

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 20, 2014**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Thursday, May 20, 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)**
- Mrs. Tracy Petty (SOR Director)**
- Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**
- Dennis Ganoë (Director-at-Large)**
- Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)**
- Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**

Also Present:

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

Not Present:

Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)

Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)

George Eigenhauser (Director-at-Large)

Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)

SUMMARY

(1) JUDGING PROGRAM.

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept the resignation request from the Judging Program from Holly Ayers, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept the retirement request from the Judging Program from Norma Placchi, effective June 30, 2014. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**

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

Chair Mrs. Baugh moved to accept following advancements:

Advance to Apprentice:

Amanda Cheng Shenzhen, China LH – 1st Specialty 16 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Chloe Chung Causeway Bay, Hong Kong 16 yes

Chair Mrs. Baugh moved to adopt the following proposed Judging Program Rule changes:

Approve verbiage for clarification purposes:

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
PRE-APPLICANT. Any individual, who has made contact with the Applications Administrator of the Judging Program Committee and has received application information and has been paired with a Mentor.	PRE-APPLICANT. Any <u>An</u> individual, who has made contact with the Applications Administrator of the Judging Program Committee, and has received application information and has been paired with a Mentor.
RATIONALE: Clarification.	

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

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
APPLICANT. Any person, eighteen (18) years of age or over, who has filed a CFA Judging Program Application form and application fee with the Applications Administrator of the Judging Program Committee.	APPLICANT. Any person, <u>An individual</u> eighteen (18) years of age or over, who has filed a CFA Judging Program Application form and application fee with the Applications Administrator of the Judging Program Committee.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

Seconded by **Mr. Ganoe, Motion Carried. Ms. Anger** voting no.

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>MENTOR: An Approved Allbreed Judge who has agreed to work with individuals considering application to the CFA Judging Program. Mentors will work with an individual from the pre-application process through to Approved Allbreed. Mentors may not act in this capacity for family members, individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats. Individuals may serve as a mentor for a maximum of two individuals at a time.</p>	<p>MENTOR: An Approved Allbreed Judge, with a <u>minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed</u>, who has agreed to work <u>assist with individuals an individual considering application applying</u> to the CFA Judging Program from the pre-application process through to Approved Allbreed <u>status</u>. Mentors will work with an individual from the pre-application process through to Approved Allbreed. Mentors may not act in the capacity for family members <u>or</u> individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats. Individuals. A Mentor may serve assist as mentor for a maximum of two individuals at a time. <u>Mentors will be appointed by the Applications Administrator and have approval of the Judging Program Committee before being assigned.</u></p>

RATIONALE: In order to be a qualified and capable Mentor, at least five years' Allbreed experience should be required, and the Mentor should have the qualities to be fair, unbiased and impartial to assist without prejudice; therefore, the Mentor should be selected by the Applications Administrator with approval of the Judging Committee.

Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried. Mr. Ganoe** voting no.

Approve Mentor revision, verbiage and rule change.

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph A.3

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>A.3. An applicant may apply for single specialty or double specialty (but it is not encouraged) if the requirements of Section II, A., 7.a, 7.b and 8C. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE can be met equally for both specialties. If so, initial application fee is doubled.</p>	<p>A.3. An applicant may apply for single specialty or double specialty (but it is not encouraged) if the requirements of Section II, A., 7.a, 7.b and 8C. <u>ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE Section II and Section V can be have</u> been met equally for both specialties <u>at the time of applying</u>. If so, initial applying for both specialties, <u>the</u> application fee is doubled.</p>

RATIONALE: An individual should be allowed to apply when all requirements have been met.

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

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph A.4

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>A.4. An applicant must hold, at a minimum, a certified ring clerk license for at least three months prior to applying. In addition to this, the applicant is required to complete three master clerk or assistant master clerk assignments. The Clerking Program requirement of performing six additional solo ring clerk assignments before performing as an assistant master clerk shall be complied with. All licenses must be current.</p>	<p>A.4. An initial applicant must hold, at a minimum, a certified ring clerk license for at least three months prior to applying. In addition to this, the applicant is required to complete three master clerk or assistant master clerk assignments. <u>have a current Master Clerk License when applying.</u> The Clerking Program requirement of performing six additional solo ring clerk assignments before performing as an assistant master clerk shall be complied with. All licenses must be current.</p>

RATIONALE: It has become even more apparent over these past few years that a Certified Ring Clerk license is simply not enough, even with the addition of three error free assignments and marking a judge’s book. Therefore, adding the requirement of a Master Clerk License, along with marking a judge’s book is strongly recommended and should be required.

Recently a number of those applying to the judging program as well as some of our newer judges are having issues with mechanics up to and including an inability to complete mechanically correct finals. These mechanical issues are adversely affecting the trainees and newer judges and ultimately the exhibitors. These mechanical errors are causing problems in the ring with loss of points and time and do not reflect well on the Judging Program.

It is important for applicants to show that they are not only capable of paying attention to detail, but have sound mechanics. These attributes are essential for the success of an applicant and there is no better place to hone these skills than as a Master Clerk. Mechanics should be second nature so that the applicant can concentrate on other issues.

Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried. Ms. Anger** voting no.

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph B.3

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>B.3. CUSTODIAL EXHIBITING EXPERIENCE <u>LONGHAIR:</u> In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the two (2) longhair basic body types (Persian/Exotic and other body types), i.e. The applicant’s primary breed plus two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary OR one of the additional body types (Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience Custodial</p>	<p>B.3. CUSTODIAL EXHIBITING EXPERIENCE <u>LONGHAIR:</u> In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the two (2) longhair basic body types (Persian/Exotic and other body types), i.e. the applicant’s primary breed plus <u>a minimum</u> of two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary OR one of the additional body types. Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience Custodial</p>

<p>Exhibiting of three (3) basic body types).</p> <p>SHORTHAIR: In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/ custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the three (3) basic shorthair body types (Oriental or Siamese, Intermediate and Moderate), i.e. The applicant’s primary breed plus three (3) additional breeds. Oriental/Siamese must be primary OR be one of the additional body types. (Shorthair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience custodial exhibiting of four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types).</p>	<p>Exhibiting of <u>a minimum of three (3) different basic</u> body types.</p> <p>SHORTHAIR: In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/ custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the three (3) basic shorthair body types (Oriental/or Siamese—<u>Foreign</u>, Intermediate/<u>Semi-Foreign/ Moderate and Substantial</u>), i.e. the applicant’s primary breed plus <u>a minimum of</u> three (3) additional breeds. Oriental/Siamese <u>Foreign</u> must be primary OR be one of the additional body types. Shorthair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience custodial exhibiting of <u>a minimum of</u> four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: <u>Custodial Exhibiting Experience-Longhair:</u> Clarification and Housekeeping. <u>Custodial Exhibiting Experience-Shorthair:</u> Clarification and Housekeeping.</p>	

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

<p>SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph C.4</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>	<p>Proposed Wording</p>
<p>C.4. All initial applicants must have marked a judge’s book to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show wherein they sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This Judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their File Administrator. Paperwork and a statement from the Approved Allbreed Judge or File Administrator that all was found error free must be submitted with the application. Permission must be given in advance from the club sponsoring the show. It is the responsibility of the applicant, to request from the sponsoring club, the extra judges’ book and all forms necessary to meet this requirement.</p>	<p>C.4. All initial applicants must have marked a judge’s book, Championship only, <u>(a minimum of Championship)</u> to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show wherein they sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This Judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their File Administrator. Paperwork and a statement from the Approved Allbreed Judge or File Administrator that all was found error free must be submitted with the application. Permission must be given in advance from the club sponsoring the show. It is the responsibility of the applicant, to request from the sponsoring club, the extra judges’ book and all forms necessary to meet this requirement.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: With the reinstatement of the Master Clerk License, the requirement of marking Championship only is sufficient.</p>	

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

<p>SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph C.7</p>

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>C.7. An Applicant must complete a Judging Application form and have it signed by their Regional Director. The Regional Director must sign and mail directly to the Judging Program Administrator, to be inserted with application. The applicant is to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Regional Director for mailing to the Judging Program Administrator.</p>	<p>C.7. An Applicant must complete a Judging Application form and have it signed by their Regional Director. <u>The Regional Director must sign and mail directly</u> mail directly to the <u>Judging Program Applications Administrator.</u> to be inserted with application. The applicant is to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Regional Director for mailing to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification. Many applicants are including the signed Application Form with their application, rather than instructing the Regional Director to mail directly to the Judging Applications Administrator.</p>	

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

Approve verbiage for clarification.

<p>SECTION III – REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED JUDGES WITHOUT GUEST JUDGING EVALUATIONS OR WITH AN INACTIVE JUDGING LICENSE APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph 1</p>	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>1. Submit a formal application signed by the Regional Director and a resume of cat fancy activities.</p>	<p>1. Submit a formal application signed by the Regional Director and a resume of cat fancy activities, <u>in CFA and in their Association(s).</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification.</p>	

Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

<p>SECTION V – MECHANICS OF INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATION FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS, Initial Application, Paragraph 1.; Paragraph 2.; Paragraph 7.d.</p>	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>1. Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA website, or may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the applicant must choose a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member).</p> <p>2. If the prospective applicant feels he/she is fully</p>	<p>1. Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA website, or may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the applicant must <u>Applications Administrator</u> will choose a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member).</p>

<p>qualified to seek admission to the Judging Program, the application form is to be completed in duplicate. One copy is to be returned with supporting documentation to the Judging Program Applications Administrator. The other copy is to be forwarded to the Regional Director for the region in which the applicant resides. The Regional Director will sign a copy of the application sent to him/her and will mail it directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</p> <p>7. d. Personal letters of recommendation (at least three (3) of which are required) are to be sent directly to the Judging Program Administrator and must be confidential. Letters of recommendation, or copies thereof, must not be sent to the applicant, nor may an applicant ask for any preview of the recommendations.</p>	<p>2. If the prospective applicant feels he/she is fully qualified to seek admission to the Judging Program, the application form is to be completed in duplicate. One copy is to be returned with supporting documentation to the Judging Program Applications Administrator. The other copy is to be forwarded to the Regional Director for the region in which the applicant resides. The Regional Director will sign a copy of the application sent to him/her and will mail it directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</p> <p>7. d. Personal letters of recommendation (at least three (3) of which are required) are to be sent directly <u>mailed directly, scanned and emailed or faxed (signature required)</u> to the Judging Program Administrator and must be confidential. Letters of recommendation, or copies thereof, must not be sent to the applicant, nor may an applicant ask for any preview of the recommendations.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification.</p>	

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

<p>SECTION V – MECHANICS OF INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATION FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS, Second Specialty Application, Paragraph 1.</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>	<p>Proposed Wording</p>
<p>Second Specialty Application</p> <p>1. Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, the required application fee (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.) must be sent to the Judging Program Administrator, along with the hard copy application outlining the applicant’s efforts and exposure to breeds in the second specialty. The application must include cattery visitation, custodial exhibiting/experience and agenting (as outlined in first specialty requirements; Section II, Item C. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE). In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges’ workshops, test scores, and attendance at a CFA Judging Breed Awareness and orientation School for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on all breeds which</p>	<p>Second Specialty Application</p> <p>1. Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, the required application fee (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.) must be sent <u>mailed</u> to the Judging Program <u>Applications</u> Administrator, along with the hard copy application outlining the applicant’s efforts and exposure to breeds in the second specialty. The application must include cattery visitations <u>and</u> custodial exhibiting/experience and agenting (as outlined in first specialty requirements; Section II, Item C. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE). In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges’ workshops, test scores, and attendance at a CFA Judging Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on</p>

made up their second specialty.	all breeds which made up their second specialty.
RATIONALE: Clarification/ Housekeeping. Agenting is no longer a requirement; Pat Jacobberger has requested the school be known only as Breed Awareness and Orientation School.	

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

Approve Clarifications and Housekeeping changes.

SECTION VII – TRAINEES, Paragraph 2.d.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.d. It is suggested that Trainees attend a CFA Judges’ Workshop immediately following their acceptance to the Judging Program or other type of continuing education within three (3) years (see Section XII).	2.d. It is suggested that Trainees <u>must</u> attend a CFA Judges’ Workshop <u>or complete other types of education immediately</u> following their acceptance to the Judging Program or other type of continuing education within three (3) years <u>one (1) year.</u> (see Section XII).
RATIONALE: The word “immediately” does not coincide with the requirement of “attending the Judges Workshop or completing other types of education within three years”. The Judging Committee feels the requirement of attendance to the Judges Workshop or experiencing other types of education should be within the first year of acceptance to further their knowledge of breeds and standards.	

