

**2014 CFA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Friday, June 27, 2014**

- (31) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Vice President Mark Hannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

(32) **WELCOME FROM HOST REGION.**

**Hannon:** I would like to start by introducing Carissa Altschul, who is the Regional Director for our host this weekend. Carissa. **Altschul:** Good morning and welcome to New Orleans! Are we having fun yet? <yes> You would think, with over a decade of experience of standing in front of a classroom of high school students, that standing before you would be a piece of cake. Not so much, so forgive me if I stick with my notes. Putting together an annual is not an easy task. I came up with a few adjectives to help you understand. Herculean. Laborious. Exhausting. Exhilarating. Exciting. Backbreaking. Formidable. Huge. Grueling. And now you know that I made friends with my Thesaurus. A successful annual requires someone who is: Inspired. Dedicated. Diligent. Assiduous. Persevering. Steadfast. And committed, without actually being committed. I was very fortunate, lucky and more lucky that I found not just one but two people in my region with these capabilities and more to Chair this Annual. Would you please join me in thanking both Jan Rogers and Patty Oehler for putting together [applause] this amazing, fantastic, awesome, spectacular, wonderful, stunning, marvelous, incredible, and of course fun Annual. Of course, and annual is more than just a few people. If you will please turn to the back of page 2 in your text book – I mean delegate book – on this page, and the front and back of the next page, you will see a glimpse of the multitudes that came together to put this Annual on. I would like to ask my chairs and everyone who was involved with the Annual, from planning the delegate bag stuffing to decorating and everything in between, to stand and be recognized for your achievements. Yes, you really have to stand. [applause] I'm not the only one who is shy, apparently. Please take a moment if you see the people wearing the pins, those are the people who are really involved. Thank them, because I think this has been so far a wonderful Annual. I do have to extend my deepest, deepest apologies to Region 4, because this is not going to be an easy act to follow, but I'm sure you're up to the task.

**Altschul:** Before I go, a couple of housekeeping items. For those of you who flew in and have limited space in your luggage, we have set up two recycle bins for anything that you cannot fit from your delegate bag. They are two round bins. The last I saw them, they were over in the hallway – big round bins with a lid, and there's a hole in the lid. Anything that you can't fit because we know you're limited in space and the airline charges you lots of money, please feel free to recycle those items if you cannot take them home. For those of you who have an extra banquet ticket that you would like to see if anyone else wants it, or if you need a banquet ticket, you can consider me Grand Central Station. You can come see me. Leave your name and number with me. If you need to buy one, I'll to connect you together as much as possible. If you have not picked up your banquet tickets, on this side of the room Paula [Noble] is raising her hand. She has those. Please pick them up and we can figure out where all the tickets are. I think that is the last of my housekeeping items.

**Altschul:** Without further ado, I'm going to welcome our Vice President and current President Elect Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Thank you Carissa.

(33) **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME AND MESSAGE.** Vice-President Mark Hannon provided the following welcome message:

**Hannon:** If you will just bear with me a minute. [Hannon takes a selfie with his cell phone] David’s over there going, “oh, my God, I can’t believe he just did that.” I’m going to turn it off before Mary K calls me and embarrasses me for having this phone on.

I must admit to feeling a little like Clint Eastwood this weekend at the Republican Convention standing here next to an empty chair representing our President. Lookin’ good, Jerry!

On a more serious note, I want to congratulate Jerry and Mae on their recent wedding and congratulate them on the upcoming birth of their son. I know you join me in wishing them well. It is unfortunate that Jerry could not be with us this year but it provides me with a wonderful opportunity to address this year’s Annual meeting.

I want to offer you one more welcome to New Orleans. The Gulf Shore Region has been working hard to provide us with an exciting time here in the Big Easy. Many thanks to Carissa, Jan, and all the others who have made all this possible. Thanks, too, to Jodell Raymond who handles our special events which includes overseeing our Annual Meetings. Thanks to Shelly Borawski and the other CFA staff members. We are here to conduct some business and to celebrate our winning cats from last show season. We are also here to have some fun and I hope your visit to this great city and to our Annual gathering proves to be lots of fun.

If Jerry were here, he would no doubt highlight the many positive things that have been accomplished the past four years and I certainly do not want to diminish those accomplishments. They include:

- ❖ CFA welcomed Europe as a new Region.
- ❖ We are seeing tremendous growth in Asia.
- ❖ We brought back the print magazine and the CFA International Show - under a new name.
- ❖ Our website has been redesigned twice.
- ❖ We now have a monthly newsletter that is emailed to more than 3,400 subscribers. The newsletter keeps our CFA family up to date on what’s going on in CFA.
- ❖ Frequent CFA-News announcement are our official means of communicating quickly with our customers.
- ❖ Our registrations are increasing after decades of decline.
- ❖ We sold our property in New Jersey for \$1.3 million and purchased a building in Ohio for far less which not only houses our Central Office but also the Feline Historical Museum.

- ❖ In order to move our Central Office, to purchase a building, do the renovations, and afford a new computer system we obtained a mortgage from the city of Alliance, Ohio and that mortgage was paid off in just over one year. [applause]
- ❖ The move to Ohio has saved us money, thanks to more competitive salaries and lower property taxes.
- ❖ With increased income and lower expenses, CFA has been able to achieve a significant profit each of the past four years. CFA has turned a profit of nearly half a million dollars during that period. I will let our Treasurer, Carla, give you the details on our financial picture.
- ❖ During the past year we also started some serious Strategic Planning for CFA. This will serve as the foundation for our growth.

That tells you a bit about our recent past, but what about our future?

We are going to have a lot of new Board members on Sunday. We will have a new Treasurer, a new Vice-President, and a new President ... although I am not new to the Board, just changing seats. Five of our nine Regional Directors did not run for re-election so they are going to be replaced. Three of our incumbents are in competitive races and we will learn later today which ones, if any, will be returning. The only Regional Director we know for sure is returning is Kathy Calhoun since she is running unopposed. Of course, we are fortunate that our ever-so-efficient Secretary is also returning. Pam DelaBar will be returning and brings with her lots of experience as a Regional Director, Director At Large, CFA Vice-President and past CFA President. We look forward to having Pam back with us. New Board members bring fresh ideas and lots of energy. That's always welcome.

What can you expect from me as your new President? When Jerry was first elected four years ago he came into the position of President with no previous CFA Board experience and he was a relatively new breeder/exhibitor. We deliberately elected a fresh face with a business background. I come with a more familiar background. I have served on the Board longer than any incumbent. I have a record. I have been exhibiting at CFA shows since the early 1970s. Most of you know me and you have a pretty good idea what I'm like. For those of you who have high expectations for dramatic changes under my leadership, let me assure you that when I leave office you will still recognize our CFA. I plan a few tweaks, some minor changes; however, I think CFA is on the right course with slow, steady growth and I plan to continue with that direction.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "For time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future."

I am committed to working with the new board to address areas where we can improve to strengthen our organization so that we can move forward and be proactive in response to a dynamic business environment.

You will recall this past February that the board outlined key goals which were: to continue with positive cash flow and profitability; increase brand recognition; expand upper level support in Central Office to heighten our customer service and increase the base of core exhibitors and breeders. These goals were developed to provide a blueprint for our core business.

In the area of profitability, Barb Schreck brings tremendous knowledge of finances and Rich Mastin has a strong business background. I plan to rely on their advice to keep CFA financially sound. We have roughly \$1.4 million sitting in the bank. I want them to invest a large chunk of that money in something safe so we can earn some interest on our money.

In the area of brand recognition, I want to see CFA do more in the area of promotion of CFA. I want the general public to know we exist and why we exist. Under Jodell Raymond's leadership, I expect to see CFA do some advertising, make better use of social media, place more CFA videos on YouTube, heighten the public's awareness of pedigreed cats. We plan to update the front page of our website so it is geared more to the general public rather than to us as breeders and exhibitors. I want to see us create a newsletter for the casual cat lover, a newsletter in addition to the one we already have for our CFA family. For the first time, CFA's budget has invested money in the promotion area and I hope to see us invest even more money in this area. It's great that we are turning a profit each year but we should be investing our money in growing our association.

In the area of increasing the core base of exhibitors and breeders, I believe strongly that our shows are our best tool for expanding our hobby. Last year, CFA budgeted \$50,000 in show sponsorship and this year the board increased that investment to \$78,000. That's CFA money. In addition, we have corporate sponsorship available from both Dr. Elsey's and Royal Canin. I encourage every club to apply for sponsorship money. Contact Verna Dobbins at the Central Office and she will be happy to send you an application form. Normally, that money should be spent on paid advertisements to bring in spectators to your shows. We have seen show after show bring in more money at the gate than the club spent advertising for that gate. Once spectators arrive, please be sure they are entertained and educated. This past show season I showed a darling Devon Rex. I'd hand her to spectators and invariably I would hear, "Oh my God, I want one." That's how we are going to sell our kittens, place our retired adults, and bring in new fanciers. Those are the people we need to increase our registrations and purchase CFA services and products. We need to let the public know when there is a nearby CFA cat show. We plan to make it easier to find where and when we have shows by making better use of our website, by placing ads in magazines like *Cat Fancy* which point people to our show schedule.

For CFA to grow, we need to expand not just here in the USA but in new areas. Asia has seen tremendous growth the past few years and there is potential to do so much more there. Europe is another area ripe for expansion as is South and Central America. We need to adapt to take advantage of such expansion. We need to provide our print material and website in foreign languages and we have plans to do more of that in the coming year. We need to customize our services to meet the needs of our new customers.

We have some of the best judges in the world but we need to do a better job of attracting new judges and providing them with the best possible training. When Loretta gets up here to talk

later in the meeting, she will mention the many judges who have retired this past year. We need to keep fresh judges in the pipeline to fill our needs. We don't just need warm bodies; we need judges who can take the written standard and apply it to the cat in their hands. We need judges who are competent and when we see their names on a slate, we want to put our cats and kittens in their rings because we respect their opinions. We don't have to always agree with them, but we have to accept that they know what they're doing. Without that, our shows are doomed.

As everyone in this room knows, CFA has invested a lot of money, time, and effort in a new computer system which will allow us to respond quicker to our customers' needs. It's something that we have needed for a long time. We could not continue to patch up our outdated system with band aids and we were limited in what new features we could add to that tired old computer. My In Box shows the great frustration many of you have had with the implementation of the new system. It took a few weeks but we are now providing timely information on grand points. We expect to have ePoints back up soon. Registrations are backlogged. Dennis Ganoe, our IT Chair, will explain to you shortly what's going on, what you can expect. Please be patient. The new system offers us the ability to do so much more but it's been a bumpy few months. I acknowledge that.

One of my strengths is my willingness to communicate. During my term as President, I will strive to keep you informed. You deserve to know what's going on, what to expect. While others may promise transparency, I promise to continue to share as much information as I can. That has been my past record and there is no reason to expect that to change.

So, once again, welcome. Let's get on with the business at hand.

**(34) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF DESIRED).**

**Hannon:** 406 clubs have checked in, out of a total of 618 clubs in CFA. I am declaring a quorum for the meeting.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Original Delegate</b>	<b>Attending Delegate/Proxy</b>
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Osier, Carolyn L.	Osier, Carolyn L.
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Newkirk, Darrell	Newkirk, Darrell
Abyssinian Society of The South	Andrews, Donna	Lancaster, Janice
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Munro, Charlene	Munro, Charlene
Alamo City Cat Club	Eiserloh, Fran	Eiserloh, Fran
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Meeker, Ginger	Raymond, Jodell
All States Burmese Society	Graafmans, Kristi	Graafmans, Kristi
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Moscoffian, Sonja	Moscoffian, Sonja
Alouette Cat Club	Dodds, Nancy T.	Dodds, Nancy T.
Amarillo Cat Fanciers	Riley, Sue	Riley, Sue
American Bobtail Breeders Club	Friemoth, Lorna	Friemoth, Lorna
American Gothic Cat Club	Bryan, Robin A.	Bryan, Robin A.
American Manx Club	Dinesen, James	Dinesen, James
American Tabby And Tortie	Barie, Kitty	Barie, Kitty
American Wirehair Int'l	Bunnell, Lydia	Bunnell, Lydia
Americans In Paradise	Webster, Howard R.	Webster, Howard R.
Americans West	Johnson, Carol W, DVM	Johnson, Carol W, Dvm
Ameridream Cat Club	Moser, Brian	Moser, Brian
Ancient Capital Cat Society	Maeda, Edward Minoru	Maeda, Edward Minoru
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Barbara	Schreck, Barbara
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Watson, James	Watson, James
Arklahoma Feline Fanciers	Watson, James	Watson, James
Atlanta Allbreed Cat Club	Rees, Gail	Rees, Gail
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Andrews, Donna	Andrews, Donna
Basic Black Cat Club	Calhoun, Kathy	Calhoun, Kathy
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Stewart, Connie	Stewart, Connie
Black Diamond Cat Club	Zottoli, Jeri	Zottoli, Jeri
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Honey, Ellyn	Honey, Ellyn
Bonita Cat Fanciers	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Brazos Valley Cat Club	Hinton, Donna	Wolfson, Adrienne
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Lane, Karen	Keyes, Peter
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Baugh, Loretta	Baugh, Loretta
Burmese South Cat Club	Faust, Sandra	Faust, Fred
Burmilla Enthusiast of America	Kimberlin, Keith	Kimberlin, Keith
Butler Cat Fanciers	Treleani, Kathy	Treleani, Kathy
Cable Car Cats	Campbell, Mark	Campbell, Mark
Cajun Cowboy Cat Club	Noble, Paula	Noble, Paula
California Silver Fanciers	Webster, Howard R.	Webster, Howard R.
Call of The Wild	Conde, Marilyn E.	Rees, Gail
Camelot Cat Kingdom	Ashton, Richard	Ashton, Richard
Camino Real Cat Fanciers	Barefoot, Linda Davis	Pedigo, Cheryl

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Canton Hall of Fame Cat Club	Gebhard, Nancy L.	Gunlock, Ginger
CanUsa Cat Club	McGlynn, Rosina	McGlynn, Rosina
Capital Cat Fanciers	Peet, David J.	Peet, David J.
Carolina Sophisticats	Brown, S. Jean	Griswold, Marilee
Cascade Cat Fanciers	Epstein, Marguerite	Epstein, Marguerite
Cat Club of The Palm Beaches	Lane, Karen	Lane, Karen
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Huhtaniemi, Pauli	Huhtaniemi, Pauli
Cat Fanciers of Osaka	Bennett, David	Bennett, David
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Curtis, Deborah L.	Curtis, Deborah L.
Cat Friends of Germany	Dueker, Frank	Dueker, Frank
Cat Nation Fanciers	Auspitz, Norman	Auspitz, Norman
Cat Walkers Japan	Zenda, Robert	Zenda, Robert
Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club	Zenda, Pat	Zenda, Pat
Cat'n On The Fox	Phillips, Monte	Phillips, Monte
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	Boyce, David	Boyce, David
Cat's Incredible Inc.	Webb, Russell	Mathis, Anne
Cats Ink	Coleman, Cheryl	Coleman, Cheryl
Cats Limited	Rogers, Jim	Rogers, Jim
Cat's Meow (the)	Thompson, Donna Jean	Thompson, Donna Jean
Cats N Cats	Haendel, Doerte	Haendel, Doerte
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Tripp, Brian	Tripp, Brian
Cats Royale	Johnson, Deanne	Freels, Carol
Cenla Cat Fanciers	Conde, Marilyn E.	Conde, Marilyn E.
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Miller, Robert	Miller, Robert
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Colilla, John	Colilla, John
Chamberlin On The Bay Cat Fanciers	Herman, Leslie	Herman, Leslie
Champagne Cat Club	Mikita, Nancy	Mikita, Nancy
Charlestown Catcallers	Janosik, Kay	Janosik, Kay
Chartreux International	Zabriskie, Sherrie F.	Zabriskie, Sherrie F.
Chatte Noir Club	Currle, Kenny	Currle, Kenny
China International Cat Club	Dinesen, Cathy	Dinesen, Cathy
China International Pedigree CF Club	Zheng, Long	Zheng, Long
Chocolate City Cat Club	Raynor, David M.	Raynor, David M.
Cincinnati Cat Club	Mull, Karen	Mull, Karen
Classy Cats Society	Lane, Joseph	Lane, Joseph
Cleveland Persian Society	Chaney, Camelle	Chaney, Camelle
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Rivard, Pierre	Rivard, Pierre
Coastal Cat Club	Willingham, Christine W.	Willingham, Christine W.
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Carr, Leslie Ann	Carr, Leslie Ann
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Peet, David J.	Peet, Shirley
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Zenda, Robert	Zenda, Robert
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Sieffert, Sarah C.	Sieffert, Sarah C.
Colonial Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.	Veach, Gary L.
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Peck, Cheryl	Peck, Cheryl
Conestoga Cat Club, Inc.	Zinck, Iris	Zinck, Iris
Continental Balinese Club	Smith, Terrie	Smith, Terrie
Copper City Cat Club	Fuller, Joan	Fuller, Joan



<b>Club</b>	<b>Original Delegate</b>	<b>Attending Delegate/Proxy</b>
Cornish Rex Breed Club	Kuta, Lisa Marie	Kuta, Lisa Marie
Cotton States Cat Club	Smith, Sallie	Smith, Sallie
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Moser, Pam	Moser, Pam
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Allen, Dennis J.	Allen, Dennis J.
Crab And Mallet Cat Club	Peet, Shirley	Peet, Shirley
Crafty Cat (the)	Myers, Douglas	Myers, Douglas
Creative Cats Club	Brown, Roger	Brown, Roger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Gumm, Kathy	Walker, Gerald
Crown City Cat Club	Richter, Penni	Richter, Penni
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.	Wilson, Annette L.
Cymric Cat Club	Garton, Gena	Garton, Gena
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Polcaro, Bob	Polcaro, Bob
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Delaware River Cats Club	Robbins, Sue	Robbins, Sue
Desert Cats	Smith, Linda	Smith, Linda
Devon Rex Breed Club	Kleider, Jade	Kleider, Jade
Diamond State Cat Club	Miller, Elinor	Miller, Elinor
Dimes And Dollars Cat Club	Mastin, Richard	Mastin, Richard
Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Domesti-Katz Cat Club	Belfatto, Robert V.	Belfatto, Robert V.
Dutch Purrruss Club (the)	Van Eijk, Monique	Van Eijk, Monique
Educated Guess Cat Fanciers (the)	Mastin, Richard	Mastin, Richard
Emerald Cat Club	Heidt, Wendy	Heidt, Wendy
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Bizzell, Carla	Bizzell, Carla
Empire Cat Club	Schneider Hester, Helene	Schneider Hester, Helene
Enchanted Cat Fanciers	Irie, Barbara M.	Irie, Barbara M.
European Burmese Cat Club	Trevathan, Wayne	Trevathan, Wayne
European Shorthair Club	Currle, Kenny	Currle, Kenny
Ever Green Cat Club	Devoe, Venus	Devoe, Venus
Exotic Breeders	Hoskinson, Richard	Russell, Eve
Exotic Cat Club Japan	Koizumi, Kayoko	Koizumi, Kayoko
Eyes of Texas Cat Club	Willis, Karen	Willis, Karen
Fancy That Cat Club	Segrest, Ann	Segrest, Ann
Feline Forum of Greater New York	Webb, Russell	Krzanowski, Carol
Felinus International	Vargas, Teodoro	Vargas, Teodoro
Finicky Felines Society	Lorditch, Cheryl	Lorditch, Cheryl
Flamingo Cat Fanciers	Goltzer, Robert	Goltzer, Robert
Foot of The Rockies Cat Club	Allen, Trudie	Allen, Trudie
Foothills Felines	Keiger, Teresa	Keiger, Teresa
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers	Ganoe, Dennis	Ganoe, Dennis
Fort Vancouver Cat Fanciers	Rogers, Jim	Rogers, Jim
Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers	McGlynn, Rosina	McGlynn, Rosina
Fort Worth Cat Club	Ammons, Marsha	Ammons, Marsha
Franciscan Silver & Golden Fanciers	Hill, Pamela	Allen, Leslie Carol
Fraser Valley All Breed Cc	Rogers, Jan	Giddings, Noelle
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Dubit, Claire	Dubit, Claire
Fresno Cat Club (the)	Kuta, Lisa Marie	Kuta, Lisa Marie

<b>Club</b>	<b>Original Delegate</b>	<b>Attending Delegate/Proxy</b>
Friends & Family	Heinzen, Diana	Heinzen, Diana
Front Range Cat Fanciers	Caell, T. Ann	Caell, T. Ann
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Kempf, Ed	Kempf, Ed
Fukuoka Cat Fanciers	Auth, Mary	Auth, Mary
Fyfe And Drum Himalayan Club	Land, Teresa	Land, Jim
Gala Allbreed Cat Club	Rogge, Linda	Coleman, Cheryl
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Wolf, Janet C.	Wolf, Janet C.
Gasparilla Feline Friends	Belfatto, Diana	Belfatto, Diana
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Lorditch, Cheryl	Lorditch, Cheryl
GEMS	Coughlan, Laurie	Coughlan, Laurie
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Johnson Lawrence, Carmen	Johnson Lawrence, Carmen
German Catwalk	Haendel, Doerte	Haendel, Doerte
Golden Gate Cat Club	Hill, Pamela	Kallmeyer, Richard
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce	Russell, Bruce
Golden West Cat Club	Martin, Mary Ann	Martin, Mary Ann
Grand Canyon Cat Club	Smith, Larry	Smith, Larry
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Auspitz, Martha	Auspitz, Martha
Great Lakes Great Maines	Chaney, Joel	Chaney, Joel
Great River Cat Fanciers	Hawke, Willa K.	Hawke, Willa K.
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Willen, J. Sandra	Willen, J. Sandra
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	Godwin, Karen L.	Godwin, Karen L.
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Coughlan, Laurie	Coughlan, Laurie
Greater NW Cat Fanciers	Moser, Brian	Moser, Brian
Greater St. Louis Cat Club	McNeely Glover, Jeri L.	Fowler, Timothy
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Griffin, Yvonne	Griffin, Yvonne
Gulf Shore Consortium	Oehler, Patti	Oehler, Patti
Hair of The Cat	McKenzie, Mark	McKenzie, Mark
Hallmark Cat Club	Mastin, Lisa	Mastin, Lisa
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Watson, Paula	Watson, Paula
Happy Trails Cat Club	Stewart, Connie	Stewart, Connie
Havana Brown Fanciers	Rogers, Karen	Rogers, Karen
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Cribbs, Ken	Cribbs, Ken
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Tesdall, Mary Jane	Tesdall, Mary Jane
Hemet Feline Fanciers	Shaffer, Regina L.	Zheng, Long
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Coleman, Perry D.	Coleman, Perry D.
High Plains Cat Club	Caell, T. Ann	Caell, T. Ann
High Sierra Cat Club	Freels, Carol	Freels, Carol
Hill Country Cat Fanciers	Brown, Nancy L.	Brown, Nancy L.
Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club	Dinesen, James	Dinesen, James
Hotlanta Cat Club	Dugger, Jean B.	Dugger, Jean B.
Houston Cat Club	Galloway, Becky	Galloway, Becky
Hudson Valley Cat Club	Adelhoch, John	Nardone, Tony
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Altschul, Carissa	Altschul, Carissa
Huntsville Cat Club	Fry, Elaine	Fry, Elaine
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Meeker, Paul R.	Meeker, Paul R.
Illini Cat Club	Auth, Mary	Auth, Mary
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Degolyer, Pamela	Nichols, Jack

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Inland Empire Cat Club	Stewart, Donna	Stewart, Donna
International Egyptian Mau Society	Fowler, Timothy	Fowler, Timothy
International Havana Brown Society	Hoos, Kathleen	Hoos, Kathleen
International Scottish Fold Association	Marron, Mary Frances	Marron, Mary Frances
Japan Liberty Cat Club	Koizumi, Kayoko	Koizumi, Kayoko
Japan Shaded Fancier's	Arai, Teruko	Arai, Teruko
Japan Tonkinese Cat Club	Jackson, Kirk	Jackson, Kirk
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Donaldson, Linda K.	Defoe, Sandra
Jazz Kats	Schreck, Barbara	Schreck, Barbara
Jiminy Christmas Cat Club	Baugh, Seth	Baugh, Seth
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	Clark, Bethany	Clark, Bethany
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Mathis, Anne	Mathis, Anne
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Auspitz, Norman	Auspitz, Norman
Keystone Cat Fanciers	Bayarena, Tracy	Bayarena, Tracy
Keystone Kat Klub	Boyce, Karen	Boyce, Karen
Kino Kat Klub	Jaeger, Barbara A.	Jaeger, Barbara A.
Kittyhawk Felines	Gunlock, Ginger	Gunlock, Ginger
Korats Unlimited	Segrest, Ann	Segrest, Ann
Kyoto Skylark Cat Club	Flores, Christina	Flores, Christina
Lakes Country Cat Fanciers	Adkison, Larry	Sogge, Pamela
Lance And Bertha Cat Fanciers	Bridges, Betty	Helmrich, Hilary
Land of Oz Cat Club	Altschul, Janet	Altschul, Janet
LaPerm Society of America	Ganoe, Dennis	Rothermel, Diana
Las Flores Cat Club	Shaffer, Regina L.	Graafmans, Kristi
Las Vegas Cat Club	Lawrence, Karen	Lawrence, Karen
Last Chance Cat Fanciers International	Shi, Wen Wei	Shi, Wen Wei
Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers	Richardson, Mary-Margaret	Drury, Lucy
Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty	Warrens, Carol	Warrens, Carol
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	Archibald, N. Jill	Archibald, N. Jill
Lilac Point Fanciers	Kolencik, Mary	Kolencik, Mary
Lincoln Cat Club	Wood, Beverly A.	Wood, Beverly A.
Lincoln State Cat Club	Weinberger, Renee	Henry, Michael
Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers	Blythin, John D.	Henry, Lauri
Lincoln State Shorthair Society	Blythin, John D.	Blythin, John D.
Lone Star Cat Club	McCullough, Steve	McCullough, Steve
Long And Short of It Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy	Petersen, Nancy
Long Island Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.	Veach, Gary L.
Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders	Carruthers, Betty	Carruthers, Betty
Los Colores Cat Club	Osier, Carolyn L.	Osier, Carolyn L.
Mad Catters (the)	Peterson, Linda A.	Peterson, Linda A.
Magic City Cat Club	Smith, Charlene	Smith, Charlene
Magnolia State Cat Club	Conde, Marilyn E.	Conde, Marilyn E.
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Allen, Carol	Allen, Carol
Maine Coon Cat Club	Kimberlin, Keith	Kimberlin, Keith
Maine Street Cat Club	Bennett, Jacqui	Bennett, Jacqui
Make Mine Mink	Maskulyak, Barbara	Nye, Vicki
Malibu Cat Club	Richter, Penni	Richter, Penni

<b>Club</b>	<b>Original Delegate</b>	<b>Attending Delegate/Proxy</b>
Manx Ltd.	Sproelich, Nancy	Sproelich, Nancy
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Byrd, Cynthia	Byrd, Cynthia
Mark And Linda	Hannon, Mark	Hannon, Mark
Mark Twain Feline Fanciers	Anger, Rachel	Anger, Rachel
Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club	Thompson, Donna Jean	Thompson, Donna Jean
Masters Cat Club (the)	Murphy, Susan	Murphy, Susan
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Keiger, Teresa	Keiger, Teresa
Metropolitan Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.	Bishop, Karen J.
Miami Florida Cat Fanciers	Garrison, Jody	Garrison, Jody
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin	Green, Alvin
Midlands Cat Fanciers	Lukken, Tom	Lukken, Tom
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Crawford, Vanadis	Crawford, Vanadis
Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers	Russell, Eve	Russell, Eve
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	Colilla, John	Colilla, John
Midwest Enthusiasts of Wond Sphynx	Phillips, Monte	Phillips, Monte
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Hiemstra, John E.	Hiemstra, John E.
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Cassely, Beth	Cassely, Beth
Minority Report Cat Club	Pearson, Phillip	Gott, Nancy
Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers	Nangle, Jeanne M.	Lukken, Tom
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	Mastin, Lisa	Mastin, Lisa
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Dinesen, Cathy	Dinesen, Cathy
Monroe Shorthair Club	Arnold, Betsy	Krzanowski, Edward
Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers	Willen, J. Sandra	Stevenson, Lydia
Moonport Cat Club	Miksa-Blackwell, Jo Ann	Miksa-Blackwell, Jo Ann
Morris And Essex Cat Club	Fellerman, Geraldine	Fellerman, Geraldine
Motor City Jazz Club	Hiemstra, Megan	Hiemstra, Megan
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Krzanowski, Carol	Krzanowski, Carol
Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers	Franks, Vicki	Zaden, Sibyl
M's Cat Community	Heidt, Wendy	Heidt, Wendy
Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club	Ducharme, M. Michelle	Ducharme, M. Michelle
Muskogee Cat Club	Altschul, Carissa	Altschul, Carissa
Nashville Cat Club	Hosford, Brenda R.	Hosford, Brenda R.
National American Shorthair Club	Herman, Leslie	Herman, Leslie
National Birman Fanciers	Zottoli, Jeri	Zottoli, Jeri
National Colorpoints & Orientals	Keyer, Julie	Keyer, Julie
National Maine Coon Cc (the)	Allen, Trudie	Allen, Trudie
National Siamese Cat Club	Arnold, Betsy	White, Betty
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Faust, Sandra	Faust, Sandra
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Tripp, Brian	Tripp, Brian
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club	Robbins, Sue A.	Robbins, Sue A.
New England Meow Outfit	Zinck, Robert	Bergeron, Rebecca
New Hampshire Feline Fanciers	Babel, Carol	Rivard, Pierre
New Mexico Cat Fanciers	White, Betty	White, Betty
New Millenium Cat Club	Shelton, Michael	Shelton, Michael
Nishi Nihon Cat Club	Zenda, Pat	Zenda, Pat
No Dogs Allowed	Jacobberger, Patricia	Jacobberger, Patricia
North Central Florida Cat Club	Williams, Donald	Williams, Donald

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North Coast Cat Fanciers	Colilla, Ronna	Colilla, Ronna
North Land Cat Fanciers	Ashton, Richard	Ashton, Richard
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Bertrand, Kay	Bertrand, Kay
North Texas Cat Club	Noble, Paula	Noble, Paula
Northwestern Siamese Breeders	Genet, Lee	Walker, Gerald
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc.	Archibald, N. Jill	Archibald, N. Jill
Nova Scotia Cat Fanciers Club	Hilchie, Marjorie	Hilchie, Marjorie
Nutmeg Cat Fanciers Inc.	Haller, Russell	Haller, Russell
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy	Schreck, Timothy
Ocala Cat Club	Williams, Donald	Williams, Donald
Ocicat Society	Hiemstra, Megan	Hiemstra, Megan
Ocicats International	Bennett, Jacqui	Bennett, Jacqui
Ocicats of North America	Causey, Carolyn	Causey, Carolyn
Ohio State Persian Club	Sweeney, Teresa	Sweeney, Teresa
Oregon Cats, Inc.	Humpage, Linda R.	Humpage, Linda R.
Oriental Shorthairs of America	Keyer, Julie	Keyer, Julie
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Ammons, Marsha	Ammons, Marsha
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.	Gradowski, Barbara
Paper Tigers	Meeker, Ginger	Meeker, Ginger
Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club	Isenberg, Bruce	Isenberg, Bruce
Pawprints In The Sand	Peterson, Linda A.	Peterson, Linda A.
Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers	Hiemstra, John E.	Hiemstra, John E.
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Bayarena, Tracy	Bayarena, Tracy
Persians On Parade	Abelson, Vicki	Abelson, Vicki
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Jaeger, Barbara A.	Jaeger, Barbara A.
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Searles, Charles	Searles, Charles
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Shelton, Michael	Shelton, Michael
Portland Cat Club	Meeker, Paul R.	Meeker, Paul R.
Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers	Snow, Ruth	Snow, Ruth
Quad City Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy	Petersen, Nancy
Queen City Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane	Curfiss, Diane
Ragdolls of America Group	Flanik, James	Flanik, James
Rainbow Plumes	Smith, Terrie	Smith, Terrie
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Coleman, Perry D.	Coleman, Perry D.
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Thomas, Karen	Thomas, Karen
Responsible Cat Fanciers of The NW	Marron, Mary Frances	Marron, Mary Frances
Rex Rattle & Roll Allbreed Cat Club	Usatin, Jane	Usatin, Jane
Rip City Cats	Clark, Marianne	Clark, Marianne
Riverside Cat Club Japan	Kallmeyer, Richard	Kallmeyer, Richard
Roadrunners Cat Fanciers	Truesdell, Susan H. Dvm	Truesdell, Susan H. Dvm
Rome Cat Forum	Carr, Leslie Ann	Carr, Leslie Ann
Roses For Felines	McClain, Lori	McColley, Linda
Royal Canadian	Nabeta, Sandra	Nabeta, Sandra
Russian Blue Fanciers	Watson, Liz	Watson, Liz
Russian Blue West	Fuller, Donna J.	Fuller, Donna J.
Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers	Cutchen, Erin	Cutchen, Erin
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Parmerter, Carolyn	Parmerter, Carolyn

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Saintly City Cat Club	Weihrauch, Bobbie	Weihrauch, Bobbie
Sakura Cat Club	Zink, Sheryl	Zink, Sheryl
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Gott, Nancy	Miller, Joan
San Francisco Revelers	Fuller, Donna J.	Fuller, Donna J.
Sandcastle Cat Fanciers Society	White, Karen	Campbell, Mark
Sandhills Cat Club	Nichols, Jack	Nichols, Jack
Sanguine Silver Society	Polcaro, Bob	Polcaro, Bob
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers	Newkirk, Darrell	Newkirk, Darrell
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Fisher, Linda A.	Fisher, Linda A.
Santa Monica Cat Club	Graafmans, Art	Graafmans, Art
Seacoast Cat Club	Jordan, Lynn	Jordan, Lynn
Seattle Cat Club	Carruthers, Betty	Carruthers, Betty
Selkirk Rex Breed Club	Bass, Donna	Bass, Donna
Shorthairs Unlimited	Bridges, Betty	Helmrich, Hilary
Show And Tell Cat Club	Rogers, Jan	Rogers, Jan
Siamese Fanciers	Martin, Mary Ann	Martin, Mary Ann
Siberian Cat Club	Godwin, Karen L.	Godwin, Karen L.
Sign of The Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.	Bishop, Karen J.
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Von Aswege, Doug	Von Aswege, Doug
Sofistocated Felines	Maskulyak, Barbara	Nye, Vicki
Sophisto Cat Club	Delabar, Pam	Delabar, Pam
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy	Schreck, Timothy
Southeastern Persian Society	Morgan, Melanie	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Morgan, Melanie	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Indiana Longhair Society	Jackson, Candilee	Jackson, Candilee
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Boyce, Karen	Boyce, Karen
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Reding, Jennifer	Reding, Jennifer
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Griswold, Marilee	Griswold, Marilee
Space Coast Cat Club	Marchesano, Linda	Marchesano, Linda
Sphynx Without Borders	Makl, Christina	Makl, Christina
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Huff, Toni	Huff, Toni
Steel City Kitties	Nunley, S. H.	Nunley, S. H.
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Quigley, Neil	Quigley, Neil
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Newcomb, Brad	Newcomb, Brad
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Jin, Xin	Jin, Xin
Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers'	Grant-Field, Beth	Grant-Field, Beth
Sunflower Cat Club	Takano, Yaeko	Takano, Yaeko
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Ganoe, Dennis	Ganoe, Dennis
Sunshine Cat Fanciers	Abelson, Vicki	Abelson, Vicki
Sushi Cats Cat Fanciers	Graafmans, Art	Graafmans, Art
Tabby Fanciers of America	Rothermel, Diana	Rothermel, Diana
Tails And No Tales Cat Club	Cordes Brown, Jo Ann	Reding, Jennifer
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	O'Connor, Frank A.	O'Connor, Frank A.
Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	Crawford, Vanadis	Crawford, Vanadis
Tejas Siamese Cat Fanciers	Grant-Field, Beth	Grant-Field, Beth
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Barber, Laura	Barber, Laura
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Brady, Kathryn	Raynor, David

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Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Watson, Liz	Watson, Liz
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Zaden, Sibyl	Zaden, Sibyl
Tokyo Feline Fanciers	Oehler, David	Oehler, David
Tonkinese Breed Association	Bourgeois, Harold	Martino, Linda
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Kempf, Joyce E.	Kempf, Joyce E.
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers	Hetherington, Donna G.	Hetherington, Donna G.
Treasure Coast Cat Club	Sinbine, Barbara	Sinbine, Barbara
Tropical Cats	Fogarty, Carol J.	Fogarty, Carol J.
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Shafnisky, Alene M.	Friemoth, Lorna
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Deladi, Susan L.	Henry, Michael
Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy	Webster, John	Webster, John
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers	Kolencik, Mary	Petty, Tracy
United Silver And Golden Fanciers	Byrd, Cynthia	Byrd, Cynthia
United Singapura Society	DelaBar, Pam	DelaBar, Pam
Up In Smoke Society	Lichtenberg, Patricia	Lichtenberg, Patricia
Utah Cat Fanciers	Cutchen, Erin	Cutchen, Erin
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Irie, Barbara M.	Peck, Donna
Valley Cat Fanciers	Quigley, Neil	Quigley, Neil
Valley of The Moon Cat Fanciers	Hess, Shirley	Hess, Shirley
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.	Gradowski, Charles T.
Vermont Fancy Felines	Rivard, Lorraine C.	Rivard, Lorraine C.
Victor Valley Cat Club (the)	Rogers-Pichotta, Sharon	Rogers-Pichotta, Sharon
Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	Altschul, Rebeckah	Doyle, Kathleen
Vintage Cat Fanciers	Lawrence, Karen	Lawrence, Karen
Vintage Shorthairs	Roberts, Connie	Hess, Shirley
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Adelhoch, John	Adelhoch, John
Wenatchee Valley Cat Club	Moser, Pam	Moser, Pam
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Munro, Charlene	Munro, Charlene
West Shore Shorthair Club	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Westchester Cat Club	Willis, Karen	Willis, Karen
Western Pennsylvania Cf	Larkin, Claire	Land, Jim
Western Reserve Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.	Wilson, Annette L.
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Waskiewicz, Donna	Waskiewicz, Donna
Wild Rose Cat Club	Staker, Lynn M.	Staker, Lynn M.
Wildcatters Cat Club	Bourgeois, Diane	DeFoe, Sandra
Willamette Valley Cat Club	Clark, Marianne	Clark, Marianne
William Penn Cat Club	Staples, Sophia	Staples, Sophia
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Bemis, Judith	Bemis, Judith

(35) **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2013 MINUTES.**

**Hannon:** I need a motion to approve the minutes of last year's Annual meeting.

**Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Hannon:** Second? **Schreck:** Second.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Hannon:** The motion carries. **Anger:** Thank you.



