

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 17, 2014**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Thursday, April 17, 2014, via teleconference. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)**
- Mr. Mark Hannon (Vice-President)**
- Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**
- Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Treasurer)**
- Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)**
- Sharon Roy (NAR 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)**
- Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)**
- George Eigenhauser (Director-at-Large)**
- Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)**
- Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**

Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Not Present:

Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
Dennis Ganoë (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations

SUMMARY

(1) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Ms. Anger moved to accept the retirement request from the Judging Program from Lois Jensen, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

In an executive session motion, which was duly made, seconded and carried, Lois Jensen was elevated to emeritus status.

Mrs. Baugh moved to accept the retirement request from the Judging Program from Betty White, effective June 30, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

In an executive session motion, which was duly made, seconded and carried, Betty White was elevated to emeritus status.

Mrs. Baugh moved to accept the resignation request from the Judging Program from Richard Hoskinson, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.** Hannon voting no.

Mrs. Baugh moved to grant a three (3) month medical leave of absence to Doreann Nasin. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

Chair Mrs. Baugh moved to accept following advancements:

Advance to Apprentice:

<i>Marilee Griswold</i>	<i>Blythewood, SC</i>	<i>SH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>
<i>Etsuko Hamayasu</i>	<i>Tokyo, Japan</i>	<i>SH – 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>

Advance to Approved Specialty:

<i>Doreann Nasin</i>	<i>Franklin, CT</i>	<i>LH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>
<i>Yuko Nozuki</i>	<i>Hokkaido, Japan</i>	<i>LH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>

(2) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.

Following an executive session discussion, **Mr. Kallmeyer** moved that, commencing May 1, 2014, ALL entries for Hong Kong based shows must only be accepted from the CFA web-based entry form. Any entries printed in the show catalog NOT listed under the CFA online entry will be disqualified and not included as part of the CFA official show count. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

No action items were voted on.

(4) TRN DISCUSSION.

No action items were voted on.

(5) “IN CONJUNCTION” SHOW REQUESTS.

1. *Nika Feline Center requests permission to hold in conjunction show on October 11-12, 2014 at Expokot Event. The other associations invited in Expokot Event are: WCF, TICA,*

FIFE and WCA. Nika Feline Center also requests permission to increase number of guest judges 50%. Nika Feline Center show is 8 AB rings show and with their guest judge request they would be able to invite 4 guest judges instead of 2 guest judges.

Mrs. Meeker moved to approve Nika Feline Center's request. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Failed.** Wilson, Huhtaniemi, Altschul and Eigenhauser voting yes.

2. *Edelweiss Cat Club requests permission to hold in conjunction show on November 1-2, 2014 Krasnoyarsk (Siberia), Russia. The other associations are: FARUS, WCF, TICA.*

Mrs. Baugh moved to approve Edelweiss Cat Club's request. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

3. *Edelweiss Cat Club requests permission to hold in conjunction show on February 14-15, 2015 in Moscow, Russia. The other association is: WCF.*

Mrs. Meeker moved to approve Edelweiss Cat Club's request. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

(6) REVIEW/APPROVED PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET.

Mrs. Baugh moved to approve the 2015 budget, as presented. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun**, **Motion Carried.** Mr. Eigenhauser abstained.

(7) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Co-Chair Mrs. Krzanowski presented the following club applications for acceptance:

- LEFFAIR INTERNATIONAL CAT FANCIERS CLUB – International Division, Asia (Beijing, China). **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.** Ms. Altschul voting no.
- HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CAT CLUB – International Division, Asia (Hong Kong, China). **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer**, **Motion Carried.**
- CAT FANCIERS OF KOREA – International Division, Asia (Korea). **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

(8) CLERKING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Krzanowski moved to approve a change to the Clerking Manual to 5 (five) years or more, for reinstatement. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Krzanowski moved to approve a change to require any Allbreed Judges that are teaching a Clerking School, to take and pass (at ring clerk passing level) the current year's Clerking Exam. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

(9) SHOW RULE AMENDMENT – INCREASE GRAND POINTS IN CHINA.

Mr. Kallmeyer moved to change the qualifying rings to 6 and championship points to 200 in China (no change in premiership), effective May 1, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Kallmeyer moved to raise the qualifying rings to 6 (from the current 4) in Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia, effective May 1, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Kallmeyer moved to raise the grand points to 125, the grand premier points to 50 but leave qualifying rings at 4 in Taiwan, effective May 1, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

(10) RUSSIAN WEBSITE PROPOSAL.

Tabled.

(11) 2014 ANNUAL REPORT.

No action items were voted on.

(12) SHOW SCHEDULING – FLOATING WEEKEND DISCUSSION.

No action items were voted on.

(13) SUPER SPECIALTY FORMAT UPDATE.

No action items were voted on.

(14) BREEDS AND STANDARDS: RULES FOR REGISTRATION.

Mrs. Wilson moved that the Rules for Registration no longer include breed-specific detail in ARTICLE III – BREED CLASSIFICATION. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

(15) WINN FOUNDATION DONATION.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved for a \$10,000 donation to the Winn Foundation. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**

(16) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

No action items were voted on.

(17) UTAH CAT FANCIERS REQUEST: WAIVER OF SHOW RULE 15.08e.

Mrs. Meeker moved to grant the Utah Cat Fanciers an exception to Show Rule 15.08e and allow them to use 12 cages (rather than the minimum of 16 cages) at its 10 AB ring back-to-back show (5 rings each day) on November 8/9, 2014, in Salt Lake City, Utah (Region 2). Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**

(18) CH/PR CLAIM SITUATION.

No action items were voted on.

(19) EXTENSION OF GRAND OF DISTINCTION QUALIFYING BACK TO 2005-06 SHOW SEASON.

In a motion made subsequent to the teleconference for clarity, **Ms. Anger** moved to revise Show Rule 9.07, effective May 1, 2014, to provide that cats shown during show season 2005-2006 and

forward may qualify for the Grand of Distinction award. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh, Motion Carried.** Hannon, Anger, Roy, Altschul, Petty and Wilson voting no. Huhtaniemi did not vote.

Mr. Shelton moved to change Show Rule 9.07 to provide that the Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.** Hannon, Altschul, Anger and Wilson voting no.

(20) RECOGNITION OF CATTERIES OF DISTINCTION AT THE ANNUAL.

Mr. Shelton moved to approve awarding Tier V and above Catteries of Distinction with plaques at the national awards banquet. Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**

(21) WORLD SHOW UPDATE.

No action items were voted on.

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: I think we can call the roll call. **Anger:** OK. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** Here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **Anger:** Sharon Roy. **Roy:** Here. **Anger:** Carissa Altschul. **Altschul:** Here. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Tracy Petty. **Petty:** Here. **Anger:** Pauli Huhtaniemi. **Huhtaniemi:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. Dick's not here? Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** And not present, but if you are on the call please so indicate, is Kathy Calhoun, Kayoko Koizumi, Roger Brown, Dennis Ganoe. [NOTE: Calhoun and Kallmeyer joined the conference later.] Is there anyone whose name I have not called that is on the call? Thank you.

(1) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank you notes were received from John Adelhoch, Jacqui Bennett, John Hiemstra and Teresa Sweeney for their recent advancements.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Committee is in the process of up-dating the Judging Program Rules.

Future Projections for Committee:

Nicholas Pun is a 1st Specialty-Shorthair applicant whose application will be presented at the June Board meeting.

Board Action Item:

Retirement:

Lois Jensen has submitted her retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective April 7, 2014. Lois has been an active, widely respected judge for 35 years. At her last show, Lois thanked the exhibitors for all the magnificent cats she had the honor of handling for so many years, the clubs for their kind invitations and the multitude of friendships made over her many years in the ring. Lois earned many wins with her lovely cats shown under the JENSEN cattery name. She assisted with the training of many judges over the course of her service to CFA. Her keen knowledge and application of the

standards was impeccable. She was an excellent teacher and shared all the “tricks of the trade” so very hard to learn as the breeds have grown in numbers and quality over the years. Lois was very active with the Dimes & Dollars Cat Club, putting on shows in the Louisville, Kentucky area. She devoted many hours supporting and fundraising for the local rescue group, as her concern was always the welfare of all cats. We will miss her gentle touch and knowledge behind the table but she has promised to remain with us, visiting shows and keeping in touch. We all give heartfelt thanks to her love of cats, dedication to CFA and our precious friendships made over so very many years within the CFA Family.

Action Item:

Accept Lois Jensen’s retirement request.

In an executive session discussion, **Ms. Anger** moved to accept the retirement request from the Judging Program from Lois Jensen, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

In an executive session motion, which was duly made, seconded and carried, Lois Jensen was elevated to emeritus status.

Retirement:

Betty White has submitted her retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective immediately. Betty gave 25 years of service to the CFA Judging Program, but many more than that to CFA. Her Angkor Rose Siamese were among some of the breed’s finest known for their consistent color, coat, and body. Betty has also been heavily involved with the Winn Foundation serving on its Board of Directors and also as a member of the CFA Board of Directors. Any role from breeder to Board Member and all in between were carried out with grace, charm, and passion stemming from her roots as a Southern girl who was “raised right”, as is the expression from that area. While many of CFA judges have taken advantage of overseas opportunities for world travel, Betty has probably been more places than most, either on her own or with one of her children and/or grandchildren. Her travels have taken her places where CFA never goes - India, Africa, various parts of Asia and Europe. Her quest for travel has not slowed down, even as her involvement with CFA has. Others have followed her in breeding and showing Siamese and some have benefited from the cats she produced. There will be countless Board members in the future and judges will continue to evaluate CFA’s cats. Betty White, however, cannot be replaced. Others will only follow down the many paths where she has traveled. She will be missed but wished nothing but the best she deserves.

Action Item:

Accept Betty White’s retirement request, effective June 30, 2014.

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept the retirement request from the Judging Program from Betty White, effective June 30, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

In an executive session motion, which was duly made, seconded and carried, Betty White was elevated to emeritus status.

Resignation:

Rick Hoskinson has submitted his resignation from the CFA Judging Panel effective immediately. Rick was a teenager in the 70's when he attended his first cat show and he became an exhibitor in 1985. His first love was the Cornish Rex and he registered his cattery name, Richson, in 1986. His Cornish lines included some of the best – Leo's Lair, Shalmar, Heatwave, and Blu Sprs – and he was fortunate to have produced five national winning Cornish Rex. He also had the pleasure of being the co-breeder with Diana and Bob Doernberg that produced three National winning Russian Blues. Rick has also produced Grand Champion American Shorthairs, Manx, Exotics and Siamese, and exhibited Maine Coons, Persians, Abyssinian, and a very feisty Korat. He began clerking at CFA shows in the late 1980's and was accepted into the Judging Program at the Albuquerque annual in 2000, advancing to approved allbreed in 2005. Rick is currently present of the Ohio State Persian Club and is a member of Exotic Breeders and Rex Breeders United.

Action Item:

Accept Rick Hoskinson's resignation.

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept the resignation request from the Judging Program from Richard Hoskinson, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.** Hannon voting no.

Board Action Item:

Medical Leave:

Doreann Nasin has requested a three (3) month medical leave.

Action Item:

Accept Doreann Nasin's request for a three (3) month medical leave.

Mrs. Baugh moved to grant a three (3) month medical leave of absence to Doreann Nasin. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

Advancements:

The following individuals are presented to the Board for Advancement:

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Advance to Apprentice:

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[from end of meeting] **Baugh:** While we are in open session, I just want to tell everybody that the judges were all advanced unanimously. Thank you. **Hamza:** OK, great.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh
Committee Chair

(2) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Dick Kallmeyer
List of Committee Members: Kathy Calhoun, Wayne Trevathan (South America and judging), Wayne Trevathan (judging), Sandra Al Sumait (GCC, Gulf Cooperation Countries), Phebe Low (ID rep), Suki Lee (Hong Kong), Amanda Cheung (China), Nicholas Pun (clerking), Jimmy Lee (SE Asia), Pat Pomphrey (Portugese/Spanish translation)

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(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

It was a pleasure to welcome a portion of the Management Committee to Central Office. It was a great learning experience for one and all on both sides. The exchange of ideas and process learning is invaluable. We all know Rome was not built in a day but I feel CFA is certainly on a better foundation than before. We worked hard, had a little fun and I hope we can experience future visits as the organization grows and expands.

Hamza: Let's go to the Central Office Report. **Thompson:** Basically, I sent out the report of the activities so far in Central Office. Judging Program is correct. If those tests are not out, they will be definitely in tomorrow's mail with the new Show Rules and Standards to the judges. Those are all in order.

Current Happenings of Committee:

End of season is upon us and there is as much excitement (worry) in C. O. as in the show halls. Award Certificates are at the printers being printed. We've run preliminary checks on the scoring system and so far so good. We are contacting those who have achieved Gr. Ch. Status but have not confirmed their Championship that they need to do so as quickly as possible.

Future Projections for Committee:

We have introduced new processes for address problems to eliminate returned mail and used the CFA News to encourage our customers to be very careful in submitting their work. This will be even more important as the new system is fully activated. Yes, we have had glitches with registration issues which were solved in a timely manner. Our goal is to keep solutions as speedy as possible for inevitable issues.

Action Items:

1. That the TRN fee increase from \$15.00 to \$25.00. *The TRN research can become very time consuming seeking additional pedigrees as well as research. An acceptable cat would still be notified for the additional \$15.00 to complete a regular registration.*

Thompson: ... and that the registration via pedigree fee, while it would remain \$40, we charge \$25 initially for the research that has to be done. **Hamza:** So, your action item is to raise the TRN fee from \$15 to \$25. **Thompson:** Correct. **Hannon:** I'm getting pushback on this, because the purpose of the TRN was to encourage people to enter their cats in the show and give CFA a try. By raising the fee, we are discouraging that. **Hamza:** What about a compromise? What about instead of going for \$25, going to \$20? **Hannon:** Why are we raising it at all? **Hamza:** Because it isn't covering the costs. **Hannon:** I'm not understanding what all this work is on Donna Jean's part. **Thompson:** We many times cannot even get people to respond if we

have questions or problems with what was submitted, if they have not submitted enough generations for a particular breed. **Kallmeyer:** I was at the Russia show and was talking to them about it, too. One of the problems that Russia ran into last October is that, during that period when foreign pedigrees were taking a long time, they probably had about 20 people with TRNs that weren't responded to within 2 months after they applied for registration via pedigree. Those people gave up and just went to TICA and WCF. Again, if it's a question on if not enough generations of pedigrees, then the TRN fails and it should be rejected, just on that basis. I think we should keep the processing of TRNs simple, but again the effort should be going into registration by pedigree. That might be where the cost problems are coming from. Keep it simple, just to get new people in. **Petty:** I'm wondering why there is research involved with a TRN? Why aren't they just issued a number? Unless they apply for registration by pedigree, what research is being done? **Thompson:** When they enter the show, they are issued the TRN and they are supposed to submit with the TRN forms a pedigree that we can check to see if their cat can be registered with CFA. That pedigree may or may not meet the required standards for the breed. **Hamza:** Tracy, what's supposed to happen is, in that process it's supposed to insure that the cat is showable in CFA, that you're not getting some sort of disqualification or anomaly that isn't supposed to be there. It was just a way to insure that cats competing in CFA were legitimate CFA-registerable cats. **Petty:** OK, whether they want registration or not. **Hamza:** Right, just to be fair. One of the things that came up at the time was talking about Abys with the possibility of non-Abys in the background, so these were at the time hotly contested issues and people wanted to make sure that the cats that were being given a temporary registration number and competing against CFA-registered cats would also be – whether they chose to be registered or not – CFA-registerable cats. **Petty:** Do you think we still need to be doing that? **Hamza:** Look, the TRN program is successful. We have picked up cats that we would have never have picked up without the program. Dick had done some fine work on what we have been capturing with the TRN program. I don't know if you were on the board when he had done those. Dick, if you still have those handy, you might want to send a couple over Tracy's way. It's immediately distinguishable that it's a very successful program. **Petty:** I wasn't questioning whether we should continue the TRN program, but whether we should be doing all that research before they request registration by pedigree. **Hamza:** The design of the program wasn't to set up all this research. The requirement was incumbent upon the people bringing the cats to have all the stuff ahead of time. Somehow, it sort of morphed. It's a line you've got to decide what you want to do. People who don't follow the procedure entirely, do you tell them, "too bad" and tell them they can't bring their cat, or do you try to provide a higher level of customer service and accommodate them? **Meeker:** I thought the whole purpose of the TRN was to give a CFA-registerable cat an opportunity to participate in a show before they got the cat fully registered with CFA and I would think some research would have to be done at the front end to make sure they qualify or we wouldn't want them in the show, would we? **Hamza:** Here's the thing with the TRNs, just so I can refresh people's memories. Part of it was to alleviate a real tough situation where there were accusations of cats that weren't even of a breed being entered in shows with the old novice appellation, and people felt it was a way to circumvent the spirit of some show rules, so the TRN was derived for two reasons; it was derived to give people who might not want to just come to CFA a chance to feel and try out CFA, and the other part of it was to stop abuse of the novice situation. That's where the documentation of the cat's background so that it was indeed a registerable cat in CFA so that when it was competing against other cats in the class, the playing field was level. **Baugh:** My question is – I'm looking at this in the Show