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

SECTION VII – TRAINEES, Paragraphs 3e.; 4.d.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
3.e. Trainees must complete the color class slips in duplicate and give one copy at the show to the instructing judge. The remaining copy must be mailed to the Judging program file Administrator, along with a catalog marked both with the finals of the instructing judge and the breeds/division/color classes that were used for training. Prior to mailing this copy to the Judging Program File Administrator, the trainee shall make a copy of this record for personal reference in the future. Trainees are expected to be proficient in the marking and utilization of all CFA judging forms. These materials must be mailed within two (2) days after the show to insure the trainee has the opportunity to be informed of his/her use of such records prior to the trainee’s next scheduled color class session.	3.e. Trainees must complete the color class slips in duplicate and give one copy at the show to the instructing judge. The remaining copy must be <u>scanned and emailed/faxed</u> or mailed to the Judging Program File Administrator, along with a catalog marked both with the finals of the instructing judge and the breeds/division/color classes that were used for training. Prior to <u>scanning</u> or mailing this copy to the Judging Program File Administrator, the trainee shall make a copy of this record for personal reference in the future. Trainees are expected to be proficient in the marking and utilization of all CFA judging forms. These materials must be <u>scanned and emailed/faxed or</u> mailed within two (2) days after the show to insure the trainee has the opportunity to be informed of his/her use of such records prior to the trainee’s next scheduled color class session.
4.d. The instructing judge in each instance will complete and sign an evaluation form which will be	

<p>mailed to the appropriate Judging Program File Administrator. Judges are requested to make pertinent comments on both the tangible and the intangible aspects of a trainee’s qualifications for judging in addition to answering the specific questions on the form and also to make any suggestions which they feel will be helpful to a trainee for the future and for the Judging Program File Administrator in making a realistic evaluation of a trainee’s progress. It is important that both the Judging Program Committee and the Executive Board have as much information as possible on the performance of a trainee in the ring before the Executive Board must decide whether to promote, defer or drop a trainee from the program.</p>	<p>4.d. The instructing judge in each instance will complete and sign an evaluation form which will may be <u>scanned and emailed/faxed</u> or mailed to the appropriate Judging Program File Administrator. Judges are requested to make pertinent comments on both the tangible and the intangible aspects of a trainee’s qualifications for judging in addition to answering the specific questions on the form and also to make any suggestions which they feel will be helpful to a trainee for the future and for the Judging Program File Administrator in making a realistic evaluation of a trainee’s progress. It is important that both the Judging Program Committee and the Executive Board have as much information as possible on the performance of a trainee in the ring before the Executive Board must decide whether to promote, defer or drop a trainee from the program.</p>
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RATIONALE: Scanning is more efficient and desirable; keeping-up with the computer age and saves valuable time.

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

Approve Clarification.

<p>SECTION IX – REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES – Paragraph a.; Paragraph i.</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>	<p>Proposed Wording</p>
<p>a. With the exception of single specialty judges, a minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</p> <p>i. For each show judged by an apprentice or approval pending judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the Judging Program must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and sent to the Judging Program Committee within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.</p>	<p>a. With the exception of single specialty judges, A minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence, for each advancement consideration, <u>with the exception of single specialty judges</u> and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</p> <p>i. For each show judged by an apprentice or approval pending judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the Judging Program must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and sent <u>mailed</u> to the Judging Program Committee <u>File Administrator</u> within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.</p>

RATIONALE: Paragraph a., there is no change in the rule, only in the placement of wording for

clarification purposes. Paragraph i., clarification and housekeeping

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

SECTION X – LICENSING, Paragraph 1.s.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
1.s. Commencing with the February 2009 relicensing, approved judges must officiate at least three (3) CFA shows in two (2) years. Judges who have not fulfilled this requirement will be placed in Inactive Status and must complete a Refresher Course before returning to active Specialty or Allbreed status.	1.s. Commencing with the February 2009 relicensing, <u>Approved</u> judges must officiate at least three (3) CFA shows in two (2) years <u>in order to be relicensed.</u> Judges who have not fulfilled this requirement will be placed in Inactive Status and must complete a Refresher Course before returning to active Specialty or Allbreed status.
RATIONALE: Housekeeping and clarification.	

Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

Approve housekeeping and additional verbiage for clarification.

SECTION XI – INTERNATIONAL DIVISION-JUDGING INVITATIONS, Paragraph 2.a.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.a. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized non-CFA shows to be completed by judges and host clubs on and on all International Division CFA affiliated clubs. Show Rules and Breed Standards for non-CFA shows are to be followed by CFA judges authorized to officiate as guest judges.	2.a. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized non-CFA shows to be completed by judges and host clubs on and on all International Division CFA affiliated clubs. Show Rules and Breed Standards for non-CFA shows are to be followed by CFA judges authorized to officiate as <u>guest judges.</u>
RATIONALE: The delegation passed by more than two thirds, and the board ratified this vote, deleting this requirement. Show Rule 25.05 was changed to delete this requirement and the new judging contract also deletes this requirement.	

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

(2) **STAR AWARDS PROGRAM.**

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

(3) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

(4) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

No action items were presented.

(5) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

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

- LIAO NING CAT FANCIERS CLUB – International Division, Asia (Shenyang, China). Mrs. Krzanowski moved to accept. Seconded by Ms. Anger, Motion Carried. Ms. Altschul voting no.

(6) **CLERKING COMMITTEE.**

Tabled.

(7) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

(a) *Appointment of Burmilla Breed Council Secretary.*

President Hamza appointed Katherine Barie as Burmilla Breed Council Secretary for the remainder of the term.

(b) *Constitutional Amendment.*

No action items were presented.

(8) **UNCLAIMED CH/PR SITUATION.**

No action items were presented.

(9) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS GUIDEBOOK UPDATES.**

No action items were presented.

(10) **SHOW LICENSE CHANGE REQUESTS AND SHOW SCHEDULING REQUESTS.**

(a) *Steel City Kitties – Removal of Restrictions*

Mrs. Baugh moved that Steel City Kitties may hold their 2015 6x6 show in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with no restrictions. Seconded by Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried. Dr. Brown and Ms. Altschul voting no. Ms. Anger abstained.

(b) *Cat Fashion – Guest Judge Approval*

Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 to allow an additional guest judge at the Cat Fashion show to be held November 5, 2014 in Israel. Seconded by Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried. Mr. Ganoe and Ms. Altschul voting no.

(c) *Frontier Felines/Tornado Alley – show license format change*

Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow the Frontier Felines and Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers to change their show license from 10 AB rings, to allow the club to use the Super Specialty experimental format in two rings at its November 29/30, 2014 show in Gardner, Kansas (Region 6). Seconded by Mrs. Baugh, Motion Carried. Mr. Ganoe voting no.

(d) *Capital Cat Fanciers – change of show location approval*

Mrs. Petty moved that to comply with Show Rule 12.06, to approve the licensing of a one-day show by Capital Cat Fanciers, a Region 7 club, on June 21, 2014 in Stamford, CT (Region 1). Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh**, **Motion Carried**.

(e) *Cats N Cats – request to split ring*

As board approval was not required, no action taken.

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

1. *Cat Fanciers of Finland request permission to hold in conjunction show on November 8-9, 2014 at Helsinki, Finland. The other association is TICA. Tabled.*
2. *Edelweiss Cat Club requests permission to hold in conjunction show on December 20-21, 2014 Moscow, Russia. The other association is FARUS. Tabled.*

(12) **RUSSIAN WEBSITE PROPOSAL.**

No action was taken.

(13) **WORLD SHOW UPDATE.**

No action items were presented.

(14) **JAPAN HOUSEHOLD PET UPDATE.**

No action items were presented.

(15) **CATS UPDATE.**

No action items were presented.

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: Rachel, why don't you call the roll call? **Anger:** Sure. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I am here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Present. **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. Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Kathy Calhoun is not here. Tracy Petty. **Petty:** I'm here. **Anger:** Kayoko Koizumi. Pauli Huhtaniemi. Roger Brown. **Hamza:** I think Loretta is back. **Baugh:** I hit the wrong button. **Anger:** Is Roger on the call? **Brown:** Yes, here. **Anger:** Thank you. George Eigenhauser is not here. Dennis Ganoe. **Ganoe:** Present. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer is not here. Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** Also present is Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** Is there anyone whose name I haven't called or who would like me to call their name again? OK, thank, you. **Hamza:** One for the money. How is everybody doing? I hope some parts of the country are actually having a spring. Seems to be missing from here, but anyway I hope you all are getting some sort of spring.

(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 Vanwongerghem – European Liaison; Application Advisor – Europe

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

None submitted.

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

Future Projections for Committee:

None submitted.

Board Action Item:

Resignation: *Holly Ayers has submitted her resignation from the CFA Judging Panel effective immediately. See attached letter.*

Action Item: *Accept Holly Ayers' resignation.*

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept the resignation request from the Judging Program from Holly Ayers, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

Retirement: *Norma Placchi has submitted her retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective June 30, 2014.*

Action Item: Accept Norma Placchi's retirement request.

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept the retirement request from the Judging Program from Norma Placchi, effective June 30, 2014. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, **Motion Carried.**

Retirement: Jean Grimm has submitted her retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective immediately.

Action Item: Accept Jean Grimm's retirement request.

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

Advancements:

The following individuals are presented to the Board for Advancement:

Advance to Apprentice:

Amanda Cheng Shenzhen, China LH – 1st Specialty 16 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Chloe Chung Causeway Bay, Hong Kong 16 yes

[from end of meeting] **Hamza:** Anything else? **Baugh:** I just wanted to report the judging ballot results. Both candidates were advanced unanimously. Thank you. **Hamza:** Great. Congratulations.

Action Item: Adopt the following proposed Judging Program Rule changes:

Baugh: The other item I have up tonight is, the current Judging Program Committee would like to leave the rules in as good of condition as possible, and I know that Jan and Donna Isenberg have been working on these. Most of these are clarifications. There's a few significant changes. I ran these by Annette and she felt that we should bring them forward tonight, as well. So, if everybody is OK with our doing this, then we will get them posted onto the CFA website, whatever the changes are. I realize it's May and this should be up there now, but we're asking permission to go forward with these if everybody is agreeable.

Approve verbiage for clarification purposes:

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
PRE-APPLICANT. Any individual, who has made contact with the Applications Administrator	PRE-APPLICANT. Any <u>An</u> individual, who has made contact with the Applications Administrator

of the Judging Program Committee and has received application information and has been paired with a Mentor.	of the Judging Program Committee, and has received application information and has been paired with a Mentor.
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RATIONALE: Clarification.

Baugh: The first one is simply clarification on wording, changing it from “any individual” to “an individual”. It’s grammatical, more than anything else. I move adoption of that clarification of Section I – Definitions, Pre-Applicant. **Ganoe:** Second.

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

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
APPLICANT. Any person, eighteen (18) years of age or over, who has filed a CFA Judging Program Application form and application fee with the Applications Administrator of the Judging Program Committee.	APPLICANT. Any person, <u>An individual</u> eighteen (18) years of age or over, who has filed a CFA Judging Program Application form and application fee with the Applications Administrator of the Judging Program Committee.
RATIONALE: Clarification.	

Baugh: The next one is a clarification, taking it from “any person” to “an individual”. Simply, here again, clarification and I move that we accept the clarification and rewording. **Ganoe:** Second. **Anger:** Can we please have discussion?

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

Hamza: Loretta, as you read these off, can you just ask if anybody has any comments after each one? **Baugh:** OK, sure.

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
MENTOR: An Approved Allbreed Judge who has agreed to work with individuals considering application to the CFA Judging Program. Mentors will work with an individual from the pre-application process through to Approved Allbreed. Mentors may not act in this capacity for family members, individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats. Individuals may serve as a mentor for a maximum of two individuals at a time.	MENTOR: An Approved Allbreed Judge, <u>with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed,</u> who has agreed to work <u>assist</u> with individuals <u>an individual</u> considering application <u>applying</u> to the CFA Judging Program from the pre-application process through to Approved Allbreed <u>status.</u> Mentors will work with an individual from the pre-application process through to Approved Allbreed. Mentors may not act in the capacity for family members <u>or</u> individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats.

	<p><u>Individuals. A Mentor may serve assist as mentor for a maximum of two individuals at a time. Mentors will be appointed by the Applications Administrator and have approval of the Judging Program Committee before being assigned.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: In order to be a qualified and capable Mentor, at least five years' Allbreed experience should be required, and the Mentor should have the qualities to be fair, unbiased and impartial to assist without prejudice; therefore, the Mentor should be selected by the Applications Administrator with approval of the Judging Committee.</p>	

Baugh: The third one is giving more definition and explanation to the mentor. We've had people that have contacted us asking, what does a mentor do? We have spelled out what they can do and what they should be doing. We've also included the fact that a mentor should have a minimum of 5 years' experience as an approved allbreed judge and that they are appointed by the applications administrator with the approval of the committee, so there are multiple things in here. Does anybody have any questions? **Hannon:** It's my understanding that currently the applicant can select their own mentor. Now, this is changing it to say the mentor is appointed by the committee, not selected by the applicant, right? **Baugh:** Basically, what's been happening is, people have been telling Donna who they want to be their mentor. That basically would still be happening, but it was going to be that's not guaranteed that's the person who is going to be the person who is going to be doing it. There are times when it works out that it's not a really good match. **Hannon:** But this doesn't say that. **Baugh:** No, it doesn't say that, but that is why that's put in here. **Hannon:** If in the future we take this literally, then somebody that wants to apply to the Program, they're going to think they don't have the ability to pick their own mentor. They are going to have to be assigned one, is the way it reads. **Baugh:** The way it's supposed to work out, and it hasn't been working that way – that's why we put this verbiage in here – was that a list of people are discussed between the application manager and the applicant. They make a suggestion and – **Hamza:** Can't you deal with this as a policy? **Baugh:** We can take that last sentence out if you would be more comfortable with that, Mark. **Hannon:** What are Annette's feelings? **Baugh:** Yeah, I wanted to ask Annette. **Wilson:** OK, hang on. I've got 6 million things open here. Hold on. I actually like that because, while I think the whole purpose of the mentor program is that both the mentor and the applicant agree that it will work, I know for a fact that leaving it up to the applicant is a bad idea. I'm trying to get to the actual one where it is here. Tell me what page it's on. **Baugh:** It's on page 6 in the thing that Rachel sent out with all of the reports in it. **Wilson:** I like this, actually. Understanding that sometimes a mentor – and I have had experience with it – has to be appointed for the good of the applicant. So, having an applicant pick a mentor and then having the Judging Program Committee disagree with the mentor just sets up the wrong thing. **Hannon:** I'll live with what you think. **Wilson:** Thank you. **Baugh:** OK. I make a motion that we pass the verbiage on the mentor. **Meeker:** I'll second.