(36) **APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING.**

**Hannon:** I need to appoint a Parliamentarian. I am appointing Ed Raymond to be our Parliamentarian for this annual meeting.

**(37) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.**

**Hannon:** We have some special rules of parliamentary procedure. Are you going to read those or is Rachel? **Raymond:** Rachel. **Hannon:** Rachel is going to read them. **Anger:** Before I begin with the exciting reading of the special rules, please note on your agenda, if you are looking at this side, this was Thursday. This is Friday. It says Friday on it.

**Hannon** had **Secretary Anger** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

*(1) The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates. (2) Motions (a) to table or (b) to move the previous question or (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted. (3) Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments. (4) The seconding of motions shall not be required. (5) The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate. (6) Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending. (7) An affirmative vote of no less than 100 votes is required to compel a roll-call vote. (8) When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Constitution of the CFA, Inc., its charter, bylaws and applicable rules of law, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting. Thank you.*

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**Hannon:** According to the agenda, next I'm going to insert something new here. Jan Rogers has a special announcement. Jan? **Rogers:** Thank you Mark, and welcome everybody. We have a special award today for the Spirit of New Orleans, the Voo Doo Queen, the Sorceress that has been with CFA for many, many years and who has worked behind the scenes without a lot of recognition. We hear her name all the time. We say, "oh, she can handle it and she always does." Would Shelly Borawski please come up here? [applause]

[Shelly is presented with a special award by the Gulf Shore Region]

**Hannon:** I have an announcement that Region 4 is trying to raise some money for next year's Annual and they are having a raffle. The prize is \$500 in cash and if you are interested in helping out or possibly just winning some money, see Loretta Baugh or Rosina McGlynn over in that corner.

(38) **ANNUAL MEETING 2015.** Great Lakes Regional Director Loretta Baugh presented an invitation to attend.

**Hannon:** Next on the agenda is a presentation about next year's Annual. I'm not sure if Loretta is giving it or Rosina. Both of them. **Baugh:** When the time came to select a location for the 2015 CFA Annual Meeting, we polled the clubs in the region. There were several sites that were suggested and the Region voted to host the 2015 CFA Annual in Toronto. It's an international event and we wanted to have an international chair. I am pleased to introduce Rosina McGlynn from London, Ontario, who is the Chair of the Annual. **McGlynn:** Determining a theme for the 2015 Annual was really not difficult. The weekend assigned for our event was the first prompt towards the eventual choice. Our event is to include the most famous celebration days in North America – the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Canada Day – days on which we celebrate two countries built on the strength of pioneers and newcomers alike, and as allies to stand united and strong. When we reflect on our organization, we too were and continue to be built in a similar way. Like our nations, CFA so often finds that we are strong within our unity. It is fitting our meeting is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and proudly we would like to declare UNITED WE STAND as the theme for the 2015 Annual. The Great Lakes Region would like to invite you to embark on a journey and prepare to explore Toronto. Known to be one of the cleanest and safest large cities. Toronto is also ranked the 4<sup>th</sup> best city in the world in which to experience culture. However, being one of the largest international airports in North America doesn't bar Americans from needing a passport, so we would like to remind everybody of that and please urge you to apply for one at least three months in advance, because they are now taking 8 weeks to process. Once you have them, they are valid for 10 years. With a wide array of attractions, entertainment and activities, Toronto is rich in diversity and culture. Region 4 is rich in its warmth. We want to offer you the marvels of one of the seven wonders of the western world. We want you to explore our city by boat, by bus, by helicopter, or if you would rather keep your feet firmly on the ground, just enjoy and be awed by the views of the harbor front. Dining is globally inspired by many, various nations – French, Italian, Thai or traditional Canadian dish, which isn't just poutine. From home cooked comfort foods to upscale 5 star cuisine – whichever you prefer – try them all. With the nickname "Hollywood of the North", there is no question that artistry and creativity fill the city of Toronto. See for yourself and drink in the Entertainment District, the Broadway musicals, Tony award-winning plays, or if you want more culture, the Royal Ontario Museum. If you're looking for a fun day, we have Toronto Zoo, we have babies up to our ears. We have pandas, we have koalas – everything warm and cuddly is in Toronto. With ancestry as diverse as those of our cats, it is with unity that we declare and invite you on behalf of the entire Great Lakes Region and wish to extend to you the warmest of welcomes. We look forward to helping create lifelong memories, but please, don't forget your passport. Thank you.

(39) **2019 ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION.** North Atlantic Regional Director Sharon Roy:

**Hannon:** We normally select the sites for our annuals 5 years in advance, and that would make it Region 1 in 2019. We have Sharon Roy coming up as the Regional Director for the North Atlantic Region to give us the site selection for the annual in 2019, 5 years from now.

**Roy:** 2019 seems so far away, but Region 1 would like to take you to a less-traveled area of our region – the Finger Lakes Region of New York. The region is home to one of the largest tourism regions in the State of New York. It covers over 9,000 square miles with 9 lakes and at the heart of the region is the Oneida Nation’s Turning Stone Casino and Resort. This is a destination resort and has been named one of the best golf courses and the Casino of the Year in the past. It offers first-class gaming, golf, entertainment and spas. The hotel’s Wildflowers Restaurant has earned a 4-star, AAA rating. Visitors will have the opportunity to view and tour local wineries; Sylvan Beach, which is a vintage amusement park; the Oneida Indian and Revolutionary War artifacts; Destiny USA, one of the largest shopping destinations in the United States; the Boxing Hall of Fame; and if that’s not enough, the Baseball Hall of Fame is only about an hour away. It’s certainly worth a day trip by itself. So, please join us in Region 1, because we’re #1 for a reason. Thank you.

[An short promotional video was played]

**Hannon:** Thank you very much Sharon and the North Atlantic Region. We look forward to the Finger Lakes in New York.

(40) **IT UPDATE. IT Chair Dick Kallmeyer:**

**Hannon:** I have been at a few shows and I've been the recipient of a lot of emails about, "what's going on with that damn computer system?" Here to answer that for us is Dennis Ganoë.

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## Information Technology Update

Bertha and the Bluenotes

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**Ganoë:** Please don't shoot the messenger. This has not been an easy transition, but I can tell you from 25 years in IT, transitions of this magnitude are never easy. I have one in professional that my management is saying is going to take 6 months. The technician is going to say 3 years. We have been on this journey for about 4 years. We went live with the system in April, and I'll give you some reasons why, but first I would like to introduce our IT team.

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## Who is the IT Team

- Dennis Ganoë/Dick Kallmeyer
- James Simbro (Central Office IT)
- Kathy Durdick (Webmistress)
- Computan (contractor)

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**Ganoë:** I am new to the board. I have been on the board a year. The IT Committee was previously chaired by Dick Kallmeyer. We co-chaired this last year. Jerry said that I would take over when we went live on the new system. We went live April 1<sup>st</sup>, so I've only had the chair for

about a month and a half before the sky fell. James Simbro was hired about a year ago. He came on board as the IT person at the office in Ohio. He has worked incredibly hard and long hours to liaison with CompuTan, our contractor from Canada, as well as with every other member of the Central Office staff. Kathy Durdick is our webmistress. As Mark said earlier, we have gone through two different rewrites of the website and she works incredibly hard, both at her job and for CFA. CompuTan is our contractor. One of the rumors I would like to dispel that has been floated around – they are not the company that did the website for Obama Care. That particular rumor flew around awhile and I said, “it certainly fits the profile, but it’s not true.” The people at CompuTan have been invested in CFA for 4 years. They know our process now. They didn’t at the beginning, but they are very dedicated to getting our system up and running. We have not finalized the contract for maintenance and we are not on that contract yet. We are still working to get all of the nuts and bolts of the current system up and running. To that end, CompuTan doesn’t get paid until we’re done. We have arranged with them what that means to be done.



## 2013-2014 Activities

- Went live on the new computer system 4/1/14
- eCat.CFA.ORG
- Central Office Hardware upgrades
- Websites

**Ganoe:** As I said, we went live on the new computer system on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We thought about doing it the 2<sup>nd</sup>, but we said, “why not, April Fools.” A lot of questions have come up as to why did we do it in April. There really wasn’t any other time we could. If we did it earlier, the system wasn’t ready. If we did it later, like the new season, we would be inundated with all of the end-of-season reports, certificates and everything that happens. That’s the busiest time at Central Office, because it’s right in the middle of kitten season. It’s also the end of our show season. April 1<sup>st</sup> was about the only time we could do it.

**Ganoe:** Also with the new computer system came the scoring module, grand scoring, and keeping track of your qualifying rings. All of these things proved difficult for CompuTan to understand and for the nuances of our exceptions – split-season kittens, TRNs, registrations, color transfers – all these things that we take for granted that happen one at a time in our lives, happen en masse on the computer system. We had to reprogram parts of that. Also, we instituted what we’re calling the Super Specialty format, where some judges will do allbreed and specialty finals. That had not been anticipated in the coding, so we had to code around that. I’m pleased to

report that shows have been scored up through the weekend before last. This last weekend is just being scored today. Shirley is working on that as I speak. The problem with getting ePoints posted is the recording of the data. We're having the grand points recorded, qualifying rings, and you're getting your grand points. The show scoring is done and it's in the computer system; it's getting it out in a publishable form that we're having difficulty with. I anticipate getting that done in the next week or two. As with everything with the system, my notes didn't get printed out, so I'm speaking from memory, so if I stumble a little bit, please forgive me. [applause] I had a whole bunch of notes, and all I've got are my slides. They are purposely sparse.

**Ganoe:** At the same time we launched the new computer system into Central Office, we launched a new website called [ecat.cfa.org](http://ecat.cfa.org). This is where you can go to the website here and manage your own cattery registrations, litter registrations and show confirmations. We have not officially launched the cat registration and confirmations, but they are available on the website. We're doing what we call a "soft launch" where if you stumble upon it and want to use it, do it. I will update the user manual that's available as soon as I get home this weekend. [Ecat.cfa.org](http://ecat.cfa.org) is going to be our basic replacement for [secure.cfa.org](http://secure.cfa.org) so that you have a new user interface for getting at the computer system. One of the things that you need to know is, when Herman is updated, he gets it live as soon as they do it in the Central Office, so once your cat has her points, it's immediately available on Herman. I've actually been on the phone when we did that. I had one of my cats in Herman, I had the number all typed in ready to find out how many grand points she had [Mark's cell phone rings] – sometimes you wish for an empty chair. [laughter] I was on the phone with James while he and Shirley were going through posting the points, and so I was hitting refresh, refresh, refresh, trying to see when my points showed up. I heard on the point, "well, we've updated the points," I hit refresh and there they were. It was that fast. So, our system is now tied together. The [ecat.cfa.org](http://ecat.cfa.org) is tied directly into the system. Eventually we're going to get to the point where you can enter the data directly. That is not there yet. We still have a review process that the Central Office staff reviews any registration information that you send in.

**Ganoe:** Along with the website launch and the new computer system, we are undertaking some management changes in the way the processes in the Central Office run. We adopted and acquired new hardware. First we got second monitors for all staff members at Central Office so that they could have registrations up on one screen and the historical data on another. We got high-speed, very accurate scanners for two purposes. The first purpose was to go paperless in the office. When you send in a registration form, it used to be that that particular form with your check would go from person to person, with the hope that it would all end up in the right place at the right time. Now what we have is, when the check comes in we'll do a run-in, the check will go directly in, it will be scanned, as well as your registration form will be scanned. That can go forward and pop up on any particular screen by anyone in the office. We should not be losing paperwork any longer.



## Why the Delay?

- Registrations
  - Legacy Data problems
  - Processing Payments

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**Ganoe:** When we went live, we found there were instances that we had not anticipated during our testing that caused us to rework several modules in the program. One of those modules was payment processing. We initially thought that we would run our payment processing at the end of registration. It seems logical – you take payment once you have done the service. We found that that didn't work, because the system was built not to back up once you've done the registration, so we actually rewrote the payment module 3 times during the month of April. That put our registrations very far behind. We are currently processing registrations from about the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, so we have caught up those first 2 months. During the first part of May, one of our registration staff had to go and print all of the awards for national and regional certificates. That put our registration staff down to only 2/3 strength. The ladies that were left doing registrations did yeoman work. They kept up on what was currently coming in and kept current going forward. Unfortunately, without that third person, they were unable to catch up. That third person has now finished and has gone back to registrations, so we will be catching up on registrations, hopefully in the near future. I cannot promise when, but we will catch up.

**Ganoe:** Why were registrations delayed? Our registrations were delayed because of two things – the legacy data problems and our payment module. The legacy data problems were from Bertha because there weren't any rules in place to force workers to enter the registration data in specific fields. For example, if the owner was J. Smith/B. Smith/R. Jones/T. Jones, that would all go into one place. There was no way to parse that out. Likewise, they would enter the address as 123 Main Street, Hoboken, New Jersey with the zip code, all in a single field. That made it very, very difficult to import the data directly into the new Windows platform. We started falling behind on registrations as staff corrected that data as they went forward. Fortunately, they only had to correct it once, so the first time you send in a registration, either through email or snail mail, the registration folks would have to then figure out what your record was in the old system and parse it out in their heads into the new system. Once they did that, it was fine. Now, the reason we have to do that is so that we have more – for lack of a better term – marketing data. In the old system, we could possibly tell you the aggregate number of registrations that occurred in Regions 1 through 8. We couldn't tell you where they occurred or truly when they occurred. With



the new system, we can do that. We had the data, we just couldn't get at the data. The new system will allow us to sort and parse the data so that we can target different areas of the country and different segments of our market for services. If we find that, say, in Region 2 we suddenly have a large bunch of registrations coming in from western Montana, a place that we really don't have a lot of services, maybe we could target that area with some kind of marketing material and promote CFA in an area that hasn't had a lot of CFA activity. The processing of payments, because we ended up writing the module a couple of times, that slowed us down waiting for that module to be completed. I'm pleased to state that pretty much all of those issues are gone.



## Why the Delay?

- Confirmations
- Herman Online
- Herman Phone

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**Ganoe:** Confirmations were an oops. That's all I can say. We had the data, we processed the data, it didn't get sent out correctly. We are still running through individual problems where some shows got scored, but the qualifying rings didn't get picked up by the computer system. We're handling those as they come through. We did some just yesterday. We discovered that some shows that were done at the end of the season on the old HP, when they came over to the new system, the process wasn't completed all the way through. We got the scoring and the grand scoring, but we forgot qualifying rings. We've also had issues where you will pull up Herman and you will have NC/CH or NC/PR. The NC actually stands for "not claimed" which unfortunately we have not been following up on our own show rules that say, when you haven't claimed it within 20 days, Central Office is supposed to send out a message to you saying, "you haven't claimed your champion" or "you haven't claimed your premier". That process is now being instituted to happen automatically by the computer system. As I said before, Herman On Line is directly linked to the new computer system. As soon as your points are posted, they're available online. That means that they will be showing up probably on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, rather than having to wait until Thursday or Friday. The process in Central Office is to score the grands and then score the shows, and as soon as the grand points get scored, they're available on Herman. Unfortunately, Herman Phone went away. That is because the technology we used for voice simulation was directly linked to the HP system. Its hardware and its software is no longer supported and it was not compatible with our new Windows-based system. Not to be deterred,

Dick has gone out and found us places where we can get voice actuation and we will be bringing Herman's voice back. He will have all the features of Herman Online.



## Why the Delay?

- Grand Points
- Show Scores

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**Ganoe:** Grand points are current. Shirley is currently, today, scoring last weekend's shows for grand points. Show scores are current through May. Unfortunately, the ePoint report format is not available. I am in constant contact with Central Office and I wanted to be able to report to you that it was up, but we do not have a report format yet. So, ePoints are tracked, they're just not available to you yet. One thing I want to let you know, a lot of people subscribe to the Online Almanac for ePoints. Unfortunately, some of you have gotten emails saying that your Online Almanac subscription is expiring, and the only reason you do it is for ePoints. Rest assured, once we get the ePoints up and running, we will take that data and we will add that much time to your subscription. [applause] So, if your subscription was to run out, say, the first of July, you will maintain your subscription even though it has run out, and we will take from the first of May all the way to when we finally get the ePoints published, and add that time back to your subscription. So, you will not lose out any time on your subscription.



## What is coming

- Streamlining office workflow
  - Scan all incoming paper
  - Send electronically into workflow

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**Ganoe:** As I said, we're streamlining the office work flow, we're scanning all incoming paper, the paper then gets filed and we're sending it all electronically. That work flow is currently under the Management Committee. They are processing and working through that.



## What is coming

- Scanning Project
  - Plan to digitize all 3x5 cards (about 50,000) for electronic reference
  - Scanners purchased
  - Staff Trained

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**Ganoe:** As well as management of the office system, the other thing the scanner was bought to do is scan in our 50,000 3x5 cards, which was the original way we kept track of pedigrees. Down in the basement in Ohio, there are files and files and files of 3x5 cards that have pedigree information, registration information on both the front and the back of the card. That has never been digitized. If we were to have a disaster, we would lose probably the first 75 years of our history. The scanning project was bought basically to get those digitized so that when someone needs to do research, it's available electronically without having to do a card catalog kind of search.

**Ganoe:** The scanning project, as I said, digitizes all 3x5 cards. There are about 50,000 of them. Fortunately, most of them were actually typewritten so it's easy to scan, but many of the early ones are all hand written, so we had to have a very high resolution scanner so we could get an accurate reading. The staff has been trained. They probably need more training and we'll undergo doing that.



## What is coming

- Additions to eCat.CFA.ORG
  - Online Confirmations
  - Certified Pedigree
  - Cattery Management
    - Address changes
    - Ownership changes
- Other Websites
  - Arabic
  - Russian
  - Others?

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**Ganoe:** Additions to ecat.cfa.org. We have added the online confirmations and we will be adding the cattery management and certified pedigrees. We want you to be able to order what you need and to update your own information. One of the things that we find in Central Office is, a lot of our business is registration, but our overhead is maintaining the data on all of our fanciers. We're hoping we can leverage your own knowledge using eCat.

**Ganoe:** The last thing is our websites. As Mark has indicated, we are going to be revamping the opening page of the cfa.org to be more user friendly to the average cat fancier – the person who has Fluffy at home, rather than the pedigree breeder. Make no mistake, there will be a very quick link to all the services that active breeders and exhibitors need to have. We are going to try and bring in the public via our website to our great sport. As well as that, I was first tasked with doing a Chinese website. [speaks in Chinese] I do speak Chinese, but I don't write it, so I enlisted the help of several people to translate most of our forms into Chinese, and we now have a Chinese website. That is now expanding. I have translations out for Arabic and Russian. If anyone has other languages they think they need, let me know. I have also plans to do a mobile website so that we can have an app that you can have on your Smartphone or mobile device that will get you to the most interesting things that you need, normally show schedule, Herman and other things like that. [applause] It's actually far easier than we thought it was going to be, so we'll get that done as soon as we can.

**Ganoe:** As I said, we've got Arabic and Russian websites coming up, and any other websites that we need to have will be coming along. That's it. I want to thank each and every one of you for your patience. I'm a good one for sayings, and they always say that, *To err is human, but to really screw it up requires a computer.* It will get better. I cannot tell you exactly when and

I hope next year I can report to you far more advanced settings than we've got this year. Thank you.

**Hannon:** Thank you Dennis. I remind you all, contact Dennis if you have any problems with the computer. [laughter]

**(41) JUDGING PROGRAM. Judging Program Chair Loretta Baugh:**

**Hannon:** Next up we have Loretta Baugh and the Judging Program.

**Baugh:** Good morning. As CFA enters a new era of leadership, committee personnel will, as usual, undergo changes. This is my last time to address you as Chair of the CFA Judging Program Committee. I want to take this time to introduce the current members of the Judging Program Committee:

Exhibitor Member/applications administer – in charge of all new applicants, working to prepare individual applications to be sure all requirements are met and to assist in any way necessary to facilitate an individual's application, in addition to helping with Rules and teaching at the BAOS. This particular individual has worked many, many hours and has put in a level of care and devotion that goes beyond expectations. Thank you Donna Isenberg.

European Liaison and Applications administrator assisting Donna Isenberg for European applicants, File administrator for Europe – who deals with assisting judges coming to CFA from other non-domestic Associations, as well as managing files for anyone in Region 9 transitioning through the program and assisting with Region 9 BAOS. Peter Vanwonderghem. Thank you Peter.

File Administrator and Committee secretary, compiling reports and assisting in Judging Program Rules review and modifications. Thank you Jan Stevens.

File Administrator and Judging Program Member of the Protest Committee. Thank you Norman Auspitz.

JPC International Chair in charge permissions for CFA judges to Guest Judge, and permission to Guest judge for CFA, File Administrator for Japanese and International Division judges. Thanks Wayne Trevathan.

Education Chair – who has brought both Continuing Education and the Breed Awareness and Orientation events into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with skill and complete dedication, who also created and scored the bi-annual CFA Judges Test. Thanks Pat Jaccobberger.

We would also be remiss if we did not thank Rick Hoskinson for 3 ½ years of dedicated service as a file administrator and Ellyn Honey for 3 years' service on the Committee. Thank you both.

The time, dedication, energy and devotion shown by the members of his committee can't be measured by any conventional means and all I can say to each and every one is a sincere thanks for all you do and have done for CFA.

At this time I would like to give you a brief rundown of Committee activity in the past 12 months.

Please hold your applause until the list is complete. Starting in July 2013 the following have achieved new status:

John Adelhoch	Trainee LH (1)	June 2013
	LH Apprentice (1)	March 2014
Pamela Bassett	Approved Allbreed	Feb 2013
Jacqui Bennett	Approved LH	August 2013
	Approval Pending Allbreed	August 2013
	Approved Allbreed	March 2014
Amanda Cheng	Apprentice LH (1)	May 2014
Chloe Chung	Approved LH	November 2013
	Approval Pending Allbreed	November 2013
	Approved Allbreed	May 2014
Jim Dinesen	Approved Allbreed	September 2013
Karen Godwin	Longhair Apprentice (2)	February 2014
Marilee Griswold	Accepted SH Trainee (1)	October 2013
	SH Apprentice	April 2014
Etsuko Hamayatsu	Apprentice SH (2)	April 2014
John Hiemstra	Accepted SH Trainee (2)	December 2013
	Approved LH (1)	March 2014
Irina Kharchenko	Approved Allbreed	September 2013
Tomiko Kitao	Approved SH	November 2013
Suki Lee Mann	Apprentice LH(1)	January 2014
Yanina Lukashova		
Vonwongerghem	Approved Allbreed	September 2013
Anne Mathis	Approved Allbreed	September 2013
Doreann Nasin	Accepted SH Trainee (2)	October 2013
	Approved LH (1)	April 2014
Yako Nozuki	Apprentice LH (1)	April 2014
Nicholas Pun	Accepted Trainee SH (1)	June 2014
Neil Quigley	Accepted LH Trainee(2)	December 2013
Teresa Sweeney	Accepted SH Trainee (2)	December 2013
	Approved LH (1)	March 2014
Irina Tokmakova	Approved Allbreed	September 2013
Toshihiko Tsuchiya	Apprentice SH (1)	December 2013

As always, at this time of the year, we are faced with saying good-bye. We say good-bye and offer sincere best wishes to the following:

Richard Hoskinson	Resignation accepted April 2014	
Stanley Barnaby	Retirement August 2013	JUDGE EMERITUS
Larry Swanson	Retirement December 2013	
Lois Jensen	Retirement April 2014	JUDGE EMERITUS
Holly Ayers	Resignation effective May 2014	
Jean Grimm	Retirement effective May 2014	
Robert Molino	Retirement effective June 30 2014	

Norma Placchi	Retirement effective June 30 2014	
Betty White	Retirement effective June 30 2014	JUDGE EMERITUS
Bob Bryan	Retirement effective yesterday	

We thank everyone for their many years of service.

Tomorrow evening we will honor individuals for their years of service in 5 year increments; Please help me congratulate the following: Please stand and remaining standing until our category is complete.

**5 Years**

Melanie Morgan  
Pam Bassett  
Hope Gonano  
Russell Webb

**10 Years**

Marsha Ammons  
John Webster  
Barbara Jaeger  
Sharon Powell

**15 Years**

Aki Tamura  
Joann Miksa-Blackwell  
Tracy Petty  
Jan Stevens  
Yoshiko Sada  
Beverly Wood  
Ayumi Ueda

**20 Years**

John Colilla  
Jeri Zottoli  
Rachel Anger  
Douglas Myers

**25 Years**

Charles Gradowski  
Gary Veach  
Betty White  
Sharon McKeehen-Bounds  
Pam Moser  
Sharon Roy

**30 Years**

Patricia Jacobberger  
Carolyn Osier  
Yaeko Takano  
Robert Molino

**35 Years**

Lois Jensen  
Yoko Imai  
Norma Placchi

Education is critical to the well-being of our judging panel. In June 2013 we held workshops on the Abyssinian, Somali, and Maine Coon Cat. Last night we met as a group and reviewed the Russian Blue, Norwegian Forest Cat, and held a review and discussion surrounding Tabby pattern.

The Bi-Annual Judges Test was written and corrected by Pat Jacobberger. Average test score was 94.25 with the following 9 individuals scoring 100%: Kathy Black, Carla Bizzell, Cathy Dinesen, Hope Gonano, Joanne Miksa-Blackwell, Vicky Nye, Becky Orlando, Jim Thompson and John Webster.



BAOS was held in July 2013 at the Garden State Cat Club show; in Kuala Lumpur in August 2013; at the World Show in Novi, Michigan in November 2013; in San Diego in January 2014; and is scheduled in Bremen, Germany 7/31-8/1/2014 and in November at the World Show in Pennsylvania.

At this point I would like all members of the CFA Judging Panel to stand and be recognized. [applause]

When I assumed chairmanship of this committee four years ago, CFA was on a new path, with a new direction and challenge to move forward. The JPC also was tasked with the challenge to continue to make our Judging Panel grow and still maintain the level of excellence known throughout the world. We faced the effects of the recession, restrictive legislation, and of the Animal Rights groups, all of which presented unique challenges. In addition, CFA is faced domestically with the 'graying' of our exhibitors AND our judges. Since last August our number of Allbreed judges has decreased by a grand total of TEN. That is a scary number. I've researched the past four years to discover my concerns and those of many others are valid. In the past four years the number of judges leaving the panel is almost double the number of new applicants, and that number of new applicants includes the 6 judges who have come to us from other associations.

Increasing and maintaining a strong judging panel has presented an ongoing challenge and a difficult balance. We have tried to reduce some requirements to avoid our applicants suffering from animal restrictions and the necessity of breeding extraneous cats to fill requirements by reducing and refining those requirements, and attempting to improve education and training. This is not the same CFA it was even 8 or 10 years ago. We can't require the extensive breeding and experience we could then. Our shows are smaller and clubs' expenses have increased disproportionately. No one can, nor should, breed every breed. The task becomes setting minimums that are attainable, yet will allow sufficient experience and preparation for future candidates.

The establishment of our Continuing Education policy and procedure has been a big help. We need to make certain our judges have positive training. These things will enhance their exposure and ability. Without the continuing support of the clubs in permitting training, in hiring specialty judges and having sufficient specialty rings for our judges to advance, the size of the panel will continue to decline. Please support those who express an interest in judging – let them have access to your cats to handle and/or show to help them learn the ins and outs of your breed.

Deep thanks to those clubs and exhibitors who have opened their shows to trainees, their catteries to applicants for cattery visits and to the training judges who give their time and share their knowledge.

It has been an honor and a privilege for all of us to serve CFA. We wish all members of the Panel continued success. YOU are the face of CFA. My thanks for your time, your support of the JPC and your devotion and care for CFA. Thank you.

(42) **CFA AMBASSADOR CAT PROGRAM.** Karen Lane:

**Hannon:** Next we have the CFA Ambassador Cat Program, presented to us by Karen Lane. I must say, this lady's energy tires me. Two weeks ago, she was the recipient of the Southern Region Exhibitor of the Year. Karen Lane.