Rules – it's incumbent upon the person that's doing this to provide the information. If that information comes in and it turns out there is stuff that is missing or there's things that indicate that the cat is not eligible, is the Central Office going above and beyond in trying to get this information that's missing, or are we just sending it back and saying, "this is missing"? Maybe we're going too far. **Hamza:** What's happening is, Central Office is going above and beyond. Let me just say something else before we go too far down this path, because it's really not – look, we're not spending so much money at this that it's killing us. Mark brings up a point that some people think that there's some push back, so my suggestion at this point is, it's not an overwhelming number of TRNs. I don't believe the money that we're losing is humongous. We worked up next year's budget. There's a positive cash flow again in the following year. Why don't we table this until it becomes a bigger problem or it goes away. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. I have one other question. If these cats don't meet CFA requirements, is the show rescored without these cats? **Hamza:** They're not supposed to get into the show in the first place, but if they manage to, no. They don't get rescored. **Anger:** The issue here is, they want to raise it by \$10.00. I don't think raising it \$10.00 is going to solve any problems, including the one Ginger just brought up. I think we should just leave it as it is, let them work it out over there. I have the impression there are people that are trying to make this work in Region 9 and working real hard to make it happen. We threw a lot at them in a very short amount of time with this program. **Hamza:** The TRN thing does work, and Rachel is correct. The issue is about raising it \$10.00. It seems like there is some resistance to it and I agree, we need to move on. Does anybody oppose that. **Anger:** No, agreed. **Thompson:** Are we going to be requesting the entry clerks to be assured that the appropriate number of generation pedigrees are included? **Hamza:** Donna Jean, just keep doing what you have been doing. I understand that you spend time doing it, but we provide a service for the customers. I understand it's a loss leader, but it's not a huge loss leader at this point. If it gets to be a bigger loss leader, then you'll have to bring it up to Mark in the future. **Huhtaniemi:** I don't support raising the fee. I think \$15.00 is enough. I think Central Office might need to change the way that they ? because papers need to be ready before the cat can be counted. There needs to be a pedigree form and fee arriving with the package. The only thing what Central Office needs to do at that time is to make sure that all these three items are there and enough generations on the pedigree. I don't know what research they need to do beyond that. **Hamza:** I understand, and maybe it's something we want to put on the agenda or next time down the road. Folks, it's 10:00. We're through 2-1/2 agenda items. We're 10% done, so let's try to keep focused here. The focus is, do we want to raise the TRNs \$10.00? What I'm hearing in a consensus is that no, we don't want to raise the TRNs \$10.00. Does anybody here support raising them \$10.00? [no response] OK, so then the solution is to table it and to revisit this in the future if it becomes a bigger problem. **Hannon:** Rather than tabling it, can't we just say it died for lack of a motion? **Hamza:** That's fine. Donna Jean, it's important that Central Office still provides the same level of service it has been. **Thompson:** I don't have a problem with that, but in a couple of shows there have been a number of cats that were included in points that were ineligible for registration or decided never to provide the additional information needed for us to check them. **Eigenhauser:** If we're having problems with individual cats and individual entry clerks, maybe this is just an educational process to tell the entry clerks what they need before they can issue a TRN. **Hamza:** Right, and that's the way that should be dealt with. In the end, as long as it's even across the board at a show it's sort of a fair thing. I don't think it's rampant, either.

2. That the Registration Via Pedigree Fee remains \$40.00 but that we charge \$25.00 initially for the research that has to be done. If the cat qualifies the additional \$15.00 will be charged and the cat registered. If the cat cannot be registered we will at least receive compensation for research as well any correspondence for additional information that may have taken place.

Hamza: Donna Jean, what other Central Office report items do you have? **Thompson:** Well, simply to charge the \$25.00 for the research on the via-pedigree registration fee. I don't have really major feelings, to tell you the truth on that one, because we have been receiving better and better work from our people doing via-pedigree registration. I have been picking on it in the monthly newsletters to the point where they probably hate hearing from me, but currently we are getting very nicely structured, beautifully presented registration forms via pedigree, but I do think in the event a cat cannot be registered, that we should retain a small portion of the fee.

Hamza: So, what's the action item? **Thompson:** I had requested to charge \$25.00 for the initial research. **Hannon:** What's happening now, Donna, is if you can't register the cat, you are refunding the full \$40.00? **Thompson:** We don't take anything until we find out we can register the cat. **Hannon:** Doesn't this sound very similar to what Jerry was saying about, this is a service we provide? It's just a cost of doing business. **Hamza:** Like I said, when we get to the budget, we'll see that things are going OK. Let's revisit this at another time if it becomes significant.

Time Frame: Rate increases to take place beginning with the new Show Season, May 1, 2014.

May licensed shows will be notified immediately, and changes made to appropriate areas of the web site where fee schedules appear.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

May? Down to the wire, work to the grindstone for a fantastic 2014 Annual as we all look forward to our trip to New Orleans.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson*

(4) **TRN DISCUSSION.**

[see above, Central Office Report]

(5) **“IN CONJUNCTION” SHOW REQUESTS.**

1. *Nika Feline Center requests permission to hold in conjunction show on October 11-12, 2014 at Expokot Event. The other associations invited in Expokot Event are: WCF, TICA, FIFE and WCA. Nika Feline Center also requests permission to increase number of guest judges 50%. Nika Feline Center show is 8 AB rings show and with their guest judge request they would be able to invite 4 guest judges instead of 2 guest judges.*

Additional information for Nika Feline Center’s request:

Expokot is a massive event in Moscow sponsored by Valta Pet Products and it has been going on years. Event was originally scheduled to be on October 4-5, 2014 but Valta Pet Products changed the weekend. Nika Feline Center request to change weekend was published on the CFA News in March. On the same weekend there is scheduled show of Cat Friends of Germany in Niedernhausen, Germany. Distance between the shows is over 1400 miles away and they don’t share the same exhibitor pool. We believe the shows have a minimal impact to each other and therefore we approved the show. Cat Friends of Germany is against to Nika Feline Center’s change of weekend and they don’t want to Nika Feline Center to hold the show on their weekend. Cat Friends of Germany has informed that they are not going to hold their show if Nika Feline Center’s show is approved as it would kill their club. Reason why Nika Feline Center is requesting the increase the number of guests judges is that based on Nika’s information, both Russian CFA judges are already contracted to German show.

Hamza: I’m going to move on to Pauli and his “in conjunction” show request.

Huhtaniemi: OK, I have three requests for the “in conjunction” shows. Nika Feline Center on October 11 and 12, and this is the Expokot event. There is going to be several other organizations in this event. I have Edelweiss requesting to shows, one for November and one for February in Russia. **Anger:** I move that we approve all three of the requests. **Meeker:** The first “in conjunction” request, they are also asking to increase the percentage of guest judges.

Huhtaniemi: Yes, that’s the next item I’m going to talk about. **Hamza:** Pauli, you’ve got it backwards. I think you need to get the guest judges increased, if that’s important. Let me ask you this; if we approve the “in conjunction” with and they don’t get the guest judge increase, are they still going to do the show? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, I think they are going to do the show. **Hamza:** So, just to be clear, the show will happen with or without the increase of guest judges. **Huhtaniemi:**

Yes. **Hamza:** Then we can do it this way. So, we’ve got a motion to approve the “in conjunctions”. **Baugh:** Is that including the guest judges? **Hamza:** No. We’re going to do these in two separate motions. **Baugh:** OK, thank you. **Hamza:** So, can we get a second?

Eigenhauser: I’ll second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **Hamza:** All in favor of – **Hannon:** Discussion, Jerry. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Hannon:** I’ve got discussion. I don’t know if anybody else does. **Hamza:** I’m sorry. I didn’t think there was going to be. **Hannon:** I’m concerned that you’ve got three requests all in the country of Russia, two of them are from a club in Switzerland that’s putting on these “in conjunction” shows in Russia. One is in October, one’s in November, and then there’s another one in February. These are coming right close together, only one of which I think is an ongoing entity, and that’s the first one. I’m concerned why we’re permitting all these things to go on, particularly the first one since we got a complaint from the German club. **Hamza:** I think, and Pauli you correct the perception, haven’t these clubs been working together for some time?

Huhtaniemi: Sorry, I don't understand the question. **Hamza:** These clubs [sic, associations] that are in conjunction, haven't these entities been cooperating? They have history. **Huhtaniemi:** Oh, yes it has been going on for years. **Hannon:** There's only one other registry that's involved in all three shows and that's WCF. **Baugh:** Pauli, the Cat Friends of Germany has not been on the same weekend as the Nika Feline Show. **Hannon:** Nika moved this year. **Huhtaniemi:** Actually, the German show was moved on that weekend, too. Both clubs are moving their shows on that weekend. **Baugh:** But in the past they have not been on the same weekend. **Kallmeyer:** Just looking at previous Cat Friends of Germany shows, if we look at 2012, I have numbers that they had a show in September and one in November, and about 9% of their entries came from Russia at that time. The big show, they had 188 cats, about 7%. So, Russia does contribute to Cat Friends of Germany shows. If we look at Russian shows, there's probably less people in Europe going to Russia; probably less than 1% or so. It could affect their entries, or maybe not. Some of the campaigners in Russia may not go to Germany because of that local show, so I can understand why the Cat Friends of Germany are a little bit sensitive about the issue. The second thing is, Cat Friends of Germany has always been one of the big shows in Europe. It's like National Capital, and we don't always want to hurt the big shows that we have left, either. **Hamza:** The other option would be to – **Baugh:** Can we vote on these one at a time? **Hamza:** Yeah, that's the other option if you guys want to approve these one at a time. Right now we have a motion, so I need a second. Somebody can second it with the right to vote no. **Meeker:** Isn't the current motion to accept all three? **Hannon:** Yes. **Hamza:** The current motion is to accept all three. **Anger:** And I am withdrawing that motion, so we can vote on them one at a time. **Hamza:** OK, very good. So, can I get a motion for the first show? **Meeker:** Motion for the Nika Feline Center, with the option to vote no. **Eigenhauser:** Second, with the same reservation. **Hamza:** OK. Do we want to have any discussion on this show? **Wilson:** What it says here, it's not Nika Feline Center who changed the date, right? It's the event that changed the date. **Hannon:** Right, correct. **Huhtaniemi:** It's the event. It has been changed a couple times during the years. It's supposed to be the first weekend of October, but now the Valta, who is the sponsor of the whole event, changed the event to the second weekend. Some years ago, there was a show in Russia already on that same weekend and Nika asked permission to hold a second show in Russia and both voted yes on that. That's the history. **Wilson:** OK, I'm done. **Hamza:** I'm going to call the vote on this motion.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Wilson, Huhtaniemi, Altschul and Eigenhauser voting yes.

Hamza: Rachel, if I'm not mistaken, I believe this failed. **Anger:** Who was the yes vote? **Eigenhauser:** There were three. **Altschul:** Carissa. **Huhtaniemi:** Pauli. **Eigenhauser:** George. **Wilson:** And Annette. **Anger:** OK, four. [transcript goes on to next request]

[from end of agenda item] **Hamza:** Alright, so where we are is, we denied the first and approved the last two. Now, the last two are looking for modification of the ratio that we made a show rule. **Huhtaniemi:** No, only the Nika Feline Center was requesting that. Since the board didn't approve that "in conjunction" show, there is no other action items in this case.

2. *Edelweiss Cat Club requests permission to hold in conjunction show on November 1-2, 2014 Krasnoyarsk (Siberia), Russia. The other associations are: FARUS, WCF, TICA.*

Hamza: OK, let's go to the second one. **Baugh:** The Edelweiss show, November 1 and 2? Is that what we're looking at. **Hannon:** Pauli, are there any other shows that weekend in Europe? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, there is. There is one 6-ring show in the Netherlands, which is 2,500 miles away. There is no activities in Siberia for CFA at the moment. **Hannon:** Have we posted these to a CFA News notice yet? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, these all have gone through the CFA News already. **Hannon:** OK, so the club in the Netherlands is aware and they have not objected? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. They were not happy about that, that the Russian club is going to have a second show, but there is no same exhibitor pool in this case. It's on the Asian side of Russia. **Hamza:** That is so far apart. **Baugh:** I make a motion we allow Edelweiss to have their "in conjunction" show on November 1st and 2nd in Siberia. **Meeker:** I second, Ginger.

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

Baugh: Pauli, you mentioned one in the Netherlands. Has that one been pre-noticed to the CFA News? I don't recall seeing it. **Huhtaniemi:** Everything has gone through the CFA News. **Baugh:** It has? I must have missed it then. Thank you. **Huhtaniemi:** You mean the Netherlands show? That's their traditional date. **Baugh:** So, they are asking simply to go in conjunction on their traditional date. **Hannon:** Right.

3. *Edelweiss Cat Club requests permission to hold in conjunction show on February 14-15, 2015 in Moscow, Russia. The other association is: WCF.*

Hamza: OK, the third one please. **Meeker:** I move to grant permission to Edelweiss Cat Club to have their "in conjunction" show on February 14 and 15. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Huhtaniemi:** There is a second show in that weekend in Europe. It's in Belgium and the Belgium club has no objection to have the show on the same weekend. **Baugh:** They don't? Is this show also in the Netherlands? **Anger:** It's in Moscow. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, it's in Moscow. **Baugh:** Oh, in Moscow. **Huhtaniemi:** The Belgian club says it's fine to have the show that weekend in Moscow. **Baugh:** OK. I thought they were both in the Netherlands. OK, I'm sorry. Thank you.

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

Hamza: OK, so we're good here. Is there anything else you have, Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** Not at the moment. **Hamza:** OK, you're done. Thank you.

(6) REVIEW/APPROVED PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET.

Hamza: #6 is Review and Approval of the 2015 Budget. Go ahead Carla. **Bizzell:** Can you hear me? I just need to make sure. I'm on my cell phone. **Hamza:** I can hear you fine. **Bizzell:** OK, good. You all should have had the opportunity to go through. I'm sure each of you went through it in meticulous detail all of the exciting line items we've got here in our budget. We went through several iterations and I will hit the high points for you. First of all, the budget is showing an almost \$49,000 profit and it is a conservative budget. As you will notice, the 2014 estimate, the budget was initially for \$22,602 and we should easily come in over \$100,000 for profit. It's always better to under-promise and over-deliver when it comes to budgeting, and that's hopefully what we've done here. That having been said, the high points are, we expect ordinary income to increase slightly. We are in a very slight growth trend. We're showing a very small loss on both the Almanac and the Yearbook, and keep in mind that some personnel who work on Almanac and Yearbook also have other job duties, but their entire costs are in these business areas. So, if we were to meticulously count their hours and such, we could actually bring this down to break even or slight profit, which we really don't want to show in a not-for-profit status, so as long as we maintain a fairly low loss on these, I think we're in good shape.

Bizzell: As far as the events go, we wanted to budget in the World Show for a loss, because at this point – we'll see a little later in the meeting – we don't have any firm plan at this point. We're still trying to find a venue. I didn't want to come in and promise break-even or slight profit, when we don't have the lay of the land yet. Merchandise – this is the books and tapes that we sell – and Marketing is scheduled to show a profit.