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

Approve Mentor revision, verbiage and rule change.

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph A.3

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>A.3. An applicant may apply for single specialty or double specialty (but it is not encouraged) if the requirements of Section II, A., 7.a, 7.b and 8C. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE can be met equally for both specialties. If so, initial application fee is doubled.</p>	<p>A.3. An applicant may apply for single specialty or double specialty (but it is not encouraged) if the requirements of Section II, A., 7.a, 7.b and 8C. <u>ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE Section II and Section V can be</u> have been met equally for both specialties <u>at the time of applying</u>. If so, initial applying for both specialties, <u>the</u> application fee is doubled.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: An individual should be allowed to apply when all requirements have been met.</p>	

Baugh: The next section about individuals applying to the Judging Program, our current Show Rules and Judging Program Rules actually discourage people from applying for double specialties. This is to change the verbiage so that we're not discouraging them. We're not actually encouraging it, but we're not saying you shouldn't do it. It's extremely difficult for single specialty judges and the Committee feels very strongly that if an individual is qualified in both, we should not discourage them from applying for both. Discussion? **Hannon:** Let's say they are ready to apply for their first specialty and they're not yet eligible to apply for the second. Right now what we're telling them is, they can't start training until they are approved in the first specialty, right? **Baugh:** Right. **Hannon:** Is that going to change? If 6 months into their first specialty, they then qualify for the second, can they apply and start training before they are approved for the first specialty? **Baugh:** This refers to them applying for them both at the same time. So, they would come in for those, too. **Hannon:** So, if they applied for both at the same time or if they are only eligible to apply for one, then they have to wait until they're approved for the first specialty before they can start training for the second. **Baugh:** Correct. **Ganoe:** Assuming someone applies, they have met the requirements for both specialties, do we have wording or changing for how the mechanics of them getting through their training, do they have to do the specialties individually or do they do them both when they come in, like they come in and they do both specialties? Have we addressed that in the Program rules? **Baugh:** What we've done with people that have come from other specialties is, they have done their color classing and training individually with longhair or shorthair first and other specialty second. **Hannon:** I don't think you phrased it right. People are coming in from other associations. If we took an ACFA judge, as we did with Steve Joostema, he did his training for one specialty and then he started his training for the second specialty. It would be the same concept if we accepted somebody that's new, not coming from another association. Somebody that's new for both specialties, they would train for one specialty, then they would train for the second specialty. **Baugh:** Right. **Ganoe:** If I were coming in new and I got accepted for both specialties, I would start looking for a set of shows that I could train at for my longhair, and a different set that I would train at for my shorthair. I wouldn't be allowed to look for shows where I could train both. **Hannon:** Correct. **Ganoe:** OK. **Hannon:** But you couldn't start judging until you had finished training for both. When you finish the first specialty, training, you wouldn't be eligible to be advanced to apprentice for that first specialty. **Ganoe:** So, you have to finish both training and be advanced to apprentice for both. **Hannon:** That's what we did with the people coming in from another association. Is that what you're suggesting, Loretta, for new people that were not already

judges? **Baugh:** Yes. **Ganoe:** OK. I just wanted clarity on that. **Baugh:** If there is no further discussion, I'll make the motion that we accept the verbiage. **Meeker:** Second.

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

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph A.4	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>A.4. An applicant must hold, at a minimum, a certified ring clerk license for at least three months prior to applying. In addition to this, the applicant is required to complete three master clerk or assistant master clerk assignments. The Clerking Program requirement of performing six additional solo ring clerk assignments before performing as an assistant master clerk shall be complied with. All licenses must be current.</p>	<p>A.4. An initial applicant must hold, at a minimum, a certified ring clerk license for at least three months prior to applying. In addition to this, the applicant is required to complete three master clerk or assistant master clerk assignments. <u>have a current Master Clerk License when applying.</u> The Clerking Program requirement of performing six additional solo ring clerk assignments before performing as an assistant master clerk shall be complied with. All licenses must be current.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: It has become even more apparent over these past few years that a Certified Ring Clerk license is simply not enough, even with the addition of three error free assignments and marking a judge's book. Therefore, adding the requirement of a Master Clerk License, along with marking a judge's book is strongly recommended and should be required.</p> <p>Recently a number of those applying to the judging program as well as some of our newer judges are having issues with mechanics up to and including an inability to complete mechanically correct finals. These mechanical issues are adversely affecting the trainees and newer judges and ultimately the exhibitors. These mechanical errors are causing problems in the ring with loss of points and time and do not reflect well on the Judging Program.</p> <p>It is important for applicants to show that they are not only capable of paying attention to detail, but have sound mechanics. These attributes are essential for the success of an applicant and there is no better place to hone these skills than as a Master Clerk. Mechanics should be second nature so that the applicant can concentrate on other issues.</p>	

Shelton: I have a concern about requiring a master clerk license – not requiring the license itself. We discussed that before, but having it be effective without really any warning, there's people who are very close to applying who didn't know about this and they have done their 3 master clerk assignments that they were required to do under the existing rules. If we now throw this up, we're putting them back several months if they now have to go through the process of becoming licensed master clerks. I'm wondering if there's some way we can put a grace period on that and have it be effective October 1 or something like that, so people can gear up for that. If they're ready to go now, they can apply under the existing conditions and if they're not quite ready, they can add this in their things to do over the next few months. **Baugh:** The applications that would be coming up in October have to be in our hands by June 1st, so that would be difficult for them. I wouldn't have a problem if the board is agreeable to making that

requirement effective October 1st. We can do that when we get to it. **Ganoe:** For October, they have to be in in June. When is the next due date for applications? **Baugh:** I have to look it up. It's on the website. It's normally 3 months before the meeting. I'm sorry, I'm wrong. It had to be in in February for the June meeting. It has to be in in June for the October meeting. **Ganoe:** So, it would be October for the February meeting. **Baugh:** It would have to be in in October for February, yeah. **Ganoe:** So, a grace period to get it done by October is OK. **Meeker:** I would want to see it moved out one more cycle, because if the stuff has to be in the hands by June for the October meeting, the folks that are applying in the next round aren't going to have time to necessarily meet that requirement. **Hamza:** If you make it that the current applications are good up until the end of October, does that work? **Baugh:** They're not in hand yet. That's the problem. **Hamza:** If they get them in in October – Ginger is talking about moving it back one cycle, so the October deadline takes care of February, right? **Baugh:** Right. **Hamza:** I think that's the cycle Ginger is talking about. Give them one more cycle. **Baugh:** Right, give them one more cycle, yeah. So, applicants coming up in February would have to be master clerks. That's the way it would work. Does that work for everybody? **Hannon:** Ginger wants us to wait one more time. **Meeker:** Yeah. **Shelton:** Applications that are submitting in October may be pushing it. **Hannon:** I disagree. If they can't be a licensed master clerk by October, then they just have to wait another meeting. **Wilson:** I would really like to see, we've gotten into a rush to the finish with the Judging Program, and I think this is important. We've seen reasons why it is. I don't know who everybody thinks is coming up in October. I don't have any of that information, but it seems to me, I agree if you are applying before October you don't have to do it, but maybe for the people who aren't going to apply until October and then would come up in February, perhaps the regional directors and all the rest of us can help them get their master clerk assignments and help them succeed in getting this done. I just can't imagine 3 master clerk assignments would be all that difficult, but maybe I'm wrong. **Baugh:** I can tell you what we have in the wings as far as people that are coming up, if you like. **Wilson:** Without knowing who is a licensed master clerk, I don't know if that's valuable information but I understand when they're ready and they've got all their stuff together, to have things change is hard but basically we're looking at giving folks 6 months to get their master clerk's license. Is that what we're talking about if we push this to October? **Hamza:** It's just pushing the effect of this rule back two cycles, is what Ginger is talking about. Loretta was talking about one cycle. I think that identifies what we're talking about. **Hannon:** Some of the people may already be licensed master clerks. **Wilson:** We don't know. If they're not, if we feel strongly enough about putting this in, then I think it's up to us to help them get their assignments and get them through it, because if they can't get through it, then we have a bigger issue. **Hamza:** The issue here is, we're trying to get something up on the website immediately just to close out loose ends. Really, the only issue we have now that we're talking about it is, do we grandfather in one cycle or two cycles? That's what we're talking about. **Krzanowski:** I think we should only do one cycle. I think there would be plenty of time for them to do their other assignments and get their license, for people applying later in the second cycle. **Anger:** That is probably true here domestically, but when we're talking about our emerging area – Asia – which is where a lot of our people that are coming up are from, they have a very difficult time getting those master clerk assignments. **Baugh:** I think in all fairness the smartest thing to do would be to make the requirement effective for people that are going to be voted on in February. **Hannon:** If the problem is with the people in Asia, they may actually need the help. **Krzanowski:** I have to agree. I agree with that. We all feel this is an important requirement. **Hamza:** For the sake of moving this along, why don't we have a vote. You can

start with one cycle grandfathered and, if that doesn't work, we can go to 2 or you can go backwards. I don't care which way you guys want to do it. **Anger:** Can we take these in order? **Baugh:** We can come back, because we're out of order and the one first ones go very quickly. [transcript goes to beginning of action item]

Baugh: The next one is the master clerk requirement. I think we have discussed it, so we'll just make motions for one cycle or two. I'll make the motion that we accept the verbiage and have this be effective for individuals applying in October to be voted on in February. **Krzanowski:** Second.

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

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph B.3	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>B.3. CUSTODIAL EXHIBITING EXPERIENCE</p> <p><u>LONGHAIR:</u> In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the two (2) longhair basic body types (Persian/Exotic and other body types), i.e. The applicant's primary breed plus two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary OR one of the additional body types (Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience Custodial Exhibiting of three (3) basic body types).</p> <p><u>SHORTHAIR:</u> In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the three (3) basic shorthair body types (Oriental or Siamese, Intermediate and Moderate), i.e. The applicant's primary breed plus three (3) additional breeds. Oriental/Siamese must be primary OR be one of the additional body types. (Shorthair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience custodial exhibiting of four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types).</p>	<p>B.3. CUSTODIAL EXHIBITING EXPERIENCE</p> <p><u>LONGHAIR:</u> In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the two (2) longhair basic body types (Persian/Exotic and other body types), i.e. the applicant's primary breed plus <u>a minimum</u> of two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary OR one of the additional body types. Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience Custodial Exhibiting of <u>a minimum of three (3) different basic</u> body types.</p> <p><u>SHORTHAIR:</u> In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the three (3) basic shorthair body types (Oriental/or Siamese—<u>Foreign, Intermediate/Semi-Foreign/ Moderate and Substantial</u>), i.e. the applicant's primary breed plus <u>a minimum of</u> three (3) additional breeds. Oriental/Siamese <u>Foreign</u> must be primary OR be one of the additional body types. Shorthair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience custodial exhibiting of <u>a minimum of</u> four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: <u>Custodial Exhibiting Experience-Longhair:</u> Clarification and Housekeeping. <u>Custodial Exhibiting Experience-Shorthair:</u> Clarification and Housekeeping.</p>	

Baugh: The next one is just a bit of clarification and tightening up on the requirements for custodial exhibiting, and basically saying, rather than they have to have 3 breeds, we put

some minimums in and we changed “Siamese” to “Foreign”. Basically, it’s just clarification. Does anybody have any questions? OK, I make a motion we accept the verbiage. **Meeker:** Ginger seconds.

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

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph C.4	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>C.4. All initial applicants must have marked a judge’s book to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show wherein they sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This Judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their File Administrator. Paperwork and a statement from the Approved Allbreed Judge or File Administrator that all was found error free must be submitted with the application. Permission must be given in advance from the club sponsoring the show. It is the responsibility of the applicant, to request from the sponsoring club, the extra judges’ book and all forms necessary to meet this requirement.</p>	<p>C.4. All initial applicants must have marked a judge’s book, Championship only, <u>(a minimum of Championship)</u> to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show wherein they sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This Judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their File Administrator. Paperwork and a statement from the Approved Allbreed Judge or File Administrator that all was found error free must be submitted with the application. Permission must be given in advance from the club sponsoring the show. It is the responsibility of the applicant, to request from the sponsoring club, the extra judges’ book and all forms necessary to meet this requirement.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: With the reinstatement of the Master Clerk License, the requirement of marking Championship only is sufficient.</p>	

Baugh: The next one refers to marking the judge’s book before they apply. That’s a requirement for application and it has been very effective. We’re going to be doing more marking of the book at the BAOS, so we felt because of that and the master clerk requirement, that we could say that championship only would be sufficient. The person doesn’t have to stop at that. It’s up to the judge that they are working with, but we would accept having the book marked for championship only. Discussion? **Anger:** I liked your concept of at least championship, but that’s not what it says. It says “Championship only”, so if I was the training judge and I saw this, and they wanted to mark the kittens, I would say, “well, the rule says you can’t. You can only do championship.” **Baugh:** You’re right. You’re right. **Anger:** Can we amend that to say – **Baugh:** ... a minimum of Championship? **Anger:** Yes. **Baugh:** I would be fine with that. **Anger:** Thank you. **Baugh:** OK. I make a motion we accept it, as amended. **Meeker:** Second.