**Lane:** It's a long walk from the back of the hall. Good morning, everyone. For years, we've been talking about the I-Cats. In keeping with the goal that CFA has set before them, the I-Cat Program has a new name, we have a new beginning, and I have a lot to share it with you all this morning. First of all, I would like to invite all of the Ambassador Cat people that are in this room to come up here. I've got a couple in the credentials group that are not here. Come on, guys. You will probably recognize a lot of these people. Chris Willingham from Texas, Shirley Peet and Cheryl Coleman from Maryland, Jacqui Bennett from Georgia, Mike Shelton and Tracey Dalton from California, Jim Flanik and Ginger Gunlock from Ohio, Sandy Faust from Illinois and Arizona, Anne Mathis and Chris Makl from Michigan, Kathy Hoos from Pennsylvania, and who has come the longest is Ken Cribbs from Hawaii. We talk about what these cats do when they're in the show hall, but I wanted you to see the people that make this program happen. These are the people that wash that extra cat. These are the people that lug all that extra equipment. These are the people that have so passionately carried the responsibility of this program. They give of themselves most every weekend, and that includes the time they spend having to show their cat, so I really wanted to ask everyone to give these people some applause. [applause]



## New This Season

### The CFA Ambassador Cat Program is expanding!!!!!!

- Our show displays will be brighter and more colorful, using orange with purple accents
- Adding new cats to the program to replace members who are retiring, and increasing our numbers \*
- New advertising ideas available to clubs to attract spectators



\*more news about applying for membership will be in the CFA Newsletter

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**Lane:** We have called our program the I-Cat Program for a long time. Our program now has moved out from under the umbrella of the Ambassador Committee and we are now called the “CFA Ambassador Cat Program” for the very first time. I think this is really exciting for us. We will have our own board, we will make our own decisions, and we will control our own destiny. So, please welcome us as the new CFA Ambassador Cat Program. We’re going to make a lot of changes in our program. We are going to add new cats to replace some of our members that are retiring, and to expand and increase the number of ambassador cats in the show hall. We are going back to the future, and back to our bright orange displays, adding purple accents. Our displays will be brighter and we will get more attention in the show hall. We will have new advertising ideas available to our clubs that should help you attract spectators. Each I-Cat will have a public relations sheet that clubs can use in their advertising, and they will include a photograph of the cat and information about the cat that would be present at their show. We will have a new website that is geared entirely toward spectators, and a FaceBook page. We plan to keep lots of interest going in this posted internet material, information about shows in your area and information about the cats that will be present at those shows. Again, we want to reach out and introduce people to CFA and our beautiful pedigreed cats.



## New This Season

### New Trading Card Program!



to better "Spotlight" our breeds and educate the public

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**Lane:** We have a new trading card program. We started this program, thanks to the money from Iams. Their interest in this program gave us a leg up in the beginning. Each cat will have a trading card. The card will have the breed, CFA information and certain information about each and every cat that is present at the show. We hope that these people carry these cards to their home and keep the memory of the cat that they visited at the show, and the CFA information.



## New This Season

### New Breed Banners!



New Breed Banners for our members to get spectators' attention

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**Lane:** We are going to have breed banners at the shows now. This again will attract spectator interest, increase spectator visits to our kitties that are there, and again carry the CFA message.



### What Do Ambassador Cats Do???



Greet spectators at CFA shows to make them feel welcome

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**Lane:** What do our Ambassador Cats do? We are aware that we are a reach-out program and welcome our spectator guests to shows that we attend. We encourage our spectators to ask us questions, so they can not only learn about the Ambassador Cats, but we also give useful show information so the public can better enjoy a CFA cat show. We truly give the spectators a hands-on visit with the pedigreed cat. We have seen handicapped and very shy children come out of their shell and actually relate to the cat. These people here have many stories that are going to bring a tear to your eye. We're going to start sharing some of those stories in the CFA Newsletter and on our website and on our new FaceBook page. Many times, children are encouraged not only to pet the cat, but pick up the cat. People in wheelchairs are permitted to hold the cat on their laps and pet it, and enjoy a personal moment with the cat. As I said, some of the experiences that we have had within the show hall are really, really moving. I know when I hear them it makes me cry. I cry just thinking about some of the stories that we have had with people bringing autistic children into the cat shows.



### What Do Ambassador Cats Do???



Personal appearances at CFA shows to allow spectators an upfront and personal visit with their cat

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**Lane:** We have not only made personal appearances in their vendor booths at shows that draw attention to the vendor and encourage the public to learn about our corporate partners and their products, these beautiful cats have appeared in both print advertising and television advertising. We are available to help in breed booths and educational events within the CFA shows. We have appeared in many of Joan Miller's programs, educational and entertainment. We also attend pet expos. We carry the message of CFA to people who may or may not know about us and we also carry the information about owning a CFA pedigreed cat.

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**What Do Ambassador Cats Do???**



Showcase their respective CFA breeds

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**Lane:** We go to pet expos, not only to educate, to bring the CFA story, but to take that personal moment of handing one of our cats to spectators. As Mark said at the beginning of this morning, there is nothing nicer than handing that cute, cuddly, fluffy or shorthaired CFA cat to a child and they say, "we would like to have one of these."

CFA Annual Delegates Meeting June 27, 2014

**What Do Ambassador Cats Do???**

Educate the public about CFA shows and CFA



Make ourselves available to our Corporate Sponsors for public relations and advertising

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**Lane:** What you might not know about our cats is, we have made ourselves available to our corporate partners for advertising and public relations.

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**What Do Ambassador Cats Do???**




Visit Pet Expos to educate the public about pedigreed cat ownership and CFA

Allow clubs to use their appearance as advertising material

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**Lane:** Our cats are wonderfully trained to deal with the public. Each one brings their uniqueness to the Program. Just like these wonderful people who have the responsibility and the passion for CFA and it's programs, we expect great things to happen in this coming year. If you are interested in being an Ambassador Cat and joining our program, there will be information on how to join us. Please look for it in the CFA Newsletter. We are a passionate group who would sure like to grow with your help. Thanks so much.

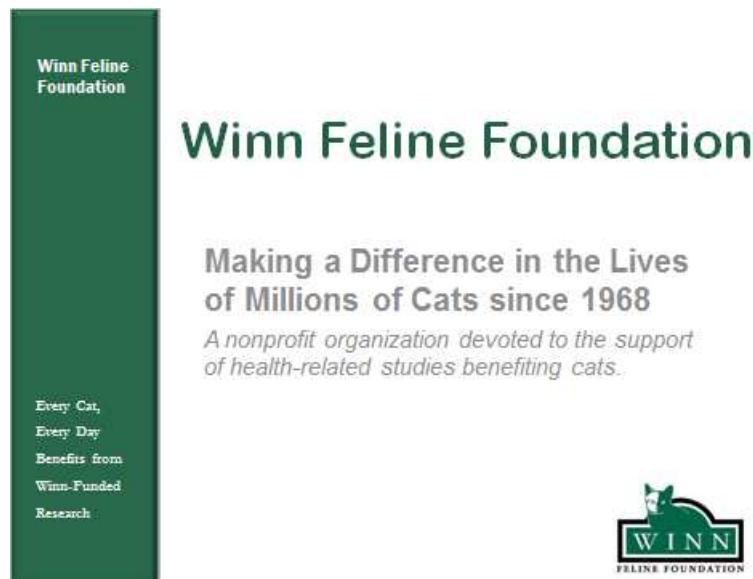
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**CFA Showcase Cats - 2014**



**Hannon:** Thank you, Karen. According to my watch, we're right on schedule at 10:20 for a break. At 11:00, we will reconvene.

(43) **WINN FOUNDATION.** Winn Foundation President Dr. Vicki Thayer:



**Hannon:** Next up is the Winn Foundation with Vicki Thayer, the outgoing President of the Winn Foundation and incoming Executive Director of the Winn Foundation. **Thayer:** Good morning. It is a pleasure to be back and talking to all of you about Winn. We are in New Orleans, an amazing party city, and it is good to relax and lighten up while being here.



**Thayer:** Last year, we all met in my neck of the woods, Vancouver WA in the Pacific Northwest. You can see by the photo, a portion of our Winn board at the meeting in Vancouver.



It has been a good year, yet a challenging year. We have grown in many ways and that means that our workload has also gotten larger. We faced an unexpected and big transition this spring when our CEO, Maureen Walsh, decided to take another position that was a great opportunity for her. This meant the loss of our executive and our administrative office within less than one month. With the support of a great board and a desire to maintain our same level of day-to-day operations, Winn hired as an employee Lisa Salvaggio who had been handling our office support with Maureen for the past 2 years. We planned out what needed to be accomplished and made it happen.

We are still in the midst of transition since “our Betty White” and your Betty White is retiring off the Winn board, too. We wish to say “Thank You” and let her know we will greatly miss her by giving her this porcelain Siamese cat and stand that had an engraving telling her of our appreciation for all of her years of service to Winn, so we will miss her presence as part of the Winn board. I think she deserves a hand from everybody here for everything she has done for cats.

The board is also transitioning where I will be stepping down after 3 years as Winn President and Dr. Glenn Olah who is here with me will be ably taking over the role. I have been selected to step into the position as Executive Director for Winn and plan to continue the work that was well handled under Janet Wolf and then Maureen. Before I introduce Dr. Glenn Olah, now Winn’s President, who will speak further about Winn’s recent accomplishments, I want to thank all of the CFA support and individuals who have helped Winn over the past few months and certainly past few days, and also the CFA support staff. It has been very appreciated, what they have done to help us get our board meetings and our symposium accomplished. The Winn board definitely wants to give a hearty thank you to CFA for the generous donation of \$10,000 to Winn this last April. And now, Glenn Olah.

Winn Feline Foundation

Every Cat,  
Every Day  
Benefits from  
Winn-Funded  
Research

### Winn Grant Review Meeting– Serious Business



Winn’s Grant Review Committee meets twice a year to consider applications for funding.

Reviews take place in February and October.

*Janet Wolf, Dr. Joe Hauptman, Dr. Margie Scherk at Winn Grant Review in February, Las Vegas, NV*

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**Olah:** Good morning. Thank you Vicki for my introduction and thank you for everything you have done for Winn as president for the past 3 years. In February of this year, the Winn grant review meeting and Winn board of director’s meeting were held in Las Vegas, NV. Fifty-nine

proposals were submitted for review. Proposal review is an all-day endeavor and quite exhausting, but the benefit toward cat health is worth it. In the end, nine proposals were accepted for Winn funding.



The infographic features a dark green vertical bar on the left with the text "Winn Feline Foundation" at the top and "Every Cat, Every Day Benefits from Winn-Funded Research" at the bottom. To the right, the title "2014 Winn Feline Health Awards" is in green. Below it, the text "Nine research proposals were funded this year. Research topics included:" is in black. A bulleted list of nine topics follows. At the bottom, a red diamond icon precedes the total funding amount "\$173,121.56" in large red text. Below this is the copyright notice "© Winn Feline Foundation 2014." and the Winn Feline Foundation logo, which includes a stylized cat head and the word "WINN" in a green box with "FELINE FOUNDATION" written below it.

Winn Feline Foundation

2014 Winn Feline Health Awards

Nine research proposals were funded this year.  
Research topics included:

- Genetic links to feline calicivirus susceptibility and resistance
- Safer sedatives for cats
- FIP disease causing mechanism
- Stem cells use to study hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Probiotic use in kittens with diarrhea
- New drugs to treat feline tritrichomonas
- Stem cells used to treat chronic kidney disease
- Identifying unique markers in oral squamous cell carcinoma
- Stem cells used to treat severe oral inflammation

♦ **TOTAL: \$173,121.56**

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**Olah:** Projects cover a large spectrum of feline medicine issues. Identifying important binding domain sites in feline calici virus and FIP will aid in understanding these virus' pathogenesis and possibly, in the case of feline calici virus, also identify a subgroup of cats with increased susceptibility for this infection. Safe sedative protocols for compromised cats is always needed, especially when trying to help a fractious cat that won't let you touch them for examination. Marketed probiotics are geared toward humans and dogs, and benefit for cats is often anecdotal. Dr. Gookin's laboratory at North Carolina State are zeroing in on a particular probiotic that may greatly help those fading diarrhea kittens that I'm sure we all have seen. We'll keep you posted on the outcome of this project. One of the hardest infectious diseases to treat is tritrichomonas because ronidazole is the only medication shown to resolve this infection but it can be neurotoxic, and drug resistance is already an issue. This project will evaluate 1000's of possible drug candidates based on drug structure and function. Stem cell use in feline medicine is **extremely exciting** from trying to treat intractable diseases such as chronic kidney disease and stomatitis, to creating a petri dish of heart cells in order study feline heart disease. Approximately \$173,000 was allocated for funding this year.

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## Winn's Lighter Side... Winn Dinner 2014 in Las Vegas



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**Olah:** It isn't all work. After a grueling day for proposal reviews, we enjoyed a dinner out. We went to Canaletto Restaurant in the Venetian in Las Vegas.

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## 2013 Miller Trust Grant Awards

- MT13-001: Effects of Neurokinin-1 (NK1) Receptor Antagonism on Acute and Chronic Airway Inflammation and Airflow Limitation in Experimental Feline Asthma; \$29,597
- MT13-002: Obsessive-Compulsive Behavior (Wool-Sucking) in Siamese and Birman; \$20,000
- MT 13-006: Pharmacokinetic and Toxicity Testing of Novel Feline Coronavirus Protease Inhibitors in Laboratory Cats; \$22,464
- MT13-008: Changing Hematopoietic Stem Cells to Stimulate RNA Interference for Treatment of FIP; \$19,453.04
- MT13-010: Nine Lives Genome Sequencing Initiative; \$30,552

❖ TOTAL: \$122,066.04

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**Olah:** In partnership with the George Sydney and Phyllis Redman Miller Trust, a teleconference proposal review was held in October 2013. Fourteen proposals were evaluated for financial support. Five of the fourteen proposals were funded totaling around \$122,000. Project topics included evaluation of a new safe treatment for feline asthma, determination of the genetic basis of OCD in Siamese and Birman cats, evaluation of corona virus protease inhibitors to treat FIP, uses of stem cells to produce small-interfering RNA to treat FIP, and **extremely exciting** work in Dr. Lyons laboratory at University of Missouri, improving the resolution of the feline genome; namely, the 9 Lives Project.

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## It's a Great Morning!



**Winn Feline Foundation Announces Additional Funding Opportunity in 2014 and a Call for Proposals**

January 15, 2014 For Immediate Release

**WINN FELINE FOUNDATION CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**  
Wyckoff, NJ, January 15, 2014

Winn Feline Foundation, in a special funding opportunity made possible through a charitable donation from Zoetis, is calling for proposals that address assessment of pain, osteoarthritis/joint health and kidney disease in cats. Approximately \$100,000 is available to fund proposals of sufficient scientific merit, relevance and potential to impact feline health.

**Please Take Note:**  
The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, April 21, 2014 and awards will be announced in July 2014.

Grant amounts are anticipated to be funded between \$12,000 - \$35,000 for one- to two-year projects; however, projects with larger budgets will also be considered.

Special consideration will be given to proposals investigating:

- Novel biomarkers for assessing acute or chronic adaptive pain and maladaptive (i.e., neuropathic or functional) pain in cats.
- Pain studies need not be limited to that due to osteoarthritis; however, biomarkers for assessing osteoarthritis progression are also of interest. Systemic osteoarthritis biomarkers would be of primary interest but validating biomarkers from joint fluid will be considered.
- Scientifically sound projects that investigate the cause and progression of

By the end of 2014, Winn Feline Foundation will have passed the **\$5 million** in grants funded in its 46 year history. From October, 2013 to June, 2014, almost \$400,000 has been raised by the Foundation which includes \$100,000 special funding provided by Zoetis, Inc.

Thank you Zoetis!



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**Olah:** By the end of 2014, over its 46-year history, Winn will have funded over \$5 million in feline research. Zoetis, formally a subsidiary of Pfizer is now the largest global animal health company donated \$100,000 to WINN allowing a 3<sup>rd</sup> research proposal solicitation. This past Spring, we solicited proposals to specifically study arthritis and kidney disease in cats. Proposal review was held yesterday morning. Three proposals were selected for funding. Thank you Zoetis!

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## 2013 Winn/AVMF Scholarship



Winn Feline Foundation and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) join together annually to present two awards designed to promote and encourage feline health studies by both established veterinary research scientists and by those entering practice.

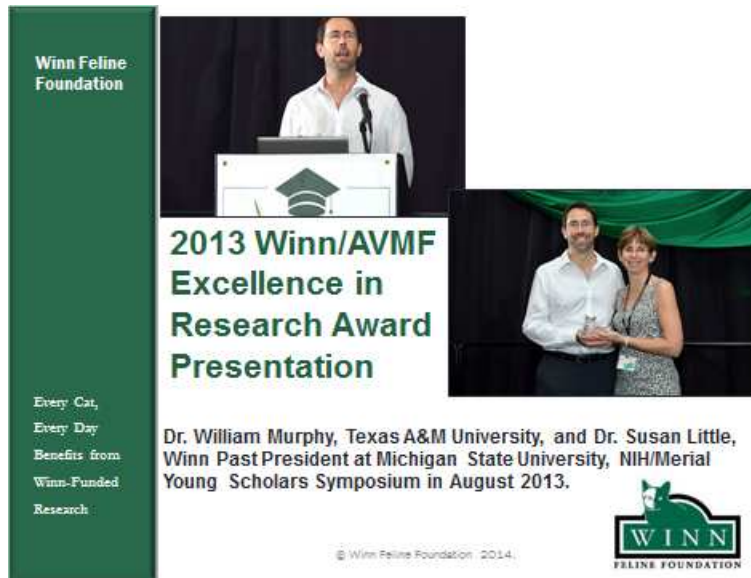
*In 2013, the scholarship was presented to a student at Tufts University, Yuki Nakayama. (pictured above)*



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**Olah:** Every year, in collaboration with AVMF, Winn presents an award of \$2500 to a veterinary student that shows leadership qualities, interest in feline medicine, and financial need. The recipient for the 2013 award went to Ms. **Yuki Nakayama** at Tufts University.





**Olah:** Also, in collaboration with AVMF, Winn honors a scientist that has contributed significantly to advancements in feline health through their research. The recipient of the 2013 award went to Dr. William Murphy at Texas AM University. Dr. Murphy is a mammalian evolutionary geneticist and has made profound contributions to understanding feline genetics.



**Olah:** In the spring of 2014, Winn teamed up with BlogPaws to present the annual Winn Media Appreciation Award. BlogPaws is a social media company devoted to supporting pet enthusiasts, owners and pets themselves. The Winn Media Appreciation Award was created to thank journalists who support and promote awareness of feline health. This year's award went to Dr. Lorie Huston, DVM, Writer, Blogger, and Social Consultant. She truly is a tireless advocate for cats and their health.

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## Educating the Public: Winn Feline Foundation at Events

Fulfilling the educational portion of the Foundation's mission, Winn and its speakers attend many events around the world each year, delivering messages about the importance of feline health research, preventive veterinary care and breakthroughs in research to audiences that include veterinarians, their staff members, breeders, cat fanciers and the general cat-loving public.

**Above: Winn Feline Foundation CE Program at 2014 AAHA Symposium in Nashville.**  
**Drs. Craig and Tracy Webb (speakers)**

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**Olah:** Not only is Winn involved with funding feline research, but education is also part of our mission. By partnering with AAHA and AAFP, Winn is sponsoring continuing education tracks at various conferences. This past spring Drs. Craig and Tracey Webb from Colorado State University presented their Winn-funded research results on the use of stem cells to treat feline gastrointestinal disease at the annual AAHA conference.

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## Winn's New Website Home Page



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**Olah:** Keep an eye out for our new website. It's getting a major facelift! We are scheduled to launch the site later this summer. Hopefully, the new website will be easier to navigate and be more appealing and engaging for donors.



**Olah:** And, of course, please support your Foundation. Our cause would not be possible without your donation gifts. THANK YOU!

**Hannon:** Thank you, Dr. Olah, and Dr. Vicki Thayer.

(44) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.** Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser:

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George Eigenhauser	George Eigenhauser CFA Legislative Coordinator		
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**Hannon:** Next, we have the Legislative Committee report from George Eigenhauser.

**Eigenhauser:** Good morning, everyone. I'm George Eigenhauser. I'm here to talk to you about legislation. Legislation in CFA really consists of three parts. The first part is the Legislative Committee. That's basically the policy end of our legislative effort. That consists of myself, Joan Miller, Fred Jacobberger and Phil Lindsley. One of our other functions, in addition to formulating policy, is that we're also the ones that administer the Sy Howard Legislative Fund. The second group within CFA Legislation is the Legislative Group. This is essentially the working group within CFA – our staff. That consists of myself, Joan Miller and Sharon Coleman. It's probably coincidence that out of all of those names, Joan is the only non-lawyer in the group. But the most important part of CFA Legislation is YOU.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>You are CFA Legislation.</i></b></li><li>• We depend on our grass roots network liaisons to remain informed and committed.</li><li>• We need you to be equipped when necessary to help defeat ordinances or laws anti pet ownership, detrimental to pedigreed cat breeding, or harmful to ALL cats.</li></ul>	
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**Eigenhauser:** Today, we're going to turn it around and look a little bit at you, rather than us. You are CFA Legislation. I'm sure you've seen those ads in catalogs that say, *You are the eyes and ears of the fancy*. That really is an important function you serve, because you are the ones that tell us what's happening at the local level – the cities, the states, the counties, in Louisiana it's parishes, boroughs – and we have no good way of tracking that except for you. But you're also the boots on the ground. When we have a problem anywhere in the United States, we count on our grass roots advocates to step up and fight the problems. So, today we're going to turn it around and ask you some questions about your involvement in CFA and your activity. I'm going to ask you to stand up in response to certain questions, sit down in response to certain questions, so we can determine the level of expertise. When I say "you", I mean you as a person, but also you as a club you represent, as well, so if you have people in your club that are active in CFA Legislation, feel free to give a response on behalf of the club and not just yourself.

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## CFA Legislation



### How many here are concerned about animal legislation –

it's impact either directly on your pedigreed breeding program, now or in the future, or on CFA and the cat fancy in general?

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**Eigenhauser:** The first question to ask is, how many of you are concerned about Legislation? Is it an important issue to you? Are you worried about its impact on your breed, on CFA, on the fancy in general? If you think Legislation is important, please stand up right now. Go ahead and sit down. Thank you everyone. It would have been really short if no one would have stood up.



## ***CFA Legislation***

Are you aware of all the current animal related laws/ordinances in your jurisdiction?

Are you sure?

What about local zoning laws dealing with “kennels”, zoning limits on numbers of pets and local laws covering acceptable “home occupations”?

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**Eigenhauser:** Among you – and again, when I’m talking to “you”, I also mean your club and people that are affiliated with your club – how many of you think you have a reasonably good grasp on the animal ordinances in your local community – your city, your county, your town? How many of you think you have a handle on that? Stand up. How many of you are really sure? If you’re really sure, keep standing, because a lot of animal laws aren’t under animal. They might appear under selling, they might be under business licenses. How many of you people have checked your zoning laws for animal regulations? If you check your zoning laws, remain standing. If you’ve checked your business laws, remain standing. Well congratulations. You guys are really well informed, so let’s sit down. **Phillips:** How many of you are in compliance?

**Eigenhauser:** Compliance is a different thing.



## CFA Legislation

Do you know the names of your law-makers?

U.S. Senators and House member?

Your STATE Senator and Representative?

City Council member or Board of Supervisors representative?

You City's Mayor or the Chair of your County Supervisors?

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**Eigenhauser:** One of the things you need to be aware of is, not everything is simple and not everything is direct, particularly in the law. You can have a wonderful set of animal laws, but it may not actually be where all of your animal laws are located. When I lived in San Diego, you could walk up to animal control – and you probably still could today – and say, “how many cats can I have?” They would tell you, “our animal ordinance has absolutely no limit on cats in San Diego” and they would be telling you the truth. The zoning law, however, has an animal designator schedule and there are parts of San Diego where you can have cows and sheep and chickens, but there is no place where you can have more than 6 cats. That’s the problem. A lot of these laws are buried in other places. There may be zoning limits on the number of cats you can have. There may be kennel laws that involve cats and catteries, as well as dogs, and another place that it sometimes turns up is under business licensing or business laws. Most places are zoned that you can’t maintain a business out of your home because they don’t want you operating a business in a residential neighborhood. It’s a nuisance, it’s traffic, it’s other things, so if you have a garage sale once or twice a year, you’re a garage sale. If you have a garage sale 6 days a week, 50 weeks of the year, you’re a second hand store. So, they have limits on how many sales you can have in a year. It’s not necessarily even on the number of sales. In order to accommodate garage sales, a lot of communities have limits on the number of days you can sell from your home on any given year. So, if you sell anything of any kind from your home more than 2 weekends a year, you may be in violation of local law. So, you need to be on top of these laws. The best way to find out is from your city or county clerk, your parish, borough, or whatever your local jurisdiction is. If it’s online, great, because then you can do an electronic search through the different laws of your neighborhood, but if not, go down to your county clerk or whatever the equivalent of your county clerk is, ask for the laws relating to animals, but then don’t stop. Ask them for the zoning laws, ask them for the laws regulating business in home neighborhoods, ask about laws relating to nuisances or other things where they might be buried.



## CFA Legislation

Have you or your club had direct contact with your elected representatives or their staff?

(i.e. Have you written at least one letter or email, made a phone call to a lawmaker, or visited one in person to give your opposition to an ordinance proposal or the USDA/APHIS federal rule-making?)

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**Eigenhauser:** Next question. How well do we know our law makers? Most of you here are from the United States. At the federal level, you have 2 senators and a member of the House of Representatives. How many of you can stand up if you can name 2 of the 3? **Phillips:** I can name all 3. **Eigenhauser:** Well, you're good. I can do 3, too, but how many can do at least 2 of the 3? Stand please if you do. [only a few standing] I hope all the rest of you are from overseas and not the United States. Most of the states in the United States – Nebraska being the exception – have a bicameral legislation. You have 2 representatives in your state house. How many of you can name at least one of the two of your state legislators? A much smaller number. How many of you can name your city council member or, if you live in a county, your county supervisor? A little bit better there. How many of you can name your mayor or the chairman of your county board of supervisors? Good. There are ways to find this information out. The Senate has their own website: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). The House of Representatives has their own website. [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). They're not very creative with their names. A lot of times, your city will have its own website. Get to know the names of these people. Get to know who they are. Once you know who they are, within the last 12 months – we'll limit it to that period of time – have you and your club had any direct contact with your elected representative in any level of government – federal, state, local? How many of you had some kind of contact with your elected representative, either individually or through your club? Some, OK. That's actually pretty good. For some of the rest of you, the reason you may not have is because you didn't have anything happening in your jurisdiction this year. A lot of these laws get reviewed when they get around to it, but now is a good time to get in touch with your representative anyway, even if you don't have something happening this week, this month, this year. Get to know who your elected representatives are right now. Summer is a great time. Most state legislatures are in recess. Congress is about to go into their usual 6 month recess before elections. A lot of cities and counties have legislative recesses over the summer. This is an election year in many jurisdictions. Go on the website for some of these people, see if they're having meet and greets. They want to meet you. They want to press the flesh because it's to their advantage to get to know voters and pretend to be transparent. It's in our interest to get to know these people, too, because when you come down to deal with a legislative issue, it's good to have a little bit of recognition. They

know your face, they know a little bit about you, even if they don't know you by name. One of the chronic things I hear when we go into a legislative hearing is, "how come we only hear from you people when there's a problem?" You know, that's a fair criticism. A lot of times, we don't get to know our legislator until something is already happening, so get to know them now while there's an opportunity to do so, and that sets you up for the future.

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Have you or a club member attended a legislative hearing (at any level of government) in the last year?

And have you or a club member testified?



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**Eigenhauser:** Next question: have you or any of your club members attended any type of legislative hearing in person over the last year? How many of those. A fair number of people scattered throughout the room, thanks. Again, this is sometimes because you happen to be the hot spot. I know Hawaii is a hot spot. I know there have been other hot spots, but again, get to know these people during the down times.

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## CFA Legislation



Have you made contact with groups who may share our views – dog fanciers, bird fanciers, farmers, etc.? (even rescue groups may support our views on some issues).

Have you or another club member organized or joined a local or State federation/alliance?

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**Eigenhauser:** How many of you have made contact – “you” again means you or your club – within the last year with other groups that might share a similar position to ours? This might be the dog fancy, it might be TICA, it might be bird fanciers, bunny fanciers, it might even be farmers, rescue groups. Not a lot, OK. Thanks. One of the things you need to remember is that in legislation, strength comes from numbers. There are a lot of people out there that have views that are similar enough to ours that on individual issues, we can get them involved. People think of the world as being kind of bi-polar, like the U.S. Congress, where everybody is so polarized that there’s “us” and “them”, and anything I say they are going to nay say just because. It’s not really that way in dealing with animal legislation. There are a multitude of organizations with a multitude of interests that are a lot of different shades of gray. You would be surprised how non-monolithic and fractionalized the legislative world really is. For example, let’s take a simple issue like trap/neuter/return – TNR. Take the two biggest animal rights groups you can think of – PETA and HSUS – and they are on opposite sides. HSUS loves TNR. They used to hate it, but they love it now and they act like they invented it. PETA thinks it’s the worst thing in the world. They would rather just go out and kill them. That’s the main thing on their point of view. So, there are going to be times out in the legislative arena when we’re on the same side as HSUS. So, make contact with groups, rescue groups, People that are doing cat rescue, people that are doing feral cat TNR, they may not care a fig about pedigreed cats, but when a cat limit law comes down that’s going to kick them in the butt, they’re going to be looking to you for help, so make these contacts now. Get organized, make friends and be out in the community.



## CFA Legislation

Have you or your fellow club members participated in any activity that is a positive demonstration of our dedication to the well-being of cats?

Volunteer at the local shelter?  
Pedigreed rescue?  
An event or Expo for the public?  
Presentation to a shelter?  
Participated in a TNR program?  
Anything, other than a cat show, that helps present cat fanciers as being “part of the solution”?

**Eigenhauser:** Which takes us to our next question. Being out in the community. Have you or your club members participated in any kind of a public activity within the last year that puts CFA in a positive image, puts us in a positive light, demonstrates our dedication to the well-being of the cat, other than just a bare cat show itself? I’m talking about things like having your education booth at your cat show, volunteering at the local pet rescue, going to a pet expo, presenting at a shelter, participating in TNR – anything that demonstrates that we’re part of the solution and not just the problem. A fair number. Look around and see how many other people are participating, as well. You are really the backbone of CFA Legislation, because right now it

isn't just about fighting legislation. We can't just always be the nay sayers, we also have to be positive going forward. We have to demonstrate that we're not just there to say no, we're there because we have a problem, but that we're a positive influence in the community. So, it's important that you commit yourself and commit your club to these activities in order to create a positive image. How many of your clubs donate money to local animal charities, animal rescues, animal shelters? A lot more hands. Money is always good. People appreciate money. That's a good way to buy friends and influence people. I certainly encourage you to continue supporting shelters that are willing to work with us, that are willing to see us in a positive way. But make sure that you do it for the right reasons. When we do these positive things, it isn't just that we're being cynical or we're doing things because we want to buy friends, we're doing it because we really believe in it. There's a lot of things these other groups are doing out there that we can get behind. Even when we disagree with them on the value of pedigreed cats, we still agree that we ought to do trap/neuter/return, that we ought to have better adoption policies at our local shelter, that we ought to do more to make sure animals are safe and well cared for. So, in legislation, everybody is a friend. It's just the degree of friendship and how much you trust them.

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## CFA Legislation



**Thanks to everyone  
who worked so hard on  
legislation this year.**

Legislative Roundtable

Saturday afternoon

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

in the "Oak Alley" room.

New faces are always  
welcome!

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**Eigenhauser:** That was my presentation today. I think I've got a good handle on what the level of expertise in here. What I want you all to think about, and this is something that I can't really ask in terms of a stand up/sit down question, there are two things we have that are always problems is, how to get people involved and how to keep them from burning out once they get involved, because the people that get involved really get behind it, but then that's a lot of work for a very few people. So, what can we do to get you more active, get you more involved? Some of you people were sitting down through the whole presentation, what can we do to make this more attractive to you? We're having our Legislative Roundtable this afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. in Oak Alley. I would like you all to bring some ideas, how do we get the fanciers more involved and more committed? I know you didn't join the cat fancy just to do legislation. You did it because you love cats, you love your breed of cats and you want to be able to just do it in peace, but if we don't stand up for our rights, nobody else will. So, I want you all to think about it, bring your ideas to the Roundtable this weekend. If you can't make it to the Roundtable, send us a

note. You can see our email web address at the bottom: [legislation@cfa.org](mailto:legislation@cfa.org). Give us your ideas. Right now, what we need to do is reinvigorate that third part of CFA Legislation, and that third part is YOU. I can't tell you what you want, I can't tell you what you need. You've got to tell us, so give us ideas. What can we do to motivate you? What can we do to get you involved? What can we do to help? Let us know and we'll do the best we can. Thanks.

**Hannon:** Thank you George.



**(45) RED ROOF INNS. National Account Executive Jennifer Effendi and Judy Foley:**

**Effendi:** This is “Verna White” [Verna Dobbins]. We’re going to do a drawing afterwards. Thanks to all of you for all your business this past year. How many of you, raise your hand if you have experienced our Red Roof Inn renovations? \$200 million of renovations. How many of you have experienced our new debut Red Roof Plus product? Very nice. Non-smoking and just the added wow. Everybody loves the wood floors? No carpet. We have it front and center on the website, but you do know that your discount also has, for every actualized room night, 5% goes back to the organization. So, everybody has experienced the Superior King rooms. I’ve talked to many of you. We still have our free communications package, free wifi, free coffee bar. Best of all, pets stay free. The Next Gen room, lots of changes are still to come. We’ve been taking our Red Roof Inn 18 wheeler truck across the country to debut a full renovated Red Roof room, to let everybody know we have about 370 properties now nationwide, and we’re still growing, taking over and opening new. How many people enjoy all the more plugs in the room? It’s very difficult for me to go into another brand hotel. I’m down at the Double Tree and they don’t have the plug-ins and the extra area. It’s just so frustrating, so that was a plus. Modern design for our customers, and best of all we’re now upscale economy, not budget economy, so we want to try to keep the rates down like we always have. I think we’re up to 370 now. So, thank you again everyone. We do have some free night give-aways, and Ms. “Verna White” will help us draw.

[A drawing was then held. Paula Noble, Wilma Van Scoyk, Cheryl Coleman, Jodell Raymond and Michael Shelton were winners.]

