' backgrounds that they are trying to

introduce into their breeding programs. I think we have to be ready to step forward because this is the direction that everything is going. Science is changing and I think registrations should change to try to run alongside it and keep up with it. Now, I feel we're behind and I hope that we can catch up. That's all I have to talk about.

Baugh: I just wanted to say something before we break. **Wilson:** On this microchip, the new one, can the readers that are already out there read those? **Brown:** Yes. This is a universal chip, so it's read by the universal readers. Frankly, I don't think we should ever condone it, but it would be so easy for the breeders to use these. We could have them buy them in packets of say, 25. What we would suggest is that they take it in to their veterinarian and have him introduce it into the animal. **Wilson:** Most vets use a particular brand that they have, but my vet will use whatever chip I bring in. **Ganoe:** The one question I had was along Annette's line. When we've shipped animals to Europe, I've had to get a European chip. I haven't been able to use the ones available in the U.S. Are these the kind that would be acceptable over there? I wrote it down as ISO versus Avid. **Brown:** I think this originally was European and then it's being marketed in this country. Because it's universal, it should be acceptable by all countries. **Ganoe:** What's the database behind it? **Brown:** Datamars. **Calhoun:** I think you touched on it a little bit, but my concern would be your individual veterinarians have products that they are already familiar with using, and in your opinion do you think there will be resistance if you bring in something that you want your veterinarian to administer, but they have no background? **Brown:** This is administered exactly in the same way that the bigger, more invasive chips are administered, and I think veterinary medicine is changing. They're finding that with online prescriptions and all the other things, they can't be so elitist that they don't want to use things that the client brings in because client communication is part of their retention of clients, and it communicates a very bad image when they turn down advice from their clients on using products. **Hamza:** The real issue here is that before CFA decides to develop a business model that is not their main business model, a business plan would have to be adopted and some marketing research would have to be done. It would be ill-advised for this board just to go into the microchip business without any groundwork done on some level. **Eigenhauser:** To answer Kathy, most of us have taken a great deal of time training our veterinarian or finding the right veterinarian who will work with us on things. If you went cold into a veterinarian's office, no, they wouldn't do it. But, I've got my vet's home phone number and I'm sure you have your vet's home phone number. If you're a breeder, you develop that kind of a relationship. If you say, "I prefer we use this brand," they get enough money from you over the years that they are more than willing to be a little bit flexible. One thing that bothers me about the chips, though, is the cost of the scanners because the problem with chipping as a means to identify an animal is, you have to take it to somebody who has a scanner. It's not like a tag or a collar that a normal human being could read. I think it would be helpful, and the last time I was at some kind of an animal convention, I can't remember what, I was talking to a group of people and they said, if we put together a big enough request, they might be able to give us some bulk rate on scanners. I think that would be very helpful. It would make me more comfortable. I can read my own chip and make sure it was there. If somebody brings back Fluffy that they got in the shelter and I want to know if it's one of mine and I can't remember who Fluffy was because that wasn't the name I gave it. **Hamza:** A business plan has to come about and numbers have to be crunched. You have to see if it's feasible. What you have to do to get to a profit, and if that's a reasonable expectation for an organization like CFA. **Eigenhauser:** For example, if I died and somebody said, "gee, that's a brown tabby female Maine Coon and that's a brown tabby female Maine Coon and that's a

brown tabby female Maine Coon” and I had a scanner right there that they could run the scanner over the cat and know which cat was which. Or Russian Blues, or Abyssians. **Hamza:** I understand. **Eigenhauser:** That has value to me, so I’ll do a little research into that. **Meeker:** Are these chips currently available for purchase in the United States? I might ask my vet to order some and try them. **Brown:** Yes. The distributor is – **Wilson:** datamars.com. They don’t have it for sale, but they have a lot of information. **Hamza:** Any more questions? We’ve got Monte on hold here, too. He’s waiting with baited breath. **Brown:** To answer George, the company has a program where if you buy enough microchips, they will give you a free reader. The number isn’t very large. I think it’s probably around 100 or so. **Hamza:** You know, Roger, that’s something you would have to get together with the Finance Committee and we would have to come up with some sort of business plan to see if it was feasible.

(17) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Committee Co-Chairs: Rachel Anger and Annette Wilson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The breed council balloting process was conducted and the results were tabulated by Kristi Wollam in Central Office. Back by popular demand, breed council members were offered the option of online voting via Classmarker. The response continues to be very favorable. Requests for paper ballots are generally few and come from those breed councils with lengthy ballots (although breed council members are reminded that the ballots can be printed directly from the CFA website). Classmarker tallies the votes automatically. Added to those tallies are the mail-in ballots, which are all verified by Kristi in a process that rivals PricewaterhouseCoopers' Academy Awards tabulations. All that is missing is the stage, a few movie stars and "the envelope please". Many thanks to Kristi for her continued assistance with this huge annual project!

The CFA Rules for Registration and the individual breed registration rules (known as the 'breed book') have been updated by Melanie Morgan. These documents were seriously outdated, but Melanie has done a great job to put us in good shape for simple updates annually from here on out. Thanks Melanie!

Hamza: Alright folks. Everybody ready? We're going to pick up with Breeds and Standards. Annette, I guess you're going to kick us off here. **Wilson:** We have once again, thanks to Kristi and Central Office, a really good turn-out on the electronic voting on the breed council ballots. We did have fewer ballots this year, but the percentage of people voting online continues to be high. She really didn't have a lot of people with issues, so I think it's definitely the way to go. Melanie Morgan reviewed all of the individual breed registration rules, uploaded them, compared them to what had been passed in the last 5 years or so, to make sure that everything was updated on those and provided those back to Central Office and to the Breeds and Standards Committee so that we can make them available and use them for reference. So, going forward, those will just need annual updates as things get passed.

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *The miscellaneous breed database continues to be updated.*
2. *Review results of breed council ballots.*
3. *Discussion of Timing of Breed Council Dues, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, Breed Council Standing Rules, Fees, states:*

The annual registration fee (January 1 to December 31) shall be set by the Executive Board to help defray expenses for the operation of the Breed Councils.

Membership of that same article states:

... Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

In essence, our Constitution grants a 7 month grace period for the payment of breed council registration fees. It is the recommendation of the Breeds and Standards Committee that a board-sponsored Constitutional amendment to the Fees section be drafted, stating a more reasonable deadline. Suggestions have been made during previous board discussions that the deadline should fall with the end of the show season, or it should track the club dues deadline, or perhaps even have an autonomous date that would allow members a few months to renew. A late fee could be considered, for those renewing members who rejoin after the due date but before August 1.

Additionally, while the subject of breed council dues is being reviewed, it would be helpful for the Board to have financial data on the cost versus the income from membership, so that breed council dues will conform with the Constitutional mandate of defraying expenses for the operation of the breed councils.

[from after Turkish Angora discussion] **Hamza:** You wanted to bring up a timing issue with the breed councils? **Anger:** Right now, breed council dues are due January 1st. They actually have until August 1st to pay those dues, so in essence we are giving them a 7 month grace period. This board has discussed on other occasions about changing that and tightening it up to perhaps 90 days, or to run concurrent with the end of the show season. **Hamza:** Is that constitutional at all? **Raymond:** It's constitutional. We'll have to propose an amendment. **Hamza:** OK, that's what I thought. **Anger:** I quoted the constitutional provision in the report that addresses when the breed council dues are due. **Hamza:** Does the board want to bring forth an amendment to change that? Bueller?... Bueller? **Bizzell:** Do we need a motion? **Hamza:** Yeah, but I mean, what we need to talk about first is, what are we making a motion on? What is the time frame going to be? **Eigenhauser:** I think this is something that, if the breed council secretaries want to change it, let them find a date that works for them and find a club to support it. I don't think we should be fishing around trying to pick a date. **Wilson:** I think we should change it. Right now, they have 7 months to pay their dues. Does anyone else have that long to pay their dues for anything? **Raymond:** There are two aspects to it. You have renewal, but right now it's one statement, that *No new membership after August*. That would mean that whatever date you set is also the deadline for new members to join, not just renewals, unless we totally change the language and differentiate between new members and renewals. **Anger:** So, perhaps we will bring it up at the breed council secretaries' meeting in June. **Hamza:** That's probably where it belongs, to be perfectly honest.

Future Projections for Committee:

Solicit input on agenda for the June Breed Council Secretaries meeting with the Board of Directors.

Action Items:

Vote on items passed on various Breed ballots.

Vote on the advancement to Championship of the Burmilla, commencing May 1, 2014.

Miscellaneous Breeds Status –

CHINESE LI HUA

Summary of Show Reports			
Breed	LIHUA		
CY	Data	Total	%
2010	Sum of # Pos	41	51%
	Sum of # Neg	39	
2011	Sum of # Pos	99	61%
	Sum of # Neg	63	
2012	Sum of # Pos	23	67%
	Sum of # Neg	11	
2013	Sum of # Pos.	9	36%
	Sum of # Neg.	16	64%
Total Sum of # Pos		172	58%
Total Sum of # Neg		122	42%

Number Shown By Region/Breeder

Breed	LIHUA							
Count of Reg. #	Region							
CY	BR	2	3	5	6	7	9	Total
2010	Haojing						1	1
	Qiukaibiao						1	1
	Liyu Zhang	2	2	4			5	13
	Xiao Peng Sun				3			3
	??						2	2
2010 Total		2	2	4	3		9	20
2011	Liyu Zhang	2	7	8		10	4	31
	Ziao Peng Sun	1			2			3
	Wang Jian Yong		1	1				2
2011 Total		3	8	9	2	10	4	36
2012	Liyu Zhang		1					1
2012 Total			1					1
2013	Liyu Zhang						10	10
	Bennett					1		1
	Jian Quon						2	2
	Unknown	1						1
2013 Total		1				1	12	14

	CY2010	CY2011	CY2012	CY2013
	LIHUA	LIHUA	LIHUA	LIHUA
CURRENT STATUS	MISC	MISC	MISC	MISC
ELIGIBLE FOR ADVANCEMENT?	NO	NO	NO	NO
APPLIED FOR ADVANCEMENT?	NO	NO	NO	NO
RECOMMEND ADVANCEMENT?	NO	NO	NO	NO
# OF UNIQUE CATS SHOWN	8	8	9	14
# OF TOTAL ENTRIES	20	36	12	18
% UNIQUE CATS	40%	22%	75%	43%
# OF UNIQUE BREEDERS*	4	3	2	1
# OF REGIONS SHOWN IN	5	6	3	3

CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON 2013 REPORTS

Note: the number in front of each comment refers to the number of judges making the same/similar comment on that show's report.

2 cats in good condition; 2 underweight and clumpy coats. No consistency in type among the four entries.

There is nothing distinctive; I've never seen more than one that might meet the standard, even loosely.

This breed is nothing more than a brown mctabby domestic, apparently bred by one person.

1-two of the females were very nice; the males not so much. 1-need to see more; first time I've seen more than one at a show.

1-cats were very frightened making it difficult to examine them. Had consistent markings but a variety in head type. 1-the two older cats were lovely and represented the standard well. However, not ready to advance.

1-a 3 year old male that has never been bred and is underweight. 1-by far the best example I've seen with great show personality. 1-ears too high, outstanding color and pattern. 1-not at all ready to advance.

1-well behaved. 1-four month old male littermates. No features differentiating them as a breed. Neither meets the standard, both in poor condition. I doubt one will survive to make it to another show.

2-some too thin, one needed a bath. 2-condition poor on some 4-kinked tail 1-poorly groomed 1-the initial enthusiasm seems to be gone.

CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON 2012 REPORTS

1-one had hair missing.

1-nice girl with proper coat and color contrast.

1-need more shown, especially in their native country. 2-not distinctive. 1-need more condition. 1-these cats were better than those I've handled in the U.S.

1-outstanding!

1-showed better than a week ago. 1-pattern problem 1-not distinctive. 1-type not to standard.

1-pattern definitely spotted. 1-needs more weight. 1-distinctive, but not ready for PROV

1-type not consistent with standard. 1-breed may be distinctive, but not this cat; need more consistent type. 1-type not what was expected. 1-looked like any HHP; no distinct breed features. 1-this cat not up to the standard of cats seen at board meeting.

2-need to see more. 1- better behaved than 2 weeks ago. 1-(this exhibit) not like the standard; hate language of standard. 1-standard needs work; there is nothing distinctive.

2-not ready yet; haven't seen enough to judge consistency to standard. 1-color, pattern, coat and type is remarkable.

1-this cat doesn't fit the standard as written at all; hope to see some that do; see no 'significant traits.' 1 - have seen far better examples in China. 1-standard needs a lot of revising, i.e., hexagonal diamond??, ear set, necklaces. 1-standard needs lots of work.

2-need to see more. 1- this one closer to my expectations. 1-absolutely distinctive, outstanding kitten and breed. 1- one more example of regionally bred cats that we have accepted (Siberian, NFC, MCC); I think they are wonderful. 1-excellent condition.

2-would like to see more. 1-does not appear to be distinctive.

1-does not match standard. 1-needs more weight, have seen same cat 3 times; clings to table. 1-3rd time I've seen this cat, continues to mature and pattern is coming in. 1-still need to see more/different examples.

CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON REPORTS CY 2011

2 - need to see more. 2-gets better each time I see him.

1-examples in China reflect standard/ US examples not so much.

1-very frightened, flea dirt, standard needs to be clarified re: head shape and gender-based coat differences. 1-need to see more!

1-head description could use some work. 1-standard calls for mackerel pattern; this cat's pattern is broken, looks spotted. Doesn't look anything like the other cat in the US.

1-not ready to advance yet based on the two I've seen. 1-distinctiveness yet to be determined. 1-his beauty as being unique is becoming apparent.

1-at this point, nothing distinctive.

1-definitely unique and different; look forward to seeing more of them. 1-this cat is almost 2 years old and has a spotted pattern, not mackerel. 1-fabulous condition; very shy. 1-need to see more of them.

2-not ready to advance. 5-very timid, frightened. 1-most disappointing new MISC breed I've ever seen.

1-breed needs more exposure in US. 1-beautiful cat!! 1-have seen before, maturing nicely. 1-excellent condition. 1-this one meets the standard (looks different from the one on the west coast).

1-excellent muscle tone. 1-needs more weight. 2-very shy. 1-there are only 2 in the US and they are entirely different.

3-we keep seeing the same cat (or the same two)

1-2 of the entries just arrived the day before from Beijing; 2 have excellent type, but the last one has foreign SH body type. 1-coats on the two new arrivals markedly different from the one that has been in the US for a while. 1-need to develop more consistency in type. 1-we need American breeders (currently none). Cats I've seen of this breed in China are superior to what is being sent for our review.

2-one is very thin and in poor condition. 1-the 8 mo. Old comes closest to written standard; they have a long way to go to 'distinctiveness.' 1-yes to distinctive, but we need to see a lot more before advancing. 1-a unique breed with a unique story that will add some pizzazz to our PR efforts! 1-not enough consistency yet. 1-these cats are less than ordinary.

2-we need to see a LOT more. 1-happy to see these two looked alike.

1-definite pattern development since last time I saw him.

1-need to see more, nice markings. 1-I am excited about this breed. 1-needs work on standard.

Wilson: Under Current Happenings, we have miscellaneous breed database and I guess we'll scroll down to that first, the miscellaneous breed status. Each February, I provide the status of any breeds in miscellaneous or provisional status, and update the numbers. In miscellaneous, we have the Chinese Li Hua. 2013 was their fourth year of being in miscellaneous status. You can look at the summary of show reports. Unfortunately, for 2013, we overall had fewer cats shown in this breed, many fewer cats. It continues to trend down. The number of negative reports by the judges continues to go up. **Hannon:** I have to question whether this is a viable breed for us at this time. We also got handed out today the registration statistics for last show season, and for the last two years they've only had a total of 27 cats registered. That's pretty abysmal. Then, when you see that almost 2/3 of the evaluations last year on these cats were negative, I'm concerned that it's not a viable breed for us at this point. **Wilson:** The other concern we have is, basically it's one breeder. **Hamza:** At one point, the concern was no female cats here. Have you registered any? **Thompson:** One. **Hamza:** One female is not going to make a breed. **Meeker:** My question is on the matrix advancement, there's a 5 year time frame. Do we have to give them the full 5 years, or can we recommend that we not continue forward at this time, of 4 years? **Wilson:** We can do whatever we want. **Baugh:** I want to make a comment that I was present, and I know some of you were, when we presented this breed at the board table, and what we are seeing in this country is nothing like what we saw at that meeting. With the continued decrease, I have the same question whether or not they are viable to CFA. **Hamza:** I think there are undercurrents going on here, and it's hard to get your head around it, but it's not really our job to do that. We can only deal with what's presented in front of us and it's not very good. So, we can go around the room and see what people feel like they should do. **Kallmeyer:** Basically, I think they are being shown in Beijing only. They're not even popular in the greater Chinese community. The greater community is interested in Exotics, Persians, I think American Shorthairs – our currently registered breeds. **Hamza:** If we're 4 years into this and there has been only one female that shows up, to me that's an issue. **Kallmeyer:** It's one female in the U.S. **Hamza:** But, I guess the question is, how many litters have we registered? One litter? **Kallmeyer:** In the U.S. **Baugh:** It's the only female that was exported to the U.S. **Meeker:** Well then, it's not meeting its regional show requirements. **Hamza:** It's not meeting a lot of things. If you look at the 2013 season, it's an issue. **Eigenhauser:** They've got one year left, right? What does it cost us to do this next year instead of this year? **Hamza:** Nothing. **Eigenhauser:** Then why not. Let them run their time out and be done, rather than step on them now. There's no harm in it. **Hamza:** That makes sense, as well. **Hannon:** It puts them on notice that they've got a year to get their act together. **Roy:** If I'm repeating something somebody said, I'm sorry, I couldn't hear it. Why can't we just allow them to continue to be registered, and if the time comes that there's enough people to work with it, we will put them back into miscellaneous. **Hamza:** That's basically what we're talking about. They've got one year left anyway. At least the comments here at the board table will let them know that it's not meeting the board's expectations so far, and then we go from here.

Provisional Breeds Status –

BURMILLA

Accepted as PROVISIONAL at February, 2013 Board Meeting.

Since PROVISIONAL (beginning May 1, 2013):

114 entries in 41 shows throughout Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.
 56 unique cats shown from 10 different breeders and with 11 different owners; all but one shorthairs.
 223 Judges' Reports tallied with 213 Positive for advancement to Championship and 10 Negative (95.5% Positive)

		CY2011	CY2012	CY2013
		BML	BML	BML
CURRENT STATUS		MISC	MISC	PROV
ELIGIBLE FOR ADVANCEMENT?		NO	NO*	Fast Track
APPLIED FOR ADVANCEMENT?		NO	NO*	Fast Track
RECOMMEND ADVANCEMENT?		NO	YES	YES
# OF UNIQUE CATS SHOWN		13	34	56
# OF TOTAL ENTRIES		22	70	114
% UNIQUE CATS		59%	48%	49%
# OF UNIQUE BREEDERS*		4	8	10
# OF REGIONS SHOWN IN		3	7	6

Due to the existence of the Burmilla as a registered breed in other countries and associations as well as the commitment of breeders and exhibitors during CY 2013 (with several shows with 4 or more Burmillas entered), we recommend advancing to CHAMPIONSHIP at this time. However, since very few (only one identified) Longhairs were entered or shown, we recommend considering Championship status for SHORTHAIRES only, effective May 1, 2014.

While there is a standard change this year, it is a re-write of what was not accepted last year. We also recommend that the Burmilla Breed Council be asked to present the cats at an upcoming Judges Workshop, specifically focusing on distinguishing on how to tell Shaded from Tipped and the various colors.

BURMILLA - COMMENTS FROM JUDGES REPORTS

Note: the number in front of each comment refers to the number of judges making the same/similar comment on that show's report.

1-hard to understand brown & chocolate in same breed without explaining paw pad color & DNA testing.

1-not distinctive enough yet. 1-would like muzzle description clarified; current does not reflect what they

seem to want. 2-standard could be improved/tightened up.

1-longhair not consistent with the shorthairs in type. Need to see more; these are all same breeder.

Not ready to advance.

1-very scared kittens.

1-black and brown are same, genetically.

1-not ready for championship yet; I don't find them 'elegant.' 1-I really liked what I saw with these two cats.

1-marginally ready. 1-Love this breed!

1-should be championship next year.
 1-Longhair not consistent with the SH's. 1-loved the LH male, outstanding.
 1-need more clarity on how to determine color. 1-need to see more LH.
 1-need some work on color differentiation.
 2-'sort of' and 'mostly' meet standard. 1-not yet ready for championship.
 1-mostly met the standard.
 1-standard confusing/conflicting with cats shown. 1-they are showing different # of gen. from F1 so type varies. 1-one male not well behaved.
 1-not ready to advance yet.
 1-Color descriptions not defined well. Tarnish needs to be addressed. 1-Not enough examples shown yet.
 1- Breed is neither distinctive nor ready to advance, based on these two examples.
 1-I've seen better examples; based on this cat, I would not be in favor of advancing to championship.
 1- This cat is an F1 and not as developed as others I've seen.
 1- highly recommend acceptance. 1- this is one of the best shown so far.
 1-coat too fluffy.
 1-breeder quality; first generation. Coat longer than should be for SH division.
 2 - absolutely ready to advance. 1 - not distinctive; not ready for championship.
 1 - great example.
 1 - getting there. 1- need to address muzzle width in standard. 1 - some had thicker coat than others.
 1 - SH ready for championship but not LH.
 1-young male, out of condition.
 1-one had poor coat; two too thin.
 1-coat color descriptions aren't well written.

Wilson: Our next report is on the Burmilla, which has been in provisional status. As we all know, they are a breed that exists in other associations, so on my report we have really good results. They have shown 114 entered cats in 2013. These are calendar year numbers. 49% of those were unique cats. They showed a variety of kittens and adults, and neutered and spayed cats. 10 breeders and they were shown in 6 regions. Because we agreed that if a breed exists in other associations with full registration status, that with the results here we can fast track them. That's what we are recommending this year. The comments from the judges' reports are also very good. The Burmilla breeders did a great job of showing multiple cats at many of the shows, so the judges were able to actually see varieties of ages and the colors and so on. There was really good feedback from judges on that. Instead of just seeing one here and one there, they were able to see varieties of cats. They commented favorably on seeing development across the breed. **Hannon:** While you were talking, behind you the Breed Committee Secretary walked in, so you might want to have her say something. She may want to address us. [transcript goes to proposal #4]

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Miscellaneous Breeds Status – Accept proposed changes to Burmilla standard.

BURMILLA

Breed Committee Chair: Katherine Barie, Allison Park, Pennsylvania

1. PROPOSED: Change the description of the head as follows:

Current:

HEAD: Gently rounded top of head with medium width between ears; wide at eyebrow level and jaw hinge, tapering to a short, blunt wedge.

Proposed:

HEAD: Gently rounded top of head with medium width between ears; wide at eyebrow level and jaw hinge, tapering to a ~~short~~, blunt wedge.

RATIONALE: We would like to make this change so that our standard is consistent with the standard established by the Australian Cat Federation, Inc.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

[from end of proposal #2] **Baugh:** Can we vote on #1 now? **Hannon:** We haven't even gotten to the Maine Coons yet. **Hamza:** Does somebody want to make a motion? **Baugh:** I moved. **Ganoe:** Second.

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

2. PROPOSED: Change the description of the head as follows:

Current:

HEAD: Gently rounded top of head with medium width between ears; wide at eyebrow level and jaw hinge, tapering to a short, blunt wedge.

Proposed:

HEAD: Gently rounded top of head with medium width between ears; wide at eyebrow level and jaw hinge, tapering to a short, blunt wedge. The head forms a balanced wedge, wide at the cheekbones and tapering to a blunt finish at the muzzle.

RATIONALE: This language would clearly define the muzzle in the overall appearance of the head. The muzzle is not addressed in the existing standard.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Wilson: The first standard change was to change the description of the head to remove the word “short” and it passed the breed committee by 100%. Does anyone have any questions?

Anger: I printed out from the ACF website the current standard that they reference. This standard, which is effective January 1, 2014, reverts back to what our standard originally said before the proposed change. Because their rationale was to make it consistent with that standard, I would speak against ratifying it. **Ganoe:** Are you saying that we’re trying to match them and they’re trying to match us? **Anger:** No. The rationale is, we are trying to match them. Their standard currently reads the way that ours originally did. **Barie:** No, it doesn’t. Theirs currently reads short medium and, as of January 1, 2014, their effective standard does read medium short on the muzzle length. **Anger:** No. **Barie:** When we made the proposed change, which would have been for last year and going forward – **Hamza:** So, what you’re basically saying is that this catches everybody up. **Anger:** No. **Barie:** Basically yes. **Shelton:** Two things. I also have the current ACF standard in front of me. **Barie:** Is that the January 1, 2014 version? **Shelton:** It says at the bottom, *Effective January 1, 2014. Wide at eyebrow level and tapering to a medium short, blunt wedge.* You are looking to take the word “short” out. **Barie:** Correct. **Shelton:** So, the new standard will not conform to the Australian standard. **Barie:** No. The standard that we’re following has “short medium”. **Wilson:** But that’s not what your proposal says. **Barie:** It originally said short. They pulled the short, which is what we were looking at when we initially – Rachel and I went back and forth on this in like 4 or 5 emails on September 4 of last year. At that time, pulling the “short” was OK. **Hamza:** Mike, when did you pull that, just now? **Shelton:** Right now. **Barie:** Right now it says, *Effective January 1, 2014.* Obviously it was effective January 1, 2014, but the proposal went in, in 2013 so they are not quite matched up. **Shelton:** The other issue is on the second proposal of your ballot, you still have the word “short” in there. So, one of your proposals takes “short” out, the other one has “short” in. **Barie:** It’s one of those things where, once again, we were trying to separate them out. When we initially put in the proposal, it was the current standard we have. The second one had “short” and added that last line, as added in proposal 2. **Wilson:** Which one do you want? **Shelton:** If we pass both, they are going to contradict each other. One will say “short”, one won’t say “short”. **Anger:** No – **Barie:** See, that’s what we asked Rachel, and Rachel said no, you can’t do that, because if the first one doesn’t pass then the short will still be there, so you would basically be doing two standard changes with the second proposal, as opposed to – **Hamza:** That doesn’t make any sense. **Anger:** No. In any standard proposal, we have to quote exactly what it lists now, not what happened in two proposals before in this year’s ballot. #2, the Current is how it currently reads, regardless of what happens in proposal 1 or proposal 3. We’re going one at a time, by how the current standard reads. So, in proposal 2, we’ve quoted the head description and underlined there is that specific change that they want to that part of the head. **Shelton:** What I’m asking is, if we pass both of these, what will the final standard read as? **Anger:** It will be, ... *tapering to a blunt wedge. The head forms a balanced wedge, wide at the cheekbones and tapering to a blunt finish at the muzzle.* **Petty:** You were saying before “short medium wedge” or “medium short wedge”. There’s no “medium” in our standard at all. It says, *short, blunt wedge.* Is there supposed to be a medium in there somewhere? **Barie:** Correct. **Hamza:** Mike, would you read that again, please?

I want Mike to read it. He just pulled it up. **Anger:** And I gave you my paper copy, right there. **Shelton:** The current ACF standard, under head shape says, *Gently rounded top of head with medium width between ears; wide at eyebrow level and jaw hinge, tapering to a medium short, blunt wedge.* **Ganoe:** That's the ACF standard? **Shelton:** That is the ACF standard, effective 1 January 2014. **Hamza:** You're saying you want to mimic that? **Barie:** Yes. **Hannon:** They're not going to, then. **Hamza:** You're not going to, the way this is written. **Shelton:** The way this is written, you do not get the word "medium" in your standard. **Hannon:** And you take "short" out. The Australian one says "medium short". Yours isn't going to say either. Yours is just going to say "blunt". **Barie:** Correct. Let Keith answer this, because I think he's going to do a better job explaining. We've got an overlap. The problem we've got is that we've got a standard that's being read today that's effective January 1st of this year. **Hamza:** January 1st is passed, so it's in effect right now. **Barie:** The problem is that these proposals were put forward in September. Well actually, I think the first one went out in July of 2013. **Hamza:** Alright. **Eigenhauser:** So, in essence, the standard you are proposing has become moot because of changes to the other one.

Keith Kimberlin: Can I speak on Kitty's behalf about this, because I'm the one who came up with this, I'm the one who had conversations with everybody in Australia about this. When the standard was written for the change, the change was to add the word "medium" and take out the word "short". That's the way it was done, that's the way it was proposed last year. When we contacted Australia, Australia told us that they had added the word "medium" and it had been stated that way, it just had not been put up on the website that way. So, that's the way we put the ballot on, that's the way we voted on it. Then, when they finally updated the website, we saw that they had added the word "medium" but they still left the word "short", which we did not know prior to our knowledge, OK? So, that's why we decided we wanted to add the word "medium". We still think that the standard should just say "medium" and should not have the word "short", because the muzzle is not a short muzzle, it is a medium muzzle. We also know that the TICA standard has followed us and has put it in as "medium" and has not put "short" in it. That is the way we wanted it proposed. We wanted it to read "medium", just like it says in the proposal. **Eigenhauser:** It doesn't say medium. **Ganoe:** But it doesn't say medium in the proposal. **Kimberlin:** That was all about semantics in what was handled with the person in charge and what was brought to the Breeds and Standards. **Hamza:** OK, alright. **Kimberlin:** I understand the situation, but I'm telling you what we voted on in our committee. **Hamza:** Alright. **Ganoe:** What I think we've got is a lack of one word, "medium", in your proposal. **Kimberlin:** Correct. **Ganoe:** Other than that one word, this proposal is what you want for your standard. **Kimberlin:** And you passed it overwhelmingly. **Wilson:** Which proposal? **Hannon:** There's two of them. **Ganoe:** There's two of them. If they get them both, they get rid of the word "short" and add that second sentence. **Hamza:** But it didn't pass that way. **Eigenhauser:** The problem is, how things got miscommunicated is irrelevant to this board. We are constitutionally required to vote on what we have in front of us. We can't vote on what you meant, what you intended, what they told you, what you thought they were going to do, what they said they were going to do or what you meant to do. **Kimberlin:** Correct, but what we did was, we voted on to remove the word and to add the other sentence. **Eigenhauser:** No, no. All I can discuss is what is in front of us today. It's a straight up or down vote. What you intended to do, you keep wanting to address that. I can't address that. I can only address what is in front of me right now. If you wanted to add "medium", then my suggestion is, we vote this down at this time; next year, you come back with the word "medium". We cannot fix it to what you want. **Kimberlin:** I think the breed council would prefer – **Hamza:** But constitutionally we do not have that option.