Bizzell: As far as expenses go, Central Office expense is going up, and that's primarily due to building in a part year for an Executive Director. The computer line item is going up, primarily due to the Computan maintenance agreement, which Rich did a fantastic job on getting a great maintenance agreement in place, and it also includes some new software for work flow, so we can keep better tabs on our work items that come in to be processed. CFA Programs are going up. That's primarily due to adding – we wanted to provide clubs with up to \$100,000 worth of support in this budget year, up from the \$50,000 that CFA provided. We have \$70,000-some in that line item for CFA to pay, and we also have some sponsor support that gets us up to about \$100,000, so that's the primary reason for that going up. Corporate Expense is actually scheduled to go down a little bit. Legislative Expense is expected to remain essentially flat to last year. Outreach Expense includes some publicity-type work; for instance, a bigger and better ad in *Cat Fancy* magazine. That sort of thing. That's it in a nutshell, again coming down to a \$48,945 profit.

Bizzell: Did anyone have any specific questions on line items? **Meeker:** Yes, I do, Carla. This is Ginger. When Central Office submitted the scanning project, there's a line item, 58600, for \$3,000. The expense of that is probably going to be closer to \$9,000. When you and I communicated by email, you said it was someplace else in the budget. Is that money in line 61500 the money you were talking about? **Bizzell:** I'm traveling and I don't have it up on my computer, but the monthly charge – the initial estimate was for some up-front costs and a monthly charge, so I have \$6,000 in the computer line item. Let me see if I can put my finger right on it. Anyway, in the computer area there is a line item that includes the Computan contract, which is \$36,000, \$6,000 toward this scanning project for monthly fees and such, and

\$5,000 for Bertha [the HP 3000] support. **Hannon:** OK, so if you take the \$6,000 from that item and the \$3,000 that's listed under Central Office – Other, Scanning, that gives us \$9,000 for the scanning project? **Bizzell:** Right, and in addition to that, some of the upfront costs in equipment and software that would have a useful life of more than a year will be amortized or depreciated over a period of years, probably at least 3. I think it was like \$4,600 or \$4,900 as the upfront software and hardware training. **Hannon:** \$4,900. **Bizzell:** Yeah, \$4,900. That can be amortized or depreciated, depending upon whether it's a soft good or a hard good over a period of a number of years – probably 3 years. **Meeker:** OK. Is that money available in the budget now, or does the purchase have to wait until May 1st? **Bizzell:** Well, the board can approve that we go ahead and purchase it now. It's not specifically in the budget. All it would take is someone to put a motion out there to go ahead forward with this project. **Meeker:** Would now be the time to make that motion? **Mastin:** If we do approve the funding now, which I have no problem with because we are expecting to show a net profit of \$117,637, if we do approve it, we need to go back and change the budget to reflect that it was taken out of the 2014-2015 year. **Hamza:** Why can't this wait until May 1st? **Meeker:** I realize it's 4/17. That's two weeks. It's not a big deal. Let's leave it like it is. **Hamza:** OK. You know, folks, I just want to say that this budget is probably the last big thing I worked on. I'm proud of it. I'm proud of what we've done in the last four years with fiscal responsibility. I think this is a good budget. I think it allows us to keep growing. I also included Mark and tried to help with transitioning with this budget. I'm proud of it, so if there's any other specific questions, I would like to address them and, beyond that, I would just like to pass it. **Meeker:** I have one other question, Jerry. I saw line items for many of the programs. I did not see a line item for Feline Youth Education. Is that program discontinued, or is it under something else? **Hamza:** Carla, did we even get a request from them? **Bizzell:** No. **Hamza:** See, that's part of the problem. If we don't get a request from the people running the program, how can we possibly allocate it with money? The other thing is, if you look at all the other committees that were very – I can tell you, because I can talk about him because he's here. George is very conscientious about handing us a detailed budget request for Legislation. We gave George everything he asked for. So, that's how we deal with the budgetary requests is, based upon what the committees ask for. **Meeker:** OK, then this goes back to a committee problem. I've got people in my region that are trying to be active with this program and they're being told that it's still functional, then someone else is saying, "no, all the money has been pulled." So, if the program is not going to be funded, then I think it needs to be taken off – **Hannon:** The money wasn't taken away, it was just not requested. **Hamza:** That's the exact thing. So, you can't say we took the money. We didn't take any money, but we can't give something unless it's asked for. Every committee needs to put in a budget request and a justification. If we get nothing, what do we know? **Meeker:** Jerry, I understand. **Hamza:** You know how many committees there are? **Meeker:** Yes, I do, and this had always been sponsored before, so I don't know if they understood that they needed to, but that's the committee's problem. I was just asking the question. **Hamza:** I know, and I'm not getting on you, but the other thing is, and Rachel can tell you, she sent out numerous requests telling people that we're working on the budget. I know Carla sent requests. By and large, most all the committees got their stuff in and we were able to deal with it. **Meeker:** OK. **Hamza:** If they would get me a modest request, we can probably find the money still, as an addendum to this budget. It's a good program. I don't want to knock it out. **Baugh:** I'm the liaison to that committee, and to tell you the truth, the light bulb never went off because of the fact that the funding had been dropped or had been discontinued. I will contact Cathy Dunham and ask them to submit something to me

that I can forward. **Hamza:** If she can get it to us, I know it's a holiday weekend, but if she can come up with something here by Tuesday or Wednesday that's reasonable, I'm sure we can squeeze something in. **Baugh:** I'm leaving the country on Wednesday, but I'll tell her that if she doesn't get it to me, to send it to you and Carla? **Hannon:** Can't we just deal with it at the May meeting? Give her a month. We don't want her to rush through it. **Calhoun:** We want the budget in place, though. **Hannon:** We can put it in place, but can't we do an addendum like Jerry said, in May? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Hannon:** So, let's pass this with no money for that particular program, but if they get us a request by the May meeting, then we can entertain it and discuss whether or not we want to put that as an addendum, which would just lower the projected profit for the year. **Bizzell:** Just so you know, the miscellaneous committee line item does have a little play built into it for just such things. **Hannon:** OK. If she gets her proposal in to you, you can deal with whether or not we've already got enough money to handle it. **Bizzell:** Right. **Hannon:** So, Loretta, you need to tell Cathy to work up a proposal and get it to Carla in the next couple weeks. **Baugh:** Will do. Not a problem.

Hamza: OK, are there any other questions on this budget? Really? **Calhoun:** You're surprised, aren't you, Jerry? **Hamza:** I am. I am. A belated birthday present, thank you. **Calhoun:** You're welcome. **Hamza:** Can I get a motion to accept it? **Baugh:** So moved. **Hamza:** Do I get a second? Let Kathy second it, please. **Calhoun:** I second, I second.

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

Eigenhauser: I abstain, because of the legislative stipend. **Hamza:** OK. I believe it's a good budget. I think it will serve CFA for another year. **Hannon:** Do we publish this or not? **Hamza:** Yes, absolutely. **Hannon:** OK, so when I do my notes tomorrow, I can link to this budget? **Hamza:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** Are we going to publish the entire budget, or just the summary for now? **Hamza:** What do you want to do? Just the summary? What have you got in mind? **Bizzell:** I think we should at least notify the people who didn't get all the budget requested before they see it on the CFA News. **Eigenhauser:** Haven't we been sticking the whole budget in the delegate bag? **Hamza:** You know what? That's probably the right way to do it. They can wait a month. **Hannon:** Alright. I'll just tell them that it projects a profit of whatever it was. **Hamza:** Yeah, that works out. **Hannon:** And that the complete budget will be in the delegate bag. **Hamza:** That allows us to do the right thing by the right people. I like to do it right.

(7) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chairs: Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

- *Leffair International Cat Fanciers Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*
- *Hong Kong International Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*
- *Cat Fanciers of Korea, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*

***Leffair International Cat Fanciers Club (Attachment B)
International Division–Asia (Beijing, China); Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member is a member of other clubs. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold allbreed shows in Beijing, China. The dues have been set. If disbanded the monies will go to a small animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Carol, are you ready? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. We had 3 clubs pre-noticed for membership for this meeting. First up is the Leffair International Cat Fanciers Club, and that is in the International Division – Asia, located in Beijing, China. I'm not going to read all the narrative that I put in my report. I just wanted to mention, this was a very strong application. They are very active exhibitors and breeders, as well as clerks. Many of them are also clerks. Does anyone have any questions about this club? If no questions, I would like to make a motion to accept the Leffair International Cat Fanciers Club. **Meeker:** Second, Ginger.

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

Hamza: Welcome to CFA.

***Hong Kong International Cat Club (Attachment C)
International Division–Asia (Hong Kong, China); Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eighteen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in Hong Kong and other cities near Hong Kong. If disbanded the monies will go to an organization for the welfare of cats. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Go ahead. **Krzanowski:** Next up is the Hong Kong International Cat Club, also International Division – Asia, located in Hong Kong, China. I do know the International Chair supports this club. They wish to put on shows in Hong Kong and other cities near Hong Kong. Are there any questions about this club? Then I would like to make a motion to accept the Hong Kong International Cat Club. **Kallmeyer:** Second.

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

Hamza: Congratulations, and welcome to CFA.

Cat Fanciers of Korea (Attachment D)
International Division–Asia (Korea); Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in Seoul. If disbanded the monies will go to cat welfare societies. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The final application for this evening is the Cat Fanciers of Korea, International Division – Asia in Korea. This was an exciting one, and also a very, very strong application and it's nice to see some activity in Korea again. Do we have any questions about this club? If not, I would like to make a motion to accept the Cat Fanciers of Korea.

Eigenhauser: Second.

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

Hamza: It is very exciting to get back into Korea. Thank you so much.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

April, 2014 to Board teleconference in May, 2014.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski, Co-Chairs*

(8) CLERKING COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Cheryl L. Coleman
Liaison to Board: Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Online clerking school: presentation has been created. Creating verbiage for voiceovers.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking test: this is the year for the biennial clerking tests to be sent for renewal. I have 3 individuals looking at this and helping to create questions. Estimated deployment of updated clerking test: mid-April (approx. April 14, 2014).

Clerking manual: the clerking manual is being 'updated' for this year. There have been several changes to show rules which affect the verbiage in the manual. Additionally, throughout the year many clerks have found some minor errors and those are now corrected. I have 4 individuals reviewing the manual, and will have a final copy to be delivered to Central Office for publication no later than April 7.

Clerking requirement changes: While reviewing the manual, there are several areas that need modification and approval for change by the board. Listed below are those changes:

- In the Clerking Manual section, Renewal of Lapsed Licenses, change the number of years for individuals who have not licensed in over 4 (four) years to 5 (five) years. Also, removing the 'assist' requirement, and replacing with 3 (three) evaluations from 3 (three) separate judges.
- Adding a NEW requirement for who can teach a Clerking School: require any Allbreed judges who will be teaching a clerking school, to take the current Clerking test for that year. Rationale: many Allbreed judges – who have not clerked or master clerked in many years – are teaching schools. They may or may not be aware of some of the issues that are going on within the clerking program. The test is written so that the Clerks/Master Clerks can be more aware of those issues, by making them into questions. There are not that many Allbreed judges who are teaching; however, I have had some clerking school participants state that they never learned a basic aspect of clerking when questioned on it, and a high percentage of the time, it was a judge who taught the school (without an assistant). Since all individuals who are only MCI's (or aspiring to be MCI's) are required to take the test, I feel this would only enhance everyone's knowledge and level the requirements.
- Under Authorization for clerking schools, add a LATE FEE for those requesting a school within the 30 day notification. Currently written, anyone requesting a Clerking School must do so within 30 days. We have had on several occasions, requests shorter than the 30 days, and have rejected their request. This way, a fee would reimburse Central Office

for expediting all materials for them to have the school. This would be similar to Club who license their show within 30 days of the date.

Future Projections for Committee:

Completion of clerking test to be sent out by April 14, 2014 (will obtain updated email addresses from Shirley at Central Office).

Completion of Clerking Manual modifications/updates to Central Office by April 7, 2014

Complete transcript/verbiage for online Clerking school to roll out to select individuals

Board Action Items:

Approve the change to the Clerking Manual to 5 (five) years or more, for reinstatement (see above under Clerking Requirement Changes.)

Hamza: We're still with Carol on the Clerking Committee. **Krzanowski:** Yes. You have all received the report. I'm not going to read it for you. We do have some action items. The first one is really more of a housekeeping issue. There was a bit of confusion about the clerking requirements for reinstatement and the number of years involved. We are making a motion to change the Clerking Manual to five years or less would be a simple case of performing the specified clerking assignments for retention and paying the delinquent Clerking Program service fees. More than five years would have to go through some solo clerking assignments and evaluations; pretty much what it was before in the Clerking Manual, but we're just clarifying the number of years on that. Are there any questions? Then I make a motion that we approve the change to 5 years in the Clerking Manual. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Approve the change to require any Allbreed Judges that are teaching a Clerking School, to take and pass (at ring clerk passing level) the current year's Clerking Exam (see above under Clerking Requirement Changes.)

Krzanowski: The next action item is to approve a change to require any Allbreed judges that are teaching a Clerking School to take the current year's clerking exam. **Hamza:** [laughs] I'm sorry, I love it. That's all. **Krzanowski:** I have the rationale for this, because I did ask Cheryl about it. What she told me does kind of make sense, that the judges, while they are great on mechanics over the years, especially the judges that have been approved for a number of years as Allbreed judges, they kind of lose touch a little bit with some of the nuances of the Clerking Program. In order to refresh them on that, we are asking that they would take the clerking exam in order to qualify to teach a school. The clerking exam is actually intended to make everyone aware of recent changes in the Program and some of the other things that clerks encounter during the course of a show, so it's more of an awareness thing. It's not a difficult test, and I think that this requirement is certainly reasonable. Are there any questions? **Hamza:** Exactly how many judges is this going to affect? **Krzanowski:** I don't think it's a lot of judges that teach clerking schools. It might happen more overseas than it does here in the U.S., I believe. If it's overseas, it's even more important that the judges be aware of the latest clerking

issues and take the test, so they are up on all the current things. **Hamza:** Do you think this will discourage judges from doing it? **Krzanowski:** I don't know that it would. I'll defer to Annette and let her speak to this issue. **Wilson:** Normally I wouldn't speak to this at all, but I just came back from a show in Chengdu, China, and I had a clerk who could neither put the numbers in order, nor did he mark the catalog, which I didn't discover until after the show was over. I suggested to the show manager that perhaps since they usually have the judges come in a day early to make sure that they actually get there, that they might want to ask some judges to do a little clerking school. Maybe it wouldn't be a big deal if it didn't really count, but rather than make the judges take the clerking test, maybe a nice, quick reference sheet highlighting the important items would be a little more proactive. That's all. **Bizzell:** If they take the test, do they have to pass it in order to teach the class? [laughter] That was not outlined in that proposal. **Hamza:** Personally, I don't think it's a bad idea. I just want to be sure that you don't have a law of unintended consequences kicking in. **Krzanowski:** I understand. **Hannon:** If we're going to vote on this, can we vote on it with the amendment that they have to take and pass the current year's test? **Baugh:** You really need to know those things, because there's stuff in there that, I haven't clerked in years – of course, Tom is a licensed clerk, so I look at the exam – there's stuff in there I would never have thought about because I haven't done it in so long. I can share with you that Patty Jacobberger told me that – she is preparing the judges' test – she said, "I just want you to know I took the clerking test and I didn't pass." This is someone who is constantly working on this sort of thing. It's something we're not really attuned to, and I think if you're going to be teaching it, you need to either have a cheat sheet or you need to pass the test, one or the other, so we are getting out the right information. **Hamza:** OK. Do we need to discuss this any further or are we ready to vote on it? **Eigenhauser:** Yes, I need to discuss it. You're all aware there's more than one passing score? There's the ring clerk passing score, there's the master clerk passing score, and the master clerk instructor. Which passing score are we using? **Krzanowski:** I don't know how to answer that question. Cheryl did not specify. She just said, "the current clerking test". **Eigenhauser:** My suggestion would be, if you have to pass it as a master clerk instructor's level to teach a class, then that should be the level they have to pass. **Krzanowski:** I don't know that that was her intent. I think that her intent was that the judges should take the general clerking test so that they're aware of some of the things that need to be done in the ring these days. Things have changed a lot since some of the judges came through the Clerking Program on their way to the Judging Program, so it's more like a refresher so that the judges will go in prepared to teach prospective clerks how to properly work in the ring. **Baugh:** We're teaching them how to clerk, not to master clerk. **Krzanowski:** Right. Right, because that's the first step after a clerking school is to ring clerk, not to master clerk or be a master clerk instructor. General ring clerking. **Baugh:** Yeah, that's what we're teaching. Do we have to specify in the motion which level they have to pass? **Eigenhauser:** Can we please specify it in the motion, so it's clear? **Krzanowski:** You want to specify that it's the general clerking test? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Krzanowski:** I can do that. I will revise the motion to require that any judges that wish to teach a clerking school must take the current general ring clerking test. **Eigenhauser:** It's the same clerking test for the clerks and the master clerks. There are different scores for passing. **Krzanowski:** Yes, right. **Eigenhauser:** So, we're going to ring clerk passing level. **Krzanowski:** Right, that would be it. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Approve the late fee for those requesting a Clerking School less than 30 days out (see above under Clerking Requirement Changes).