I will have your CFA discount cards out on the luncheon tables. We couldn’t get in to put them out as usual here. If you have any comments, you are the eyes and ears for our hotels, so any kind of feedback, please give it to us. Let us know. We have a lot of franchise locations. We’re becoming more of a franchised company. Coming from Microtel Hawthorne, which was owned by Hyatt in the past, gives us the manpower to stay on the ground with our teams. Are they following everything that needs to be done? So, feedback is important. Please do. Have a great weekend.

**Hannon:** We want to thank Jennifer. I want to point out, this is Verna Dobbins, the red headed lady here in the front. She happens to be the lady that you would be contacting if you want club sponsorship. She is also our liaison with our corporate partners. She is an employee at the Central Office, so if you see her around this weekend and want to chat about stuff that she handles, she is here for you. Thank you, Verna. As Jennifer pointed out, we not only have discounts at Red Roof Inns, but CFA itself makes some money off all of your stays at the Red Roof Inn. On our website and our newsletters, we have the discount number. Vicki has cards with the numbers if you want to take them.

(46) **ROYAL CANIN.** Sharon Lund, Marketing Manager:

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## THE ROYAL CANIN® CROWN PARTNERS™ PROGRAM

Sharon Lund  
Royal Canin Partners Program Manager



**Hannon:** Next, another very valued corporate partner is Royal Canin. We have Sharon Lund from Royal Canin here, who also wants to address us. **Lund:** Good morning. I am loving New Orleans. I'm sure all of you are. A big "thank you" to the region for all their hard work. This is really an awesome annual.

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### AGENDA

- Why join the Crown Partners™ program?
- Experience all the benefits of the Crown Partners™ program
- The new and improved Recommendation Kit
- Make your recommendation count!
- Cost savings of the program
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- New products



**Lund:** Today, I'll make this short and sweet. I just want to go over our breeder program, The Crown Partners Program™. We've made some updates, we've added some exciting pieces, and I've got a couple of really good announcements I think you will enjoy.



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- NO MINIMUM ORDER
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- FREE kitten Recommendation Kits to distribute to new pet owners
- Access to the veterinary technicians, veterinarians and nutritionists on our Technical Services Team 1.800.592.6687
- A bi-monthly e-newsletter featuring the latest product developments from Royal Canin, exclusive offers, nutritional guidance and expert advice



**Lund:** As a Crown Partner member, I always say, if you are feeding Royal Canin at all, you cannot afford not to belong to this program because the savings is up to 65% on some of these formulas. We've added a dedicated order service team in the office. That number is 844-ORDERRC, and they are dedicated to any concerns, questions you might have, they will take your food orders, they will take your kit orders, so that's new for the team. Like I said, they are dedicated exclusively to breeders. You have the eligibility to purchase our products at a huge savings, fast and free direct delivery to your door, so it's my understanding that if you get the order in by 2 p.m. Central Time, it ships the next day. The furthest shipping point we have is 4 or 5 days, so it's quick and it's easy. No minimum order now, so if you just need a bag of food, all you have to do is call and we'll ship you one bag. We are doing exclusive product promotions. Our promotions are bi-monthly, so every other month we're sending you an update on the current promotions. We have a new recommendation kit. The kitten recommendation kits are absolutely stunning. I am so proud of these. We have one on display in the booth, so if you have a chance, stop by and see those. We have our 800 number – 800-592-6687 – and that is a dedicated team of vets, vet techs, nutritionists, and they are there also if you have any questions. Please feel free to call that number. They're available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time. And, we have the bi-monthly e-newsletter which is coming through e-blast. That always includes a very nice technical article for you to read and promotions and there's some fun stuff in it, as well.



**Recommendation Kits** serve as a tool that enables you to stress the importance of proper nutrition to new pet owners and are intended for you to send home with the pet. **ANNUAL LIMITATIONS APPLY**



**Lund:** The new Recommendation Kit. As you can see, the packaging is new. We have added a measuring cup.



## HELPING YOU BETTER SERVE YOUR CUSTOMERS

### STEP 1: PROVIDE KIT

Exclusive **\$5 OFFER INSIDE** toward the first purchase of Royal Canin kitten food. Encourage new pet owners to **REGISTER** their new kitten ([ROYALCANIN.US/KITTEN](http://ROYALCANIN.US/KITTEN)) to **DOWNLOAD THE EXCLUSIVE OFFER!**

### STEP 2: ENCOURAGE ONLINE REGISTRATION

Your partnership is important to Royal Canin and we want to reward you for your nutritional recommendations! Encourage new pet owners to register their kitten with Royal Canin and give breeders credit, and Royal Canin will continue to invest in valuable tools like the new and improved Recommendation Kits.



**Lund:** We've also added a \$5 coupon for your new owner. I strongly urge you to use these kits. Your professionalism and recommendation that you lend to our products is vital to our business, so without you, honestly guys, you're our heartbeat, so these Recommendation Kits are how you will further support us. Please also remind your new owner that all they need to do is go online, register and there's a \$5 instant coupon that they can print off.



## THE PROFESSIONAL CHOICE RIGHT FROM THE START

The Royal Canin® Crown Partners™ program offers formulas with the same precise nutritional solutions as the Retail diets and specially formulated breeding diets at a substantial cost savings.

SAVE UP TO



**Lund:** As I said, this is a huge savings. Some of these formulas are up to 65% off our retail price.



## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU & YOUR PET

Royal Canin is home to many passionate pet owners, and like you, we take the health of our pets very seriously. Our quality and food safety systems are state of the art to ensure that the safety and quality of our pet food ingredients is second to none.

Every diet is produced in a Royal Canin owned manufacturing facility.



**Lund:** You guys know that we are committed to you. We've been around for a long time. We have so enjoyed our partnership. I tell you, I wish everybody in this room could visit one of our plants. The safety measures that we take to ensure that the food is going to be good, you're not going to have to worry about the problems that we've experienced in the past. Royal Canin is truly investing in breeders.





## IT'S KITTEN SEASON!

Take advantage of the Direct Delivery promotion **beginning July 7.**

**BUY TWO BAGS OF QUEEN, KITTEN, PERSIAN KITTEN,  
OR SPECIAL FORMULAS (ANY COMBINATION) and**

**GET A FREE CASE OF CANS –  
ANY WET FORMULA OF YOUR CHOICE.**

(24 cans/3 oz or 5.8 oz)

Offer valid through August 27, 2014 while supplies last.

**Larger can sizes and  
NEW adult wet diets  
now available**

UP TO  
**\$45**  
VALUE



**ROYAL CANIN**

**Lund:** The promotion that's running today, and that starts July 7, if you buy any combination of these products – Queen, Kitten, Persian Kitten or Special Formulas – you get a free case of cans. If you notice from the slide, we have added some much-requested formulas into the line.



**COMING  
JULY 7,**

the Professional portfolio  
will include Ragdoll and  
5.8 oz wet diets



RCFBN  
Ragdoll

**NEW ITEMS**



RCFHN  
Babycat Instinctive  
(5.8 oz Loaf in Sauce)



RCFHN  
Kitten Instinctive  
(5.8 oz Loaf in Sauce)



RCFHN  
Adult Instinctive  
(5.8 oz Loaf in Sauce)



RCFHN  
Intense Beauty  
(5.8 oz Loaf in Sauce)



RCFHN  
Ultra Light  
(5.8 oz Loaf in Sauce)

**ROYAL CANIN**

**Lund:** I know that sometimes you guys don't think we're listening or hearing you, because I hear requests all the time. I just want to explain that going through protocol and getting new formulas and items into a line sounds like it's an easy thing, but it's not. It's been at least a couple years you have been asking for the Intense Beauty to be included in this program, so you have it today. Trust me, we are listening. Just be patient with us, because it does take time. For

your Ragdoll owners, since Ragdoll came out a year ago now, you wanted it into the program, so we have that in there now. It will be the 7 pound retail bag, but the pricing will be competitive. It will be comparable to all of the other of our breed-specific foods. So, we have added some new items.

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**ROYAL CANIN® CROWN PARTNERS™**

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**NEW MEMBER OFFER\***  
RECEIVE  
ANY FORMULA  
OF YOUR CHOICE  
**FREE**  
when you purchase  
two or more bags!  
(Free formula includes any wet or dry products.)

**LIMITED TIME**



**Lund:** Right now, and this is ongoing – we don't have a cut-off date on this – if you haven't ordered Royal Canin in the last 6 months, or if you sign up and become a new Crown Partner, if you order 2 bags, we'll give you a bag or a case of free whatever you want. It's your choice. So, that is a new membership drive that we're currently running.

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**IN SUMMARY**

The Royal Canin® Crown Partners™ program is designed exclusively for responsible breeders and offers a product line sized to feed a professional cattery. The Royal Canin® Professional product line offers exclusive formulas that address the specific needs of cats at every life stage at a substantial cost savings.

  
**CROWN PARTNERS™**

**TRUST ROYAL CANIN, A PARTNER OF CFA'S  
FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS, TO PROVIDE  
THE MOST OPTIMAL NUTRITION FOR YOUR CATS.**

**QUESTIONS?**



**Lund:** In summary, I would just like to say, we were trying to figure out how long Royal Canin has been partners with CFA. This slide says “nearly 15 years”. I honestly and truly think it’s probably over 15 years, so Royal Canin is committed to breeders. Like I said, you are our heartbeat, you are what makes us successful. Royal Canin will always provide the most optimal nutrition for your cats. We are constantly working behind the scenes to make a better breeder program for you. We are in the process now of working on more updates to the breeder program. So, again, I want to thank everybody for their strong support. If you’re not a Crown Partner and you want to become partnered with Royal Canin, please do so. We’re out in the booth. We have samples and we’ll be happy to answer any questions. I can take questions now, or you guys can go to lunch. I’ll be around the booth to answer questions. So, again, thank you so much.

**Hannon:** Thank you Sharon. Royal Canin has been with us a long time and we really appreciate their support. Sharon comes every year to the Annual, she is at the World Show with us every year, they advertise in the newsletter, on the website, and they’ve got a great program with the Crown Partners where we can save some money and get a great product at a discount price.



(47) **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Treasurer Carla Bizzell:

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## Treasurer's Report

Carla Bizzell

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**Hannon:** Before we go to lunch, our last program is going to be our Treasurer, Carla Bizzell, who I think has some good news for the year that just ended. **Bizzell:** Hello everybody. First, I want to point out that in your delegate bag in the committee reports, there's a big financial schedule that I fondly call the Eye Chart. There's a summary page that gives you a general information about the year, and then behind that is all the detail. The numbers are small, so if you brought your magnifying glass you'll be able to read it. Otherwise, you can take it home and look at it at your leisure.

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## Agenda

- Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Results
- Fiscal Year 2015 Budget
- Statistical Information
- Thoughts for the Future

CFA Internal Use Only 2

**Bizzell:** I know that I am the only thing standing between you and lunch, so I will make this brief. The message is really simple and the news is good. It's very easy to make this Treasurer's Report when the news is good. We're first going to talk about the recent past year, the 2014 financial results, we're going to talk briefly about the 2015 budget, a tiny bit of statistical information – I know that you're just waiting for that statistical information – and a few thoughts for the future.



## 2014 Financial Results

	Total 2014	2014 Budget	Better/(Worse)
<b>INCOME</b>			
ORDINARY INCOME	1,389,480	1,396,344	(6,864)
OTHER INCOME (NET)			
Almanac	16,369	1,750	14,619
Yearbook	(7,978)	(9,300)	1,322
Events	274	(22,000)	22,274
Merchandise	884	4,480	(3,596)
Marketing	8,171	6,674	1,497
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	17,690	(18,346)	35,986
GROSS INCOME	1,407,170	1,377,998	29,172
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Central Office	866,169	913,876	47,707
Computer	28,609	45,400	15,791
CFA Programs	196,695	205,550	8,855
Corporate Expense	132,845	122,600	(10,245)
Legislative Expense	75,506	76,420	914
Outreach Expense	20,375	22,050	1,675
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,321,199	1,385,896	64,697
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	26,481	30,300	(4,009)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	112,452	22,602	89,850

CFA Internal Use Only - 3

**Bizzell:** This is our 2014 financial results. We had a new profit of a little over \$112,000, which is great news. It was almost \$90,000 better than our conservative budget.



## Financial Summary Points

- Total Registration Revenue up 1.9%
- Total Ordinary Income Down 3%
- Cat Talk/Online Almanac Profitable
- Yearbook at Small Loss
- Central Office Expense Down 1.9%
- Computer Expense Down
- CFA Programs and Corporate Expense Up
- Small Profit on World Show

CFA Internal Use Only - 4

**Bizzell:** Total registration revenue continues to go up very slowly, and that's something that we need to continue to see trend upward. Total ordinary income, however, was down because some of our other services were down slightly. *Cat Talk* and Online Almanac are running very profitably. The *Yearbook* seems to always run at a small loss, but it's the legacy document that we want to keep offering to our constituents. Central Office expense is down almost 2%. The computer expense is down, CFA programs and corporate expense are slightly up. Although we thought going into the budget that we would have a \$22,000 loss on the World Show, we actually made a small profit.

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## 2015 Budget

<b>INCOME</b>	
ORDINARY INCOME	1,442,087
OTHER INCOME (NET)	
ALMANAC	(1,380)
YEARBOOK	(3,270)
EVENTS	(26,000)
MERCHANDISE	300
MARKETING	46,955
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	17,055
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>1,459,173</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
CENTRAL OFFICE	396,355
COMPUTER	60,000
CFA PROGRAMS	224,660
CORPORATE EXPENSE	131,760
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	70,420
OUTREACH EXPENSE	42,620
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,437,428</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	
Interest/Rent/Asset Disposal	27,200
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>48,945</b>

CFO Internal Use Only 2

**Bizzell:** Here's our 2015 budget. You will see it's a smaller number than what shows as our profit for this year primarily because we're reinvesting in CFA's future. You have heard Mark and Dennis talk about some programs that we're bringing online.

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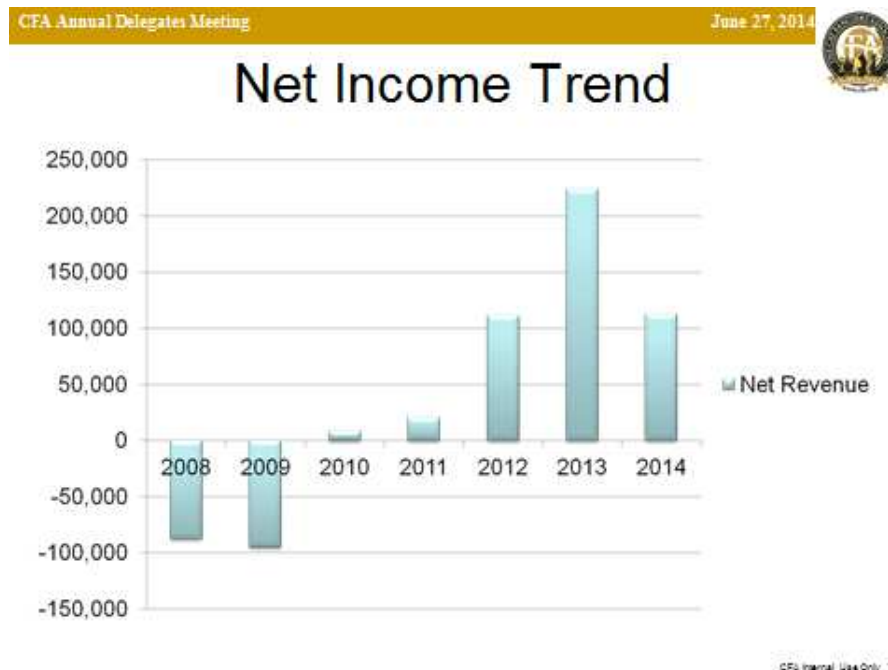
## 2015 Budget Summary

- Realistic and Conservative
- Registration Revenue Assumptions
- New Programs Funded
- Existing Programs Supported
- Continued Profitability



CFO Internal Use Only 3

**Bizzell:** Our budget is realistically conservative. If we weren't fairly certain something was going to come in, we didn't put it in the budget. Registration revenue assumptions were to continue a slight upward tick. The new programs funded are those such as the scanning program Dennis talked about, and we also have put additional money in for CFA publicity and name recognition. Existing programs supported, one of the big things we increased this year was club support. Mark did talk about this earlier, where CFA is putting \$78,000 towards supporting our clubs this year. There are other supported programs, like the Ambassador Cats, and other things are continuing. In our budget, we also showed continued profitability. I put this little money tree there just to remind people that money doesn't grow on trees. We do need to carefully budget our money.



**Bizzell:** Here's our net income trend over the past few years. As you can see, in the last 4 years we have been profitable. Actually, the last 5 years were profitable. The total profit for the past 4 years is almost \$470,000 cumulatively. Our cost structure was greatly reduced by our move to Alliance, and our reduction just in Central Office expenses is \$436,000 over the past 4 years. Now, that includes a year where we were running two offices for a number of months during that same year, so that's really a great cost saving and pretty much contributes to our profitability. It's the main reason for our profitability.



## Thoughts for the Future



CFO Internal Use Only 8

**Bizzell:** I wanted to leave you with a few thoughts. A lot of hard work has been done. I have the gray hair and new wrinkles to show for it. We stripped out quite a bit of our cost structure. We have a very strong balance sheet. We don't have any debt. [applause] I know. That's a big one. Now, what we need to focus on is growing our business. Every one of you has a part in that. I would like to congratulate Barb for being elected our new Treasurer. [applause] Someone at the board meeting yesterday talked about new board members feeling like they were dropped into the deep end of the pool. We're trying to do some things to keep new board members from feeling that way. I'll just tell you that I have a life preserver that I'll throw to you if you need it.



## Thanks to Committee Members!!!

- Karen Boyce
- Karen Godwin
- Chuck Gradowski
- Bob Johnston
- Rich Mastin
- Ed Raymond
- Central Office Personnel: Diane Cioci & Carol Bertone (among others)

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**Bizzell:** I wanted to briefly thank the committee members who have helped me along the way, doing various projects, helping out here and there wherever need. Karen Boyce, Karen Godwin, Chuck Gradowski, Bob Johnston, Rich Mastin, Ed Raymond, and Central Office personnel including Diane Cioci and Carol Bertone. They have all been behind me to support me. Several of you out there have also been there to support me. As you know, I'm the outgoing Treasurer and I appreciate the ability to serve CFA and I appreciate your support. Thank you.

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## 2014 Treasurer's Report



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**Hannon:** Carla has done an incredible job these past four years and set the bar very high for Barb. Thank you very much for the past four years' service.

[LUNCH BREAK]



(48) **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.** Candilee Jackson:

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**AMBASSADOR CORE COMMITTEE**



Candilee Jackson  
Ambassador Regional Coordinator  
Midwest Region

**We Are The Face of CFA**

CFA Internal Use Only 1

**Hannon:** Next on the program is the Ambassador Program. Candilee Jackson is here to talk to us about the Ambassador Program. **Jackson:** Bonjour Mesdames et Messieurs! In honor of the French Quarter. Oh, my goodness! There's one .... Oh, there's another one ... and another one! OH MY GOSH, they are EVERYWHERE! Ambassadors in the show hall, they are answering questions, they are shedding light on the mysteries of the show ring, listening to cat stories from strangers who leave being friends, working with scout troops earning badges, grooming Pet Me Cats ... yep, Ambassadors ARE the face of CFA.

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**Agenda**



- Information Please!
- Pet Me Cats
- Working with Kids
- Listening to People's Stories
- Cats and the Physically Challenged
- International Ambassadors
- We Are the Face of CFA

CFA Internal Use Only 2

**Jackson:** Ambassadors touch lives. Ambassadors listen. Ambassadors provide information. Ambassadors are on-site life counselors. Ambassadors are teachers.



**Jackson:** We, as CFA exhibitors, are so used to the show hall, the benching arrangements, the vendors' shopping mall, the show rings and the ever-present raffle table, that we forget that this arena is VERY strange to a first time spectator. And this is where the Ambassadors begin: de-mystifying the entire process ... in a nut shell, sometimes in 2-3 minutes, between making it to that ring when the cat's number has been called 3 times. But you know what? ... those precious 2-3 minutes make all the difference to those who come to the show hall for the very first time.





**Jackson:** Part of the de-mystification process is touching a real live show cat. We are a society of folks who enjoy being up close and personal with just about anything. In the past, show hall cages were labeled, “Don’t Touch” or “I don’t bite, but my owner does!” But, CFA has changed. CFA is now spectator friendly, with cats that visitors can actually touch, pet and hold. Why is this so important? Just like in teaching, we as teachers, never know what had gone on that day, that week or that month which has impacted a child. In this case, we are totally unaware of the 19 year old kitty that just passed over Rainbow Bridge. Being able to touch a much beloved animal is integral to the healing processes. Our Pet Me Cats do just that. Besides healing the saddened, PMCs also teach children how to care for a cat, to touch gently, to play, to learn grooming skills, and to see that, yes, a cat CAN be trained to walk on a leash!

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## *Working with Kids*



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**Jackson:** The number one story a visitor brings to the show hall is about his or her cat ... loving memories of days gone by, of kitty lives lived in luxury, and of the pain of loss. To many, Rainbow Bridge is a REAL place, and the visiting hours are when those spectators come to a cat show looking for healing from us, and possibly a new family member. Since March I’ve been keeping track of the stories I’ve been listening to ... and here-in is the true key .... LISTENING .... I average 4-5 visitors per show who come with tears in their eyes and memories of Miss Kitty who spent 18 wonderful years in their family. The loss and emptiness to these people is very, very real.



## Working with Kids



CFA Internal Use Only 6

**Jackson:** One of the neatest thing about kids and cats is OUR opportunity to learn. Interesting thought, is it not? How can WE learn from the kids in the show hall? Let me tell you. I truly enjoy the scout troops who come through show halls. They are fore-armed with questions, paper to write on, and are seriously working toward achieving a goal. The other group of kids that come through are young adults with special needs. Someone once said that a society is judged solely on the way it treats its most needy citizens. While some exhibitors may shy away from those with mental or physical challenges, others step up to the plate, and treat these very special people with the respect and dignity they so richly deserved. How can we learn from kids? It's obvious – compassion for another living being.



## Listening to People's Stories



CFA Internal Use Only 7

**Jackson:** I am privileged to have therapy cats ... while my Tonks usually work with behavior disordered and ADD/ADHD children at my high school, my cats work their therapeutic magic in the show hall, as well. Just like Counselor Troi from Star Trek The Next Generation, cats are empaths. Cats truly know when you need them; they sense your happiness, your sadness, your anger, your despair, and they are there for you, unconditionally offering their love and empathetic compassion through their purrs and presence. It's amazing to watch a therapy cat at work: heart rates slow to normal, focus is achieved and maintained, and for Alzheimer's sufferers, there are moments of total lucidity. They are truly magic, wrapped in fur.



**Jackson:** Please notice the little girl in this slide: she hadn't spoken a word in over a year following many reconstructive surgeries to correct a genetic disorder. Her grandmother had come to the show hall earlier that morning, and was very taken with my therapy cat, Lady Bronwyn. By the way, she's a natural solid Tonkinese. Go naturals! Bronwyn's only love in life, besides eating, is being held and loved on ... just exactly what a therapy cat needs to be. The lady came back that afternoon with her granddaughter: they stayed about 30 minutes, and all the time Bronwyn purred away in the little girl's arms. Realizing the show was closing up for the day, the little girl reluctantly gave Bronwyn back to me ... her brown eyes looked deeply in to mine and she said, very softly, "kitty." Everyone around us was in tears at this small miracle.

## Ambassadors in Russia



CFA Internal Use Only 8

**Jackson:** Russia has a fledgling Ambassador program and with Natalaya at the helm, activities are beginning to take shape, people are becoming involved, and the importance of the Ambassadors is seen in show halls.

Pam DelaBar, now living in Finland, has been doing breed presentations using CFA registered cats. You should ask her about her experiences in speaking through an interpreter! She is thankful most Finns are fluent in English!

## Ambassadors in Asia and Japan



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**Jackson:** Ambassadors are very visible in Japan where CFA cats are spotlighted in a variety of ways ... PMCs, tour guides, and lots of information disseminated at shows. Our regional coordinators in Japan deserve special credit and are at the ready for Ambassador projects. Special thanks to Masanari and Takako Kojima ... you honor us with your dedicated efforts!

There is a special pride in Japan for their connection with CFA, and the Ambassador program is just one way they feel included in a very American hobby.



Our Region 5 Ambassadors

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**Jackson:** Ambassadors: WOW, WHAT A PROGRAM! It's better than sliced bread, far better than Prime Rib at Jim's Steakhouse in Peoria, Illinois, and as awesome as eating lobster on a pier in Boston ... well, let me re-think the lobster part ... What began as a small germ of an idea has grown to be an incredible outreach program that encompasses all of CFA and those we touch in the community. We teach about declawing; we mentor new cat owners; we counsel the grieving; we answer questions about how cats are judged; we debunk cat myths, and boy, there are some goodies out there; we, through our cats, touch lives that don't even realize they need touching. And how do we accomplish this feat? Well, WE don't .... Our CATS do!

## Ambassador Core Committee



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**Jackson:** Headed by program chair, Willa Hawke, the core committee is led by team leader Jodell Raymond, and assisted by myself and Art Graafman, Ken Cribbs and Sharon Roy. After our meeting on Wednesday last, we are confident we can move into this next show season with strength of purpose.

I would like to pause a moment, and give hearty thanks to Art Graafman who drafts our special effects and designs our engineering efforts. After having a very full plate with his regional awards presentation, I completely inundated him with a flood of Ambassador pictures to use for this presentation ... I even sent emails, SEVERAL emails, that said, “just one more...” and finally, “I promise, no more!” I’ve learned that taking challenges in stride is part of his trademark work ethic, and I thank you for putting together this wonderful power point.

And while saying thanks, I would like to extend kudos all the Ambassadors out there who answered my email call for “HELP” to come up with pictures ... I guess putting a “guilt trip” in an email works! ... you know, “someone else will do it, and someone else usually doesn’t!”

As I close, I would like to invite any Ambassador, Regional Coordinator or anyone interested in becoming an Ambassador to come to a small reception immediately following today’s delegate meeting. There will be some light refreshment along with a short training. The meeting will be held in room 4802 and 4804.

As I end, I would like to end as I began, in the spirit of the French Quarter: *Merçi beaucoup por votre attention!* Midwest is best!

**Hannon:** Thank you Candilee. Candilee does the Midwest submission for the Newsletter every month. She sends lots of pictures, and also “one more, one more.”

(49) **MARKETING.** Jodell Raymond:

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## IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR CFA!

CFA Marketing Communications  
Jodell Raymond

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**Hannon:** Next is the Marketing Program with Jodell Raymond. Jodell is a CFA employee that has a lot of responsibilities, including running the annuals and special projects. She is very involved in the World Show and she also is involved in CFA Marketing. With her is Verna Dobbins, the red head. **Raymond:** Good afternoon. Before I get started, I just wanted to pull one more prize. We have a door prize from Paul's Vacuum, so hold on one second. Pam DelaBar, go see Verna. Verna will be in the corner when she's off the stage, so Pam can go back and see Verna.

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### The CFA Brand: Making the Invisible Visible



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**Raymond:** Yes, it IS a great day for CFA! Marketing Communications for CFA is really what we call an integrated plan. This includes spectator outreach, CFA's 1-888 call-in line, web

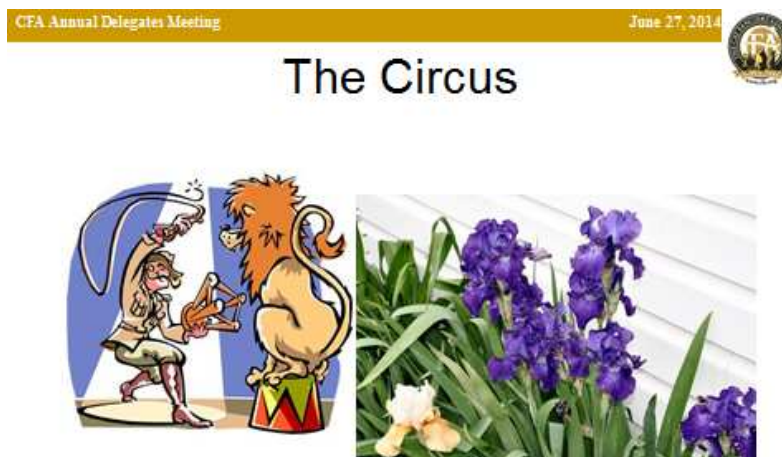


and print advertising, social media and public relations, all with one goal in mind: to extend the CFA Brand.



**Raymond:** You will see that marketing collateral materials designed by the multi-talented Teresa Keiger for use at shows, answers questions about the show process and includes the many programs CFA has to offer. The materials also have CFA's newly established 1-888 call-in line. This is where spectators can call for information about attending shows or finding a particular breed of cat.

Thanks to our expert volunteer staff, hundreds of calls are answered on a monthly basis. The team includes Chair Sande Willen, Joy Yoders Dey, Julie Keyer, Sarah Sieffert, Shelly Ducharme, Nancy Jo Bueno, Kay Wentling, Linda Bartley, CJ Keim, Claire Dubit, Joan Bernstein, Joan Miller, Kathi Hoos, Teresa Keiger, Dick Kallmeyer.



**Raymond:** When I teach my classes in marketing, I actually would use the following explanation for the difference between all of the marketing tactics. It's real easy to understand. This explanation is really old. You can probably find it in an old *Reader's Digest* and I have adapted it for our use, but it is simple and helps everyone remember the difference. Since we are all responsible for making it a great day in CFA, I would like to share my explanation for all of you.

Let's say that we are circus owners and we want to let people know about our circus coming to Mark's town of Linden, VA!

We'd paint a sign that says, "Circus Coming" with the dates, location and times. That is **ADVERTISING**. Then we'd decide to put the sign on the back of one of our lions, Ed named him Fred and we'd walk Fred through the city. That is **PROMOTION**.

Fred takes a bit of detour and walks through Mark's flower bed. That is **PUBLICITY**. Mark hears about Fred the elephant walking through his flower bed and laughs. That is **PUBLIC RELATIONS**.

Then, the people of the city go to the circus, and have a great time because we show them entertainment. We explain how much fun spectators will have spending their money on the food, the entertainment booths and all the things that it has to offer, and they also have an opportunity to take part in the show. The spectators will in turn, spend their money on all of the things we have to offer! We will be happy and rich! That is **SALES**.

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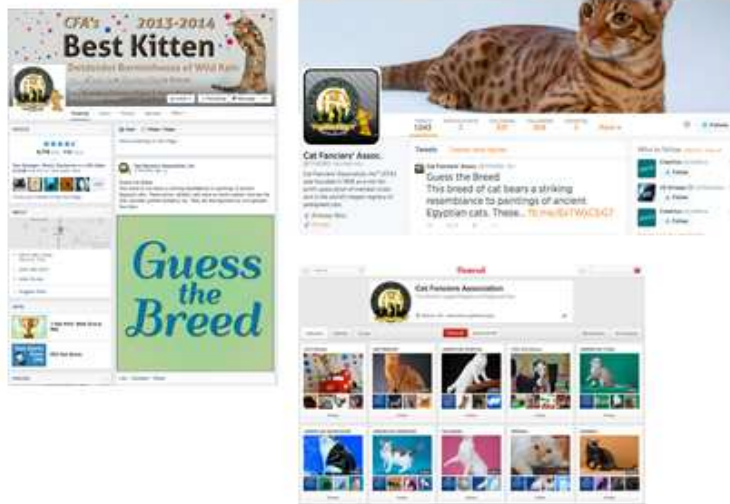
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**Raymond:** So for advertising, we currently have banner advertising on Cat Channel and display ads in the print and on line versions of USA Today's Pet Guide.



## Social Media



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**Raymond:** We cannot forget our social media with the big three – Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest – so that we are able to interact and engage with our audience. We are pleased to see that our audience is growing in each of these sites and, more importantly, that our audience is interacting with us on a daily basis. By the way, if you have any images that you would like me to use, send them to me at [Jraymond@cfa.org](mailto:Jraymond@cfa.org) and I will be happy to give you credit for using them.



## Public Relations/Publicity



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**Raymond:** The best and most recent example of public relations and publicity is Tara, the first CFA Hero Cat Award winner. By now, I am sure you have seen the video of Tara rescuing her young owner from an attack by a neighbor dog. We extended the invitation to the family for Tara to receive the award and we were so glad that they accepted and were able to

honored guests at the SW Regional Show and Banquet. Thanks to Mike Shelton, Show Managers Larry Smith and Art Graafmans, Show Escort Donna Isenberg, Lisa Marie Kuta, Judges Ellyn Honey, Diana Rothermel and Wain Harding, Chanan for donating the pictures to us and to all of the exhibitors in Region 5 for making Tara and the Triantafilo family feel so welcome. Let's watch as Roger Trantafilo accepts the CFA Hero Cat Award from Mike Shelton.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhus7iLLM7U>

<http://taratheherocat.com/cat-fanciers-association-honors-tara-hero-cat/>



**Raymond:** As we continue on in our integrated marketing efforts in getting the word out about how great this organization is, I hope you'll stand with me and believe that it truly IS A Great day for CFA! Thank you!

**Hannon:** Thank you Jodell. We have high expectations from Jodell and her Committee this year. We put some money into the budget for the program and hope to be adding more in the next year.