Kimberlin: You have the option to vote on what was approved by the breed. **Hamza:** You want us to consider it without – **Kimberlin:** Yes. **Ganoe:** That’s what I was going to suggest. We vote on what’s here in front of us. **Hamza:** We have no choice. **Ganoe:** If they want to add “medium”, they do it next time. **Eigenhauser:** A long time ago, we had breeds that would do this. They would come, they would make a change and say, “we’ll fix the change next year”, and eventually the board stopped adopting their changes. Our thought was, do it the way you really mean it. Don’t say, “well, this is wrong but it’s a better wrong than the wrong we had before”. We discourage breed councils from coming back year after year after year to try to get their changes right. I think it would be better for you to withdraw this and come back next year with what you actually want, rather than – **Kimberlin:** I’ll tell you why that’s a problem. The second sentence about addressing muzzle was addressed because there were many judges who said that the muzzle was not addressed, so that sentence about the muzzle was put in there, and if you look at all the CFA standards, excluding the Korat, every single CFA championship status standard has the muzzle addressed. This will be the only one, other than the Korat, that does not address the muzzle. **Eigenhauser:** But resolution #1 does not address the muzzle, either. **Hannon:** #2 does. **Barie:** #1, when you pull that “short” – **Hamza:** Is it your intention to come back next year? **Kimberlin:** First of all, I don’t know when the vote is, but I’m going to take over Burmilla next time. That’s neither here nor there. The thing is, we wanted this passed to add the other sentence and remove it. We would like the change like it was proposed. 100% voted in favor of it. **Hannon:** The problem I have is, with your first proposal, you are taking out the word “short”. In your second proposal, you’re putting it back in. It says that right here. **Kimberlin:** It doesn’t say “short”. **Barie:** It does, because you have to put in what is the current language. **Raymond:** That’s the current language. **Hannon:** That’s what we have to vote on. **Raymond:** The only part you’re voting on is the insertion in #2. **Barie:** The only thing proposal 2 does is add that second sentence. It does not address the first sentence. **Baugh:** So, let me be sure I have this. When you’re done, if we were to pass both proposals, it will say, ... *tapering to a blunt wedge* and it will have the underlined sentence, *The head forms a balanced wedge, wide at the cheekbones and tapering to a blunt finish at the muzzle.* **Barie:** Correct, yes. **Baugh:** So, if we do that, you’re comfortable with what we have and you will come back with “medium”. **Hannon:** That’s not what’s in front of us. **Altschul:** If people are bothered by the way the second one is written, if we just vote on the second one first, then vote on the first one. **Hamza:** The problem I have with this is that you’re creating a moving target that is going to be an evolving standard over the next two years. I guess I don’t get that. **Kimberlin:** When we went to the judges, it was brought to every, single judge’s attention about the issue of “short” and “medium” in the muzzle. We asked the judges’ opinions, every single time, and most agreed that the muzzle description should not say “short”. **Ganoe:** I’m in favor of this, because removing the word “short” allows the longer muzzle. Whether or not you say “medium” allows the longer muzzle, and that goes in line with what we were saying. I’m one of those who told you what I thought. Adding the second sentence does delineate how that muzzle fits into the rest of the head, so I believe this does describe more of the perfect Burmilla the way this is written. **Barie:** Yes, exactly. We had to split the two proposals up because of the rationale. You’re right, we want to remove that “short”, which is the first one. The second one explains how that actually fits in together. **Hannon:** I think Carissa is right. If you vote on the first one to take out the word short and then vote on the second one, you’re putting “short” right back in. If you reverse the order and vote on the second, you’ve got “short” in there. Then vote on the first, which will take out short. I think you’ve got to vote on the second one first to accomplish their goal. **Kimberlin:** The original proposal put in to Breeds

and Standards was one. It was put to remove “short” and change the words. It got misconstrued when it was put into two proposals. **Hannon:** If it had been as one, I would have supported it. If you want to leave it 1 and 2, I’m not going to support it, but if you reverse it – I understand what you want to do, but because it’s now broken out into two – **Kimberlin:** But that’s why – **Hamza:** Hang on. Hang on or I’m going to call you out of order. Can we do that? **Raymond:** When you are voting on these amendments, you are voting only on what’s being stricken or being added. The existing language is there just to show what is around it, so you can vote on #1 and then vote on #2. When you vote on #2, it does not put that changed word back in. **Hannon:** I don’t agree with you. I think it puts the word right back in there. **Hamza:** George, what’s your opinion? **Eigenhauser:** I’m going to have to agree with Ed in terms of procedure. **Hannon:** So, all we’re voting on is the underline. **Eigenhauser:** And what’s above it, which they say is part of the proposal – **Eigenhauser:** I understand, but what is important is the italic and the strike-out and the underline. When you add a sentence to a standard, you have to put the standard on either side of it somewhere, so you know physically where it belongs. The portion that’s not marked as a change, in case it’s not part of what’s being change. It is simply giving a reference where in the standard that sentence is going to go. It’s a location, it’s not a change. **Baugh:** It’s a simple matter. When we pass the first one, it automatically removes “short” from the second one. **Eigenhauser:** I move we vote on the second one first. **Ganoe:** I second. **Hamza:** Can we do that? **Raymond:** You can do that.

Hamza called the motion (to vote on the second proposal first). **Motion Carried.**

Baugh: I move we vote on the first one now. **Hamza:** No, no. Now we’ve got to vote on the second one. **Hannon:** No, no, all we did was vote to reverse the order. **Raymond:** Vote on the second one. **Hamza:** Does anybody want to talk about this one? <no> Good. **Baugh:** The change to #2, can we vote on it? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Ganoe:** Second.

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

3. **PROPOSED:** add the following under Burmilla Colors, as follows:

Current:

LILAC SHADED: ...

CREAM TIPPED: ...

Proposed:

LILAC SHADED: ...

CARAMEL TIPPED: There is a brownish tone to fur between toes and surrounding the paw pads. The characteristic metallic sheen is particularly seen on the hocks, developing with maturity. The effect of Dm (Dilute modifier) is to give a warm, brownish cast to lilac and blue. Lilac Based: Clear, warm, light, tan-tinged dove grey tipping. Fawn Based: warm, light brownish grey tipping but a more lively and intense color than lilac based. Blue Based: Dark but warm toned, brownish blue-grey, dark brownish grey tipping. Nose leather: Lilac Based: pinkish grey. Fawn Based: rosy milk coffee color. Blue Based: warm, dark blue-grey. Paw

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CREAM TIPPED: ...

RATIONALE: Once again, we would like to make this change so that our standard is consistent with the Australian Cat Federation, Inc.'s recently modified standard.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Eigenhauser: I have a question on #3. Have any cats in those colors been registered in CFA? **Barie:** We can't register them. **Kimberlin:** No, we can't register them. We're waiting. We have the color but we can't register them. **Eigenhauser:** Why can't you register them? **Kimberlin:** Because we don't have the color there. We can't register it as a caramel if we don't have the color there. **Eigenhauser:** We register colors all the time that don't have color descriptions. **Kimberlin:** That wasn't what I was told. I have a caramel and I want to register the cat. The cat's almost 8 months old. **Barie:** We were told we couldn't register them without the color being approved. **Krzanowski:** In the descriptions of these two colors, I understand that one is tipped and one is shaded, but in the actual descriptions that are listed and underlined, they are exactly the same. There's no reference to tipping and there's no reference to shading. **Kimberlin:** That's put at the beginning of the standard for all of them. It's at the beginning, describing what tipping and shading is. **Krzanowski:** But I looked at the other color descriptions under Burmilla and in those color descriptions, the tipping and shading is addressed. **Kimberlin:** Well, it really shouldn't, because tipped and shaded are the patterns. They should be listed separately. **Krzanowski:** But I think it should be consistent throughout the standard. **Ganoe:** Yes, it is. Fourth line in each of the color descriptions. **Petty:** And the sixth line. **Ganoe:** Tipped versus shaded. **Hannon:** So, do we want to vote on 3? **Hamza:** Any other questions? Can I get a motion? **Baugh:** So moved. **Ganoe:** Second.

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

4. PROPOSED: At this time, we would also like to request a change from Provisional to Championship status commencing with the 2014-2015 show season. Even though it is only mid-August, no less than 35 unique examples of the Burmilla have been seen across the

country. By the end of the current show season, several more will be shown. The registrations generated from this breed have added to the revenue for the Cat Fanciers' Association. Additionally, the breed club that was established, Burmilla Enthusiasts of America, held a show in May of 2012 and is in the process of looking for another opportunity. It has since sponsored rings at various shows, which has helped the local clubs. Overall, acceptance of this breed at full championship status, can be beneficial.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

[from beginning of Burmilla discussion] **Wilson:** Right. They do have one standard change for the head description. I don't know what to do next. Should we have her speak? **Hamza:** Would you like to say anything? **Barie:** We're actually looking for two changes on the standard. The reason for it is, initially we combined them as one, which was done last year and was voted down. This year, due to the rationale and trying to explain why we wanted to do things, we actually split those two things up. So, the first one is taking "short" out from that muzzle description. The second proposal is adding how that muzzle fits into the look of the head and was at the request of several judges. **Kallmeyer:** Annette, is your proposal acceptable to the breed? **Wilson:** Yes, but I'm confused because this doesn't happen very often. Do we vote on their standard change? **Hamza:** I think we can make a motion to accept them. Then, we can vote on the standard change. **Wilson:** OK. You are asking for this as a change, right? **Barie:** Yes, we are. **Wilson:** Then I move that we advance the Burmillas to championship status, May 1, 2014. **Anger:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** Congratulations. [applause]

[from end of meeting Sunday] **Wilson:** We need to revisit the Burmilla acceptance. It was in the report. This is on me that we missed it. **Hamza:** That's OK, we cover a lot of ground. **Wilson:** I know. I just wasn't paying attention yesterday. Our recommendation was, because only one longhair was shown in the reports I got, that we only consider championship status for shorthairs effective May 1, 2014. I feel bad because they're not here to speak to this, but they saw the report so I don't know what to do about this. We could take long and shorthairs. There's another bit of an issue that we need to resolve, that the standards and the show rules have assigned the color class for longhairs as the color class for long and shorthairs, for provisional status. Well, that's sort of OK, but now we would need to either break it out or not. We don't have to give them two divisions, if we want them both shown in championship. We could have the longhairs be AOV, or we could just not – it wouldn't be fair, I don't think if we just registered longhairs. **Hamza:** No. **Wilson:** If they were shown as provisional, then that would give them a place to show. At the very least, we should have the longhairs be AOV. **Hamza:** You're the Breeds and Standards Chair. What is your recommendation? **Wilson:** My recommendation is that we only accept the shorthairs for championship. We need to re-do the problem with the color class. The color class number we have for showing is the longhair prefix number. We need to fix that. **Hamza:** What if you put them both for this year, accepted both? We're talking about one cat anyway. What if you put them both in the same class. **Wilson:** I'm

fine with that. **Hamza:** It sort of makes everything a little easier. **Wilson:** But then, if no longhairs are shown, I mean, they're not breeding for longhairs here. **Ganoe:** Actually, I understand they are. When I talked with Keith yesterday, he says they've got 4 females bred to longhair carriers. They are longhair carriers and the males are longhair carriers. They are expecting longhair kittens by May 1. **Wilson:** OK. That's different than the last conversation. **Petty:** Does that mean we would judge longhairs and shorthairs in the same class together? **Wilson:** Yes. We're pacing outside the box. It's sort of like that other stuff we were doing. **Eigenhauser:** Within a breed, we have always required certain numbers before we split them into color classes. I can't recall us ever requiring separate numbers for breeds that naturally occur in both longhair and shorthair, to have a longhair and shorthair division. I can't recall ever accepting – there were breeds that started out as shorthair and later added the longhairs. When a breed came up longhair and shorthair together, I don't recall us ever saying we were going to dump them all into one class. **Wilson:** Maybe we should have. **Eigenhauser:** It's a natural place to divide it, and if you have the gene in the gene pool, they are going to start popping up anyway, even if it's not here right now. I would prefer to just leave them as two divisions; longhair and shorthair. **Wilson:** They were shown in one division in provisional. **Ganoe:** Right. All provisionals are in one division. **Hamza:** You could be right. I'm just playing devil's advocate here, but would it be OK to leave it in one division for this year and then see where you're at next year? **Wilson:** Yeah. It's sort of like, how many cats do we need to get a new color class? It's sort of like that. **Eigenhauser:** But we've never had a number required, for a breed that comes in both longhair and shorthair. They come in as two divisions. **Hamza:** I understand what you're saying, George. **Eigenhauser:** We have never required a number. **Baugh:** We accepted them as provisional in one group. I agree with Annette. I would rather see them together, and when there are enough longhairs, use numbers like we do with any other class and split them out then. **Hamza:** I have a question for the judges here. If we do it as one division, is that a problem for any of you to judge that way? **Petty:** I can deal with one division if they are separate classes. I don't like the idea of judging a longhair and a shorthair in the same class. We don't do that with any other breed. **Hamza:** Would you have two classes or one class? **Wilson:** That's what I'm talking about – one color class. We would have one color class. They are split out with prefixes for longhair and shorthair, for registration already, and by color. We're not even talking color classes beyond just Burmilla. They're not split out into color classes yet. This goes back to tradition and convention. We split out color classes by color when they have enough. **Hamza:** Do we know what other associations are doing with them? **Wilson:** I have no idea. **Ganoe:** I'm with Tracy, because when you handle a longhair – I was fortunate to handle the one longhair that came up – the coat texture and the way it sits is different than the shorthair. I would have trouble keeping those separate, deciding this one is better this way and this one is better that way. I would like separate classes, whether we call it color class or not. We have the shorthair class and the longhair class. I'm OK giving a brown ribbon between them, as long as I can give a blue ribbon to each. **Hamza:** OK. **Baugh:** If you're hanging the brown ribbon, what's the difference? You still have to make the choice between them. I don't see it as an issue. **Wilson:** I understand what you're saying, but there is a separate description for the coat for the longhair, so you're judging the cat to the standard and deciding which of them meets the standard better. I'm actually OK with doing it either way. I just feel like they didn't have the numbers there to split it up. When I'm talking color class, I'm talking exhibit color classes, not color. Never mind color. **Ganoe:** It's all colors together. **Wilson:** Right. It would be all colors together, so why couldn't it be all coat lengths together? This is sort of like why the color needs to be written in the judges'

book. We've always done it that way. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to know if anyone can identify what the harm would be in doing what we have always done and saying, if the cat comes in longhair and shorthair, it comes in as longhair and shorthair. **Hamza:** There's no particular harm. I'm just trying to understand the way the judges feel, because ultimately they handle them. **Anger:** The convention in their standard has always been to try to follow the way that it has already been established in other countries. In Australia, the standard that they reference the most often, they judge longhairs separate from shorthairs. That is how we should set it up, to make it the cleanest. **Hamza:** That's why I was asking. That's what we needed to know. **Huhtaniemi:** In FIFe, which is the main European registry, there is only shorthairs approved, not longhairs. **Anger:** But that's not the problem we are addressing right now. We have already accepted the breed, and we didn't exclude the longhairs. We didn't specify only longhair or only shorthair. That was one of the original points Annette brought up is, do we want to keep the longhairs. **Hamza:** They seem to be modeling their whole breed on the Australian model. **Ganoe:** I would like to go ahead and make a motion that we accept the Burmilla in both a longhair division and a shorthair division, for the purposes of showing, and that we adjust the color classes accordingly. **Anger:** I will second that. **Baugh:** Does that include a best of breed in each one? **Ganoe:** Yes. There will be different divisions. **Eigenhauser:** Each division would be one color class at this point. **Ganoe:** Each division will be one color class. **Hamza:** So, you are talking about giving two brown ribbons? **Eigenhauser:** Correct. That's the way we usually do it.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, Baugh and Calhoun voting no.

Wilson: I have one more thing relating to the Burmilla, and that's the color class for the longhairs needs to be 4500/4501 and for the shorthairs 5500/5501, to match what the registration prefixes are. That was an issue when they were showing in Provisional. And take the words "shorthair specialty" out. **Thompson:** So, take the 4500 for longhair and 5500 for shorthair. **Wilson:** It needs to match the registration prefix. **Thompson:** I understand that, but you want 4500 for longhair and 5500 for shorthair. **Wilson:** I'll look it up again, but I'm sure. *Burmilla shorthair, 5500. Burmilla longhair, 4500.* **Thompson:** OK. **Wilson:** Thank you.

Breed Council/Committee Ballots – copies of ballots/results provided to all board members, vote on standard changes passed by 60% or more of breed council members and consider non-standard changes, proposals and informational items.

Breed	Members	Ballots Returned
<i>American Shorthair</i>	48	25
<i>Birman</i>	63	37
<i>Burmese</i>	58	31
<i>Burmilla</i>	3	3
<i>Devon Rex</i>	29	12
<i>Exotic</i>	57	43
<i>La Perm</i>	6	6
<i>Maine Coon</i>	122	86
<i>Norwegian Forest Cat</i>	28	16
<i>Persian – General</i>	199	86 138
<i>Persian – Bi-Color</i>	64	47
<i>Ragamuffin</i>	7	7
<i>Sphynx</i>	24	15
<i>Turkish Angora</i>	45	21

Altschul: Before we get to the American Shorthair, I'm looking right underneath where we were passing the standard change. It says, "Ballots Returned – 86." It was 138. Why does it say 86? **Hamza:** Because we 86'ed them. **Anger:** That was the number from last year. It is wrong then, so that number is wrong. I will double check it and correct it in the minutes. Thank you. **Altschul:** The Bi-Color is correct. **Hamza:** Let's move on to the American Shorthair.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updated Miscellaneous Breed data.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson and Rachel Anger, Co- Chairs*

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[NOTE: "No action taken" indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding up or down).]

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Bob Zenda – Sierra Vista, AZ

Total Members: 48

Ballots Received: 25

Hannon: Next breed, American Shorthair. **Wilson:** Rachel, you will have to help me now. **Anger:** Are you done with the first part of the report? **Wilson:** Yes. **Anger:** OK. Our next ballot is the American Shorthair ballot. We consider proposals 1 and 2. Proposal 1 adds the ticked pattern and proposal 2 adds shaded and white.

1. Should **TICKED TABBY PATTERN** American Shorthairs be advanced to championship status in all tabby, and tabby and white colors currently recognized for championship competition? This would create a single competitive color class for ticked tabbies in all the tabby pattern colors currently recognized for championship, and add the ticked tabby pattern to all colors in the existing tabby and white color class.

PROPOSED: that the following Ticked Tabby pattern/color description be **ADDED** to the AMERICAN SHORTHAIR COLORS section of the Breed Standard, and "**ticked**" be added to all Tabby Color descriptions (note: for housekeeping purposes, blue silver tabby, blue silver patched tabby and cream cameo tabby are moved to appear with the other tabby descriptions):

Current:

BLUE SILVER TABBY (Pewter Tabby): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver. Markings sound blue. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** green or hazel.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (Pewter Patched Tabby): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver with classic or mackerel tabby markings of deep blue with patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or hazel.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Dilute Cameo): undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SMOKE AND WHITE (including vans): ...

BLACK SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

BLUE SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

SHELL CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SHADED CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SMOKE CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: a patched tabby (torbie) is an established silver, brown, or blue tabby with patches of red and/or cream.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY: ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic or mackerel markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory with classic or mackerel tabby markings of very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of cream on the face is desirable. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY: undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with classic or mackerel tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of red and/or cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. The silver tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green to hazel; green preferred.

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin to match the color around the eyes. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color off-white. Markings red. The cameo tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

TABBY AND WHITE (including vans)*: white with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; classic and mackerel. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

SILVER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of silver tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

CAMEO TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RED TABBY AND WHITE: (classic, mackerel): white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

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Cream Cameo Tabby	7066	7067
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Tabby & White (including Vans).....	7072	7073
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cameo, Cream [all tabby colors in either mackerel and classic and, where applicable, patched patterns])</i>		
Smoke & White (including Vans)	7024	7025
<i>(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Shell Cameo & White, Shaded Cameo & White, Smoke Cameo & White)</i>		
Dilute Shaded	0728	0729
<i>(Blue Chinchilla Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Cream Shell Cameo, Cream Shaded Cameo, Blue Cream Smoke)</i>		
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color	0770	0771
<i>(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White)</i>		
Tortoiseshell	--	0747
Calico and Van Calico	--	0749
<i>(White with Black & Red) or Dilute Calico and Van Dilute Calico (White with Blue & Cream)</i>		
Blue-Cream	--	0751
Shaded Parti-Color	--	0723
<i>(Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Dilute Shaded Tortoiseshell)</i>		
AOV	0798	0799

Proposed:

~~**BLUE SILVER TABBY** (Pewter Tabby): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver. Markings sound blue. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** green or hazel.~~

~~**BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY** (Pewter Patched Tabby): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver with classic or mackerel tabby markings of deep blue with patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or hazel.~~

~~**CREAM CAMEO TABBY** (Dilute Cameo): undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.~~

SMOKE AND WHITE (including vans): ...

BLACK SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

BLUE SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

SHELL CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SHADED CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SMOKE CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. Marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic and mackerel tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from obvious spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Cat must have at least one distinct necklace. Hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: a patched tabby (torbie) (classic, mackerel or ticked) is an established silver, brown, or blue tabby with patches of red and/or cream.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY(classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic, ~~or~~ mackerel or ticked markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY(classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory with classic, ~~or~~ mackerel or ticked tabby markings of very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of cream on the face is desirable. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY(classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with classic, ~~or~~ mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of red and/or cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (Pewter Patched Tabby) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver with classic or mackerel tabby markings of deep blue with patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or hazel.

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. The silver tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green to hazel; green preferred.

BLUE SILVER TABBY (Pewter Tabby) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver. Markings sound blue. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** green or hazel.

RED TABBY ((classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin to match the color around the eyes. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color off-white. Markings red. The cameo tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Dilute Cameo) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

TABBY AND WHITE (including vans)*: white with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; classic, ~~and~~ mackerel or ticked. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

SILVER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of silver tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

CAMEO TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RED TABBY AND WHITE: (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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Cream Cameo Tabby	7066	7067
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
<u>Ticked Tabby/Ticked Tabby and White</u> <i>(including vans)</i>	TBD	TBD
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cream, Blue Silver, Cameo, Cream Cameo ticked tabby colors, including patched patterns, and ticked tabby with white)</i>		
Tabby & White (including Vans).....	7072	7073
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cameo, Cream [all tabby colors in either-mackerel and or classic and, where applicable, patched patterns])</i>		
Smoke & White (including Vans)	7024	7025
<i>(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Shell Cameo & White, Shaded Cameo & White, Smoke Cameo & White)</i>		

Dilute Shaded	0728	0729
<i>(Blue Chinchilla Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Cream Shell Cameo, Cream Shaded Cameo, Blue Cream Smoke)</i>		
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color	0770	0771
<i>(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White)</i>		
Tortoiseshell	--	0747
Calico and Van Calico	--	0749
<i>Calico (White with Black & Red) or Dilute Calico and Van Dilute Calico (White with Blue & Cream)</i>		
Blue-Cream	--	0751
Shaded Parti-Color	--	0723
<i>(Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Dilute Shaded Tortoiseshell)</i>		
AOV	0798	0799

RATIONALE: This is a naturally occurring AOV pattern in the ASH breed. Ticked tabbies have been in the gene pool since the first shaded domestic shorthairs were shown in 1917, and are sometimes incorrectly exhibited in the championship classes as shaded cats. Ticked tabbies can occur when a shaded ASH is bred to a classic or mackerel tabby to improve genetic diversity (health) or to improve type. The resulting kittens have features of both parents – striping on the head, neck, legs and tail from the tabby parent and no striping on the body from the shaded parent. The breeders working with shaded cats would like to work with colors of ticked tabbies currently produced when breeding shaded cats to other tabbies or solids, but for which there are no championship color classes.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 14

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 2

Anger: Proposal #1 adds the ticked tabby pattern and updates the individual pattern descriptions to include “ticked”. We also moved some of the descriptions around so that they appear in the correct place. This passed their breed council as a standard change that requires 60% or 14 votes, and that is what they got. **Eigenhauser:** I’m going to vote yes anyway, but it’s very disappointing because with the 2 abstentions, the 23 votes that actually voted is less than half of the breed council. That’s not much of a mandate, when 29% of the breed council votes in favor of a proposition to change it. That’s a fairly small minority and there’s not anything we can do about it, because constitutionally we can’t force people to vote, but I just wanted to say on the record how disappointed I am that less than half the breed council voted on this. We really ought to do something to get people interested. They shouldn’t only vote when they have dog in the fight. They should be looking at what’s best for the breed and have a broad picture of the breed. I’m always disappointed when less than half of a breed council votes on an issue. **Hamza:** It’s a

plurality. I get it. **Eigenhauser:** But I'm going to vote yes anyway because it still passed.
Hamza: Alright. Can we get a motion for you to vote yes on? **Wilson:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

2. Should the “& White” color classes be **EXPANDED** to include all colors of American Shorthairs recognized for championship?

PROPOSED: that the following **Shaded & White** color description be **ADDED** to the existing colors of the American Shorthair Breed Standard:

Current:

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE: ...

TORTOISESHELL: ...

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American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color0770 0771
(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White)

Proposed:

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE: ...

SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green.

CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Chinchilla Silver. **Eye color:** green.

SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Dilute Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

BLUE SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Blue Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL: ...

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American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color0770 0771
(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White, Shaded Silver & White, Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Calico & White, Dilute Shaded Calico & White, Blue Shaded Silver & White)

RATIONALE: This is essentially a housekeeping issue. When the “Bi-Color” and “& White” color classes were added to the American Shorthair Breed Standard, some of the existing colors were inadvertently omitted, notably the Shaded & White color spectrum. These color combinations do occur naturally when “& White” cats are used in a breeding program and should have the opportunity to compete in the championship classes.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23
60% of Voting: 14

YES: 18 **NO: 5** **ABSTAIN: 2**

Anger: Proposal 2 accepts, and add descriptions for, the bi-color shadeds. We have the shadeds no white now, and this will add the bi-color shadeds. This passed their breed council with a few more votes for George’s comfort level to 18 out of the 14 required. So moved.
Meeker: Second.

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

- 3. Should “adult cats with incorrect eye color” be **ADDED** to the Penalize section of the American Shorthair Standard?

Current:

PENALIZE: excessive cobbiness or ranginess. Very short tail.

Proposed:

PENALIZE: excessive cobbiness or ranginess. Very short tail. Adult cats with incorrect eye color.

RATIONALE: Our standards include definitive descriptions of required (*not desired*) eye color for each accepted color. Too often we are hearing the argument “it is only 5 points” – suggesting that eye color is not important enough to be seriously considered in the judging ring. The correct eye color is a result of selective breeding to produce cats exhibiting all of

the demanding requirements of our Breed Standard. Variations can and do occur when cats with differing coat or eye colors are introduced and produce cats with other than the required eye color. While there is no question that these cats may be valuable in breeding programs, they should not be rewarded on the show bench.

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 7

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 3

Anger: Proposal 3 was a standard change that did not pass the breed council.

BIRMAN

Breed Council Secretary: Karen Lane – Delray Beach, Florida
Total Members: 63
Ballots Received: 37

Anger: Next, we are going to the Birman. We have a Birman breed council representative here, and it is Cynthia Larson from St. Louis. **Larson:** Yes, thank you for having me. Can I answer any specific questions? **Hamza:** Does the board have any questions?
[transcript goes to proposal #2]

1. **PROPOSED:** Add “Structural defects or abnormalities” to Disqualify Section of the Breed Standard.

Current:

DISQUALIFY: lack of white gloves on any paw. Kinked or abnormal tail. Crossed eyes. Incorrect number of toes. Areas of pure white in the points, if not connected to the gloves and part of or an extension of the gloves. Paw pads are part of the gloves. Areas of white connected to other areas of white by paw pads (of any color) are not cause for disqualification. Discrete areas of point color in the gloves, if not connected to point color of legs (exception, paw pads). White on back legs beyond the hock. Eye color other than blue. White tail tips or chin spots.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: lack of white gloves on any paw. Kinked or abnormal tail. Structural defects or abnormalities. Crossed eyes. Incorrect number of toes. Areas of pure white in the points, if not connected to the gloves and part of or an extension of the gloves. Paw pads are part of the gloves. Areas of white connected to other areas of white by paw pads (of any color) are not cause for disqualification. Discrete areas of point color in the gloves, if not connected to point color of legs (exception, paw pads). White on back legs beyond the hock. Eye color other than blue. White tail tips or chin spots.

RATIONALE: As breeders we strive to produce the most nearly perfect kittens we can according to the Birman breed standard. That standard of perfection should be multi-dimensional to include overall beauty of the cat, as well as structural soundness without physical defects or abnormalities.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 36

60% of Voting: 22

YES: 24

NO: 12

ABSTAIN: 1

Eigenhauser: I want to comment on #1. I just want to say “thank you” to the breed council because, as an organization devoted to the welfare of the cats, I always appreciate it when a breed council toughens up their standard because they want to breed healthier, better

cats. I really support that. **Hamza:** I agree. What he said. Can you get that in the minutes, pointing to his neighbor? **Anger:** I've got that. So, proposal #1 adds a disqualify for structural defects or abnormalities. This exceeded the required 22 votes; it got 24. So moved.

Eigenhauser: Second.

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

2. **PROPOSED:** That the term “Lynx” point in our striped Birmans be changed to “Tabby” point in our Birman Breed Standard.

Current:

Lynx Point Color Classes

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Seal Lynx Point Color Class

SEAL LYNX POINT: ...

Blue Lynx Point Color Class

BLUE LYNX POINT: ...

Other Lynx Point Colors Class

CHOCOLATE LYNX POINT: ...

LILAC LYNX POINT: ...

RED LYNX POINT: ...

CREAM LYNX POINT: ...

NOTE: on red and cream lynx points, “freckles” may occur on nose, lips, eyelids and ears. Slight freckling in a mature cat should not be penalized.

SEAL- TORTIE LYNX POINT: body mottled pale fawn to creamy white, shading gradually to lighter color on stomach and chest. Thumb marks are mottled in seal-tortie lynx points. Points, except for gloves, seal brown markings on a pale brown agouti background overlaid and intermingled with shades of light and dark red. **Nose leather:** pink, mottled pink or seal.

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE LYNX POINT: body mottled ivory to creamy white, shading gradually to white on stomach and chest. Thumb marks are mottled in chocolate-tortie lynx points. Points, except for gloves, milk chocolate markings on a light bronze agouti background overlaid and intermingled with shades of light and dark red. **Nose leather:** pink, mottled pink and chocolate or solid chocolate.

BLUE-CREAM LYNX POINT: ...

LILAC-CREAM LYNX POINT: ...

NOTE: the four colors above show the normal lynx point pattern which has been overlaid with shades of light and dark red (seal-tortie/chocolate-tortie) or cream (blue-cream/lilac-cream). The extent and distribution of the tortie areas are not important providing that both elements, tortie and lynx, are clearly visible.

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Birman Color Class Numbers

Chocolate Point	0180	0181
Seal Point	0182	0183
Lilac Point	0184	0185
Blue Point	0186	0187
Other Solid Point	2178	2179
<i>(Red, Cream)</i>		
Parti-Color Point	--	2189
<i>(Seal-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Chocolate-Tortie, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
Seal Lynx Point	2152	2153
Chocolate Lynx Point	2154	2155
Blue Lynx Point	2156	2157
All Other Lynx Point	2158	2159
<i>(Lilac, Red, Cream, Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
AOV	None	None

Proposed:

Lynx Tabby Point Color Classes

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Seal ~~Lynx~~ Tabby Point Color Class

SEAL ~~Lynx~~ TABBY POINT: ...

Blue ~~Lynx~~ Tabby Point Color Class

BLUE ~~Lynx~~ TABBY POINT: ...

Other ~~Lynx~~ Tabby Point Colors Class

CHOCOLATE ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: ...

LILAC ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: ...

RED ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: ...

CREAM ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: ...

NOTE: on red and cream ~~lynx~~-tabby points, “freckles” may occur on nose, lips, eyelids and ears. Slight freckling in a mature cat should not be penalized.

SEAL- TORTIE ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: body mottled pale fawn to creamy white, shading gradually to lighter color on stomach and chest. Thumb marks are mottled in seal-tortie ~~lynx~~ tabby points. Points, except for gloves, seal brown markings on a pale brown agouti background overlaid and intermingled with shades of light and dark red. **Nose leather:** pink, mottled pink or seal.