Krzanowski: The last action item is in regard to the late fees for those clubs requesting a clerking school within less than 30 days out. This is based solely on the fact that it costs a lot of money to expedite the supplies to the club, yet we do not want to discourage them from having a clerking school if they do decide at the last minute they would like to do it. We feel that implementing a late fee similar to what we do for shows that are licensed late would allow us to still provide the materials requested, still allow the school to proceed and not be a money loser for CFA. We're not asking for a huge increase. I'm looking for suggestions. We were thinking perhaps a \$25 to \$30 expedited fee for clerking schools that are requested within less than 30 days. **Eigenhauser:** Do we have a sense of what the out-of-pocket cost is to expedite all these materials? **Krzanowski:** The clerking kits themselves are \$7 apiece. It's a minimum of 3 students. **Eigenhauser:** But the late fee is just for the expedited shipping, not for the cost of the original materials. **Krzanowski:** That's right. **Hamza:** Is it coming from Central Office? That was my question – who came up with this figure and how was it derived? **Krzanowski:** We're not really proposing a figure. I'm looking for some ideas. I'm just throwing out \$25 to \$30, but we're certainly open to anything. **Hamza:** Why don't we do this? Donna Jean, why don't you figure out how much it is to overnight one of these packages? **Thompson:** OK, that should not be a problem. **Hamza:** OK. We'll talk about it next meeting. Rachel, just put it on the agenda for next meeting and Donna Jean will figure out how much it costs to overnight and we'll throw a few extra bucks in for somebody to drive it to the post office, and do it. We don't want to make any money on it, but we don't want to lose any money on it. **Anger:** Will do. **Krzanowski:** We don't want to discourage people, so that would be great. We would be happy to table this. **Hamza:** Then we'll have actual historical or accurate costs. **Krzanowski:** OK, thank you. That's all I have.

Tabled.

Time Frame:

Clerking Test: April 14, 2014

Clerking Manual: April 7, 2014

Transcript/verbiage for online Clerking School: June/July 2014

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on above items

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Coleman, Chair*

(9) SHOW RULE AMENDMENT – INCREASE GRAND POINTS IN CHINA.

Committee Chair: Monte Phillips

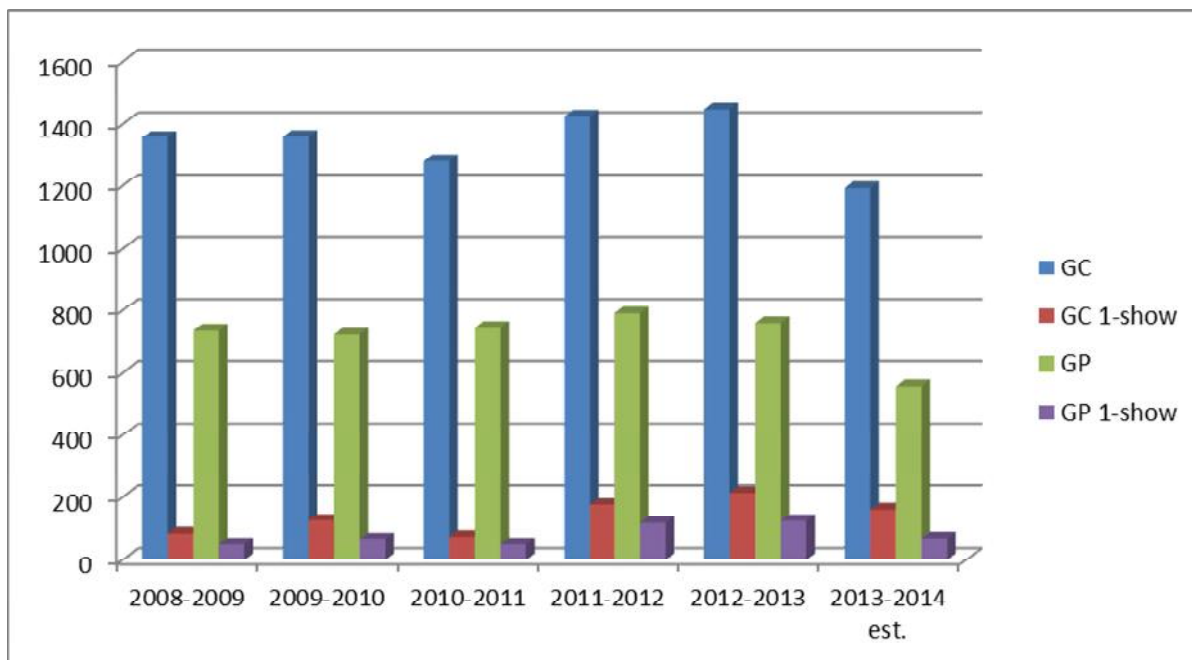
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**Analysis of CFA Grand Champions/Grand Premiers,
1-show GCs/GPs and International Division GCs/GPs**

Grand Champions and Grand Premiers are analyzed for the partial show season from May 1, 2013 to February 22, 2013. This information is discussed in relation to region/ID and further broken out by countries in the ID. Historical data is also presented for comparison purposes.

Figure 1 shows the distribution of Grand Champions and Grand Premiers for the show seasons 2008/9 to 2012/3 as well as the number of one-show GCs and GPs. After the new OP/CH-PR rule was implemented in the 2011/2 show season, there was a 11% jump in GCs and a 6% jump in GPs over the previous season. The number of one-show Grands increased 174% and 115% for GCs and GPs in 2011/2012 with an additional increase of 21% and 6% in 2012/3. It appears that the 2013/14 will show a large decrease in both GCs (18%) and GPs(26%).

Figure 1: Distribution of Grand Champions, Grand Premiers and 1-show GCs/GPs from 2008/9 to 2013/4 show seasons (2013/4 estimated)



For the partial show season from May 1, 2013 to Feb 23, 2014 (83% of the show season), Figures 2 and 4 show GCs/GPs by region and LH/SH respectively as well as 1-show grands; Figures 3 and 5 provide the actual numbers. Figure 6 provides a tabulation, by region, of number of shows, average rings/show, and average cats-present/show for Championship, Champions, Premiership and Premiers.

There are six anomalies in the statistics:

1. R5: 25.6% of LH GCs were 1-show grands
2. R9: 23.2% of LH GCs were 1-show grands
3. ID: 33.0% of LH GCs were 1-show grands
4. ID: 41.5% of SH GCs were 1-show grands
5. ID: 44.4% of LH GPs were 1-show grands
6. ID: 50.0% of SH GPs were 1-show grands

1. **R5 LH 1-show GCs.** There is no obvious explanation except for the many NW-competing cats in the region.
2. **R9 LH 1-show GCs.** Looking at Figure 6, R9 averaged 7.30 rings/show vs. the average of 7.02 rings/show for R1-R7. R9 had an average of 31/21/52 for LH/SH/AB Champions vs. an average of 19/20/48 for LH/SH/AB Champions in R1-R7. R9 averaged 82.4% of Champions vs. Championship cats, while R1-R7 averaged 68.5%. The high number of 1-show grands MAY be explained by greater number of rings per show, a greater number of LH champions per show, and a much greater ratio of Champions to Championship cats.
3. - **6. ID GRCs/GRPs.** Since countries in the ID are effectively isolated, the analysis should be conducted at the country level. See Figures 7 through 9.
 - **China.** China had 73 GCs and 23 1-show GCs (31.5%) in 18 shows with an average of 7.2 rings per show, 75.5% of Championship cats are Champions. The number of shows corresponds to R2, R3, R5 and R6 who actually have smaller Champion/Championship ratios.

There were 14 GPs, with 10 1-show GPs. However, these all occurred prior to changing the GP requirement to 50 in December, 2013.

Recommendation: Raise China to parity with Regions 1-9; i.e., raise qualifying rings to 6 (from 4) and Championship points to 200 (from 125).

- **Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia.** All 3 countries showed a high ratio of 1-show grands and a high Champion/Championship ratio. However, the number of rings/shows in these countries is still fairly low.

Recommendation: Raise qualifying rings in Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia to 6 (from 4). Monitor GCs to see if an increase in GC points to 200 is warranted.

- **Taiwan.** Taiwan was an anomaly for the show season so far. Their November, 2013 show accounted for 5 ID GCs (4 1-show GCs) and 9 ID GPs (9 1-show GPs).

The factors in play at this 4 ring show:

- Only 4 qualifying rings required.
- GC points are 75, GP points are 25.

- Taiwan has had 2 shows per year, 4 rings each.
- Champion count was 31 (83.3%) and Premier count was 18 (89.9%). The March show had 24 Champions (77%) and 12 Premiers (71%).
- The November show was the first approved experimental format show.

Recommendation: Raise GC points to 125 and GP points to 50. Monitor shows to see if qualifying points should be raised.

- **Thailand.** Thailand had 5 shows with an average ring count of 6.8.

Recommendation: Monitor current political situation in Thailand which may preclude many shows next show season. If the current level of shows remain, increase qualifying rings to 6.

Figure 2: Distribution of LH/SH Grand Champions and 1-Show GCs by Region (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

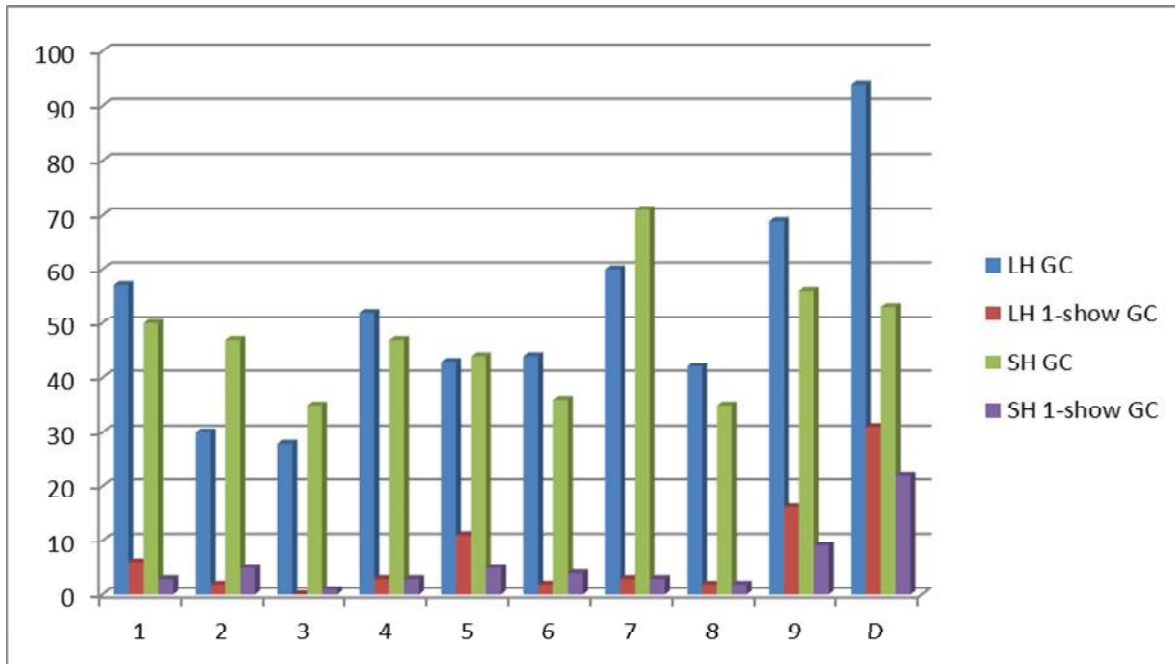


Figure 3: Tabulation of LH/SH Grand Champions and 1-Show GCs by Region (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

Region	Shows	Grand Champions								
		LH	1-show	%	SH	1-show	%	AB	1-show	%
1	28	57	6	10.5%	50	3	6.0%	107	9	8.4%
2	17	30	2	6.7%	47	5	10.6%	77	7	9.1%
3	15	28	0	0.0%	35	1	2.9%	63	1	1.6%
4	27	52	3	5.8%	47	3	6.4%	99	6	6.1%
5	19	43	11	25.6%	44	5	11.4%	87	16	18.4%

6	16	44	2	4.5%	36	4	11.1%	80	6	7.5%
7	35	60	3	5.0%	71	3	4.2%	131	6	4.6%
8	28	42	2	4.8%	35	2	5.7%	77	4	5.2%
9	23	69	16	23.2%	56	9	16.1%	125	25	20.0%
D	45	94	31	33.0%	53	22	41.5%	147	53	36.1%
Totals	253	519	76	14.6%	474	57	12.0%	993	133	13.4%

Figure 4: Distribution of LH/SH Grand Premiers and 1-Show GPs by Region (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

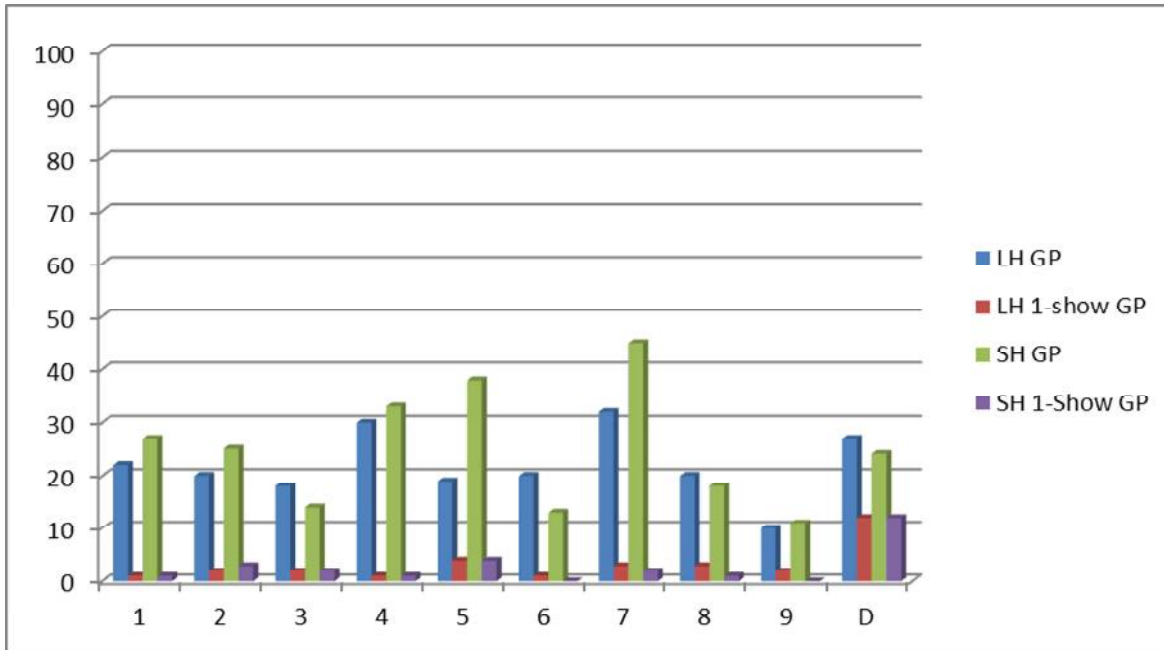


Figure 5: Tabulation of LH/SH Grand Premiers and 1-Show GPs by Region (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