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

SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph C.7
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Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>C.7. An Applicant must complete a Judging Application form and have it signed by their Regional Director. The Regional Director must sign and mail directly to the Judging Program Administrator, to be inserted with application. The applicant is to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Regional Director for mailing to the Judging Program Administrator.</p>	<p>C.7. An Applicant must complete a Judging Application form and have it signed by their Regional Director. <u>The Regional Director must sign and mail directly mail directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</u> to be inserted with application. The applicant is to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Regional Director for mailing to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification. Many applicants are including the signed Application Form with their application, rather than instructing the Regional Director to mail directly to the Judging Applications Administrator.</p>	

Baugh: The next one gives more instruction on how things are to be sent in. The application form that the Regional Director signs is coming in with the application, rather than coming in directly. This is to clarify that that's the way it's supposed to be done. **Anger:** I have a minor question. In the proposed wording, is "mail directly" supposed to be bold? If it is, I don't understand why. **Baugh:** I don't believe it should be bold. That was a mistake. Unbold it. Make it normal. **Anger:** You've got it. **Baugh:** Normal. OK, I make a motion we accept the clarification. **Meeker:** Second.

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

Approve verbiage for clarification.

SECTION III – REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED JUDGES WITHOUT GUEST JUDGING EVALUATIONS OR WITH AN INACTIVE JUDGING LICENSE APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM, Paragraph 1	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>1. Submit a formal application signed by the Regional Director and a resume of cat fancy activities.</p>	<p>1. Submit a formal application signed by the Regional Director and a resume of cat fancy activities, <u>in CFA and in their Association(s).</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification.</p>	

Baugh: The next one clarifies the wording on people that are applying, about guest judge evaluations who did not have an active license anywhere else. It specifies that the resume of cat fancy activities has to be in their association, because obviously they don't have anything in CFA. It's just a clarification. **Hannon:** That's not true. Some of those people show in CFA. **Baugh:** But they don't have – that's true. **Hannon:** Who's the guy from Russia? He has been showing a Scottish Fold in CFA shows. **Anger:** Dmitriy from Ukraine. **Hannon:** Yeah. Some of them do and I would like to know what their CFA track record is, if they have one. I think it's to

their advantage if they granted some cats in CFA, maybe even had a division win or Region 9 win. **Baugh:** Would it be OK to say, “resume of cat fancy activities in CFA and in their Association(s)”? **Hannon:** Yeah. **Baugh:** OK, I’ll amend it to that. Jerry? **Hamza:** Did somebody call a motion? **Baugh:** No, I thought you were calling it. It has been made. **Hamza:** And seconded? I was waiting on a second. I have a terrible connection.

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

Anger: There wasn’t a second, so I will second that, by the way.

SECTION V – MECHANICS OF INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATION FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS, Initial Application, Paragraph 1.; Paragraph 2.; Paragraph 7.d.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>1. Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA website, or may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the applicant must choose a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member).</p> <p>2. If the prospective applicant feels he/she is fully qualified to seek admission to the Judging Program, the application form is to be completed in duplicate. One copy is to be returned with supporting documentation to the Judging Program Applications Administrator. The other copy is to be forwarded to the Regional Director for the region in which the applicant resides. The Regional Director will sign a copy of the application sent to him/her and will mail it directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</p> <p>7. d. Personal letters of recommendation (at least three (3) of which are required) are to be sent directly to the Judging Program Administrator and must be confidential. Letters of recommendation, or copies thereof, must not be sent to the applicant, nor may an applicant ask for any preview of the recommendations.</p>	<p>1. Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA website, or may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the applicant must <u>Applications Administrator</u> will choose a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member).</p> <p>2. If the prospective applicant feels he/she is fully qualified to seek admission to the Judging Program, the application form is to be completed in duplicate. One copy is to be returned with supporting documentation to the Judging Program Applications Administrator. The other copy is to be forwarded to the Regional Director for the region in which the applicant resides. The Regional Director will sign a copy of the application sent to him/her and will mail it directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator.</p> <p>7. d. Personal letters of recommendation (at least three (3) of which are required) are to be sent directly <u>mailed directly, scanned and emailed or faxed (signature required)</u> to the Judging Program Administrator and must be confidential. Letters of recommendation, or copies thereof, must not be sent to the applicant, nor may an applicant ask for any preview of the recommendations.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification.</p>	

Baugh: The next one, they can mail it directly. The basic change here is that we can scan or email letters, rather than they will have to be sent in as hard copies, because we are accepting them that way. Discussion? OK, so moved. **Meeker:** Second.

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

SECTION V – MECHANICS OF INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATION FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS, Second Specialty Application, Paragraph 1.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Second Specialty Application</p> <p>1. Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, the required application fee (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.) must be sent to the Judging Program Administrator, along with the hard copy application outlining the applicant’s efforts and exposure to breeds in the second specialty. The application must include cattery visitation, custodial exhibiting/experience and agenting (as outlined in first specialty requirements; Section II, Item C. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE). In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges’ workshops, test scores, and attendance at a CFA Judging Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on all breeds which made up their second specialty.</p>	<p>Second Specialty Application</p> <p>1. Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, the required application fee (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.) must be sent <u>mailed</u> to the Judging Program <u>Applications</u> Administrator, along with the hard copy application outlining the applicant’s efforts and exposure to breeds in the second specialty. The application must include cattery visitations <u>and</u> custodial exhibiting/experience <u>and</u> agenting (as outlined in first specialty requirements; Section II, Item C. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE). In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges’ workshops, test scores, and attendance at a CFA Judging Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on all breeds which made up their second specialty.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarification/ Housekeeping. Agenting is no longer a requirement; Pat Jacobberger has requested the school be known only as Breed Awareness and Orientation School.</p>	

Baugh: The next one takes agenting out of the requirements, because it really isn’t custodial ownership. It’s not really required any longer. The other part of this is that Patty Jacobberger, who is in charge of the BAOS, would like to change the title of the event from “Judging Breed Awareness and Orientation School” simply to “Breed Awareness and Orientation School”. Questions? OK, so moved. **Meeker:** Second.

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

Approve Clarifications and Housekeeping changes.

SECTION VII – TRAINEES, Paragraph 2.d.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.d. It is suggested that Trainees attend a CFA Judges' Workshop immediately following their acceptance to the Judging Program or other type of continuing education within three (3) years (see Section XII).	2.d. It is suggested that Trainees <u>must attend</u> a CFA Judges' Workshop <u>or complete other types of education</u> immediately following their acceptance to the Judging Program or other type of continuing education within three (3) years <u>one (1) year</u> . (see Section XII).
RATIONALE: The word “immediately” does not coincide with the requirement of “attending the Judges Workshop or completing other types of education within three years”. The Judging Committee feels the requirement of attendance to the Judges Workshop or experiencing other types of education should be within the first year of acceptance to further their knowledge of breeds and standards.	

Baugh: The next one is about trainees, and in the current wording, “immediately” doesn’t coincide with the requirement of completing it within 3 years, so we are looking at changing that verbiage and going from 3 years to 1 year. We feel it’s important that workshops and other types of education be experienced, especially during the first year. Discussion? So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

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

SECTION VII – TRAINEES, Paragraphs 3e.; 4.d.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>3.e. Trainees must complete the color class slips in duplicate and give one copy at the show to the instructing judge. The remaining copy must be mailed to the Judging program file Administrator, along with a catalog marked both with the finals of the instructing judge and the breeds/division/color classes that were used for training.</p> <p>Prior to mailing this copy to the Judging Program File Administrator, the trainee shall make a copy of this record for personal reference in the future. Trainees are expected to be proficient in the marking and utilization of all CFA judging forms. These materials must be mailed within two (2) days after the show to insure the trainee has the opportunity to be informed of his/her use of such records prior to the trainee’s next scheduled color class session.</p> <p>4.d. The instructing judge in each instance will complete and sign an evaluation form which will be mailed to the appropriate Judging Program File Administrator. Judges are requested to make pertinent comments on both the tangible and the</p>	<p>3.e. Trainees must complete the color class slips in duplicate and give one copy at the show to the instructing judge. The remaining copy must be <u>scanned and emailed/faxed</u> or mailed to the Judging Program File Administrator, along with a catalog marked both with the finals of the instructing judge and the breeds/division/color classes that were used for training.</p> <p>Prior to <u>scanning</u> or mailing this copy to the Judging Program File Administrator, the trainee shall make a copy of this record for personal reference in the future. Trainees are expected to be proficient in the marking and utilization of all CFA judging forms. These materials must be <u>scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed</u> within two (2) days after the show to insure the trainee has the opportunity to be informed of his/her use of such records prior to the trainee’s next scheduled color class session.</p> <p>4.d. The instructing judge in each instance will complete and sign an evaluation form which will may be <u>scanned and emailed/faxed or</u> mailed to the</p>

<p>intangible aspects of a trainee’s qualifications for judging in addition to answering the specific questions on the form and also to make any suggestions which they feel will be helpful to a trainee for the future and for the Judging Program File Administrator in making a realistic evaluation of a trainee’s progress. It is important that both the Judging Program Committee and the Executive Board have as much information as possible on the performance of a trainee in the ring before the Executive Board must decide whether to promote, defer or drop a trainee from the program.</p>	<p>appropriate Judging Program File Administrator. Judges are requested to make pertinent comments on both the tangible and the intangible aspects of a trainee’s qualifications for judging in addition to answering the specific questions on the form and also to make any suggestions which they feel will be helpful to a trainee for the future and for the Judging Program File Administrator in making a realistic evaluation of a trainee’s progress. It is important that both the Judging Program Committee and the Executive Board have as much information as possible on the performance of a trainee in the ring before the Executive Board must decide whether to promote, defer or drop a trainee from the program.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Scanning is more efficient and desirable; keeping-up with the computer age and saves valuable time.</p>	

Baugh: The next one simply allows for things to be scanned or faxed. It’s more efficient. I make a motion to approve this. **Meeker:** Second.

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

Approve Clarification.

<p>SECTION IX – REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES – Paragraph a.; Paragraph i.</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>	<p>Proposed Wording</p>
<p>a. With the exception of single specialty judges, a minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</p> <p>i. For each show judged by an apprentice or approval pending judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the Judging Program must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and sent to the Judging Program Committee within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.</p>	<p>a. With the exception of single specialty judges, A minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence, for each advancement consideration, <u>with the exception of single specialty judges</u> and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</p> <p>i. For each show judged by an apprentice or approval pending judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the Judging Program must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and sent <u>mailed</u> to the Judging Program Committee <u>File Administrator</u> within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.</p>

RATIONALE: Paragraph a., there is no change in the rule, only in the placement of wording for clarification purposes. Paragraph i., clarification and housekeeping

Baugh: The next one is simply rewording. It doesn't change the rule at all, it's just replacing the wording for clarification. Questions? So moved. **Krzanowski:** Second.

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

SECTION X – LICENSING, Paragraph 1.s.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
1.s. Commencing with the February 2009 relicensing, approved judges must officiate at least three (3) CFA shows in two (2) years. Judges who have not fulfilled this requirement will be placed in Inactive Status and must complete a Refresher Course before returning to active Specialty or Allbreed status.	1.s. Commencing with the February 2009 relicensing, <u>Approved</u> judges must officiate at least three (3) CFA shows in two (2) years <u>in order to be relicensed.</u> Judges who have not fulfilled this requirement will be placed in Inactive Status and must complete a Refresher Course before returning to active Specialty or Allbreed status.
RATIONALE: Housekeeping and clarification.	

Baugh: The next one takes “Commencing with the February 2009 relicensing” out. We are now at the 5 year point – I shouldn't say that. That's the next one. In any event, this has been in place for 5 years, so we feel it's time to just take that out and make it a requirement, because nobody is going to be coming in at this point. If they have been out for 5 years for medical reasons or whatever, they would have to start over. We only do 5 years. Questions? So moved. **Anger:** Second.

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

Approve housekeeping and additional verbiage for clarification.

SECTION XI – INTERNATIONAL DIVISION-JUDGING INVITATIONS, Paragraph 2.a.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.a. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized non-CFA shows to be completed by judges and host clubs on and on all International Division CFA affiliated clubs. Show Rules and Breed Standards for non-CFA shows are to be followed by CFA judges authorized to officiate as guest judges.	2.a. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized non-CFA shows to be completed by judges and host clubs on and on all International Division CFA affiliated clubs. Show Rules and Breed Standards for non-CFA shows are to be followed by CFA judges authorized to officiate as <u>guest judges.</u>
RATIONALE: The delegation passed by more than two thirds, and the board ratified this vote, deleting this requirement. Show Rule 25.05 was changed to delete this requirement and the new judging contract	

also deletes this requirement.

Baugh: The last one changes the wording about the judging contracts. This was passed at the annual meeting and is in the Show Rules, so we need to delete it. So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

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

Baugh: I'm done with the Judging Program Committee, unless somebody else has something else. **Hamza:** OK. Well, I'm glad to get through that. **Baugh:** So am I.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh, Committee Chair*

(2) **STAR AWARDS PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: Michael Shelton

List of Committee Members: Carissa Altschul, Dennis Ganoë, Mary Kolencik, Geri Fellerman

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Action Items:

Approve the 2014 recipients of the Star awards.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Shelton, Chair*

(3) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

(4) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We are very busy dealing with the surprises, challenges and yes even successes of the End of Show Season –beginning of a new computer system. Suffice it to say there is never a dull moment.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The printing has begun on the Award Certificates and our earliest regional events should have their certificates in hand with the others close behind. The Judging, Clerking and Breed Council mailings have been completed.