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: body mottled ivory to creamy white, shading gradually to white on stomach and chest. Thumb marks are mottled in chocolate-tortie ~~lynx~~ tabby points. Points, except for gloves, milk chocolate markings on a light bronze agouti background overlaid and intermingled with shades of light and dark red. **Nose leather:** pink, mottled pink and chocolate or solid chocolate.

BLUE-CREAM ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: ...

LILAC-CREAM ~~LYNX~~ TABBY POINT: ...

NOTE: the four colors above show the normal ~~lynx~~ tabby point pattern which has been overlaid with shades of light and dark red (seal-tortie/chocolate-tortie) or cream (blue-cream/lilac-cream). The extent and distribution of the tortie areas are not important providing that both elements, tortie and ~~lynx~~ tabby, are clearly visible.

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<i>(Red, Cream)</i>		
Parti-Color Point	--	2189
<i>(Seal-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Chocolate-Tortie, Lilac-Cream)</i>		

Seal Lynx Tabby Point	2152	2153
Chocolate Lynx Tabby Point	2154	2155
Blue Lynx Tabby Point	2156	2157
All Other Lynx Tabby Point	2158	2159
<i>(Lilac, Red, Cream, Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
AOV	None	None

RATIONALE: We Birman Fanciers here in CFA were latecomers to what the rest of the planet refers to as “Tabby” points. All striped Birmans in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South America and South Africa are referred to as “Tabby” points. Using the term “Lynx” point is confusing to the rest of the world, not to mention to the general public, who see our striped Birmans as “Tabby” Points and are constantly having to have it explained to them, that when we say “Lynx”, we really mean “Tabby”.

As CFA spreads to other parts of the planet, it would behoove us to refer to our striped Birmans by the universal term “Tabby” points. The rest of the world began referring to striped Birmans as “Tabby” points years and years before we brought our first striped Birmans into CFA.

There is a reason that the term “Lynx” point was chosen when these striped Birmans were accepted into CFA. CFA edited out the term “Tabby” in the Birman proposal to accept striped Birmans and replaced it with a term of their own choosing; namely, “Lynx”, in order to follow the tradition of the Persian Breed Standard, which calls its striped pointed Persians “Lynx”.

However, in CFA it is true to say that there is spotty adherence to the standardization of color descriptions. Therefore, it is not without precedence that we Birman Breed Council members should get to choose what color description we want for our striped Birmans.

Other breeds have their own unique color descriptions:

- Tonkinese are called “Platinum” for the color that is universally known as “Lilac” across most other breeds. And “Natural” in place of “Seal”, as the Pointed Persian standard has it. That same seal coloration is known as “Sable” in the Burmese breed.
- “Red” Abyssinians are colored by the Cinnamon gene, yet they are not called “Cinnamon” Abys. Meanwhile, the term “Cinnamon” is used to describe that same genetic coloration in other breeds, such as Oriental Shorthairs.
- And while we’re on Orientals, they are not called “Black”, they are called “Ebony”; and they are not called “Lilac”, they are called “Lavender”.

There are so many other examples of a disconnect between what one breed calls a certain color and what another breed calls that same color, that a movement to stringently standardize color descriptions in CFA was shelved years ago.

Then, of course, there is the inaccuracy in using the word “Lynx” to describe a striped pattern. The Lynx species of wild cat itself is not patterned with stripes in adulthood. Rather, it is either spotted (like the Ocicat) or agouti colored (like the Abyssinian).

So for these reasons it makes sense to change our Standard's terminology from “Lynx” to “Tabby”:

- We follow the tradition of the rest of the Birman world, who had Tabby Points before we did here in North America;
- We end confusion by calling a color pattern by its real name and we pave the way for CFA to expand into the rest of the world;
- We end inaccuracy by using the term “Tabby” instead of the term “Lynx”, a name which comes from a wild felid species that is NOT striped, but rather is spotted or agouti.

Every breed in CFA is unique and every breed wants to celebrate its unique qualities by choosing its own presentation of its CFA Breed Standard. This is one of the many traditions that makes CFA great.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 35

60% of Voting: 21

YES: 25

NO: 10

ABSTAIN: 2

Altschul: I read the rationale. I don't see – **Larson:** I'm sorry, there's two – **Altschul:** I'm talking about the tabby ones. We have talked many times at the board table, trying to get our breeds to be consistent with their color descriptions. This is going away from that, so I'm having a really hard time having one breed with a color description that doesn't match any other breed that has the same pattern. I understand that you're trying to be more global, but I don't think CFA needs to change to match the rest of the world. CFA is the world's #1 registry of cats. We should set the standard, not use other people's. **Larson:** Thank you for your thoughts on this. The reason that we would like to change the wording from “lynx” to “tabby” is that, as you say, the rest of the world is doing that. I would propose that CFA is becoming more popular in the rest of the world, and that's why we would like to join with the people that had the tabby point Birmans in the rest of the world before we had them in the United States of America and Canada. So, we are looking at CFA being able to accept the colors being called “tabby points” in places like Australia and Europe. **Wilson:** I was just going to mention that the Himalayans call the red points “flame points”. **Hannon:** And they have lynx points, too. **Wilson:** Right. That's her [Altschul's] point, is that everybody else calls them lynx point, not tabby point, but the Himalayans do call their red points “flame points”, so we have always allowed for this open interpretation. **Baugh:** When anybody asks me, “what is a lynx point?”, my immediate response is, “it's a tabby point.” I think this is the proper terminology and I think there's nothing wrong with being the first one to do it right. **Larson:** Thank you. And my I add, please, to what Annette said? That is that there's examples of other breeds calling colors different things. For example, Tonkinese use platinum instead of lilac. In Burmese, we have sable, and natural in Tonkinese.

For example, in Orientals, they are not called black, they are called ebony. They're not called lilac, they are not even called platinum; they are lavender. **Hamza:** We get your drift. **Larson:** Thank you so much. **Bizzell:** I would say, unless we are going to force a particular naming convention over all breeds, that if a breed wants to call it's black cat "ebony" or you want to call your lynx points "tabby points", I think it's part of the breed allure. **Hamza:** Part of what we do here is, we give breeds determination over their own standards within reason, and this doesn't seem to be too difficult. There's no detriment here. **Hannon:** I would like to point out that all of this discussion is on the second question. We haven't even addressed the first question. **Hamza:** We've been going #2 first and then 1.

[from after vote on #1] **Anger:** #2 changes the word "lynx" in their standard to "tabby point", as they use in the rest of the world, so they can be globally consistent. This passed their breed council. It is a standard change requiring 21 votes, and it received 25. So moved. **Baugh:** Second.

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

BURMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Karen Thomas – Locust Grove, GA
Total Members: 58
Ballots Received: 31

1. **PROPOSED:** Reduce the pedigree requirement for importing Burmese from other registries from five to three generations. Changes will appear in Rules for Registration and in Registration FAQ on the website.

RATIONALE: Evidence has previously been presented to indicate that the Burmese breed is at risk with its' genetic diversity. Even though outcross options are temporarily available, to strengthen the health of the breed, more needs to be done in this direction.

A permanent reduction in the number of generations required to register by pedigree from 5 to 3 will result in Burmese from other registries becoming more accessible for CFA Burmese breeders to use. This in turn will make available additional cats to expand the existing Burmese gene pool.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 31

50% of Voting: 16

YES: 26

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Our next ballot is the Burmese, and we have the Breed Council Secretary here, Dr. Karen Thomas. Did you want to make any statement before we begin? **Thomas:** Yes. I want to confess my ignorance as Breed Council Secretary. It's something that I brought up at the last meeting I came to, and I said, "Breed Council Secretaries don't really get any training or a lot of help." Although the proposal passed with 80%, I think that if it's got to be accepted exactly as written, it needs to be withdrawn until I can rewrite it to include some things like requirements for DNA testing for some diseases that we don't have and Burmese in other countries do. So, I'm going to just say briefly, I would like to withdraw that until next year and let me do a better job of writing it, please. **Eigenhauser:** In the future, when it is something that involves either registration or show rules or something that's not part of the breed standard, the board can do a little bit of clean-up here. It's not a straight up or down vote constitutionally. If you have done some background and said, "these are the other changes we need," the board could have at least considered them today, but just understand, and it's an educational process for the Breed Council Secretaries, if it's not subject to the 60% rule, then we as a board can consider some tweaking and fixing at the board table. **Thomas:** By the time I figure out how to be a Breed Council Secretary, somebody else will be. **Hamza:** It's a tough world out there. **Thomas:** It is, but I could use a little clarification. The issue was the number of generations required to register and when I went to the CFA website and read up on it, I think it says something about *from other registering organizations*, but I couldn't find a list of who they were. Is that somewhere? **Hamza:** You know, we work with many different registries. The litmus test is usually how long they have been around, size of membership. What we try to stay away from is what we suspect are illegitimate registries, pirated registries. Cat registrations have been around a long time. We

recognize most of the other major registries. **Thomas:** I reviewed the Burmese descriptions in 8 different registering organizations and their registering rules and so forth. Of course, they are not consistent. Like in TICA, Bombays and Burmese are about the same breed. They don't even have separate European Burmese. Is it the American Cat Association? They have a breed group which includes Burmillas, so if they include that in their registry, then if we had a 3 generation pedigree, might we be bringing in silver? **Hamza:** A group isn't the same thing as a breed. When you're talking about bringing in colors, you've got to be careful because if it's not a color that's accepted, you can't register it. The Registration Department will help you. **Thompson:** Our basic Gold Standard for working with other organization is those that belong to the World Cat Congress, and clubs and groups that are affiliated with those organizations. **Thomas:** Anyway, to shorten things, let's just table it for this year. **Hamza:** OK, we will table it. **Wilson:** I would just like to ask you to please work a little bit with the European Burmese Breed Council Secretary. They didn't really feel like they had any right to speak to this, but they are concerned that this is a step towards homogenizing the breeds. I don't know if we would consider them "affected". Maybe we should, but when you start taking a 3-generation pedigree with multiple cats, whether they be Burmillas or European Burmese in the 4th generation, they see some handwriting on the wall, and they would like to have perhaps some input. If you could work with Robin. **Thomas:** I have emails where I communicated back and forth with her on that, and will continue to do that. **Wilson:** OK, thank you. **Hamza:** The motion is withdrawn. **Anger:** Thank you for coming.

Withdrawn.

DEVON REX

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Peterson – Clifton VA
Total Members: 29
Ballots Received: 12

1. The Sphynx Breed Council has proposed an outcross to the Devon Rex. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support an outcross.

PROPOSED: *Amend the reference information at the end of the Sphynx breed standard and rules for registration to add Devon Rex as an outcross breed until 2018, as follows:*

Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: *American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, ~~2015~~ 2018 may have only Sphynx parents.*

Sphynx Breed Council Rationale: It is vital that selective outcrossing be maintained to increase the Sphynx gene pool, and improve stamina and health. The Devon Rex gene and Sphynx Hairless gene are both recessive. However, the Sphynx Hairless gene is dominant to the Devon gene, meaning that if you have a cat with both the Sphynx Hairless gene and the Devon gene (i.e.; heterozygous Sphynx) the resulting cat will be hairless. Adding the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross would also bring CFA closer to other associations' registration rules regarding this breed. This might make it easier to register Sphynx cats from other associations, both as breeding cats and on the show bench. Additionally, having another pedigreed cat as an allowable outcross will enable breeders to research the pedigrees of both the American Shorthair and Devon Rex breeds for their breeding programs. This rule change may help to cut down disallowed cats being registered as "domestics" and used in outcross breeding of Sphynx.

Devon Rex BC Rationale: There was discussion on the Devon Rex BC yahoo groups list regarding this request and the majority of the BC members were in favor of this request. The Sphynx Breed Council is not asking for an indefinite outcross extension by setting a reasonable cut-off date at this time. Also, as a breed that utilizes outcrosses to maintain genetic diversity, I would suggest we support this request to assist one of our fellow CFA breeds.

Are you in favor of the outcross, as proposed by the Sphynx Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 11
50% of Voting: 6

YES: 10

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

Hamza: We are up to Devon Rex. **Anger:** The Devon Rex is an affected breed on the Sphynx ballot, so we will save this until we get to Sphynx, but you will note that it did pass the Devon Rex breed council.

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary: Penni Richter – Riverside, California

Total Members: 57

Ballots Received: 43

1. The Persian Breed Council has proposed to prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Persian classes, effective May 1, 2014. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the prohibition:

PROPOSED: *Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2014. Agree to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes as established by the Exotic breed.*

CFA shall make the following changes to applicable Show Rules and Persian Rules of Registration in order to remove the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes (note: changes relating to the Exotic standard, the Exotic Listing within Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

- a. *Revise Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), e~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.*
- b. *Revise Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2014 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).*

PERSIAN*

(See Note at End of Persian Listing)

Note: ~~Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

- c. *Add a note to the “Significant Acceptance Dates” section and add notes to the “Breed Notes” section of the Persian Rules of Registration indicating Longhair Exotics no longer accepted in competition in Persian classes.*

Persian Breed Council Rationale: *This question is on both the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots. In 2008, the Board required the Exotic and Persian Breed Council Secretaries to reach a compromise that would permit the showing of Longhair Exotics. The*

Board also informed the BC secretaries that they did not want a solution that permitted the showing of cats in separate breeds that would look alike to spectators at CFA shows. Consequently, the compromise approved in 2009 permitted Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions to be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair Division of Exotics was created for scoring purposes only – all national and regional points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes count towards Longhair Exotic Division wins, not towards Persian Division wins.

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed, it is only appropriate that Longhair Exotics no longer be allowed to be shown in Persian color classes; instead, Longhair Exotics should be shown in a Longhair Division of the Exotic breed.

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed as Longhair Exotics currently receive wins in a Longhair Division of Exotic even though they are shown in Persian color classes. This change will also permit Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

Exotic Breed Council Rationale: The above proposal was submitted by the Persian Breed Council for our consideration. This proposal is placed on our ballot by direction from the CFA Board.

The Exotic BC should vote NO on the above proposal. To remove the LHE from the show bench in CFA, at this time, would be detrimental to the Exotic Breeders and to CFA.

The showing of the LHE with Persians was a compromise reached by both the Persian and the Exotic breed councils, by Board Directive in 2008. The Exotic breeders do not wish to alter this compromise at this time.

If the above proposal were to pass, our LHE would no longer be shown until this BC submits a drastic standard change to allow for a LH Division of the Exotic – which we do not wish to do.

To alter our Standard, in any way, at this time would be done in haste. Any issue, as important as this, needs to be discussed and well thought out, over possibly a year or more, as stated in the Breed Council Secretary published guidelines, found on the CFA website.

Are you in favor of the prohibition of showing LHE in the Persian classes, as proposed by the Persian Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 42

50% of Voting: 21

YES: 4

NO: 38

ABSTAIN: 1

Anger: Next is the Exotic. We have the same situation here, where they were an affected breed. The Persian Breed Council wants to move their longhair Exotics out of the Persian classes, and we will address this with the Persian ballot. On this, for your information, you will note that they only received 4 yes votes, so it did not pass the affected breed council's ballot.

LA PERM

Breed Council Secretary: Dennis Ganoë – Portland, Oregon

Total Members: 6

Ballots Received: 6

- 1. PROPOSED:** Change the CFA Registration Rules for the LaPerm to identify the procedure to use when registering a domestic outcross used in a LaPerm breeding program by adding the following to the Rules of Registration for the LaPerm:

Procedure for using a Domestic cat in your LaPerm Breeding Program (CFA)

In order to register a litter from a domestic outcross, you must provide CFA with three pieces of paper. You must complete a litter registration for the LaPerm litter, a litter registration filled out to register the domestic used in that LaPerm litter, and a letter of explanation of your intent.

LAPERM LITTER REGISTRATION (using a domestic outcross)

- Complete Section A for the litter.
 - Enter “LaPerm” as the Breed
 - Enter the date of birth of the litter
 - Enter the number of kittens (living) in the litter
- Complete Section B – Sire Information
 - If the Sire is the Domestic, enter the cat’s name in the “Registered Name of Sire”. You will leave the CFA Registration Number blank at this time. Complete the Owner/Lessee, Address, City, State and Postal Code as you would normally. Be sure to sign the litter registration form as owner of the Sire.
 - If the Sire is the LaPerm, enter the Registration information from your Registration Certificate in the spaces provided. If you are leasing the registered LaPerm, fill out the Lease of Sire section. Otherwise, leave this section blank.
- Complete Section C – Dam Information
 - If the Dam is the Domestic, enter the cat’s name in the “Registered Name of Dam”. You will leave the CFA Registration Number blank at this time. Complete the Owner/Lessee, Address, City, State and Postal Code as you would normally. Be sure to sign the litter registration form as owner of the Dam. Make sure you add your breeder/cattery name and number in the appropriate spaces.
 - If the Dam is the LaPerm, enter the Registration information from your Registration Certificate in the spaces provided. If you are leasing the registered LaPerm, fill out the Lease of Dam section. Otherwise, leave this section blank.
- Complete Section D and E normally for litter owner and any kittens you wish to register from this litter.

DOMESTIC REGISTRATION

This should only be filled out the first time a domestic is used in a LaPerm breeding program.

1. You will need to complete a SECOND Litter Registration form, for the Domestic cat.
 - a. For Section A – Birth Information, enter “LaPerm” as the “Breed”; Enter the domestic cat’s birth date (if known) or an approximate date based on their age; Enter “1” as the number of surviving kittens.
 - b. For Section B – Sire Information, enter UNKNOWN as the name of the SIRE. Be sure to sign as owner of the Sire. Leave the remaining fields blank
 - c. For Section C – Dam Information, enter UNKNOWN as the name of the DAM. Be sure to sign as owner of the Dam. Leave the remaining fields blank
 - d. For Section D – Litter Owner, enter your own information as the owner of this litter.
 - e. For Section E – Complete the information for the Domestic cat used in the LaPerm Litter Registration. List two choices for name without any cattery prefix or suffix. Mark the appropriate box for Sex and length of coat. Enter the color description using standard CFA terminology. For example, CFA uses the term “Patched Tabby” rather than “Torbie”. Enter your name as Owner along with your address.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

Now that you have the LaPerm Litter form complete and the Domestic Cat registration form complete, you should type up a letter explaining your intentions to CFA Central Office. A simple letter such as this will suffice.

Dear CFA,

Enclosed you will find a pair of registration forms for a recent LaPerm litter I wish to register. This litter used a domestic cat as Sire/Dam and I wish to register the Domestic along with the LaPerm Litter. The Domestic is listed as the Sire/Dam of the LaPerm litter (registration form #1). The second registration form is to individually register the domestic for any future litters I may have from this cat.

I have enclosed the appropriate fees for registering the litter (and any kittens in that litter) and the individual domestic cat according to the fee schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at *(list your email, address and/or phone number)*

Sincerely,

<sign your name>

Completing these steps should result in CFA issuing a litter registration for your LaPerm litter, as well as an individual registration for the domestic. The domestic will receive a LaPerm Registration number as an AOV. You should file these with all of your other cat registrations because you do not need to re-register the domestic to register a subsequent litter using the same cat. To register a subsequent litter using a previously registered domestic, you will fill out the litter registration form and insert the domestic’s CFA Registration Number where appropriate.

RATIONALE: LaPerms are allowed to use Domestic cats as out cross for litters born prior to 2015, however no procedure exists within the rules of registration describing the accepted procedures. This procedure has been used unofficially by the CFA Central Office and a Yes vote for this proposal will make it part of the rules of registration in CFA for domestic outcrosses within a LaPerm breeding program.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 6

50% of Voting: 3

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Next we go to LaPerm. We're going to consider both proposals 1 and 2. We have the LaPerm Breed Council Secretary here, board member Dennis Ganoë. Did you want to make a statement or just answer questions? **Ganoë:** I can answer questions, but for the first one, the generation of that was, early last year we had a breeder who wanted to register her outcross domestic. We didn't have a written policy. I worked with Donna Jean and the people at Central Office, and we wrote this policy. Then the Breeds and Standards Chairs asked me to put it on the ballot to get ratification from the breeders. That's why it's on the ballot. The second one is simply to extend our outcross to domestics for another 5 years. **Anger:** Both these proposals passed unanimously, 6 votes to zero. **Hamza:** That's straightforward enough. **Anger:** On proposal #1, so moved. **Meeker:** Seconded.

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

2. PROPOSED: Extend the cutoff date for Domestic Outcross litters from 2015 to 2020.

Current:

LaPerm allowable outcross breeds:

Domestic longhair and domestic shorthair. Kittens born on or after January 2015 may have only LaPerm parents.

Proposed:

LaPerm allowable outcross breeds:

Domestic longhair and domestic shorthair. Kittens born on or after January ~~2015~~2020 may have only LaPerm parents.

RATIONALE: The current allowance for using domestic cats in a LaPerm breeding program is set to expire in January 2015. Since the population of LaPerms in CFA is not growing at the expected rate, we should allow the use of Domestic to continue so that breeders are not limited in the breeding decisions. Allowing another five years of domestic outcrosses is projected to be sufficient for increasing the number and frequency of LaPerms seen in CFA shows.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 6
50% of Voting: 3

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Proposal #2 is to extend their outcross to domestics 5 more years, to the year 2020. They have their cut-off date on there, thank you. It passed 6 to zero. So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

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

MAINE COON

Breed Council Secretary: Alexis Mitchell – Topeka, Kansas

Total Members: 122

Ballots Received: 86

Anger: Next is the Maine Coon breed council ballot. We have the Maine Coon Breed Council secretary here, Alexis Mitchell. We are going to consider all of the proposals here except 6 and 7. The beginning of ballot, proposals 1 through 8, are the ticked/spotted proposals and 9 through 12 are the patched tabby proposals. Did you have a statement? **Mitchell:** I do have a statement. I want to thank the board for hearing me today. The ballot passed, but there is a lot of controversy around it. It was a close vote. I have a written statement, if it's OK if I read it. It takes about 10 minutes. Is that acceptable? **Hamza:** Go ahead.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Board.

Though there are passionate arguments on both sides of our ballot issues, this year's ballot was surrounded by controversy. In 2012 we attempted a ballot item to clarify the DQ of the ticked and spotted tabbies. The votes indicated our membership in favor of this but there was question about how the proposal was written and certain wording as well as controversy over missing ballots and not enough discussion prior to the ballot. After the fact, discussions started about ticked and spotted tabbies on our MCBC list. In an attempt to be fair and be sure all members were contacted, in the Fall of 2012 I personally sent out a poll via US mail to all MCBC members to see if there was interest in pursuing the ticked tabby issue further. I received 66 responses out of 104 members. I asked the members if there was interest in the ticked and spotted tabby. There were 33 no votes, meaning no interest and 32 yes votes but of the 32 yes votes, 15 of them had unfavorable written comments that they should NOT be accepted. My impression was 48 total no votes of the 66. I did not feel the issue warranted further action, but discussion continued on the list and consisted of the same small group of members.

Despite efforts to form our own breeds and standards committee to research and educate our entire Breed Council on these issues prior to them being put onto a ballot, a group of breeders chose to write and submit proposals to the CFA Breeds and Standards committee at the same time they sent them to me. There was no prior knowledge on my part of their intentions. CFA Breeds and Standards also sent me a copy on the same day they received it to be sure I was aware of it. The breeders argued it was to get it done because it was not getting done. I did not understand their actions or the urgency on their part.

After the proposals were submitted, whether or not to include them on this year's ballot was cause for further controversy due to the issues that came to light during discussions on our MCBC list and in show halls regarding the items. I had originally decided not to put the items on the ballot. My decision was not accepted as is. I was sent personal nasty emails, I was berated if I can use that term on our MCBC list after all, it is a public forum. Though I do not support most of these items as being what is best for our breed at this time, I was convinced to add the ballot items as part of my responsibility as the voice of our members, regardless of how many or how few, to the Board of Directors. This ballot and the results are now in your hands.

I am aware the Board members have received numerous letters both pro and con for consideration before a vote. As recently as Thursday, I received a report on tabby genetics that was sent to the Board members that I have been asked to present to you by those in favor of our ballot's ratification. This same report was submitted by someone opposed during discussions prior to the proposals being submitted. As has been the case in most of the discussions regarding the acceptance of ticked and/or spotted tabbies, information and reports are spun by either side to convince those who do not fully understand them to see it their way. This, in itself, is an indication to me that this information is not clearly understood by anyone yet. The report itself indicates the issue is being worked on and there is still much to be done. It is ongoing research. Though it has been suggested to me how to present this, here is how I see it. There is a ticked gene in cats. The ticked gene is a co-dominant gene that is passed along seen or unseen. This gene is either turned on or off depending on the rest of the genes present in the cat. If it is off and is a tabby, it is classic or mackerel. If it is on from one parent there is a ticked pattern resembling ticked patterns of the Oriental with strong tabby markings on face, legs and tail. If the gene is on from both parents less tabby markings are seen like the Abyssinian ticked.

Hamza: Alexis, can I ask you where this comes from? **Mitchell:** Did you not get the – **Hamza:** I mean, where is the science behind this? I got it, but – **Hannon:** For the record, because I've gotten both sides of the story. **Mitchell:** *Defining and Mapping Mammalian Coat Pattern Genes: Multiple Genomic Regions Implicated in Domestic Cat Stripes and Spots, copyright 2010 by the Genetics Society of America.* **Hannon:** That's what we needed for the record, because people reading the minutes haven't read the letters that came in to the board members. **Hamza:** Go ahead.

The spotted gene is a modifier that breaks up another tabby gene. There are no tests available for these genes commercially. Is there a difference between a ticked tabby and a classic or mackerel that ticks out with age? Right or wrong, with that being said, breeds came to be accepted as particular breeds with standards written that describe characteristics including acceptable colors and patterns for that breed. The breeds came to be perfected or "established" by what was bred in and what was bred out to produce the current examples we have today. The Maine Coon Cat is no exception. The ticked tabby has never been an acceptable pattern described in our standard. The Board should have received a letter from Gail Frew, a previous BC secretary from 1995-2004 who has given a history of the absence and eventual official disqualification of the ticked tabby in 1997. This became part of our standard, with an overwhelming vote to omit any evidence of hybridization in our breed including Abyssinian type, pointed patterns and resulting colors. At that time breeders had a standard to follow that would mean omitting the ticked tabby from our breed. Clearing up and perfecting desired patterns eventually was addressed with the inclusion of giving a point value to the color and pattern in our standard. Our ballot items include the acceptance of ticked and spotted tabbies into our standard. Passing this brings characteristics into our breed that were established as undesirable characteristics in the Maine Coon Cat we have in CFA today. Founders of our breed felt classic and mackerel tabby patterns best represented our breed and were the patterns included as acceptable in the standard. Ticked tabby Maine Coon Cats are not part of the CFA Maine Coon Cat standard and never have been and should not have been perpetuated in a CFA breeding program. Doing so would produce cats/kittens unacceptable for registration which, in turn, would cause the MCBC and BOD to change our standard for them which is what we are being asked to do now.

A suggestion that acceptance of these patterns would increase registration revenue for CFA has not been proven by any of the previous accepted colors/patterns of other breeds that have used the same argument. As far as exhibiting, other association shows that accept these patterns do not have any more total entries on a weekend as a CFA show. They average about 150 entries and they register not only these MC patterns but, other breeds we do not recognize. I do not believe this is a valid argument to warrant changing the standard of our established breed.

Rationale for most of these items includes the importance of the accuracy of the CFA pedigree. I am particularly concerned with this as the very rationale states “breeders choosing to use a ticked tabby in their breeding program may use a generic ‘tabby’ or even solid or mackerel to get their cats registered in order to continue showing progeny from those lines”. I simply do not understand any argument that suggests dishonesty and the risk of putting the integrity of the CFA pedigree in jeopardy.

Further rationale includes the difficulty to work with cats from other Associations due to the requirement of the 5 generation pedigree being free of what is not acceptable for registration in CFA. Licensing a cattery in CFA requires the breeder to know the rules and abide by them. If the ticked tabby is that important to a breeder’s program, they need to adjust the program accordingly and realize they will not be able to register or show a cat/kitten that is not an accepted color/pattern. Recent discussion regarding generational registering on the Breed Council Secretaries’ list included a post that stated, “In the past, the basic consensus was that if you had a cat with a CFA pedigree that you had something that was meaningful since CFA breeders work hard to make sure that they do not devalue the validity of their pedigree”. Our ballot rationale that includes the encouragement of working across associations for whatever reasons including importing, numbers, revenue, diversity, outcrosses etc... was also addressed in the same BC secretary discussions where it was further stated, “upholding generational requirements does not preclude one from introducing imports/new lines, it simply means not every cat is a show cat. Advantages to lowering your requirements: It will be easier to register from other registries. Disadvantages – It will be easier to register from other registries who may or may not have quality control. You run the risk of losing the unique characteristics of your breed as you introduce higher quantities of outcross lines into the breed.” Though the comments on the BC secretary list were not in regards to the Maine Coon, they apply. Introducing the ticked tabby to our breed runs into the same concerns, losing particular characteristics or introducing others...what else may be in the new lines and where will we draw a line if what “pops up” is used and we find ourselves here again trying to get it accepted instead of breeding it out. The pointed gene comes to mind.

The constant reference that the ticked and spotted tabby is a naturally occurring pattern in the Maine Coon Cat and that by looking at any rescue shelter is some point to be made also confuses me. The CFA Maine Coon Cat is a pedigreed cat within an established breed that has been worked with for years. It has a written standard to describe the characteristics it is required to exhibit or not exhibit. It is not the barn cat on the farm anymore. It is my position that a breeding program should follow the standard for the cat they have chosen to produce. I acknowledge there is new research but, there is still much to be learned. I also realize times change but, I do not support changes to our standard to accept ticked and spotted tabbies at this time.

*Respectfully,
Alexis Mitchell, MCBC Secretary*

Mitchell: Thank you. **Eigenhauser:** I am actually embarrassed by my breed. Normally, Maine Coon people are some of the nicest, most cooperative breeders you are going to run into. There's hardly ever turf wars, there's hardly ever internal politics, and I've been deleting and deleting and deleting messages on our breed list for a while now because this has become such a political mess. It's really disappointing to me that our breed can't get along better than that and present themselves better. Having said that, I'm not convinced that the breed council wants this. What I am convinced is, there's a faction of the breed council that doesn't like our current breed secretary. That much is clear and my suggestion to you [Mitchell] is, no good deed ever goes unpunished. In trying to appease them, you only made them madder. I'm concerned that once you open up registration for something and it gets in the gene pool, it's there forever. If the breed council comes back to its senses next week or next month or next year, once the genes are in there, they are in there. If this is really that important, if this is really the intention of the majority of the breed council, they will be back again next year with this, and the year after that, but if this isn't what they really want, once it gets in the gene pool we can't get it back out. Once you put salt in a glass of water, you can't take it back out. So, my suggestion with this is – and this isn't on the ballot but it's not a standard change so I can say this – I would like to see these cats registered in the CATS database so they are genetically separate from the Maine Coon breed council. Let's see if there really are cats that need to be registered in these patterns. Let's see if there really is an interest or if this is just a – and I have to say it – pissing contest between those out of power against those that are in power at the moment. That's something that we can do that is forward going, it gives us information, it establishes the credibility of the faction that wants this, if they want to do it, and it gives us something that's reversible if this is just an aberration. So that is my proposed solution to this problem. If there are so many ticked, if there are so many spotted, let them register them in the CATS database, and if there really is that kind of interest for CFA, then we can sit down and talk about whether there's enough interest to do however many pages of standard changes this is, but I really think a cooling off period is the way to go with this. I don't want to just say no outright to the people that voted yes on this, either. That's why I think giving them a place to register their cat and if they really mean it and they come back next year with it, maybe I'll believe they mean it. Right now, I see a lot of people I know don't work with ticked or spotted that are all over this, mostly because of the political side they're on and not because of anything to do with the cats. "Act in haste, repent at leisure". As a board, we have the responsibility to be a moderating influence within the breeds, and I think the way to go with this is to give them something forward going, but not put something into the gene pool that we will never be able to take back out again.