Region	Shows	Grand Premiers								
		LH	1-show	%	SH	1-show	%	AB	1-show	%
1	28	22	1	4.5%	27	1	3.7%	49	2	4.1%
2	17	20	2	10.0%	25	3	12.0%	45	5	11.1%
3	15	18	2	11.1%	14	2	14.3%	32	4	12.5%
4	27	30	1	3.3%	33	1	3.0%	63	2	3.2%
5	19	19	4	21.1%	38	4	10.5%	57	8	14.0%
6	16	20	1	5.0%	13	0	0.0%	33	1	3.0%
7	35	32	3	9.4%	45	2	4.4%	77	5	6.5%
8	28	20	3	15.0%	18	1	5.6%	38	4	10.5%
9	23	10	2	20.0%	11	0	0.0%	21	2	9.5%
D	45	27	12	44.4%	24	12	50.0%	51	24	47.1%
Totals	253	218	31	14.2%	248	26	10.5%	466	57	12.2%

Figure 6: Average show counts for Championship, Champions, Premiership and Premiers (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

Region	Shows	Avg. Rings per Show	Championship			Champions				Premiership			Premiers			
			LH	SH	AB	LH	SH	AB	% CHSP	LH	SH	AB	LH	SH	AB	% PRSP
1	28	7.14	30	31	60	22	18	40	66.7%	14	21	36	5	7	12	34.3%
2	17	6.82	24	31	55	18	22	39	71.8%	14	19	34	5	9	15	43.1%
3	15	6.93	23	31	54	16	20	36	67.3%	15	14	28	7	6	13	44.8%
4	27	6.89	24	26	49	17	17	35	70.0%	16	19	34	6	7	12	36.0%
5	19	6.95	23	35	58	15	23	38	66.8%	11	22	32	5	9	14	42.0%
6	16	7.50	28	28	56	21	20	41	73.7%	15	16	31	6	5	11	34.7%
7	35	6.97	27	31	59	20	19	39	66.5%	16	21	37	6	7	14	36.9%
8	28	6.71	23	18	41	17	12	29	71.2%	7	9	16	4	4	8	51.0%
9	23	7.30	36	27	63	31	21	52	82.4%	4	4	8	2	2	5	58.9%
D	45	5.71	37	16	54	30	12	42	78.0%	7	5	12	4	3	7	59.5%
W	2	9.00	57	63	120	33	29	62	51.5%	34	37	71	8	8	15	21.3%
Totals	255	6.80	29	26	55	22	18	39	71.5%	12	14	26	5	6	11	40.8%
R1-R7	157	7.02	26	30	56	19	20	38	68.5%	15	19	34	6	7	13	37.9%

Figure 7: Tabulation of LH/SH Grand Champions and 1-Show GCs by ID Country (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

Region	Shows	Grand Champions								
		LH	1-show	%	SH	1-show	%	AB	1-show	%
Brazil	1									
China	18	48	12	25.0%	25	11	44.0%	73	23	31.5%
Hong Kong	3	13	4	30.8%	6	2	33.3%	19	6	31.6%
Indonesia	3	6	6	100.0%				6	6	100.0%
Israel	1	1	1	100.0%				1	1	100.0%
Korea	3	5	1	20.0%	4		0.0%	9	1	11.1%
Kuwait	1	4	4	100.0%	1	1	100.0%	5	5	100.0%
Malaysia	8	11	2	18.2%	5	3	60.0%	16	5	31.3%
Singapore	1				1		0.0%	1		0.0%
Taiwan	1	1		0.0%	4	4	100.0%	5	4	80.0%
Thailand	5	5	1	20.0%	7	1	14.3%	12	2	16.7%
Totals	45	94	31	33.0%	53	22	41.5%	147	53	36.1%

Figure 8: Tabulation of LH/SH Grand Premiers and 1-Show GPs by ID Country (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

Region	Shows	Grand Premiers								
		LH	1-show	%	SH	1-show	%	AB	1-show	%
Brazil	1									
China	18	1	1	100.0%	13	9	69.2%	14	10	71.4%
Hong Kong	3	5	1	20.0%	5		0.0%	10	1	10.0%
Indonesia	3									
Israel	1									
Korea	3				3	2	66.7%	3	2	66.7%
Kuwait	1									
Malaysia	8	4			2			6		
Singapore	1	1						1		
Taiwan	1	8	8	100.0%	1	1	100.0%	9	9	100.0%
Thailand	5	8	2	25.0%				8	2	25.0%
Totals	45	27	12	44.4%	24	12	50.0%	51	24	47.1%

Figure 9: Average show counts for Championship, Champions, Premiership and Premiers (05/01/13 to 02/23/14)

Average Championship/Premiership Show Counts by ID Country																
Region	Shows	Rings / Show	Championship			Champions				Premiership			Premiers			
			LH	SH	AB	LH	SH	AB	% CHSP	LH	SH	AB	LH	SH	AB	% PRSP
Brazil	1	2.0	10	1	11	9	1	10	90.9%	1	0	1	1	0	1	100.0%
China	18	7.2	34	20	54	26	14	41	75.5%	3	3	5	1	2	3	65.6%
Hong Kong	3	6.7	54	24	78	45	18	63	80.8%	21	11	31	14	7	20	64.9%
Indonesia	3	4.0	70	10	80	59	9	68	85.4%	1	0	1	1	0	1	100.0%
Israel	1	4.0	10	9	19	10	9	19	100.0%	1	5	6	1	5	6	100.0%
Korea	3	3.0	22	17	39	18	13	31	78.6%	4	2	6	3	2	5	83.3%
Kuwait	1	6.0	49	8	57	48	4	52	91.2%	1	4	5	1	1	2	40.0%
Malaysia	8	3.5	35	15	50	27	10	37	74.6%	13	11	23	7	6	13	54.5%
Singapore	1	4.0	9	7	16	9	6	15	93.8%	19	6	25	14	2	16	64.0%
Taiwan	1	4.0	26	11	37	22	9	31	83.8%	11	7	18	11	5	16	88.9%
Thailand	5	6.8	48	16	64	36	12	49	76.2%	12	4	16	5	1	6	40.0%
Totals	45	5.6	37	16	54	30	12	42	78.0%	10	6	12	6	3	7	59.5%

*Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Kallmeyer, International Division Chair*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has prepared a show rule amendment per request of the International Division Chair to increase the points required for a Grand Championship in China.

Hamza: Dick, are you on? **Kallmeyer:** Yep. **Hamza:** Alright. We're going to talk about your show rule amendment. **Kallmeyer:** OK. You have the report kind of analyzing the grands in the International Division and where we see the problem areas. I think the big one is in China with a very large amount of one-show grands, second to Europe. In China, I think that we need to raise the qualifying rings to 6 and championship points to 200, so officially bring them up to Regions 1 through 9. In Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia, I think that we need to bring the qualifying rings to 6 and we'll monitor the grand champions to see if an increase of points to 200 is warranted. We had a particular adventure in Taiwan, mainly I think as a result of the experimental format in that they had a bunch of one-show grands for their experimental format show. **Hamza:** Can I ask you a question real quick here? Those cats, were those Taiwanese cats or were they from other places? **Kallmeyer:** No. Taiwan is essentially isolated. **Hamza:** OK. **Kallmeyer:** Right. So, I think in this case raising the champion and grand premier points is called for. Thailand is probably a case that we have to monitor. Right now, the political situation is such that we're not even sure if there's going to be shows right there. They are having rioting in the streets, hand grenades thrown and different events, but it could eventually calm down. So, the recommendation is to leave them alone for right now. Any questions? **Petty:** You had mentioned raising the points in Taiwan. Is that right? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Petty:** Is that going to then force them to have to have these experimental format shows to get the number of points they need? Just because we did it once doesn't mean it's a trend. **Kallmeyer:** No. In fact, I'm not sure they want another experimental format. No, it will not. I think 2 or 3 cats still would have granded, but would probably bring it in line to the rest of the world. This was a case where they had a very high champion and premier count. Since they only needed 75 points for a grand and 25 points for a grand premier, it put them over very easy. **Petty:** But they would be able to do that in a typical show without the experimental format? **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Hamza:** Was that their first CFA show in a while, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** No, no. They usually have one a year. In fact, they had a second show already. We do have a new Taiwan club out of Taipei coming in, too that could possibly add an additional show. **Hamza:** Oh, good.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will be proposing an amendment to address regional assignments for the delegates at the 2014 Annual meeting.

Action Items:

Revise Qualifying Ring Requirements in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia

Rule 8.03a	International Division Chair, Mr. Kallmeyer at April meeting	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and</p>	<p>a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and</p>

Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except Japan) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation.	Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except <u>China</u> , <u>Japan</u> , <u>Hong Kong</u> , <u>Indonesia</u> , and <u>Malaysia</u>) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation.
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Raise Grand Point Requirements in Taiwan and China

9.03b	Show Rules Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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Hamza: OK, so, anybody want to discuss the action items? **Kallmeyer:** Let's take them one by one. What I'm looking at is timing it maybe September 1. In the past for the International

Division, several times we have changed the grand points so it's not unreasonable, but this gets them at least until September 1. **Hamza:** Why wouldn't you want to do it at the beginning of the show season, just out of curiosity? **Kallmeyer:** We could. Does anybody have any objections to that? **Hannon:** No. **Kallmeyer:** OK then, let's make it effective with the new show season. The first request is for China to change the qualifying rings to 6 and championship points to 200. **Eigenhauser:** And no change in premiership? **Kallmeyer:** No change in premiership. They have very few premiers. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** It will take effect the beginning of the show season.

Hamza: Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** The next one would be Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, to raise the qualifying rings to 6 from the current 4. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Hannon: You went too fast. Dick, what were the changes for Hong Kong? **Kallmeyer:** Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia go to 6 qualifying rings from 4. **Hannon:** But no change in grand points. **Kallmeyer:** No change in grand points. [**Baugh** leaves the conference]

Kallmeyer: The next one is Taiwan, to raise the grand points to 125, the grand premier points to 50 but leave qualifying rings at 4. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Kallmeyer: That's it. **Hamza:** OK. Just so we're clear, those changes take place the beginning of the show season.

Time Frame:

At the current board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Unless a significant issue is identified between completion of this report and the date when inputs are due to the Board for the April meeting, we do not anticipate making a presentation to the April meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chair*

(10) RUSSIAN WEBSITE PROPOSAL.

In spite of the fact, that we are having not so bad show cat counts over here, there is still a problem of promoting CFA and increasing the number of the cats and breeders (who are almost always the same from the show to the show) because of English language of services, website and majority of forms and Russian awareness of all the “foreign new things”.

That’s why I am thinking of starting a project with helping people to register in CFA and understand the CFA - some kind of agency. I'd like to have a website in Russian promoting CFA over here (with Russian SEO optimization) where everybody can easily register the cattery names, cats and litters using their credit cards or cash. I will have the terms on the site, describing that everyone can do it by himself directly on the CFA web-site (with active link to it), but if they don't want to do it, they can pay money (CFA fees + 15% or 20%) to me and I will prepare papers and send it to CFA office for registration.

I wonder if it's OK for CFA to let me have this website? Looking forward for your answer.

Hamza: Go to Russian website proposal. Ed? **Meeker:** I got an email earlier this week from Dennis Gano. Dennis had a lot of things to say about this, and he was asking that this be tabled until May, if that’s OK with the rest of the board. **Hamza:** Anybody have any objection moving this to May? I think it’s appropriate, since Dennis has done so much. Alright Rachel, just put it on the agenda for May. **Anger:** Will do.

Tabled.

(11) **2014 ANNUAL REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Jan Rogers
Liaison To Board: Carissa Altschul

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The delegate bag contents are shaping up exceedingly well with contributions from many clubs and handmade items by craft people within the region. The dinner menu has been finalized (finally) and reservations are coming in at a good pace. The annual website www.2014cfaannual.com is being updated regularly now and links to the hotel, dinners, delegate ads are all up and running and current. The hotel is now 95% booked, with two (2) increases to the CFA block of rooms already in place.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The iPad Air raffle will be drawn on April 20th at the joint show in Texas. We hope to realize over \$2000. 00 from that effort. Two small additional raffles are planned, and a gift certificate from Sturdi will be raffled off at the annual.

Delegate book advertising is coming in early due to the discount offered which expires on April 10th.

Patti Oehler, site chair, has put together a discount package for a great number of tours, where our attendees receive the discount if they book online through the microsite on the annual website and they will be picked up at the hotel.

Tour Microsite Link: <http://www.neworleanssteamboat.com/2014/CatFancierAssn/reserve.html>

The vendor spaces are sold out with perhaps one or two small adjacent booths available but will advise again through email and annual site.

The Orpheus Krewe special pin/with private reception is coming along well with over 70% committed to the program. (\$7,000.00 to the GSR annual fund) Would like to have ALL of the CFA Board participate!

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to solicit corporate sponsorships, and donations for our two hospitality nights. The Mask-Purr- Ade Ball on Friday night will be further outlined through the annual website with how to get costumes if you don't want to bring your own. Also, a listing of the prizes and categories of costumes that have awards waiting for winners will be announced.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Get it done by June 25th!!!

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on all relevant activities.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Rogers, Chair*

Hamza: That brings us to item #11, which is the Annual Report with Carissa. Carissa, go ahead. **Altschul:** She didn't put any action items on here, but we do actually have an action item. It's a real quick one. I just wanted to make sure that the board is OK with us putting on the rosette the regional emblem of the diamond cat, in addition to obviously all the other stuff. I should have forwarded it to you guys. We have new rosettes coming in this year. We got it from a different vendor. We came in within budget, but the rosettes are going to be spectacular. **Hamza:** Why don't you do this, Carissa? Can you forward us a picture of them and we can just call a motion during the week? **Altschul:** Yeah, we just need to make it soon because we've got to put the order in. The rosette doesn't have the diamond cat on it. When this lady does the mock-up of the rosettes, she doesn't put anything on it. It's just what the rosette is. **Hamza:** Let me ask you this. Can you send it to us now? **Altschul:** Yes, I can get it to you by the time Dick is done with his report. **Hamza:** How about we do that? We take a quick look at it in the meantime, and Dick is back so we'll go to Dick while we're waiting for Carissa. [transcript goes to agenda item #9]

[after agenda item #9] **Hamza:** Now we're back to Carissa. Has everybody at least taken a peek at her rosettes? Let's take a second and just take a quick look. **Altschul:** I included the email there so you can see what the different rosettes are going to be for, so I included the text of the email so you could see. They will have printed name plates with the name of the cat with its titles all in there. Best will be a 9" head with 30" streamers. **Hamza:** OK. They are very pretty. **Altschul:** Yes. These are based on the same ones we do for our regional rosettes, which anyone who has ever seen the regional rosettes from the Gulf Shore Region has generally always commented how amazing they are. This is from the same vendor. She does a wonderful job and we are very, very pleased with them. Anyone who has ever gotten a national rosette, they just were not what we kind of felt like they should be, so we kind of went with the New Orleans colors – purple, green, yellow. The colors are a little off in the pictures, but they will be right on the actual rosettes. These are Mardi Gras colors. **Hamza:** OK. So, make your motion. **Altschul:** The motion is to allow for the Gulf Shore Region to have the diamond cat logo to be put on the Annual rosettes. **Hannon:** What is the diamond cat logo? Is that the Annual logo? **Altschul:** Yes. It's the logo that's being used for the Annual and we have been using it in our region. We sold the rights for it a couple years ago for several thousand dollars to a company over in France, but part of the agreement was that we could use it through the Annual. **Meeker:** I would just point out that this really has not been a common practice. The regions have not been encouraged to put their regional logo or their annual logo on the ribbons at a CFA event. **Altschul:** I understand that, but it's a CFA event that's being put on by the region, and these rosettes were designed by the region, rather than just using the same vendor that CFA has been using for years.