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

**Hannon:** Next on our agenda is Feline Agility with Jill Archibald. You have a tough act to follow here, Jill, with Tara. **Archibald:** Tara could run agility. Of course Tara could. She's got a head on her shoulders. During the last show season, 2013-2014, there were 233 cats scoring in Feline Agility. By "scoring", I mean they went in there with their handlers, started at the stairs and correctly completed the course, all 10 obstacles in one circuit, and ended by touching their front feet on the other side of the last obstacle. It doesn't sound hard, but it's a cat. People always say, cats do what they want to do and you can't change that. So, all we have to do is convince cats to do what we both want to do. That's the game. The game is agility, and once you start playing that game and they understand the interaction that you really want to do – that you don't just want them to chase a toy, you want them to chase it over, under, around and through something – some of the cats really take to it. Most kittens take to it, but some of the cats really take to it, even in their older age. Anyway, those cats scored in CFA Feline Agility competition, but there were an estimated 1,100 cats and their handlers who came to the agility ring to explore the enclosure and get practice and training for future competitions. That's a big number, too. Region 1 through 7 all had successful competitors. Region 4, 7, 1 all had in the 20's of 20 different cats and handlers who got their cats to score for agility. Region 7 was 34. Incredible numbers. The International – and this is one thing that I'm really going to be focusing on – the International clubs and Region 8, the Japan clubs, had no agility competitions. I've had some serious discussions with people about expanding and we're still working on it. There were 23 separate CFA Feline Agility competitions throughout the United States. At those competitions, each ringmaster made themselves available to the media for interviews. They had demonstrations and explanations for all the spectators. Show support of \$400 was awarded to each club, as underwritten by Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat.

**Archibald:** Two additional ringmasters were certified this year. They are Laura Gregory and Francois Akers. I don't think either one of them was able to come to the Annual this year. In addition to the competitions, there were three pet expos where we put on demonstrations and gave out information, and included the spectators and their children in training and participation in CFA Feline Agility. The approximate combined total – believe me, this is the real total, because I got it from all of the vendors – the approximate combined total number of spectators at those expos was 47,000. So, we're getting out there. There were also demonstrations and participation at the CFA Foundation Museum for 4 days. There was, in addition, an all-day demonstration and participation at the Animal Rescue of the Hamptons annual adopt-a-thon. People who don't know and love cats assume it can't be done, but with patience and care, we've managed to herd cats. We're very proud of the efforts of the handlers and the owners of all the cats in CFA Feline Agility this year, the number of cats and people who learned to do CFA Feline Agility successfully has made amazing growth.

**Archibald:** When you and your cat do this, basically you come to a reasonable compromise on how to play and chase the toy with our best friends – our cats. We are currently compiling the agility schedule for this new season. Some new additions are two regional shows, some additional Southern Region clubs. As more clubs schedule CFA Feline Agility on the same weekends, we have also required more Feline Agility equipment suppliers. Please call or email me if your club would like to get sponsored – as in money to sponsor their Feline Agility. We

also hope to add more pet expos for family exposure to Feline Agility. We're looking into expos in the west coast and in the middle states of the United States. We are also looking for more clubs interested in sponsoring CFA Feline Agility in the U.S. and Canada, and worldwide. We have had recent serious inquiries from Italy, Sweden and also Kuala Lumpur. We would like all the current agility ringmasters to have access to Feline Agility banners with logos and information for display at competitions at which they officiate, and the Dr. Elsey's funds are going to help pay for that, so all the ringmasters have banners they can hang, no matter what agility equipment is supplied to them. We are looking forward to agility titles and registration numbers to be added to the database so that CFA Feline Agility competition results can be scored accurately from Central Office. We would also like the scoring to be placed in an Scoreboard format, to be accessible online for all.

**Archibald:** In closing, I have to say that I could not be more proud of all of you. Everyone has done something to support the efforts to develop this fun and inclusive addition to CFA shows and competitions. Thank you. For all of the positive support and encouragement you have given a friend, a colleague, a child, a senior to become involved in CFA Feline Agility, please give yourselves a round of applause. Thank you. I want you to go ahead and enjoy this video. Look for your friends to be there.

[A presentation was given showing Agility Cats, to Pharrell Williams' *Happy*]

**Archibald:** If your club would like to do agility, you can go to the Agility website. If you click for information, there pops up an email. Send me an email. It will either go to Central Office and they can answer or it will be forwarded to me. I will be happy to answer these questions. There's a specific form you need to fill out to get your \$400 stipend for your agility costs, so if you need it and you're doing agility, just go to the website, click on *Contact* and we'll get back to you, OK? Thanks a lot.

**Hannon:** Thank you Jill. Agility is one of the fun things we have going at our shows, and it really proves entertaining for our many spectators. It's something important that we have to keep people entertained while they're there – not just take their money and wander the show hall.



(51) **WORLD SHOW.**

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## 2014 CFA World Championship Cat Show

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**Hannon:** Next on the agenda we have the World Show. Show Manager Rich Mastin is going to make a presentation for us. Rich is one of the quiet gems that we have in CFA that does a lot of work behind the scenes. You don't see him much, but a lot of the financial success we have today is a result of Rich's efforts. **Mastin:** I do not have a song. I will not ask you to stand. No questions.

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### 2014 CFA World Championship Cat Show

**Dates:** November 22 & 23, 2014

**Location:** Greater Philadelphia Convention Center  
Oaks, PA

**Format:** Same as last year  
Two Shows – Red and Purple  
9 Rings – 4 AB & 5 SP

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**Mastin:** About 10 days ago, Mark emailed me and said, "I would like for you to do a presentation at the delegate meeting on the World Show." I said, "I don't want to." He says, "why not?" I said, "because I don't like to talk in front of a large group of people." He said, "well, we need you to get out there and let people know who you are." I thought about it for a little while and I said, "Ed, will you put together a PowerPoint presentation for me?" He said, "sure". So, I'm here, dancing nervously. The excitement is, at some point during this



presentation, I get to announce not 18 judges, but 19. So, how did we get to 19? We had a tie and at some point in time my two Assistant Show Managers will do a coin toss. **Hannon:** I'm not going to do it. **Mastin:** Yes, you will. Ed has already agreed to help. The only reason I'm doing this is because I have Ed and I have Mark. When they decide to resign or retire, I will, too. Where is Mary K? Mary K, we'll give it to you. OK, here we go. Shelly is going to help me get through this. The dates of the World Show will be November 22/23. We will have our check-in on Friday like we did in the past. It will go to roughly 8 p.m. It will be at the Greater Philadelphia Convention Center in Oaks, PA. [applause] You're welcome. Mark says it's the first time in Region 1. Congratulations to Region 1. Hey Mark and Ed, it sounds like we've got a lot of support for this show. Teresa, I think you have some people who will work get and ticket takers. Thanks Region 1. The format will be the same as last year. We'll have two shows – Red Show and Purple Show – 9 rings each, 4 Allbreed and 5 Specialty rings. I do not have copies. I'm going to read you the names. By the end of July, we will have the flyer complete.

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## 2014 CFA World Championship Cat Show

### Judges

RED SHOW	PURPLE SHOW
Larry Adkison	Rachel Anger
Kathy Black	John Colilla
Kenny Currie	Pam DelaBar
Diana Doernberg	Chuck Gradowski
Wain Harding	Ellyn Honey
Melanie Morgan	Brian Moser
Darrell Newkirk	Vicky Nye
Diana Rothermel	Yaeko Takano / Aki Tamura (tie)
Wayne Trevathan	Peter Vanwonderghem

Show Committee will determine AB & Specialty assignments

**Mastin:** We had 244 clubs responding and voting. Thank you for putting that all together for us. [reads judges] Congratulations to all 19, even though we will have only 18. Do you have an American coin? A quarter? Heads on one side, tails on the other. Eve, do we need you to come up here and verify this? **Russell:** Do you need my team? **Mastin:** No, I don't need your team. Just you in the front. Rachel says heads for Yaeko and tails for Aki.

[After several unsuccessful attempts and re-do's, a coin toss is then performed]

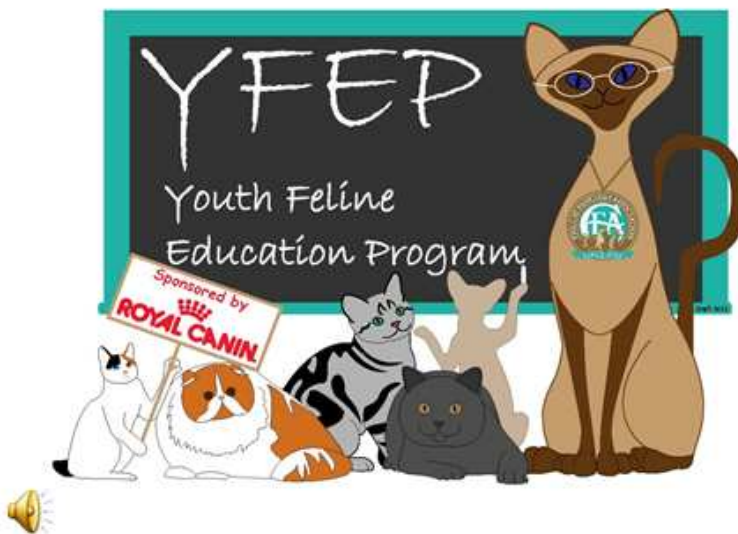
**Mastin:** That's why I have two assistant show managers. What do I have Eve? **Russell:** Tails. **Mastin:** Tails. Aki will be the 9<sup>th</sup> judge for the Purple Show. Eve, thank you. Ed and Mark, thank you. I'm done, that's it.

**Hannon:** Now you all know who he is.

(52) **YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Karen Lane and Marguerite Epstein gave an awards presentation to the participants.

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**Hannon:** Next we have the Youth Feline Education Program. Karen Lane is doing it.  
**Lane:** Cathy Dunham was supposed to be here today. She had a little bit of a medical situation and I'm it. Because of the act that I'm following, I brought Marguerite Epstein up here, who actually knows more about the program than I do, and I would like to ask Marguerite to explain a little bit about the Youth Feline Education Program, so you understand what the children do in this program. **Epstein:** Hi. Well, a little about the Youth Feline Education Program, which used to be called Junior Showmanship. It is sponsored by Royal Canin. [applause] They put a lot of money into this for us. It is the third year that it is now the Youth Feline Education Program. This is a program not just for the kids that belong to our CFA family, but it needs to be a program for children all over, to bring them into the hobby that we love so much. So, this program is designed to let young people – not just CFA young people, but all young people – have a path through different activities, not just in the show hall, that will bring them to a love of our hobby and a love of cats altogether. We hope that this program will also give them tools that they can use for the rest of their lives, like being able to make goals, take on tasks, learn public speaking, and how to interact with people and animals in a good way. In the program, the children themselves determine what they are going to do to win merit. They can do anything from of course the show hall – which of course is what the old program was about, it was about showing your cat – but this isn't just that. This is working in animal shelters, helping out a veterinarian's clinic, making poster boards to education the public, working on show committees and show production. That makes kids really learn how to do work and put themselves forward, and that's what the purpose of the program is. Our kids have had really positive attitudes and attributes, and they've given us really great moments, things to see and think about. It gives us great pleasure to recognize our kids this year, especially our national winners. I talked a little about what Youth Feline Education is about.

[A presentation was given showing the Youth Feline Education Program winners, to Natasha Bedingfield's *Unwritten*]

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## Cubs Division National Winners



Way to Go!



1. Payton Gomez
2. Aiden Bartlo
3. Ethan Wright

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## Lions Division National Winners



Great Job!

1. Nautika Buterakos
2. Rebecca Gibson
3. Hailey Goldsbary





## Cats Division National Winners



Let's Celebrate!

1. Hope Gibson
2. MacKenna Goldsbary
3. Richelle Hanes



## Highest Overall National Winner



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Nautika Buterakos

**Epstein:** All of our other kids have received their awards at their regional banquets. In addition, it is my great privilege to announce our highest scorer nationally. She is also the #1 in Division 2, and this is Nautika Buterakos. Nautika, are you here? Nautika is from Region 7. That's my region. She worked really hard this year. In addition to these rosettes, a check for \$500, courtesy of Royal Canin, is being mailed to her home. **Lane:** She is a woman of few words.

**Hannon:** Thank you ladies, and congratulations to Nautika.



# Youth Feline Education Program Sponsored by: Royal Canin Thank You



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(53) **SHOW RULES.** Chair Monte Phillips:

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## CFA SHOW RULES REVAMP

SEE 2014-2015 REVAMPED RULES IN  
DELEGATE BAG

**THIS IS MOST CURRENT VERSION OF RULES**  
MAY 1, 2014 REVISION DATE

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**Hannon:** Next we have Monte Phillips with the Show Rules report. **Phillips:** I'm going to try not to be boring, which is kind of hard to do when you're dealing with Show Rules, but I do want to make several points and ask for your assistance. Back in February of 2013, the board tasked the Show Rules Committee to go through and get rid of all duplicate rules. We came out to the exhibitors and said, "OK, how would you like us to do that?" We gave them two options: A, just delete the duplicates; or B, we could do a complete rewrite of the Show Rules and try to put them in a functional order. By more than a 4 to 1 majority, the response we got was to rewrite the Show Rules in a functional order, so that is what we have done.

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## CFA SHOW RULES REVAMP

- COMMENTS REQUESTED ON:
  1. DEFINITIONS – ARE ANY NEW ONES NEEDED?
  2. LOCATIONS OF RULES – SHOULD ANY BE IN A DIFFERENT FUNCTION OR ALL AS IS?
  3. RESPONSIBILITIES – DO WE NEED THESE SECTIONS OR NOT?

**Phillips:** If you look in your delegate bag, under Show Rules Committee Report, pages 10 to the end are the new Show Rules in the format of functional order. This is actually the most current version of the Show Rules, not this [shows existing rules]. Why? Because there were actually rules passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April that went into effect 14 days later on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Needless to say, this version was already at the printer, but they are in here [delegate bag version]. They have to do with grands of distinction, qualifying ring requirements and grand point requirements, because those have been changed in certain countries. So, why do we want you to come back to us? First of all, this is the version you're going to write your amendments to next year. So, you do want to look at it from that standpoint. It will go final to the board meeting in October, along with the resolutions you pass in the next few hours. We would like you to get back to us with any proposed revisions where you think we screwed up. For example, definitions; do we have them all or is there a term you would like to see defined that we haven't defined? We defined some new terms that are now up there where they belong. For example, "Traditional Show Date" is now defined. It was before in the very back, and I think Rule 12 or 20 or someplace back there. Another one that's now defined is the "Condensed Catalog". Master clerks have always used condensed catalogs. They hardly ever fill out the real one. But, there are terms that aren't defined and maybe they should be defined. For example, the rules require that a cat entered must be of sound health. That's never defined. Do we need it? If so, what would you propose? The next thing we're looking for comments on is the location of rules. Do we have them all in the right place? Do we have the ones you think belong with check-in, with check-in or do you find one that's under handling that belongs in check-in? We're looking for that feedback, as well. Finally, the last thing we're looking for feedback on is the responsibilities section. Do we even need it? What we have done is, we've taken every individual who has anything to do with the production of or involvement in a show. That includes people like the show treasurer, Central Office staff. The show manager has always been there, show secretary, anybody that has anything to do with a show now has a responsibility section. What we've done is, gone through the entire set of rules and identified every rule that actually involves that individual and identifies him there. For example, if you now are a show secretary and you want to know what rules apply to what you have to do, you go to *Responsibilities of Show Secretary* and the full list is there for you. Those are the three things we're looking for comments on.





## CFA SHOW RULES REVAMP

- NEED COMMENTS BY AUGUST 31, 2014
- SEND COMMENTS WITH REASONING TO [jouvencebleu1@gmail.com](mailto:jouvencebleu1@gmail.com)
- ON TO THIS YEARS AMENDMENTS (THAT WILL GO INTO THESE REVAMPED RULES)

**Phillips:** I need those comments by the end of August so we can prepare a final set of rules to go to the board for the October board meeting. It's at the October board meeting that they will ratify the final set of rules, which will include all the amendments and resolutions that you pass later today. That's all I have to say. I don't think I took a full 20 minutes, and according to my watch, we're actually on time. [applause]

**Hannon:** Thank you Monte. One of the things I'm going to encourage the new board to do is, stop making show rule changes every month. We would like to be able to rely on the printed show rules.

**(54) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.**

[from after mid-morning break] **Hannon:** I'd like to call the meeting back to order. I am told the votes have been counted and the Credentials Committee are ready to announce the results, but you need to sit down. A couple public service announcements while I have your attention. I want to remind you again that the Region 4 raffle is a \$500 cash prize. See Loretta or Rosina McGlynn over on that side. I also am remiss – after Loretta was busy thanking all the wonderful people that worked on her committee, I forgot to thank Loretta for 4 years serving as Chairman of our Judging Program, so please help me thank Loretta Baugh. [applause] As soon as Eve finishes the results, we're going to call a quick 10 minute break so we can console the losers and congratulate the winners, and then we will get on with the agenda, with the Winn Foundation.

**Credentials Committee Chair Eve Russell** gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified.

**Credentials Committee Meeting  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Thursday, June 26, 2014**

*The meeting was called to order by Eve Russell, Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. A Secretary was appointed for the meeting (Hilary Helmrich). Eve Russell introduced Kristi Wollam CFA Central Office representative to present the credential issues to be discussed. The new members introduced themselves, Marilyn Conte, Paul Meeker, and Bruce Russell. Each member of the group introduced themselves. Duties of Inspectors were reviewed. All members signed the Oath of Inspectors of Elections.*

***CFA Clubs as of June 2, 2014 deadline: 642 Clubs***

***CFA Clubs Dropped after June 2, 2014 Deadline: 24 Clubs***

**Hannon:** Eve, we're ready for you. Come on up. [Credentials Committee enters delegate room, singing *When the Saints Go Marching In*] **Russell:** Good morning. Well, kind of. When you have 25 pages, you've got to figure out where it begins. OK, if you open your catalog to the 7<sup>th</sup> actual page, which is not numbered, you will find the candidates listed. I was given 15 minutes for the report, but I'm going to ask Rachel for an extension. Would you set the timer for 30 minutes, and when your timer rings, just disconnect the PA system. Good morning, all. We did our usual meeting on Thursday. My people were in at 9:00 and worked through the lunch hour. I wanted to thank them. I'm not going to list them all this time, but we did add 3 new members to our team; Marilyn Conte, Paul Meeker and Bruce Russell, who have certainly been an asset. We're going to talk about the clubs first and I was told in the past I speak too fast, so I'm ... going ... to ... read ... the CFA Clubs as of June 2, 2014, 642 clubs. CFA clubs dropped after the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, 24 clubs. Now, here comes the good and the bad news.

***Requirements outlined in Article III, Section 5, of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Constitution.***

***Region 1***

*Breeders Alliance & Sphynx Trust; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***Region 2***

*Cheshires; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Cheshires Allbreed Cat Club; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Mousekin Cat Club; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*West Coast Cats; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*The White Glove Society; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***Region 5***

*Burmese Club of Southern California; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Fallen Timbers SH Fanciers; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***Region 6***

*Crossroads Cat Club; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Rex Breeders United; Dues not paid, Membership list received*

***Region 7***

*Egyptian Mau Breeders & Fanciers; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*International Sphynx Society; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***Region 8***

*Far East Relation; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Ruban D'or Chat Fanciers; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***Region 9***

*Cats' Land Club; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*France Cat Fancier; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Royal Cat Club; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***International Division***

*Arabian Cats; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*China Jinsha Cat Club; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*China Super Star Cat Fanciers; Membership list not received*

*North Cat Fanciers' Club of China; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

*Sarawak Cat Club; Membership list not received*

*Sociedad Felina Colombiana; Membership list not received*

*Tianjin Cat Fanciers; Dues not paid, Membership list not received*

***A motion was made to ratify the decision of the Central Office to drop these clubs for lack of dues and/or membership, lists. Motion carried.***

***Total Clubs: 618 Clubs***

**Delegate forms:**

<i>Delegate forms mailed</i>	<i>March 5, 2014</i>
<i>Delegate form reminder mailed</i>	<i>April 9, 2014</i>
<i>Received Delegates on CFA Website</i>	<i>Updated daily</i>
<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Postmarked May 1, 2014</i>
<i>Delegate forms received by deadline</i>	<i>438</i>

**Delegate form postmarked or faxed after deadline of May 1, 2014:**

*A total of \_\_\_\_ delegate envelopes (and forms) were received with postmarks too late to be qualify delegates to be seated at the Annual Meeting. One club delegate form was accepted for the Annual meeting due to the circumstances surrounding the envelope.*

- Columbia River Cat Club – Region 2*  
*Faxed May 1, 2014 at 8:28 p.m.*  
*A motion was made to not seat the delegate due to the late fax. Motion carried.*  
  
*A motion was made to recommend that next year the language is changed for faxes to "received in Central Office by May 1." Motion carried.*
- Midwest T.G.I.F. Fanciers Club – Region 6*  
*Postmarked May 8, 2014*  
*A motion was made to not seat the delegate due to the late postmark. Motion carried.*
- Asia Pacific Cat Club – International Division*  
*Faxed May 2, 2014*  
*A motion was made to not seat the delegate due to the late fax. Motion carried.*
- International Cat Fanciers of Thailand – International Division*  
*Postmarked May 3, 2014 and incomplete*  
*A motion was made to not seat the delegate due to the late postmark. Motion carried.*

**Delegate forms incomplete:**

*None*

**Delegate for more than two Clubs:**

*None*

**Ballots for CFA Officers and Regional Directors:**

<i>Ballots mailed</i>	<i>March 21, 2014</i>
<i>Ballot reminder mailed</i>	<i>May 2, 2014</i>
<i>Received Ballots on CFA Website</i>	<i>Updated daily</i>
<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Received by June 2, 2014</i>
<i>Ballot forms received by deadline</i>	<i>470</i>

**Ballots Received by Central Office Not in the Ballot Envelope:**

- *Hallmark Cat Club, Region 4*  
*Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.*
- *Kittyhawk Felines, Region 4*  
*Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.*

**Irregular Ballots Received by Central Office:**

- *Siamese Fanciers, Region 5 – Received with tape across the top*  
*Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.*

**Ballot received past June 2 deadline:**

*Two (2) ballot envelopes were received late at the Central Office. These were reviewed by the Committee and were excluded from the count. Envelopes were not opened and were not included with the others that were counted.*

- *Camelot Cat Kingdom – Region 8*  
*Received at Central Office June 4, 2014*  
*Motion was made not to accept this ballot due to late receipt at CO. Carried.*
- *Riverside Cat Club – Region 8*  
*Received at Central Office June 12, 2014*  
*Motion was made not to accept this ballot due to late receipt at CO. Carried.*

**Friday, June 27, 2014**

*The Committee reconvened at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2014.*

**Russell:** We reconvened Friday morning at the crack of dawn. At 7:00, we met this morning. I instructed my team in how we would open the ballots, check them, etc. We worked on any unresolved topics, we assembled teams, we reviewed the incomplete ballots, we compiled and tabulated ballots, and we readied the report to the delegates.

*There were a total of 16 ballots that were discarded and not counted for the following reasons:*

**Ballots not counted**

*Northeast Cat Fanciers CL of China (International Division)*  
*Dutch Purrrpuss Club (Region 9)*  
*Vertu Blanc Cat Club (Region 8)*  
*Northland Cat Fanciers (Region 8)*  
*Cat Walkers Japan (Region 8)*  
*Moonport Cat Club (Region 7)*  
*Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers (Region 7)*

*Quad City Cat Club (Region 6)*  
*Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers Cat Club (Region 6)*  
*Bluff City Cat Fanciers (Region 3)*  
*Havana Brown Fanciers (Region 2)*  
*Columbia River Cat Club (Region 2)*  
*Conestoga Cat Club (Region 1)*  
*Salt City CC (Region 1)*  
*Minority Report CC (Region 5)*  
*Feline Fanciers of Benelux (Region 9)*

**Russell:** Rejected ballots. This entire group was because of incomplete ballots, which could mean one of several things. I'm not going to go through all of those reasons, but they would be things like no club signature, no club name, no president signature, only voting for 4 when we need you to vote for 5, or not voting for regional director. So, the incomplete ballots were: <reads>.

***Election Results were as follows:***

***CFA OFFICERS: (450 votes tallied)***

**Office of President:**

Mark Hannon – Linden VA	396*
Abstain	54

**Office of Vice President:**

Richard Kallmeyer – Scottsdale AZ	341*
Don Williams – Ocala FL	102
Abstain	7

**Office of Secretary:**

Rachel Anger – Wayne MI	434*
Abstain	16

**Office of Treasurer:**

Barbara Schreck – Ann Arbor MI	436*
Abstain	14

***REGIONAL DIRECTORS:***

**North Atlantic (1): (total 52 ballots)**

Geri Fellerman – Clark NJ	37*
Pierre Rivard – Val-Morin, Quebec	12
Abstain	3

**Northwest (2): (total 53 ballots)**

Erin Cutchen – Riverton, UT	15
Pam Moser – Gresham, OR	38*

<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>
<b><u>Gulf Shore (3): (total 50 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Carissa Altschul – Joshua TX</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Steve McCullough – Caldwell, KS</i>	<i>21*</i>
<i>Jan Rogers – Stephenville, TX</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>
<b><u>Great Lakes (4): (total 66 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Loretta Baugh – Rochester MI</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>John Colilla – Columbus, OH</i>	<i>42*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>
<b><u>Southwest (5): (total 38 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Lisa Marie Kuta – Glendale, CA</i>	<i>34*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>4</i>
<b><u>Midwest (6): (total 42 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Kathy Calhoun – Chicago IL</i>	<i>35*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>7</i>
<b><u>Southern (7): (total 82 votes)</u></b>	
<i>Jean Dugger – Loganville, GA</i>	<i>40*</i>
<i>Tracy Petty – Fairfax Station VA</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>6</i>
<b><u>Japan (8): (total 51 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Teruko Arai – Yokohama City, Japan</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Edward Maeda – Ohtsu Shiga, Japan</i>	<i>32*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>2</i>
<b><u>Europe (9): (total 14 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Pam DelaBar – Tampere, Finland</i>	<i>14*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>
<b><u>International Division Representative: (total 4 ballots)</u></b>	
<i>Amanda Cheng – Shen Zhen, China</i>	<i>2*</i>
<i>Thomas Low, Singapore</i>	<i>2*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>

*The Committee moved to the Annual meeting room to announce the results of the election to the delegates.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Hilary Helmrich  
Secretary*



**Russell:** That concludes our report. Thank you. **Hannon:** I need a motion to destroy the ballots. **Eigenhauser:** So moved.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Hannon:** I would like to thank our outgoing board members: Carla Bizzell, Sharon Roy, Ginger Meeker, Carissa Altschul, Loretta Baugh, Mike Shelton, Tracy Petty, Kayoko Koizumi, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Phebe Lo and Russell Law. Thank you for your service. I want to thank Eve and the Credentials Committee for 2 days of hard work. There may be more work for them today. We're going to take a 10 minute break. We'll be back in 10 minutes.

[BREAK]

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

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(55) **CFA BREEDER ASSISTANCE AND BREED RESCUE.**

All the Coordinators would like to thank **ALL** of you for the help you have given us over the last year, financially and physically.

We also would like to thank those rescues who week after week and month after month find room to take one more for us.

We want to acknowledge the Breed Council Secretaries who assist us too help their breeds.

The job these people do is not an easy one but if it wasn't for them many cats would not be in a better place!

At this time we are missing two Regional Coordinators and it would really make everyone's job easier if we had a full team. If you are a coordinator it doesn't mean that you have to take animals into your home for rescue. It means that you coordinate their rescue with rescue groups and other coordinators. If you would like to be a part of our team please contact: Charlene Campbell - [jcamp4244@aol.com](mailto:jcamp4244@aol.com)

At the request of the Coordinators and our Breed Rescue Chair we are asking all of you to think about making arrangements for your cats should something happen to you. We have had many situations this year with no arrangements made for their cats. Our youngest was a 30 year old who passed, you are NEVER too young to make sure your cats are taken care of! Think about the BAPBR Cattery Organizers and make sure someone you trust knows where it is.

Thank you for helping us to help them!!

**(56) CAT TALK.**

**Report to the Delegates – Cat Talk**

Executive Editor: Jodell Raymond

Editor: Teresa Keiger

Cat Talk continues to expand both its subscriber base and its breadth of coverage of all things feline. I'm happy to say that Cat Talk has consistently hit its target of being in our readers' hands during the first of each publication month. A large part of this success is due to our dedicated staff of writers and copy editors consistently staying focused and on target. Kudos to staff writers Ronna Collila, Shelly Ducharme, Laura Gregory, Judy Webb Gunby, Lauri Henry, Kathi Hoos, Joan Miller, Lisa-Maria Padilla, Monte Phillips, Jennifer Redding, and Cathy Scarbrough; to our copy editors Kristan Ballantine, Jane Ramey, and Claire Wolfe; and staff members Bob Mathas, Shelly Borawski, and Verna Dobbins.

As we continue to grow, we would like to invite our readers to join the Cat Talk production team. We are looking for additional writers and article contributors. Most of our regular staff writers contribute 3-6 articles per year. Many others individuals have submitted single articles about topics which they are expert in or passionate about.

In addition to writers, we need proofreaders/copy editors. These are the people that read each article for content and grammar prior to layout, then proof the final layout. They also contribute ideas for upcoming content and production (and get a sneak peak at the new issue!)

If you'd like to be a part of the Cat Talk production group, please contact Teresa Keiger at [tkeiger@cfa.org](mailto:tkeiger@cfa.org).

Speaking of content, we want to hear from our readers what they like (and dislike) about Cat Talk. We currently have an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5BQ7WYY> asking our readers for their feedback

Our June issue brought back a feature from the old Almanac with a new face and direction. "Fancy That!" shares great ideas from our Cat Talk readers and will be curated by staff writer Cathy Scarbrough. Columns will often focus on themes (June's theme was travelling with cats). Cathy will also share tips and ideas that she's found from other sources as well. Share your ideas (and your name and cattery name) with Cathy at [Carictor@aol.com](mailto:Carictor@aol.com)

Know someone new in the cat fancy? Recommend that they subscribe (or perhaps gift a year subscription to them). Complete information on subscriptions is at <http://catalog.cfa.org/cattalk-almanac.shtml>

Respectfully submitted  
Teresa Keiger  
Cat Talk editor

(57) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Committee Chair:** Ginger Meeker  
**Liaison to Board:** Ginger Meeker  
**List of Committee Members:** Dick Kallmeyer, Jodell Raymond

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

Over the past year this committee has been very busy! In many instances we worked in close harmony with the IT committee to not only resolve an issue but also make certain the new system was correctly programmed to fully solve the issue being dealt with. The projects will be outlined and explained briefly here for your update – a more complete report will be submitted for the BOD report at this Annual meeting and will be included in the full minutes of the Annual.

**Annual Manual** - this manual was updated and completed after the R-2 annual in 2013 and is available to all RDs. The manual fully describes and details all aspects of the CFA Annual meeting to describe activities and responsibilities of both the Region and Central Office.

**Board of Directors' Guidebook** – this document is an ongoing orientation tool and reference document for members of the BOD. This document was extensively reviewed and updated.

**Job Descriptions** – Current job descriptions were compiled for all employees of Central Office

**New Board Member Orientation Process** – In April the BOD Guidelines and other document that would be useful for any new person coming on to the BOD were emailed to all candidates for election this year. This is the first time any orientation materials were made available in advance. These documents were set up in a special file on FileVista for review, download and reference.

**Record Retention Project** – Members of the committee visited Central Office this last March to determine the status of records and determine retention practices. The full document for Record Retention is available to the Central Office and the recommendations will be used for continued record management

**Scanning Projects** – (a) Working in conjunction with the IT committee, hardware and software for daily work flow scanning is in place. Hardware was purchased to include monitors and the scanners. (b) once the system is fully trained and in place, the records in Central Office will be scanned and cloud-stored for easy and complete access. CFA is in the “information” business and this project, when completed, will have all our records digitalized and stored off-site for the greatest safety possible.

**NC CH/PR issue** – This issue was originally brought to Central Office attention and is now in the process of being programmed into the new system.

**Strategic Planning (Goal 4 Leadership)** – During the February BOD meeting a full day Strategic Planning session was held on Friday prior to the BOD meeting and was led by professional facilitator Dick Petite. Members of this committee to include Jodell Raymond and

myself were joined by Rachel Anger, Mark Hannon and Tracy Petty to develop a plan for finding and hiring an Executive Director for CFA Central Office. The team developed an Executive Director Job description which was subsequently posted along with a position announcement. Jodell Raymond was responsible for the job postings, recruiting, and resume collection process. Resumes for this position were accepted 4/2/14 through 6/1/14, and have been initially reviewed by Jodell Raymond and then sent for a second review by an interview committee. The interview committee include is chaired by Mark Hannon and members include Rich Mastin, Dick Kallmeyer, Annette Wilson and Dennis Ganoe. Our team goals have been fully met and now the process is in the resume review and interview stage of the full process.

**Customer Service Solutions** – This committee in conjunction with IT had a conference call with Central Office personal to help solve the issues of slowed kitten registration and show scoring. To provide greater service, we instituted a TRN process for kittens to be able to get them into shows and on the road for their show careers.

**CFA@CFA.org website monitoring** – This committee monitored this site for customer service issues. Based on a report, included in last year's minutes, we were able to implement a number of changes that helped provide increased customer service. That monitoring and review continued this season until the site was abandoned in favor of direct sites to employees in the Central Office.

#### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

We continue to work in conjunction with the Central Office to help in any way possible.

#### **Future Projections for Committee:**

A project to be started in the near future involves relating the show rules to the Central Office job descriptions so Central Office employees can have a greater understanding of how all systems work together.

#### **Action Items:**

None at this time for this report.

#### **Time Frame:**

Projects will be completed in an efficient and effective time frame with some, obviously, taking longer than others.

#### **What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

Any completed projects will be updated at the next Annual meeting..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginger Meeker, Chair

**(58) MENTOR/NEWBEE REPORT.**

Committee Chairs:	Carol Krzanowski, Teresa Keiger
Mentor Coordinators:	Melissa Harris, Region 1
	Diana Nelson, Region 2 (northern)
	Mary Sietsema, Region 2 (southern)
	Vacant, Region 3
	Mariane Toth, Region 4
	Sharon Rogers-Pichotta, Region 5
	Pam DeGolyer, Region 6
	Barbara Stone-Newton, Region 7
	Michie Shinmoto, Region 8
	Frank Dueker, Region 9 (western)
	Vasily Butorin, Region 9 (eastern)
	Russell Law, Asia
NewBee Core Team:	Kathy Black, Sande Willen

The CFA Mentor/NewBee Committee is going strong, and both of our programs work hand-in-hand to offer guidance for newcomers through our knowledgeable and experienced group of volunteers.