Cats Ancestral Tracking Service(CATS)

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) has instituted a program which allows cats that do not meet CFA's requirements for standard registration to be recorded with CFA for the purpose of establishing a line of breeding. This system is suitable for cats of new breeds and for cats of CFA's recognized breeds when it is not possible to meet the usual requirements for registration, i.e. submission of a certified pedigree from another association.

CFA is offering this new service, called Cats Ancestral Tracking Service (CATS), as a supplement to our regular breed registry. Participation in CATS is intended to provide an accurate recording of a cat's ancestry and that cat's future generations. The intention is to build a pedigree history for the cat and its offspring. The desired end result would be

to have recorded a sufficient number of generations (that conform to the usual requirements for the breed) to allow for the possible acceptance of the line into CFA's standard registration files.

A cat recorded under this system will not be issued the standard CFA certificate of registration, is not guaranteed acceptance or breed recognition into CFA's usual registry, and is not eligible for showing in CFA. For this line to cross over from CATS to our standard registration database, all future generations would be required to meet the usual CFA registration requirements.

Cats may be listed in the CATS database, which will be completely separate from our regular system, under the following possible circumstances. Other situations will be considered on an individual basis.

- *Recognized breeds with insufficient number of generations of ancestry to be included in the CFA registry, such as Siamese or Abyssinians with fewer than 8 generations of known and registered background.*
- *Recognized breeds with NO ancestral history, such as cats in or from a country with a developing cat fancy, which has no registration association in which to record a cat's history and therefore cannot supply the required certified pedigrees necessary for standard registration.*
- *Recognized breeds from organizations currently not recognized by CFA for cross-registration purposes (ICE, ACE, UFO, etc.).*
- *Breeds recognized for registration by other associations, but not by CFA, such as Australian Mist, Burmillas, etc.*
- *Cats whose breed is not currently accepted for registration in CFA or any other association.*
- *Cats that would not be eligible for registration with CFA due to breeds and/or colors found in the background and which are not accepted by CFA as allowable outcrosses.*

Please read CFA's Policy on the Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats

PLEASE NOTE: The CATS system was not established for the recording of pets or for those cats which have been altered. CATS was created to be used by breeders who wish to perpetuate a particular line of breeding by recording each generation for eventual acceptance of future offspring for both breeding and showing purposes. It is meant for those who are willing to take the necessary steps over what could be a number of generations in order to record the existence of a particular line of cats. Recording of a cat using this plan would have no practical advantage for the non-breeding pet owner.

Meeker: My concern with this, George, is as a voting member of the board on these issues, what I have to go on is a breed council vote by legitimate members of a breed council, and if a resolution passes by greater than 60%, in most cases the board has agreed to support that. What if this was a breed that didn't happen to have two breeders sitting on the board? There would be no one speaking for the political problems or the unrest or the breed council stuffing that apparently is being suggested. All of these things have happened to probably every breed council on the planet. As a member of the board, I feel like I have to function from what's being given to me to vote on. I certainly love your proposal, but I don't know that we have that option.

Eigenhauser: We do.

Hamza: There's some disturbing things here. It's a bad situation this board is in. We obviously have a – there are some issues here. We have all received dozens of emails and there's something going on just below the surface in this breed. What's really unfair is that you put this body in a bad position. We have before us propositions that have passed, but it's obviously not 100% clean.

Calhoun: To the point made about the fact that this passed by 60% and if there weren't people that had insight to what's going on in the breed and in the breed council that are sitting here, that that point of view would not be brought up, is fair. But, we are sitting here, and that's why we are out and that's part of our job, not only as members of the breed but as ambassadors of CFA to take back information. We speak to a lot of things, so we benefit from having people that are in the breed sitting here. As a Maine Coon breeder, I will tell you I voted no. I don't think that this is a good thing for the breed and I don't think it is appropriate for us to change the standard to fit a small group of cats. I think that our intent as breeders is to breed the perfect cat, which we will never achieve, but that's what our standard is supposed to drive us to do. As a board member, and particularly after yesterday when we talked about bullying, I have seen the letters that have come in, I have heard the comments, and the political spin and the atmosphere that's going on now within this breed is horrible. This is probably the worst I have ever seen, and it could be that I'm closer to it, or that I didn't see things before but I'm closer to it and I've seen it, and it has been horrible. Once we go down this road, we can't go back. We know that. There is no sense of urgency here. This is not a breed that needs its gene pool expanded, because it's detrimental to this breed. We need to take a pause, take a step back and fully understand the road we may be going down. This is a major breed, this is a corner that we are asked to turn that we can't go back. So, we had better be sure and we had better take everything into consideration. I hope everything thinks long and hard about it.

Hamza: Roger, I have a question for you, since you work with Texas A&M on genetics. Is there any way we can get an unbiased version of the truth? **Brown:** Yes, I think we can. Dr. Bill Murphy at Texas A&M cut his teeth on color genetics. He's done a lot of research in that area. Basically, ticked is certainly dominant. Spotted is on a different locus and is caused by a modifier of the tabby gene. There are a lot of modifiers. There may be modifiers that aren't even known yet, so it's a dominant characteristic. **Hamza:** If you could just ask if there is something. What I would like to get is an unbiased version of the truth and if there are any peculiarities to that breed. I don't see why there would be, but it's a question worth asking.

Altschul: I think several members of the board were planning to speak to this, and we aren't breeders of Maine Coons. I have never bred a Maine Coon and probably never will breed Maine Coons, but after the emails we received on this, there is no question that something was going on in the breed council that was not pretty, and I think many of the members of the board are probably a little bit concerned about that. You don't want to pass a change that started as a fight, because the fight just keeps going and going. You really want them to find a solution for it. I don't think it's about truth and facts, because there's so much about feline genetics we don't know. It's about the best thing for the breed and where they want their breed to go. They are picking their fate here. I've really struggled on this one because I see the majority of the breed council passed it, but there is a way to get salt out of a glass of water – you boil all the water off, which that's not what you want to do to a breed like the Maine Coon. When it comes to the breed council members, we rely on judges when we talk about judge-related things, who sit on the

board. We rely on people who live in certain areas of the country when we're talking about that area of the country. Certainly, I think we should rely on members of the breed council, particularly people who have been breeding for a very long time. They sit on the board, we go to them for their expertise. We rely on Roger for his scientific knowledge. We rely on people for their knowledge, so I don't think we should be biased toward a Maine Coon breeder who sits on the board. We rely on them and we rely on their integrity when they are going to submit evidence, not bring personal conflict here.

Baugh: 17 years ago, the breed council voted to use this as a disqualify. They did not want the ticked tabby in their breed. There are many breeds that have various colors out there that occur. They voted to take this away from that standard. Every cat that we recognize has made a huge change from what it was in the wild to what it is today. Every one of our breeds has done that. The Maine Coon people have determined over many, many years and with the success that they have had, that the classic tabby and mackerel are the two colors that we should be having. I think that this is wrong to try to change it at this point, because it is far too major a change. As Kathy said, once we turn this corner, there's no going back. I think with George's proposal, let's get some numbers and go forward from there if it's justified, but I think to pass this today would be a disservice to the breed.

Hamza: Before we get to George's proposal, we have to vote through these one way or another and then we can explore alternative issues. **Eigenhauser:** And Rachel has had her hand up, too. **Hamza:** Sometimes I can't see you because you're right there. **Eigenhauser:** I want to respond to Ginger. Not every breed has the good fortune or bad fortune – depending on how you look at it – to have a loudmouth like me speaking for them on the board, but we do have a breed council secretary who stood up here and talked about how she was essentially run over to get this on the ballot. Two of the last three breed council secretaries for this breed have written in to oppose it, and I would hope that even without me here, this board could look through that and see what's going on and make a good decision. **Meeker:** May I respond, since that was directed to me? **Hamza:** Yeah, but I don't want this to turn into a volley, but go ahead. **Meeker:** George, I think you have a beautiful proposal for solving the problem, because as a member of this board I got the same emails you did. I don't have all of the history, and all of the history was not laid out so cleanly in any of the emails that I received. Sitting here, I feel like, "damned if I do, damned if I don't." **Hamza:** Well, these people put us in a bad position. **Meeker:** They put us in a bad position. **Hamza:** They put the board where they think the board is going to settle a dispute, and I'm going to urge this board not to. **Meeker:** Jerry, let me just say one more thing. As far as the quote "breed council stuffing", as a member of the board, when I see a number and a vote, I have to trust that those rules and regulations, through breed council membership, through our Central Office, were upheld in every case. If they weren't, then you're telling me I don't have a system I can trust. Mostly, when I look through breed council ballots, I go, "ah, 60% of that breed council wants this; there must be a valid reason for it." In this case, I think there's been shifting on both sides. I'm really uncomfortable and I would support George's proposal.

Hamza: We've got to get through these first. You know, a very large part of me, my instincts tell me that the board can send a message back to everybody by voting no on everything, letting them know we don't want any part of any of it. **Hannon:** Is there an option where we just don't vote, and take it off the table? **Hamza:** We can take this off the table.

Anger: I still would like to speak. **Hannon:** I'm asking. Do we have to? **Hamza:** No, we don't have to. **Anger:** I have a couple of points, and forgive me if some of it is repetitive. On last year's ballot, there were 104 Maine Coon breed council members. This year, I think there were 120. I'm trying to scroll through and find that information right now. **Shelton:** 122. I just looked it up. **Anger:** So, it's less than 20 additional votes. I don't know if that falls in the level of stuffing, but to me there's not that much difference. My second point is that our breed council secretary description empowers all breed council secretaries to be the guardian of their breed. The breed council secretary here spoke very passionately about how she has a great fear for this breed if we accept these patterns, what this will do and how it may bring about some of those unintended consequences we try so hard to avoid. Third, this breed has no allowable outcross. I have asked the question many times of several different people that have submitted these letters to us, how can you prove to me that this didn't come from a disallowed outcross? Within our foundation cats, no one has proven to me that there were any ticked tabbies. We know there were polydactyls and we have worked hard to breed that out, but this is not something that I am comfortable with at this point, saying that this is a naturally occurring pattern that has always existed in our breed, as has been claimed. Certainly it may have been. Yes, it's a pattern that existed and still exists in the random cat population, and we have random cats that are the ancestors of today's current Maine Coons, but we are trying to breed towards perfection, not back to random cats.

Hamza: The more I sit here, the more I think about what Mark just said and the more I like it. I would just like to kick this whole thing out and let them know we don't want any part of their fight. If they want to come to this board, this is a professional board. This is the CFA Board of Directors. We come from all over the country on our own personal time and expense to behave as professionals, to settle the business of CFA in a professional way. All I can tell you is, what we've gotten from the Maine Coon people has been far from professional. When I would see the emails coming across my email, I would get uncomfortable at times. I would ask myself, what is going on, because I know something is going on. I don't know exactly what. I don't maybe have the insight that some of you people who are breeding in this breed might, but we shouldn't be subjected to this as a board. It's beneath us, and I would like a motion to send a message that this is beneath us, to just dump the whole Maine Coon proposal. **Anger:** Can we do that? We should vote on them. **Baugh:** Ginger already made one. **Meeker:** I made one. **Calhoun:** Second. **Baugh:** And Kathy seconded it.

Ganoe: The entire Maine Coon proposal is not about just ticked and spotted. **Hamza:** I know that, but I don't want to get into any of it. I want to send a message. **Meeker:** I don't want to parse it. I want to table. I want to send it back and let them re-do it and re-present it. **Hamza:** You know what? I don't want to be seen as taking any side in this, because I don't know enough about the sides. This is the board. **Altschul:** I can understand taking back the ones that passed, 1 through 8, but 9, 10, 11, 12, those were not in contention. We received no emails about that. I think the breed council was pretty much all in agreement there, and I think we can kick back part of it. **Hamza:** These are all the same people. **Anger:** No, those are separate. **Altschul:** But it's not. They had 70 people vote yes on those. **Eigenhauser:** Why don't we ask the breed council secretary if we should separate them like that. **Mitchell:** I think it would be more fair. There's much more support for the patched tabby issue than there was. It was the ticked and spotted issue that really had everybody fighting each other and it was very close, but when it came to the other things, you can see that the yes votes far outweigh the no votes. **Hamza:** I hesitate, because then

we're coming down on a side. I know how this is breaking, folks, and I really would – you know, you're the board and this is Robert's Rules. I would prefer we don't. **Hannon:** What was the motion? To do away with the whole ballot or just 1 through whatever? **Meeker:** I would amend my motion, to table 1 through 8, and ask for a board vote on, is it 9 through 12? **Anger:** Yes. **Meeker:** OK, that's my motion. **Altschul:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Ganoe voting no.

Hamza: Well, that just made it worse. **Eigenhauser:** I really do think I would like the information anyway. I know we tossed this out as a block, but I still want to make the motion that we open up the CATS registry to ticked and spotted Maine Coons. Maybe when people are calmer and they have thought this through and they have information, maybe we will vote in favor of it, I don't know. I just want information, and that's why I'm seeking the motion. **Meeker:** Second. **Hamza:** OK, that's reasonable enough. **Eigenhauser:** It's not a standard change. **Hamza:** Do you want to make a motion? **Raymond:** He did. **Hamza:** Is there a second? **Meeker:** I did.

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

Part I – Maine Coon Cat Rules of Registration Changes

- PROPOSED:** Change the CFA Maine Coon Cat Rules of Registration to REMOVE the Ticked Tabby from the “Do Not Accept for Registration” list for the Maine Coon Cat.

Current:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

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Accepting these cats for registration will bring in registration money, ensure accuracy in the pattern descriptions in our pedigrees and provide an extension of the gene pool available to Maine Coon Cat breeders in CFA.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 84

50% of Voting: 42

YES: 54

NO: 30

ABSTAIN: 2

Tabled.

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YES: 47

NO: 36

ABSTAIN: 3

Tabled.

Part II - Maine Coon Cat Standard Changes

IF ITEM #1 SHOULD PASS

- 3. PROPOSED:** ADD the following Ticked Tabby pattern description to the **MAINE COON CAT COLORS, Tabby Patterns** section of the Maine Coon Cat standard. No pattern description for Ticked Tabby exists in the standard.

Current:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

Brown Tabby Color Class

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY:

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Red Tabby Color Class

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CREAM-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

RED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

...

Proposed:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: shows pronounced ticking on body and when viewed from above will show darkening at the dorsal crest but will otherwise be free from pattern or any

noticeable spots, stripes or blotches. Body hairs will be ticked with various shades of marking color and ground color. The cat will show full tabby markings on face and legs and the lighter underside may also show tabby markings.

Brown Tabby Color Class

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked):

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Red Tabby Color Class

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

CREAM-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

RED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ticked): ...

...

RATIONALE: When the Ticked Tabby pattern is accepted for registration, the standard will require a clear description of the requirements of a ticked tabby pattern for cats to be registered as such. This is consistent in the Maine Coon Cat standard with the other tabby patterns currently accepted for registration.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

YES: 52

NO: 32

ABSTAIN: 2

Tabled.

IF ITEMS #1 & 3 SHOULD PASS

- 4. PROPOSED:** REMOVE the ticked tabby pattern from the Disqualify section of the Maine Coon Cat Breed Standard.

Current:

DISQUALIFY: delicate bone structure. Undershot chin, i.e. the front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed. Crossed eyes. Kinked tail. Incorrect number of toes. White buttons, white lockets, or white spots. Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern; or unpatterned agouti on the body (i.e. Abyssinian type ticked tabby).

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: delicate bone structure. Undershot chin, i.e. the front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed. Crossed eyes. Kinked tail. Incorrect number of toes. White buttons, white lockets, or white spots. Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, or the Himalayan pattern; ~~or unpatterned agouti on the body (i.e. Abyssinian type ticked tabby).~~

RATIONALE: The Ticked Tabby is a naturally occurring pattern in the Maine Coon Cat breed. Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cats have been acknowledged and accepted in most other feline registries around the world. As breeders and exhibitors are being encouraged to “try CFA”, throughout the U.S., in Europe and other countries, we are missing out on numerous opportunities for registrations and entries by not allowing the Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cats to be shown.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 52

NO: 31

ABSTAIN: 3

Tabled.

IF ITEMS #1, 3, & 4 SHOULD PASS

5. PROPOSED: Add Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cats to the Maine Coon Cat AOV class.

Current:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

OMCC (Other Maine Coon Cat colors): ...

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Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV.....1798 1799

Proposed:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

OMCC (Other Maine Coon Cat colors): ...

AOV Colors

TICKED TABBY (all accepted Maine Coon cat Tabby colors): A ticked tabby cat shows pronounced ticking on body and when viewed from above will show darkening at the dorsal crest but will otherwise be free from pattern or any noticeable spots, stripes or blotches. Body hairs will be ticked with various shades of marking color and ground color. The Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cat will show full tabby markings on face and legs and lighter underside may also show tabby markings.

TICKED TABBY & WHITE (all accepted Maine Coon cat Tabby colors): The colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established tabby color standards as defined for ticked tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws; includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. White on undersides may be broken by color. Excepting those exhibiting characteristics specifically listed as a disqualifying feature.

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Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV.....1798 1799
Ticked Tabby (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors); Ticked Tabby & White (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors)

RATIONALE: Another reason our pedigrees are becoming unreliable is due to the fact that many CFA Maine Coon Cat breeders/exhibitors don't understand or recognize this pattern when it does show up. As the Ticked pattern often shows ghosting of classic or mackerel pattern in kittens, breeders without an understanding of the Ticked pattern may see kittens as "poor pattern" examples or unclear solids. Since the Ticked Tabby is not allowed, many breeders have never had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with this pattern. Therefore, no one can say how many kittens of this pattern have been born and placed as pets or, if kept in a breeding program, misnamed on their pedigrees.

By allowing this pattern to be shown in AOV, we would be more welcoming to Maine Coon Cat breeders working with the Ticked Tabby pattern in other associations who may want to "try CFA". We would also enable CFA exhibitors who are interested in working with this pattern to bring them out, and let judges and fellow exhibitors learn about them. AOV is not eligible for championship status or ribbons of any kind, but it does allow the cats to be seen and evaluated, and allowing Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cats to be shown as AOV's would be educational for all concerned.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 51

NO: 32

ABSTAIN: 3

Tabled.

IF ITEM # 2 SHOULD PASS

6. **PROPOSED:** Add the following Spotted Tabby pattern description to the **MAINE COON CAT COLORS, Tabby Patterns** section of the Maine Coon Cat standard. No pattern description for Spotted Tabby exists in the current standard.

Current:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

Brown Tabby Color Class

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY:

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Red Tabby Color Class

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CREAM-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

RED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

...

Proposed:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: markings on the body to be spotted. May vary in size and shape with preference given to round, evenly distributed spots. Spots should not run together in a broken mackerel pattern. A dorsal stripe runs the length of the body to the tip of the tail. The stripe is ideally composed of spots. The markings on the face and forehead shall be typically tabby markings. Underside of the body to have “vest buttons.” Legs and tail are barred.

Brown Tabby Color Class

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Red Tabby Color Class

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

CREAM-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

RED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): ...

...

RATIONALE: When the Spotted Tabby pattern is accepted for registration, the standard will require a clear description of the requirements of a spotted tabby pattern for cats to be registered as such. This is consistent in the Maine Coon Cat standard with the other tabby patterns currently accepted for registration.

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 83
60% of Voting: 50

YES: 45

NO: 38

ABSTAIN: 3

Tabled.

IF ITEMS #2 & 6 SHOULD PASS

7. PROPOSED: Add Spotted Tabby Maine Coon Cats to the Maine Coon Cat AOV class.

Current:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

OMCC (Other Maine Coon Cat colors): ...

The following information is for reference purposes only and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.

Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV.....1798 1799

Proposed:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

OMCC (Other Maine Coon Cat colors): ...

AOV Colors

SPOTTED TABBY (all accepted Maine Coon Cat tabby colors): markings on the body to be spotted. May vary in size and shape with preference given to round, evenly distributed spots. Spots should not run together in a broken mackerel pattern. A dorsal stripe runs the length of the body to the tip of the tail. The stripe is ideally composed of spots. The markings on the face and forehead shall be typically tabby markings. Underside of the body to have “vest buttons.” Legs and tail are barred.

SPOTTED TABBY WITH WHITE (all accepted Maine Coon Cat tabby colors): the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established tabby color standards as defined for spotted tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws; includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. White on undersides may be broken by color. Excepting those cats exhibiting characteristics specifically listed as a disqualifying feature.

The following information is for reference purposes only and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.

Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV.....1798 1799
Spotted Tabby (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors); Spotted Tabby & White (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors)

RATIONALE: Another reason our pedigrees are becoming unreliable is due to the fact that many CFA Maine Coon Cat breeders/exhibitors don't understand or recognize this pattern when it does show up. If you don't know what a Spotted Tabby Maine Coon Cat is supposed to look like, how do you know whether you have a broken Mackerel, a broken Classic pattern or a Spotted Tabby? Since the Spotted Tabby is not allowed, many breeders have never had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with this pattern. Therefore, no one can say how many kittens of this pattern have been born and placed as pets or, if kept in a breeding program, misnamed on their pedigrees. While it's been said that the Spotted Tabby is a rare occurrence, it may well be that there are plenty of them born to breeders who don't recognize them because they've had no exposure to them.

By allowing this pattern to be shown in AOV, we would be more welcoming to Maine Coon Cat breeders working with the Spotted Tabby pattern in other associations who may want to "try CFA". We would also enable CFA exhibitors who are interested in working with this pattern to bring them out and let judges and fellow exhibitors learn about them. AOV is not eligible for CH status or ribbons of any kind, but it does allow the cats to be seen and evaluated, and allowing Spotted Tabbies to be shown as AOV's would be educational for all concerned.

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 43

NO: 40

ABSTAIN: 3

No Action.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE PASSES (1-7)

8. PROPOSAL: Change the OMCC color class description as follows:

Current:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

OMCC (Other Maine Coon Cat colors): any other color with the exception of those showing hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender or pointed patterned cats, the Himalayan pattern; the unpatterned agouti on the body (i.e. Abyssinian type ticked tabby) or these combinations with white.

Proposed:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

OMCC (Other Maine Coon Cat colors): any other color with the exception of those showing hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender or pointed patterned cats, the Himalayan pattern; ~~the unpatterned agouti on the body (i.e. Abyssinian type ticked tabby)~~ or these combinations with white. Cats listed as AOV are to be registered and shown under AOV color class.

RATIONALE: With the proposed changes allowing the Ticked and/or Spotted tabbies in the Maine Coon Cat AOV class, changes need to be made to the catch-all definition for the Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class so that the AOV colors/patterns are unambiguously in the AOV class. The specific changes are to remove the reference to unpatterned agouti and explicitly state that colors/patterns that are defined to be in the AOV class will not be included in the Other Maine Coon Cat Colors Class.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

YES: 52

NO: 32

ABSTAIN: 2

Tabled.

- 9. PROPOSED:** From the section **MAINE COON CAT COLORS, Tabby Patterns**, third paragraph, REMOVE the PATCHED TABBY PATTERN section from the listed Tabby Patterns leaving the CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN and MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN as they exist currently.

Current:

MAINE COON CAT COLORS

Tabby Patterns

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: a patched tabby (torbie) is an established silver, brown, blue or blue-silver tabby with patches of red or cream.

Proposed:

MAINE COON CAT COLORS

Tabby Patterns

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

~~**PATCHED TABBY PATTERN:** a patched tabby (torbie) is an established silver, brown, blue or blue-silver tabby with patches of red or cream.~~

RATIONALE: The Patched Tabby is currently listed as a pattern. Patched Tabby is a color, not a tabby pattern and it should not be included in the pattern section of the Maine Coon Cat standard. Patched Tabby cats can occur in any of the accepted Maine Coon Tabby patterns.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

YES: 70

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 2

Anger: #9 eliminates a specific pattern description for patched. Patched is a color not a pattern. When the Maine Coons originally started to be shown, we did not have patched tabbies. We had brown tabbies and no patches. They were added later, and this is why they appear as a separate pattern description, when patched of course is a color. This proposal #9 passed with 70 votes. They needed 50 and it's a standard change. So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

- 10. PROPOSED:** To the **Brown Patched Tabby Color Class** section ADD the patterns (classic, mackerel) and the nose leather and paw pads: color brown black or brick red desirable (including the bold text).

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

Current:

BROWN PATCHED TABBY: ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black with patches of red.

Proposed:

BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black with patches of red. **Nose leather and paw pads:** brown, black or brick red desirable.

RATIONALE: The phrase (classic and mackerel) was omitted from this one color description. All other existing patched tabby descriptions include this phrase. Also, the colors for nose leather and paw pads were omitted. This change will make the Brown Patched Tabby consistent with the other color descriptions in the Maine Coon Cat Standard.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 70

NO: 13

ABSTAIN: 3

Anger: #10 cleans up the patched tabby color description, in accordance with the change we just made. It adds the patterns classic and mackerel, and makes it more consistent with the other descriptions. This passed the breed council with 70 votes again, which exceeded the required 60% of voting, of 50 votes. So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

IF ITEM #9 SHOULD PASS

11. **PROPOSED:** In the **All Other Tabby Colors Class** section ADD the color descriptions for the Blue-Silver Patched Tabby and the Blue Patched Tabby. REMOVE the word patched in the pattern section for Blue-Silver Tabby and Blue Tabby.

Current:

All Other Tabby Colors Class

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, patched): ground color pale, clear silver. Markings a deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. White trim around lip and chin allowed. Nose leather: old rose desirable. Paw pads: rose desirable.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, patched): ground color pale bluish Ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose desirable.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute range. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink desirable.

CREAM SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color off-white. Markings cream. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink desirable.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color off-white. Markings red. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

All Other Tabby Colors.....9792 9793
(*Blue, Blue-Silver [classic, mackerel, patched], Cream, Cameo, Cream-Silver [classic, mackerel]*)

Proposed:

All Other Tabby Colors Class

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, ~~patched~~): ground color pale, clear silver. Markings a deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. White trim around lip and chin allowed. Nose leather: old rose desirable. Paw pads: rose desirable.

BLUE-SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color pale, clear silver. Markings a deep blue with patches of cream. Undercoat white. White trim around lip and chin allowed. Nose leather: old rose desirable. Paw pads: rose and/or pink desirable.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, ~~patched~~): ground color pale bluish Ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose desirable.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color pale bluish Ivory. Markings a very deep blue with patches of cream. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. White trim around lip and chin allowed. Nose leather: old rose desirable. Paw pads: rose and/or pink desirable.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute range. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink desirable.

CREAM SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color off-white. Markings cream. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink desirable.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color off-white. Markings red. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

All Other Tabby Colors.....9792 9793
(*Blue, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver, Blue-Silver Patched [classic, mackerel, ~~patched~~], Cream, Cameo, Cream-Silver [classic, mackerel]*)

RATIONALE: Include Patched Tabby as a color description for Blue-Silver Patched and Blue Patched to be consistent with the descriptions for other patched tabby Maine Coon Cats. These cats would continue to be judged in the AOTCC color class.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84
60% of Voting: 51

YES: 70

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 2

Anger: #11 cleans up the dilute patched tabby color description in accordance with the change we made in #9. It tracks the change we made in #10 for the dominant patched tabbies. This passed with 70 votes again, more than their required 51. So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

IF ITEM #9 SHOULD PASS

- 12. **PROPOSED:** In the **All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class, PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** section REMOVE the wording but with distribution of white markings as described in tabby with white and van tabby. Color as described for patched tabby (torbie) ADD the word patched to both blue and blue-silver.

Current:

All Other Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): color as defined for tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue, blue-silver, cream, cream-silver, cameo.

PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (torbie with white): color as described for patched tabby (torbie) but with distribution of white markings as described in tabby with white and van tabby. Color as described for patched tabby (torbie) with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue or blue-silver.

Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

All Other Tabby & White Colors (incl Vans) ..1758 1759
(*Blue, Blue-Silver [classic, mackerel, patched], Cream, Cameo, Cream-Silver [classic, mackerel]*)

Proposed:

All Other Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): color as defined for tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue, blue-silver, cream, cream-silver, cameo.

PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (torbie with white): color as described for patched tabby (torbie) ~~but with distribution of white markings as described in tabby with white and van tabby. Color as described for patched tabby (torbie)~~ with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue patched or blue-silver patched.

Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

All Other Tabby & White Colors (incl Vans) ..1758 1759
(*Blue, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver, Blue-Silver Patched [classic, mackerel, ~~patched~~], Cream, Cameo, Cream-Silver [classic, mackerel]*)

RATIONALE: To make the wording for Patched Tabby & White color descriptions consistent throughout the Maine Coon Cat Standard.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

YES: 70

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 2

Anger: #12 cleans up the patched tabby and white description. This again passed their breed council with 70 votes. So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Anger: Thank you.

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

Breed Council Secretary: Keith Kimberlin – Pottstown PA
Total Members: 28
Ballots Received: 16

- 1. PROPOSED:** Advance the Amber colors from AOV status to championship status. The Amber colors will be judged in classes 9000 and 9001.

Current:

BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE: ...

ANY OTHER NFC COLORS: ...

AOV Colors

All colors and combinations are allowed with or without white.

AMBER (non agouti): ...

...

LIGHT AMBER SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): ...

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Norwegian Forest Cat Color Class Number

Brown Tabby & Brown Tabby & White9044	9045
<i>(classic, mackerel, patched, spotted, ticked)</i>	
All Other Norwegian Forest Cat Colors9000	9001
<i>(All accepted colors (with the exception of Brown Tabby and Brown Tabby & White) as defined in the Show Standards and Other Norwegian Forest Cat Colors and Patterns.)</i>	
AOV9098	9099
<i>(AOV Colors)</i>	

Proposed:

BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE: ...

AOV Colors

All of the following Amber colors and combinations are allowed with or without white.

AMBER (non agouti): ...

...

LIGHT AMBER SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): ...

ANY OTHER NFC COLORS: ...

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Norwegian Forest Cat Color Class Numbers

Brown Tabby & Brown Tabby & White	9044	9045
<i>(classic, mackerel, patched, spotted, ticked)</i>		
All Other Norwegian Forest Cat Colors	9000	9001
<i>(All accepted colors (with the exception of Brown Tabby and Brown Tabby & White) as defined in the Show Standards and Other Norwegian Forest Cat Colors and Patterns.)</i>		
AOV	9098	9099
<i>(AOV Colors)</i>		

RATIONALE: DNA testing has proven that these color are sound and unique to the Norwegian Forest Cat. Sufficient Amber and Amber with White Norwegian Forest cats have been registered and shown in CFA. They provide additional diversity to the Norwegian Forest Cat gene pool and bring the needed health and vigor to the breed. They will help increase the competition among the other Norwegian Forest Cats colors in championship and be good for CFA.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

Hamza: Alright, Norwegian Forest Cat. **Anger:** We have the Breed Council Secretary here. We are considering proposal #1, to advance Amber to championship. Would you like to speak? **Kimberlin:** Last season, we had added the Amber and Whites, which had been omitted, and we had an off-cycle ballot to add those to the AOVs, so that we had all the color descriptions for all the AOVs. Since that time, we have registered 21 Amber Norwegian Forest Cats of various colors. We have four that have been litter registered, which brings us up to the 25. The blue slips have been sent out to the new owners, so that gives us 25. There are 4 more cats that I have been told are being imported, that the new owners in the United States have paid for them but the kittens are not old enough to be here yet, so that would bring the number to 29. I have also been told that 3 cats are pregnant with kittens available for Amber, so our numbers will probably exceed 50 before the new show season starts. We're asking to move them into championship. We have had them shown at 5 shows, mostly in the North Carolina region. There are 17 distinct cats that have been shown in the North Carolina shows and the World Show, and we are asking to move them from AOV and into championship, and close our AOV forever. Any questions? **Hamza:** I think everybody is in favor of this. It's a neat story. **Anger:** It passed their breed council unanimously and they have met the requirements of the color matrix so, so moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

PERSIAN – BI-COLOR DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Acomb – Fallbrook, CA
Total Members: 64
Ballots Received: 47

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following color description for POINTED AND WHITE to the list of accepted Calico and Bi-Color Division colors and include them in the OTHER BI-COLORS color class:

Current:

Calico and Bi-Color Division

OTHER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

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Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO AND BI-COLOR DIVISION

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Other Bi-Colors3390 3391
(Chocolate Bi-Color, Lilac Bi-Color, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico)

Proposed:

Calico and Bi-Color Division

OTHER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): ...