Hamza: That's why we're here and we're talking about it. We're either going to approve it or we're not. The important thing is that the rosettes appear to comply. They have everything that is required, so this is something that would be additional to what is required, and I guess the board has to decide whether they think it adds value or doesn't. **Hannon:** I don't understand why we're even getting involved in this kind of detail. **Altschul:** Agreed. I brought it to this board to avoid somebody getting upset about it later. Personally, I would have just approved it. **Hannon:** You guys are handling it. Go ahead and do it. **Altschul:** CFA does pay for the rosettes. We just arrange for them. **Hannon:** We understand what happens. Where are you going to put this diamond thing? In the center of the head? **Altschul:** No. It will probably be on that short, black streamer. **Hannon:** OK. Why do we care? That's fine. Just do it. **Altschul:** It's very classy. If you've seen the diamond cat thing, it's very classy. It's not something silly or goofy. It's a beautiful design. **Hamza:** I think one of the intentions of moving the Annual from place to place is so that it can take on the flavor of each region. I don't want to spend a lot of time on this, so if everybody is OK with the region just doing what they want, let's move on. **Altschul:** I do have a motion on the floor. Are you tabling my motion? **Hamza:** No, no. I'm tired. I didn't hear your motion. What's your motion? **Hannon:** Withdraw the motion. **Hamza:** Yeah, withdraw the motion. **Altschul:** If I withdraw the motion, it's still approved then? We're just not going to vote on it. **Hannon:** Correct. **Altschul:** OK. Works for me. I withdraw.

(12) **SHOW SCHEDULING – FLOATING WEEKEND DISCUSSION.**

Hamza: Show Scheduling – floating weekend discussion. You're still in the wheelhouse.
Altschul: Last month we tabled this, about Houston establishing their traditional weekend as the first weekend after January 4th. We tabled it so the RDs can hear back from their people. I haven't heard anything. I don't know if you guys did. Anybody? **Hamza:** RDs? **Calhoun:** Maybe I misunderstood. I didn't think we tabled it. I thought we approved it. So, the club that had the issue in Region 6 is considering taking up the option of moving, as well, when Houston is on their same weekend. **Altschul:** So, would they take the opposite of Houston? Whatever Houston is not? **Calhoun:** No, that would not be the case. No. **Hamza:** The effect is that they are wanting to do something similar, so their objection isn't strong. **Calhoun:** Their objection was strong, but I had not re-presented it as an option. **Hamza:** So, we can tell Houston that they can go ahead. **Baugh:** That's going to make this traditional? Is that the deal? **Altschul:** Yes, so that on the traditional show schedule calendar, it will show that Houston's traditional date is the first weekend after January 4th. That way, other clubs can plan accordingly. **Hamza:** OK. **Baugh:** I just wish Lucky Tom luck getting their date moved when Houston is the second weekend. **Calhoun:** They will decide. They're considering it and they will decide when the time comes.

(13) SUPER SPECIALTY FORMAT UPDATE.

EXPERIMENTAL SHOWS- UPCOMING

This is what I have as upcoming. If I have missed some, please let me know. Many are for just a couple of rings, some for championship only.

2014

April 26 Edelweiss Region 9
April 26 Chatte Noir- Russia
May 10 Mid South, Region 3
June 14 Southern Regional Region 7
July 12 Sternwheel Region 4
August 2 Awards Show Region 9
August 23 NEMO Region 1
August 23 Moscow Russia
September 20 Cat Club of the Palm Beaches Region 7
September ? Malaysia
October 25 Great Lakes, Great Maines Region 4
November 1 Siberia, Russia

2015

January 10 Lucky Tomcat Region 6
February 14 Kitty Hawk Region 4

Hamza: #13, Sharon. **Roy:** Those are just the list of the shows, but I forgot this upcoming weekend's show in Texas has 4 rings of the experimental format, but those are the ones that I have. I really just put it out, in case there were some other ones that either somebody knew about or didn't come through me. **Hamza:** OK. Do you have any comments on this? **Roy:** We just had the one in New Jersey this past weekend. It went very smoothly on Saturday. Jane Barletta is sending me the evaluations, but I will tell you that most of the judges don't like the format and most of the exhibitors raved about the format. **Baugh:** I'm getting the same feedback. **Hamza:** What don't the judges like? Just because it's so much more going on? **Roy:** So much more going on. That's a big part of it. A lot of them don't see the necessity of it. There seems to be a little bit of an issue with some – they are making more mechanical errors for some reason, so the clerks have to really stay on top of it. It's really the amount of work that goes into having to do all those finals. **Calhoun:** I judged the format at COWS, and I had no problem with it. I thought it was a great opportunity to be the best of both worlds. I thought it was a good option for the club and a good deal for the exhibitors. I happen to do my finals on an iPad that keeps me straight, so I didn't have a problem with doing that. It was a small show. We had maybe about 140, something like that. I was done by 5:30 and probably spent a good 45 minutes for lunch because my son and his girlfriend came. I wasn't pressed for time. I would have no problems doing it anytime. **Hannon:** The feedback I'm getting from judges is not that it's more work, they are telling me that they're giving out rosettes to far too many cats and they don't think that it means much if virtually every cat in the show hall ends up with a rosette. I've heard that from

exhibitors, as well. **Calhoun:** I've had judges say that to me, as well, and I just don't understand that. It's no different than having a specialty ring. You're going no deeper than a specialty ring, so I just don't get that, but I've heard that, as well. **Altschul:** I was going to say the same thing that Kathy did. I don't understand the mentality that too many cats are getting rosettes. I mean, if you're a double specialty, it would be the same thing. There are some cats that make finals that are not national quality cats, that are not regional quality cats. Who cares? They are still cats that are maybe better than some of the other cats that are there, and they deserve to be awarded for it. I think some of us may have gotten the mentality that only cats that can make national and regional wins make the finals. I don't think that's correct. If it is better than some of the other cats that are there, then it deserves to make the final, whether or not that cat could be a national winner or a regional winner. There are other cats there that deserve to final. **Hannon:** My feeling is, we're paying these judges to rank the cats. That's all we're asking them to do is rank the cats that are there. We're not talking about whether the cat is a national quality cat, whether it's even a grand quality cat. Just rank the cats. That's all we're asking them to do. **Hamza:** The thing is, if there's customer satisfaction going on, that really can't be a bad thing. **Baugh:** That's what I was going to say. You have to remember, and it's my mantra that we have to keep the local people happy and we have to keep them coming back. If this is a way to have them get some success and have them come back, then I'm all for it. **Hamza:** If it promotes pride of ownership of a CFA registered cat, it's a win/win on so many levels. **Baugh:** The biggest issue we've had is, the clubs have not done enough advance notice to the judges. Some of the judges don't want to do it. We have to make certain that they're asking them ahead of time. As this becomes more popular, that is going to take care of itself. There are judges who don't want to do it, and if that's the case, that's fine. I think doing it in every ring for every category is overkill, but the original intent was not that. **Roy:** I agree, Loretta, but this was actually a very good test to have it done in every ring, because it did show – **Hamza:** I see two things evolving down this road. I absolutely agree that a judge has to agree to do this, because there is a little more to it. The other thing is, I can see where just a little more compensation might – I don't know, but those are little details that have got to be worked out. **Baugh:** And the more information we get with feedback, the better, is the way I look at it. **Hamza:** So, basically, the customer is happy. **Roy:** Yes. **Hamza:** That's a heck of a thing.

(14) BREEDS AND STANDARDS: RULES FOR REGISTRATION.

Hamza: Breeds and Standards: Rules for Registration. Annette and Rachel, I don't know which one of you guys wants to do this. **Wilson:** You might recall that, last year, we had Melanie Morgan go through and update the Breed Book or the individual breed registration requirements, and after she did that and they were made available to Central Office to maintain going forward, we noticed that the Rules for Registration document that Central Office does was getting very wordy and confusing, and doesn't always match what it should match. So, I talked to Shelly [Borawski] and a couple of other people, and we thought maybe we could revise it. I sent you an email that had my draft that's marked up, and I apologize for the formatting. That's how it got sent to me and that's what I had to work with, but basically it takes out of ARTICLE III – BREED CLASSIFICATION, which is at the very end, a lot of the specific individual breed requirements that were in there. As more and more breeds put in outcross programs or, for example, the Balinese and Javanese, you could show this but you couldn't show that, it just started getting really, really wordy and I don't think that's what this document was originally intended to do. So, what we did was shorten it up and suggested that, for outcrosses, that they refer to Central Office for the specific requirements for that breed. The only place where we actually noted that there is certain outcrossing permissible is in **Section 2 – Established Breeds** for the Burmese, since the very definition of “established” means that they don't outcross, so we put some specific wording in there, but otherwise we removed a good bit of anything that was only breed specific as far as outcrossing or who you could breed to. You can take a look at what I emailed you, if you want to actually see the changes that were made, but it shortens this up considerably and it won't need to be maintained, along with it being maintained in multiple other places. That's it. **Hamza:** Thank you. **Baugh:** Great job. **Hamza:** I agree. **Wilson:** What I'm asking is that you OK that and then Central Office would use this as their Rules for Registration document. **Hamza:** Does anybody have any comments? **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I think this is a great idea. I think it's much easier to understand without all that text in there, and looking at the matrix, I love that idea. It's much clearer and much easier to understand the requirements. **Wilson:** Right, and I did that as a one-time thing. Nobody has checked it. I'm hoping Central Office will check it and maintain it, but I think it's a good way for them to have something that they can put in front of everybody there. The other part of this, though, is that the individual breed registration rules, in my opinion, should be made available on the website, either linked to the profiles or linked on the breed council page or linked somewhere. It's something I've been bringing up for quite a while now. I really would like to see that done, so that someone who is registering a particular cat or wants to know what the registration rules are can actually see it. **Hamza:** You guys did a great job on this. The fancy owes you a debt of thanks. **Hannon:** Can Ginger talk to Kathy Durdick about Annette's concern about linking to the information for the individual breeds? **Hamza:** I think she should. I think that's an important fact. I think this is an important piece of work. Sometimes it's a snowball. We put stuff on top of stuff and it wanders away from – this has a simplistic streamline to it that makes a lot of sense. Ginger, can you talk to Kathy and have her facilitate the next step? **Meeker:** Yes. **Wilson:** OK, so I can tell Central Office that this is approved, or do you want me to make a motion? **Hamza:** We're re this far. Why don't we put it on the record with a motion. **Wilson:** I move that the Rules for Registration no longer include breed-specific detail in ARTICLE III – BREED CLASSIFICATION. **Anger:** Rachel seconds.

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

Hamza: Thank you guys so much. This is a great thing. Anything else? **Wilson:** No.
Hamza: You have our thanks.

(15) WINN FOUNDATION DONATION.

TO: Carla Bizzell

FROM: George Eigenhauser

RE: CFA Donation to Winn Feline Foundation, Budget Year 2014-2015

Dear Carla;

I am asking for CFA to resume making cash donations to the Winn Feline Foundation. After what has become at least a 6 year hiatus I am proposing a donation amount of \$10,000.00 to Winn for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The Winn Feline Foundation was created by CFA in 1968 when Richard Gebhardt, then CFA President, proposed its creation to increase CFA's prominence and give something back to the cats. The initial donation from CFA was \$125.00. From those early days through 2007, CFA's cash donations to Winn have totaled more than \$100,000.00. During the first thirty years of Winn's operation CFA also paid almost all of our clerical and administrative expenses. It was a point of pride for CFA that all of the money fanciers and cat lovers donated to Winn went to research and not overhead.

As registrations fell from their peak in the 1990's CFA itself cut costs and reduced staff to save money. Over time CFA became unable to provide all of the clerical and administrative support services for Winn. A number of options were tried, including a shared employee, and eventually Winn took over our own overhead. During that same period of time the cash donations from CFA declined in amount and frequency.

For the next several years CFA cash donations to Winn were loosely tied to the success (or failure) of the CFA corporate events such as the International Show, the Madison Square Garden Show, Meet the Breeds, etc. CFA used Winn's prominence (and tax status) as a "hook" for promoting and advertising the events and promised Winn would participate in the profits. CFA even made donations to Winn when these events incurred small monetary losses. Eventually even those stopped and I do not think CFA has made a significant cash donation to Winn since at least 2007.

CFA continues to support Winn and our mission in many other ways and we are grateful for this support. Winn is invited to submit a report at each of the regular CFA Board meetings to reach out to the cat fancy. Winn is given a voice through CFA publications such as the e-Newsletter and the Cat Talk magazine. CFA provides an opportunity at the CFA Annual Meeting to hold the Winn Symposium and helps publicize the event. Winn is given the opportunity to address the delegation at the CFA Annual Meetings. CFA provides a link to Winn on the CFA web site. CFA encourages clubs to make donations to Winn through the catalog ad slicks available on the CFA web site. New clubs seeking membership in CFA often select Winn as the nonprofit organization to receive any remaining club funds in the event of dissolution of their organization. The Winn donation tree is on display at CFA Central Office.

However, CFA also benefits from Winn. The CFA mission includes the mandate to be for the benefit of all cats and Winn helps us fulfill this purpose. It is a direct way for CFA to, in the words of Dick Gebhardt, give something back to the cats. Winn enhances our standing in the community and the legislative arena. Donating to Winn is a win-win for CFA.

I was disappointed in June 2008 when, on the occasion of Winn's 40th anniversary celebration, I was unable to convince the CFA Board to make a donation. I am hoping that, as finances allow, CFA will resume our cash donations to Winn. Perhaps the time is now.

Respectfully submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
CFA Liaison to Winn

Hamza: George. **Eigenhauser:** I assume you've all read what I put in. Essentially, it has got to be going on 7 years since the last time we made a significant donation to the Winn Foundation, so I put it in as part of the budget request for the coming year. Then, Carla suggested – and I think properly – that we've always treated the Winn donation as something we do more at the end of the year when we know that we have a surplus, rather than budgeting it up front, so in the past, at least for the early 2000's (2001, 2002, 2003, etc.), we generally brought it up in February after we have been through whatever our fall projects were that year, whether it was Meet the Breeds or the Madison Square Garden show or the International, and we were getting down to the short strokes on the year, so we knew if we had a surplus to make a donation or not. So, she suggested that I bring it up this meeting and then maybe in the future bring it up each April as our season is closing out, to see if CFA is in a position to make a donation to Winn. I tried to put in the request and I tried to make it clear that CFA does support Winn in a lot of ways. We get a space at the Annual to speak to the delegation, we get the symposium, we get promotion on the website and in CFA publications. CFA clubs and individuals are very generous in their donations and giving us advertising space, but it's got to be 6 or 7 years since CFA has made a significant cash donation to Winn. In the early years when I was on the board, \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year was not unheard of, and I would like to get us in the habit of looking at this again each year to determine if we are in a position to make that kind of a donation. As an organization, one of CFA's mandates is to be for the welfare of all cats. The Winn Foundation is one of those ways where we really demonstrate our commitment to that promise. Unlike a lot of other things we do, the donations to the Winn Foundation really have a lasting effect. Some of the research we have done, particularly some of the early DNA work, some of the early spay/neuter studies, have had profound effects on the welfare of facts that are going to last longer than we individually will, so my motion is for a \$10,000 donation to the Winn Foundation, and I'm hoping you will support it. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Hamza:** I don't think there's any opposition here.

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

Hamza: With pleasure, George. With pleasure. **Eigenhauser:** Thank you all very much.

(16) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

(a) Records Retention Project.

A template detailing documents and their locations was presented, along with proposals for retention length and point person, by document.

(b) Recent Visit to Central Office

(A) Records Retention Project at the request of Mark Hannon. Visited CO from Tuesday March 25 through Thursday March 27, 2014

I went in search of an answer to the questions: what records do we have in CO, who is responsible for them, where are they, and how long should we hold onto records? After doing preliminary research on record retention criteria, I developed a template and during this visit talked with staff members and toured the basement to get a sense of stored records. Using the developed template employees were interviewed to determine what documents they had in their possession, which were stored and who had responsibility for them.

- *In the basement we have in excess of one million 3x5 cards holding registration information. Some of these cards have been converted into the system while others have not. Working with Dick, Dennis, and James some bids were collected for scanning and off-site storage of these documents. When bids came back in the \$75K range we started looking at other ways to solve this record retention problem. James sought out demonstrations and bids for professional level scanners and reviewed multiple software programs for accomplishing this task. That total came to about \$7500 and is currently part of the new budget request. I am told that this scanner can automatically scan trays of 3x5 cards in addition to other size documents making human time needs much more reasonable. Some of the line item total will be used for hiring low cost temp help (students) to help with this project.*

I am told that the scanner software uses OCR technology and the material scanned can be easily integrated in to the new computer system giving us a much more robust data base. Request: (A) please review the documents list and see if there are any categories we might have missed. (B) if you have any CFA contracts in your possession please forward them to CO so they can be filed and managed. No contracts were found on this visit.