Future Projections for Committee:

We are all gearing up to the Annual in New Orleans as it appears the Gulf Shore Region is truly going the extra mile to show us a great time as we do the work of CFA and celebrate the accomplishments of the greatest cats in the world

Action Items:

1. Show Format Request:

Club Name: Frontier Feline Fanciers and Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers
Show Date: November 29-30, 2014
Show Location: Gardner, Kansas
Club Region: Mid-West

The club is requesting permission to ask three of their currently licensed AB Judges if they would be willing to do the experimental Specialty finals added to their current AB Assignment.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

A sigh of relief the Annual and Regionals are over as well as an invitation to all to the “Crow Eating” party for any errors and/or omissions.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson*

Hamza: Next is the Central Office report. Donna Jean. Donna Jean? Apparently she fell asleep. OK, I want to move along. It’s already quarter to 11. **Anger:** We have the action item under agenda item #10 anyway, so we can move on. **Hamza:** OK, yeah. **Hannon:** Can we just

vote on the action item in Donna Jean's report? **Hamza:** It's coming up in item 10. **Hannon:** Oh, alright. OK. **Hamza:** Do you see what I'm saying? I'm just going to stick with the agenda. **Hannon:** Never mind.

(5) **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:

One club was pre-noticed for membership (Attachment A). It is:

- *Liao Ning Cat Fanciers Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*

***Liao Ning Cat Fanciers Club (Attachment B)
International Division–Asia (Shenyang, China); Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

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

Hamza: Carol, Club Applications. **Krzanowski:** For the sake of brevity, I'm not going to read the report but we did have one club pre-noticed for membership from the International Division. The Liao Ning Cat Fanciers Club in Shenyang, China. Unfortunately, Dick Kallmeyer is not on this call but I do know that he does support this club. Does anyone have any questions? If no questions, then I will move that we accept the Liao Ning Cat Fanciers Club for membership in CFA. **Anger:** Rachel seconds.

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

Hamza: Congratulations and welcome to CFA. **Krzanowski:** That's all I have for the club report. We do have some coming up for June, however.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

May, 2014 to Board meeting in June, 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*

(6) **CLERKING COMMITTEE.**

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

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:*

[two changes were dispensed with in April; the following change was tabled]

- *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.*

Board Action Items:

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Coleman, Chair*

Krzanowski: On the Clerking Program, we did have an item tabled from the last meeting and it regarded the late fee for last-minute clerking school requests. We're not quite ready to present that, so I would like to table it until June. We did get some figures on shipping charges from Donna Jean, but they are so varied that we're trying to come up with an adequate proposal and we would like to hold off. **Hamza:** OK. So, we'll hold it over until June. That's appropriate. You can be ready.

(7) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

(a) *Appointment of Burmilla Breed Council Secretary.*

Since we advanced the Burmilla to championship in February 2014, the CFA President now needs to appoint a breed council secretary to serve the remainder of the term (until January 1, 2015). This is pursuant to Article XI – BREED COUNCIL – Breed Council Secretary, Vacancies, Paragraph 1:

Any vacancy occurring in the office of a breed council secretary shall be filled by appointment by the President of CFA.

Hamza: Up next we have Breeds and Standards. Annette? **Wilson:** The first item on here is the appointment of the Breed Council Secretary for the Burmilla. They were accepted in February effective May 1st and they had just a Breed Committee Chair. You need to appoint a – **Hamza:** Does she [Katherine Barie] want to be the secretary? **Wilson:** I don't know. This year is elections, so she's only going to be the secretary until they do elections. Keith could be, but Keith is already the secretary of another one. **Hamza:** Right, and that was my problem. There's not a lot of people in this deal. You know what? I'm going to – it's such a short period. Do any of the board members want to serve as interim Breed Council Secretary? **Ganoe:** I've got my own, thank you. **Hamza:** I was actually thinking of you, but I get it. **Ganoe:** I've got the La Perm. I can't have another. **Hannon:** Why can't we say, "pending her acceptance", that you appoint Kitty? **Hamza:** OK. That's what I'll do then. I sent her an email. I haven't gotten any reply. Fine, pending her agreement to it, I'm appointing her. If she turns me down, I'll look elsewhere. **Wilson:** Do we need to vote on it? **Hamza:** No. **Hannon:** It's an appointment. The President makes the appointment.

[Note: subsequent to the teleconference, Katherine Barie accepted the position of Burmilla Breed Council Secretary for the remainder of the term.]

(b) *Constitutional Amendment.*

Wilson: The next thing I wanted to bring up is, we had a little bit of discussion on the board member list about this prior to the last meeting. I was a little late getting it in and then the meeting date changed, and it wasn't before the amendments were ready. It's about the constitutional amendment to change the period of time breed council membership is in force and changing it from the calendar year to the show season. Ed reviewed it, we made some changes, and given the late timing, I just sent it in with a club name to sponsor it. What it want to know is if folks have had a look at it and if the board is willing to support it, because if the board's not going to support that amendment, I'll just withdraw it. **Hamza:** I think it makes a lot of sense. That's my 2 cents' worth. **Ganoe:** I had a couple questions, and I support the change. **Wilson:** OK. I would like board members to get up and speak to this in support at the annual meeting. That's what I would like. **Hamza:** I'll do it. I'll tell you that. It just makes a lot of sense. **Wilson:** It was supposed to be a board-sponsored amendment and it just didn't work out. **Hamza:** Right. To me, I can see how this could save money and it just makes sense. **Meeker:** I agree. It's a great amendment. **Krzanowski:** I also will support it. I'll encourage the clubs I'm in to support it, as well. **Wilson:** OK, thank you. That's all I have. **Hamza:** That's great.

(8) UNCLAIMED CH/PR SITUATION.

Issue:

Central Office has identified a number of cats who achieved their Champion/Premier title, went on to grand, and further went on to be scored – all without having submitted a claim form and fee. Each owner was contacted via email if possible, and letter if not. A good response was had, but there is still a significant number of cats who have not submitted their claim forms. In the past, Central Office has granted the Grand Champion/Grand Premier title to cats that have not submitted their claim forms. Because a show rule is in place, this practice should be discontinued.

Show Rule 8.06 states:

When the Championship or Premiership claim form has not been received by the Central Office, any wins earned by a cat otherwise eligible to compete as a Champion or Premier will be held in abeyance. For these wins to be counted, the exhibitor must respond to the written notice of delinquency issued by the Central Office within 20 days of the date of such notice.

There are about 80 cats affected, including cats in every region which are technically ineligible for a color win, breed win, or Top 25 win. Throughout the season Central Office published e-points which ranked all the cats in the region, and also by breed or division. Exhibitors are expecting to receive recognition for various wins and won't get them if we insist on following the show rule. Removing cats from the scoring for whom no claim form/fee was submitted will cause delays in receiving the year-end scoring data for the show season just completed.

History:

To bring to light the longstanding nature of this issue, a clip from the June 2009 Treasurer's Report shows that the Board has been aware of this situation for a number of years, and has achieved no resolution. A motion was made and carried to research the situation, but no results are published in subsequent minutes and the problem continues to today.

- *Research championship and premiership confirmations to understand the related opportunity.*

Calhoun:** If your intention is not to show a cat as a champion or premier, how do we make confirming the winners ribbons value added? **Kusy:** Why do they spend money to take a cat to a show to get winners ribbons and not claim it? **Miller:** We need to know more about what our people want and what they are doing in this day and age. A survey could ask about championships and may be an opportunity to find out other things. It may end up being a broad survey that requires a focus group. **White:** We know who is taking their cats to the show and is not claiming their championship. We need to do something with that data. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.

Solution:

An option we might consider is to impose Rule 8.06 effective with the new show season and have a statement at the top of each set of e-points about this rule and that wins will not be awarded to cats that fail to follow this rule.

Meeker: As far as the unclaimed champion and premier, this situation was originally brought to Central Office attention at the end of March. At the end of the season, it was determined that there were about 80 cats that were affected. At some point, letters or emails were sent out by Central Office to these 80 cat owners. One of the problems in being in compliance with Show Rule 8.06 is that there's a 20 day time frame for the people out of compliance to get in compliance, but when I called to check and see what date these letters were sent out, they hadn't been documented. So, for these 80 cats, if they got any kind of awards at the regional or international division level, their title on the report went out as NC CH or NC PR and that's what the award would read on their trophies or rosettes. This problem is really multi-faceted and we have also contacted Monte, who is looking at Show Rule 8.06 and will come back with a recommendation to the board as to how to rewrite that show rule, because we have a situation where if somebody is out of compliance, there's no consequences established. So, the board will need to work on that when Monte brings that show rule to the attention of the board. These 80 cats have just gone on now and maintained that title. No championship titles were awarded, no grand champion titles were awarded to any of these cats' pedigrees. In the past, that had happened so we do have some issues with past pedigrees, but I don't think there's anything we can do to go back and resolve this issue. Besides the money that we're leaving on the table, the other problem I saw with this situation is that some of the pedigrees out there truly don't reflect the titles [inaudible]. Mark, did you have anything to add? **Hannon:** There was a concern that the Central Office was just automatically at the end of the season giving these cats the title of grand champion or grand premier, without having ever claimed the championship or premiership. It's my understanding that's no longer happening. They have put a stop to that. **Meeker:** Right. That had been happening up to this year. With this show season, that practice stopped. I've also been assured by James that in the new computer system there are flags in place for owner notification that the championship hasn't been claimed and then down the pipeline there will be another piece of programming in place that the 20 day timeframe will also be flagged. What I asked James about today is, once we notify the owner of the cat that the title is in need of claiming, is there going to be a monthly report so that a CO employee could follow through and deal with the situation on a more timely basis. I understand that from the 80 cats that were on this list as of the end of the show season, 12 have been resolved and there remain 68 cats that are still in the non-claimed category. That's all I have. Thank you.

(9) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS GUIDEBOOK UPDATES.**

Hamza: Next is the unclaimed champion and premier issue. **Meeker:** Before I get to that, I would like to mention two things briefly. One is that the Board of Directors Guidebook, Dick and I worked very hard to edit it and add some things to it, so a revised copy is on File Vista for review. Also, Mark and Dick and I had thought that one of the main things with so many people – potentially new people – coming on the board, that we would like to start a general orientation process, so Dick set up a separate section of File Vista for the current people campaigning for those positions. We’re going to send out a letter inviting them to go to File Vista and look at some general information about board responsibilities, to start preparing if they are elected to the position.

(10) SHOW LICENSE CHANGE REQUESTS AND SHOW SCHEDULING REQUESTS.

(a) *Steel City Kitties – Removal of Restrictions*

Steel City put on their third show the second weekend in February 2014.

At the May 2013 Board teleconference the club was granted Traditional date status for this weekend but restricted their format to maximum of 8AB rings.

Here are the entry numbers and formats starting in 2011, when Carolina Sophisticats did not have a show competing in Region 4.

YEAR	CLUB	FORMAT	ENTRIES
2011	<i>Carolina Sophisticat</i>	<i>1 day, 6 ring</i>	<i>K-70; Ch-99; Pr-34 Total 203</i>
	<i>Steel City</i>	<i>No show</i>	
2012	<i>Carolina Sophisticat</i>	<i>1 day, 6 ring</i>	<i>K-61; Ch-57; Pr-31 Total 149</i>
	<i>Steel City</i>	<i>6x6 Sat</i>	<i>K-54; Ch-80; Pr-42 Total 176</i>
	<i>Steel City</i>	<i>6x6 Sun</i>	<i>K-56; Ch-70; Pr-39 Total 165</i>
2013	<i>Carolina Sophisticat</i>	<i>6x6 Sat (5/1)</i>	<i>K-61; Ch-57; Pr-31 Total 149</i>
	<i>Carolina Sophisticat</i>	<i>6x6 Sun (6AB)</i>	<i>K-57; Ch-57; Pr-28 Total 142</i>
	<i>Steel City</i>	<i>6x6 Sat (4/2)</i>	<i>K-34; Ch-45; Pr-39 Total 118</i>
	<i>Steel City</i>	<i>6x6 Sun (4/2)</i>	<i>K-32; Ch-52; Pr-34 Total 118</i>
2014	<i>Carolina Sophisticat</i>	<i>10 ring, 2 day (10AB)</i>	<i>K-80; Ch-36; Pr-61 Total 177</i>

	Steel City	10 ring, 2 day (8AB/2 Dbl Spec)	K42; Ch-52; Pr-36 Total 130
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**Stats from CFA secure area Show Counts and Show Archives.*

The club is planning the 2015 show on what is now their traditional date and requests that the format restriction be lifted. They would like to hold a 6x6, with no restrictions in 2015. Steel City Kitties feels the Carolina Sophisticats has re-established itself in the past two years and feels the restriction on format for Steel City should be removed to enable the club to put on a competitive event. The club has held three successful shows, but with entries decreasing each year, the club needs to be competitive.

This is a very small club membership. Show halls in Pittsburgh are extremely expensive. We need help to continue to put on shows here in Pittsburgh. There is now no reason that Steel City Kitties should have restrictions. Both clubs are now established.