POINTED AND WHITE: a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established Himalayan (point) pattern color descriptions. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have a colored tail and one or more patches of color on the head or body. Less color than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue.
Disqualify: eye color other than blue.

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CALICO AND BI-COLOR DIVISION

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Other Bi-Colors.....3390 3391
(Chocolate Bi-Color, Lilac Bi-Color, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico, Pointed and White)

RATIONALE: Pointed and White Bi-Colors are naturally occurring colors within the breed and worthy of obtaining championship status within CFA. It is proposed that they be judged in the Other Bi-Colors color class as there will likely be too few initially competing on the show bench to grant them their own separate color class.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 47

50% of Voting: 24

YES: 16

NO: 31

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: The Bi-Color Persian did not pass, so we're not going to consider that today.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Acomb – Fallbrook, CA

Total Members: 199

Ballots Received: 138

1. **PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2014. Agree to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes as established by the Exotic breed.

CFA shall make the following changes to applicable Show Rules and Persian Rules of Registration in order to remove the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes (note: changes relating to the Exotic standard, the Exotic Listing within Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

- a. Revise Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), e~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.
- b. Revise Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2014 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).

PERSIAN*

~~(See Note at End of Persian Listing)~~

~~**Note:** Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

- c. Add a note to the “Significant Acceptance Dates” section and add notes to the “Breed Notes” section of the Persian Rules of Registration indicating Longhair Exotics no longer accepted in competition in Persian classes.

RATIONALE: This question is on both the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots. In 2008, the Board required the Exotic and Persian Breed Council Secretaries to reach a compromise that would permit the showing of Longhair Exotics. The Board also informed the BC secretaries that they did not want a solution that permitted the showing of cats in separate breeds that would look alike to spectators at CFA shows. Consequently, the compromise approved in 2009 permitted Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions to be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair

Division of Exotics was created for scoring purposes only – all national and regional points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes count towards Longhair Exotic Division wins, not towards Persian Division wins.

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed, it is only appropriate that Longhair Exotics no longer be allowed to be shown in Persian color classes; instead, Longhair Exotics should be shown in a Longhair Division of the Exotic breed.

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed as Longhair Exotics currently receive wins in a Longhair Division of Exotic even though they are shown in Persian color classes. This change will also permit Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 135

50% of Voting: 68

YES: 93

NO: 42

ABSTAIN: 3

Anger: The Persian General, our proposal was referenced earlier when we passed through the Exotic ballot. This is to take the longhair Exotics out of the Persian competitive classes. This sort of mimics what we did in the Oriental compromise. **Ganoe:** I have a question on procedure of a breed council ballot telling us what to do in show rules. I thought they were advising on breed standards and registration. **Hannon:** No. We have consistently – **Hamza:** This is something that comes up. **Ganoe:** I hadn't seen it before. **Wilson:** It just helps everybody remember what needs to be done. **Hannon:** That's how they got in there. It got in there this way. **Bizzell:** My concern is, if we ratify this, it gives those longhair Exotics nowhere to go because you would have to add a longhair description to the Exotic standard. **Hannon:** Which was very clever on the Exotic Breed Council Secretary's part. **Bizzell:** Right, so they could not be shown. **Hamza:** Can't we do that? **Bizzell:** We can't change their standard. **Hamza:** We can't add the class? **Hannon:** No. They are either shown as Persians or not shown. **Hamza:** So, basically, they put us in a position with a gun to our head. More fun. **Eigenhauser:** Having pissed off my own breed council, I might as well piss off the biggest one. They fought for years and years and years trying to find a home for the longhair Exotics somewhere in the show hall. There are only really three possible solutions – merge the breeds; create a longhair division in the Exotic; or do it by show rules, which is the way we have done it. Those are basically the three solutions to the longhair Exotics to show in CFA. The solution I want, they don't; which is, to call them one breed with two divisions, and they will never go along with that. I probably won't live that long. But, of the other two solutions, they are both remarkably inelegant. Having two different breeds that, when they reach the judging rings, suddenly become one breed and then when they get back to their benching area they are two breeds again, which is what we have now, seems silly.

Having one cat at one end of the judging final and another cat at the other end of the judging final that look exactly the same and are called two different breeds, but phenotypically and genetically can't be told apart, is equally inelegant. There is no good solution to this problem. But, having reached a solution to this problem a few years ago by creating the show rule, it's not the solution I would have gone with, it's not the way I would have done it if it were my vote alone, but I'll be damned if I'm the one that's going to start the war all over again. That's what happens. If we pull this in this vote, as Carla pointed out, this is Charlie Brown and the football. The Persian Breed Council is saying, "Go for a longhair division. We promise we won't pull the football out from you at the last minute." No. No. It's an uneasy truce. It's an uncomfortable truce. To both sides, it may be an unbearable truce, but it is a truce, and I'm not going to pull the plug on it, on the say of one breed council or the other. If they've got a better solution that they want to do, even if it's a solution I don't like, I would probably vote for it, because it's up to them to work it out. The Persian people, I know some of the purists have said, "we didn't get enough out of the compromise." No, you did get something out of the compromise, because what you got when you got the Exotics being able to show the longhair Exotics as Persians was a safety valve. One of the complaints I've heard from the Persian Breed Council for years is, people hang paper on longhair Exotics. People in this country, if the queen is a longhair, they just put the wrong sire on it. If it comes in from overseas, well, they use different names for everything anyway; who knows what the cat really is? The motivating force for that is to give them a place in the show ring. The hardcore purists do believe that Zot people hang paper. The one thing that this did for the Persian Breed Council is, it took off that pressure. It gave an escape for people that want to show their longhair Exotics honestly in the show to do so. I'm not saying that that's a great thing. I don't think we should have to bribe people to be honest, but they did get something out of the compromise. They got what they wanted, which was the purity of their breed, that their pedigrees are untouched by what they consider to be unacceptable cats. So, there was something that the Persian Breed Council got in the compromise. Like all compromises, they hate it, but that's the essence of a good compromise. We went through so many fits and starts and wars and *What is a Breed* and everything else, to get to the point where it was finally a little bit calm. I'm not going to kick the pins out from under this on the hope and a prayer that next year they will find a way to fix it.

Baugh: I will not vote to disenfranchise the longhair Exotic, and that's what this does. It takes them off the show bench, because there's no place currently in the Exotic standard. I realize we're not happy with what we have, but we have a compromise. If they're not happy with this compromise, they need to get together and come up with something else that will work for both of them. The other question I have is procedural. If one breed council says yes and the other breed council says no, aren't we supposed to say no to both of them? That was my understanding. **Hannon:** It's not a yes. **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to disagree with that. On a show rule issue, we don't need to – **Raymond:** No, it's not a show rule. It's a standards issue. **Eigenhauser:** So, we don't need either breed council to vote yes on this. We could have done it if they both voted it down. **Hamza:** It's advisory only.

Altschul: I have a lot of points. You're just going to have to be patient. First of all, the original compromise was broken. The board has to remember that. The original line in the sand for the Persian Breed Council was wiped away a year later, and that is why the Persian Breed Council has come back, and the war never stopped because the original line in the sand for the Persian Breed Council was that the longhair Exotics would not be bred to other longhair Exotics

and Persians. That line in the sand was wiped away a year later, and the Exotics didn't have to give up any part of their compromise, so of course they're happy with what they got. They got everything they wanted in the original compromise. The Persian Breed Council lost what they voted for. It was a 50% pass on the vote, so the Persian Breed Council basically looked at what happened with the Oriental Shorthairs and the Colorpoint Shorthairs, and they said, "hey, we can live with that", and they wanted to but the Exotic Breed Council Secretary refused to even talk to the Persian Breed Council Secretary about this. The only way that the board got the Colorpoint Shorthair and the pointed Oriental Shorthair people to talk is, they forced it. They didn't want to talk about it, but they forced it and I think at this point we're going to have to force the Exotic Breed Council to find something, because right now the Exotic Breed Council is completely happy. They're not unhappy about anything. The Persian Breed Council is unhappy. A good compromise doesn't make one group happy and one group unhappy. The Persian Breed Council could live with the fact that the longhair Exotics would be shown as Persians under the understanding that there would be no more longhair Exotic breeding programs, because we knew eventually there was never going to be that many longhair Exotics being shown, because there was no longhair Exotic breeding programs. But there are in Europe, and now they are beginning to build in the U.S. longhair Exotic breeding programs, where not a single shorthair cat is in the breeding program. That's a problem, too. It's a mimic program. The Exotic Breed Council could have given these cats a place. They refused to. The Exotic Breed Council Secretary told her members to vote no, and a lot of them did just because the Breed Council said, "vote no", so they did. I talked to some of them, and some of them would be very much OK with the longhair Exotics being shown as longhair Exotics, as a division of Exotics, but their Breed Council Secretary refused. I think you also need to consider the cross-membership. There's huge cross-membership, and just basic math with the cross-membership, the actual Persian Breed Council was 87 to 13, if you remove the Exotic members out. That's 87% of the Persian-only breeders want this. I'm not saying we have to pass this and take the Exotics out immediately, but I think the board needs to go to the Exotic Breed Council and say, "hey, the original compromise was not what was agreed upon, it's been changed, here's what the pointed Orientals and the Colorpoint Shorthair people did, let's do this." We need to be consistent with our breeds. The only reason why the pointed Oriental Shorthairs were shown in the first place was because we were being consistent with what happened to the Persians and the longhair Exotics, so we need to go back and be consistent with the longhair Exotics, as what we did with the pointed Oriental Shorthairs. It's ridiculous to have an exception in the show rules. Just change it. Make the compromise. We don't have to act on this, and as a Persian breeder I'm saying, I could be OK if we don't act on this if we do work toward a real compromise. In a real compromise, both groups have to give something. At this point, the Exotic Breed Council has given nothing, and the Persian Breed Council has given everything. They are the largest breed in CFA. They deserve our respect. As a Persian Breed Council member, I am sick of being disrespected.

Hannon: To respond to her numerous comments, if you look at the statistics that were handed out – the registration statistics – the Exotics are closing in on the Persians. They are very close right now, with Exotics the second largest breed. I can see that in a couple years, they are going to pass the Persians as the most popular breed in CFA. The difference between what they're asking us to do this year and what we did last year with the Colorpoints and the Orientals is, both sides agreed to it. Both sides aren't agreeing this time. What I would like to do is take this off the table like we did with the Maine Coons and direct them to, next year, give them an option of a longhair division of the Exotics. It was a very clever tactical ploy on the part of the

Exotic Breed Council not to have that option this year, so that we only presented with, “show them as Persians or don’t show them.” But, if we give them a third choice of, “or show them as a division of the Exotics,” something they didn’t vote on this year, we might find that a number of the Exotic breeders would be perfectly happy showing those cats as Exotics. **Altschul:** So are we going to? Because if the Exotic Breed Council Secretary said no, she would not put that on her ballot, can we force them? **Hannon:** We can direct her to put it on the ballot. **Hamza:** We can compel the ballot. **Hannon:** Don’t you agree that – **Altschul:** Do you agree that the Exotic Breed Council has gotten everything they wanted? What did the Exotic Breed Council give? **Hannon:** The line in the sand that you misrepresented was that the cats not be registered as Persians. That was the line in the sand, and we did not register those cats as Persians. **Hamza:** Well, if you go back through the minutes – **Altschul:** But it was also that they wouldn’t breed longhair Exotic to other longhair cats. **Hannon:** I agree, we changed that. I agree. **Altschul:** They broke their compromise. **Hamza:** If you go back through the minutes, when that happened, I cautioned the board that this was going to happen, because it was a breach of faith and some members of this board said, “well, you can’t hold breed councils to their agreements.” But, I’m not so sure about that. **Hannon:** What message did we send to the future people that try to do compromises, if we agree to the compromise and then a couple years later decide we’re going to throw it out? **Altschul:** We’re fixing what a board already did. **Hamza:** That’s what happened here. I think what we need to do is table this. **Hannon:** And tell them next year – **Hamza:** And tell them next year that they need to have a compromise brought forward or we’re going to put on the ballot for them the other options. **Meeker:** I’m good at motions to table. **Hamza:** Yeah, I know. You’re like Old Faithful over there. **Petty:** I’ll second that.

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

Hamza: So, I guess this board is understanding and in agreement that these two breed councils had better put their differences behind them and come to this board table with a compromise that works both ways. I guess the Breed Council Secretaries should note that if you come into the end of the season without that, then the board is compelling you to make sure it’s on both ballots. **Krzanowski:** I would like to see a motion to that effect. **Hannon:** So moved. Are you seconding it? **Krzanowski:** Oh, you did move that? **Hannon:** Yeah, just now. **Krzanowski:** To direct them to come back to the board with a compromise? **Hamza:** Yes, he made the motion. **Krzanowski:** OK, I’ll second it. **Hannon:** Subsequent to your comment. **Hamza:** OK, so we have a motion.

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

2. The RagaMuffin Breed Council has proposed to re-establish a Persian outcross. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support an outcross.

***PROPOSED:** Should the Persian breed be re-opened as an allowable outcross for a period of 5 years?*

Current:

***RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds:** none*

Proposed:

RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: ~~none~~ Persian, for all litters born between March 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

Ragamuffin Breed Council Rationale: *The RagaMuffin gene pool is small in number overall. The number of cats that were able to “transfer” registration from ACFA was decreased by Siberian blood in pedigrees, thereby decreasing the gene pool in CFA. Persians were used in the original development of the RagaMuffin and as an original outcross when this breed was accepted. This outcross, using pet-quality cats, was a good source of new genes that enhanced the gene pool without causing major problems in type. The five year period was chosen at the suggestion of the Persian Breed Council.*

Are you in favor of the re-establishing the outcross until December 31, 2019, as proposed by the RagaMuffin Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 132

50% of Voting: 66

YES: 60

NO: 72

ABSTAIN: 6

Anger: Proposal #2 on the Persian ballot and the Ragamuffin ballot are the same. Neither one passed, so we will move on.

RAGAMUFFIN

Breed Committee Chair – Laura Gregory, Lutz FL

Total Members: 7

Ballots Received: 7

1. **PROPOSED:** Should the Persian breed be re-opened as an allowable outcross for a period of 5 years?

Current:

RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: none

Proposed:

RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: ~~none~~ Persian, for all litters born between March 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

RATIONALE: The RagaMuffin gene pool is small in number overall. The number of cats that were able to “transfer” registration from ACFA was decreased by Siberian blood in pedigrees, thereby decreasing the gene pool in CFA. Persians were used in the original development of the RagaMuffin and as an original outcross when this breed was accepted. This outcross, using pet-quality cats, was a good source of new genes that enhanced the gene pool without causing major problems in type. The five year period was chosen at the suggestion of the Persian Breed Council.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 6

50% of Voting: 3

YES: 1

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 1

Anger: Proposal #2 on the Persian ballot and the Ragamuffin ballot are the same. Neither one passed, so we will move on to the Sphynx.

SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Dee Dee Cantley – La Habra, California
Total Members: 24
Ballots Received: 15

Anger: We are considering both proposal 1 and 2. Proposal 1 is outcross to Devon Rex proposal, which did pass the Devon Rex Breed Council. Proposal 2 removes color descriptions for showing.

1. PROPOSED: Amend the reference information at the end of the Sphynx breed standard and rules for registration to add Devon Rex as an outcross breed until 2018, as follows:

Current:

Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2015 may have only Sphynx parents.

Proposed:

Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2015-2018 may have only Sphynx parents.

RATIONALE: It is vital that selective outcrossing be maintained to increase the Sphynx gene pool, and improve stamina and health. The Devon Rex gene and Sphynx Hairless gene are both recessive. However, the Sphynx Hairless gene is dominant to the Devon gene, meaning that if you have a cat with both the Sphynx Hairless gene and the Devon gene (i.e.; heterozygous Sphynx) the resulting cat will be hairless. Adding the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross would also bring CFA closer to other associations' registration rules regarding this breed. This might make it easier to register Sphynx cats from other associations, both as breeding cats and on the show bench. Additionally, having another pedigreed cat as an allowable outcross will enable breeders to research the pedigrees of both the American Shorthair and Devon Rex breeds for their breeding programs. This rule change may help to cut down disallowed cats being registered as "domestics" and used in outcross breeding of Sphynx.

Are you in favor of the proposed change to the Rules of Registration for Sphynx?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 15

50% of Voting: 8

YES: 12

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: So, let's start with Proposal 1, which adds the Devon Rex as an outcross. You will note that we passed out a letter from the Sphynx Breed Council Secretary about this issue

and about having a cut-off date, which was a flaw in their proposal. **Ganoe:** Actually, I only got the letter. **Anger:** That's it. I gave away my copy, so Annette, does she provide one? **Wilson:** What she said was, *we neglected to propose a start date for beginning breeding of the Devon out-cross. The two Breed Council Secretaries corresponded and agreed a beginning date of January 1 2014 was acceptable for any breedings that may subsequently be CFA registered beginning May 1, 2014.* So, that's kind of different. **Anger:** Our problem with that is, you're using a date that the cats were bred. That's kind of off grid. We usually do it on kittens born after a certain date. **Wilson:** It should be kittens registered but kittens born May 1, 2014. **Anger:** This is a registration issue, so we are allowed to do a little manipulation to make it more elegant, as George puts it. We want to add to the proposal, *American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after* – oh, that's the cut-off date. We need a start date. **Hannon:** That is the start date. **Hamza:** You're confusing me. **Ganoe:** The way this is written says that they can use any outcross from the beginning, but we need to change the wording to say, "a start of Devon Rex outcross of" – **Hamza:** May 1, 2014. **Hannon:** We just want to make sure it's Devons, because the other breeds are mentioned. **Wilson:** With an end date of 2018. **Hamza:** Squirrels, assorted guinea pigs. **Anger:** In ticked and spotted. **Hamza:** Ticked and spotted. Very good, Rachel. **Anger:** I apologize. I was sorry I said that as soon as I said it. So, we're just amending their proposed language to add the Devon outcross, commencing May 1, 2014. **Petty:** Their letter mentions registration beginning May 1, not born May 1st. **Hannon:** Let their letter say what it does. We're going to say, "for kittens born after". **Hamza:** We set up the policy. It's too ambiguous any other way. They are talking about breeding dates. How are you going to establish a breeding date? **Wilson:** Her concern was that cats bred from now up to May 1st, would those kittens be registerable if we say yes, but then it didn't translate. **Hamza:** But if you put a born date of May 1st, then you have no issues like that. **Anger:** The problem is, I know they have some outcross litters in the works right now, so May 1 would be too late. **Wilson:** Oh, they do? **Hannon:** Well, they shouldn't have. **Shelton:** Can we say March 1st? **Petty:** Yeah, March 1st. **Hannon:** They took their chances. **Hamza:** You can make it March 1st. **Wilson:** With both breed councils, there was no dissent to this. **Anger:** OK. So, *Devon outcross born 3/1/14 or after.* **Hamza:** 3/1/14 probably works. **Anger:** So moved. **Ganoe:** Second.

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

2. PROPOSED: That Sphynx be exempted from the requirement to include a color description for show entries.

Should Sphynx be exempted from the requirement to include a color description upon entry to a show?

RATIONALE: Since there are no points on color in our standard and our color classes are not color specific, eliminating the color description for Sphynx from the judges' books and the catalog would remove any discussion or confusion between judges and exhibitors regarding hard-to-determine skin colorations. Entries would be class specific; i.e., Solid, Bi-Color or Any Other Sphynx Color.

The CFA standards would still describe allowable colors for all classes. Sphynx would still be registered with a color description, so breeders would be able to trace colors in pedigrees.

Are you in favor of the above proposal for show entries for Sphynx?

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Proposal 2 removes their color descriptions for showing purposes. They want to – that’s all I will say. Everybody understands. **Hamza:** I’m going to go this way. **Wilson:** Let me explain first. **Hamza:** OK, go ahead. **Wilson:** This was my idea and they liked it. So, I’m just taking the responsibility for it. I actually kind of like it. That’s all, I just want people to know that it was my idea. **Ganoe:** I don’t like the inconsistency of having cats in my book where I don’t have a color description, and all I’ve got is a color division. That just, to me, is wrong and inconsistent as an organization. **Eigenhauser:** The first time I read this, I laughed at it. And then I thought, you know, for the last 20 years, every time I entered one of my cats, I dutifully wrote eye color on the entry form, knowing it doesn’t appear in the judges’ book and doesn’t appear in the catalog, because we only put it in the catalog when we need it. We only put it in the judges’ book when we need it. Every cat has an eye color, but we only print it in the judges’ book when we think it’s important enough to print it in the judges’ book, so there is a precedent for having a differential between what prints in the judges’ book and what doesn’t. Looking at a 14 to 1 vote, it tells me something that maybe some of the judges on the board don’t know, and that is, half of all judges are in the bottom half of the Judging Program. **Hamza:** Wow. **Eigenhauser:** I can tell you that a lot of judges in the Program say, “I don’t get into fights with exhibitors over what color your cat really is”, and bla, bla, bla. But, you know, when you’re sitting on the other side of the table, there are judges that do. There are judges that get persnickety about the oddest freaking things. So, what do you do? You change your show standard to make it a little bit different, to let them know you really don’t want this, and you change it again. How much lower than zero points can you go, to tell judges, “we don’t want to be fighting in the ring”. **Hamza:** Is that a challenge? **Eigenhauser:** How much lower can we go to explain to these judges that we really don’t want you judging the cats’ coat color on a cat that doesn’t have coat? So, I can understand the frustration of the exhibitors. You know, this is actually a fairly reasonable way to do it. I’ve actually come around to supporting this. I think that it makes perfect sense, that in a cat that the core essence of the cat is not to have coat, that we don’t fight about what color its coat is. So, if this is what exhibitors need to get their cats judged correctly, then I’m going to support the exhibitors. **Altschul:** I still think they need to put a color down. If there needs to be more education for the Judging Program, then the Breed Council Secretary can go to the Judging Program and go through there, but I just can see a judge in their final and go, “this is my any other color Sphynx”, because it has no color description. You can say solid color Sphynx, you can say bi-color Sphynx. **Hamza:** Or, “this is my Sphynx.” **Kallmeyer:** I don’t remember the exact ruling in the Show Rules, but I think you acquire your qualifying rings and your grand points based on the color that it’s shown. **Hannon:** Color class. **Bizzell:** They will still be in color classes. **Anger:** The classes stay, but it’s color. **Hannon:** No, you’re right, it’s color. **Hamza:** It’s color. **Kallmeyer:** Shirley [Dent], if you change your color description, will you lose your qualifying rings? **Hannon:** Well, ask her. Will they? **Shirley Dent:** This is conflicting with two show rules. You have to compete as the same color. If you change your color, you have to go back to an open and qualify. **Kallmeyer:** So, it would disqualify them. **Hamza:** They

would hate that. **Hannon:** Well, we just put it in the show rules, “except Sphynx.” **Wilson:** This would affect more than one thing, obviously. We would have to send it to Show Rules to change. They currently have color classes and their pattern classes. Nobody has to say, “this is my purple Sphynx,” and many of the times the cat you’re showing to people, the color in the book is not right anyway. They can still register them, although, really, my suggestion for registration was a blank line, because I think the Sphynx colors probably change more frequently than anybody else. Let people write it in and erase it. [laughter] If you want to write the color in your judges’ book, go right ahead. **Hamza:** Are we getting punchy? **Wilson:** Well, I’m sick. The judges are required to judge the cat as the color that’s in their book. If you take out that color description, it just removes that. I cannot tell you how many times I have argued with exhibitors. **Hamza:** I understand it. **Hannon:** And they’re usually gray and pink. **Baugh:** They are asking for an exemption to the rules that require color. Donna Jean can’t speak to the board, but she made two comments that were wonderful. She said, “how do you teach bald?” **Hamza:** There’s some guys I can let you talk to. I was willing to teach it there for a while. I was fluent in bald for about 6 months. Absolutely. **Baugh:** You take out a white Sphynx and you are so tempted to say, “look at this pretty pink cat.” **Anger:** They are pink. **Hamza:** The only issue I can see with this is, if they ever want to go back to colors, they are going to have a period in time where it’s going to be empty. If they have no concern about that, I don’t really see it. **Bizzell:** They are still registered as a color, right? This is just for the show bench. **Wilson:** This is for in the judges’ book and in the catalog, they don’t put in a color. **Petty:** Color classes are the basis for all our judging. It’s the first judging that we do with the cat. I don’t think we can remove it. I have no problem with placing no points on it, but I really think there has to be a color. **Hamza:** What if they get totally pink? What if there’s no hair? What if they finally move to that? **Altschul:** They still have pigmentation. I overheard the peanut gallery, but somebody pointed out that they are still going to register a color, but if they don’t show it as that color, there’s a large portion of the cat fancy that has a not very great grasp of color genetics, so their pedigrees are going to be crazy. Part of the judging process is to help the breeders know the colors. **Hamza:** Do you not think the Sphynx pedigrees are not crazy now? **Altschul:** I think this is going to make it worse. We are going to end up having a red Sphynx that’s out of a black and white, and a black. **Hamza:** You don’t think that happens now? **Altschul:** Not as much as it’s going to. **Hannon:** It will when you throw in the Devons. **Altschul:** They have pigmentation on the skin. I’ve seen Sphynx, and you can see the pigmentation. **Wilson:** Showing the cats by color is purely convention. Before we had Sphynx, it worked, but now we have cats that you cannot obviously determine the color or the pattern, so if you get a van patterned Sphynx that say’s it’s a brown classic tabby and white, you’re just going to let it slide, aren’t you? Even though you can’t see the pattern. So, if you’re letting it slide, why have it there anyway? **Petty:** Because I had a cat that was listed as a solid that was clearly a bi-color, and you’re telling me I have to judge it as a solid. **Wilson:** No, no. It goes in the color class. **Eigenhauser:** It’s still a pattern. **Anger:** There are still color classes. **Wilson:** There’s a solid, there’s a bi-color class. **Ganoe:** If it’s in bi-color and it’s listed in your book as a blue and white bi-color, and you think that pigmentation is too dark to be blue, it’s black, it’s still in the bi-color color class. **Wilson:** If it’s a solid, you would move it to the solid color class. It’s just the color description. We’re required to judge it as the color it’s listed. If we take that out – because we can’t tell. Sometimes you can tell and sometimes you can’t. **Hamza:** Is there even somebody here from that breed council? **Wilson:** I think we should just go outside the box a little bit. **Brown:** If there’s no color description, how does the judge know that the cat that’s on his or her table is the same cat that’s listed in the catalog? **Hamza:** There’s no

guarantees, but you want to really go down that road after we've been going down this road? Microchip them. Hey Roger, microchip them. It's the only answer. All Sphynxes have to be microchipped. **Shelton:** I just want to go back to what Dennis said. Yeah, the problem is not telling a solid from a bi-color, it's telling a red and white from a cream and white. And also, what Carissa said, part of the process of getting qualifying rings is having 6 judges agree, yes, this cat really is this color, so we know it's registered as the right color. They can't do that if the color isn't listed. **Hamza:** I'm going to go to Rachel because I ignore her so much. I'm making up for it. **Anger:** I think the Sphynx exhibitors and breeders are telling us, that's the whole issue. They don't really care about color in the ring. They want to identify their cat by pattern as a bi-color; "yes, that's a bi-color". Or, as a tabby; "yes, that's a tabby". It's their preference. This is how they want us to evaluate their cats – on color type, rather than specific descriptions, which are impossible – **Hamza:** Here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to go to Dennis and then Carissa and then we're going to take 20 minutes for us. **Anger:** Can we vote? **Hamza:** No, we're going to come back and talk more. I'm kidding. **Ganoe:** I'm going to say that my first reaction to this was, of course we've got to have a color description. How can we judge it without a color description? And then I've been talking to George here and I realize that when I judge a Sphynx, I pretty much ignore whatever is written in the book anyway, because it doesn't matter. All I look at is, is it in the right class? Does it have white on it or not? Otherwise, I'll move it. This makes perfect sense, because it's what I do anyway. **Altschul:** One thing that this board has always done is, when a breed council decides that they are going to dumb down their standard, which is what they are doing in a way, we've almost always pushed it back. We like our standards to be tightened, not loosened. We like our standards to reflect a perfect cat. A perfect Sphynx would have the skin pigmentation where you can tell what it is. We all know that with the coated cats, you can have cats that are poorly marked in color, that it's hard to tell what color it is, but you can have cats with intense pigmentation, which does reflect on the skin. It has to do with the health of the cat. The healthier the cat, the better the pigmentation, even if it's white. There's a difference there. **Hamza:** That's a heck of a claim. **Altschul:** No. I think that by removing this, they are loosening their standard. I think they should try to breed for a Sphynx where you can tell the color without the coat. Why not? **Hamza:** Here's what I think is going on here. I think what's going on here is, they want to take out any consideration that a judge might have for color, that they're running into this regardless of what their standard says, and this is their way to counteract that. **Kallmeyer:** Shirley says we would have to change three show rules and adjust them to handle this. **Hannon:** We'll just tell Monte to take care of it. In his spare time. **Hamza:** Get him back on the line. **Anger:** He was prepared for this. He said he would wait and see what we've got with Breeds and Standards. **Hamza:** We can send him an email. That's not a huge issue to have Monte change the show rules to fit this. **Wilson:** I would like to present a dissenting opinion, just to be fair. It's to be fair. I talked to Paul Patton. He was a former Sphynx Breed Council Secretary, no longer on the breed council, but he believes color is important, so I had an opportunity to talk to him and I asked him to write something to the board members, which you saw. Basically, of course, he doesn't like this idea, and that's fine, but he did bring up a point which I thought was worth considering, and that is, when they put zero points in their standard for color, to him that means when you are making a decision between cats, you remove color from the equation. Now, I remove color from the equation before I even get to that on Sphynx, but whatever. Anyway, I just felt it would be worth bringing that up. I asked him to write something up about it. **Meeker:** I think rather than change three show rules, it might be easier to educate our judges. **Hamza:** You want to go down that road at 3:30? **Hannon:** What

about the 50% that George talked about? **Hamza:** And the half that are dumber than that. Alright, let me ask a question. Does everybody here know how they are going to vote? Is anybody in doubt? Because when we have discussion, it's usually to try to change each other's minds. So, here we are, I don't see anybody here raising their hand saying, "I don't know how I'm going to vote." **Anger:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Petty, Brown, Krzanowski, Shelton, Calhoun, Meeker, Roy and Altschul voting no.