The Mentor Program is receiving requests at a steady pace from all regions and the International Division, and we are consistently helping new breeders get a good start in their breeding programs. We recently began an overhaul of the Mentor Program area of the CFA web site to make the site more user friendly and expand our self-help articles. We handle general inquiries to which we respond with information about the Mentor Program, links to online resources and a link to the protégé application on the CFA web site. Inquiries and applications are routed as received to the regional/divisional coordinator, who makes contact with the protégé and pairs them with an appropriate mentor. The protégé is also referred to the NewBee Program and its web site, which is a great resource for new exhibitors.

The NewBee Program continues to attract new members every week. The NewBee team, consisting of veteran exhibitors, answers questions and gives support to new exhibitors both online via our Yahoo Group and in the show hall. We have grown steadily over the past six years and in fact, some of our first NewBees are now some of our veteran exhibitors. A number of our NewBees have also developed an interest in breeding pedigreed cats, and the transition to our Mentor Program flows smoothly.

One of the biggest challenges we continue to face is letting brand-new breeders and exhibitors know about the Mentor and NewBee Programs. While there are links to both programs on the CFA and regional/divisional web sites, many people out there are still unaware of us. You can help get the word out in the following ways:

- Breeders – if you place a kitten or cat with a new breeder, please refer them to the Mentor Program, particularly if you live at some distance from each other and won't always be available to help them yourself.
- Exhibitors – if you encounter a new exhibitor at a show, please refer them to both the NewBee and Mentor Programs. Even if they currently plan to exhibit only, they may “catch the bug” and develop an interest in breeding at some point.
- Entry Clerks – if you receive an entry from someone who appears to be new, please refer that person to both the NewBee and Mentor Programs. A positive experience at their first

show will make newcomers feel welcome and encourage them to become part of our CFA family.

- Clubs – please add a link to both the Mentor and NewBee Programs on your club web site and on your show flyers and/or show confirmations. Don't forget to put our new, combined NewBee/Mentor ad in your show catalog so that your new exhibitors and breeders will learn about us. The ad is available as a PDF in two different sizes. An example of the full-page ad is attached. The ads are available for download at [http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/forms/newbee\\_fullpage.pdf](http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/forms/newbee_fullpage.pdf) (8.5 x 11) and [http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/forms/newbee\\_horizontal.pdf](http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/forms/newbee_horizontal.pdf) (5 x 8.5), and should also be included with the show information that the entry clerk receives.
- Ambassadors – if you meet someone at a show who expresses an interest in exhibiting and/or breeding pedigreed cats or exhibiting household pets, please refer them to the NewBee and Mentor Programs.

If you enjoy helping newcomers, then consider making your activities official by signing on as a CFA Mentor or member of the CFA NewBee Team. Both programs need the support of experienced and knowledgeable breeders and exhibitors to help newcomers learn and succeed. If you are up to the challenge, then please send an email to [mentoring@cfa.org](mailto:mentoring@cfa.org) and/or [info@cfanewbee.org](mailto:info@cfanewbee.org) to join us.

Want to help the Mentor/NewBee programs but don't think that you would like to have a protégé? Why not volunteer to help by returning calls to the potential new exhibitors of CFA's 888 number? Volunteers work in one-week shifts and return calls as their schedules allows. Most of the calls are very straightforward and to people who are grateful to receive cat information. For more complex issues/questions, Central Office is available for help. Contact program coordinator Sande Willen at [sande@comcast.net](mailto:sande@comcast.net) for more information and to volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Krzanowski and Teresa Keiger  
Co-Chairs, CFA Mentor/New Bee Committee



(59) **2014 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

**Determination of a Quorum:**

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 406

Number of votes for a simple majority: 204

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 270

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**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.**  
**2014 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

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**Hannon:** We are ready to do the constitutional amendments and the resolutions. Constitutional amendments must pass by at least 2/3 of those entitled to cast the votes of the people present in the room. If you are a registered delegate and you're not in the room, then you are not a part of this delegation, OK? It's only the people that are in the room that are eligible to vote. There is an amendment to change that, but for this meeting, you have to be in the room. They are effective immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment, and they must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended and brought back from the floor or changed by the board.

*– 1 – American Tabby and Tortie, Buccaneers Cat Fanciers, Burmese South Cat Club, Butler Cat Fanciers, Camino Real Cat Fanciers, Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, Cats Exclusive, Inc., Cat's Incredible Inc., Cat Spring Irregulars, European Burmese Cat Club, Feline Forum of Greater NY, Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers, Hallmark Cat Club, International Egyptian Mau Society, Keystone Kat Klub, Lakes Country Cat Fanciers, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers, Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders, New Mexico Cat Fanciers, NOVA Cat Fanciers Inc., Southeastern Persian Society, Southern Dixie Cat Club, Southern Traditions Cat Club, Tejas Siamese Cat Fanciers, Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, CONTENTS, ARTICLE V – Section 2c., ARTICLE VI – Section 1, Sections 2a., b., c., d. and f., Section 3 and Section 5, ARTICLE VII – Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 and ARTICLE XII, as follows, effective July 3, 2016:

ARTICLE I.....NAME  
ARTICLE II .....OBJECTS  
ARTICLE III .....MEMBERSHIP  
ARTICLE IV .....ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS  
ARTICLE V .....REPORTS AND AUDIT  
ARTICLE VI..... OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS  
ARTICLE VII ..... EXECUTIVE BOARD  
ARTICLE VIII ..... REGIONS  
ARTICLE IX..... INTERNATIONAL DIVISION  
ARTICLE X.....CENTRAL OFFICE

ARTICLE XI.....	BREED COUNCIL
ARTICLE XII .....	SHOW LICENSES
ARTICLE XIII .....	RULES AND STANDARDS
ARTICLE XIV .....	JUDGES
ARTICLE XV .....	DISCIPLINE
ARTICLE XVI.....	AMENDMENTS

## **ARTICLE V – FISCAL YEAR, REPORTS, AND AUDIT**

### **Section 2 – Reports**

- a. ...
- b. ...
- c. Each Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator may maintain a treasury to defray the costs of regional activities. Contributions to any such regional fund shall be on a voluntary basis. No later than May 10 of each year each Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator shall present in writing to the Central Office a complete report of all receipts and disbursements of funds, if any, maintained for regional business, identifying in detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures for the fiscal year which ended on April 30 of that year.

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, ~~AND DIRECTORS~~ AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

### **Section 1 – Titles**

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~nine (9) Regional Directors,~~ representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven (7) Directors at Large with one (1) or more of the directors designated by the President to be liaison(s) with the Regional Coordinators. Regional Coordinators are not members of the Executive Board. There will be one (1) Regional Coordinator elected to represent each geographical region herein specified. The Regional Coordinator must reside in the region from which they are elected.

No person may hold more than one office.

### **Section 2 – Elections**

- a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional ~~Directors~~ Coordinators shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years. The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

All elections shall be conducted by mail ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional ~~directorship~~ coordinatorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer, ~~or director~~ or regional coordinator shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies, except as provided for in paragraph f. of this Article.

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator for that region. Although International Division members will not vote for a Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season.

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any member in good standing of any member club may run for any office or for Director-at-Large, and any member in good standing of any member club assigned to a particular region may run for Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

d. Candidate Declarations. Persons intending to run for any office, ~~or directorship~~ or regional coordinatorship shall declare their intention to do so by written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office, ~~or directorship~~ or regional coordinatorship intended. Declarations must be received by the Central Office by the close of business on March 15 of the year in which the election is held. Declarations shall not be accepted other than as provided herein, and nominations shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

e. ...

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional ~~Directorship~~ Coordinatorship, or for the seventh position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which

shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

### **Section 3 – Conflicting Memberships**

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer, ~~or Director~~ or Regional Coordinator of this Association who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

### **Section 5 – Vacancies**

Vacancies in any office, except that of President and/or any of the Regional ~~Directors, Coordinators~~, may be filled by the Executive Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to that office.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional ~~Directors~~ Coordinators and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office will mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting. Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing from the Central Office – said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope will constitute ~~PRIME~~ PRIMA FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

When less than nine (9) months remain in the term of a Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator whose office is vacated, such office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of Regional ~~Directors~~ Coordinators as provided for in Section 2, Elections, of this article.

## **ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1 – Membership**

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, ~~the nine (9) Regional Directors~~, and the seven (7) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

### **Section 2 – Meetings**

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) members of the Board. The call shall be mailed to each member of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time, and place of the

meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

### **Section 3 – Quorum**

The presence of ~~ten (10)~~ six (6) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII - SHOW LICENSES**

The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member of the Association a license to hold a cat show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. At the request of any Regional ~~Director~~ Coordinator, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.

**RATIONALE:** This proposal redefines Regional Directors as Regional Coordinators, removes these positions from the Board, and reduces the overall size of the CFA Board from twenty (20) to eleven (11) seats. For an organization such as The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., eleven (11) seats at the Board table are sufficient to accomplish the business of the CFA, and are in keeping with many world-wide corporations of similar size.

Regional Coordinators would be free to focus more attention on regional matters. It is expected that the Regional Coordinators would meet face-to-face with the CFA Board one (1) time per year at the CFA Annual just as the International Division does at this time. One or more Directors at Large would serve as liaisons between the Regional Coordinators and the Board throughout the year to present any concerns of the Regional Coordinators to the CFA Board.

Responsibilities of Regional Directors have changed drastically over the years. The digital age has streamlined many activities of the directors. Each region maintains a treasury for the primary purposes of producing a regional awards show and banquet, and hosting a CFA Annual Meeting once every seven (7) years. However, unlike in years past, CFA is now orchestrating most of the event planning for the Annual Meeting, and the regions are able to decide their level of participation in the Annual Meeting based upon their resources and finances. These activities do not require a seat at the CFA board table.

The need to reduce the size of the CFA Board is especially understandable when the future growth of CFA is considered. It is anticipated that in the foreseeable future, the countries of Asia

will be considered for “region” status in CFA. However, quarantine restrictions in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia will necessitate acceptance of these countries as separate regions. If the current system of regional directors having seats on the board is maintained, Asia has the potential to add as many as five (5) new regional directors with seats at the CFA board table. The costs to CFA will become astronomical.

Removal of the Regional Directors (Coordinators) from the board would also allow CFA the opportunity to realign the regions within the United States. Regional realignment has been attempted many times in the past but has always failed. The addition of one or two more regions in the United States, or realignment of the present regions would make the regions more competitive, make it easier for residents to show at their own regional shows, and increase overall interest and activity in CFA.

Regional Directors are re-designated as Regional Coordinators for clarification purposes and to avoid confusion with those Directors who are members of the Executive Committee. Under this proposal, the Board will be made up of a President and ten (10) members. As such, a vote of five (5) members (other than the President) is appropriate in order to call a meeting of the Board. As there will be only eleven (11) members of the Board, New York law provides that a majority constitutes a quorum. Therefore, six (6) Board members are required in order to have a quorum.

It is in the best interests of CFA as a whole to transition to a smaller number of Directors who have a seat on the Board. This change will reduce overall costs and make CFA become more financially sound, while, at the same time, allow CFA to grow both here in the United States and abroad.

The effective date of July 3, 2016 will allow those Regional Directors elected during the 2014 Annual Meeting to complete their full term of office.

**Hannon:** The first one is from a group of people starting with American Tabby and Tortie, and I’m not sure who is speaking on behalf of them, but someone needs to approach the microphone and present this particular amendment to the constitution. Wayne, are you going to present this? **Wayne Trevathan:** [European Burmese Cat Club] Yes. This amendment to the constitution addresses our board size. When you talk to people around the country, nearly everybody realizes that our board is too large for the size that it is, but how do you go about reducing it? This proposal is one way to do it, and makes the most sense, in my opinion. I’m not going to read the whole amendment because the changes are very small. It’s basically redesignating the regional director as a regional coordinator, and it goes right through the amendment that way. The purpose for redefining the regional directors as regional coordinators removes these positions from the board and reduces the overall size of the CFA board from 20 to 11. For an organization such as the Cat Fanciers’ Association, 11 seats at the board table are sufficient to accomplish the business of CFA and in keeping with many worldwide corporations of similar size. Regional coordinators would be free to focus more attention on regional matters. It is expected that the regional coordinators would meet face to face with the board once a year, just like the International Committee does. One of the directors at large would serve as a liaison between the regional coordinators and the board throughout the year to present any concerns of

the regional coordinators to the board. Responsibilities of the regional directors have changed drastically over the years. The digital age has streamlined many activities of the directors. Each region maintains a treasury for the purposes of producing a regional awards show and banquet, and hosting a CFA annual once every 7 years. However, unlike in the past, Central Office is now orchestrating most CFA events and planning for the annual meeting, and the regions are able to decide their level of participation in the annual meetings, based on their resources and finances. These activities do not require a seat at the CFA board. I was regional director from 1990 to 1998 for the Southern Region. At that point, we were not in the computer age. We had to go to those board meetings, take notes, make a newsletter, get it out to our constituents, etc., etc. All that has gone. Our news is instantaneous today. The need to reduce the size of the CFA board is especially understandable, when the future growth of CFA is considered. When you look at the board, there are 7 members at large, and then you have 9 regions and 4 officers. The part of the board that is expanding is the regions. When I first came to CFA, we had 7 regions. Then we had 8, and now we have 9. The way things are going with our involvement overseas and the International Division, we are going to be expanding more and more, so in the next 5-10 years, can we afford a board of 25 members? No. So, if you take anything away from this proposal, take it back and talk about it, because we've got to face this. Our board is too large for our organization.

**Hannon:** Anybody else have comments? **Bob Belfatto:** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club] I agree the board is too large, but does anybody remember in 1789 – I know we're getting old – in 1789 they had the same problem when they were forming the country. They had the big states and the little states, the populated states and the non-populated states. What did they do? They came to a compromise. I think the compromise should be this; there are 4 people who are elected to the board overall – president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. They are at large. You should throw out all the at-large directors because they represent the large population, and keep the regional directors. **Eigenhauser:** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club] I am a director at large, and let me say they would be the ones I would throw out first. Tip O'Neal used to say that all politics is local. The reason we have regional directors on the board isn't so they can do their regional newsletters. The reason we have regional directors on the board is to express the diversity and the complexity and the different points of view that make up CFA. If you don't believe that all politics is local, look at the next resolution coming up. If you look at the resolutions that are coming up today, listen to the 400 voices here. There will be different perspectives from different parts of the country, from different regions, from different countries, now that Europe and Japan are regions. Each of those voices deserves a place at the board table. When we go for national elections for all of our offices, we're essentially producing a plain vanilla, white bread, single voice. If there was only one voice in CFA, we wouldn't need this annual, we wouldn't need to all get together to hash it out. The United States of America – there was a discussion a moment ago about what happened when this country was born. There are 537 elected federal officials. Two are elected by the entire country. 535 are elected locally – 100 senators, 435 representatives. If we start getting more and more regions, I'm not sure that's a bad thing. If we suddenly have 5 more regions, because there has been such phenomenal growth in other countries and such phenomenal development of CFA in those other countries, that's a problem I like to have, but the thing we can do with directors at large is, it's scalable. We don't have to say, "get rid of 7", we can pare away a couple and see how that works, find the right size



for our board. It doesn't have to be an all-or-nothing thing, but to me diversity gives strength and having the regional directors on the board gives us that diversity and makes us a stronger organization. **James Watson:** [Arkansas Feline Fanciers; Arkklahoma Feline Fanciers] I'm pretty much in agreement with what George said. I think that if we want to change things, the easiest way to do that, and probably the more organized way to do it was, as we add new regions and we needed a regional director to represent that region is, we replace a director-at-large with that regional director, as we expand our regions. That way, we don't change anything right now, but we have an election, we get a new regional director, then next election cycle, for the directors-at-large, we would just eliminate one of those positions, so it would be a gradual thing that would evolve. Then, as we got all the regional directors, like you said, if we are expanding at that rate and we need additional people, then we can always add them. But, I don't think, from the studies that I've seen, that our board is too large for our organization. **Jack Nichols:** [Sandhills Cat Club] I agree with Wayne that our board is large and it is kind of cumbersome. My problem with doing anything against regional directors is, as a stakeholder in CFA, my direct line to the board is through my regional director. She speaks for me, she takes my problems to the board, and I can't imagine taking her out of the line of communication. We need regional directors. I agree directors-at-large, they can go by the wayside. We don't use them. As a stakeholder, I do not use a director-at-large near as much as I try to use my regional director. **Linda Martino:** [Tonkinese Breed Association] Our club feels fairly strongly that the regional directors need to stay on the board. We understand that you want to reduce the size and, frankly, we're much more in favor of the directors-at-large being let go, because we feel that – not that we don't like them – but it's the regional directors who are our voice. They're the ones that are responsive to talking to us, they are involved with show production, and the problems that we're dealing with on a day-to-day basis, so we really feel strongly that you can't remove the regional directors from the board. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphinx] I just want to give some quick statistics on the regions. Our largest region, Southern, has 94 clubs that would be voting on whatever. Our smallest region, Region 9, has 30 clubs. Now, the likelihood if you get rid of regional directors of having a board member coming out of Region 9 I would say is slim to none, but you have one now. **Kenny Currle:** [Chatte Noir Club; European Shorthair Club] I would like to call the question. **Hannon:** OK, if there's no more discussion, we'll call the question. Remember, it's 2/3rds. All those in favor raise your hand.

**Motion Failed.**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VIII - REGIONS as follows:

### **ARTICLE VIII — REGIONS**

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan and Europe are divided into nine (9) geographical regions as follows:

#### **NORTH ATLANTIC**

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Rhode Island, and Vermont.

#### **NORTHWEST**

Alaska, California (North of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Nevada (North of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel), Oregon, Utah and Washington.

#### **GULF SHORE**

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

#### **GREAT LAKES**

Canada (East of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian and West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Kentucky (~~North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel~~), Michigan, New York (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), and West Virginia.

#### **SOUTHWEST**

Arizona, California (South of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel), and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

#### **MIDWEST**

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas (North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

## SOUTHERN

Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, ~~Kentucky (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel),~~ Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River), the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

## JAPAN

Japan.

## EUROPE

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

**RATIONALE:** For the purpose of determining the regional assignment, the regions have been broken up using parallel lines in certain locations. This at times has been confusing for both the exhibitors and the CFA Central Office when determining the regional assignment. Regional boundaries should be clear so that anyone who looks at the regional map will be able to immediately determine what region a cat and its owner belong to no matter where they live. This change is intended to clarify the regions by setting state lines and landmarks as regional boundaries. The Great Lakes Region will be the initial region to change the boundaries. If the boundary change has the desired effect and is successful in reducing the amount of confusion in regional assignment, then other regions could follow as desired. The change to the Great Lakes Regional boundary will be to eliminate the use of the 38th parallel that breaks Kentucky up into two regions and places the entire state into the Great Lakes Region. This change would take effect immediately following the CFA Annual meeting 6/27/14 and would be for the 2014-2015 show season.

**Hannon:** #2, Johnny Appleseed and Sternwheel. I assume that's Brad. **Brad Newcomb:** [Sternwheel Cat Fanciers] This resolution is to amend the CFA constitution, regions. I won't bore anybody by reading each one of the regions. I'll touch on only two regions that currently will be affected. The amendment is to strike through the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel which divides the Great Lakes Region and a portion of Kentucky. It puts the northern portion of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in the Great Lakes and the southern portion of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, anything below the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in Kentucky, into the Southern Region. The rationale for that is <reads>. **Hannon:** We'll come back to you at the end. You can be the last speaker. **Jack Nichols:** [Sandhills Cat Club] I agree that we need to redistrict CFA, but doing this piecemeal is time consuming and borderline ridiculous. If we're going to redistrict, let's appoint a committee and have them redistrict the continental United States, but let's not do this one exhibitor at a time. **Brenda Hosford:** [Nashville Cat Club] I do agree with Jack. As a person who resides within the affected region, I would like to voice my opposition to this proposal. I've been a proud resident of CFA's Region 7

ever since I started showing cats a number of years ago. At the time I started showing, there were no show-producing clubs in the area where I could be an active participant, so a friend who shows also in CFA that lives nearby, the two of us got together, we went to Nashville, pulled together a group of people that eventually became the Nashville Cat Club, so we now have a new show-producing club in Nashville. We've produced 3 shows so far. Because of Nashville's location near the Kentucky/Tennessee border, a number of our members live in the affected part of Kentucky. We live near the Kentucky/Tennessee state line. We actually have 5 members of our club who live in Kentucky. No one asked us how we felt about being moved into Region 4. We really have nothing against Region 4, but we're happy where we are. This resolution that addresses Article VIII of the constitution is to change the portion south of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, and I know Brad already discussed that. The rationale states that it is sometimes confusing to determine regional assignments based on a parallel, and that we should clarify the regions by setting state lines and landmarks as regional boundaries. I have no argument with the idea that using an imaginary line can be confusing, but if that's the case, we do need to look at all boundaries, not just one. What about Kansas, Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, California and Nevada? All of these are divided by either parallel or meridian lines. If the boundary running through the state of Kentucky is confusing, isn't it confusing everywhere else, as well? If these are confusing, then CFA does need to look at all of them at the same time. Changing one parallel at a time is not the way to accomplish this. Those people who live in these other states that are divided in this way, down the road will find yourselves being piecemeal being moved from one region to another. If we look at this from a geographic standpoint, in looking from the part of Kentucky where I live, I happen to live in the far western end of the state. If this proposal is passed, we're going to see Region 4 actually extending in its southern part all the way west to the Mississippi River. From where my home is, and I'll use this as an example but I do have several friends that live nearby, I can take an hour's drive north and be in Region 6. A 5 minute drive south will put me in Region 3. Region 4 is a 4 hour drive from my home. The closest show is over a 4 hour drive, and if I were to go to other shows in Region 4, my drive will extend 8 hours or more. I will submit to this delegation that this resolution is less to do with confusion over boundaries and much more to do with an elaborate and thinly-disguised attempt at region shopping. An exhibitor who happens to live a short distance south of the boundary had been showing in Region 4 for several years, and he had been told by Central Office to do that. Then, another exhibitor filed an anonymous complaint and he was told he had to move to Region 7. That's the reason we have this proposal before this delegation today. My final point, this resolution if passed is to take effect immediately – not wait until the new show season, but immediately. We already have people who have been showing and accumulating regional points in Region 7 that would then have to be moved to Region 4. Is this the time to do it? I don't think so. I ask you to vote no. Thank you. **Laura Barber:** [Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers] I am also a member of the Nashville Cat Fanciers. I am here to say to this audience, those of us in Tennessee – and this even includes a third club in Tennessee, the Mid-South Cat Fanciers – three show-producing clubs (two in the Southern Region, one in the Gulf Shore Region), and we don't know if we could be offended by this or upset or angry or whatever, but you didn't ask our opinion before you did this. We are affected because members of our clubs that do live in Kentucky – I run a very small club in Knoxville, Tennessee, where the majority of my members are elderly – not elderly like decrepit, but they are wonderful voting members, but as far as physically being able to put on a show, most of them are in their 70's and 80's, and my young people, my youth,

my strapping backs, are Kentucky residents, and they are willing to drive to club meetings 2 hours down and 2 hours back to attend and vote, and if I lose my Kentucky people, they will be another region and why should they come to my meeting and vote for my Southern Region needs? I will lose some of them that way, and so will the Nashville people, and my club members don't want to change. So, that's what I'm here to say. **Linda McColley:** [Roses for Felines] I agree totally with Brenda Hosford. She speaks well for all of us that are in the affected area. **Norm Auspitz:** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Cat Nation Fanciers] As a member of the last show-producing club in all of Kentucky, at least the Great Lakes, we thought seriously about petitioning the board to join the Southern Region, so you could use the same arguments about the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel to take northern Kentucky and stick it in the Southern Region, as well. I think we ought to leave it alone and be done, because what you do, as people have found out and as has been expressed, you affect a lot of people from an individual perspective by pulling them out of their home region they have been in for quite a while and sticking them into another region. That's not going to affect the club counts in any way, shape or form, really. Again, there's only one show-producing club left in all of Kentucky and that's us. Thank you. **Judy Bemis:** [Worldwide European Burmese Society] I sympathize with the individual who has made this proposal, because about 7 years ago I moved from Michigan, Region 4, where I was very active in 3 show-giving clubs in that region, as well as within the region itself. I moved to Kentucky just below Lexington and suddenly discovered I was in Region 7. There are no show-giving clubs anywhere near me in Region 7. There's nothing that I can become active in within even a 2 hour driving range, so there are situations where I think somewhere along the line we're going to have to start looking at maybe restructuring and revamping the regions, because you get clubs even at the farthest ends of a region and they tend to be forgotten by the region itself. That's all. **Laura Barber:** [Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers] Another thought about restructuring from Kentucky up and Tennessee down, if you want to even consider the state lines, Memphis, Mid-South Cat Fanciers, might even want to come into another region other than the region they're in if you're going to take all of Tennessee from Kentucky this way and Tennessee down, you would need to take them into consideration, as well. I've also been pointed out that once upon a time Kentucky was Region 7. What in 1979? It was Region 7 until 1974.

**Hannon:** Brad, do you want to give the closing comments? **Newcomb:** Just a few things I would like to touch on. I know some people brought up that this was about individuals. This is not about individuals. That situation has been taken care of and rectified. That doesn't have any bearing on this situation, so we're muddying the waters with that. With that said, there's a couple things I would like to touch on. One, clubs' regional assignment is based on what region the secretary resides in. That is a CFA rule. The other thing is, they were talking about these changes taking effect immediately. Any changes to an amendment is immediately put into effect after this meeting because it is a constitutional change. A couple of things I would like to touch on, and I would to ask everybody in the room who participated in this, if I gave you two cities, can you tell me what regions they belong in. Lexington, Kentucky – can anyone tell me what region Lexington, Kentucky is in? Lexington, Kentucky sits on the 38<sup>th</sup> and 5 foot parallel. That's the center of Lexington. Can anyone tell me what region Louisville, Kentucky is in? Louisville, Kentucky sits on the 38<sup>th</sup> and 15 foot parallel. That is the center of Louisville. So, both of those cities are split by the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel. Depending on where you live – and that is the point I'm trying to make – depending on where you live within two of the largest cities in the state, you don't

know which region you're in unless you get online and do the research. My proposal is to move us in the direction of eliminating that confusion. It is to move us in the direction of using state lines or landmarks – she mentioned Tennessee, which is east and west of the Tennessee River, that is a landmark. It's very easy to see that landmark on a map if you look at it, whereas a parallel, you look at any map and you have no idea where that parallel falls. So, the goal and the target is to clarify the regions, and to eliminate the confusion around what region this person belongs to. No matter if you're in Spain or Italy or Russia or California or Florida, if someone says they're from Kentucky, you know what region they're in. If someone says they're from Utah, which is another state that is split, you know what region they're in. Kansas is split. You would know what region they're in if you worked toward eliminating this. Now, to address the change, as with any change, as we see with the computer system at CFA, it was a very quick change and we've got a lot of issues we're working through with that system right now. I don't think we need to completely change every region at one time. I think it's something we need to take a slow and methodical approach to, so we can look at and understand each time we make a change what has the affect been, because there are going to be issues that come up with each change. If we make all of that change at one time, we're going to have a lot of issues at once we're going to try to work through and fix, and I don't think anybody is ready for that, either. So, that is my argument and my rationale. Please think about what we have discussed here. Like I said, the situation was brought up about people that were moved out of region. That situation has already been rectified and taken care of. It has no bearing on this. The whole purpose of this is to clarify a confusion that has been there for quite some time, has created issues for quite some time. We need to fix it. Thank you. **Hannon:** Thank you, Brad. I'm going to call the motion on this.

**Motion Failed.**

**PROPOSED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE XI — BREED COUNCIL to change the Breed Council membership term from the calendar year to run concurrent with the show season.

## **ARTICLE XI — BREED COUNCIL**

Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards. The rules governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules listed below:

### **BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES**

#### **PURPOSE**

The CFA Breed Councils were established in 1970 to serve as advisory bodies on breed standards to the CFA Executive Board. The Breed Councils channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the Breed Council Secretary elected by each specific breed.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.
4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

In addition to the above requirements, membership is limited to individuals who have met either of the following qualifications:

Bred at least one CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division,

OR

Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and, have exhibited a cat/kitten owned or leased by the applicant of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

A litter which has been reregistered to add an individual or individuals as additional breeders of the litter may not be used to qualify the additional breeder or breeders for Breed Council membership.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from ~~January 1 to December 31~~ May 1 to April 30. Membership for individuals whose applications were received on or before August 1, 2014 will be extended to April 30, 2015. When available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

## **FEEES**

The annual registration fee (~~January 1 to December 31~~ May 1 to April 30) shall be set by the Executive Board to help defray expenses for the operation of the Breed Councils.

## **PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected secretary of the specific breed council. The breed council secretary will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The weight of these opinions will form the basis for an annual poll taken prior to the Executive Board meeting in February when breed standard revisions are considered.

## **BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Requirements for Eligibility –

1. Current CFA membership in the specific breed council.
2. Current CFA club membership.
3. A secretary may not hold his/her position in more than one council at a time.

Election –

1. A secretary for each breed council will be elected FROM the membership and BY the membership of that breed council.
2. Elections will be held every two years in even numbered years during the month of December. Secretaries shall begin their two-year terms on May 1 of the following year, except that secretaries elected in December 2014 shall serve from January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017.
3. A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for secretary of a breed council by submitting his/her declaration in writing, signed by the candidate, to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held. Signed declarations may be submitted by mail, fax or electronic scanned file.

4. Ballots for the election of breed council secretaries must be mailed to the Central Office in accordance with voting instructions printed on the ballot and must be returned in the official ballot envelope.

5. Only those breed council members who have paid their dues by August 1 next preceding the December in which the election is held shall be eligible to vote in the election.

6. In the event of a tie vote between/among the candidates for breed council secretary, the membership that was eligible to vote in the election that resulted in a tie shall be balloted again. The reballoting will be done within 2 weeks of the close of the prior election, allowing the voters 14 days to return the ballots to Central Office. If the vote is again a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot.

Vacancies –

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

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected. An unmarked item on an otherwise valid breed council ballot is an abstention, and an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating 60%.

In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment.

**RATIONALE:** The current Breed Council membership application allows members to wait until seven months into the membership term to apply for membership and pay dues. After discussion at the Board table and with the Breed Council Secretaries during the 2012 and 2013 annual meetings (of the Board of Directors and BC Secretaries), there was consensus to make the breed council membership year concurrent with the show season instead of the calendar year.

Since 2014 is an election year (for breed council secretaries serving January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017), there would be a one-time extension of that period to April 30, 2017 (in other words, Breed Council Secretaries elected in the 2014 election would serve 2 years, 4 months). Breed Council Secretaries elected in the 2016 election year would begin their term May 1, 2017 (through April 30, 2019).

**Hannon:** The next one is from Western Reserve. I should point out before Annette starts that, due to timing of the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline on these things, the board didn't weigh in on time but the board does support this particular amendment. **Annette Wilson:** [Western Reserve Cat Club; Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club] Region 4. I just want to say – I'm sure I'm out of line and someone can pound a gavel on me, but I have participated in CFA in Regions 6, 7 and 4, and found them always to be welcoming. So, Proposal #3, *Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE*

*XI — BREED COUNCIL to change the Breed Council membership term from the calendar year to run concurrent with the show season.* This is a discussion that we have had for several years when the Breed Council Secretaries meet with the Board of Directors, both in 2012 and 2013, and it addresses the issue of the length of time someone has to apply to and be part of a breed council. Currently, it runs according to the calendar year but your membership doesn't have to be in until August 1<sup>st</sup>, so you essentially have 7 months into the term to decide if you want to join or not. We looked at several different scenarios and decided the simplest one would be to have membership run from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, so concurrent with the show season, but membership applications for any year would still be accepted up until August 1<sup>st</sup>. So, now you have May, June and July to decide if you're going to join the breed council or not, but you only be 3 months into the breed council term. In order to affect this, we would need to extend the current term of breed council membership starting this year, so if you are applying before August 1<sup>st</sup> this year, you would actually be extended through April 30<sup>th</sup> next year, so you get – yes – 4 extra months for the price of 12, even though you are paying sort of late. We also would have to extend the term of the CFA Breed Council Secretary elections to extend an additional 4 months, so those who are planning to run for Breed Council Secretary would have to commit to an extra 4 months to the usual 2 year term. Thank you. **Hannon:** Any discussion on this?

**Linda Martino:** [Tonkinese Breed Association] On this particular thing, I would like to speak as a past Breed Council Secretary who spent 8 years nagging my breed council members to renew, etc., etc. Personally, if I were going to change the schedule, I would start it January 1<sup>st</sup> and cut it off about May 1<sup>st</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the reason is to allow you to know who was really in the breed council during those couple months before you submit changes to the standard, so that you can do a pre-poll to make sure that you know what your breed council really wants to do. On a practical basis, reducing it to 3 months to me has no advantage. It just makes it more difficult. Last year, when I was trying to help nag and remind people to join up, somebody sent in a check. Well, it didn't show up, didn't show up, I told them to contact Central Office, Central Office said they were backed up for weeks processing checks. Well, it passed the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. By the time they finished processing the checks, lo and behold, theirs didn't show up so they didn't get renewed. Trying to compress this down into a 3 month period of time between the normal nagging process that goes on, combined with the slowness, frankly, that can occur in Central Office I think doesn't make any advantage. The 4 months you add from January to April is kind of meaningless, because that's not when the breed council is active. Breed councils are not active during the same schedule as the show year. Breed councils are active in the few months prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, and then from August 1<sup>st</sup> until the actual balloting takes place. **Karen Thomas:** [Rebel Rousers Cat Club] I'm the Breed Council Secretary for the Burmese and I have run into a situation where there was a ballot in the fall of the year before I took office in January, and then I didn't go to the board meeting that year because I hadn't planned to run for breed council because I had a prior commitment, so something passed the board that kind of just slipped by my attention. Now I'm going to be not Breed Council Secretary next year faced with trying to ballot for something in the fall of this year that the new Breed Council Secretary will have to come to the board and present, explain, defend or withdraw, whatever, so I think that it creates an issue when the ballot is passed in the fall and has to be supported by the breed council person who takes over in January, so I support having the Breed Council Secretary term be May to May.