- *A “suggestion box” was implemented and staff are to send suggestions directly to Ginger Meeker for review with the committee. Staff were encouraged to forward any idea they might have to increase work flow, increase customer service or save money. A gift card could be awarded to the best cost saving idea in a given period of time.*
- *The first suggestion in the Suggestion Box had to do with the process for Cattery Renewal. Investigating this system was fascinating and lead to multiple discoveries that will certainly improve customer service in a number of areas. The suggestion was investigated and solutions were put in place. It is estimated that the change to this system will result in a saving of about \$6K/yr. for CFA. As a result of this “fix”, we awarded our*

first prize to an employee for finding a faster, simpler, more efficient and more effective way to do a task. Donna Lewis was awarded a \$25 gift card. More ideas have been received and will be reviewed by the committee.

- *Other suggestions were made for CO processes and are currently being implemented (a) registration employees are now checking their input work prior to hitting the send button (b) Donna Lewis will be checking all out-going mail for a second look to improve accuracy (c) customer request for email reply will be honored. There had been a directive from New Jersey that if something had comes in by hard mail that it had to go out hard mail. Using email when requested and as a matter of course will speed up service and save the CO money.*
- *There are certain types of documents that are sent both electronically and by snail mail – any document requiring transfers go out both ways and any change on a green slip that involves a number change, i.e. color, gender corrections is sent both ways. James is now going to look at the new computer system and make certain this problem is corrected.*
- *Returned mail was languishing. In reviewing the returned mail, it became clear that the problem was often a typo in the customer’s address. I worked with Donna Lewis on finding alternate sources for finding a correct address so these documents could be resent. The returned mail was being discarded after 30 days rather than attempting to find the correct address. I am currently working on writing a procedure for the handling of returned mail. Another issue with returned mail from overseas will require a programming change. While a full and correct address can be input into the data system the printer portion of the system allows a limited number of characters to be printed so these foreign addresses had no way of being complete. James is looking into getting the correction into the new system.*
- *Staff was asked to use email whenever possible for CO mailings.*
- *As we continue to become more “electronic” there are some issues to be dealt with. Staff report that there is a perception that an electronic document is less desirable than a mailed document. Some foreign registries (FiFE and WCF) will not accept electronic submissions. Perhaps this is a project that could be taken on in this next BOD term by someone.*
- *At the 2 staff meetings we held, staff seemed engaged and interested in problem solving. The first short meeting on Tuesday was to tell them why we were there and decrease the sense of stress that was there once we went into the building. The main “Off the record” question was “Who’s going to get yelled at and fired?” We assured them that was not the reason for the visit.*
- *At the second meeting, the staff expressed a desire to have an office cat, felt the office was a bit “stark” and asked about more color. Some building needs were brought up and Brian Is currently working on them. At the time of our visit the elevator was “bouncy” and since our visit appears to have decided it needs more repairs. Our focus was to*

enforce their value as employees, award the first suggestion box prize and point out the many aspects of customer service that every task in the office impacts.

Executive Director Search – Strategic Planning

The job posting has been written and posted through the CFA e-News and on professional job search sites. Jodell is leading this part of the project and all resumes are being forwarded to her for review. In my last conversation with Jodell, I think she said we had received 15 or so and it is early in the collection process.

Hamza: Item 16, which has got parts to it. Go ahead Ginger. **Meeker:** I just basically put this in as part of the strategic planning update to the board, to let you know about a recent Central Office visit. I sent the records retention matrix out to the whole board, and I did hear back from Carla and Ed. Those changes have been made and that's not the document you're seeing here. The one thing that rather surprised me is, we couldn't find any current contracts in Central Office, so I was wondering about the availability of getting those contracts back to Donna Jean so they can be kept in a Central Office place, rather than who is ever holding the current contracts that we've got in place. **Hamza:** You know what? That's something we want to talk about in closed session. They should be in Central Office. **Meeker:** Right. I'm just keeping it general. **Hamza:** Yeah, so you're familiar with what happened. **Meeker:** Sort of. **Hamza:** Alright. Again, it deals with past employees. If we want to go into it further, we need to go into closed session. **Hannon:** Just as a general comment, the records retention project was because we have all kinds of records at the Central Office they've been holding onto for years. For example, they have the individual judges' sheets – the color class sheets – going back for years. I asked Shirley how often does she ever have to access them, and she doesn't. So, why are we keeping things we don't need? But we needed to come up with some sort of ability to tell the staff what you need to hold onto and for how long and what stuff you can get rid of. There's a lot of stuff in that basement that we no longer need, but they couldn't get rid of it until we came up with this project, and Ginger put a tremendous amount of effort into this. I think we owe her a debt of thanks for all the work she put into this, but it's going to free up a lot of space and it makes it more comfortable for the staff knowing that they can throw this out or they need to hold onto that. **Hamza:** The litmus test when it comes to business is 7 years. Any records other than tax records that are older than 7 years can be destroyed. **Hannon:** Yeah, but we're in the information business and we need to hold onto things like the registrations. **Hamza:** Pedigrees I agree with. **Hannon:** Right. We have a lot of those early registrations on index cards, and we don't want to get rid of those at any point, at least the information. **Hamza:** They should be scanned and put into the system. **Hannon:** Right. That's why we've got the scanning project, to look at stuff like that that can be converted, but right now my concern is, these are on index cards and what if we had a fire? What if we had a flood? What if just the sprinkler system went off? They could destroy decades worth of our historical data. **Hamza:** And we know some of those cards have been lost over the years. **Hannon:** But we're going to scan that sort of stuff so that we don't have to worry about some natural catastrophe coming in and destroying our history. **Meeker:** One thing that was exciting is that when we got the original bid for scanning the 3x5 cards, the companies came in at an average of \$75,000 just to scan those cards. For far less than that, we can get our own in-house scanning and offsite storage system for cloud storage. The pedigree information on the cards will be the first thing scanned, and then the other documents will be scanned in order of priority. So, I was really happy about that. I'm not going to go into all

the details, just wanted you to know what we were up to in the trip to Central Office. It was really a lot of fun. The staff helped a great deal and they seem to be taking a lot of pride in what they are doing. That was just a snapshot of what happened with that one 3-day trip. The returned mail project, we figured on a conservative estimate will save CFA \$6,000 a year. That was well worth the time and the money. **Hamza:** That's great. I'm trying to move us along.

(17) UTAH CAT FANCIERS REQUEST: WAIVER OF SHOW RULE 15.08e.

Utah Cat Fanciers would like to request an exception to Show Rule 15.08e, to be allowed to use 12 cages in the Judging Rings at their November 8-9, 2014 show in Salt Lake City, UT. The club lost their larger show hall, and have limited space.

The format will be Ten AB rings, five each day. The entry will be limited to 200. The club has been able to fit 180 in this building before. The Entry Clerk is confident they can fit 200 with limited groom, if they reach that number. They had 202 entries in 2013 in a larger building.

The club will limit entry on our license to 200 entries. Obviously, if they get fewer entries this won't be an issue. They just want to cover their bases in case they end up with the maximum entry.

Action Item: *Grant the Utah Cat Fanciers an exception to Show Rule 15.08e and allow them to use 12 cages (rather than the minimum of 16 cages) at its 10 AB ring back-to-back show (5 rings each day) on November 8/9, 2014, in Salt Lake City, Utah (Region 2).*

Meeker: I have the Utah Cat Fanciers request. They are requesting a waiver of Show Rule 15.08e and asking to use 12 cages in the judging ring. They are limiting their entries to 200. They will probably come in well under that. They lost their show hall fairly recently and got the smaller building at the same site. This worked for them last year and they are asking to do it again, so I would move that we grant the Utah Cat Fanciers an exception to Show Rule 15.08e.

Kallmeyer: Second. **Hamza:** Anybody want to discuss this?

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

(18) **CH/PR CLAIM SITUATION.**

Hamza: The next one is Ginger again. **Meeker:** We ran into a very – what I’m finding out turned out to be a not-so-unusual situation. We had a cat in our top 25 premiership standings in the region that got its premiership ribbons in May of 2013, never paid for the premiership, graded, got its certificate and was holding a spot and had never paid for the premiership. So, we went looking at Show Rule 8.06. James is going to make sure that the new computer is programmed so that we’re following that show rule and people needing to pay for their championships and premierships are notified at the 20 day point, and all points will be held and not published, and these cats would not be in the standings until their championship and premiership are paid for. **Hamza:** And that’s the beauty of a relational database. Hallelujah. **Meeker:** This had really slipped through the cracks. Sometimes it was being done, sometimes it wasn’t, but we got it back into the Central Office being in compliance with that show rule. I’m done. **Hamza:** OK, great.

(19) EXTENSION OF GRAND OF DISTINCTION QUALIFYING BACK TO 2005-06 SHOW SEASON.

Proposed change to Grand of Distinction:

9.07		Awards Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
<p>9.07 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.</p> <p>This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2011-2012 may not be considered in claims for this title.</p>		<p>9.07 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.</p> <p>This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2011-2012 <u>2005-2006</u> may not be considered in claims for this title. <u>The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.</u></p>	
<p>RATIONALE: This is in response to requests from exhibitors to extend the range for this award back to earlier seasons, so that additional cats can potentially go for this title. Confirmation of these titles back to 2005 should still be feasible.</p>			

I would like this change to be effective on May 1, 2014, even though it cannot get into the printed Show Rules. This rule does not affect show production or scoring in any way, so immediate implementation will not be a hardship on clubs or exhibitors. We will need to publicize the change effectively to the membership, and the claim form will need to be revised.

Action item: *Approve the proposed Show Rule change.*

In a motion made subsequent to the teleconference for clarity, **Ms. Anger** moved to revise Show Rule 9.07, effective May 1, 2014, to provide that cats shown during show season 2005-2006 and forward may qualify for the Grand of Distinction award. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh, Motion Carried.** Hannon, Anger, Roy, Altschul, Petty and Wilson voting no. Huhtaniemi did not vote.

Hamza: #19, Michael. **Shelton:** I'll try and blow through these, because I know it's getting late back east. The Grand of Distinction is a proposal to go back to earlier show seasons. I've had a lot of requests for this. There was one other thing which I would like to add. I left it out of this amendment, to include besides the change there that show seasons prior to 2005-2006 may not be considered, that at least one qualifying season must be 2013-2014 or later, partly so that we can maintain the original intent of the rule, which was to help increase entries and also because generally we do not retroactively award titles. We haven't gone back to all those cats when we only did top 5 national wins. We haven't gone back to 6-25 and given them an NW award, so we probably shouldn't here, either. **Altschul:** I don't have too much of a problem with this, Michael, but could it be possible we could phrase it that the final qualifying season would have to be the current season, because we have somebody who claimed they got the first award. If you go back and do this, then the person who got the first Grand of Distinction really wouldn't, necessarily. I just think we should go back and, for continuing years, I just think we should say that the final season has to be the current season, whatever the current season happens to be. **Shelton:** In theory I'm fine with that. I think wording it may be a little tricky, just because if somebody gets that last qualifying ring on the last weekend of the show season so they don't claim it until May 10th, then they are in the next season. **Altschul:** If we did this, we could have had cats that could have gotten the award – **Shelton:** I see your point. **Altschul:** That way, the wins that have already been won don't get lessened by the people who did the three seasons in a row. **Baugh:** The original proposal was for show seasons prior to 2011-2012 wouldn't count. Could we not say that at least one of the show seasons must be 2011 forward, so that they would have had one season when we started the program. **Altschul:** That defeats the point, because then you would have a cat that showed in 2010-2011 or whatever who now goes, "I had 2 seasons prior to that, so I'm actually the first Grand of Distinction." **Shelton:** If we were going to do that, we would have to say at least 2013-2014. **Baugh:** You're right. I'm sorry, I wasn't think that way. **Hamza:** We're just trying to come up with the proper wording so that somebody can say they're the first Grand of Distinction? **Altschul:** I think the person who went through a lot of effort to get it shouldn't have that ripped out from underneath them because we go and change the rules after they followed them. They followed the rules, the way we put it. I'm not even really in favor of going back and letting people take previous seasons. That wasn't the point of this award. The point of this award was moving forward. It's not going to be as much of an accomplishment, I don't think. A lot of the cats that are coming out for it right now are older cats that are clearly showing that they can still be competitive past 5+ years. If we move it back like this, you could have a cat that's got 2 qualifying seasons that just needs 1 now. That's not as much work as the people who did what they were supposed to do and just did their 3 seasons in a row. It kind of cheapens the award. **Hannon:** I'm not in favor of this at all. I think we should just leave it the way it was. Once we decide we're going to go back to 2005-2006, somebody is going to come up next year and say, "well, what about us going back to 2004-2005?" It's a never-ending thing. I think we just leave it like it is and those people that started when the rules started, they are the ones that get to benefit from it. **Baugh:** I had a lot of requests for this and they were basically not looking so much for two seasons. As for cats that are 8 or 9 years old that you might want to show for one more season but you don't really want to put the cat through showing it for 2 or 3, or even if they would be willing to show it for 2, but for cats who are 9 and 10 years old, they might be starting out doing this and not being able to finish it, where if they could show for 1 or 2 more seasons, they felt that they would be able to do it and I think that it would help increase the entries because there's a lot of people that have cats at home that they

maybe got regional wins on or something and granded them and they are perfectly healthy, and it gives them the option. The purpose of the entire thing was to get these cats out there. I don't have a problem with giving at least one of the previous years. **Raymond:** One way that you might be able to address Carissa's original concern is simply to require that the award or the designation be claimed within 60 days after the conclusion of the last season. **Baugh:** That would do it. **Raymond:** The cat has to have been shown either in the current year. If they get the 30th ring on the last weekend of the show year, they get 2 months to claim it. **Baugh:** They get 2 months to claim it, yeah. **Hamza:** Alright, so why don't we – that's a very reasonable wording to all of this. Basically, that's what we're struggling with, is to word it in such a way that it's fair. So Ed, why don't you put out the way you think this should be worded and we'll have it motioned and seconded. **Raymond:** Alright. I would add to Michael's change another sentence at the end of the show rule that provides that: *The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 60 days of the conclusion of the last season.* **Altschul:** Qualifying season. **Raymond:** Qualifying season. **Hamza:** Michael, is that your motion? **Shelton:** I will make that motion. **Eigenhauser:** Why 60 days? That seems a little short. Couldn't we give them 6 months? **Shelton:** I think most people who are doing it, are doing it for a specific reason. I don't think 60 days is that much of a hardship. **Baugh:** I don't, either. I think they're going to get it in. **Shelton:** The people who are going for this win know exactly when they hit that 30th ring. **Hamza:** If it creates a problem, you'll hear about it. You'll hear about it if it's too short a time. **Eigenhauser:** Can I put in a bid for 90? **Anger:** What's the current time frame they have to claim it in? **Baugh:** There isn't one. Why don't we compromise and do the 90? That will keep George happy. **Shelton:** That will be fine with me. I'll amend the motion to say 90 days. **Hamza:** Alright. So, here we are at 90 days. Can I get a second on this? **Eigenhauser:** I'll second.

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

Hannon: They have to claim it within 90 days of qualifying? **Shelton:** No, the end of the last qualifying season. **Altschul:** So their third qualifying season, they have 90 days to claim it. In other words, a cat that was shown in 2005, 2006 and 2007 cannot claim this award because it's been more than 90 days. **Hannon:** So it's 90 days at the end of the last qualifying season? **Baugh:** Right, which means it's going to be the current season or the beginning of the next, so that actually takes care of it.

(20) RECOGNITION OF CATTERIES OF DISTINCTION AT THE ANNUAL.

The original description of this program, which was approved by the board, called for the recognition of these catteries with a certificate suitable for framing. All Tiers would be recognized at regional banquets, and Tier V (100 Grands) and above would be recognized at the national banquet.

There has been feedback that for the National banquet recognition, just a certificate seems inadequate. I would like to discuss with the board what other options may be appropriate, such as a plaque, rosette, or other award.

Additional recognition at the regional level is intended to be at the discretion of the Regional Directors.

Approximately 25 catteries will be eligible for the Tier V and above awards. There is currently no budget request for these awards, as the originally approved program consisted only of the certificates.

Hamza: Recognition of Catteries of Distinction, Michael. **Shelton:** I've got the report there. What was originally proposed and passed by the board was recognition for all tiers with certificates, and Tier V and above was recognition at the Annual awards banquet. There was nothing else. I have had a number of people say that a certificate doesn't seem like very much for 100 or more grands over however many years it would have taken. I don't necessarily disagree, but that's not what the board passed. So, I've done a little research into getting some quotes. The one I found that I like is a laser engraved walnut plaque that would have whatever artwork on it or recognition on it that we want to have, that could be handed out at the Annual awards banquet to recognize these. **Hamza:** How many catteries are we talking about? **Shelton:** My guess right now is about 25. **Hannon:** But it will be fewer in future years. **Shelton:** Ongoing, it will probably be 5 or less, I would guess, but the last list I saw there were 25 in the history of CFA with over 100. Some of those are not current anymore. A few more will probably come in because there were some with 96 and 99. That will probably be a wash, so I would imagine probably about 25. I have an estimate from the company that I used to do my regional awards. I just contacted them because I have a relationship with them. The laser engraved solid walnut plaques are about \$35 apiece. So, for the whole thing, including probably shipping them to New Orleans, you're probably looking at about \$1,000. **Hamza:** I think this is something that people are very excited about. So, your question here is what? Should we do it, is that the question? **Shelton:** Does everybody think this is appropriate? **Altschul:** What I originally put in there when I just put the certificate, I was just thinking I didn't want to make this something that would be expensive to implement. Mike, are you talking about anything Tier V and above? I know we've got a couple that are above Tier V. **Shelton:** Just the ones that are recognized at the Annual awards banquet. Anything at the regional banquet, the regional directors are free to do whatever they want, but this is just for the national awards banquet, which was the Tier V and above. **Hamza:** What is Tier V, exactly? **Altschul:** 100 grands. **Baugh:** Are these figures published anywhere? I was trying to find them and I couldn't. **Altschul:** Dick sent them out a while ago. For what it's worth, I have one of the catteries with over 100 grands and I honestly don't care. **Baugh:** I just wondered if what's needed for each tier is published somewhere other than the minutes. **Altschul:** That's a good question. **Baugh:** It should be. **Altschul:** I know I published it

in my minutes and Mark published it in the CFA News. **Baugh:** But I don't think it's available for people to see anywhere. **Shelton:** That would be easy to fix.

<http://www.cfa.org/Breeders/Catteries/CatteryofDistinction.aspx>

Baugh: I'm just saying, it should be. **Shelton:** I can take the description I have and email it to Kathy and see if we can get it up on the website. **Baugh:** I'm assuming the RDs will get a list at the end of the year of the catteries, just as we do with everything else. **Altschul:** The first year is going to be a bit rough, RDs, so just hang in there. We have to catch up all of the previous years. **Hannon:** It could be thousands. **Altschul:** What the RDs are going to have to do is kind of look through it and figure out the current catteries. **Anger:** For the rest of the board, a couple weeks ago I sent out to all of the Regional Directors the list, and I mentioned it was out of date but at least this would give you an idea of what you will be awarding and a reminder that it would be coming up. So, they have a vague idea, at least. **Shelton:** The hard part there is figuring out who is still active. **Meeker:** What Rachel sent out, and this prompted another call to James to see if we can get some regional user-friendly reports. This report was every cattery with their number of grands in alpha order. It was 77 pages long. **Hamza:** You're in Region 2. I wonder what Region 7 looked like. **Baugh:** That was the entire list. **Hamza:** Oh, everybody got them. Oh, OK. **Meeker:** 77 pages. **Baugh:** I don't know if anyone else is having a problem, but every single report that comes out to me I have to send back and tell them I can't open it because my computer doesn't like it. win.dot I can't open those. **Anger:** What I sent you was an Excel document. **Meeker:** So, the request has been made to James and the new system that some of this stuff that is specific to region, the Regional Director will only get the information specific to her region. **Hamza:** To make the answer relatively short, Michael, I absolutely think that they should be there. I think this goes a long way to recognizing breeders, which is something we really need to do. **Shelton:** That was the intent. **Kallmeyer:** Jerry, I just resent the grand report. **Hamza:** OK. How did I do? I'm kidding. **Meeker:** Are we going to get these plaques? **Hamza:** Alright, let's get a motion. **Shelton:** I'll make the motion that we approve awarding Tier V and above Catteries of Distinction with plaques at the national awards banquet. **Kallmeyer:** Second.

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

Hamza: That's a very nice thing. I'm glad we're doing it. **Altschul:** Before we move on, Jerry, I just have one thing. Michael, do you want to look at any other bids on that, or are we just going to go with what you got? **Shelton:** If you've got somebody local there and we can avoid shipping costs, that would be good. I can contact you offline and we'll figure something out. **Altschul:** OK.

(21) WORLD SHOW UPDATE.

Working with Helms Briscoe's Eric Cooper on securing location and negotiating rates

One available location for the fourth weekend in November (11/20 – 11/23):

- *Philadelphia Expo Center:*
 - o *Option 1 - 95k square feet (hall A 75k sf plus hall D 20k sf), not all within four walls, hall D is accessible from hall A through a 20 foot wide overhead door (this would be the minimal amount of space we could possibly use). Rate for this square footage is still being negotiated; target is \$25k to \$30k.*
 - o *Option 2 – 150k square feet (hall A 75k sf and hall B 75k sf); all would be within four walls, however, too much space and expensive (\$44k, plus decorator fees).*
 - o *This location has some pluses; free parking, no fee for ticket sales, includes banners hung, some electric needs, 30 tons of trash, cleaning, will allow food and drink brought in for workers and hotel on site offering political rate*
 - o *This location is also available 3rd weekend in November 1015.*
 - o *Dog show is 2nd weekend.*

One available location for the third weekend in November (11/14 – 11/17):

- *St. Louis America's Center:*
 - o *100k square feet in halls 1 & 2. Rate is \$30k plus decorator fees and many other expenses (working on finalizing all expenses and hotel rates). Freight is handled by Teamster Labor.*

In the works:

- *Finalizing breakdown of all expenses, and listing pros and cons of each location.*
- *Sponsorship is being explored.*

Hamza: That brings us to 21. Who wants to deal with this? **Mastin:** I can do it. I have a correction on the dates. I made an error on the third weekend of November for both locations. Actually, Philadelphia is the 4th weekend, which would be the 20th through the 23rd. St. Louis is the 3rd weekend, the 14th through 17th. Basically, what this boils down to is negotiating our best possible rates and trying to find a corporate sponsor to help fund it. Any questions? **Baugh:** I just wanted to comment that looking at what I'm seeing, it looks like this facility in Philadelphia – the Expo, which is the outskirts of the city – is similar to the type of facility that we had in Novi, where we're not going to be hit with parking and the hotel is there and all that. I think it's an excellent idea. **Hamza:** I just know that the Philadelphia market, you've got a much better chance at bigger gates. I like the Philadelphia market an awful lot. That's my 2¢. **Hannon:** At that Philadelphia facility, the week before is the largest dog show that is taped, that is run on Thanksgiving day. **Hamza:** I think you can use that to help you. **Hannon:** I think it worked last year for us when we had the Pet Fair the weekend before. We were able to make use of that to advertise the upcoming cat show. If we end up in Philadelphia, then we're hoping to have a booth at the dog show the weekend before. **Roy:** The one thing I wanted to say about

Philadelphia is, we've got people coming in from overseas. They have lots of direct flights and it certainly would help our European people coming in to Philadelphia. **Hamza:** Just one caveat. All my years in show business, there's no place on earth where the union is tougher than Chicago. That's a heavy cost with what we do. They'll shove minimums at you and all kinds of stuff, so when you're looking at breaks, Chicago is a very, very hard town to get around some costs. **Altschul:** My question was, when we talked about this before, which weekend were we saying that we were not allowing clubs to use? Was it the 3rd or the 4th? We went back and forth on this like 10 times until we finally decided. Which weekend did we way we were holding? **Baugh:** The 3rd. **Altschul:** The 3rd? Do we have any shows licensed the 4th weekend, because we told them the 3rd weekend was out. **Baugh:** Usually Thanksgiving weekend. **Altschul:** Yeah, but we still have shows. I mean, we have shows on Christmas weekend. My other thing was, everyone is pushing Philly. I would just like to give a shout out to St. Louis. Exhibitors who are a little bit to the west might like to, for once, not have to drive 24 hours. That's all I can say. It would be nice. I think it would pull gate, too. **Calhoun:** I think, really, I recall the weekend in St. Louis was the 2nd weekend in November. Is that correct? **Baugh:** No, he said the 3rd. **Mastin:** The 3rd. **Hannon:** There are 5 weekends in November, so we're talking about the 3rd weekend in St. Louis or the 4th weekend in Philadelphia, the 4th weekend being the weekend before Thanksgiving. **Calhoun:** OK. The thing that I would have to say, as far as St. Louis is concerned, because being in Region 6, I don't think that's really ideal from a standpoint of getting exhibitors and people from the International Division and those areas getting into St. Louis. That is going to be more difficult than getting into Philadelphia. That's just the facts. I'm not so sure, Jerry, with the union thing, St. Louis and Chicago are 300 miles apart. **Hamza:** I'm sorry. That's a mistake on my part. I thought I heard someone say Chicago, not St. Louis. They are equal then, in that regard. **Calhoun:** We've had conversations about doing things in McCormick Place, and with the union it was like, "oh, my God." St. Louis would be different, but I do think from a transportation standpoint, it would be a little bit easier to get into Philly. We do have a lot of shows in the Midwest around that time of year, so I wouldn't have a problem with Philadelphia. **Hamza:** I do know that the dog folks have had great success in that market, in the Philadelphia market. **Calhoun:** One of the things I did wonder, though, with the big dog show being there the weekend before and filming, would we be able to get some sort of exposure through the dog show? Maybe some filming, some highlights or something to go along with that, on the cat show the following week? **Baugh:** We could try. **Hamza:** At least you have the opportunity there. That's what we were talking about. Last year, I think we benefitted from Rachel being able to go to the Pet Fair the week before. I think it helped. **Calhoun:** We were talking about actually getting on the air. **Hannon:** Let's see if we can get into Philly first. If we do that, then we can certainly work with the dog show people and try to work something out. You're familiar with this facility, Kathy, because you judged in that facility last August for William Penn. **Calhoun:** Yep, it's great. **Altschul:** Is this open or closed session? **Hamza:** Do you have something for closed session? **Altschul:** No, I wanted to know if this was open or closed. **Hamza:** No, this is open session. **Shelton:** I've got one other question about this, which is not related to the venue as much as it is the date. I have a club that is really on the edge of losing their show hall if they don't get it pinned down what date is available in November. It's the same club that had this problem last year. They really, really need to know, so I would ask that whichever venue we're going to go with, we really need to get this date nailed down as soon as possible. There's clubs that are going to lose show halls if we don't figure this out. **Hamza:** That's reasonable. **Baugh:** We'll keep our fingers crossed and hopefully Rich can do his magic.

Mastin: Any other questions or requests? **Calhoun:** When you say “questions or requests”, are you talking about other areas? **Mastin:** No, on the World Show. Just specifically related to the World Show in Philadelphia. **Hamza:** I think the important thing is, I’m not going to be here for it, but the main concern is that I think the message has to come from the board that there will be a World Show this year, or not. **Baugh:** That’s what people are asking. **Hannon:** We’re working on it.

Baugh: Are we done with that, because I have two quick things. I had a Household Pet issue brought to me from Japan. There is a lady that has two silver mackerel tabby and white Household Pets. They have different names. They were in the regional standings as like 5th and 10th, or something like that and she told the scorer that they were the same cat and the points had to be added together. Apparently, Koizumi contacted Central Office and told they should do that. So, now this cat is the highest scoring cat in the Japanese region and the person that got bumped out of best is not happy about it. I was asked to bring it to the board, because I tend to agree with it. I don't think they should be adding the points. **Hamza:** Here's the thing. It has to be proven one way or another. **Baugh:** You mean, that it's the same cat? To me it doesn't matter. She showed it under two different names. She had to know what she was doing. I don't think the points should be added together. **Hamza:** But somebody has to bring this to the board. The person who asked you to bring it to the board needs to bring it to the board themselves. **Baugh:** You mean, the owner of the cat that got bumped out? **Hannon:** Yes. **Hamza:** If that's the person who told you to do this, they need to do this themselves. This is not something that should be done second hand. **Baugh:** OK, because I've got the documents indicating where the cats were shown independently and then where they were added together. **Hamza:** That's all well and fine. **Eigenhauser:** Were they ever at separate shows on the same day? **Baugh:** I don't know. **Roy:** I don't think we can prove that, one way or another. **Hamza:** I'm hesitant. If this person feels strongly about it, they need to bring it to us themselves. **Baugh:** The feeling was that if she knew she was wrong, she should have done a catalog correction and it would have been taken care of, but she never did. **Hannon:** I think we can address this as a theoretical problem that we have, of a cat being shown under two different names. Can we combine those points? We wouldn't in any other class. **Hamza:** Here's the issue I have. We're dealing with a situation that a Regional Director corrected without them being here. **Baugh:** I only brought it up tonight. I knew Koizumi wasn't going to be here, but I was worried about the time frame because of their awards banquet. **Altschul:** If there's even one catalog that shows both cats, that both entries are in the same catalog and two cats got points at the same show, I think we could just advise the Regional Director, that this cat, if it was the same cat, I don't know how it could be in the ring twice unless they had a really large class. It was a Household Pet, right? They don't usually have large Household Pet classes, so if the lady showed the two cats at the same time, I think that clears it up pretty quickly. We would need a show catalog to prove it. **Hamza:** I think we need to hear what Koizumi did and why. **Baugh:** OK. I just wanted to know the time frame, that's all. **Hamza:** Rachel can send her a quick note, saying "what happened" so we can look at it. We're in constant contact online. **Baugh:** This brings up a point that I did want to mention, and it's very fortuitous that it happened this way. It is my firm belief that we need to require either a registration number if it's a purebred cat or a recorded number for a Household Pet in order to be scored. It would make it much easier for scoring. It would still allow for the rescue cats to come in and be shown without a number, but I think if they want to be scored, they should be recorded or registered in some way through CFA. **Hamza:** That's clearly something that's a prerogative of the board. **Baugh:** I think it's something we need to look at. **Eigenhauser:** I used to actually score the Household Pets myself for the Southwest Region, and I can tell you the Household Pet exhibitors would try, but one time the cat might be listed as Fluffy, the next time it might be Fluffy the Wonder Cat, the next time it might be Mr. Fluffins, because every cat has more than one name, so getting them down to some sort of a recording number I think would really make it a lot easier, particularly if we get more interest in showing Household Pets, but I also want to balance that by allowing them to bank points for a period of time, so if you have a newbie who

goes to one show and then they go to another show, they can still claim those points. We can bank them for a period of time to give people a chance to kind of test the waters and get interested, rather than doing it like we do with championship, where you need a number to even enter the show. I would like to find a gentle way to bring them in, but I really do encourage a recording number, because that makes it so much easier. No matter how many names a cat has, it only has one recording number. **Altschul:** I kind of object to the whole thing. We don't even officially score Household Pets, so I just kind of object to trying to force them to do it. I think it's by region. If a region wants to force them to be recorded, that's their job. Since CFA doesn't officially score Household Pets, I don't think CFA can dictate that they have to have a number to be scored. That's kind of counter-intuitive to me. I think that if the region wants to do it where you have to have a number to be scored, that's their business because we don't officially score them. Until we officially score them, I don't think the board has any right to say how they get scored. **Anger:** My question was, who was it that brought it forward? Was it the owner or the person that was knocked out? **Baugh:** The person that got bumped out. **Anger:** OK. That changes things. Then I agree with Jerry, that it's got to be handled cleanly and that we hear what Koizumi did and why, because it's a sensitive issue. **Baugh:** Yes, it is. **Hamza:** Right. You have to assume that Koizumi dealt with this in a judicious way. Just like I wouldn't do anything without the Regional Director or any of you. I'm going to give her the same courtesy I would give any of the Regional Directors. There's always two sides to every story, so let's get the other side. **Baugh:** I will contact these people and tell them what has gone on tonight, and that they need to get together. **Hamza:** OK.

Hamza: Anything else? Alright. Well, it's officially tomorrow, but thanks a lot everybody. Good night.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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