Hannon: Are we just telling Monte to change the show rules? **Hamza:** Obviously, this vote requires the change of the three show rules, so will you get ahold of Monte and tell him what time is convenient for him to call in tomorrow? **Wilson:** Does this have to pass by 2/3 or not? I get confused by this part. **Hamza:** No, no. **Ganoe:** Do show rules to pass by 2/3? **Hamza:** No, this is a standard change. **Ganoe:** This is advisory to change show rules, is what it does. **Eigenhauser:** It's 50%. **Hamza:** But this causes changes that we have to do. **Eigenhauser:** Send it to Monte. **Hamza:** That's what we're going to do. We're going to have him on the phone tomorrow and explain it to him. **Hannon:** Why do we have to have him on the phone? Can't we just tell him what we passed? **Hamza:** You want to tell him? **Anger:** Sure. **Hannon:** Tell him the three show rules he needs to change. Shirley can tell him what they are. **Hamza:** Let's take a 20 minute break. How's that.

[BREAK]

TURKISH ANGORA

Breed Council Secretary: Marguerite Epstein – Keystone Heights, Florida
Total Members: 45
Ballots Received: 21

Hamza: We're going to do Turkish Angoras now. **Anger:** We have four proposals. We will consider 1 through 4. Proposal 1 acknowledges that females are smaller. Proposal 2 tells us what an abnormal tail is. Proposal 3 – oh boy, more ticked tabby – moves ticked tabby from AOV to championship, and Proposal 4 gives the color and pattern descriptions for ticked.

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the BODY description to indicate that Females are typically smaller than males.

Current:

BODY: medium size, however, overall balance, grace and fineness of bone are more important than actual size. Males may be slightly larger than females. Body is long and slender, possessing greater depth than width, oval rather than round (not tubular). Shoulders the same width as hips. Rump slightly higher than shoulders. Finely boned with firm muscularity.

Proposed:

BODY: medium size, however, overall balance, grace and fineness of bone are more important than actual size. ~~Males may be slightly larger than females.~~ Females are typically smaller than males. Body is long and slender, possessing greater depth than width, oval rather than round (not tubular). Shoulders the same width as hips. Rump slightly higher than shoulders. Finely boned with firm muscularity.

RATIONALE: While it is an accepted fact that this breed's standard favors the female, the current wording, "males MAY be slightly larger than females," implies that it would be *preferable* if they were NOT. Some judges have told us that this is how they interpret the wording. In the vast majority of breeds, males are larger than females. We do not believe that the Turkish Angora males should be penalized for this. The suggested change simply clarifies the size relationship between the two sexes without implying any sort of value judgment or preference.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 21

60% of Voting: 13

YES: 18

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: We will start with proposal 1, which adds language to the body description to indicate that, *Females are typically smaller than males.* This required 13 votes as a standard change, and it received 18. It passed their breed council. Any discussion? So moved.

Eigenhauser: Second.

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

2. **PROPOSED:** Change disqualify section as to tail, as follows:

Current:

DISQUALIFY: cobby body type. Kinked or abnormal tail. Crossed eyes.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: cobby body type. Kinked or ~~abnormal~~ vertebral malformation of the tail. Crossed eyes.

RATIONALE: The current wording, which was simply taken from the Persian standard when the breed was first recognized, provides no guidance for judges as to what constitutes an abnormality in this breed. Judges currently have free rein in this interpretation. Cats have been DQd because their tail tips were “not tapered enough” even though our standard does not call for a taper to a point such as found in other breeds or because the tail curled in a way that a judge considered abnormal, or because of nervous kinks (without structural abnormality) that subsequently disappeared as the cat grew more comfortable in the show environment. We want to define the DQ for tail faults as a specific physical irregularity that prevents the tail from meeting the standard, rather than have a DQ that gives judges the ability to declare virtually anything “abnormal”. This is not a cheapening of the standard, it is a clarification that calls for a more precise thought process before a DQ for tail faults.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 21

60% of Voting: 13

YES: 18

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Proposal 2 is the one that tells us what an abnormal tail is. It changes the disqualify from *kinked or abnormal* to *Kinked or vertebral malformation of the tail*. I received an email about this. Someone felt there was a problem with this. This was brought up because cats were being disqualified because their tail tips were not tapered enough, even though their standard does not call for a taper to a point. It currently reads, *Tail long and tapering from a wide base to a narrow end*. They felt that although the *to a point* language is not used to describe the tails, this indicates that there is, in fact, a taper required, according to the current standard. I don't know if you find any validity in that or not, or if you like it as it appears. **Hamza:** This appears to be addressing a functional, skeletal issue. **Ganoe:** It appears to me that, rather than just using the word *abnormal*, which can be interpreted many different ways, they want it to be isolated down to a vertebral problem in the tail, not just that it comes to a blunt end versus a tapered end. I have no problem with that. **Hamza:** I think they are defining a tail fault. Any other discussion? Can I get a motion? **Anger:** So moved. **Shelton:** Second.

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

3. **PROPOSED:** Amend the current Rules for Registration applicable specifically to this breed by removing ticked tabby from the list of colors in the “REGISTER AS AOV” category and registering it for Championship competition, adding it to the Tabby Color Class, with ticked tabby and white assigned to the Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class. Ticked Tabbies can then be assigned their own registration prefix (all accepted Tabby colors), and the Ticked Tabby and White added to the Tabby and White registration prefixes 1892-1893 (to be shown in the Tabby and Parti-Color and Bi-Color Classes).

Current:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Ticked Tabby (2/07)	

Proposed:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Ticked Tabby (2/07) <u>NONE</u>	

RATIONALE: In 2007 the Board accepted a presentation from the Turkish Angora BCS indicating that the ticked tabby pattern was not one due to hybridization in the breed. They continue to occur in today’s Turkish Angoras, all of whom have many generations of pure Turkish Angora ancestry. Evidence also exists that the ticked tabby allele is an ancient allele in the domestic cat, if not arguably “wild type” for our species. Ticked Tabbies are recognized and registered for championship competition by multiple other organizations, but the restriction of ticked tabbies to AOV prevents them from gaining momentum in CFA. Requiring a minority color in a minority breed to conform to the strict mandates of the AOV matrix is simply assigning the color there for the foreseeable future. Each year multiple breeds are permitted to add to their color descriptions and color classes when a color is found to naturally exist in the gene pool without their progression from AOV. Further, in the past our rules restricting their registration have not been consistently enforced, and we believe at least one ticked tabby has been registered in the championship registration prefixes. Rather than attempting to revoke this registration, as well as any of their offspring, and restricting the value of European lines to our gene pool, we would ask to grant full championship status to this color to encourage further registration and importation of new genetic material.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 21

50% of Voting: 11

YES: 16

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Proposal 3 takes their ticked tabbies out of the AOV class. They want to promote them up to the championship class. **Hamza:** Oh, no. **Anger:** But they already register and show them right now. We brought the ticked tabbies in, in 2007. **Wilson:** Do we know how many they have? **Anger:** They proved at that time that they were a naturally occurring phenomenon. Other

than what we have here, we have not been provided with color matrix verification, that they have shown and registered enough. **Altschul:** But they are such a small breed. I don't see the point. **Hamza:** But they want it. **Altschul:** They want it, then pass it. I am speaking in favor of it, whether or not we have the color matrix data. This is a breed that hasn't argued about ticked tabby. Let's go for it. **Hamza:** Alright. Can I get a motion? **Anger:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

4. **PROPOSED:** Add the description for TICKED TABBY PATTERN and these patterns with white to the Standard.

Current:

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale clear silver. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black.

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** brick red.

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of leg black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings red. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Cream-Silver) (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings cream. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink.

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale, bluish silver. Markings a deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose desirable.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale bluish silver. Markings sound blue. Patches of cream tabby or softly intermingled areas of cream tabby on both body and extremities. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue and/or pink. **Paw pads:** blue or old rose and/or pink.

TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted and patched, where applicable): color as defined for tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly and all four paws. White on at least one-third of body and white blaze on face is desirable. Tabby colors accepted are brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo.

TORTOISESHELL: ...

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ARCO (Any Other Variety): any established tabby color in the ticked tabby pattern or ticked tabby pattern with white.

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Turkish Angora Color Class Number

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Tabby Color Class	1836	1837
<i>[Blue Tabby, Brown Tabby, Silver Tabby, Blue-Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted, patched). Cream Tabby, Red Tabby, Cameo Tabby, Cream Cameo (cream-silver) Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)].</i>		
Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class	1848	1849
<i>(Black & White, Blue-Cream, Blue & White, Calico, Cream & White, Red & White, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted and, where applicable, patched]; Smoke & White [black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) and white], Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)</i>		

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Proposed:

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: ...

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: The overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with the distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs, and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. The marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic, mackerel and spotted. When viewed from above, the body does not have distinct spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Face, legs, and tail must show distinct tabby striping. The cat must have at least one distinct necklace. The hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

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BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted, or ticked): ground color pale, bluish silver. Markings a deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose desirable.

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<i>(Black & White, Blue-Cream, Blue & White, Calico, Cream & White, Red & White, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted, <u>ticked</u> and, where applicable, patched]; Smoke & White [black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) and white], Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)</i>		

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RATIONALE: In 2007 the Board accepted for registration into AOV the ticked tabby and ticked tabby and white pattern. Although the ticked pattern was newly added from the Registration Rules for the breed, it is not a pattern born of hybridization and is occurring in the natural gene pool. As such it was not a “new” color, and should have been accepted into either the tabby or bi-color classes, or at a minimum into the OTAC classes as a color not resulting from hybridization. Each year multiple breeds are permitted to add color descriptions and color classes, bypassing the AOV matrix because the colors are naturally occurring. This should be true of a ticked tabby or ticked tabby and white Turkish Angora. All existing ticked tabbies have multiple generations of CFA registered Turkish Angoras behind them. However, in a time of a difficult economy and reduced breeding, there is no encouragement to register or show these cats, who cannot be shown for any titles. We do not believe it will be possible to ever meet the numbers required of the AOV matrix, given the number of Turkish Angora breeders worldwide. We are not asking for new color classes, we are asking that this tabby pattern be moved to championship status, within the existing Tabby and Parti-Color and Bi-Color classes.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 21

60% of Voting: 13

YES: 16

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

Anger: Proposal 4 is a companion proposal to #3. Since we approved the ticked tabbies, it gives us the color and pattern descriptions that will go in the standards, so judges will know what a ticked tabby Turkish Angora is supposed to look like. This passed their breed council. They needed 13 votes and got 16. So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. reconvened on Sunday, February 2, 2014, in the courtroom of the Honorable Robert G. Lavery, Alliance Municipal Court House, 470 East Market Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)
Mr. Mark Hannon (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Treasurer)
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 Ganoe (Director-at-Large)
Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)
Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Present by Teleconference:

Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations
James Simbro, IT Support/Systems Administrator
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter

Hamza: Rachel, you want to call the meeting to order? **Anger:** I sure will. Jerry Hamza.
Hamza: I'm barely here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here.
Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** I'm here. **Anger:** Carissa
Altschul. **Altschul:** Yep. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Michael Shelton.
Shelton: Here. **Anger:** Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Here. **Anger:** Tracy Petty. **Petty:** Here.
Anger: Kayoko Koizumi. **Koizumi:** Here. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George
Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Yo. **Anger:** Dennis Ganoe. **Ganoe:** Here. **Anger:** Richard
Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Richard
Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** Edward Raymond.
Raymond: Here. **Anger:** James Simbro. **Simbro:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson.
Thompson: Here. **Anger:** Jodell Raymond. **J. Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Verna Dobbins.
Dobbins: Here. **Anger:** Shino Wiley. **Wiley:** Here. **Anger:** We will find out who is on the

conference call. Is there anyone here whose name I have not called, for the minutes? Thank you all for coming. **Hamza:** Just to let you folks know, I am hoping to plow right through all this and get us out as quick as we can, because one of the observations I made on the way over here is, this weather doesn't look like it's getting a lot better out there.

(18) DISCUSSION OF POLICY REGARDING WILD HYBRID CATS.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities:

CFA's board of directors unanimously approved a policy statement at their February 7-8, 1998 meeting in Houston, Texas. In passing the policy statement, the board reaffirmed that the association is a registry of felis catus species of domestic cats. The CFA policy statement on the breeding of domestic and non-domestic cats reads as follows:

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.

At the June 28, 2013 CFA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Washington, a board-sponsored resolution was presented which proposed revising the CFA policy regarding "The Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats". After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was voted on by the delegates and received a favorable recommendation.

At the August 13, 2013 CFA Board Teleconference, a request was considered to extend the deadline to September 1 for a Bengal group to submit their request for registration. A motion was made, seconded and failed.

Current Happenings:

At the January 7, 2014 CFA Board Teleconference, Mrs. Petty asked if anything was happening on this issue. President Hamza instructed the CFA Secretary to put the issue on the agenda for this meeting to discuss, among other things, how many generations from the outcross will be considered.

Board Action Item:

Revise the Domestic Outcross Policy which currently appears under the Breeds tab on the CFA website at <http://www.cfa.org/Breeds/DomesticOutcrossPolicy.aspx> to conform with the favorable recommendation received by Proposal #17 at the June 28, 2013 CFA Annual Meeting, restated as follows:

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. ~~Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.~~

Time Frame:

Immediate. Thank you for your consideration.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

Hamza: Up next on the agenda is the discussion of policy regarding wild-hybrid cats. This was added to the agenda. It was prompted by earlier questions at an earlier board meeting, and also goes back to the Annual. We talked about moving ahead, to explore things slow. On this agenda, I didn't want to bring anything terribly controversial. What I wanted the board to think about is, the U.S. Government has a policy and we need to think about at what generation is the wild blood gone? If it can't be detected by a test, we know that somewhere by the time you hit F5, the cats are testing as *felis catus*. Does it make any sense to say it's wild blood when you can't detect it by any scientific means? Are we going to embrace empirical science, or are we going to embrace emotional feelings? The board is going to have to look at this, because it's already happening. We're already having cats we are suspecting of having that blood showing up in Household Pet classes, and how can we say, "you can't be here" if a scientific test is administered and nothing is coming up? **Eigenhauser:** I think the people that are saying that are being a little fast and loose with the definition of things. If we don't have a marker for the folded gene on the Scottish Fold, do we believe that the folded gene does not exist? These cats are bred phenotypically to show the spotted wild gene. If they don't show the spotted wild gene, they are petted out. So, we know they carry the wild gene because we can see it by looking at them. It's as easy to tell if a Bengal carries the Bengal gene, as it is to tell if a Scottish Fold carries the folded gene. Now, they may not have a test for that particular chromosome that identifies any specific markers. **Hamza:** What about the cat showing up as *felis catus*? **Eigenhauser:** On all the other tests, and by their definition anything more than one generation out is considered a domestic cat. They are using a very loose definition. **Hamza:** What about the federal government? Fish and Wildlife protects, and they have a standard of F5 being past the point. I'm just saying, this is something we need to look at. **Eigenhauser:** Yeah, but the Scottish Fold is a good example. F5, what does that mean? Let's say I have an F5 Scottish Fold. Does it have folded ears or straight ears? The answer is, if I breed for folded ears, it has folded ears. If I breed for straight ears, it has straight ears. When you use mathematical models for how much genes get diluted in each generation, you're assuming a random event. I'm assuming we are not a random event. I'm assuming we are purposely breeding these cats, and there is a purpose and we select for traits. If you select for the folded ears in a Scottish Fold, you can have folded ears for 10 generations, 20 generations, 100 generations, and still have the folded gene. So, it doesn't matter if it's an F1, an F2 or an F52, it still has folded ears if you bred for that trait. If you breed to get rid of the trait, it's one and out. With the Bengal, it's the same thing. They are specifically breeding for one of the wild traits. The definition of a Bengal – the whole reason for its existence – is the wild spotting gene. So, we know it carries the wild spotting gene or it wouldn't be a Bengal. If you intentionally breed for a trait, it doesn't matter if it's an F1, an F5 or an F100. If you purposely keep the gene in the gene pool generation after generation after generation, it's stays there after 5 generations, after 8 generations, after 100 generations. Mere counting of generations doesn't tell you whether you have bred for or against the gene. So, like I said, they are playing fast and loose with the math here. **Hamza:** In some ways they are. You have to draw a line somewhere. You're an attorney and you know that at some point empirical data matters. **Shelton:** I think comparison to the Scottish Fold and saying there is a wild gene is an incredibly over-simplistic view of this. Folded ears in the Scottish Fold are caused by a single gene. Leslie Lyons announced in the last week that she has found that gene. The quote-unquote "wild gene", a single wild gene in leopard cats or whatever you want to talk about does not exist. Bengals are not bred solely for their rosetted spotted pattern, and I think it's highly unlikely that that is due to only one gene. They are also bred for an extremely soft coat. They are bred for specific head

type. There are a lot of things that go into that, and those genes may or may not be different from anything that's present in a domestic cat. I'm not saying that counting generations is correct, either. I just don't think that's the right model. To say that there's only one gene – **Hamza:** And you hit on something here. This is not a problem that's going to go away. It's going to be here long after I am here, and this board has got to take a pragmatic view on it. **Altschul:** I have to say, I believe it's insulting to say that if you have an objection to wild blood hybrids, that you are being emotional and not scientific. Many people who have an objection to this are based on scientific data that we have been presented with, that we have found not just about whether or not there is still wild blood with the rosetting pattern, but the data of how many of these cats are in rescues and in shelters, and the shelters won't take them anymore, and the Bengal rescues are out of room, and how that's going to reflect CFA to the general public, that we are having all these animals that are in rescues. That's purely data driven, so I think it is incorrect to assume it's an emotional thing. **Hamza:** But you know what? I want to see proof of those numbers, because everywhere I've looked, that proof doesn't exist. **Altschul:** I have proof. It was emailed to all the board members, so you should have received it as well. You asked for proof, I'm telling you. We have one specific person in Colorado who has been doing purebred rescue in Colorado for 5 years. She gave you the numbers. **Hamza:** Anyway. **Altschul:** Also, to continue with the rosetting pattern, as you said, they are bred for a soft coat. That soft coat comes from the wild blood. There is no other breed that has a pelt like a Bengal. Where did it come from? The wild blood. **Shelton:** I wasn't saying that these aren't all factors. I'm looking at it, saying, "if there is a wild gene, that we will be able to test for it", is an over-simplistic model. **Altschul:** But it must be polygenic. That's why the first few male generations are sterile. It's not even the same species. It's not the same as breeding a domestic to a domestic. We're looking at completely different species. **Brown:** There are many markers that come in with the wild gene, and we don't know how closely they are aligned to the pattern that is selectively bred for. If they are closely aligned, it's not going to disappear – it's going to multiply. The other thing that I wanted to bring up is that it took man 2,000 years to domesticate the cat. Any wild blood, to me, is a step backwards. Do we want to take a step backwards? The cat has a specialized personality that requires a specialized home. Many people buy these cats that don't realize how strong and how active they are. That's why they end up in rescue, because I've talked to a number of veterinarians across the country by phone, and they say that they don't have any trouble handling the cats, but the cats are very strong and many owners have difficulty. Think of the number of times you have to give your cat medication at home; pills. What if you couldn't give that cat a pill, and it just kept getting sicker and sicker? That's wrong. This is why many of these cats end up in rescue, because the owners simply don't have the strength or fortitude to create the environment that makes him an acceptable household pet. **Hamza:** This wasn't meant to be a big, huge issue here. It's meant to be on your minds. It's a road that, as time goes on, the reality is, there's well over 100,000 of these cats registered, and we have judges that handle these cats and people that own these cats successfully. It's not going to be a problem that goes away anytime soon.

Ganoe: I want to bring the discussion back to what I believe is the actual point. The point is, we had a proposal that went to the delegation, that removed that one sentence from the policy. Whether that leads to Bengal registrations or Savannahs or Australian Mists or whatever is to be determined and more than likely will happen, but at this point it is a question of the policy of the board and the direction the board feels CFA should move in. I think we need to look at that as a philosophical question for CFA and CFA's future. **Hamza:** The reality is, we told the delegation

we would look into this in an objective, scientific way and I think we implied that we would bring it back to them with the responsibility of a board that would give them sound data and a sound, objective view of this and let them decide. **Altschul:** I would like to point out something else. Recently, we had a couple of CFA clubs that have partnered with the other major association in North America, and that partnership seemed to be beneficial to both sides. I think that we need to consider that we should celebrate our differences, rather than trying to become a complete copy of each other. There is room in North America for more than one association, and if there is only one association, I don't think that's healthy for the cat fancy. I think it's healthy for the cat fancy for people to have choices. That way, if somebody gets upset about something that happens in one association or the other, they have another place to go and still be in the cat fancy as a whole. I think that we should, instead of looking at trying to assimilate another association or trying to take from them what might potentially weaken them, we ought to look at other ways that we can work together, not ways that we work against each other. This would have never even come to the board if you hadn't brought it to us last February. The board wasn't even looking at this. **Hamza:** Look, as a board, we talk to our membership and we try to understand what they want and what they might want. I've gotten a lot of requests from members of CFA. It passed. There is some interest here. You can't deny that. It's not a matter of assimilating to other associations, it's a matter of evolving as our own association. It's a matter of giving our membership our ear and letting them tell us what they might like, and as a board taking into consideration the direction they want to move this organization in. We're elected representatives, and in time, regardless of what we think, if they have a certain direction they want this board to go in, they will replace the members on this board who are against whatever they want and it will eventually go through or not go through, based on what the member clubs ultimately want. **Brown:** To me, I think that not accepting wild blood makes CFA unique. I think we should be proud of it. I don't think we should feel embarrassed by it or feel that we have to change. We're unique and I think we should be proud of that. **Hamza:** I don't think it's a matter of being unique or not being unique, I think it's a matter of trying to hear what our membership is saying. Every organization evolves over time. Nothing is static. That's the one sure thing that is the same over the generations is, things change. Maybe it's not what this organization wants, but we did see from the vote in June that it's not a slam dunk one way or the other. We're the board and we represent an international organization. We've got to be a little sensitive to what they may want. That's part of what this is. Like I said, I really don't want to dwell. One of the things we have to do is make sure we're listening to our membership. One of the things they did tell us was to explore this with an open mind and bring them back information in an open way. **Wilson:** We cooperate with TICA and other associations on animal welfare cases. **Hamza:** Yes. **Wilson:** Can we get any facts? What percent of their animal welfare cases are wild blood related? **Hamza:** We can. **Wilson:** Could we then ask Linda Berg, is she prepared to deal with this? **Hamza:** I will call Linda. **Wilson:** You started earlier in this meeting by saying that nobody wants that Animal Welfare job. **Hamza:** Actually, you bring up an excellent point, because if we do have an expert in CFA on animal welfare issues, it would be Linda Berg. Linda has a unique relationship with a lot of the shelters in the country. I can have Linda do an actual survey. **Hannon:** She can probably talk to TICA. **Hamza:** She has a counterpart in TICA that she works with. **Wilson:** I think that would be interesting facts to know. Not necessarily how many, but what percentage? **Hamza:** We have a very close relationship with the Mayor's Alliance in New York City, which is one of the biggest rescue groups in the world. We can also check with them to find out what percentage of purebred cats they find represented in their

shelters. We may be surprised in ways we don't want to be, so we've always got to be careful about questions we ask. **Wilson:** The other thing I would like to know is, it is my understanding that a couple of other associations – FIFe I believe might be one, I'm not sure; GCCF I think – closed the door on any future wild hybrid breeds. Maybe we should explore that a little bit and find out, why was that? Why did they decide to do that? Is it government related? Is it rescue related? **Hamza:** In my mind, and that's part of what I said as part of the argument, it's a moral thing. Look, if you take the stand that it's moral and you don't want this to happen anymore, and all of a sudden you've got 150,000 cats out there like this, then you're not effecting policy. But if you get into the game and you say, "we're only going to take cats that aren't re-introducing wild blood", then you have an effect on the future of that breed. You're in the game now. You can change the game in a way that you see may be more moral. **Wilson:** I buy that. I struggle with this, because I liked our policy before but I think we need to reason it out. I'm willing to listen to reason, but where I struggle is with, you know, we talked about hanging paper on longhair Exotics. **Hamza:** I'm with you. **Wilson:** Unless there is some kind of a marker that we can use, how are we going to know that people aren't just breeding back to F1's, F2's. **Hamza:** And, you know, that is such a real issue. **Wilson:** It's a huge issue for me. **Hamza:** That's where we need to ask other associations, how are they dealing with this problem? Maybe they say, "not comfortably at all", and then we've got to look at that, too. We have to go into this with eyes open and get the facts as they are, not as we want them to be. **Altschul:** The first thing is, the email that was sent to the board, I'm not sure you all looked at it, so I will quote the actual numbers. In the last 8 years, working with the shelters in Colorado, 1 Oriental Shorthair, 2 Maine Coons, 2 Ocicats, 2 Persians, and over 20 Bengals. **Hamza:** But you're talking about one shelter. **Altschul:** No, no. One state. She is the contact for the shelters in the state. One state. Additionally, 5 other cases where individual Bengal owners came to her, so it's 25 Bengals that needed rescuing, plus, most of these Bengals were F10 and above. **Wilson:** How did they know? **Altschul:** Because she got their pedigrees. When they got turned in, they were turned in with their pedigrees. **Hamza:** Well – **Altschul:** Wait, I'm not done. **Hamza:** You're never done. **Altschul:** The second thing is, I went to a TICA show and I talked to the Bengal breeders. I handled the Bengal cats. They were fine to handle. Beautiful cats, no question, but I asked them two important questions. One, have they ever owned anything below an F5? Two of them had and they said, "I would never own it again." Two, would you ever, if it came across your TICA breed group (they have different names; not breed councils), would you vote to stop using the ALCs? Would you vote to stop using them? Because the Bengals have been around for decades. You have huge gene pool. Would you vote to stop using the ALC? All of them said no. I asked why. You don't use them. They said, "I may not use an F4, but I might want an F6 or an F8, because if we don't go back to those lower generations, we lose the look, we lose the wild look, the wild traits." All of them said that. "We lose the glitter, we lose the pelt, we lose the rosettes, and the size." **Hamza:** I think we should talk to our counterparts in the organization themselves – the judges and the office holders of these other associations – and try to get the official feeling. They're not going to misrepresent themselves. **Meeker:** I think there's a Bengal rescue group. I think they might be a good group to contact. And also, Carissa, I have problems with just straight numbers, because that doesn't tell me about if there's 2 Devons rescued and there's only 5 in the state, that's a pretty high percentage. If there's 20 Bengals and there's lots of Bengal breeders and there's 10,000 – **Altschul:** The email says how many Bengal breeders are in the state. **Meeker:** But how many kittens do they produce, how many did they place in the state? I mean, you're just looking at raw numbers that appear to be out of perspective, but it doesn't tell me

how many that represents as a percentage. I think we've got a long way to go on this, but I would comment to Roger, I've had some British Shorthairs that if they decided to get cranky, I couldn't pill them because they are strong, powerful cats. I think any breed represented in this room, if a cat decided not to want to be pill, it might not get pill. I don't think we can say that's a breed-specific trait. **Hamza:** I don't know if all of you recall all the Maine Coon rescue that I was involved in, but let me tell you something, there were some Maine Coons in there that were over 30 pounds that we were trying to wrestle around and pill. I just can't imagine that that's not in the same ballpark. **Baugh:** I just challenge you to get a pill down a 5 year old, 10-12 pound Manx. **Hamza:** So, you know, I think it's like trying to say, who is the toughest kid in my neighborhood? **Kallmeyer:** I don't think we have enough data on that. There have been Persian rescues of 100 in the state, too. It wouldn't hurt to explore. **Hamza:** It's a matter of timing. If we take that Maine Coon rescue in New York, there were over 200 cats there. **Altschul:** We're not talking about a breeder rescue, we're talking about pet owners turning into shelters. That's different. **Hamza:** I understand. I would like to see independent, objective data. I think that's our duty here. **Eigenhauser:** I think the President should appoint a committee to look into it and get that data. **Hamza:** Let me think about it and I will come up with something for the next meeting. I know that definitely I want Linda Berg on it, because she's as close to a rescue expert as we have in CFA. Linda, as George will tell you because he has worked with her very closely, one of the things you can't accuse Linda of is sugar coating anything. She calls it as she sees it, so I think she's – I want to put maybe a couple pro people on it and a couple con people that I know can work together and be civilized. It won't be you. **Altschul:** I know, thanks. **Hannon:** She can't be civil? **Hamza:** I know she can, but I don't want people so passionate. I would rather have people like Annette who aren't sure where they sit, who have some emotional uncertainty. **Altschul:** We do have an action item, so I would like to make a motion that we table the action item until we receive further data. **Hamza:** That's fine. **Wilson:** Second.

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

Hamza: I understand why you opposed it. We can't just keep pushing this off, because we were given a task and they are expecting from us some data. I'm expecting that when we get there, they will look at the data and say, "we want more". **Hannon:** Well, we know they are planning to apply, right? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Hannon:** So, we're going to have to figure out how to deal with that application. **Altschul:** They are going to have to wait until we make a decision. **Hamza:** Alright.

(19) **AWARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Michael Shelton
Committee Members: Carissa Altschul, Geri Fellerman, Mary Kolencik, Dennis Ganoë

Current Happenings of Committee:

The call for nominations for 2014 CFA Star Awards recently went out to board members and committee chairs, and responses have already begun to come in. The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 1. A reminder will go out in late February, and another in late March.

Future Projections for Committee:

Once the nomination period for Star Awards is complete, the committee will discuss each nominee and present recommendations to the board for approval during the May, 2014 teleconference.

Board Action Items:

None.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Recommendation for Star Awards at the May, 2014 meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Shelton, Chair*

Hamza: How about if we finish Awards and call it a day, and start tomorrow fresh with IT. Does that sound good for everybody? <yes> Mike. **Shelton:** As everybody on the board knows, we sent out emails asking for nominations for Star Awards. We have gotten some back. Those are open until April 1. I'll be sending out a couple more emails with reminders over the next couple of months. For people who haven't been through this before, the Star Awards are something we started up a few years ago, designed to recognize over and above the call of service to CFA. They have gone up for a variety of different things, and once all the nominations are in and the board is familiar, we will review them and everything is finally decided by the board in May, so we can hand out pins in June. There has not really been much going on lately because I haven't had time to deal with it. I have a couple of other things coming up, but I don't want to commit to those until I know how much time I am going to have to deal with it. **Hamza:** Is that it? **Shelton:** Questions? **Hamza:** Well, that was honest and brief, the way I like it.

Hamza: Anyway, folks, we covered a lot of ground today. Getting out a reasonable time tomorrow, if you look at the agenda for tomorrow, is a distinct possibility. The meeting is adjourned.

(20) IT REPORT.