Hamza: Next is #10. As you folks look at this, we'll go one at a time. Steel City. Is everybody familiar with the request and where it stems from? **OK,** so I guess we don't need to discuss it, we just need a motion. **Petty:** Is there discussion on this? **Hamza:** I just asked if anybody had anything. Does anybody want to talk about it? **Hannon:** Let's make a motion, second it and then have discussion on it before we vote. **Baugh:** I make a motion that Steel City's restrictions be lifted. **Meeker:** Loretta, you're breaking up really badly. **Hamza:** Yeah, there's some sort of – anyway, her motion is that we remove the restrictions from Steel City. Is there a second? **Meeker:** I'll second it. **Hamza:** Tracy, you have something you want to say here? **Petty:** Actually, my comment is, I think this is an example where we just never should have done that in the first place. We should have followed our own rules. We have a 500 mile radius that we said we would respect but then we didn't, and now we've made accommodations and exceptions, and now we're going to remove them. **Hamza:** That's not really a fair assessment of what happened. What happened is that this club has a long history and it's an important show in the region. **Petty:** It has a 3 year history. It's 3 years old. **Hamza:** Well, that's not exactly true. Let me restate that. The show in Pittsburg has long history and the board went through a lot of soul searching and a lot of wheeling and dealing to get to this point. So, it had to be done. **Hannon:** Tracy, this is a splinter of the Western Pennsylvania club. **Petty:** Which is still an active club, as far as I know. **Hannon:** Right, right, but this group, they got into a messy situation and this group broke away and formed their own club. It seems to me kind of strange that of all the shows we've got going on in CFA, we picked one out and said we're going to give this one a restriction. There are shows that are in competition with each other every weekend. I just don't think that it's fair to continue to discriminate against this particular club. I've gotten communications from a Region 6 club that puts on a show the same weekend and they're unhappy about it, but they are over 500 miles away. **Altschul:** I would just like to point out to Mark that a Region 3 club got slammed with a restriction for National Capital, which is 1,200 miles away. The Region 3 club was denied having a traditional weekend after 2 years on the same date because National Capital was afraid they would hurt them, 1,200 miles away. **Hannon:** That's not my recollection of what happened. **Hamza:** Anyway, hang on everybody. Look we try to be fair on this board and in the past we've dealt with some hard issues. This is a result of a situation like that. For those of you who weren't on the board, this was very gut wrenching. There were a lot of personalities and a lot of people involved, and at the time, this

was the resolution and it worked. It diffused a situation where we had the potential to lose customers and clubs, and the board in my opinion did the right thing. They preserved as much of the peace as they possibly could have. They were put in a tough spot and they came up with the right decision at the time. Now we're 3 years later and we're being asked a very simple question. They want us to lift the restrictions, and that's what the discussion should be about. Should we lift the restrictions or shouldn't we, and that's what I want you to limit your comments to.

Ganoe: I'm looking at the chart and it shows Steel City Kitties did 3 shows – 6x6, 6x6, 6x6 and then a 10 ring. When have they done an 8 ring show? **Hannon:** We said they couldn't have more than 8 allbreeds. **Ganoe:** OK, so we told them they could only have 8 allbreeds. **Baugh:** Yeah. Their shows were always 10 or 12 rings. **Ganoe:** OK. So, how many years have they done only 8 allbreed? **Hamza:** Three. **Petty:** No, 2. The first year they were all allbreed. **Ganoe:** OK. I see in the numbers that restricting them helped Carolina but didn't hurt themselves. **Hannon:** It did hurt them. **Baugh:** It did hurt them. **Ganoe:** I see that now. **Hannon:** They went from 176 down to 118 entries. **Ganoe:** And then they are back to 130. **Hannon:** Where do you see that? **Baugh:** Pittsburg is a market that CFA really needs to be in. The club has tried very hard to make a go of this. Their show halls are expensive, and their entries have gone down and down and down. They really feel that in order to continue, that we need to be fair and let them be competitive. The Carolina club has certainly got itself established now and they feel that in order to be fair, they really need to have this restriction lifted. I don't know if they're going to be able to make it if we don't lift it, because their entries keep going down and their expenses keep going up. **Hamza:** This brings me to the point where I ask, is anybody's mind unmade? If everybody knows how they are going to vote, then further discussion is not warranted, so anybody here not sure how they are going to vote? Then I'm going to call the motion. **Meeker:** What motion, Jerry? State it. **Baugh:** Lifting the restrictions.

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

Hamza: Rachel, I thought I counted two no's. **Anger:** Who were the no votes, please? **Brown:** Roger. **Altschul:** Carissa. **Anger:** And I abstained. Thank you.

(b) Cat Fashion – Guest Judge Approval

I am writing on behalf of Israeli CFA club Cat Fashion.

We are already acting as CFA club from the beginning of 2012 and usually organize at least two CFA shows in a season. We are the first CFA club in Israel and we are doing not a bad job in attracting cat owners to CFA. Our club shows are considered now the best shows in Israel (to compare with other systems' shows). And during two years of our activities the number of CFA registered cats in Israel has significantly increased. Israel is a small country. There are not too many cat owners and not too many potential visitors of the shows. We are doing our best in order to organize at least 4 rings shows (not less). However the new rules that require to have 3 CFA judges for the 4 rings show put our club in very difficult conditions. The number of CFA judges in Europe is very small. We do not have enough funds to invite more than one judge from USA. If we do, we must close our club immediately, even before the show. We will never be able to cover the costs. We can organize the show with 3 rings, but it will spoil our reputation and

CFA reputation in the eyes of our cats' owners. They will be unsatisfied and will not come to the show.

We would like to ask you the special permission to have only two CFA judges for the 4 rings show. This permission will help our club to survive. Thus we will be able to invite at least 3 judges from Europe. Please try to understand our problems. Our activities are based on our enthusiasm only and CFA as an organization has benefit from it. But we will not be able to keep working without your help. We do not know why the rules were changed, but this change is critical for such a small club as ours."

Action Item: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 to allow an additional guest judge at the Cat Fashion show to be held in the fall of 2014 in Israel.*

Hamza: The next one – does anybody want to speak to the next one? **Anger:** I can field it. I'm the one that originally took this in. They have basically stated their own case very well. They are in Israel, which is a remote area. They are really trying to make a go of it, so they are asking that we grant their guest judge exclusion, to allow them an additional guest judge so they can continue to put on shows. That is a make-or-break issue for them and I would like to see them granted that exception. **Hamza:** So, you're making the motion that Cat Fashion Cat Club gets an exemption to the guest judge rule. **Anger:** Yes, to be allowed to have one additional judge. That's right. **Hamza:** Can I get a second, and then we'll discuss it. **Meeker:** I'll second. **Hamza:** Does anybody want to talk to this? **Ganoe:** Their reasoning here is, they need the exemption so that they don't have to bring another judge from the USA. There are 9 judges residing in Region 9. I want to know how many of their guest judges are in Israel versus those that they would bring from, say, Russia. To me, they are looking at reducing their costs, but I don't see it reducing. **Hamza:** Does anybody know who they are thinking of for a guest judge, to answer Dennis' question? **Wilson:** According to this, it says another judge from Europe, so a non-CFA judge from Europe. That's what they said. **Ganoe:** But they've got 9 judges in Europe and they are only doing a 4 ring show. **Wilson:** I agree. That was the point I was going to make. I asked Pauli about this to see what input he had, and he said he was in favor of it because not everybody likes to see the same judges at the show. Well, half their show could be two new judges and 50% is a lot better than we see at a lot of shows. **Hamza:** The reality is, there's a pool of judges in Region 8. I don't know what the air fares are from there or the International Division. I don't know. **Hannon:** I can be mistaken, but I thought this past year when they had their show it was the same weekend as the show in Ukraine, so they didn't have all 9 judges in Europe available to them because a bunch of them were already used up by the show in Ukraine, which we ultimately cancelled but it was too late for them to take advantage of that. **Baugh:** You're right, Mark. That was the case. **Hannon:** I wouldn't have a problem giving them a one-year exemption and then making them come back the following year if they felt it was justified. I don't want to give them a blanket, forever-more exemption for this. **Wilson:** This is a fall 2014 show, so it's not the same weekend as Kiev. **Anger:** I just got information today and it is the same weekend as the Kiev show. November 15. **Hamza:** We have a motion on the floor with Rachel. If that fails, we can come back and entertain Mark's idea of giving them a one-year exemption. **Baugh:** They are only asking for one, aren't they? **Anger:** Yes, exactly. One year only. **Hamza:** Just to clarify, Rachel, your motion is for this year only? **Anger:** That's right. 2014, their fall show, which is going to be November 15. **Hamza:** So, to clarify the motion, it is

to allow them an exemption for this upcoming show October 2014. **Anger:** November. **Hamza:** November, 2014. It doesn't give any kind of relief past that.

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

Anger: Thank you. They will be very happy.

(c) *Frontier Felines/Tornado Alley – show license format change*

The clubs want to add to their format for their November 29th & 30th show two judges doing the new Super Specialty format AB + SP. Sharon Roy has approved this.

Action Item: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow the Frontier Felines and Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers to change their show license from 10 AB rings, to allow the club to use the Super Specialty experimental format in two rings at its November 29/30, 2014 show in Gardner, Kansas (Region 6).*

Hamza: Frontier/Tornado Alley show. **Anger:** This is Rachel. I've got that one also. This is a simple situation where the club had a show already licensed. They wanted to add the super specialty format. They got the approval from both their Regional Director Kathy Calhoun and the Experimental Format Coordinator Sharon Roy, and then it got back to Central Office and Kristi determined that they couldn't change the show license. This is why we have our motion here now to grant them an exception to change their show license to accommodate their super specialty request. **Hamza:** OK. That's the motion. Can I get a second? **Baugh:** Second. **Hamza:** Does anybody want to discuss this? **Ganoë:** At this point, we don't have feedback on how this is going and I am already on record as being against granting any more of these super specialties until we know how the ones we have already approved are running. I'm against changing the format. I don't think we need to have another super specialty. **Hannon:** If the show hadn't already been licensed, they wouldn't have to ask us for permission. They would just have to go through Sharon. So, these clubs that aren't licensed yet could have as many of these types of shows as they wanted. **Ganoë:** That doesn't change my objection. **Hamza:** So, we have heard Dennis' strong opinion on the matter. Is anybody's mind uncertain on how they are going to vote? I will call the vote.

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

Meeker: I have a question. Why would Sharon Roy be approving something in Region 6? **Hannon:** She approves all of them. **Baugh:** She is in charge of that. **Meeker:** Ah, OK. Got it. **Hannon:** All the experimental formats go through Sharon. **Roy:** I would hope that going forward, that the regional directors when they get those requests and they think it's OK, would at least ask if the show has been licensed. **Hamza:** The other caveat has always been that there is some kind of feedback coming back, so I think it's incumbent upon the Regional Directors to make sure – they were given the privilege of putting these shows on. The one thing we ask at the board level is some kind of feedback so that we can gauge what's going on – whether this is worthwhile. We know that it's popular. We've seen people's opinions, but it's up to the clubs to give us – what we're hoping to have is unbiased feedback, something that is subjective and objective at the same time, giving us the reports, the statistical data plus peoples' feelings on

what's happening, and put it in such a way that it can be digested. It's my feeling that that is one of the responsibilities of the Regional Directors with these new formats.

(d) Capital Cat Fanciers – change of show location approval

Background: Capital Cat Fanciers, a Maryland (Region 7) club, requested to hold a show in Maryland on June 22nd, 2014, the Sunday after the NAR regional one-day show on June 21st. CCF was hoping that having a Sunday only show would not be a problem for the Saturday NAR regional as they would be on different days (the shows would be 270 miles apart).

Following the CFA News announcement, NAR clubs were concerned about the two shows on the same weekend, even on different days, since exhibitors really couldn't choose to attend both shows, especially if they stayed for the NAR awards banquet. CCF then requested to hold their Sunday show in Stamford (Region 1) in the same facility as the NAR show, making it a 6x6.

Both Region 1 and 7 RDs approved the plan and since time was short and the new arrangement met the concerns expressed in the first CFA News announcement, a second CFA News announcement was not submitted.

Additionally, Show Rule 12.06 states that a show held by a club outside of its assigned region must be submitted to the Executive Board for determination as to whether the show will be licensed. Although this show should not have been licensed without BOD approval, it has been with the support of both regional directors involved, so we would request the BOD approve the license of this show, albeit after the fact.

Additional information: This will be CCF's second year holding a show on the third weekend of June, establishing a traditional date, but located in Stamford, CT. The club is aware that they will have to get approval again next year to transfer the show back to Maryland, even though their date will have been established.

Action Item: *To comply with Show Rule 12.06, approve the licensing of a one-day show by Capital Cat Fanciers, a Region 7 club, on June 21, 2014 in Stamford, CT (Region 1).*

Hamza: Capital Cat Fanciers. **Petty:** I'll speak to that. This is a Region 7 club that was trying to establish a traditional weekend on the 3rd weekend of June and the Region 1 regional is that weekend. They tried to do a Sunday-only show on the same weekend as the North Atlantic Region's Saturday-only show and we did receive some objections from Region 1 clubs that are concerned exhibitors would have to choose one or the other, so Capital asked Sharon if it would be OK if they did their Sunday show in the same show hall as the Region 1 regional, making it a 6x6 and Sharon agreed with that. I went ahead and approved it. I missed the fact that when they change regions, that needs board approval so we are bringing this to the board after the fact for approval. **Hamza:** I think it's great that you guys worked out a really good compromise. That's a heck of an idea. So, we've got this motion to allow this. Can we get a second. **Baugh:** I'll second. **Hamza:** Does anybody want to speak to this?

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

Hamza: I'm hoping this is a great success and these regions can come up with other solutions like this.

(e) *Cats N Cats – request to split ring*

Cats N Cats (France) request permission to split one judging ring at their October 25-26, 2014 show. Format for this show is going to be 7AB rings and 1 LH/SH specialty. CFA judge Guy Pantingny would do the SH specialty in the morning and Mr. Richard Maignaut (Guest Judge, approved by Wayne Trevathan) LH specialty in the afternoon (as soon as Guy is ready). Counts are going to be low in October, so, I am supporting Cats N Cats request.

Action Item: *Grant an exception to Show Rules 1.08 and 15.08n and allow the Cats N Cats (Region 9) to use one ring for judging a shorthair single specialty in the morning and a longhair single specialty in the afternoon (two different judges/one ring) at its October 25-26, 2014 7AB rings and 1 LH/SH specialty show in France.*

Baugh: We still have one more request from Cats N Cats. Cats N Cats is requesting permission to split one judging ring at their October 2014 show. The format is going to be 7 AB and 1 LH/SH specialty. Guy Patingny is going to do the shorthair specialty in the morning and they have a guest judge that has been approved for longhair specialty in the afternoon. They want to split the ring so that the longhair judge can come in when the shorthair judge is done. **Hamza:** OK. So, your motion is for them to split the same ring, one judge in the morning and one in the afternoon. **Baugh:** They want an exception to the rules so they can do that, yes. **Hamza:** Can I get a second? **Anger:** Rachel seconds. **Hannon:** It's an experimental format we have approved. **Hamza:** Does anybody want to talk to this? **Petty:** I just have a question. This is one of the experimental formats that we discussed. Does this need board approval? **Hannon:** Has the show been licensed? It still has to go through Sharon, right? Sharon, aren't you handling both sets of experimentals? **Roy:** Yes, and nobody has asked for that second experimental format until now. **Hamza:** Let's follow procedure. I'm going to kick this back out and tell the club that they need to go through Sharon. If it hasn't been licensed, it doesn't need to come here. If it has been licensed, then Sharon can bring it forward next month. Fair enough? OK.

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

1. *Cat Fanciers of Finland request permission to hold in conjunction show on November 8-9, 2014 at Helsinki, Finland. The other association is TICA.*

There is no any cooperation between the clubs. Both CFA and TICA shows are going to happen at the same facility on same weekend but that's all. Permission for conjunction is requested only to avoid any problems what might rise up when people realize that two organizations are going to have a show in same facility and weekend.

Hamza: OK, who is going to handle Pauli's situation? Don't everybody jump at once.
Baugh: He's got 2 "in conjunction" show requests. The first is, the Cat Fanciers of Finland want to hold a show in conjunction with a TICA show on November 8/9 in Helsinki. <reads> That's all. I'm just reading what's here. **Hannon:** The only time we turned this down was when we had an objection from a German club that was holding a show and I don't know if there's any other shows in Europe this weekend. I think that may or may not impact our decision. I don't know that the clubs in Europe are aware of this request. **Hamza:** I'm sort of uncomfortable proceeding without the information Pauli would be able to bring to the table. **Baugh:** Do you want to table both of these until next month? **Hamza:** Yeah. I think it's important for their Regional Director – and let me just say this, if it causes a time issue, then Pauli can bring it up online.

2. *Edelweiss Cat Club requests permission to hold in conjunction show on December 20-21, 2014 Moscow, Russia. The other association is FARUS.*

Hamza: What's the date on the other one? **Ganoe:** December 20/21. **Hamza:** OK, so there's not a gun to anybody's head right now. **Baugh:** No. **Hamza:** OK.

(12) 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: What’s the next agenda item? Ed? **Raymond:** This was a proposal that came in a while ago. Someone in Russia wants to translate some CFA documents and then also create a little business where from the Russian website he would, as a service to help people especially register cats and transfer cats, charging an extra 15% or 20%. He is looking for CFA’s OK on this. **Hamza:** I’m really not comfortable unless there’s a full business proposal. **Baugh:** I’m not comfortable, either. **Raymond:** I’m not comfortable with this at all. **Hamza:** I think it’s a bad precedent. If CFA were to go down this road, it would have to be a comprehensive contract that was tendered and it would have to be gone over, and the board would need to know all the potential ramifications, and there are a lot of them. **Ganoe:** Beyond the technical, the other issue is, if we do this for the Russians, we’ve already been trying to combat that with the Chinese. **Hamza:** I agree. It opens so many bad doors. That’s one of the things that CFA can be proud of is, we’ve kept pretty tight control of our registration process, and it has been fair and affordable. **Wilson:** I agree that this proposal isn’t something we want to do. However, it does point out a need, and I know with China, with Dennis and Kathy working on getting the forms up on a Chinese website, I’m wondering if there is a need to try to help people in Russia that don’t speak English or aren’t familiar with how it goes, helping them with the process of registering their cats. I don’t think he’s talking about registering by pedigree, I think this is using the website to do the registration. There’s a need here, I think, or he seems to think there is one. He wouldn’t be proposing this unless he was going to hold people up, which is a possibility, I suppose. I don’t know who this is, but it seems to me if there is a need we should find a way to fill it ourselves, then. **Hamza:** You’re absolutely correct. CFA’s future is directly tied to its ability to cater to a global community and what’s happening in China and with the Chinese website and everything we’re working toward on that, needs to be replicated in as many places as possible. **Ganoe:** It wasn’t on the agenda, but I have now just today gotten confirmation from Kathy. K-Cats, which is our group in Kuwait, is willing to translate the same pages that we have for Chinese into Arabic. Most of them don’t speak English. That was brought forward by Dick. We’re going to be working on that. That is the model that I propose that we follow for other languages. The backside of these forms, send things in English characters, so the caveat is, the Chinese send English emails to Central Office, the Arabic will send English emails, the Russians will. So,

we're going to work on it but what we probably need is someone on the ground who can answer questions. That just isn't even in this proposal. **Hamza:** Here's the thing, and it's the way an organization looks forward. When you generate enough money from a location, from a region, there's other issues and questions. There's some non-profit issues and stuff, but at some point you're hoping that you're generating enough heat – for instance, at some point in China, enough money comes through the door from China that you can hire a bilingual employee in China and then expand your service that way. CFA really needs to become – and we have, we've made great steps, and it's the beginning. It can't stop here. We have to keep growing as a global organization. That is what's going to be our edge against everybody else. **Meeker:** I happen to know 3 cat fanciers that speak fluent Russian. Might we want to contact them about translation? **Hamza:** That's what you have to do, but it has to be organized. If Dennis and his team are working on the Chinese – how far along are you, Dennis? **Ganoe:** With the Chinese? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Ganoe:** The Chinese site is up and running. I just need to get James and Kathy to give me statistics on how much it's being used and I just started the Arabic. I have to send out the pages for translation just this week. **Hamza:** So, what needs to happen now, and you probably, being the organized fellow that you are, you probably have it or are very close to a template. **Ganoe:** It's all spelled out in English already. The structure is all there. It's just a matter of translating. **Hamza:** Can we get the people Ginger is in touch with to you, so that we can start in Russian? **Ganoe:** I believe we can. **Meeker:** Dennis, I'll email you. **Hamza:** Ginger, you'll contact Dennis privately and get it going? **Meeker:** I'll be happy to. **Hamza:** OK. Is there any interest in pursuing this? I'm moving on to the next thing. **Meeker:** Do we need a motion to say no? **Hamza:** I don't think we do. **Ganoe:** Who did this come through? **Hamza:** Ed, where did this come from? It was proposed to us a few months back and we've been sort of trying to get a better understanding of it. I'm not even sure that's happened. **Hannon:** I think the request came to Rachel. **Anger:** The request did come to me and, the first time it was presented, we referred it to Ed for his opinion on what we needed to do. Obviously, there is a massive amount that needs to be done so I don't see how we can even consider it, unless he wants to come with a formal proposal which didn't happen with the last item that he brought to us. **Hannon:** Can you write him back and tell him the board has discussed his request and we have decided to go in a different way? **Anger:** Yes, I would be glad to do that. **Ganoe:** Just close the loop on the request so that he's not left hanging. **Anger:** Right.

(13) **WORLD SHOW UPDATE.**

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

CFA World Championship Cat Show – November 22nd & 23rd, 2014

Location: Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave, Oaks, Pennsylvania

- *Hall A & B – 150,000 square feet*
- *Set-up Thursday (11/20) & Friday (11/21)*

Two Shows:

- *Red & Purple – 9 rings, 500 count each show*
- *1 judge from each region (with highest number of votes) picked by clubs within region*
- *9 judges selected from all regions (with highest number of votes) picked by all clubs*

In the works:

- *Hotel list and rates*
- *Decorator contract (confirming best possible rate)*
- *Coordination of assignments*
- *Budget*

Hamza: World Show Update. **Mastin:** I submitted a brief update. Any questions or comments at this point in time? **Baugh:** I had one question, Rich, and that was format. People want to know the format. Is it going to be the same as last year, or what? **Hannon:** We haven't discussed it yet. **Baugh:** OK, that's what I told them. I said I would ask. OK.

(14) **JAPAN HOUSEHOLD PET UPDATE.**

Hamza: We'll move on to the Japan Household Pet Update. Koizumi's not here. I don't know how much I want to tackle this without the Regional Director. **Anger:** Basically, as an update, Koizumi provided the catalog correction form from the first show. The other party claimed that there were other shows where the cat was entered incorrectly or as another name, and I said, "they've given us their evidence. Now, if you would like to give us your evidence to the contrary, we'll proceed." That was the last we heard. I think it was just a matter of the first show that the Household Pet was shown at, where the exhibitor didn't realize she was supposed to use an official name. It is a non-conforming pedigreed cat, so at the first show she changed the name like she was supposed to and allegedly showed it correctly the rest of the season. So, I don't think there's anything else that needs to be done. I think Koizumi made the right decision here and I support her decision. **Hamza:** It seems like it was an internal regional situation. I didn't see anything that rose above it, so I agree with you.

(15) CATS UPDATE.

Hamza: The last thing is the CATS update. Whose item is this? **Meeker:** Mark.

Hannon: Maybe Donna Jean should be the one to give us an update of what's going on with the CATS program. For a while there, nobody in the Central Office knew how to operate the program, but I understand now that somebody has been trained on it. We got a complaint last week from somebody that has been waiting since December to register one or more cats in the CATS program. Donna Jean, are you there? **Thompson:** Yes, I am here. We're in the middle of doing that right now, of registering the cat. It's an imported Burmese. The information has got to – it has reached the point where the Breed Council Secretary has the information and they have to pass judgment on the cat. They have the photograph, the DNA reports. They are going over that now and I'm just waiting to hear back from them. **Hannon:** As far as you know, Donna Jean, this is the only cat that's waiting to be recorded in the CATS program? Everybody else has already been recorded? There are no outstanding cats? **Thompson:** Right. This came as – not this particular problem, because I personally was having a problem here because I was having to check completely exactly how this had to be done and that's what held this one up but we've registered cats in CATS. In fact, I responded to the note, we have had 3 different breeds that have been registered in the CATS program. **Hannon:** The reason I brought it up was because you told me at one point that nobody in the office knew how to operate the program and so nothing was getting registered. **Thompson:** We haven't had any activity in it. Now, I did receive a packet from a fellow and I wrote back because what was submitted, these were perfectly acceptable cats and they should have had pedigrees from some organization. I didn't see anything and I asked what reason were these cats being presented to go into the CATS program because they looked like perfectly legitimate cats that had been purchased for breeders and I never received another response. **Meeker:** I would like to ask Donna Jean, I thought the Maine Coon ticked tabbies were being put in the CATS program. **Thompson:** We haven't even had anyone ask us to do that. **Hamza:** That's the problem. There's a couple things. People that aren't submitting – it has very low activity. **Meeker:** Jerry, would you explain to the board what the CATS program is, quickly? **Hamza:** Alright, and I'm going to make a recommendation, too. It's a place where CFA keeps track of cats that aren't registerable in CFA. For instance, and Ginger just brought up the latest example. If you have a ticked tabby Maine Coon, when we voted at the Breeds & Standards meeting whether to accept them or not, while we turned them down initially we made it OK for them to register in the CATS program so that we could start tracking the numbers and what was going on. It also is a vehicle for people with colors that aren't accepted or breeds that aren't accepted to start a pedigree situation with CFA for these cats, and then if at some later time we decide that there's enough interest and CFA wants to go in that direction, it allows us to have the information going back generations in some cases. It's very under-used. One of the other things I would like to – the CATS program is currently housed on a small PC. At some point, after James gets moving and gets a good handle on the new system and everything is right where it should be, moving the CATS system over to the new system is probably something that should happen sooner rather than later. When that's done and you've got a relational database all the way around, I think you can start pushing the CATS program more. **Meeker:** Jerry, the CATS system is simply an off-the-shelf pedigree program. It's Breeder's Assistant. **Hamza:** I'm sure that when Merilee started entering it, she just purchased one of the stock programs. **Meeker:** According to Dick, it's an off-the-shelf pedigree assistant. There were a couple changes made probably so we could put in new breeds to meet the whole purpose of the CATS system, but there's real question as to whether or not this software will

interface with the new system. **Hamza:** Ginger, it wouldn't be hard to – first of all, there's not a lot of cats on there. So, it wouldn't be hard to write the program or re-enter the cats. **Meeker:** I totally agree, Jerry, but in looking at this CATS system, I thought I was going to find some great, mysterious thing. There's not. **Hamza:** There's nothing. **Wilson:** It was never meant to be anything other than what it is. It actually does a good job for what it does, and you can easily export a file from it. I realize that exporting a file and then importing it into our database isn't the same thing, but I have a feeling it might be easier when it becomes necessary than it actually is. **Hamza:** It will be a cinch. It probably can get done in 2 or 3 days. **Meeker:** As far as people not being trained, there's a website with an owner's manual on there that would give somebody all the instructions. **Hamza:** I was under the impression that Carol knows how to run that system. **Meeker:** My understanding is that Erica and Judy are both using it because they've entered some ticked tabby Maine Coons on it. **Hamza:** I also know that some of the – like I said, I know that Bertone knows how to enter. It's not very complicated. I'm sure half the fanciers who have ever run a Pedigree 2000 or whatever could do it. **Meeker:** That computer doesn't have offsite capability. **Hamza:** No, because all it is, is a PC with an off-the-shelf program. I'm sure it's like a 386 the last time I looked. I don't know, it's old and it needs to come over to the computer system, but anyway, it's not a huge problem. Donna Jean, do you get more than 2 or 3 cats in the last year to put into the CATS program? **Thompson:** Not that I'm aware of. **Hamza:** It has always been a very low volume, low impact situation. **Meeker:** I thought there were a bunch of Li Hua on it. **Wilson:** Li Hua go into the regular system because they are registered now. **Meeker:** OK, so the original ones weren't put in there until they were accepted? **Wilson:** When you accept them, you put them in. **Meeker:** You process them over, OK. OK, got it.

Wilson: Can I ask Donna Jean a question? **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Wilson:** Donna Jean? **Thompson:** Yes. **Wilson:** This is Annette. I sent an email yesterday. We're being bombarded by the breed council secretaries wanting to know when they're going to get their breed files. **Thompson:** That's a very good question. We've been trying to work on that. We're having problems with some of those end-of-the-year situations. I had hoped that they would be able to give the breed responses by now, but apparently they are still not ready. **Wilson:** Could you ask when we might have – **Hamza:** Annette, I'll call James tomorrow. **Wilson:** Thank you. **Hannon:** Is it James or is it something Connie is doing on the HP? **Ganoe:** It's on the HP. **Thompson:** It's on the HP. It's something Connie needs to be doing on the HP. **Hannon:** OK, so James isn't involved. **Hamza:** James should be involved, because that needs to come over and be duplicated on the new system. **Ganoe:** It is. We just don't have the data on the new system to run the reports. The data is actually on the HP. **Hamza:** Alright, I'll get into it tomorrow and I'll post to the board list here quickly.

Altschul: While Donna Jean is here, I've noticed a few people and had a few people comment to me, the turn-around time on registrations, what is that currently, Donna? Regular old registrations. **Thompson:** They are roughly 3-4 weeks behind. **Altschul:** Whatever happened to getting them back quickly? Is this going to be normal now? **Hamza:** No, it's the new computer system. It's a big jump. It's a big jump from the old Hewlett Packard to the new computer system and every day it gets better, but people are going to have to be patient. This is critical for CFA. Once the glitches and bugs are out, there's going to come a time when registrations are going to be almost instantaneous. What's going to happen and the way it's set up is the user side, which is where the fanciers are going to be able to input their data and if it checks out, all somebody's got to do is read it over and make sure it's correct and there's no flags, and it should

pop right back to them. It should take a day or two at the most. **Altschul:** I know that's what we're going toward. I'm just asking right now because our customers are not happy. **Hamza:** I know, I know. This was very overdue. Again, another thing that the board has to be vigilant on in the future is that we are in the information processing business, so the most important thing to us is to make sure that our systems are up to date and we never get caught this far behind, because the jump we made was almost impossible, is one of the things we found out when we were going into this. Had we waited a few more years, who knows? **Wilson:** I have a question. Just a couple of comments. We've been telling folks that this has been running in parallel for months now. Then they opened it up to if we wanted to try it, so I guess I'm confused. Even I had difficulty registering 2 out of 3 litters, and my cats just come in one color. It worked out but I had to go to extremes to get a response and get it fixed. The other thing, though, is after the move last time, we had major delays in getting registrations done and we ended up giving people credits or whatever. What I want to know is, are we processing expedited registrations? In other words, are we putting ahead in the queue people willing to pay \$25 to get a registration number, which is further delaying the regular process? I don't think that's right. **Hamza:** I don't think it would delay the regular process. What's going on here is, basically, and it's unfortunate but nobody could see another way is, you're retraining people to a whole new system, so there are some similarities between when we moved where we had to train new people on that system and now we're having to train these people on the new system, and that's where you delays are coming from, but they're going to get it. It's more intuitive, it's more user friendly, but the other thing is that we had no choice, because with the old system, we were 3 people away from where the actual programming was coming from. **Wilson:** I understand. Here's my question, though. If I register a kitten today and I pay a \$25 expedite fee, am I going to get that registration number in that 24 hour or 48 hour turn-around time? **Hamza:** Yeah, because if you don't then we shouldn't be taking the money. **Wilson:** No, but if I don't pay it, because I always figure I can get my kittens registered without paying that, am I going to be waiting 4 or 5 or 6 weeks for a registration number? In other words, am I being held up? **Hamza:** I don't think there's enough volume in one to hold up the other. **Wilson:** Alright. **Hamza:** That's something else I'll look into. I'll have James write an answer to that. I just don't think there's enough volume in it. I haven't pushed very hard on these folks because they're under enough pressure, but I think a fair question to James is, when do they start approaching normal turn-around times. Dennis, you've been working on this process. **Ganoe:** I have been monitoring it. Donna Jean is saying that 3 to 4 is better than the 5 to 6 we used to be, weeks behind. We are catching up. There is overtime involved. We are currently running into a problem with printing things because we failed to notice that we need the same printer on both systems, so we're going to have to do some timesharing on that, but we are getting better and the errors that are coming across and being fixed are lessening in severity. I know that's gobbeldy-gook for a lot of you, but what it is, from a quality standpoint, we probably won't ever find the last bug in the system but the ones we're finding are less problems and we're getting them turned around just as fast. Donna Jean will have to address how soon we can catch up and how soon we can get the regional files out and the certificates out, but from a hardware and a software point of view, we're doing the best we can. **Hannon:** I don't want us to give the impression, since this is open session, that the problems are exclusively staff training. What James has told me is, we're having some problems with Computan, we've run into some problems, we turn it over to Computan, they fix the problem, but in the process something else that was working fine is now broken. So, part of the problem is our interfacing with Computan. Let's not blame the staff for this whole delay. **Hamza:** It's a

whole process. **Hannon:** I don't want the minutes to reflect that the staff is being trained on a new system and that's the delay. There are problems with the system. It's not just the staff. **Ganoe:** Right. I agree with you totally, Mark. **Hamza:** But those circles are also shrinking. **Hannon:** I agree, but like I said, I just don't want the minutes to reflect that the problems are 100% staff training. **Hamza:** No, it's not. It's just the whole process of going from one system to another. **Mastin:** As of yesterday, we were 18 days behind, so it's better than 3 to 4 weeks. That was as of yesterday's report. **Hamza:** So, 18 days is – that's basically 3 business weeks. So, the circles are getting smaller. In the end, what people will wind up with and what CFA will have is something it should have had a long time ago, and it was a long, brutal trip to get here. Anything else?

Hannon: On another issue, in February we had a strategic planning meeting. I would like to have us in June have a follow-up on that where each of the groups reports back as to what progress they have made since February. One of the things we need to do is to keep going back to the strategic plan. I don't want us to just have met in February and then set it aside and never look at it again. So, if each of the committees could come back at the June meeting with a status report. **Meeker:** That's one of the things that was also put on File Vista was the basic premise of the meeting and the 5 groups with the goals and objectives, if anybody needs to refer to it and refresh memory. **Hannon:** In February, each of the groups appointed somebody to be a spokesperson for that group, and so that person needs to pull together a response for the June meeting as to where we stand.

Hamza: Do we have anything else? **Meeker:** I have one question, Jerry. Do we know if the plaques have been ordered for the Catteries of Distinction for the Annual? **Hannon:** I think Mike was handling that. **Shelton:** I've gotten some quotes on it. Carissa had expressed some interest in having them sourced locally so I passed along to her a general description of what I have been looking at. **Hamza:** We're very close to the event. **Altschul:** Mike, just go ahead and have your group do it, because the person who I asked to source it locally has not gotten back with me, so just write that off. **Shelton:** Alright. I'll see what I can find out about it. **Hamza:** Mike, if you have any problems, just call me or email me because we've got to get those done. **Shelton:** OK. **Hannon:** On that subject, my understanding is that the regions are going to be handing out certificates for Levels I through IV, and that V and above are going to get a plaque at the Annual. I just wanted to make sure that everybody understands that at the regional, those people at Levels V, VI and VII are not going to be receiving anything. **Altschul:** That's not correct. **Meeker:** They are in my region. **Hannon:** It's correct in the sense that Donna Jean is printing up the certificates and she's not printing up certificates for Levels V, VI and VII. **Altschul:** That's not what the initial proposal called for. **Hannon:** I'm telling you what Donna Jean is doing. That's why I brought it up, so if we wanted people at the regional level to get a certificate, then we need to tell Donna Jean that she needs to provide those certificates. **Meeker:** The criteria states that Levels I through VII are all recognized at the regional level. V through VII are recognized nationally. **Hamza:** So Donna Jean, you need to get all those certificates done. I can imagine it's going to be a small number, so just get them done. **Meeker:** Jerry, it's not. The full listing for all the regions is 1,200 catteries. **Hamza:** I understand, but isn't the bulk of them I through V? Isn't VI and VII a much smaller number? **Hannon:** V, VI and VII. I don't think there's anybody at VII, but V and VII, Michael said there was like 25 names. **Altschul:** The tiers go all the way up to X. There are at least two catteries at VII, but the way I wrote it is, once you're at Tier I, you get acknowledgment at the regional awards banquet and at every tier.

It's just, you only pick up the national awards banquet at Tier V. **Hannon:** That's why I brought it up. **Altschul:** It shouldn't be that many more that she needs to print if she has already done I through IV. **Hannon:** She hasn't done I through IV. **Meeker:** I don't think any have been done yet. **Hannon:** Donna Jean, do you want to give us a status on that? **Thompson:** We're in the process of doing it now. Dick Kallmeyer did an excellent spreadsheet that was presented to us. James and I went over it yesterday. We'll be ordering the – they're going to come late because we're still working on the regular award certificates that we present. The first group has gone out. The second group will go out hopefully tomorrow and then moving on down the line as they are scheduled in the regional group. We had a lot of questions and I didn't realize, even in reading the guidelines, that all seven were to receive regional certificates. I thought only I through IV, but it's not going to be a big deal to add I through VII. Once you get past IV, there's not that many involved, but there's well over 1,000 certificates involved. **Hannon:** 1,700. **Thompson:** Right, right. **Hannon:** Now, is this automated? You're not having people sit down and individually type these things, are you? **Thompson:** No, no. James and I worked on it yesterday afternoon. We've got a way it can be automated. It should not be as big a problem as I originally thought it was going to be. **Hamza:** Dick sent us all a spreadsheet, or I think all of us. That should be easily converted. **Altschul:** I guess since Dick's not on the call he can't answer this, but I guess there was no way they could filter out all of the inactive catteries. The catteries that have been inactive for the last 5 years were supposed to be pulled out, unless the person said, "hey, I'm still here, I want my award." That would have saved probably 800 pages or so. I didn't anticipate that every, single one was going to be printed. **Thompson:** I have been asking since March for our computer programmer to solve this issue. Initially, when I brought it up the second time again, she had forgotten because they were working on two other issues that had not yet been solved and she was getting back to it. Twice I have answered the same question about those catteries that have not had a grand within the last 5 years, and I'm still waiting for the solution. That's why we're talking about printing every certificate. **Meeker:** The criteria for no grand in the last 5 years is not really a good criteria, because that would eliminate a lot of our judges that haven't been breeding for a while but still need to be recognized as having a Cattery of Distinction. I think probably this is good for next year, that these lists be sent to the region ahead of time to be scrubbed. We scrubbed ours because Dick got the report and Kathy Durdick updated it. Actually, on Dick's report, we have about 215 catteries when actually only 81 were deemed to be current, so we're going to get a lot of certificates that in essence are wasted, but I think it's better that everybody that needs to be recognized is recognized. **Hannon:** It shouldn't be a problem next year because we're only going to add those that had additional grands in the past year. **Meeker:** But you've got to take some of those other catteries of the spreadsheet. You can't use the 5 year criteria. You would lose your judges. **Altschul:** Ginger, I said all people have to do is say, "hey, I'm still active" and they get added back in. **Meeker:** Right, but they don't know until you have already sent the awards off. **Altschul:** It was part of the original minutes, that we had discussed that. **Meeker:** Carissa, it may have been part of the original minutes, but no one has been notified right now and our banquet is 2-1/2 weeks away. There's no time for these people to have said, "hey, I want to be recognized." The award also required a report that Central Office currently does not do, which is DMs per cattery. That isn't a report that Central Office normally prints. Dick had to go in and pull all that from other records. **Petty:** Is Central Office going to send certificates to the regions to hand out, or are they sending them directly to the recipients? **Hamza:** I was under the impression they're sending them to the regions. **Hannon:** Donna Jean, is that your understanding? **Thompson:** Yes, they are going to

the regions. **Petty:** OK, and if they're not received in time for the regional awards – **Thompson:** You will have them in time for the regional awards. **Petty:** Perfect, thank you.

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Hamza: OK, anything else? I'll see you all in New Orleans.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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