**Hannon:** Annette, do you have any closing comments? **Wilson:** I just want to comment on Linda's issues, and I appreciate that she brings those up. We actually did consider keeping it the calendar year, but as Karen just mentioned, the flow of how the breed council information works really lends itself to the calendar year, so we did look at all those opportunities, we talked about it in the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting with the board and we talked about it on the board also, and I want to thank the Breed Council Secretaries who gave input on the Breed Council Secretaries' list about this proposal. Thank you. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call the question.

**Motion Carried.**

***– 4 – Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, Finicky Felines Society, Kittyhawk Felines Inc., Bombay Enthusiasts of America***

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE XVI — AMENDMENTS as follows:

This Constitution may be amended by an Annual or Special Meeting of members by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates ~~present~~ seated at the meeting in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment, together with notice of time and place of the meeting, has been mailed by the Central Office of this Association, or by a member club proposing the amendment, to each member club at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting.

Prior to voting on proposed amendments, a two-thirds (2/3) majority must be established and announced at the meeting. Seated delegates shall be defined as all delegates or their proxies who have registered and are eligible to vote as determined by the Credentials Committee in their report to the delegates.

**RATIONALE:** Traditionally, the number of votes required for a two-thirds (2/3) majority at the Annual Meeting has been established following the report of the Credentials Committee to the delegate body and prior to voting on the proposed amendments at the Annual Meeting. This was done at the Annual Meeting in 2010 but the numbers changed part way through that meeting due to a ruling by the sitting parliamentarian to base the two-thirds (2/3) majority on the delegates currently in the meeting room at the time of the vote. Toward the end of that meeting, a proposal from the floor to address this issue was discussed, voted on and passed with a favorable recommendation. The proposal was as follows:

According to Article XVI of the Constitution of the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc.  
“2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present in the meeting, in person or by proxy” at an AGM, shall be calculated based on the number of votes eligible to be cast at the AGM, as determined by the number of delegates seated.  
The total number of votes eligible to be cast shall also be used to determine the number of votes required for a simple majority.

At the 2013 Annual Meeting, no number was provided prior to voting to establish a two-thirds (2/3) majority as the sitting parliamentarian for the meeting ruled that the number would change based on the number of people present in the room at the time of the vote. This ruling was accepted by the president in spite of the fact that we had already voted on this matter in 2010.

One of the things that is important in any democratic process is consistency. Without consistency, people start to lose faith in the democratic process. When we are voting on proposed amendments, all delegates need to be in the meeting but this isn't always possible. We know that these delegates are eligible to vote because they have completed the registration process and they have checked in prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. When it comes down to voting, however, we need to stick with the number of votes that are eligible to be cast if all delegates were in the meeting. Anything less waters down the process. This is especially true when it comes to proposals from the floor late in the meeting which have not been pre-noticed. This

proposal is meant to clarify how a two-thirds (2/3) majority is calculated so that there can be no question in the future.

**Hannon:** Amendment #4. Who is going to be presenting that to us? **Bruce Russell:** [Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers] I would like to just read the change that I'm proposing for the constitutional changes and how the voting should be based on. *This Constitution may be amended by an Annual or Special Meeting of members by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates seated (rather than present) at the meeting in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment, together with notice of time and place of the meeting, has been mailed by the Central Office of this Association, or by a member club proposing the amendment, to each member club at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting.* Also adding to that, *Prior to voting on proposed amendments, a two-thirds (2/3) majority must be established and announced at the meeting. Seated delegates shall be defined as all delegates or their proxies who have registered and are eligible to vote as determined by the Credentials Committee in their report to the delegates.* I have been attending the AGM for the last 16 years and if you go back and take a look at the minutes of the meetings which are on the CFA website, you will see that before we start voting on amendments, that the totals of the votes are listed in every set of minutes, as far as how many delegates are active at the meeting on which to base the 2/3 majority, except for last year. We ran into a situation even back in 2010 where we had those numbers – we were given those numbers ahead of time – so we knew not only what the 2/3 majority was, but also a simple majority, but then part way through the meeting, the determination of what constituted a 2/3 majority or a simple majority was changed by a ruling of the parliamentarian. Last year, the ruling was based on the fact that it was just members that were present in the room. Most meetings, I don't have a problem when you just have the people that are present and you have a 2/3 majority or a simple majority, based on the number of people that attend, but most of our club meetings and other meetings that you might go to with a board, you might have somebody away or a couple people away for family reasons or whatever. The AGM though is a meeting that all of us plan for months. We put a lot of effort into having people send in their delegate forms. This is our business and we treat it as a business, so everybody that comes here is entitled to vote. I want to see a constitutional change made by 60% or 55% of the delegates that have been seated for the meeting. I would like us to keep it like 2/3 of the delegates that are eligible to vote. There are thousands of dollars that are put into running this meeting, and we shouldn't have less than the 2/3 of the delegates that are eligible to vote, to be able to make a constitutional change. Back in 2010, at the end of the meeting I made a resolution from the floor, and I'll just read that to you:

**RESOLVED:** According to Article XVI of the Constitution of the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. "*2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present in the meeting, in person or by proxy*" at an AGM, shall be calculated based on the number of votes eligible to be cast at the AGM, as determined by the number of delegates seated. The total number of votes eligible to be cast shall also be used to determine the number of votes required for a simple majority.

**DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carries** with a favorable recommendation.

**Russell:** That resolution passed with a favorable recommendation. All I'm looking for here is consistency and I would like us to be able to have that consistency all the way through and not have people changing the interpretation of it, as they see it from their interpretation.

**Bob Belfatto:** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club] I think that a lot of people come to this meeting and really don't want to come to the meeting. They come for the banquet, they come for the area, they come to enjoy themselves. If they don't have enough, you know, to come to the meeting to express their opinion, then their opinion shouldn't count. It shouldn't count as a no and it shouldn't count as a yes. If they don't come to the meeting [under this proposal], it counts as a no. I like the idea of the people who are interested calling the shots. Thank you. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx] I'm going to second what Bob said, because I'm going to give you a history lesson. Back in 2002, there was an amendment brought on Show Rules to change the rules to allow people to take their cat and show as a grand on Sunday if it granded on Saturday. That rule was voted on and the President called the motion as having passed. There were so many hands raised that the delegates requested a teller count to see if it passed by 2/3. As a result of the teller count, the motion was declared to have failed because there were so many people not in the room that were now counted as no votes, that they basically controlled the votes that failed that motion. I personally don't want to see people who aren't in the room have the authority to cast no votes on every amendment and resolution that comes before the delegation. **Mary Kolencik:** [Lilac Point Fanciers] A couple years ago I wrote an amendment about abstentions for the breed council ballots. At that time, I looked at Robert's Rules of Order. Most of us in here aren't that nerdy that we actually have a copy on our desk, but I do. I read it, and I absolutely agree with our current ruling by Ed that these votes should not affect the vote. If you're not in the room, that means you don't care. If you don't care, you shouldn't be affecting the vote. What you're basically saying if you're not here, you're abstaining, and abstentions should not affect the vote. So, I disagree with this amendment. If anything, I do kind of think that the way we have it worded in the constitution is not pristinely clear. We have to go to Robert's Rules for the interpretation. We could fix it. We should enshrine that in the constitution, not this. If you don't care enough to be here to vote, you should not be able to affect the vote. **Barbara Schreck:** [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats] I disagree. I think if you're registered as a delegate here, you have accepted the responsibility of not coming to just party, collect your award and meet with your friends, all of which we like to do. If you want to do that, you shouldn't be registered as a delegate. You can just be a visitor. If you have a club vote, your club has entrusted you with that vote, to vote on these amendments as they may or may not have directed you, or have entrusted you to make an appropriate decision. If you have decided that you don't want to be in the room, you have decided that you have violated that trust. I think that you should count the people who have registered as delegates. If they don't want to be participating in the decision-making process, don't register as a delegate. What happens many times, at the end of the day people are tired, we have friends to meet for dinner, they go off, and the number of people in the room diminishes. Many years, people come with resolutions from the floor. They plan perhaps to get this through the remaining people, which they have, by the way, a whole year to put these resolutions and suggestions in ahead of time. Why do they now bring it from the floor? It seems to me that in some cases what they are trying to do is to sneak it through the few remaining people, who might then be interested in becoming part of the 2/3 or 50%. **Jack Nichols:** [Sandhills Cat Club] I support this. Essentially, using 2/3 of the registered delegates as our benchmark keeps us from pushing amendments through. For example, I wanted an amendment, let's say I proposed on to eliminate the board of directors. I proposed it, I get up here and present it, I holler "fire", everybody gets up and runs except for the 6 people supporting me, and we vote the darn thing in, because we would have the 6 people present in the room, versus



using the 2/3 of the registered delegates. As a delegate, I represent 2 clubs. The 2 clubs are both stakeholders in CFA and I think all stakeholders, whether you're in the room when the vote is called or you're not, should have input on every, single vote. **Barbara Sinbine:** [Treasure Coast Cat Club] I'm sorry, but if you yell "fire" in here, I expect my president and all of you to get up and leave, and no one would be calling for a vote during that time. If you want to be participating as a delegate here, you should be present in your seat here. We are the ones the count. We are here. I don't care what they're doing, I want to be counted with my vote here. Thank you.

**Hannon:** I'm going to call the question.

**Motion Failed.**

## **PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS**

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**Hannon:** Pre-noticed show rule resolutions which pass by 2/3 are sent to the board for ratification. That means if 2/3 of you vote for a show rule change, it gets changed. Pre-noticed resolutions which are passed by more than 50% but less than 2/3 are sent to the board with a recommendation, which means the board can do it or not. Show rule resolutions which are amended before being voted on must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

*– 5 – Sophisto Cat Club, Show and Tell, Gulf Shore Consortium, New England Meow Outfit (NEMO), Felinus International*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 1.24 as follows, to lengthen the effective period of the TRN from 30 to 60 days:

**1.24** A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER is provided to listed cats who wish to compete at a CFA show and earn awards in any competitive category, e.g., points earned and qualifying rings will be credited to the cat. The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include ~~longhair exotics~~ Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 2.04) and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee for registration by pedigree; or a CFA-issued pedigree showing the CFA registration number for both the sire and dam of the cat/kitten, and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee. This must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in. The fee, application form, and pedigree will be provided to Central Office in the show package. Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for ~~30-60~~ 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the ~~bases~~ basis for such decision. Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a “not-for-breeding” cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be ~~listed~~ printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for ~~30~~ 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all sub-sequent entries after the first show for the ~~30-day~~ 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this ~~30-day~~ 60-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.

**RATIONALE:** Changes such as capitalizing the name of a breed and the correction of a spelling error should be considered housekeeping. “Printed” is used instead of “listed” to avoid confusion

with the way the term “listed” is used at the beginning of the show rule. The main point for the requested show rule is to lengthen the effective period of the TRN from 30 to 60 days. We are losing breeders and exhibitors who have been discouraged when they have not received any correspondence from CFA within the 30-day timeframe. In Moscow alone, registrations on over 20 cats were not acted on in time to allow the exhibitors to continue showing in CFA.

**Hannon:** The first show rule, Pam DelaBar. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] I will not read this whole show rule to you. Essentially what it does is change the date for the effectiveness of a temporary registration number – a TRN – from 30 to 60 days. We know from Dennis that the registrations are running behind. We’re losing entries, specifically for Europe. We lost 20 for one show in Moscow alone. Had I known what I know now, I would have changed it to 90 days, because I entered two TRNs in a show the end of March and I’m on day 88 for registration, so please help to support. This does affect everybody in CFA, but specifically it does affect Europe. **Carissa Altschul:** [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Muskogee Cat Club] I have no problem with changing the TRN time. My concern here is the fact that we’re making a breed that doesn’t exist by capitalizing it. She may think that it was a clarification thing, but there is no such thing as a breed of Longhair Exotic. It’s not a breed and it’s not recognized. It does not exist in the breed standards and it should not be capitalized. I don’t know why it was, other than trying to be sneaky about it. It doesn’t belong in this resolution.

**Hannon:** Pam, do you want to do a closing comment? **DelaBar:** Just a closing comment about Longhair Exotics. It does show up on the registrations and pedigrees as a capital Longhair and capital E for Exotic. **Hannon:** OK, I’m going to call the question on the Show Rule proposal which is listed as #5.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 3.06, 18.07, and 28.17 c. as follows:

- 3.06** A judge ~~will~~ must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. The chief clerk in that ring is responsible for notifying all chief ring clerks of the action taken.
- 18.07** When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of Paragraphs 28.15, 28.16 and 28.17, the chief ring clerk shall clearly mark in the judge's copy of the ring catalog the reason: i.e., "Wrong Color" (WC), "No Award-Condition" (NA/Cond.), "No Award-Insufficient Merit" (NA/ IM), "Disqualify-Undescended Testicle(s)" (DISQ-UT), "Disqualify-Bite" (DISQ/BITE) or "Disqualify-All Other Reasons" (DISQ).
- 28.17 c.** A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ/BITE," otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See Paragraphs ~~28.13~~ 28.12.c and ~~28.13~~ 28.12.d)

The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded "DISQ/BITE" for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall not be eligible for entry at any CFA show.

**RATIONALE:** There is no rule that prevents a cat that habitually bites judges from continuing to be shown by its owner. This conduct is inappropriate, as it puts the judge at risk of serious infection, even with prompt first-aid attention at the show. This rule is proposed to use similar wording that is currently used to track cats that are given NA/IM to prevent them from continuing to show after three judges have determined that the cat is a "biter." The three strikes approach is used here, as in the NA/IM rule, to ensure that the behavior is not a "rare" occurrence.

This amendment also brings into alignment the language of the various show rules governing dismissal of a cat or kitten for biting or recalcitrant or threatening behavior.

**Hannon:** The next one is from the Board and George Eigenhauser is going to present that. **Eigenhauser:** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club] There are a number of small changes being made in the rule regarding a cat that behaves in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, but the nuts of this are essentially 3 bites and you're out. We're going to have a new type of disqualification – a disqualification for biting – and 3 bites, you can't enter that cat again. I want to point out that a similar resolution came before the annual several years ago and was

voted down. That one claimed to be a 3 bites rule but it wasn't. It allowed 3 disqualifications for behaving in a recalcitrant and threatening manner to bar you from exhibiting again. "Recalcitrant and threatening" is in the eye of the beholder. Some judges are better handlers and some judges feel honor-bound to take that cat out, regardless of how snarky it acts, but "bite" is a pretty clear standard. Our judges get paid a buck and a quarter to judge these cats. That's not exactly combat pay. If your cat has bitten 3 judges, leave the damn cat home. If people had common sense, we wouldn't need this rule, but apparently we do. **Barbara Schreck:** [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats] I support this amendment, but I have a question about how this can be tracked or if it can be tracked. I would just like to hear a comment to address that. **Hannon:** We will do it in order. Monte, do you want to address that later? **Laurie Coughlan:** [GEMS, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers] I would have to say that anyone who knowingly brings a cat to the show hall who they think is likely to bite, shame on them. We as exhibitors ought to do some peer counseling to encourage these people to leave these cats at home. However, this rule does not make allowances for things that are operator error, like in 15 years I've had one cat bite a judge because the judge played with a toy and then left the toy on her other hand and the cat bit the toy and got the hand. That's a bite. This doesn't say that the judge can say it wasn't the cat's fault, it says the judge *must* report and it *must* be counted as a bite. So, when that cat bit the judge accidentally and the judge said it was her fault, the word still went out through the show hall that the vicious cat of this breed bit the judge. The cat was handled like a poisonous snake for the rest of the show and was very much unnerved by the way it was handled. There are so many things – last weekend I saw a very lovely, sweet-tempered cat get terrified by something that happened in the show hall. The cat has never offered to bite or hurt anybody. It wasn't my cat, but it bit someone, trying to escape in fear for its life. These things happen. I would support a rule about cat bites that had an appeal process. The kitten that turns its head rapidly and rakes the judge's hand, that's a bite. There's no appeal process, there's no "OK, take the cat away, spay it, neuter it, and you can come back in 2 years and try again." There's no time out provision, there's no appeal. There are too many things that can happen with a living creature, so my clubs are opposed to this rule, as currently written, although we are strongly opposed to people bringing recalcitrant cats to the show hall. **Robin Bryan:** [American Gothic Cat Club] My question to the board is, could you please define "bite"? I know that seems to be splitting hairs but what about a cat that nips and doesn't break the skin? I agree, a vicious bite, an intentional bite, but the way it's written, I think "bite" needs to be just a little bit more defined. It's a little too vague. You're leaving too much room for error. Thank you. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphinx] I've just got a comment on a couple questions that came up. First of all, Central Office already tracks NA/IMs. This is the same thing, essentially. You have 3 NA/IMs and the cat cannot be shown. In this case, there would be a special writing in the judge's book that would tell you the cat was disqualified for biting. It's the same thing that happens right now with undescended testicles. A cat that's disqualified with undescended testicles can no longer be shown in championship after 3 judges confirm DISQ/UT. They do track that, so tracking it is not an issue. Second, the *must* versus *will* depends on which rule you read, because the problem we have here is, we have 3 separate rules all talking about the exact same thing. Back to the discussion just I had a few minutes ago about the revised show rules, we're trying to make it one. It's a matter of which verb you choose. **Loretta Baugh:** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers] A couple of comments I want to make. The first criteria of a show cat should be gentle and amenable to handling, because if you can't handle the cat, it really doesn't belong in a show. Our

responsibility as breeders is to take our kittens when they start opening their eyes, and give them the confidence they need to be in the show hall. Secondly, this rule is not talking about one bite, it's talking about three. Any cat can react one time, but when a cat repeatedly reacts, it's time to think about the safety and wellbeing of our judges. Cat bites are very, very dangerous. We've had people that have been hospitalized and have been on intravenous antibiotics for a very long time. Please consider the safety of your judges. Consider the fact that I'm certain that had there been a cat that was spooked in the show and managed to bite 3 judges, there certainly would be consideration if the exhibitor wanted to appeal it. Thank you. **Dennis Ganoe:** [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America] I want to call attention to Resolution 3.06 that adds also the words "cannot be judged in the judging ring", so it's not just the bites, it also the cat cannot be judged. It is not simply getting bitten that disqualifies the cat. That condition where the judge put a toy on their hand and the cat went after the toy and got the hand, the cat was perfectly able to be judged. In my opinion, that wouldn't call for a disqualification on bites. I support this amendment. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx] The wording in 3.06 was added to match the wording that already exists in 28.17. **Hannon:** I don't see anybody else that wants to comment, so I'm going to call the question.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

– 7 – *Sophisto Cat Club, Show and Tell, Gulf Shore Consortium, New England Meow Outfit (NEMO), Felinus International*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 11.04b as follows:

**11.04** Correction of entry information:

a. ...

b. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the Show Secretary or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. ~~Likewise, adding the permanent registration number for an adult cat entered in Novice is not allowed.~~

c. ...

**RATIONALE:** There should be no obstacles for exhibitors to enter and show cats that have obtained bona fide CFA registration numbers, even if this involves months of waiting for completion of the registration process. If a breeder has submitted the required pedigrees for registration and wants to show, they should be able to do so. To require these exhibitors to also obtain TRN numbers is a duplication of effort and an additional expense for the exhibitor.

**Hannon:** Sophisto Cats. Pam, are you ready to present the next show rule? **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapore Society] Again, I will not read the entire resolution. What it does is, allow us, once a cat that is entered as a novice gets its registration number, to be able to use that registration in a show it may be entered in. All we are doing is deleting the phrase, *Likewise, adding the permanent registration number for an adult cat entered in Novice is not allowed.* **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on this? **DelaBar:** A cat that is entered as a novice, if it should get a registration number, is not allowed to give that registration number to the master clerk for a show. It doesn't make sense. **Hannon:** I don't see any other discussion, so I'm going to call for the vote.



**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

– 8 – *Sophisto Cat Club, Show and Tell, Gulf Shore Consortium, New England Meow Outfit (NEMO), Felinus International*

**RESOLVED:** Delete Show Rule 11.35 in its entirety:

~~**11.35** Gifts from exhibitors in conjunction with a show are never acceptable. Judges are prohibited from accepting gifts from exhibitors from the time they leave their place of residence until they return home. This time is considered to be “in conjunction with a show”.~~

**RATIONALE:** Definition of “gift” is basically “an item given to someone without the expectation of payment”. This show rule is ambiguous in wording and perhaps is better presented in the Judging Program Rules rather than Show Rules. Those who fervently police show rules would jump at the chance to file protests for those judges receiving grand cakes, birthday cakes, glasses of champagne for new grands, glass of beer, Coke (Zero), wine, after the show completion, copies of photos taken at shows, etc. Blatant showering of gifts is not acceptable but anyone wanting to “get around” this rule would just give a token payment to the giver.

**Hannon:** The next one is Sophisto Cat again. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] What this does is delete Show Rule 11.35 dealing with gifts to judges. “Gift” is not well defined. Does this mean I cannot have my Coke Zero from a friend after the show is over? There’s too many questions. I agree to the ethics of this. I just would like to see more examples of what I am not allowed to accept. **Hannon:** Any discussion on this? **Monte Phillips:** [Cat’n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx] I have a questions more for Ed than anything else. This show rule is actually a specific board policy statement. It was put in the show rules to make everybody aware of the board policy statement’s existence. My question is, if you vote out the show rule, what’s the status of the board policy statement; i.e., can people still be disciplined for violating the board policy statement, even though they voted out the show rule? He’s nodding his head yes, so what you’re voting on here is whether you’re going to be aware that if you do this it will cause you penalties and fines, or do you want to take the rule out so that you won’t be aware that if you do this, you will still get penalties and fines. **Hannon:** Let me explain something here. Based on the hands that I saw raised, it’s going to pass by 2/3 and it’s going to be mandatory and the board is going to change the policy. One more time, raise your hands if you’re in favor.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

*– 9 – New England Meow Outfit, Garden State Cat Club, Morris and Essex Cat Club, Sophisto Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 15.01 as follows:

**15.01** The show manager is responsible for all aspects of conducting the show in accordance with these rules with the exception of those duties specifically allotted to the show secretary or show entry clerk. As a member of the show committee, he/she is jointly responsible for duties allotted to that committee.

If the show manager of record is unable to be physically present at the show for any reason, an acting show manager must be appointed by members of the show committee who are physically present. This individual will have the same responsibilities and decision-making authority as the original show manager for the duration of the show.

**RATIONALE:** There is currently no requirement in the show rules that a show manager be physically present at the show. It is one of those things that has always appeared so obvious that there has never been a need to write it down. However, in the absence of such a requirement, there is also no official guidance for an emergency situation when no show manager is able to be in attendance at the show hall.

We are not proposing to add such a requirement for physical presence. Emergencies happen! We simply believe that any individual who is willing to step up to the plate in this type of situation, and who is properly appointed by the show committee, should be empowered to take action and should be entitled to some protection from charges of unauthorized and/or inappropriate decision making after the fact.

**Hannon:** We're moving on to #9, the New England Meow Outfit, etc. Is there someone who is going to present that for us? Yes ma'am. **Rebecca Bergeron:** [New England Meow Outfit] We believe this proposal speaks for itself. Although it was sparked by one incident, since the proposal came out we have been told of many other incidents and different situations. I have seen over the years, it's happened where other individuals have had to take over for an absent show manager. This has convinced us that a real need for this rule exists. It cannot do any harm and it can be a huge help to any club faced with the dilemma of a show manager not showing up. That's our proposal. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Jacqui Bennett:** [Maine Street Cat Club; Ocicats International] Our club was a bit confused by this, because we have yet to have been to a show where a show manager couldn't attend, that chaos simply ensued. Somebody always takes over if show management can't be there. While we agree that somebody needs to take over if a show manager can't be there, we're concerned with cluttering up the show rules. That's our concern – that this is just cluttering up the show rules with common sense. Somebody is going to take care of the show. That just happens. **Sue Robbins:** [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club] We are in favor of this rule. We actually had a situation where a show manager didn't show up. Fortunately, Jane Barletta was our co-show manager, but had Jane not been there or not been the co-show manager, again, who legally is then responsible for the club? I think that is the issue and that is what people would like to see addressed or at least clarified, so we are in favor of it. **Hannon:** Jack and then Diane. **Jack Nichols:** [Sandhills

Cat Club] Isn't there a song about that? **Hannon:** Yes, and do you and Diane want to sing it? **Nichols:** I kind of agree with Jacqui that this rule is just cluttering up the show rules. It's not explained well. On Sunday, if the show manager doesn't show up and I've got to appoint a new show manager, do I have to report that to CFA? What's the whole reason with saying we have to do this if we don't have a follow-through system to report it or something? This just clutters up show rules and becomes cumbersome. **Diane Curfiss:** [Queen City Cat Club] I'm the "Diane" part of "Jack and Diane". **Hannon:** Right. We're all going to hum along. **Curfiss:** Anyway, what I would like to say is, having been a show manager in excess of 30 years – and we won't talk about the excess part – we have a show committee set up. If a show manager doesn't show up, then let the show committee work as the committee has been appointed to do. They don't need to re-appoint everything. I agree with Jack. It's going to cause a lot of paperwork for CFA later on. More show rules, plain and simple. **Marguerite Epstein:** [Cascade Cat Fanciers] I'm agree with it, because the purpose of it is, yes, someone will always step up, but we want to make sure the person that steps up is protected with the decisions they make. Sometimes the decisions you make as a show manager are unpopular, so if you make an unpopular decision as the person who stepped up into place to take the place of the show manager who couldn't or wouldn't show up, you should not end up having people complain about you or discipline or anything of that matter because you made unpopular decisions to help the show go on. **Hannon:** I don't see any more comments so I'm going to call for the vote.

**Motion Failed.**

*– 10 – Sophisto Cat Club, Show and Tell, Gulf Shore Consortium, New England Meow Outfit (NEMO), Felinus International*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 26.02e as follows:

- e. Judges who are contracted to judge shows outside of their country of residence are required to receive negotiable payment for transportation tickets prior to ticket being issued in advance of the show. Judges failing to follow this procedure will do so at their own risk. CFA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for reimbursing judges for unpaid tickets. This rule is not applicable for travel ~~between~~ within the United States, ~~and~~ Canada, and Mexico, or for judges residing in and traveling within Region 9.

**RATIONALE:** Mexico was added to those countries already stated in North America as it is part of Region 3 and Region 5. It does not take much travel for a Region 9 judge to travel to a country outside the country of residence. For example, in the time it took me to fly from San Antonio to Dallas, Texas, I can now fly to Stockholm, Sweden, Tallin, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Russia, etc. Countries in Europe are like the states in the US, especially with the free movement within the European Union and Schengen Agreement countries. Clubs in Region 9 are no less honest about travel payment than clubs in the US.

**Hannon:** Next one, Pam. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] What this show rule used to require is, if you travel outside your country of residence or except for the North American continent, then the club would have to pay your ticket. What I am adding in here is, for judges residing and traveling within Region 9 – Europe – that the exception also applies to those judges. I gave some examples. I can fly to Sweden in 55 minutes for basically a very cheap cost. It's ridiculous for the club to have to buy my ticket. The same with several other countries. We want to give the judges in Region 9 the same ability to travel and the clubs within Region 9, as do the judges in the North American continent, and Japan and Korea. Basically, we're concerned with Region 9 right now. **Hannon:** I don't see anyone interested in discussing it, so I'm going to call for the vote.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

– 11 – *Sophisto Cat Club, Show and Tell, Gulf Shore Consortium, New England Meow Outfit (NEMO), Felinus International*

**RESOLVED:** Amend the second paragraph of Show Rule 26.03 to read as follows:

**26.03 ...**

Clubs ~~in Region 9 or the International Division~~ must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each international, overseas, or guest judge, as appropriate, judge for the period between consecutive weekend shows. If the judge does not stay at the show hotel and travels to other locations during the period of the contracted shows, no more than the cost of the show hotel may be charged by the judge as well as reasonable meals which shall be reimbursed by the club.

**RATIONALE:** All clubs in CFA must be ready to provide basic room and board for judges traveling from overseas and are judging consecutive weekends. Co-sponsoring clubs share the expenses.

**Hannon:** Pam again. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] I must have been bored this winter. *Clubs must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each international, overseas, or guest judge, as appropriate.* This used to be just for judges from the U.S. going into Europe or the International Division. We have judges going all over. What this does is, if they are judging two consecutive weekends, requires clubs to provide lodging, food, etc. for those judges acting as their judges, for two weeks. **Mary Kolencik:** [Lilac Point Fanciers] I think Pam was channeling me while she was writing up all things this year. **Hannon:** I don't think anybody is going to confuse the two of you. **Kolencik:** Alright. So, I understand the intent here and I sympathize with the intent, but I have some concerns. I am concerned basically with reading exactly what's written – not with how things work, because I know this is already implemented in Region 9, so I know the clubs are working together and doing this correctly over there, but my concern is with what is written here. I can see a situation where – this is at the judges' discretion, correct? So like if I'm in a club and I hire a judge for my weekend, that judge can accept another assignment in this country on the following weekend, and I am suddenly responsible for making sure that their hotel cost is covered for whatever my portion is for the middle of the week. So, what happens if this is a higher cost? I know that I only have to pay half of the air fare now, but what if, because of the dates of the travel, the air fare is suddenly higher and what if this rule doesn't specify which show hotel is the show hotel that we're going to count as the show hotel for what we have to reimburse the judge for, so what if I end up with a higher bill? I might end up with a lower bill, I might end up with a higher bill, but the club has no discretion in this situation. The rule as written assumes a level of cooperation between the two clubs. Thank you very much Ed for that statement. You can't make that assumption. The judge gets the discretion to force the two clubs to work together, and those two clubs might not exactly play well with each other and work together. What if one of the clubs loses money on their show and I get stuck with the bill? What I would like to see here is some protection for the clubs that we know ahead of time that this is going to happen. That's all I'm asking for. We can approve it as written, but if the board were to add some protection for the clubs that we can get out of the situation if we needed to. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of

Wonderful Sphinx] I am going to follow up on what Mary just said. Just a comment here. The original rule as written basically covers judges going from the United States over to Europe or the International Division and contracting another show in that area. This requirement, as it is rewritten, would do the same thing for judges coming, say, from Germany or Denmark or Finland to the United States. Let's say they took an assignment one weekend at Liberty Trail and the next weekend they are at Golden Gate. It's still in the United States, so somewhere in the middle you get to pay for that trip from Philadelphia out to San Francisco and lodging in between. That can change your budget a bit. **DelaBar:** All this does is give the United States and Canada the same responsibilities and privileges as we have in Europe and in the International Division. It's the same rule for all of CFA's clubs, not some of CFA's clubs. When a judge comes over for consecutive weekends, this is usually at the cooperation of the two clubs involved. We're not talking about big time vacations or whatever, it is for the clubs that the judge stays over, or else you're going to have an air fare from Germany to Philadelphia and back, then Germany to San Francisco and back. All we're doing is spreading the privilege and responsibility to all clubs, rather than some. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the question.

[At this point, Hannon engaged the Credentials Committee tellers to do a hand count]

**Hannon:** There are 197 votes yes, 192 votes no. The motion carries with a favorable recommendation, not 2/3.

**Motion Carried.**

– 12 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 25.13, chart, to read as follows:

Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia)		International Division (including Russia)	
No. of Rings	CFA Judges	No. of Rings	CFA Judges
2-3	2	2-3	2
4-5	3	4-5	3
6	4	6	4
7	5	7	5
8	6	8-9	6
9-10	7	10-11	7
11	8	12	8
12	9		

**RATIONALE:** No clubs within the CFA family must spend the amount of money for show production that the clubs within Russia must spend. Russia has two CFA allbreed judges; the remaining judges must come from outside Russia, excepting qualified guest judges. Not only must the clubs pay for judges' visas (over \$300 US minimum for US citizen judges, over \$100 for European judges) PER JUDGE, PER SHOW, but also must pay the Russian government for each official invitation needed to apply for Russian visas. This is in addition to judges' airfares (\$1200 to \$1500 for US judges, about \$500 for European judges). Visa processing time for US citizens is approximately 21 days. Judges have had to cancel at the last minute due to Russian visa and passport requirements which cause additional expense in order to contract a replacement judge.

The major CFA show producing club in Russia has had to reduce the amount of shows from 9 to 5 per year because of costs. Russia is one of the major growth areas for CFA because of the great interest in the cat fancy. The largest show in the world for 2013 was in Moscow.

Allowing the Russian CFA clubs the opportunity to contract possibly one additional guest judge (in the case of a 12 ring show) not only helps the clubs financially but also sends a message this delegation understands their problems and would like to assist them.

**Hannon:** Resolution #12, Pam. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] This is my last one, then I can go play with my vacuum cleaner. This resolution allows an exception for Russia, under the guest judge provisions, to go with the same amount allowed for the International Division; reason being, we have exceptions for the Maritime provinces of Canada, we have exceptions for Hawaii because of geography. With Russia, we have considerations that are geopolitical and are very expensive. Visas – any number of judges who have judged in Russia can tell you – it can take us up to 21 days to get a visa and the minimum cost is \$300 for the visa, for which the club does reimburse us. That's after they pay for the official invitations to send us to get the visa. Then, the air fare is on top of that, plus the regular



CFA fees. All we are asking basically is to allow them one extra guest judge when you get up to the 12 ring shows, which we do have. Russia is important to CFA. Russia is the second largest cat-owning population in the world (the U.S. is first). The cat fancy grows by leaps and bounds in Russia, but we have one club that used to put on 9 shows for us now can only put on 5 because of the additional costs. We need some consideration for Russia, where we have an incredible amount of growth potential. **Loretta Baugh:** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers] I saw Pam in the Lobby and I said, “don’t have a heart attack, but I’m going to support this.” I have fought about retaining the ratios twice at the board level and once at the annual. However, looking at the financial aspect of this, I think that we need to support this and we need to allow this exemption for the Russian clubs. Thank you. **Kenny Currle:** [Chatte Noir Club; European Shorthair Club] For somebody who has been to Russia so much I now have an immigration line named after me at the Domodedovo airport, I can tell you it’s very expensive to get visas, and extremely time consuming. I have an advantage, I live right near Washington, D.C. A lot of our judges that officiate for CFA in Moscow and St. Petersburg and other areas of Russia don’t have that advantage and it is very time consuming. 45 days before any scheduled show is when any club in Russia will now be allowed to apply for a visa for an incoming judge. Tourist visas can be emailed and used. We don’t use tourist visas, we use humanitarian visas. They have to be hard copy mailed to the judge. From there, they go to the Russian Embassy or the visa service to be processed. They have 45 days in which to accomplish this. This can be very, very expensive, especially if they have to expedite. To expedite anything with a visa, it almost triples the cost of the visa. Not uncommon for a visa to cost \$500-\$600 when all is said and done, when a judge officiates from the United States in Russia. Chatte Noir Club would appreciate consideration by this delegation for at least one more guest judge. Thank you very much. **Carissa Altschul:** [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Muskogee Cat Club] I have a couple points. The first is, when Region 9 became a region, they told us that there was an understanding that they required no special treatment or differential treatment. They are a recognized region and they should follow the same rules as every other club who is a region. They are no longer the International Division where they get special rules. These clubs can do the same things as all the clubs in the United States do. When they don’t have a lot of money, they can have less judges. They don’t need 12 judges in all of their shows. There are a lot of clubs in the United States and North America who would like to have more judges in their shows but they cannot afford it because it costs a lot of money to bring a judge over, even within the U.S. Every single one of you here represents a club. You know this. Finally, I would like to bring up a point that was brought up by Ms. DelaBar on the last resolution. We should have the same rules for all CFA clubs, not some CFA clubs. **Hannon:** Pam, do you have closing comments? **DelaBar:** One, when Europe was accepted as a region 3 years ago, all the rules that we’re talking about now were not in place. There were no rules restricting guest judges, except for 50%. There were no rules against novices. All of this came about after Europe became a region and bought into CFA and became a partner with CFA. As far as making exceptions and having everybody play under the same rules, who is going to tell Hawaii? Who is going to tell the Maritime regions that they have to have the same rules and considerations as our clubs within the 48 contiguous states? This is an area of growth. Growth means money. Money means expanded programs for CFA. I don’t think that we’re asking that much for a club that puts on a 12 ring show – and by the by, these shows in Russia, those specifically in Moscow, can bring in 100,000 spectators, especially for the Grand Prix sponsored by Royal Canin, ExpoCot sponsored by Iams, and Everclear sponsors Catsburg. Phenomenal

shows. I invite you all. Some of our exhibitors found out this year how wonderful the cat fancy can be in Russia. I urge you to support this. **Hannon:** I just have to comment what a surreal experience this is. When Pam was president, I never expected to be standing up here while she was out there. I'm going to call for the vote.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule Article XXXVII – NATIONAL/DIVISIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS section, National Awards (Championship), as follows:

**National Awards**

Best—25<sup>th</sup> Best Cat\*: Cats in Championship earning 5,000 points\*: Trophy, Rosette. These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Championship.

**RATIONALE:** This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat and obtain national recognition for their cat beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

Today we have too many quality cats to limit national recognition to 25 cats if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in this resolution. In the 2012-2013 show season there were 34 cats in Championship with 5,000 points and in the 2011-2012 show season there were 37 such cats. As of this writing, the 2013-2014 show season was not over so it was unknown how many cats achieved 5,000 points.

**Hannon:** #13, Mr. Polcaro. Get ready. Ready? Go Bob. **Bob Polcaro:** [Damn Yankees Cat Club; Sanguine Silver Society] I would like to ask all my fellow delegates, please let me say what I want to say and allow me a little respect not to interrupt. I and my wife Joyce have been supporters and breeders and exhibitors in CFA since 1989. It pains me to watch how CFA is losing many exhibitors and clubs, year after year. I don't have the ability to compute the numbers and loss of exhibitors and entries as Monte does, but it does not take a math genius to know it is sliding down. I truly believe this amendment 13, 14 and 15 would help bring more entries into the shows because it will give new heart to those with no hope of catching national wins in which the bottom is moving out of reach. The time is now to give local exhibitors the chance to know that they do not have to fight for the 25<sup>th</sup> place to make a national win, but giving each division a threshold to guarantee a national firm goal. There is no doubt in my mind, after talking to so many of them, that they would continue to enter local shows if they knew the numbers were firm and guaranteed national. I know the opinions of some that will hurt a lower meaning of national win, but that is not how I see it. There are so many worthy cats that should be given their opportunity, but cannot chase a moving target because they feel there's no chance. I have campaigned for acceptance and many of you know that I call you. I have exactly responded and I am now looking to the delegates here, to stand with me to save our clubs and CFA. Thank you.

**Barbara Schreck:** [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats] Rachel, if you would just clone my comment on the similar amendment from last year, it would probably save us some time. However, I would need to alter that to say that if this would go back 2 shows instead of just one, perhaps I would be in favor of it having – to remind the delegation – 26<sup>th</sup> best cat and 26<sup>th</sup> best kitten the year before. I would also comment that, had I had the same number of points for the kitten this year, I would have had a national award. It is indeed a moving target, and it's relative each year to the number of cats being shown. I would be in support of some additional award

perhaps for a bottom line number of points, but I don't really think that I would want to see – even though we might want to take it back 2 years – that we would want to in any way challenge the actual national awards that we now get and in some way denigrate them. **Laurie Coughlan:** [GEMS, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers] Looking at the statics that are coincidentally still up as the current ePoints for the end of last show year, very handy on this occasion, we would have had with these thresholds 31 national wins in championship, 36 national wins in kittens, and 36 national wins in premiership. That's a lot of money and additional awards, and a lot of additional time at the annual banquet. Believe me, I believe in encouraging people and I think there are other ways that we could offer awards to encourage people, but we also have possibly the law of unintended consequences. What if, all of a sudden, in February everyone meets this threshold and no one goes to a show anymore because they have all met their goal? I hate when people say this, but I'm going to say it. I don't want to cheapen the value of a national win, and I also don't want to discourage people from continuing to show their lovely cats so the public and the other exhibitors can enjoy them. **Jack Nichols:** [Sandhills Cat Club] I kind of echo what Laurie said. Having this moving target and awarding only the top 25 distinguishes that top 25 in each division. Maybe we could at some point consider doing like an honorable mention for the cat that attained 5,000 points or the kitten that attained 2,000 points but was not in the top 25. That is an award that would encourage people to possibly go for, but I don't agree with changing our system at any point in time. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx] Speaking to Laurie's comment of unintended consequences, I think that's a valid concern. Here's the issue; you have reached your qualifying total for a national win in March or February or January. Do you keep showing? I doubt it. So, what I have visions of seeing is that instead of our smallest count shows occurring in May, June and July, we'll see those in March, April and maybe even February. **Sybil Zaden:** [Titletown Cat Fanciers; Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers] Years ago, I got up from the floor and I made a proposal to go from 20 to 25, and that worked really well. I'm thinking maybe at some point we might want to go up to 30. That's all I have to say. **Keith Kimberlin:** [Burmilla Enthusiast of America; Maine Coon Cat Club] First of all, I think there's a lot of merit to this in attaining a certain level and getting the title. I think there are many options that we can come up with in order to have these cats attain the national win and not have the expense. We can have sponsorship for those additional awards so that it doesn't come out of CFA's pocket. That sponsorship would be similar to the way we sponsor awards at our regional awards. So, I think that's something we can look into. I understand exactly where Bob is coming from because sometimes people can just run out of money or they can't travel as much or the cat gets tired, and they have been out all season working to attain these awards. Then there's a great deal of disappointment. From the point of view that cats when they attain their 5,000 points, they are going to stay home, you could say that, well, let's make it that the title is given but we don't give out an award. You just attain the title, so then people will continue to stay out if they want the award for the top 25 and the additional cats would still get the title without a trophy. That's my thoughts.

**Hannon:** The final comment is Bob's, and then we're going to vote. **Polcaro:** What I meant by – I'm not saying anything about the top 25 cats, kittens and premiers, what I'm saying is, if anybody reaches that 5,000 points they get a certificate, just like you get a certificate when you reach 200 points when you beat 200 champions, you become a grand champion. If you want a certificate, you get the certificate but if you want an award then you pay for it if you're over 25.

You pay for the award. It doesn't come out of CFA's pocket. How fair can that be for the rest of these people? But, you people go ahead and vote, and do what you want to do. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call for the vote.

**Motion Failed.**

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS section, National Awards (Kittens), as follows:

**National Awards**

~~Best 25<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten\*~~: Kittens earning 2,000 points\*: Trophy, Rosette. These kittens will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Kittens.

**RATIONALE:** This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their kitten and obtain national recognition for their kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 kittens earn 2,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 Kittens, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

Today we have too many quality kittens to limit national recognition to 25 kittens if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in this resolution. In the 2013-2014 show season there are 36 kittens with 2,000 points. In the 2012-2013 show season there were 33 kittens with 2,000 points and in the 2011-2012 show season there were 39 such kittens.

**Hannon:** Assuming there's no more discussion on the next two, we'll just go ahead and vote on them. It's the same concept. The next one is kittens and the following one is premiership. So, for #14, all those in favor.

**Motion Failed.**

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS section, National Awards (Premiership), as follows:

**National Awards**

~~Best — 25<sup>th</sup> Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)\*:~~ Cats in Premiership earning 2,500 points\*: Trophy, Rosette. These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Premiership.

**RATIONALE:** This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat and obtain national recognition for their cat beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Premiership earn 2,500 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Premiership, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

Today we have too many quality cats to limit national recognition to 25 cats if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in this resolution. In the 2012-2013 show season there were 33 cats in Premiership with 2,500 points and in the 2011-2012 show season there were 35 such cats. As of this writing, the 2013-2014 show season was not over so it was unknown how many cats achieved 2,500 points.

**Hannon:** #15, which is the same proposal for premiership. All those in favor raise your hands. Bob [Polcaro], I want to see your hands up.

**Motion Failed.**

*– 16 – New Millennium Cat Club, Los Colores Cat Club, Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM AWARDS, National Awards (Best of Breed/Division), as follows:

**Best of Breed/Division\*\*:** Trophy, Rosette

\*\*The title of “Breed Winner (BW)” is limited to Championship cats receiving the above award (BEST of Breed/Division). 200 point minimum is required for this award.

**RATIONALE:** The BW award is considered by many to be among the most prestigious titles of all CFA awards. However, there have been several Breed Winning cats over the years with less than 50 points. Cats that will carry the BW title should be of sufficient quality to have made finals. Additionally, there is currently a 200 point minimum for achieving a Best of Color win, but no minimum for a Breed Win. To have a cat potentially be awarded Best of Breed but not be eligible for Best of Color is inconsistent with how CFA gives awards in any other context.

**Hannon:** #16, New Millenium and others. Go right ahead. **Mike Shelton:** [New Millenium Cat Club; Poinsettia City Cat Club] This proposal will require a point minimum for the title of Regional Winner. There is currently no minimum. We have had breed winners in the past with a very small number of points. Breed win is what most of us consider to be a very prestigious award. A cat that earns this award should at least have enough points to be reasonably sure, at least a few finals. Additionally, it makes no sense that a cat can be best of breed and not be eligible for best of color, since there is already a point minimum for best of color. **Dennis Ganoe:** [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America] Being probably the only exhibitor of LaPerms here, this would pretty much eliminate the BW title going to a LaPerm until such time as I get 200 points on one in one season. I showed a cat to second best of breed one year and she was best of breed the following two years. You add all her points up and she got 600 points. That was in 3 years of showing. Minority breeds do have to work their way into the show. I don't think this is going to be an encouraging aspect of showing minority breeds. I'm against this. **Sue Robbins:** [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club] I am also a member of the Tonkinese Breed Association and we give breed awards at the end of the year. We have point minimums that are 200 points per cat, and that's even for a color award given by my breed association. Right now, my breed association has more stringent requirements for an award than CFA. I think CFA does need to have point minimums, because if a cat is going to be best of breed, it should be able to beat cats of all the breeds. **Laura Barber:** [Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers] I agree that we should standardize and have point minimums for our breeds. I am concerned about the minority breeds, as well. I'm not quite sure how many Selkirk Rex have actually made 200 points in the past couple years. I've been very successful with mine, and quite a few of mine have made 200 points, but if we cap this, I'm not sure if the folks that follow me will continue having breed wins. Having a breed win for me encouraged me to continue showing my Selkirk Rex so that I could make a statement in the CFA world. **Loretta Baugh:** [Buffalo Cat Fanciers] You know, we have all these breeds. Somebody should be the best of breed. It doesn't matter how many points they get. A lot of our newer breeds are not going to get those points. I started out in the cat fancy showing a minority breed, which subsequently grew, but with our newer breeds, if they are out there and they have earn more points than



anybody else, aren't they really the best of breed? I think the inconsistency rests with having 200 points for color. I think you need to say, best of breed is best of breed, best of color is best of color, because these cats are the best of their breed when they earn the most points. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx] Also Numbers Nerd, just to give you a head's up. The CFA article on statistics will probably be coming out in early August. I want you all to look at that. The reason why I'm mentioning that is because the bottom 11 breeds had less than – I'm going to use the term "cat shows", meaning number of times a cat was shown, so one cat going to 8 shows would be an 8. The point I want to make is, there are a 11 breeds with numbers less than 20. **Sophia Staples:** [William Penn Cat Club] I'm kind of in favor of this. No, I've never shown a minority breed. I show a majority breed. I think that the fact that someone can show all year long, they can get into the top 5 but they don't receive a breed win. How much money and how many shows they've been to, and they don't get a breed win. I think just bringing it up to 200 points minimum is pennies in the bucket when it comes to sustaining yourself and making a point in your breed. If it means maybe not 200 points but make it a show minimum – how many shows you have to go to – fine, but I think that I agree with this, that it needs to be brought up to 200 points to try to even out the playing field a little bit. **Terrie Smith:** [Continental Balinese Club; Rainbow Plumes] I've never spoken on the microphone at an annual, but I'm doing it today now and there's going to be one more later. I do breed minority cats, and I have currently this year – well, I've had numerous national wins as Balinese. I'm the only one in the world that has. This year, I have best, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best Balinese nationally, OK? Only one of those cats was recognized at our regional, and I am in favor of it being universally – even though I would not have gotten 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best, I think it should be 200 points minimum, nationally and regionally, because it means more that way. A cat that has 20 points, I'm very happy I'm getting best, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best of breed nationally, but it's just because those cats were shown at the end of the season and I have not had time to grand one of them. So, I really do think that it should be universally the same number of points, regionally and nationally, to get a breed win. That's only my opinion. As the recipient of 25<sup>th</sup> best cat this year, I should have some more to say about that, because talking about things that go wrong with your life and things like that – I've had a very hard year, a lot of you know that, but I really think it should be 200 points, it should be the same in every region as far as nationally. **Bob Belfatto:** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club] I want to point that if you take 600 cats and you divide them by 3, that's 200. **Donna Bass:** [Selkirk Rex Breed Club] I was one of those who started a new breed, Selkirk Rex, and the first year I showed my Selkirk Rex, my cat did very well and deserved the breed win at 200 points plus. The longhair Selkirk Rex honestly did not deserve to have the BW. It was only a champion and didn't make 200 points, so it didn't deserve a BW but it shows it. It was used for breeding with that BW, so I think the 200 points at a minimum even for minority breeds is where it should stay. **Iris Zinck:** [Conestoga Cat Club, Inc.] I understand exactly where everybody is coming from in terms of wanting a level playing field for competition, but earlier today we spent some time listening to branding our organization, and we're all proud of it as being the largest and best-known organization of purebred cats in the world. How our website looks and how many times we've redesigned it, how is that website going to look a year from now if we have 11 less breeds showing on it because there is no breed winner listed because that cat did not make 200 points? It's just food for thought. **Carissa Altschul:** [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Muskogee Cat Club] I actually thought the same thing as Iris, but then it occurred to me, what stops us from using the same breed winner for multiple years on the website if another one doesn't do it? My

second question is, how do we define “minority breed”? Do we define it by the fact that very few individuals of that breed can make finals? Because I work with a breed that is one of the least registered in CFA, yet I’ve been told it’s not a minority breed because it makes finals a lot. Come on. I think if you have a good cat, it can get 200 points. It’s not that much. **Hannon:** OK, I’m going to call the question.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

## **PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS**

**Hannon:** Non-show rule resolutions must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

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***– 17 –Midlantic Persian & Himalayan Fanciers, Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, NOVA Cat Fanciers, Inc., Sign of the Cat Fanciers, Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers***

**RESOLVED:** That CFA to create a committee with the charter to deliver a feasible program to recognize the household pet class as an equivalent class to kittens, championship, and premiership beginning with the 2015-2016 show season. The new program to include, but not necessarily limited, to the following:

- Requiring ALL CFA shows to accept household pet entries;
- Requiring of household pets scoring by the CO (see NOTE), instead of relying on volunteer scorers;
- Requiring regional awards in ALL regions for household pets (for example, 10 awards);
- Requiring national awards for household pets (for example, 10 awards);
- Considering a possible title structure for household pets (for example, indication of regional or national win status).

NOTE: Like with the kitten class, household pets would not have to have a recording number to compete in individual shows. Household pets would need to have a recording number to be scored by the CO for regional/national wins and any potentially defined titles.

This proposal leaves the implementation details of bringing household pets in line with the other CFA competitive classes intentionally open. The committee would define the changes to the household pet program. For example, the committee would have to determine the number of regional and national awards to be awarded in relationship to their affordability, keeping in mind that those awards could also be sponsored. Likewise that group would need to consider the added income to CFA with the addition of titles claims that adding household pet titles can bring to the association.

### **RATIONALE:**

- #1: Most clubs are not filling their shows. Even one household pet entry brings the club a little closer to making their budget. Larger household pet classes will bring that much more money into struggling clubs.

- #2: CFA needs to encourage new exhibitors to the fancy. The household pet class is yet another way to attract new exhibitors. Right now that exhibition class isn't an option in ALL CFA shows.
- #3: Requiring recording number for CO scoring will increase revenue to the association. Currently household pets are scored whether or not they are recorded with CFA.
- #4: If titles are defined by the committee, title fees would be additional income to CFA.
- #5: Agility participants can earn titles and agility participants can be household pets. As such, the precedent exists for awarding household pets titles.
- #6: In the open hearing transcript in the October 2013 teleconference, the following interchange occurred (direct cut/paste from the transcript):

**Search:** *Excuse me, Jerry. CFA did not score the Household Pets. They are scored unofficially in the region. I don't know if all the regions give awards to Household Pets. I know the Southern Region started giving them in 2008, and they have a regional scorer who is not official for CFA. She just volunteers and scores the Household Pets.*

**Hannon:** *It's the same in every region.*

**Hamza:** *Yeah, but don't the rosettes at the end of the season say CFA on the rosettes?*

**Search:** *I'm sorry.*

**Hamza:** *We're talking on the board here. I have the former Southern Regional Director and the current Southern Regional Director. My question to them was, do the rosettes that they hand out at the end of the year have the CFA logo on them? So, that would make the scoring in the end officially sanctioned by CFA.*

**Hannon:** *We also place ads in the Yearbook which have photos of the Household Pets that got the regional awards.*

According to the then CFA President, and confirmed by the then CFA Vice-President, the regional awards ARE official CFA awards. It is time that the household pet class is treated with equality across the association as a whole – not as second class citizens. The next logical step in this progression would be to go from the official CFA household pet awards in some region to providing awards in all regions and CFA national awards at the annual, thereby removing any stigma, or suggestion, household pets being treated as second class citizens.

**Hannon:** Is there someone from Midlantic that wants to present #17? **Vanadis Crawford:** [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers] This proposal is to create a committee to look at creating a program to recognize the Household Pets in a similar fashion to the way that we recognize our other classes today. Let me tell you a few things that this is not. This does not define what that program would be. The committee itself would have to define that. We're not dictating particulars to that program. Again, that's what the committee

would do. We did put in a recommendation or requirement that the committee do put this in place for the 2015-2016 show season; the reason being is, of course we all know, sometimes things die in committee, so we wanted to go ahead and make sure that this does move forward. People have raised some concerns that this is going to be an additional expense to the clubs – no, it's not. You're getting more entries. You don't need to buy rosettes until you know what cats are entered in your shows. It's not going to be an additional expense to your regions, because you do have sponsorships for your awards. It is an additional income to the clubs for the additional Household Pet entries. It's an additional income to the already-good income that CFA has today, as was reported, with the addition of the continuing of the recording – not registering, but recording – of Household Pets. And, should some sort of a title structure be created by this committee, then that again is going to be additional income. I would also like to share with you some statistics that we found after this was written. Of course, you see a lot of the rationale that's already here, but there have been unofficial scorers of CFA Household Pets. One scorer has been keeping track of Household Pets that have been shown in Regions 1 through 7. We don't have the information for 8 or 9, but do you realize in this last show season that over 700 unique Household Pets have been shown and made finals in CFA shows? That's a lot of support that the Household Pet community has been giving to this organization. Of those over 700 Household Pets, there were over 9,000 finals that those cats made. If you start doing some math and just say that those cats only paid for those finals, that's over \$46,000 of income that has been brought to the association by these cats. That's just for finals. You know that there are a lot of other cats out there that have been shown. You know that there are a number of other cats out there that did not make finals. You could probably multiply that amount by 5 or 6. The Household Pets are significant income and a significant part of this organization. This recommendation is to just say, "recognize them". Thank you. **Monte Phillips:** [Cat'n On The Fox; Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx] Just a head's up. When you look at Household Pet entries at all of our 330 shows – and yes, I do have the data disks for all 330 shows – you will find that the smallest region, it's not technically a region, the International Division has about 40% with Household Pet entries. If you look at regions 1 through 7, the smallest number we have is 70% and we have 4 regions that are 100%. That means every show has at least one Household Pet entry. If you look at the average number of Household Pets shown per region, the only region greater than 15 is Region 5 with 22. Most of them average anywhere from 7 to 4. Just statistics. **Bob Belfatto:** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club] I don't see how I can order the ribbons on Thursday because we closed on Wednesday. It usually takes 2 or 3 weeks to get the ribbons, as much as a month and a half. So, that's the argument. Second, the cats that make the finals, if you have 5 Household Pets, you give them 5 ribbons. Last year in the Southern Region, at most of the shows I've gone, there was very seldom ever more than 6, so they all made finals. So, you have 6 Household Pets, 140 registered cats. The 6 Household Pets cost more than the others because you have to give ribbons for all 6, whereas if you have Persians, you only have to give ribbons to the winners. Thank you. **Donna Andrews:** [Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society] At the regional show several years ago held in Atlanta, which did honor the Household Pets, we had a total of 3. So, it makes no monetary sense to say they are going to bring in all this money, when they cost more to buy the rosettes than they are bringing in. Thank you. **Ken Cribbs:** [Hawai'i Hulacat Club] I think there's an aspect to this consideration that we also need to consider, and that is the legislative and regulatory aspect to it. CFA says that we are for the welfare of all cats, and yet Household Pets really are considered second class citizens within our organization. If we're going to be able to go to legislators and

convincingly tell them that cat welfare is one of our major interests, we need to also be able to demonstrate that we treat them equally. I don't think it demeans our beautiful pedigreed cats one bit by also recognizing and scoring and giving national status to Household Pets. Thanks. **Sue Robbins:** [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club] I would like to know how many people here, just by a simple show of hands, own or have owned at some point in their lives a Household Pet? Wow. OK. All of my cats are Household Pets, including my pedigreed cats. I'm talking about random bred cats. How many of you came to a cat show when you had Household Pet and you had never seen a pedigreed cat in the flesh? How many of you have shown your Household Pets? How many of you are involved with clubs that would have lost money or barely broken even, had you not had the Household Pets? <Region 5!> OK, I have been to a number of shows where I have seen in excess of 15 Household Pets at the show. Yes, there are a lot of shows that do have lower counts, but I also have been to shows where there have been 30 and 40 Household Pets. Many of them have been in Regions 1 and 7, but regions in which I have resided and presently reside, and I am sure that there are other similar statistics. I think if people are encouraged that their cats are valued by the association enough to grant some kind of status, then we can go out and encourage more people to come and be a part of the CFA family. Please vote in favor of this proposal. **George Eigenhauser:** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club] I want to start by reminding everybody, this is a non-show rule resolution. That means, if we pass it unanimously here today, nothing happens. It goes to the board with an advisory recommendation. Nothing goes into effect immediately. If the board accepts the recommendation, what is it they are asking for? They're asking for a committee to look into recognition of Household Pets. Some of the things they have requested are going to be possible by show rule. Some things, for example, requiring clubs to have Household Pets is not possible because the Constitution in Article XII says that *No club shall be denied a show license because the show does not include Household Pets*. So, implementation of any recommendation is going to be either action by the delegation again or by the board. Nothing is going to happen overnight. The people that don't want to recognize Household Pets, have concerns about Household Pets, those can be taken into consideration by the committee. This is just the beginning of a process. They're not saying score Household Pets today. They're not saying give Household Pets national awards today. All they're saying is, put together a committee so we can look at what is the proper level of recognition. Some of the things they propose may work, some of the things they propose may not work. Other things may come up that we decide are better, but there's no harm in creating a committee so at least we can look at it. Come on, let's have open enough minds to at least look at the possibility. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] Jodell Raymond got up and talked about marketing. The domestic, randomly-bred cat population comprises 95% of the cat owning population in the United States. We have to have a program so Jodell can market to that other 95% so we can grow our numbers. CFA has been intimately involved with programs with other associations – I think Joan is going to talk about one, so I won't bring it up – in bringing out the welfare of all cats, specifically random-bred cats. **Joan Miller:** [San Diego Cat Fanciers] I want to follow up on what George said, except I'm going to take the other tact. He's saying, this is the start of the process. What is the process? I'm afraid that the process is going to change the whole character of our Household Pet recognition, because right now it's an educational opportunity for us to have our Household Pets. Right now, our Household Pets, we have a lot of them in our club and we had quite a discussion at our meeting about this resolution. We are not in favor of it, because we feel that it is a process toward more

competition in the Household Pets, rather than having an educational opportunity, which means that people can say, “yay for Duke” and “yay for Fluffy” and all of this sort of thing, and the judges have the opportunity to not have a competitive attitude in the ring. They can use a subjective judging, they can talk to the owners, they can bring them up, they can say, “where did you get your cat” and this sort of thing. They can use it as a wonderful educational opportunity. I think when we’re talking about marketing, we’re going to lose a lot of them if we turn it into a competitive thing. We can no longer have this kind of relaxed atmosphere about it, so that’s my main concern. This is a process, but going in the wrong direction. That’s the way our club voted and that’s the way I’m going to vote. **Claire Dubit:** [Freestate Feline Fanciers] I think we’re being somewhat shortsighted in only talking about the cost of ribbons and the number of cats in a single show. Some of us here started out showing Household Pets and we’ve ended up spending several thousand dollars campaigning cats to national wins. So, you can come a long way and you can market and you can get a lot of new exhibitors from your Household Pet classes.

**Hannon:** I should point out that Claire and her husband showed Best Household Pet in the Southern Region and this past season they had Best Cat in championship in the Southern Region.

**Jack Nichols:** [Sandhills Cat Club] I want to echo George’s thoughts. This is to create a committee to look at the options. This is not to change the world, this does not level the Rocky Mountains, nor does it drain the Mississippi. All it does is create a committee so we can look at options and go whatever direction we’re going to end up with, but we need to at least explore what’s going to happen here. **Laurie Coughlan:** [GEMS, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers] I started in Household Pets. I love Household Pets. I totally advocate for Household Pets. I have a problem with the way this is worded. It says, *The committee will for the 2015-2016 show season, develop a program that includes these specific elements.* If you said a committee will be established to investigate advancement of Household Pets within CFA or some other non-specific wording so it doesn’t say that they *will* require this and require that, I could get right onboard with that, but the way it’s written I can’t. So, I vote for Household Pets but not for this.

**Donna Bass:** [Selkirk Rex Breed Club] The internet right now always has the LOL or “I has cheeseburger” cats, so Household Pets and non-pedigreed cats are very popular, and somebody has to get out in front of them. It’s either CFA or it’s TICA, and right now it seems like TICA is more involved with Household Pets than CFA. So, if we want to remain on top, we at least need to get something started to look as Household Pets as part of saving CFA and making it even better than it is now. **Yvonne Griffin:** [Gulf Coast Cat Club] In 1969, I showed my Household Pet in a cat show, and that’s how I got hooked in this fancy. I started with Persians in the purebreds, and I showed and bred Americans. This last year, I ran a premiership cat and wound up with Best Cat in Premiership. It is a Birman, which is a first for the Birmans, so we can pick up a lot of exhibitors in the future that are encouraged maybe by showing their Household Pets and they want to do more, and they want to get into the breeding and showing of purebreds.

**Barbara Sinbine:** [Treasure Coast Cat Club] We’re all for Household Pets. There’s no doubt that we’re for Household Pets. The reason that we did not like the way this was worded is, in the very first part it says, *to recognize the household pet class as an equivalent class to kittens, championship, and premiership ...* The word “championship” means to us unaltered cats and we all still believe that these Household Pets should be altered. That is the reason why we’re going to oppose this.

**Hannon:** I don't see anybody else, so I'm going to give Vanadis a chance to do closing comments. **Crawford:** Thank you. I would like to address just a few of the different comments that were made. One is related to rosettes and closing out shows and "oh, my God, I have to order rosettes that I may or may not use." I think we all know that there are methodologies these days for recycling, even to the point of putting a cardboard center streamer in a recycled rosette, so that's not an argument. The argument of the altering or unaltering of Household Pets, we have never said in this proposal that we were changing any of the rules related to Household Pets. Household Pets have to be spayed or neutered at 8 months of age, right? And the other thing that was commented on, this is the type of proposal that is a recommendation, so yes, we might have used *will do these following things*, but that is only a recommendation. We cannot make any sort of requirements on what the committee that we're requesting to look into this will actually result in doing. So, I ask all of you, please consider voting yes on this so that the right committee can be put into place to deal with any of these individual concerns that you may have. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call the question.

**Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.**



## **Resolutions From the Floor**

**Hannon:** Now we are getting to the proposals from the floor and you are reminded that if you have a proposal from the floor, you must provide it in writing to the Secretary. She doesn't have all this stuff written out. Anybody have a proposal from the floor?

– **18 – Russ Haller:** [Nutmeg Cat Fanciers Inc.] I would like to ask for a straw poll of the delegates to change the national win and the national breed win to the title of Global Win. I am of the opinion that to change the name would be an appropriate title. I'm asking for the change to better reflect the CFA demographics as it exists today. When the title "national win" was introduced, CFA was primarily associated in the United States and Canada. We are now an organization that has spread worldwide. Thank you. **Hannon:** Are there any comments on Russ's proposal? **Terrie Smith:** [Continental Balinese Club; Rainbow Plumes] I had the same idea in mind. I didn't know Russell was doing this, but I had written a speech about it also. I went to Europe for the first time this past season. Thanks to George Cherrie for encouraging me to go and to get over my tremendous fear of flying, which I now have. Russell Webb, and Trish and Mike Blees can testify what happened to us on the way back from the annual last year when we hit the most incredible turbulence that you would ever believe. Mike Blees went down on the floor, two flight attendants went down – OK, but anyway. I got over it. I went to the Netherlands and Rome. I had a fabulous time and met and made many new friends who are totally enthusiastic in showing cats and CFA. However, they and I feel that the title of national winner is very outdated and needs to be changed to encompass exhibitors from around the world, such as international winner (IW), global winner (GW) or universal winner, as Pauli, the former Region 9 director suggested, because hey, you never know. Cats could live on Mars, LOL. New board members and delegates, please consider this. It is very important to the dedicated people that live outside of the United States. Thank you. **Hannon:** Any other comments on changing the title from national winner to global winner? **Smith:** Or something else. It doesn't have to be global winner, but something that encompasses the world. **Hannon:** Russell's comment was global. We're voting on Russ's proposal. **Pam DelaBar:** [Sophisto Cat Club; United Singapura Society] I agree that we need to expand the concept of the national win title to something. I'm not particularly fond of global winner. It sounds sort of like a finance company. International winner is used by several associations, but that concept carries across associations, so we're voting on a recommendation to the board. I would vote in favor of that recommendation and then the board can discuss the actual title. **Hannon:** And you'll be on the board. **Mary Kolencik:** [Lilac Point Fanciers] I support the idea, but the name "global", just, you know. All of my friends over there came up with a really good name I thought I would share: intergalactic. [laughter] **Hannon:** Are there another other comments? If not, I'm going to let Russ make his closing comments. Russ, do you have any closing comments you want to make? **Haller:** No. **Hannon:** I'm calling for a vote on changing the title from national win to global win, with the realization it merely goes to the board if it passes, with a recommendation.

### **Motion Carried.**

**Hannon:** Russ, do you have another one? **Haller:** If positive, I would like the board to discuss this at the next meeting. If favorable, to ask that the board instruct the show rules committee to change the title wherever appropriate in the show rules. Thank you.

**Hannon:** Anybody else have a proposal they want to bring up from the floor? If there's no more business, can I call for a motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned. [applause]