Committee Chair: Dick Kallmeyer

Hamza: Why don't we start off with Dick and Jim on the IT report. **Kallmeyer:** I'm going to have James give the latest status. **Simbro:** He's just going to hand it right over to me. Not too much more to report since the last meeting. We're continuing to test the shows. There's really two areas that everything hinges on at this point. One is the show scoring, making sure the reporting is correct. We've gotten some reports back. We're finding errors – nothing major, but a lot of little things we're checking. Talking to Dennis on Friday, where I was trying to do one week's worth of data, he recommended a month's worth of data, to really accurately check the show reporting. So, I'm going to talk to him here probably this week and we'll get a game plan on that. **Hamza:** I want to be in on that talk, just to let you know. **Simbro:** OK. **Hamza:** Thank you. **Kallmeyer:** Point out that we're scoring shows correctly. We haven't done a whole week to do epoints. We're talking about a month to make sure we can produce that monthly show report. **Hamza:** Right from the – **Kallmeyer:** Right, so it's an aggregation of the individual show scoring. **Hamza:** I get it. **Simbro:** We need to make sure because we're coming up right on the end of season, too. Three more months. **Hamza:** How did your testing go last weekend? **Simbro:** Favorable, but like I said, we found some errors. They are not accounting for Exotic longhairs in that. They don't have them broken out separately, so I had to work with them a lot on trying to work that logic out. We've still got some region – we're trying to automate a lot of the region stuff. That's taking some tweaking to do. The other area that really needs to be tested now, and we had talked about getting some outside people to test, is the client side. I'm open to – send me some emails, some people that want to try to get on to the client side to register litters or individual cats now. We can get that fully vetted. **Hamza:** Are you pretty confident that you have registration pretty well down? **Simbro:** Pretty well, yeah. This last week they did another fresh data import from the HP. I started looking at that data over the last few days here, because they were getting it imported in earlier in the week. I'm finding some errors in there. They wanted to do one more import to make sure that they had that process down. It looks like we still have a little bit of problem there, but I am hoping they are minor problems. They are usually just date issues. What I have run into so far is date issues when they import stuff in. **Hamza:** Is there anything that prevents us from doing registrations with the new system? **Simbro:** Time. Manpower. **Hamza:** But I mean, can we switch one part over at a time? **Simbro:** No, we can't, because on the HP, the HP relies on registration. The new system's scoring relies on registration. They are not separately. They are kind of separate systems, but they depend on each other. **Hamza:** So regardless, you would have to dual input. **Simbro:** Yeah. I was thinking about trying to find out if there was any way to do registration in the new system and just continue, just finish out the year-end scoring on the HP. **Hamza:** Can you link it in such a way that, as you are inputting on one, you are actually inputting on both? **Simbro:** No. Actually, we would physically have to input both of them at the same time. We would need double the people. Scoring, we've been trying to get the scoring process in the new system as fast as what it is in the HP, as far as the data entry and the process. Right now, it's a little bit slower, so we're doing some tweaking on that. **Kallmeyer:** We've also found some problems with the legacy entry programs, especially the International Division region. One of the programs puts the letter S for international, versus D. It has been going on for several years. Somehow, Connie must have written code to manually correct it or something as we go on. **Ganoe:** Is that in the data file coming back from the shows?

Kallmeyer: Yeah, it's in the show disk. It's a [name omitted] program. **Hannon:** Can't we just as [name omitted] to fix it? **Kallmeyer:** We did, but – **Hannon:** He wouldn't? **Kallmeyer:** Well, there's still clubs that have legacy code they haven't updated. **Hamza:** We've come to this before. There's going to be a time when it's going to be very advantageous for CFA to have one entry program and there's going to be a time when it might be very advantageous for CFA to be the entry clerk. **Eigenhauser:** Has anybody sent a note to these clubs saying, "Your software is a little out of date. It's putting in the wrong symbol. Get [name omitted] to fix it for you." **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, we did. They are mostly Chinese clubs that have been using it. They received a package deal for 5 years to use the program, and they have problems contacting the developer. **Hamza:** They can use the other program for free. Go ahead. **Simbro:** That's really pretty much it there. We're trying to verify more of the scoring. As far as timeline, everybody wants to find out "two weeks," "one month," "two days." It really hinges on what we discover on the testing. I was hoping to flip the switch this month – this week, even, but once they did that data import, I saw some errors. I don't feel confident on the reporting. I just don't have a good, solid feeling that they are going to be able to produce the reports like everybody expects. **Eigenhauser:** If scoring and registration are linked nebulously, would it make sense to throw the switch on May 1st when we go into a new scoring season? **Simbro:** Yes. That would solve a lot of problems. I hate to wait that long. We've waited this long now. **Hamza:** The reality, what should happen is, and I'm going to tell you – I'm going to suggest. George, I'm thinking along your lines but a little different. I'm thinking that you throw the switch April 1st but you run parallel for the whole month of April, so that you have a chance – look, I've done enough situations like these in business situations where, even if you try to get all the bugs out, you're still going to come across things you didn't anticipate. It's just the nature of the beast. I think that, if we say that we're going to flip the switch April 1st and compare, even if it takes some temp help to run parallel the whole month of April with the idea of, as of the new show season, just to be into the new environment and let Bertha sit there and retire. **Kallmeyer:** I'm not sure if we need the April 1 parallel so much, as we want to run the reports on the new system as we do for the old for the end-of-year scoring, just to make sure there's consistency. New registrations aren't going to probably affect that last month so much, because all the scores are going to probably be in place. What we should do is, do the last month of scoring for both, to make sure April looks the same, and then we'll import all the data from the old system to make sure the end-of-year reporting that goes out to the regional directors and national winners, that that comes out consistent. **Hamza:** What I'm saying is, if you import at the end of March and you start running both in parallel in April, you're going to get the reports the same. You're going to pick up any bugs. That way, we're not into this situation, "well, we thought this and we thought that." You haven't been here for 4 years trying to roll this thing out. I have. It's time. I just don't want to be here and be held up because we're afraid of some problems. There's going to be problems. **Simbro:** There's going to be problems, no doubt. **Hamza:** As we go on, the problems we have with the old system are continuing to grow. Not only that, but we're always confronting issues on programming. We don't have effective programming on the COBOL system. It's a real heartache, every time we have to program something. **Hannon:** While you're doing all that, are we still going to be doing the testing of the registrations from the user side? **Simbro:** Yes. **Hannon:** I don't want to hold that up while you are doing this. We should be able to do both. **Simbro:** That can be pushed forward. Not a problem there. **Hamza:** The idea is, everything should be up and running by April 1st on all the systems, so that come May 1st – that's our deadline – we should be able to turn the HP off and be totally in the Microsoft environment – not that you get rid of the HP. You

take care of it. God forbid, if something happens, it's there and you can go back. I think that should be a hard goal. From what I'm hearing, I don't think that should be a terribly difficult one to meet. We'll talk, because by hook or crook, even if we have to bring more people in, we're going to do it. It's time, I guess is the best thing I can say. Anything else for IT? **Kallmeyer:** No.

(21) **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.**

Committee Chair: Ginger Meeker
Liaison to Board: Ginger Meeker
List of Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Dick Kallmeyer, Jodell Raymond, Kathy Durdick (IT/Website)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Region's version of the Annual Manual is now a completed and approved document. This committee will continue to update as needed. Jodell has completed the CO version of the Annual Manual which includes the organizational calendar.

This committee will continue to update and maintain the Board of Directors' Guidelines document as required. This document is archived on the FileVista site. As this document is used please report any errors or omissions to the Chair or other member of this committee.

IT Progress and process will be covered in reports from James Simbro and Kathy Durdick.

A new audit of the cfa@cfa.org was started and a full detailed report will be submitted for the June 2014 meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Kathy Durdick continues to work part-time to upgrade and update the CFA website. Her report will be submitted in addition to this report.

The chair is in regular contact with James Simbro to determine the status of current projects and the development of future projects. The office functions of registration and registration by pedigree appear to be current although slowed a bit during the Holidays. Customer service continues to be a focus and Jodell Raymond continues to provide staff coaching and training as necessary. This committee is fully open to any and all requests from James Simbro and we stand ready to help her in his role as Director of Operations. The Chair is working with James Simbro to accomplish computer reports focused on error rates determination in various areas. Dick Kallmeyer has been working with James Simbro to compile and analyze multiple and significant data points that he will discuss at the February meeting.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue to work with James Simbro, as requested, to facilitate office function and team development in Alliance, OH. The committee, in cooperation with the CFA Director of Operations will be to continue to focus on customer service issues. While review of the specific email site for CFA is only one aspect of customer service, it was seen as a starting point for the process. Another review of site activity is in process at this time. New people will be hired into the office as needed with resumes accepted for a vacant position in the registration area.

Looking at this year's CFA statistics, it seems that focus should now be directed at developing a strategic business plan for CFA to support and develop our core strengths. The business has been moved to Alliance OH, staff is settling in and now we can look ahead to the future and map the direction and vision of our Association in a logical and systematic way. This committee is quite pleased that as a part of the February meeting a Strategic Planning meeting with an independent professional facilitator has been scheduled for the Friday prior to the weekend BOD meeting in Alliance, Ohio.

Action Items:

Continue to work with James Simbro and the IT committee to develop some field-based reports for determining error rates.

Committee to develop and write a Strategic Plan for CFA Business

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Any completed projects done in the next time period.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Meeker, Chair*

Hamza: Ginger, on the Business Management Report. **Meeker:** On the Business Management Report there were no action items. I trust everyone has read the report and wonder if there are any questions.

WEB OVERSIGHT

Committee Chair: *Kathy Durdick*
Liaison to Board: *Ginger Meeker*
List of Committee Members: *Ginger Meeker, Dennis Ganoë, Jodell Raymond*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

In addition to the normal day-to-day maintenance of the site, some of the major changes since last report include:

- *300+ grand photos from 2012-13 show season added*
- *A new Chinese site was set up at <http://chinese.cfa.org> The site currently contains a welcome page, photos of the top cats in the Intl Division for the past 3 years, some breed introductions written in Chinese, a show schedule with just the Chinese shows listed, and a number of translated forms. There are also several “instructional” pages, with information on how to fill out a CFA entry form, and how to claim a CH/PR title. The first registration form (the blue slip) is now online... the form will submit to CO in English, but the fields online have been translated to Chinese, which will hopefully make the information being submitted for processing more correct.*
- *Online entries for the World Show proceeded smoothly – and the feedback I heard was that people were pleased to be able to have the instant feedback to see that their entry was in the database for the show.*
- *QR code “luggage tags” for all the breeds were added – both as a combined zip file that clubs could download, and also as individual PDF files placed on each breed profile, so that people can download just their own breed and print them off.*
- *Show locator page for North American shows was added, allowing people to enter their location (city/state or zip code), and receive a list and map with the closest shows to them for the next 2-3 months.*

Future Projections for Committee:

Addition of show locator pages for the other areas – regions 8, 9, and International Division.

Continued enhancements to the Chinese site, including the other registration forms, more instructions, etc.

Migration of the various CFA subdomain sites (such as agility.cfa.org, kids.cfa.org, etc.) to the new CMS system – this will consolidate the hosting services, and allow the cancellation of some of the separate hosting fees currently being paid.

Time Frame:

This report covers the timeframe of 9/23/2013 through 1/22/2014

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on the committee's progress, and any additional projects or accomplishments since the writing of this report.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Durdick, Chair*

Meeker: Also submitted was a report by Kathy Durdick. It was a bit more detailed as to what she has actually been working on, and if you have any questions, I think between Dick and I, we could probably answer those. Otherwise, there were no action items in that report and we can move on. **Hanza:** I think it's pretty straightforward. Tell Kathy we appreciated her report. It was nicely done. **Meeker:** Thank you. She will appreciate that positive note in the minutes.

(22) YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Committee Co-Chair: Cathy Dunham, Karen Lane
Liaison to Board: Loretta Baugh
List of Committee Members: Aubrey Anderson, Maureen Clark, Lorna Friemoth,
Marguerite Epstein, Donna Trusler

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The program has 30 youth participating in four age divisions.

Provided information and 2014 budget to Royal Canin for continued sponsorship of the program.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continuing to work on the identity for the program. We still are being associated with the old Junior Showmanship Program due to some forms still carrying the name Junior Showmanship or the initials JS. As these inconsistencies are found we are trying to correct them so the correct name is out in the fancy and public.

Working toward changing the process for gathering information for youth interested in presenting short talks or breed presentations at shows. When the program was first written, the plan was to have a club contact YFEP when a child showed interest in doing one of the activities at their show. Now that the program has been running we have determined that the clubs along with YFEP need to change the process slightly so that YFEP receives notification with enough lead time to help the club and youth have the best possible experience.

Future Projections for Committee:

Presentation to outside organizations for continued expansion. Plans are currently in process to work with a library system to help provide a summer program about cat breeds, the cat fancy, and the YFEP program.

Board Action Items:

Item 1: The YFEP program requests that the “JS” on the show license form be updated to say “YFEP”. This will make the identity for YFEP much clearer to the clubs.

Hamza: Loretta, the Youth Feline Education Program. **Baugh:** I hope everybody has read the report. There were two action items on there that are simple ones, I believe, that to be sure that the license forms are updated to say YFEP, rather than JS for Junior Showmanship, to make the identity clearer. We don't need a motion for that. That's just something they want to have done. **Hamza:** I think we just go ahead and do it. **Baugh:** That's what I would think. **Hamza:** The Program has been in effect for a while now. **Thompson:** I know we have done some areas. I know I've taken care of some, but there may be an area where it's missing. Just let us know. **Baugh:** They are saying, on the licenses. **Thompson:** On the show license? **Baugh:**

Yes. This is what she has in the report. **Thompson:** The show license has been updated and I think it's online and they are printed and being disseminated.

Item 2: The YFEP program requests that at the time a show license is processed at CO, that a notice be sent to Co-Chair, Cathy Dunham via email (brtzohny@mchsi.com) if the show license indicates an interest to have YFEP as part of the show format. This change will allow YFEP the lead time necessary to provide the best possible support for the club hosting our youth and to allow the youth to have the best possible experience in the show hall.

Baugh: The other one was her request that when a show license is processed and they are going to be doing that, that there be some type of notification to Cathy Dunham. **Thompson:** For the Youth Feline Program? OK.

Time Frame:

The YFEP requests immediate implementation of the above action items once approved by the Board.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Program update.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham and Karen Lane, Co-Chair*

Baugh: That's all she has down here. That's all I have. **Hamza:** OK, thank you. Any questions?

(23) 2014 WORLD SHOW.

Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi Michigan:

- *Is not available this year for 3rd or 4th weekend in November*

Submitted to Pat Zollman (Helms Briscoe) for review to help secure location –

Dates: November 13th – 16th, 2014

Requirements/Preferences:

- *Setup: Thursday (11/13) 7:00 am to 10:00 pm and Friday (11/14) 6:00 am to 9:00 pm*
- *Exhibitor Check-In: Friday (11/14) 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday 6:30 am to 8:30 am*
- *Show Hours: Saturday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm*
- *Accessibility Hours for Show Management: Thursday to Sunday 6:00 am to 12:00 midnight all four days*
- *Major city flight friendly for domestic and international flights, and fairly close to USDA Office*
- *Hotel attached to show hall is preferred.*

Show Hall to Provide/Include and Permit:

- *125,000 square feet of show hall space, however, we can work with 110,000 square feet if necessary*
- *CAD/Floor plan in timely manner*
- *Tables (skirted and non-skirted), Chairs and necessary Pipe & Drape*
- *Set up 80 Vendor booths to include pipe, drape, one 6' skirted table, two chairs, one trash can and sign*
- *10 Electric runs/drops*
- *Security as required*
- *Two Ticket Sellers & one Ticket Taker: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm on Saturday and 8:30 am - 3:00 pm on Sunday*
- *Ticket booth to accept credit cards and report sales on the hour is preferred, however not mandatory.*
- *30,000 pounds of freight delivered to loading dock and placed in show hall where needed*
- *Hang 60 banners throughout from ceiling*
- *Six assigned loading docks to corporate sponsors*
- *One multipurpose loading dock for all to use as first come first serve basis*
- *Sound system with 8 portable mikes*
- *Show management to be permitted to bring in beverages as needed for show workers and goodie bags for Saturday afternoon kids working rings*
- *40 to 50 large trash receptacles placed throughout the hall*
- *Minimum one preferably two offices with keys provided to show management for the use of cat inspections, changing area and counting money if necessary*
- *In-house posting of event 15 to 30 days out*
- *On site banner or digital sign visible from exterior traffic*

- *No charge for any clean up services*
- *Purchase parking passes for workers, exhibitors and vendors at a reduced price; \$5.00 each for weekend*

Hotel:

- *Room Nights 400*
- *Two training rooms able to accommodate up to 30 people per room: tables, chairs, podium, electric, and screen for presentations*
- *On site dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner*
- *1 comp room for every 30 rooms paid*
- *Free parking passes for all staying at hotel*
- *Preferred rate; Governmental would be best; much higher than this will drive exhibitors to stay at other hotels.*

Hamza: We're going to skip lunch and go to the World Show. Rich. **Mastin:** You have a report there. Any questions? **Hamza:** I think we covered a lot of it yesterday. **Baugh:** This is for this year. **Hamza:** Oh, this year. **Baugh:** The unavailability of Novi. **Altschul:** I think we should have in the minutes that they are looking for a new location and why. Where you are in your search right now. **Mastin:** The why is, it's not available. However, the 3rd weekend in October is available and we can get that at a discount. **Hamza:** We can't do that. **Mastin:** We already have existing shows that weekend. **Hamza:** We have a window where clubs are used to it. **Mastin:** Right. **Hannon:** The upside to that is, if we go to October, we're not as reliant on weather issues as in November. So, my recommendation would be that we talk about the possibility of moving to October on a permanent basis, and not just a one year basis because the show hall is available. **Hamza:** The one thing I do know about the weekend we have been using, just by my years in show business, is that even though it's taken in this particular facility, it's a weekend that has a greater chance of being open in other facilities. So, if one of the things we're going to continue to do is move around, then the weekend we have is probably a better weekend to move around. **Mastin:** OK. Allow me to talk about the weekend for a minute. The weekend we had in 2013 was the 4th weekend of November. In 2015, the 4th weekend is Thanksgiving weekend. We need to go back to the third weekend. **Hamza:** That's fine. **Mastin:** I'm just pointing that out. **Hamza:** We know that's going to happen, with the way Thanksgiving is scheduled. We know that, depending on the way the 4th Thursday of the month falls, that's going to happen. **Hannon:** The show is traditionally the 3rd weekend of November when we have 5 weekends, as we did last year and we do this year. Then we have the option of going with the 3rd or the 4th, because nobody has that as a traditional date. **Meeker:** The weekend that I thought might be possible would be that 2nd weekend of October, which was given back to the regions as a fundraiser. It was the old qualifier date. Do we know how many shows are on that weekend or might we take that one back and open up November? I think weather is a significant concern for getting back to Regions 6, 4 or 1, in November. **Petty:** A lot of shows have traditional dates on the 2nd weekend of October. **Meeker:** So, some regions have given them back? **Hannon:** I don't think you are right. I think it was the World Show date that we gave back to the regions when we stopped holding the International shows. **Meeker:** We had a qualifier weekend that most regions kept for fundraising. **Hannon:** Yours might have, but the others didn't. I think it was the November date that we told the regions they could use as a fundraiser when we weren't holding the International shows. **Baugh:** Just as a comment on the 3rd and 4th weekends in November and Thanksgiving,

on an average there is a 5th weekend in November three times in a ten-year cycle. **Hamza:** That's about right. You know, the one thing I want to point out, I always say, "Don't fight success." The last two years, you have had 2,000 cats and 10 openings. That's a heck of a track record. I would wait until there was issues with the way this show is run before I would start changing a bunch of stuff. It's working. **Anger:** Are we seeking input and suggestions from the cat fancy at large for venues, from people about their local area or are we listing these things as items that we are looking for internally, as a committee? **Mastin:** This list is to Pat Zollman, who is searching all over the country. **Hamza:** If somebody has something that we may have overlooked, we're not close minded. They could certainly bring it to our attention. It would be silly not to look. **Hannon:** The problem though is, what a local fancier might think is a wonderful facility for this show isn't, because they're not cognizant of all the details. They might think it would be a huge space for a 450 show, but we would not be able to fit in it. **Altschul:** I think it's really good that in this report it says exactly what is needed. There's nothing in here, so we could say, "if you know something, here's all the things that we have to have." **Hamza:** The only thing I wouldn't put in that report is the price ranges. That's just because we work with sponsors on sponsoring the show. Exhibitors don't need to know how much. That's our job, to negotiate. You don't pay what they ask. You negotiate anyway. **Altschul:** Just take the price out. **Hamza:** That's all. Then, the rest is fine because the rest is spec. **Altschul:** Just the price rates on the show hall? Not the rates for the rooms. **Hamza:** Yeah, yeah. And the hotels, too. There's no need, because everything is negotiable. It's better if somebody else isn't calling and saying how much. We're way further ahead doing it ourselves. Anything else here? I'm suspecting that by the next board meeting we will have perhaps a clearer picture.

(24) **CAT TALK.**

Committee Chair: Teresa Keiger, Editor
List of Committee Members: Jodell Raymond, Managing Editor

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Now that Cat Talk is in its 4th year of production and we have a firm grasp on both production and content, we have been gradually attempting to expand our readership. Our “Give your Vet the December issue” and issues sold at the World Show included blowout cards for subscriptions (which we also gave to the spectators).

Some exhibitors over the years have expressed an interest in a digital version of Cat Talk. Distribution of it in a pdf format is not desirable because of various copyright issues and the easy duplication and distribution of a pdf. To that end, we’ve been looking at another means of digital distribution and believe that we’ve found it in a service that is already in place to distribute magazines online.

The other advantage of having a digital issue of Cat Talk available is that it immediately makes it readily available to our overseas fanciers. This is especially important in newly expanding markets such as China, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. Prior to this there was no easy way to reach those markets. Mailing is expensive and finding an overseas printer (in all markets) would be problematic. With this method of digital distribution, we anticipate an initial subscription growth of 20%.

Current Happenings of Committee:

*I have set up an account with Magzter and have the December issue up online for review. See separate document (“**Report on Online Distribution of Cat Talk Magazine**”) for detailed information on the service. In brief, the service itself is free. They make their money by taking 50% of every sale. Our profits are sent to our bank account. They handle the per copy and subscription service. This subscription service is completely separate from the regular print service and Online Almanac account as it’s not feasible to keep tally of who is subscribing to what.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- 1. Continue to grow Cat Talk and develop content. To this end, we have also established relationships with professional writers (from within the Cat Writers’ Association) to provide us with professional level content. I anticipate approximately 1 article of this type per issue.*
- 2. Monitor the digital version of Cat Talk’s growth and promote that version.*
- 3. Increase our revenue streams of both commercial and exhibitor-based advertising.*

Board Action Items:

Requesting that the Board vote on proceeding with this distribution model and the suggested subscription rates.

Time Frame:

The digital version of Cat Talk will be immediately available online as soon as we say ‘publish.’

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

If voted to proceed with the digital version, we will provide a summary of new digital subscription growth.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Keiger, Chair*

Hamza: Next up is Cat Talk. That’s Teresa, and Jodell is here on behalf of Teresa. Go ahead Jodell. **J. Raymond:** I believe you all have the report from Teresa that outlines what it would take for us to use a service to go online with the magazine. Magzter.com is a reader. She uploaded a demo, so if you don’t have that, I can get you that, as well. The nice thing with this is that it would allow us to increase our subscriber base and go to a broader audience. We have started to adjust our content a bit more, and that has made it a lot easier to see what people like and pay attention to, so that one issue, we have engaged the services of a professional cat writer and looked at the responses from the readership to see what they think. We’ve gotten favorable responses to date, so we’re really excited about that. This is a way, like I said, to expand our readership base. I believe it’s 50%. They keep 50% of the revenue, so that’s a really nice thing for us. There’s no outlay of cash. If you have not taken a look at it, please do so you can see what kind of things it has to offer. **Hamza:** Do you think it will cut into the printed subscriptions? **J. Raymond:** No, I don’t. I think this will enhance the printed subscription because you can just download it to your iPad. **Hamza:** I understand that, but that’s my only concern is that if it cannibalizes any of the subscriptions. **Hannon:** People are going to opt to go with the online and stop the print, so you’re going to lose that. **J. Raymond:** Printing costs are expensive. What are we talking though, 20% or 25%? **Hamza:** I don’t know. You’ve just got to be careful on the bottom line. It could become a terrible negative impact, as far as profitability. **Bizzell:** The only thing I think we need to address is, currently we don’t have a stand-alone price for the online Almanac, and if someone goes and buys the – if we choose for it to be \$49 for the subscription for the online version or the download version, then people would want to separately buy the online Almanac. **Hamza:** I would be far more comfortable if, at the next board meeting, we had some sort of report that would give the board what would happen if 10% went and 25% and 50% and so on. **Eigenhauser:** We have to be careful what we say out loud here, but there’s a reason why we combine them. **Hamza:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** We tried them separately, and we combined them because it works better together. I think people want the package. I think having a stand-alone version available online is going to have minimal impact, if any, but I do think, and I agree with Carla, that we need a way for the people that order the online version to also get the package, and we can’t do it through a service because they are going to take half, so just note it when they write their check for the other half of the package, but I can’t see this having much of

an impact. I think people buy the package because they want the package, not just to get the hard copy Almanac. **Bizzell:** I think this will greatly expand our overseas distribution. That's a good thing. **Hamza:** I think we're one step away. I just want to see how it looks. I want to see the impact of the bottom line. **Baugh:** Jerry, I have similar concerns to you in the fact that our hard copy book sales have gone down, magazine sales have gone down, newspapers are closing because people are doing things digitally. I would be very concerned before moving forward that we really have a real handle on what the impact is going to be. We have stores closing right and left, and newspapers closing down. **Petty:** I'm also wondering if we're going to create confusion between the Online Almanac and the online Cat Talk. **Hamza:** Yeah. There are issues here. My biggest concern is that we have our publications running well. Compared to four years ago when they were a big hole, we have made a little bit of money on the Yearbook. The Almanac makes money, and I would just hate to see, again, tinkering with success is not something I'm a fan of. **Eigenhauser:** One of the reasons that was identified for using this service was their ability to make it difficult to copy. You can just put a PDF online and have somebody copy it to all their friends. I'm not sure that's really all that big a concern. We have that same problem with epoints already and we have learned to deal with it. To some extent, getting the information out has value to us, even when people steal it. I would also like to explore the possibility of putting a PDF version on our website in the secure section with a little note on it, "Please don't steal this and give it to your friends," but if they do, just live with it. **Hamza:** Like Abby Hoffman's book, *Don't [sic] Steal this Book*. Yeah, OK. **Eigenhauser:** Put a copyright notice on there to protect the images and things like that on there, so we have done what we can to protect them from a legal standpoint, and then just accept the fact that we're going to get a certain amount of shrinkage and people are going to download it and pass it around, but accept the fact that most people are honest most of the time. The amount we're going to lose because of that may not be significant. **Hamza:** I'm a big fan of knowing what the impact would be. **Eigenhauser:** I'm just saying, I would like to see a second alternative presented. **Meeker:** I would like to know if this service has any translation capabilities. This magazine might be translated into multiple languages. That would be great. **Hamza:** My thought is that you don't offer this separate. You give people the option to opt out of the print if they want to or to get both, but you don't cut your base. **Bizzell:** Of course, as you increase your distribution, the more sponsors or advertisers you are going to get. So, it should offset any decline we have in readers. **Hamza:** The thing is, if you just say, "This is our subscription to CFA, that's what it costs. You can take one or the other or both within that price," then you're not hurting yourself. Some people will naturally say, "I don't want paper" and some people will say, "I want to have it because I want to have both." That way, you have that. **Wilson:** Everything I subscribe to, whether it's the *Wall Street Journal* or a gardening magazine, I get both and I read the paper copy, but I can go in and read it electronically whenever I want to. I might show someone an article, but it gives me the opportunity to put in links to other things. I can't imagine our advertisers wouldn't love that. You click on it and it goes right to wherever. **Hamza:** There is intrinsic value to this. We know that Cat Talk magazine is showing up in show halls. It brings us closer together. That's an intangible for a paper magazine. It's portable, people like to carry it. **Ganoe:** I just have one question. Being new, I've watched Cat Talk come to nothing to four years. At this point, it sounds like we're expanding the business model of Cat Talk, whether we're going online or whatnot, and I was wondering if there is a business plan for how we go forward, whether we do translations, and if we do translations, are we going to get advertising from those countries? How are we going to do those things? **Hamza:** You're hitting on basically what I'm talking about. This is

well and fine, but I want to see support for it, to go to the next step. I think this is the cart before the horse a little bit. **Hannon:** Maybe Dennis can work with them on a business model. **Hamza:** That would be fine, too. It just isn't ready to come to the board. **Hannon:** I suggested maybe you could work with them to help them develop a business model. **Hamza:** And you bring up a valid point of the history, but the history of the old Almanac, they got rid of it because it was hemorrhaging money. This publication is making money, so it's a profit center for CFA. **Baugh:** I agree with Annette. I have several magazines that I get, and I can do either one. I would be much more comfortable with having availability of a digital magazine on the secure site, so that we can have the option of one or the other or both. **Hamza:** In my mind, the most important thing is that we don't allow this to erode the income. You do that by offering a subscription to the CFA Almanac at one price. The price is designed to cover the cost of both if people choose to take both. Then, if they opt out of one or the other, you're just increasing your profit margin. **Mastin:** We can't do that with Magzter. **Hamza:** Then we go with somebody else, because there's other people that do this service. **Mastin:** The problem with Magzter is they want 50% of net sales. **Hamza:** That's not a real issue. **Hannon:** Find a company that for a price will put it online for us. **Hamza:** Then you have a fixed cost and then you can go about figuring this the right way. Anyway, let's move on.

Report on Online Distribution of Cat Talk Magazine

The time has come for Cat Talk to have a digital version. We are entering our fourth year as a publication and have gone through our 'learning curve' and continuing to grow. We have always wanted to have an expanded distribution in Europe, but a print version would either have to be printed overseas and distributed from there (expensive and would require much legwork to start up) or mailed from the US (also expensive). We are also growing in Asia and believe that we should have a very visible presence there. Finally, many potential readers in the US have said that they would subscribe if there were to be a digital version available. It is also a way to segue in to the "prosumer" cat lover reading market.

A large part of the reluctance to create a digital version of Cat Talk magazine centers on copyright issues and distribution. We have a relationship with our photographers that photos that they give us are solely for the purpose of CFA. We also wanted to avoid the issue of having one person purchase a digital version of the magazine and then redistribute it to any other interested parties.

Heretofore, I believe that distributing as a PDF had been the only method of distribution considered and this method really does not allow for any digital rights management. What I looked for instead was a completely online digital version wherein the magazine both stayed in a digital format and could not be shared. Commercial online magazines operate in this manner.

Digital Format

After researching several companies, I settled on Magzter (<http://www.magzter.com/>). Its magazine application is widely available for variety of platforms and commercially widely used. The online magazine would be created from the same layout file that the print version is created from, so there is minimum creation effort. Magzter itself handles the subscription/purchase and the distribution so no effort is needed on our part. There is NO initial/set up costs on our end. Magzter makes its money by taking a share of the subscription/issue purchase. (50%). Other distribution models that I compared them too asked for a \$1000+ set up fee per issue. For the distribution that I see Cat Talk having, revenue sharing is the better option for us. Magzter also allows us to distribute free copies to whomever we designate (at a cost of 30 cents/download)

They will send Cat Talk's share of the revenue directly to our bank account after the first \$100 in purchases. They also retain rights to use our magazine coverage/logo for their promotion purposes. (which is also promotion for CFA...)

Methodology

I create the pdf for the magazine and upload it to their website via a publishing portal. They review the magazine and we are allowed to preview it online. I have uploaded a couple of magazines that are in the 'preview' stage for the members of the board to review. We I say "publish" (or at the prearranged publishing date) the magazine is then available to the general population.

Questions to determine:

1. *Cost per issue?*
 - a. *Single print issue is \$10 which includes shipping/handling*
2. *Cost/length of subscription?*
 - a. *1 year magazine only rate is \$49 which includes shipping/handling*
 - b. *Propose that the online version mirror this pricing. No, we won't have the printing and mailing costs, but Magzter gets 50% of the sale.*
3. *Back issues available for purchase online?*
 - a. *In my opinion, yes.*
4. *Should it be tied in to an OLA combo package as the print issue is?*
 - a. *\$59 for both 1 yr. subscription to OLA and Cat Talk*
 - b. *In my opinion, no as it would be almost impossible to track and reconcile the Magzter subscriptions. The OLA subscription can be purchased separately now so it is not as though it would be inaccessible*

(25) **YEARBOOK UPDATE.**

Hamza: Let's move on to Mark and the Yearbook. **Hannon:** I don't have much to say. The Yearbooks are out and I've encouraged you to order some, to take back to your regions and sell them at your shows. I want to compliment Shelly on the great job she did with it again. She really works hard on this, to get it out on time for us every year. We can rely on it coming out in late January every year now. **Hamza:** I love where that's gone. Even though the profit was very modest, that's a huge victory compared to where we started, so you've done a great job with that. We all should be pleased. The other thing I'm very pleased with is that one of the things that was so apparent when we moved from New Jersey to Alliance was that we were printing way too many Yearbooks, because we had enough to build a little building. There were piles of years that would follow us around. This year, we sold out of every Garfield Yearbook, which is just what you want. You don't want to have any surplus. That means, you've maximized things. So the Yearbook folks, I give them a lot of credit for tightening this up and getting it right. [applause]

(26) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

In the last 4 months there have been many challenges in starting the position of Business Development. We have had to compile an audit, which CFA did not have, of what we have sold and what was available to sell. The audit is complete as of February 1, 2014. The audit will be an on-going project as the needs of our existing partners change and as we acquire new business. I have also been in contact with all existing partners to get acquainted and so that I can understand their business needs.

In October, I attended a week of sales training in Rochester, NY with Dick Petite and Jodell Raymond. The training continues daily with Jodell as she shows me the different aspects and opportunities within CFA.

The World Show was a chance to get out and talk with our vendors and learn what their needs are and to develop relationships for future opportunities. At present, we have 3 possible new advertisers from the World Show. One is a company from Japan that has interest in CFA and was able to give them a short tour of the show hall.

Cold calling is a major part of this position and I would welcome any leads or suggestions, as nothing is too small or too large to explore. If anyone here has a suggestion for a company along with key contact info for a point-person, I am happy to investigate further. We are interested in exploring both pet-related and non-pet-related companies that fit with CFA.

We have new business starts with companies such as Pet Air, Falls Vacuum and the Kao Corporation as well as renewing contracts with old friends like Red Roof and Royal Canin.

We will be attending the Pet Expo in March to prospect future opportunities that may be available to CFA.

*Verna M. Dobbins,
Business Development Liaison*

Hamza: Business Development, and that's Verna. **Dobbins:** It has been an interesting four months. That's due to a lot of things. I have done some training and the World Show was a great opportunity. I have given you a brief description of the last four months. If you have any questions, I am here to answer.

(27) **CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: Willa Hawke
Liaison to Board: Sharon Roy
Committee Members: Jodell Raymond (Team Leader), Art Graafmans, Chris Willingham

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Ambassador Program continues to be well represented globally with continued activity and coverage for numerous CFA shows throughout the USA, Japan, Europe and Asia. Activities from several of these shows have been provided to me by the various RCs and subsequently reported in the CFA Newsletter

The Ambassador Program was well represented at the recent World Show. With the help of Pierre Rivard, he and I maintained a comparatively active CFA Ambassador Booth. (Rich Mastin has promised me a bit more noticeable positioning of the booth next year) During the show several volunteer Ambassadors conducted guided tours (always popular with the visitors) and we also signed up some 10 or more PMCs.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The CFA Ambassador Program continues to recruit new members and they are evidenced at most of our shows. In addition, we have added several more CFA Ambassador Pet Me Cats (PMCs) to the program. Pet Me Cats and their wonderful official Ambassador owners continue to entertain spectators at shows. This past year we have added many new Ambassador/Pet Me cats and several new Ambassadors to the group.

Houston CC Show earlier this month was a major event, and we had excellent presence with our regional Ambassadors as well as additional PMCs. The SD Food & Water Bowl promises to be a truly major event and there will be much activity including their popular guided tours through the show hall. Our Ambassadors also provide requested help to Joan Miller at this show. We are extremely pleased with the Ambassador Activity in Region 8. Many thanks to the Kojimas as they do an excellent job in Japan.

We are continuing the work with the CFA Ambassador Pet Me Cats and are very pleased with them. They are well received wherever they appear. Due to the absence of Corporate sponsorship, our funding has been cut significantly. We do hope that we will be granted adequate funding in order to keep this worthwhile program active. Hopefully, Corporate Sponsorship will soon be secured so that we can continue to make our presence significantly felt within all of our many CFA showhalls throughout the USA, Europe and Asia.

Our Ambassador Supply distribution via Central Office seems to be working adequately and for this we sincerely thank all in Central Office that work to make this possible.

Future Projections for Committee:

In summary, our committee plans to:

Continue to recruit Ambassadors and sign up Pet Me Cats.

Rework our handout materials.

Pending additional funding increase, Increased Pet Me Cat participation in Europe and abroad.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Progress Report on the above Committee plans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willa K. Hawke, Chair

CFA Ambassador Program “We Are The Face of CFA”

Hamza: We will move on to the Ambassadors. Sharon. **Roy:** I hope everybody has read the report. She doesn't have any action items at this point in time with it, so I have nothing further to add to the written report. There have been more Pet Me cats at more shows this year. It seems to be getting pretty accepted. **Hamza:** I have one question, because it has been hitting my email in a funny sort of way. Have there been promises made to people in Europe? **Roy:** Not that Willa has told me. I know that, according to her report, they are looking to have Pet Me cats and the Ambassador Program up in Europe and Asia, but she has not relayed that to me. **Hamza:** Can you do me a favor? Can you find out if these people have been promised anything? I want to make sure that if they were, that CFA is good for its word. **Roy:** OK. I will ask Willa. **Hamza:** Alright. Thank you Sharon. Anything else on the Ambassadors?

[NOTE: Chair Willa Hawke responded: *I have not received any special Ambassador requests from Europe within the past year.*]

(28) CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION SPONSORSHIP.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities:

The Cat Writers' Association is a journalism organization founded to encourage professionalism among cat writers, photographers, artists, and broadcasters. On Saturday, November 21, 1992, four "cat journalists" met at the CFA Invitational Cat Show in Fort Worth, Texas. They included Cat Fancy magazine editor Debbie Phillips-Donaldson and circulations specialist Suzanne Stowe; CFA Public Relations Expert (the late) Michael Brim; and freelance pet writer Amy Shojai. All wanted to help get "good information" about cats out to the general public, and support writers dedicated to that effort. The CWA was born that day.

Today, the CWA supports existing professional writers and seeks to mentor those new to the profession. The Association welcomes all those who love and work for the well-being of cats through their various communications venues. If it's about CATS, the CWA members cover it!

Current Happenings of Committee:

CWA especially seeks to improve the quality of cat information for the general public, and hosts annual conferences with continuing education about writing, publishing and cat information. The CWA also recognizes and rewards the outstanding work of the year in an annual contest.

Both the conference and contest are open to members and nonmembers alike. CWA programs are made possible by dedicated CWA member volunteers and outstanding sponsors who support the CWA vision.

Last year, CFA's own Teresa Keiger won the "In the Spotlight Award" for the entry that best advances the protection, preservation and promotion of pedigreed cats and/or the pedigreed cat fancy. Teresa's brochure, "CFA-We're Waiting for You" was the winner. CFA's Lisa-Maria Padilla won a Muse Medallion in the Humor category for "Abyssinian Corporate Promotional Service" in Cat Talk Magazine.

The CWA is partnering with BarkWorld and is expecting even higher attendance at the 2014 conference of between 400-500 bloggers, writers, and other participants in the pet industry, many of which work with, live with, or are otherwise involved with cats.

BarkWorld is a social media conference and expo focusing on the pet industry. They focus on social media, lifestyle and technology as it relates to pet owners and businesses. Because BarkWorld focuses primarily on dogs (especially in terms of lifestyle and technology), they have decided to develop a "sister" that is devoted to cats, called MeowWorld.

To that end, CWA has partnered with BarkWorld to offer "MeowWorld Presented by the Cat Writers' Association". Though the two conferences and two organizations remain separate entities, this is a true partnership that will provide attendees the opportunity to attend events from both conferences without paying two separate registration fees. Many BarkWorld attendees are involved with cats in various capacities (as owners, rescuers, breeders, etc.) and attend to learn more about social media and how it can be used to promote a business, book, non-profit or other pet-related cause. Networking is also a big part of the BarkWorld experience.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Cat Fanciers' Association has sponsored the prestigious President's Award for more than 20 years. The President's Award is the "best of the best" final award presented at the banquet to the best entry among all the award winners in the contest categories. In 2013, the CWA President's Award was won by Bernadette Kazmarski for her artwork "Cats After Van Gogh".

The 2014 Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, partnering with the BarkWorld Pet Expo to present BarkWorld/MeowWorld Presented by the Cat Writers' Association from October 30-November 1, 2014.

Board Action Item:

That CFA renew our existing Gold Level sponsorship of \$500 for the President's Award and \$500 as a general sponsorship contribution.

For the Gold Level sponsorship, CFA will receive publicity through a listing in the CWA newsletter, website and conference publications, as well as two tickets for our representatives to attend all conference events. In addition, we may provide a sign or banner at the event.

Time Frame:

Immediate. Thank you for your consideration.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

Hamza: Alright, Rachel with the Cat Writers' Association. **Anger:** Thank you. I have included a brief history of the Cat Writers' Association for those of you who are not aware of what it is. CFA is one of the founding members of the CWA, and we have always participated at a level that would allow us to award the President's Award. This is a CFA-specific award that is the "grand finale" to the entire event. The Cat Writers' Association has recently partnered up with BarkWorld, which is a social media group that is much larger than the Cat Writers' Association, so I think this is going to increase the visibility of the Cat Writers' Association to a much greater level. At this point, they are asking for a sponsorship commitment for continuing participation in the President's Award at the level of \$500 and \$500 as a general sponsorship contribution, which is gold level, and that is what we've had in the past. **Hamza:** We've done this for a number of years. Does anyone here not want to do it? So, can we get a motion? **Anger:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Anger:** Thank you.

(29) **ANIMAL WELFARE.**

Committee Chair: Linda Berg

Liaison to Board: Jerry Hamza

List of Committee Members: Charlene Campbell CFA Breed Rescue

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We are still working on finding someone who can take over the BAP Program. I am wondering if the RD's would think about people in their area that might be a good fit for this job. We can be creative and divide the job up different ends of the country, whatever it takes to find person/s willing to take this on. It is has grown under John and it really is a committee that does a lot of work for our breeders. Please think about people in your Region and let me know.

In regards to Breeders Assistance we are finding that our biggest breed rescues over this past year are breeders not making arrangements for their cats should they get seriously ill or pass away. We need breeders to be proactive in regards to their animals, have something in writing that establishes who to call and what to do in the situation. The Cattery Organizers deal with this by having a letter that the individual has notarized and keeps with their important papers telling those left behind what you want done with the animals. To push that point we had a 31 year old person this year pass away unexpectedly and nothing was arranged for the cats, we all need to think about it!

Kay Janosik's Treasurers Report is attached.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are still selling Cattery Organizers as a fundraiser. If any RDs would like to take a box to sell at shows to raise money for BAP it would be appreciated. We also need to get them out of Terry Bierrie's closets. Thanks to those of you who already did!

Future Projections for Committee:

Find a new chair for BAP and also we have some vacancies for Regional Chairs for BAPBR.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg, Chair*

Hamza: Next up is Animal Welfare. If you read the report, Linda again has done an excellent job on the report. She outlines where here funding is going. Kay has been a tremendous help to her. We know they have worked well in the past together and they continue to do so. They are in the process of searching for a Breeder Assistance chair. If you know of anybody who might be interested, that would probably go a long way to helping Linda. The other thing is, Regional Directors, this is a gentle request – maybe a little stronger than a request – you need to get in touch with Linda to make sure that you have a regional person for your Breeder Assistance Program. It's very important. It keeps CFA's profile with trouble low and out of the media. We have had very little incidents in the last four years. That's good for us. It's not any good if our

breeders are all over the place. One of the biggest tools we have to prevent things is to have an effective Breeder Assistance Program so that we can get to them before it gets out of hand and gets on the 6:00 news. So, I am encouraging the Regional Directors to get in touch with Linda. Some regions are without a chair and the ones that do, it would be good to just tighten that loop up. Any questions on Animal Welfare?

(30) MENTOR/NEWBEE COMMITTEE.

Committee Chairs: Carol Krzanowski, Teresa Keiger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Both the Mentor and NewBee areas of the committee continue to be quite active. The committee developed a 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" printed piece (attached) that was distributed in the exhibitors' packets at the 2013 World Show and also made available to interested fanciers at the CFA booth during the show. The printed piece and the attractive new CFA Mentor Program logo that appeared on it were both designed by Teresa Keiger.

Overall, Mentor Program inquiries have been lower since our last report. This is most likely due to the effects of the holidays, as activity is on the rise again since the first of the year. We received 15 Mentor inquiries and/or applications since our last report from the following geographical areas: two from Region 2, two from Region 3, two from Region 4, two from Region 5, two from Region 7, two from Region 9, two from the International Division and one recent inquiry from an as yet unknown location. Each email inquiry typically generates a series of emails with the protégés and with our coordinators, who do an excellent job of pairing protégés with mentors.

The NewBee Program continues on with slow, but moderate growth. Our list continues with its pattern of positive interactions between new members getting support from more seasoned exhibitors/NewBees. We're happy to report that we have had a positive influence for two segments of overseas exhibitors. The new club in the UK used our handouts to help explain CFA procedures to those exhibitors used to exhibiting in GCCF. Dennis Ganoë will be translating these same handouts into Chinese for that group of fanciers.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee continues functioning smoothly to efficiently handle inquiries, as well as offer guidance and support, in order to provide new breeders and exhibitors with a good foundation in CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

We have discussed replacing the current NewBee show catalog ad with a combined Mentor/NewBee show catalog ad in order to spark additional interest in both programs. It was decided to utilize the printed piece from the World Show and modify it to develop a variety of ad sizes. Clubs will be able to download PDF versions of the ads to use in their show catalogs.

Time Frame:

We hope to have the new Mentor/NewBee show catalog ads available for download within the next month.

All other committee work is ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will present an update on the activities of the Mentor and NewBee Programs.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski & Teresa Keiger, Co-Chairs*

Hamza: Carol with the Mentor/Newbee Program. **Krzanowski:** Everyone has received the report. I just want to add that activity has definitely increased, once the holidays were over with. I think that the Thanksgiving holidays, as well as Christmas and New Year's, had an impact and slowed things down. Now, the activity is definitely on the rise again. I also want to mention that at the planning meeting we had on Friday, the Mentor Committee is going to begin some revisions to the Mentor portion of the CFA website and plans to expand information available to people there. So, that will be an ongoing project and it will likely take some time to accomplish. I just wanted to let the board know that that's going to be the way it should be.

Hamza: Do I understand that the 800 number provides a steady amount of action? **Krzanowski:** Yes, that's been very active and Jodell can speak to that. **J. Raymond:** We are averaging now, for about the past 4 months, about 100 calls per month. It is split 50/50 – 50 calls go to Central Office for registration questions and 50% are, "I need to find a cat" or "I like this type of breed" or "where is a show", "my cat has this or that", those different types of questions that our team is fielding. They are fielding those calls very easily. I'm getting a report every day as to how they answer those calls and the outcome. What we would like to do, also talking with Verna, is that we have put it in the package to talk to sponsors about, as well, because we have not yet closed that loop to really retain that contact information that is so important. **Hamza:** Do we have any sense on whether we are capturing any of these people who call? **J. Raymond:** We are capturing some, Jerry. It's not a lot of info. A lot of times they are reluctant to give information. We do have about 10% who give their email address, but it's practically nil on the home address.

Hamza: So, we can't tell if those people are coming into the fancy or not? **J. Raymond:** No, we can't. **Hamza:** So, they could be getting information coming later. **Hannon:** Don't we have their incoming phone number? **J. Raymond:** We have incoming phone number, absolutely. **Hannon:** Shouldn't we be able to get an address from that? **Hamza:** You don't want to be that intrusive. **J. Raymond:** I do want to make sure that we have their permission. **Meeker:** Do you get a zip code? **J. Raymond:** We do get a zip code, so we do have zip code information, yes. **Hamza:** It seems to me, as long as you have that kind of tracking and we are responding appropriately, it's got to have some benefits. Are you having enough people to keep your mentoring going?

Krzanowski: Yes. **Hamza:** So, that issue has sort of gotten better. **Krzanowski:** Yes, it has.

Hamza: Great. **Meeker:** I'm confused as to whether the Newbee and Mentor Programs merged and one person in each region is doing both jobs, or if there is a person for each job in each region?

Krzanowski: The committees are merged, but they are really separate entities, because a lot of people only want to do the exhibiting portion. The Newbee group has their own

coordinators. They don't necessarily have the same coordinators. In some cases, it might be the same person, but for the most part it's a different person. **Hamza:** The problem is, Ginger, they overlap but not entirely. **Meeker:** I understand. That's why I wondered, because I'm not sure in my region who is doing what at this moment because there has been such a flux. Can you let me know who you have listed for my region? **Krzanowski:** Certainly. I will get that to you. **Hamza:** Anything else? **Meeker:** Can I do a shameless advertising? **Hamza:** OK. **Meeker:** One of the chairs for the Newbee/Mentor Program in my region bought the cattery organization systems and gives it to all of her new people to mentor as a gift, to get them started on the right track for keeping track of their animals and getting all of their records in one place. I thought that was an excellent idea and wanted to share it. I think John Bierrie's wife still has a closet full. She still has a few cases left. **Hamza:** OK. So, end of the shameless plug.

(31) CFA COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EDUCATION.

Committee Chair: *Joan Miller*

Liaison to Board: *Tracy Petty*

List of Committee Members: *Dee Dee Cantley, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Donna Isenberg, Karen Lane, Karen Lawrence, Tracy Petty, Jodell Raymond, Mary Sietsema*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities: The overall vision of the CFA Outreach and Education Program:

- *Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide feline education programs for the general public, shelters and veterinarians*
- *CatsCenterstage.org: A website promoting respect for all cats.(Currently stagnant.)*
- *Increase involvement in CFA activities (attract new exhibitors and breeders; increase show visitors)*

Conference -

Cat Writers Association, October 31 – November 3, 2013 in Dallas Texas.

*I attended this excellent conference along with Jodell Raymond and Teresa Keiger. Networking opportunities were good and the seminars outstanding. CFA writers took several nice awards at the banquet. Certificates of excellence went to **Mary Kolencik** for her article in Cat Talk - “Chestnuts Roasting at an Open Show”. In the category of articles – humor ; Certificates of Excellence went to **Lisa-Maria Padilla** for two articles in Cat Talk - “A New Wool Toy” and “Abyssinian Corporate Promotional Service”, which also won a CWA “MUSE MEDALLION” award. **Teresa Keiger** won a prestigious Special Award for the brochure, “CFA-We’re Waiting for You”. This “In the Spotlight” Award, sponsored by the Jacat Cattery, is presented to the entry that best advances the protection, preservation and promotion of pedigreed cats and/or the pedigreed cat fancy. The award consisted of \$500, a certificate, and a Maneki Neko.*

Education –

EDUCATION Program at the CFA/Dr. Elsey’s World Cat Show in Novi, Michigan, November 23, 24, 2013. We had many speakers and interesting topics, including: What the Judges are Looking For and What The Ribbons Mean, the Origin of The Domestic Cat and History of Breeds, Grooming Demos, Can You Really Train a Cat ?, Feline Colors and Patterns, the Basic Nature of All Cats, Choosing a Pet Cat, How to Introduce Your New Cat to the Resident Cat and more.

Rachel Anger did a great job coordinating and obtaining the cats benched in the ring as well as lining up our assistants. We had lots of interest and excellent attendance

EDUCATION Program – San Diego Cat Fanciers Show, January 25 – 26, 2014. We had 12 speakers and a variety of topics similar to those at the World Show with the addition of “Zeki the Certified Therapy Cat Teaches First Aid in Case of Feline Emergencies”; “The Top Pet Peeves

and Behavior Issues People Have With Their Cats”; “Showing Your Household Pet” and a presentation of the World’s Best Litter “Top Three HHP Awards; “Getting YOUR Cat Ready for Feline Agility followed by the top three Agility Award winners. Lorraine Nelson provided assistance to coordinate the 17 benched cats and the assistants. All talks were standing room only with over 100 chairs. For a photo coverage of the show see Alain Lescart’s YouTube Slide Show at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kDGRykHLEc&feature=youtu.be>

Current Happenings of Committee:

Preparing for Education at upcoming Pet Expos.

I am working with the Cat Writers Association, as a board member, on plans for the next conference in partnership with Bark World, the large dog writers/bloggers Pet Expo. The BarkWorld/MeowWorld Presented by the Cat Writers’ Association will be in Atlanta from October 30-November 1, 2014. Writing is a great form of outreach. I encourage anyone interested in getting involved to come to this conference,

Future Projections for Committee:

Depending on future budgeting or Corporate support, I hope to bring the Committee together to help develop videos of interest to the general public – topics that have been successful in education including “Training your cat to walk on a leash”, “Showing Your Household Pet”, “The Basics of Feline Colors and Patterns”. “Grooming Demos by CFA Experts” and many other potential topics.

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

Hamza: OK, we’ve got Tracy with Outreach and Education. **Petty:** The report is not online but you did get a hand-out. They had a few appearances and did attend the Cat Writers’ Association where, once again, we received several recognition awards – Mary Kolencik, Lisa-Maria Padilla and Teresa Keiger had awards or recognition for their activities. They had a very successful Education Ring at the World Show. It went all day, each day of the show. It was very well attended. Also, very recently at the San Diego Cat Fanciers’ show; again, all day each day. A lot of people watch the events. At the moment, I don’t think there is anything planned coming up, except of course if there is a World Show this year, they will be doing that. Are there any questions?

(32) NEW BUSINESS.

As you know, Region 1 is researching places for the 2019 annual. In looking at the Helms Briscoe website, I saw that they also arrange meetings/conventions on cruise ships. Out of curiosity, I asked about a cruise from NY harbor to Bermuda. Although I did not ask, we could also consider a cruise to Nova Scotia. Both destinations are in Region 1. Pat is talking to the department that handles those kinds of reservations. She said it actually is a lot more economical because with the cruise everything is included. Before she goes further, I need to find out if the whole BOD needs to vote on this or give permission.

[from end of agenda item #17] **Hamza:** Here's the choices. I'll bring it up unless it turns into – it shouldn't because we have enough time. I just want to take care of this little short item and then I want to come back and do Breeds and Standards. Sharon, are you on the line still? **Roy:** I am. **Hamza:** Alright. I want to talk about the cruise ship annual. **Roy:** OK. **Hamza:** Ed, from what I read, there may be some constitutional issues. **Raymond:** It's really a question of, where is the ship on Friday when you are conducting the annual business meeting. **Hamza:** It's another GPS issue. **Hannon:** Is it international waters or is it in a region? **Raymond:** Right, and is it in Region 1? **Hannon:** If we were in port in Bermuda it would probably be OK, because that's Region 1. **Raymond:** Yes, that would work. Or, you could be off the coast of Nova Scotia. **Roy:** And so is Nova Scotia, if that turned out OK, too. That's Region 1. **Raymond:** Part of the problem is, you don't necessarily know what cruise schedules are until a shorter period of time. **Roy:** What Pat explained to me was that, actually CFA would have the whole cruise ship. It would be like a special cruise ship for CFA. I don't know that it's going to work out. It just came up and it may be the region will say no, too. **Baugh:** There are issues with doing this, because there are a number of people that come to the Annual that don't come for the full 5 days. We have judges that come in for the workshop, we have people who come in for Winn, we have people that come in on Thursday night and leave Saturday, and this is requiring people to be there for that whole 5 days and I really don't think we can do that. **Hannon:** It sounds like the board is shaking their heads. You can't see it. It sounds like we are discouraging you. **Roy:** OK, I'll tell that to Pat. I just didn't want her to do a lot of work in researching it and then find out it wasn't anything that was viable. **Hamza:** It sounds like a wonderful idea for a regional banquet. **Roy:** It's a little expensive for a regional banquet. **Hamza:** Just get a smaller boat. The SS Minnow. **Anger:** Go on a three hour tour. **Hamza:** Alright folks.

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Experimental Format Show Discussion. **Calhoun:** With the request to the regions to reach out to clubs about the new experimental format with the allbreed and the specialty, we have a club in the Midwest that is going to do that in April. Do we need to do anything special? **Hamza:** You need to get with Donna Jean and just inform her that it's going to be your club, because we gave the directors the ability to pick a club, so you just tell Donna Jean, "this is our club and this is the format that we're going to use", so when it comes for licensing, there's no issues. **Thompson:** Is that for using the special extra awards format? **Calhoun:** Yes, COWS [Cats of Wisconsin]. You want to know who the judge is? **Thompson:** I just got caught in the cross hairs on a big one. I was asked to send in a new contract to be able to do it, only to read on the CFA list it wasn't the show I was doing, it was the next one. **Calhoun:** I'm not sure what you're talking about. I don't think that's COWS. **Thompson:** The New Jersey show. **Calhoun:**

No, I'm talking about COWS. **Thompson:** COWS are fine. They rank right in there with chickens. **Baugh:** I have a quick question. When we talked about doing the experimental formats, we said they were for shows this show season and I know we did something in May. If we have clubs coming up in the summer that want to try this, are we going to extend it past the date that we specified? **Hamza:** I don't see any reason why not, if anybody on this board sees any reason not to. They're not coming in fast and furious. I think as long as it's a controlled thing. The biggest thing I want to see is feedback from the clubs so that once they do it, we as a board can start to see if there's any benefit to the fancy. **Calhoun:** They just want to do one ring. **Hamza:** That's fine, too. Again, we want to know what happened. **Altschul:** Do we have a form for that, or are we supposed to come up with a form? **Hamza:** You know, it's new so if we could come up with a form, that would be great. **Altschul:** My first club that's doing it is coming up in April. **Petty:** That's what I wanted to know; how many shows are planned at this point? You have two – April and May. You have one in – **Calhoun:** April. **Petty:** April. **Shelton:** I have a club that's talking about doing one in March but they haven't committed yet. **Petty:** Sharon, you have one in February, right? **Roy:** No, not until April. **Petty:** Oh, April. **Roy:** What I would like to see is a form for the club and a form for the exhibitors. **Petty:** I'm working on it. Judges and exhibitors. **Roy:** Judges, as well, so we will know what kind of impact we have. It doesn't have to be very long, just 2 or 3 questions. **Hannon:** Tracy is working on it. **Kallmeyer:** Israel in March is doing it. They told the judges. **Petty:** I might be the first one. The second one is in March. **Hamza:** That's actually a perfect venue for this format, and you're going to be working on the forms, which is great. Do you need any help? **Petty:** I will probably run it by the regional directors when I have it done. **Calhoun:** If a club has already licensed a show and they want to do it, do they have to pay a fee? **Hamza:** No.

World Cat Congress. **Hamza:** We're done with the scheduled business. **Hannon:** Yeah. The World Cat Congress is holding their meeting next month in Miami. Wayne Trevathan is our official representative. Each of the major registries have someone representing them, but they have asked that Jerry and I attend the meeting to show some CFA support and interest in it. I don't know what your position on it is, but I did look into the cost of the hotel and air fare, and for me it would be under \$500 to go. I am willing to do it. **Hamza:** Depending on the dates, I'm willing to go, as well. **Eigenhauser:** I move we approve the budget to send our President. **Mastin:** I second.

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

[from end of meeting] **Thompson:** When you were talking about the World Cat Congress, I've never attended one of these. They always have excellent people there and I certainly have no problem with the people that are going now. My concern is, as my involvement has become greater in registration, I have made some connections with some of the members of the World Cat Congress that have given us even a little bit more, inch by inch, cooperation with the organizations and some of the problems we're encountering. I'm willing to share this with Mark. I think Mark can handle it, but I would have to have some conversation with him. I very much would have liked to have had the opportunity to talk to some of their registration people and some of their people who create and submit their pedigrees, and the relationship they have between their various clubs. What we can do, if we feel that we find a club that may be making their own rules and doing their own thing, Monique and I are catching them, but we may well not be catching them all. I think we're considered the premier organization in our pedigrees, but

every organization has errors in their pedigrees, especially because some of the ones that go back any length of time that didn't have DNA testing. This board dealt very successfully with a problem that we had, but I would love to have the opportunity to have an even better relationship with these people that we revere the most. **Hamza:** Mark said he can sit down and talk with you. We'll make connections for you. **Thompson:** I can give him the names of the people that I have talked to, with FIFE and some of the key conversations in Europe. **Hannon:** If we're both going to be there, we can talk to the people who are at our level and find out what we can do about it. **Thompson:** Right. **Hamza:** OK.

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Hamza: Anybody else got any unscheduled business? **Baugh:** Before we adjourn, can we just say a special thanks to the Central Office staff for the hospitality and for the work that they have done? [applause] **Hamza:** They always do a great job. **Eigenhauser:** And, of course, we need to thank the City of Alliance for the use of this facility. **Hamza:** Those were going to be my closing remarks. **Calhoun:** And thank the Foundation for the hospitality and the reception. **Hamza:** I was going to thank the City for allowing us to use the courtroom. It worked out very nice for us. It's kind of a neat place and brings prestige to the organization. We got through everything. You know, sometimes, politics has funny things to it. CFA politics, I don't usually say much, but somehow, during this last little bit, a perception came out of some of the things that maybe something is wrong with CFA. You know, that's what I hate the most about politics, because the truth takes a beating. We have some people out there who believe some of the things that were said, that were just untrue. The nice thing about coming together on meetings like this is, we get to put facts and figures to notions, and to prove or disprove things. One of the things we are able to prove that has come out is that CFA has rarely done better in its history than it's doing right now. We're profitable. Registrations are up for two years in a row. Central Office is turning around paperwork faster than I can ever remember it. I just don't see big, glaring problems with this organization. I see a competent organization running well. I see a computer system about to be updated for the first time in many years into a modern system. We're the board of CFA. We also have contact with the membership, so it's sort of a unique situation we have. Most boards of directors have some sort of distance between them and the membership. We don't have that, so it can be a benefit and it can be a distraction, but we should use it as a benefit. You have contact with people. If you're hearing things that aren't true, you need to tell people, "that's simply not true." CFA is in great shape. The ship is floating and sailing as well as it ever has. If they ask you, "how can you say that?", the numbers are all here. We've gone through them at this meeting, and this is a board that I believe addresses problems impartially. I think we handled some real tough questions this weekend without any bias or anything that we would be ashamed of. I'm very proud of how we handled the hard calls and I'm proud of the way the committees have performed their duties. So, when you're out there, you should be proud, too, and you should be telling these folks, "that's simply not true." You have the facts to disarm whatever garbage they may have been misinformed with. That's the one thing I want to say. I thank you all for coming. The weather is a little dicey. I wish you all safe travels home and we'll talk again in about a month. The meeting is adjourned.

(33) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

13-029

CFA v. Hopper, Jill

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4g (conduct detrimental)

GUILTY. Sentence of \$500 fine. In addition, Respondent to complete and pass a CFA Cattery Environment inspection 6 months after payment of the fine and again 1 year after payment.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

13-030

CFA v. Leonova, Nataliya & Aleksandrova, Matiash Marianna

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4g (conduct detrimental)

GUILTY. Sentence of \$500 fine and restitution to Nehad Osama Elsayh in the sum of \$2,907.00; both to be paid within 30 days or Respondents shall be suspended until fine and restitution paid.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary