

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 4/5, 2014**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, October 4, 2014, in the Board Room of the CFA Central Office, 2nd floor, 260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT with the following members present after a roll call:

Mr. Mark Hannon (President)
Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Vice President)
Barbara J. Schreck, J.D., C.P.A. (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Mrs. Geri Fellerman (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Steve McCullough, D.C. (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Ms. Lisa Marie Kuta (SWR Director)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)
Mrs. Jean Dugger (SOR Director)
Mr. Edward Maeda (Japan Regional Director)
Mrs. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Dennis Ganoe (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also present were: Teresa Barry, Executive Director; Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel; Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services; Jodell Raymond, Communications/Special Events; Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter; and Brian Buetel of Central Office.

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

Hannon: I'm going to call the meeting to order. I want to welcome all of our new board members to the Central Office. It's the first visit for many of you, and I hope it's been an eye opener for you. I want to welcome our new Executive Director, Terri Barry, and if you haven't met her yet, you will have ample opportunity to do so over the course of the weekend. Terri has been hard at work for just about a month. She started on September 2nd and we're now at October 4th. **Barry:** And I'm still here. **Hannon:** We haven't driven her away yet. We're delighted to have her with us. We would like to welcome our guests, as well. I'm going to start out by saying I'm wearing a pin that our host region, the Great Lakes Region, is selling as a fundraiser for the 2015 Annual. John, do you have any available this weekend for the board members that might be interested? **Colilla:** No. **Hannon:** I know that Rosina is planning to have some at the World Show and I would encourage you to come prepared to buy one to support the region and to support the Annual.

Hannon: Rachel, minutes, corrections, etc. **Anger:** Before I get started, I would like to announce if you have not already heard, that the Cat Writers' Association President, Dr. Lorie Houston, passed away on Tuesday September 30th. I am sure they will update us on who her replacement will be, but because of our partnership with them I did want to make a mention in our minutes and for our board members who might know Lorie. We send our condolences to her friends at the CWA, her family and all of those who knew her.

(1) **ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1.	Krzanowski Meeker 07/14/2014	Set aside Show Rule 12.04.c., which requires a club to submit a completed contract for any TBA judge 30 days prior to the opening day of the show. The relief from this rule applies to clubs that have a Shorthair TBA judge for shows in October, 2014.	Motion Failed. Calhoun did not vote.
2.	Executive Committee 07/14/2014	Due to serious weather in Japan, grant permission to the Passion Feline Fanciers to replace Megumi Yamashita with another judge at its July 11, 2014 show in Taiwan.	Motion Carried.
3.	Executive Committee 07/14/2014	Due to an unavoidable health issue, grant permission to the Passion Feline Fanciers to replace Chloe Chung with another judge at its July 11, 2014 show in Taiwan.	Motion Carried.
4.	Wilson Ganoe 07/21/2014	Approve the selection by the Personnel Committee of Teresa ("Terri") Barry for the Executive Director position.	Motion Carried.
5.	DelaBar Anger 08/22/2014	Approve the request of Moscow Cat Fanciers to participate in the Royal Canin Grand Prix, an "in-conjunction" show, in Moscow, Russia (Region 9) on December 6/7, 2014, along with WCF, FIFe, and two Russian associations - ICA and MFA (traditional participants in this show).	Motion Carried.

Anger: I have presented the online motions for you. There are five of them, and I move on standing motion to ratify those. **DelaBar:** Second.

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

Hannon: Are you opposing? **DelaBar:** No, I have a question. As in past board meetings these past four years, they called the roll. Are you going to dispense with that? **Hannon:** Yes. **Anger:** We are all here.

RATIFICATION OF TELECONFERENCE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
• From August 12, 2014 Teleconference •			
1.	Krzanowski Anger	Approve the acceptance of JOHOR BAHRU CAT CLUB – International Division, Malaysia.	Motion Carried.
2.	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Impose a moratorium on new clubs from the following areas of China until the February 2015 Board meeting: Shenyang, Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen/Guangzhou. At that time the situation will be re-evaluated to determine if the moratorium should be lifted or continued.	Motion Carried. Anger, Eigenhauser, Schreck, Kuta, McCullough, Moser, Fellerman, Dugger voting no.
3.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting to the effect that Central Office must send out delinquency notification of non-claimed championships and premierships 45 days after the close of the show by paper copy and email, effective for the 2015-2016 show season.	Motion Carried.
4.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting to the effect that the response time will be 45 days for the non-claimed championship and premiership delinquency notification.	Motion Carried.
5.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting to the effect that a late filing fee of \$15 will be put into the fees section of the website.	Motion Carried.
6.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting to the effect that regional and national points are forfeited until the filing of the claim form and fee.	Motion Carried. Schreck and McCullough voting no.
7.	Krzanowski Meeker	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting to the effect that a cat will not forfeit the qualifying rings it earns if the claim form and fee have not been filed.	Motion Carried. McCullough voting no.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
8.	Krzanowski McCullough	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting to the effect that we eliminate the show rule which states that a claim form must be filed within 3 years of the time the cat first attends and earns a qualifying ring.	Motion Carried.
9.	Fellerman Anger	Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow the New Hampshire Feline Fanciers to change its show license to add an allbreed ring, from 6 Allbreed/1 Specialty/7 HHP rings to 7 Allbreed/1 Specialty/8 HHP rings at its January 24/25, 2015 show in Dover, New Hampshire (Region 1).	Motion Carried.
10.	DelaBar Eigenhauser	Grant the request of Edelweiss Cat Club to hold an in-conjunction show with FARUS on December 20/21, 2014 in Moscow, Russia (Region 9).	Motion Carried.
11.	Eigenhauser McCullough	Approve the board liaisons, as presented.	Motion Carried.
12.	McCullough Krzanowski	Approve the liaisons for those committees that are chaired by non-board members.	Motion Carried. DelaBar and McCullough voting no.
13.	Eigenhauser Moser	That the Show Rules Committee present a proposal at the October 2014 Board meeting that would create a sliding scale on the number of minimum specialty rings to be required at shows, at the very least in North America, but look statistically at whether such a proposal would be workable in other areas, as well.	Motion Carried. McCullough, Calhoun and Kuta voting no.
14.	Eigenhauser Anger	Adopt a board policy that no Super Specialty shows will be permitted after the weekend of February 28/March 1. Up until that date, others may be added to the list.	Motion Failed. Ganoe, Wilson, Moser and Fellerman voting yes.
15.	Meeker Eigenhauser	Accept the Cat Registration Activity Tracker program, as presented, and that she would work with the new Executive Director to get it in place.	Motion Carried.
16.	Meeker Krzanowski	Accept the Cattery of Distinction – combining cattery procedure, with a fee of \$75 to accomplish the procedure.	Motion Carried.

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17.	Meeker Anger	Adopt the Cattery Name Renewal Process, as presented.	Motion Carried. Krzanowski, McCullough and Eigenhauser voting no.
18.	Moser McCullough	Starting in 2016, Central Office will take on all functions of the CFA Annuals, except the Thursday night hospitality which would be optional for the region, and the delegate bags.	Motion Failed. McCullough, Moser, Fellerman and Kuta voting yes.
19.	Anger Eigenhauser	Approve the name change request of A1 Cat Academy (Region 8, Club 1114) to Nyanko Yokohama.	Motion Carried.
20.	DelaBar Anger	Grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 for the Rolandus Cat Club shows (Region 9) to be held in Kiev, Ukraine, on November 15/16, 2014 and March 21/22, 2015, to allow the use of up to 50% guest judges at their 8-ring shows.	Motion Carried. Ganoe voting no.
21.	Eigenhauser Meeker	Approve the legislative budget increase request in the sum of \$5,118.00.	Motion Carried.
22.	DelaBar Eigenhauser	That a committee consisting of Candilee Jackson, Pam DelaBar, Kathy Calhoun and Geri Fellerman bring a proposal to the board to revitalize the Ambassador Program.	Motion Carried.
23.	Anger McCullough	Provide a small item for the CWA bags for the BarkWorld Pet Expo in Atlanta, Georgia on October 30/November 1, 2014.	Motion Carried.
24.	Kuta McCullough	That, due to the local fire marshal's request that the aisles be wider than the original floor plan, the Santa Monica Cat Club is asking for permission to lower the entry limit from 325 to 275, at its August 23/24, 2014 show in Costa Mesa, California (Region 5).	Motion Carried.

Anger: Next are the motions from our teleconference of August 12 and I would move on my standing motion for approval of those. **Meeker:** I'll second.

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

Anger: Thank you. **Hannon:** Are you through? **Anger:** I'm done, thanks.

(2) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Judging Program Chair Annette Wilson presented the following report and made all standing motions with the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Annette Wilson –General Communication and Oversight; File Administrator*

List of Committee Members: *Larry Adkison – Guest Judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)*
Rachel Anger – Ombudsman; Mentor Program Administrator; File Administrator (Region 9); prepares Board Report
Wain Harding – International Division Training Administrator and File Administrator
Beth Holly – Application Administrator (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling)
Pat Jacobberger –Chair, Judges’ Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)
Jan Stevens – Trainee Administrator and File Administrator; Representative on the CFA Protest Committee
Aki Tamura –Trainee Administrator and File Administrator (Region 8)
Wayne Trevathan – Member, Judges’ Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Following the recent changes in Judging Program Committee personnel, the new Committee members met by teleconference on September 2, 2014. The new Committee has updated the Return to Judging Medical Release Form. It is now on the Files area of the CFAjudges Group for easy access for our judges. Clarification was given as to when a medical release is required. The presentation “How to Mark a Judge’s Book” has been updated. The Judging Program Mentor Guidelines are in the review process. We have also arranged for Central Office staff to again coordinate the BAOS arrangements (lodging, food, meeting rooms, etc.), both domestically and abroad. Jodell Raymond is taking the lead, with Shirley Dent providing assistance to Pat Jacobberger and her team. Thanks everyone!

Deaths: We are saddened to report the loss of Donna Davis on July 19, 2014. Donna began her judging career in 1971 and was honored at the June 2011 Annual for 40 years of service as a CFA Judge. A former fashion model, Donna and her ex-husband (Allbreed Judge Ed Davis) bred Siamese under the Thaibok cattery name. GC/NW Thaibok Teriyaki, DM was CFA’s Cat of the Year in 1976, while GC/NW Thaibok Tyrone was Third Best Cat. These were only a few of the nationally-ranked cats that the Thaibok cattery produced. Siamese breeders even today count

both Donna and her cattery as major influences in the Siamese breed. Donna owned and operated Cat Lady Antiques, and had three children; Greg, Kate and Ted. She was a friend and mentor to many long-time breeders in CFA. Although Donna had requested a brief leave of absence just prior to her death, she was still actively judging. Her passing is a loss to the Siamese world, as well as CFA.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Leave of Absence: Allbreed Judge Patty Jacobberger has requested a medical leave of absence from the Judging Program, commencing immediately and ending December 1, 2014. She plans to continue with the BAOS at the World Show.

Action Item: *Grant a medical leave of absence from judging to Patty Jacobberger.*

Hannon: Next is the Judging Program. Annette, do you have anything for open session?
Wilson: Yes. **Hannon:** Alright, let's do the open session. **Wilson:** To grant a medical leave of absence from judging to Pat Jacobberger. **Anger:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

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

Leave of Absence: Allbreed Judge Donna Jean Thompson has requested a medical leave of absence from the Judging Program, commencing immediately and ending January 1, 2015.

Action Item: *Grant a medical leave of absence from judging to Donna Jean Thompson.*

Wilson: Were you going to put something in here about our other leave of absence, Rachel? **Anger:** I did. **Wilson:** You did? **Hannon:** She updated it. There was a request from Donna Jean. **Wilson:** Oh, it's in here, yes. We have a request from Donna Jean for a leave of absence until January 1, 2015. **Anger:** So moved. **Hannon:** Second? **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Anger: Who seconded that? **Eigenhauser:** George. **Hannon:** Always. We can just plug George in.

[from Sunday] **Wilson:** Can I just bring one thing up that we should probably take action on? Yesterday, because we approved the leave of absence for Donna Jean Thompson, it affected a show for next weekend and it's a change in format, according to the show rules. **Hannon:** I didn't know it was a change in format. **Wilson:** Yes, because it's a 2 day show and they are moving a judge to replace Donna Jean from Saturday to Sunday, so according to the show rules – **Hannon:** It's a different show, because it's a 6x6. **Wilson:** Right. *In cases where the club is notified of the emergency less than 30 days in advance of the show, such as on the day before or day of the show, a change in format/judging assignment must be approved by the CFA Board's Executive Committee.* **Hannon:** You are making that motion? **Wilson:** I'm making that motion. **Meeker:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on the motion?

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

Committee Personnel. The Judging Program is sorry to lose Donna Isenberg as our long-time exhibitor member and Applications Administrator. Donna has turned those duties over to Beth Holly, who she will continue to assist and mentor. To our good fortune, Donna will play a role in the Education subcommittee and will speak at the BAOS, as well as offering assistance when and if needed. This will allow Donna to spend more time with her cats and, of course, Bruce! CFA has no greater cheerleader than Donna, and we have been fortunate to have her on the Committee and especially in our organization. We look forward to her positive attitude and smiling face in the show halls and event facilities.

Wilson: I would like to remind the regional directors to post the BAOS information to their regional lists about the BAOS coming up at the World Show, and also in Japan in 2015. I think Mr. Maeda already has that posted up.

International/Guest Judging Assignments: Permission has been granted for the following:

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Anger, Rachel	NZCF	World Cat Congress	Auckland, New Zealand	04/25/15
Auth, Mary	CCCA	Western Districts	Riverstone Australia	07/25/15
Auth, Mary	ACF	Abyssinian & Somali CC of Queensland		07/26/15
Auth, Mary	ACF	GCCF of Victoria	Bracken Ridge Australia	08/02/15
Calhoun, Kathy	ACF	MSW Burmese Cat Society	Sydney, Australia	03/15/15
Calhoun, Kathy	ACF	Queensland Feline Association	Brisbane, Australia	03/21-23/15
Cherrie, George	ICU	Begeera Cat Club	Moscow, Russia	12/06-07/14
Chung, Chloe	ICU	Begeera Cat Club	Moscow, Russia	12/06-07/14
DelaBar, Pam	FIFe	Felis Hungarica	Budapest Hungary	12/14-15/14
Ganoe, Dennis	ACF	Queensland Feline Association	Brisbane, Australia	03/21-23/15
Ganoe, Dennis	ACF	Feline Control Council of Victoria	Melbourne, Australia	03/29/15
Ganoe, Dennis	ACF	Sydney Royal Easter	Sydney, Australia	04/03-06/15
Gonano, Hope	ACF	GCCFV	Melbourne, Australia	03/15/15
Gonano, Hope	ACF	Queensland Feline Association	Brisbane, Australia	03/21-22/15
Gonano, Hope	NZCF	Dominion Cat Club	Wellington New Zealand	03/26/15
Gonano, Hope	ACF	Sydney Royal Easter	Sydney, Australia	04/03-06/15
Groenewegen, Arie	ICU	Begeera Cat Club	Moscow, Russia	12/06-07/14
Kharchenko, Irina	IFA	Felissenta	Ulyanovsk, Russia	11/23-24/14
Newkirk, Darrell	ASC	Super Cats	Moscow, Russia	09/07/14
Petty, Tracy	CCCA	National Cat Show	Sydney Australia	07/11-12/15
Petty, Tracy	CCCA	Feline Association of South Australia	Adelaide, Australia	07/18-19/15
Petty, Tracy	NZCF	Nelson Cat Club	Nelson, New Zealand	07/26/15

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
<i>Baraldi, Walter</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Cat Fashion</i>	<i>Tel Aviv, Israel</i>	<i>11/15/14</i>
<i>Gnatkevich, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev Ukraine</i>	<i>11/15-16/14</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev Ukraine</i>	<i>11/15-16/14</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Siam Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Chiangmai, Thailand</i>	<i>11/01-02/14</i>
<i>Maignaut, Richard</i>	<i>LOOF</i>	<i>Cats N Cats</i>	<i>Aumale, France</i>	<i>04/11-12/15</i>
<i>Menweg, Nicole</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Cats N Cats</i>	<i>Aumale, France</i>	<i>04/11-12/15</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Moscow Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>12/06-07/14</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>12/21/14</i>
<i>Rakitnikh, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Krasnoyarsk, Russia</i>	<i>11/02/14</i>
<i>Podprugina, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Krasnoyarsk, Russia</i>	<i>11/02/14</i>
<i>Pohvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>12/21/14</i>
<i>Pohvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>02/15/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Phoenix CC</i>	<i>Wu Han, China</i>	<i>09/20-21/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Passion Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Kuala Lumpur Malaysia</i>	<i>10/11/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Pearl River Cat Club</i>	<i>Foshan, China</i>	<i>10/18-19/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Passion Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>11/02/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Passion Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Kuala Lumpur Malaysia</i>	<i>10/11/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Pearl River Cat Club</i>	<i>Foshan, China</i>	<i>10/18-19/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Siam Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Chiangmai, Thailand</i>	<i>11/01-02/14</i>
<i>Ustinov, Andrew</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev Ukraine</i>	<i>11/15-16/14</i>

Wilson: I just want to comment for the minutes that Show Rule 14.03 says that guest judging evaluations need to be submitted on every guest judge. Since June, we have gotten one guest judge evaluation. It just said all excellents/no comments. So, we are going to start getting tough with these. If a club asks for approval for a guest judge and they owe us an evaluation, we're going to tell them they have to get the evaluation before we give approval. I'm uncomfortable with that, because often guest judge approvals are a few months out. I don't know of any other way to do it.

Judging Program Mentor Program:

A review has been made of the Judging Program mentor/protégé pairings. New mentors have been solicited from the qualified candidates (an Allbreed Judge, with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed ...). Several individuals responded. The Judging Program Mentor Program continues to seek excellent mentors for our applicants and new judges.

We will have an updated Judging Program Rule regarding mentoring later in the report. However, we want to make it clear that the mentor/protégé relationship involving applicants to the Judging Program does not include lobbying of board members to vote one way or another on any applicant. We believe that board members are perfectly capable of reviewing the applications, hearing from their constituents and making up their minds on how to vote. While any participant in CFA can certainly speak their mind or provide their opinion to a board

member, the Judging Program Committee believes that lobbying board members to vote favorably is not appropriate to the mentor role.

Judging Program Ombudsman:

Rachel Anger is serving as our Ombudsman. The duties of an ombudsman are to investigate complaints and attempt to resolve them, usually through recommendations (binding or not) or mediation. Ombudsmen sometimes also aim to identify systemic issues leading to poor service or breaches of people's rights. In that capacity, four issues have been opened. One was dropped for lack of evidence; two are awaiting responses from the complaining parties; and one issue is working its way through the system. While the Ombudsman does not seek out or solicit complaints, anyone who experiences a problem with any Judging Program issue is welcome to contact her directly to discuss your best options for resolution.

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

Rule #	SECTION I – DEFINITIONS	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>MENTOR. An Allbreed Judge with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed, who has agreed to assist an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program. Mentors may not act in the capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats. A Mentor may assist a maximum of two individual at a time. Mentors will be appointed by the Applications Administrator and have approval of the Judging Program Committee before being assigned.</p>	<p>MENTOR. An Allbreed Judge with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed, who has agreed <u>agrees to assist provide assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program.</u> Mentors <u>A Mentor</u> may not act in the capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats, <u>nor may a mentor be a member of the current Judging Program Committee.</u> A Mentor may assist a maximum of two individuals at a time. <u>The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the Judging Program Committee.</u> Mentors will be appointed <u>by the designated Judging Program Committee member(s).</u> Applications Administrator and have approval of the Judging Program Committee before being assigned.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: To clarify role and assignment of Mentors.</p>		

Hannon: Anything else? **Wilson:** Yes. We have some Judging Program rule changes. Most of them are somewhat housekeeping. The first one is the definition of a Mentor. We added in here that a Mentor cannot be a member of the current Judging Program Committee and that *the role of a mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the Judging Program Committee*, and that Mentors will be appointed *by the designated Judging Program Committee member(s)*. What we thought we would do is not tie the hands in the Judging Program Rules in the future by letting whoever is handling that, rather than it says here *the Applications*

Administrator and approval of the Judging Program Committee. We don't really need to meet and the entire Committee approve every one of these mentor things. **Hannon:** The big change that you've made though is that, once upon a time, people could pick their own mentor. **Wilson:** That was actually changed the last time. **Hannon:** Right, but that's a major change. **Wilson:** It is. It's not that they can't say who they would like to have. I mean, they can. So, what happens, if it's an applicant, the Applications Administrator works with the applicant to pick a suitable person that's going to be able to help them and support them. **Hannon:** But don't you think in the past they have picked a mentor often prior to applying, to help them get ready for the application process? **Wilson:** Right. That's fine. Here's my thought; there's a lot of people who don't need mentors or have informal mentors, so by taking some of this out and making it a little more informal, if the applicant has someone that they feel will be a good mentor for them but we feel would not, then we need to work with them to make sure they pick someone appropriate. We've had some issues with some mentors. **Hannon:** I'm aware. So, how do you want to handle it? Are you going to break this up into individual pieces and vote on it? **Wilson:** I would like to do each rule separately, if we can. **Hannon:** OK, so you want to do the first part? Are you making a motion, Annette? **Wilson:** Yes. So moved. **Hannon:** And George seconded it, as usual. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on it?

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

Rule #	SECTION VII – TRAINEES, Paragraph 2.c.	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	c. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from the United States. These sessions may be completed in Japan or the United States for longhair. For shorthair, two (2) sessions must be completed in the United States.	c. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from the United States. These <u>two (2) sessions</u> may <u>must</u> be completed in Japan or the United States for longhair. For shorthair, two (2) sessions must be completed in the United States.
RATIONALE: Shows in Japan no longer have a preponderance of longhair breeds. The Japan Regional Director, Mr. Maeda, believes that judges residing in Japan will have better training if they go to the U.S. for two sessions, for both longhair and shorthair specialties.		

Wilson: The next rule change is in the Trainee section. Mr. Maeda had written to me about this, so I added it in. It currently says that trainees in Japan have to complete a minimum of 2 training sessions working with judges from the United States in the United States for shorthair. Because the make-up of the shows in Japan has changed and there is no longer a lot more longhairs than shorthairs, he asked that they come for 2 sessions in the United States for both longhair and shorthair. **DelaBar:** Annette, this is just sort of saying you can apply for judging and be accepted for training if you have the money to train over in the U.S. **Wilson:** It's kind of like that anyway, isn't it? You do have to have the money. We have the same thing for the ID in shorthairs. They have to come to the U.S. **DelaBar:** But just for shorthairs. **Wilson:** Maybe soon that will be able to change, too, as there is more and more shorthairs. I didn't pull this out on my own. It was suggested by the Regional Director. **DelaBar:** I just have some concerns, since it is

money driven, rather than training driven. **Ganoe:** One question; this applies to both first and second specialties? I don't see any delineations, so I'm assuming both. **Wilson:** It is both, yes. **Meeker:** My understanding was that they were brought to the U.S. not just because of quantity but because of quality and a more diverse look at the shorthair breeds. Has that changed significantly? **Wilson:** It's kind of a volume issue. They don't have big shows in Japan, so it lets them have an opportunity to see more cats, yes. Maybe different quality. I think there's quality cats in Japan, but the size of many of their shows is half the size of our shows, so it's an issue. There are trainees in Japan handling less than 10 cats at a training session on occasion. Just like here, the number of large shows has gotten smaller. It is expensive. **Anger:** But it's an investment. **Hannon:** Did you make a motion? **Wilson:** So moved. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any other discussion on it?

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

Rule #	SECTION IX – REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES, subparagraphs i. & k.	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>i. For each show judged by an apprentice or approval pending judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the Judging Program must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and sent to the Judging Program Committee within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.</p> <p>j. ...</p> <p>k. Apprentice and approval pending judges and trainees judging any show, including household pet shows, must notify the Judging Program File Administrator of any judging assignments they have accepted, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the show, in order that evaluation forms may be sent to the contracting club in a timely manner. No credit will be given for the work at any show for which such pre-notice has not been sent to the Judging Program Committee at the stipulated time, the exception being shows for which the judge is acting as a last minute substitution, in which case the Judging Program Committee must be notified when the contract is signed.</p>	<p>i. For each show judged by an apprentice or approval pending judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the <u>apprentice or approval pending judge</u> Judging Program must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and mailed to the Judging Program File Administrator within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.</p> <p>j. ...</p> <p>k. Apprentice and approval pending judges and trainees judging any show, including household pet shows, must notify the Judging Program File Administrator of any judging assignments they have accepted, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the show. in order that evaluation forms may be sent to the contracting club in a timely manner. No credit will be given for the work at any show for which such pre-notice has not been sent to the Judging Program Committee at the stipulated time, the exception being shows for which the judge is acting as a last minute substitution, in which case the Judging Program Committee must be notified when the contract is signed.</p>
RATIONALE: It is the responsibility of the apprentice or approval pending judge to supply the club with an evaluation form.		

Wilson: The next one makes the responsibility to supply the club with an evaluation form the advancing judges' responsibility. That's how it is operated administratively. The advancing judges have the forms, they give them to the club, the club fills them out and sends them to the file administrator, but that's not what the Judging Program Rule says, so that's all this is doing is putting the responsibility there. So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

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

Rule #	SECTION XII – CONTINUING EDUCATION OF ALL TRAINEES AND JUDGES	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>Starting May 1, 2011, all Trainees and Judges must accrue twelve (12) continuing education units (CEU's) over a five (5) year period to continue to be licensed as a CFA Judge. Judges may select from the following methods to meet the requirements.</p> <p>1. Classroom/Seminar Education:</p> <p>a. Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop. Each workshop earns three (3) CEU's.</p> <p>b. Attendance at the general session and a LH or SH portion of the CFA Judging School/BAOS including the practical lab (equal to ten (10) CEU's).</p> <p>c. Participation as an instructor at a CFA Judging School/BAOS which includes the presentation of three (3) breeds and conducting a portion of the practical lab (equal to twelve (12) CEU's).</p> <p>2. Online Education:</p> <p>a. Completion of breed presentations and posttests from the online library of CFA Breed Presentations. Each presentation is equal to one (1) CEU. Judges who want to review some or all of the topics for personal reasons, as well as to fulfill continuing education courses, are encouraged to complete as many as they wish.</p> <p>b. A completed Continuing Education Report Card must be submitted to the Judging Program sixty (60) days before the end of each five (5) year</p>	<p>Starting <u>Beginning</u> May 1, 2011, all Trainees and Judges must accrue twelve (12) continuing education units (CEU's) over a five (5) year period to continue to be licensed as a CFA Judge. <u>The five (5) year period begins on the date an individual enters the CFA Judging Program.</u> Judges may select from the following methods to meet the requirements:</p> <p>1. Classroom/Seminar Education:</p> <p>a. Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop. Each workshop earns three (3) CEU's.</p> <p>b. Attendance at the general session and a LH or SH portion of the CFA Judging School/BAOS including the practical lab (equal to <u>earns</u> ten (10) CEU's.)</p> <p>c. Participation as an instructor at a CFA Judging School/BAOS which includes the presentation of three (3) breeds and conducting a portion of the practical lab (equal to <u>earns</u> twelve (12) CEU's).</p> <p><u>d. Working with a Trainee at a CFA Show for an official supervised or solo session earns five (5) CEU's.</u></p> <p>2. Online Education:</p> <p>a. <u>e.</u> Completion of breed presentations and posttests from the online library of CFA Breed Presentations. Each presentation is equal to <u>earns</u> one (1) CEU. Judges who want to review some or all of the topics for personal reasons, as well as to</p>

<p>period.</p> <p>3. Continuing Education Report Card:</p> <p>a. Each CFA Judge/Trainee is responsible for the completion and submission of a CEU Report Card no less than sixty (60) days before the end of each five (5) year period.</p> <p>b. The Record Keeper for the CFA Judging Program will record and provide information to the Judging Program Chair as judges complete their records.</p>	<p>fulfill continuing education courses, are encouraged to complete as many as they wish.</p> <p>b. A completed Continuing Education Report Card must be submitted to the Judging Program sixty (60) days before the end of each five (5) year period.</p> <p>3-Continuing Education Report Card:</p> <p>a. Each CFA Judge/Trainee is responsible for the completion and submission of a CEU Report Card no less than sixty (60) days before the end of each five (5) year period.</p> <p>b. The Record Keeper for the CFA Judging Program will record and provide information to the Judging Program Chair as judges complete their records.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Training Judge CEU's needed to be added to the Rules; clarification, reformatting and housekeeping.</p>	

Wilson: The next one looks big but what it's doing is just clarifying and reformatting the continuing education items that you can use. If a training judge works with a trainee, they get continuing education credit and a certificate for it, so we put that in here even though that's how it has been working, and then basically reformatted it. So moved. **Krzanowski:** Second.

DelaBar: You have 12 points going for teaching at the BAOS once. **Wilson:** Right. **DelaBar:** That's not continuing education. That's one time and you have completed the requirement for the 5 years. **Wilson:** So is taking a trainee once a year for 3 years. This was never meant to be punitive or anything. This has to be completed within 5 years, and there's only a handful of people that actually train at the BAOS. There's only so many spaces to have people train at the BAOS. **Hannon:** Providing being a trainer for a trainee is far more common. What's the training judge learning from this? It's continuing education for the training judge, isn't it? **Wilson:** It's continuing education for the training judge, yes. **Hannon:** How is the training judge learning by training somebody? They are the teacher. **Wilson:** A lot. You've got to beef up on your stuff. To me, it's hard and you learn a lot. **Eigenhauser:** I would agree with Annette. As lawyers, we have a certain amount of minimum training we have to do to renew our licenses, and teaching is considered one of the best ways of learning. It's very common to give teaching credit as credit for learning, as well. **Hannon:** Anybody else?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

NOTE: The Judging Program Committee is planning to update the JP Rules by changing the numbering system to resemble the Show Rules (removing Roman Numerals, marking items, for example, as 12.01, 12.02, etc. We plan to have this done prior to the February, 2015 BOD Meeting.

Future Judging Program Revisions: *The Judging Program Committee met in early September by teleconference and had preliminary discussion of some possible changes to the current Judging Program requirements. We would like to have a brief discussion of these with the members of the Board of Directors to get some direction on which – if any – to pursue further.*

Wilson: The other thing I wanted to talk about in open session was, the Judging Program Committee had a conference call meeting and just kind of brainstormed on some other things. Some of these ideas came from outside the Judging Program Committee, but we brought them up to discuss. What I want to do is explain these and just take a straw poll. There's no point in trying to flesh these out or put a lot of detail into it if nobody thinks these are good ideas, so this was just a way to open up a little bit of discussion. It was never my intention to make a lot of changes to the Judging Program, but as we've gotten into things and we're seeing how our trainees are advancing, and what they know and what they don't know, my purpose in handling the Judging Program Committee is to support all of our current judges and to make sure we train the very best judges we can. That involves a lot of things and a lot of people.

1. ***Applicants.** The current score card for new applicants is a bit complex and does not seem to be reflective of the experience necessary to enter the Judging Program. We believe more emphasis on breeding good cats can be best measured by producing quality over time. Applicants to the Judging Program that have a longer history of breeding, caring for and showing their cats are not only more apt to have developed a better "eye" for a good example of any breed, but also the patience and experience required to be "tested" in the judging ring.*

We are therefore considering moving the number of years of breeding cats up from 7 back to 10, and changing the breeding and showing requirements to 20 grands in the first specialty (of which at least 10 must be in their primary breed and 15 must be bred AND shown by the applicant) and 5 Regional Winners (at least 3 must be bred by the applicant and all 5 must be shown by the applicant).

Wilson: I uploaded the current scorecard for applicants onto File Vista but if you can't get in, I have one copy of it, so you can kind of see what it is, but basically you have to have 10 grand champions bred and exhibited by you in the appropriate specialty. You get points for different things – 8 points for national winner, you can get additional grands – and I find it complicated. One of our Judging Program Committee members said, we could make this a lot easier and maybe a little bit more difficult by having it just a flat so-many years of breeding, so-many grands bred by you, so-many grands bred by someone else that you have shown in other breeds in your specialty, and a certain number of regional wins. The first numbers that came up were 20 grands, of which 10 must be in their primary breed, 15 of those 20 must be bred and shown by the applicant and 5 regional winners. Never mind the national winner, the breed winner any anything else, because where someone really learns is by showing cats. They learn by showing a cat, sitting in a ring, watching the judges, listening to the judges and competing. So, I would just like a little input. Are the numbers too high? You don't want to go in this direction at all? You don't want to simplify it, you like it the way it is? That's what I'm looking for. **Anger:** This is really two different issues here in one proposal. The first issue deals with the scorecard. I was involved in getting the scorecard developed and approved. There are parts of it that are

confusing if you don't pay attention to the instructions. In my experience, it was whether applicants had to just breed the cats, just grand the cats or what, so I think there are some minor tweaks that can make the scorecard better. If the scorecard is flawed, then we need to fix it, not pile more work on our applicants, which just gives them more opportunity to fail. Second is the number of years required. To me, it's more about what the applicant has done in those years. What is their body of work? You can casually be involved in the cat fancy for 10 years, show a couple cats, grand a couple cats and qualify, whereas some that has 7 years of experience who has packed a lot of experience into that time may be the much better candidate. To me, increasing the number only serves to put it out of reach. Once you go from 7 to 10, that number "10" has a significance to potential applicants that says, "we don't want you." That is not the case at all. We want every good applicant, every person with potential. Not everybody has the potential to be a judge, but those that do that have a lot to offer our association, we want those. We don't want to say, "we don't want you." That is what the number 10 does. I don't know why that is. When we lowered it to 7, we didn't see a huge influx of people coming in, we didn't see a change in the type of applicants that we were getting, so changing that number from 7 to 10, in my opinion, would have only detriment and no benefit. As to #1, those are my comments. **Moser:** On the 10 years, I don't really have a problem with increasing to 10 years because I think the more practice and looking to see what they have, to get them a better overall opinion of what's going on. Now, on the other ones that you want to increase as far as the extra grands and all of that, I don't feel that that should be increased, because I think either you have an eye or you don't have an eye. It's just one of those things. Increasing it and all of that, I just don't think so. **Wilson:** If I can just respond. Those numbers were thrown out there. I think they are too high, also. So, would you say that simplifying it – a national win, we have someone that's going to be applying that sent his cat to someone else here to show to a national win so he could have that credit on there. How does that help that person? That doesn't help that person, so I think 20 grands. I like the idea of regional wins, and if you have 3 of your own regional wins – these days, it's not that hard to get a regional win in that period of time. And then if you show a few other cats of different breeds in your specialty to regional wins, I think that's how you make it. I do. The 10 years or the 7 years – you know what? If someone doesn't have an eye, they're not going to have an eye. I got some interesting input from people thinking of applying, and none of them had a problem with the 10 years, which I found interesting. A lot of us came through the Judging Program when it was 10 years, but the other thing is, people were interested in simplifying the scorecard and maybe making these numbers a little bit lower, but keeping it grands and regional wins, and that the rest is extra credit. People can always do more and of course we would look at that. **Fellerman:** I agree with Pam. They either have it or they don't. They know what they are looking for in a cat or they don't, and some of them never do, unfortunately. As someone who has a very small cattery, I maybe keep one cat a year. It would take me 20 years to get 20 grands, or maybe 18 years if I happen to keep 2, but I don't. Sometimes females never quite make it. I've had females up to 189 points and she comes in heat. **Wilson:** If you were planning to go into the Judging Program – **Fellerman:** But I still don't want that many cats. **Wilson:** And I don't keep a lot of cats, either. It's basically the same thing. If I keep 1 or 2 cats a year, that's fine, but if you're going to learn about the other breeds, you need to show some of the other breeds. **Fellerman:** You do. You do. **Wilson:** In theory, if you got a regional win on a kitten and granded a few of those, that would be wonderful. Do I think 20 is too high? I do, yes. **Fellerman:** I think it's insane. **McCullough:** When Jeff came through, we had 75 Persians to meet the granding

requirement at the time. **Wilson:** You what? **McCullough:** We had to have 75 Persians when Jeff came through the Program, because you had to have 5 grands out of your own cattery. We met the requirements, did away with that after that. This is going to back to, you have to have a bunch of cats in your house to get this in the time frame. You had to do it in 3 years back then – 5 grands in 3 years out of your own cattery. **Eigenhauser:** I would actually go the other direction. I would rather see us lower it to 5 years. As people have been saying, you either have the eye or you don't. There are going to be people out there – the best and the brightest – who may have the eye at 5 years. There may be people out there 25 years that really never get it. Time and grade is one of the least effective measures of somebody's ability, particularly when the things the judge does on the judging stand is, not birthing babies. How good you are at handling a c-section or medical emergency is no measure of how good a judge you're going to be. As to the scorecard, I agree that it's complicated but I like it that way, because not every person is going to follow exactly the same path into the Judging Program. Some people are going to show nationally and get a national win. Some people are only going to show regionally and get regional wins. Somebody may just show at the local shows and only do grands. Having different paths to get to the same place creates more opportunities for people. Yes, that makes it confusing, but I think choice is good and I think having that opportunity to choose your own path into the Judging Program is worth it. If it's too confusing for them to figure out, maybe they don't belong in the Judging Program. **Wilson:** I don't think it's too confusing for them to figure out. I think it is a mixture that doesn't always make sense. If you have a national win, you also have a regional win, so you check that off. In a lot of breeds, if you have a breed winner, depending on the breed, you probably have a regional win or you're in a minority breed. So, I guess that's my issue on that. As far as whether someone has an eye or doesn't have an eye, we don't have a way to measure that until someone is in the ring, unfortunately. I will just come right out and say it – once someone is in the Judging Program, it's extremely difficult. **Hannon:** They are in for life. **Wilson:** They're in, and I think that the more prep you do ahead of time – whether it's required prep or encouraged prep or whatever – the better. **Eigenhauser:** That's why the one proposal that was brought up that I really like is having the applicant training sessions. We will be previewing them as a judge before we get them into a judging ring. Actually looking at their skills, actually looking at their abilities, that's probably the better measure of how they are going to do in the Judging Program than any of these other proposals. That's the one I think should really be developed. **DelaBar:** One of the problems in Europe of getting people to apply is that the yardstick – well, not yardstick; we're on the metric system. The milestones have been moved and the rules changed so many times that people are frustrated. I would just ask, can we be stable for a while with the current rules we have? I like some of the other things that you have brought up here, but right now for the basics to be able to apply to the Judging Program, let's keep it stable for a while to allow those that want to apply and have been working towards application, give them a chance to meet the current rules that we have. **Ganoe:** When we brought in the scorecard, I thought it was a great idea because it puts down the minimum number of things that we expect you to be doing, to come into the Program. If the scorecard is a little bit cumbersome, let's tweak the scorecard. I don't think we need to throw that out, because that gives an applicant a list of things that they need to qualify, to apply. Some regions, getting a regional win is really easy. Other regions it's not quite so easy. So, you have some people who hit the 5 or however many regional wins, if they're from the Southern Region, they are really out campaigning a lot. But, if they're from the Northwest or the Southwest Region, you can get into the 25th spot with a couple

of shows. **Kuta:** Three. I did it. **Ganoe:** So, that particular measurement, while on the surface it looks good, it has an inequality built into it. I think the scorecard gives a minimum bar level you've got to reach, regardless of where you live. **Wilson:** My issue is with the breed winners. You get scorecard points for 3rd best of breed nationally. **Ganoe:** We changed that. You now have to get 200 points. **Eigenhauser:** We haven't ratified that yet. **Wilson:** I just think that national 3rd best of breed on a lot of breeds is a minimum. **Calhoun:** One of the things that we haven't brought up, in many situations the judge, to the public, is the face of the organization. So, one of the things that you gain by being in the organization and having exposure for 7 to 10 years is the other things that you learn about the organization, beyond what's in the standard. There's other things in the organization, and a judge being the face of the organization, you need to understand the organization. All that is not in the scorecard. Those are the sorts of things that over time we learn. So, I have no problem with 10 years. I certainly have a problem with lowering the number. **Colilla:** This is a kind of personal issue for me. My daughter is not eligible to apply for the Judging Program, even though she has been in the cat fancy for almost 30 years. She is in Dreamers cattery almost from day one, but she cannot apply to the Judging Program until she has her own cattery. In the meantime, she has 6 national winners in 6 different breeds and different regional winners in different breeds. She is trying to get her next grand champion bred before she can get in. I think this is stupid, when she's lived in the cat fancy for 30 years. She cannot apply to the Judging Program until she gets her next grand champion bred. To increase the number, you will put her even further out. **Wilson:** I understand what you're saying. She started young in the cat fancy, but I guess overall this rush to the finish really bothers me. It's like people can't wait until they have exactly the number of everything they need, and then they can't wait to cram all their training sessions in. They can't wait, they can't wait, they can't wait. What we're losing with all this is sort of what Kathy just said. In the rush to the finish, you're missing out on the big picture. If someone doesn't want to breed a lot of cats, that's fine. We used to have to breed Persians. We had to breed cats for the second specialty, so I think we've already adjusted the Judging Program quite a bit, to not require breeding in your other specialty and other breeds in your own specialty. It's not like she's 55 years old. She's got the time. **Colilla:** She's been in for about 30 years. Combined with our cattery, she has enough grands but to have her own, she has to wait because she's a small cattery. She only has 3 cats. She does not want to go big time. She does not want to be a kitten mill. Personally, I think she's eligible. I think she qualifies to be in the Judging Program, but she cannot apply. **Wilson:** She needs how many more grands? **Colilla:** She needs one more. **Eigenhauser:** Speaking from a legislative standpoint, small catteries are probably going to be the wave of the future. The days of being able to have 30 or 40 or 50 cats, and crank out 100 grand champions in a year doesn't exist anymore. Most places have restrictions on the number of cats you can own. There are a lot of communities in California where the legal limit is 2. You can have a couple of girls and use an outside stud. You can still have an acceptable breeding program, but it's going to become harder and harder to meet the volume. I think we should be looking at skill rather than volume. We need to focus on that. **Colilla:** I have one more question. Can she combine Dreamers and Believers together, to get her 6 grands? She is in Dreamers from day one. **Wilson:** Is the cattery registered in her name? **Colilla:** Yes. She is part of Dreamers cattery. **Hannon:** It's official in CFA's records? **Colilla:** Yes, and she has her own cattery, Believers. **Wilson:** But Dreamers, is it registered to her? **Colilla:** She is part of Dreamers. **Eigenhauser:** On paper? **Colilla:** Yes. **Wilson:** On paper? **Colilla:** She is part of Dreamers. **Wilson:** Her name is on the certificate? **Colilla:** Yes. **Hannon:**

You should be able to follow through on that one and find out. **Wilson:** Scan me a copy of the cattery certificate. **Colilla:** OK, OK. **Wilson:** Husbands and wives are on it, and it works for both of them. **Hannon:** If she is officially in CFA's records as a member of your cattery, Annette is saying she can apply. **Wilson:** Rachel, do you see a problem with that if her name is on the cattery registration? **Anger:** No. **Colilla:** Thank you. I appreciate that.

Meeker: With the Judging Program, we really need to be looking at our big goals. Some of these rules really preclude the population that's now in the show hall from thinking about the Judging Program. If it's going to take 10 years and you're 60 years old when you decide to do it, you're about 70 or so before you're an approved allbreed judge, and then you're going to be asking for a medical leave of absence. What I'm seeing in the show hall is, we've got an aging population. If we want to bring in new people and they have a passion for the judging process, they have the eye – working with people, you sort of know if they have the eye or not – and if they have the skills to handle and can augment those skills to handle through a true training program, I don't know why it should take 7-10 years to even start something. It seems like we're missing that magnet for younger talented people. **Wilson:** I'll tell you what I think as a breeder myself. There is a lot of newer judges who, I don't care what they think about my cat. They haven't put in the time. They haven't shown all that many cats of their own. They just have rushed to the finish to get done. We have a bunch of those judges in the Judging Program right now. Maybe it's always that way. I'm not naming names. Maybe some of them will get better, but as a breeder, their opinion of my cat is meaningless, when they haven't done the work as far as breeding and showing and getting out there and looking at what they're doing. **Meeker:** I would say that's not a breeding program problem. To me, that's a judging training problem. **Wilson:** But we train these judges – **Meeker:** No, you don't train them. No. You assess them, because they are expected to come in with a set body of knowledge and then you refine that knowledge. You can deliver 200 litters of whatever breed and still not figure out an eye for that breed or how to handle it. **Wilson:** Or, you have an eye for your own breed and not all the others. **Meeker:** Exactly. **Wilson:** We don't have a way to measure that, and we take them regardless. **Eigenhauser:** There was one other suggestion they brought up that no one else has discussed yet, and that's the idea of, rather than going by number of shows that you train at, going by number of cats that you handle. I would like to see a better statistical break-down of what kind of mixes we're getting at the shows now, what kind of numbers we're getting. Are they getting good variability, even though there's a smaller number? Are they getting to see all the breeds or not? I would like to see a Monte-type break-down of this before I really gave an opinion on way or the other. **Ganoe:** A lot of the write-up's now from the training judges are including that information. **Wilson:** We are collecting that information. **Eigenhauser:** So if we can compile that and bring it to the board. **Wilson:** Basically, the two trainees we have coming up right now would have gotten very close to 600 points, give or take a little bit, in the training sessions they did. Here's what happens. If you go to a smaller show, you have no competition in any particular breed, except on the longhair side sometimes. So, all it is, is you hang a best and second best of breed. I had a trainee tell me that, "shorthairs are so much easier". It was a longhair judge. I'm like, "there's so many more standards, though." She said, "well yeah, but you only have one, so you hang, hang, hang." What we're finding is that when we're at a smaller show and there's not any competition across the breeds, is that they're really not applying the standards, because they don't have to. I heard people say that and I'm like, hmm. **DelaBar:** Are we just discussing the

number of years or are we discussing the whole proposal? **Wilson:** We're going to go one by one. **DelaBar:** OK, because now all of a sudden we're on the 600 number thing. Let's go back to the basic qualifications. That was my point. **Wilson:** I guess we could do the straw poll, too. If people are comfortable with the way it is, then I won't spend a lot of time. **Moser:** This is just a straw poll. It isn't something permanent or anything.

Wilson: It's interesting, though. I got some feedback from people thinking of going into the Judging Program that thought 10 years was a good idea. **Anger:** But you're asking the wrong people. When you're an applicant or a brand new trainee, you're going to say yes to about anything. **Wilson:** No, because I got a lot of people questioning a lot of different things. I don't know. **Hannon:** If there's no more questions, do you want to do a straw vote, then? **Wilson:** Yeah, let's do a straw vote on this. **Hannon:** Tell us exactly what we're voting on. **Wilson:** Right.

2. *Trainee and Advancing Judges. As counts have become smaller at shows, our training and advancing judges are handling fewer and fewer cats. We would like to consider adding a minimum number of cats handled to the minimum number of shows judged for each advancement. Example: currently, a first specialty trainee is required to work at a minimum of 8 shows. We would like to change this to 8 shows and 600 cats handled. If more shows are needed to reach 600 cats, then the trainee would have to add one or two shows or seek out larger shows. There is certainly an advantage to training at larger shows – more depth in classes being the main advantage. We would like to see a minimum of 600 cats handled for each training level in the first specialty; a minimum 600 cats handled during the second specialty trainee level, then 400 minimum APT and APP second specialty; 600 to APP Allbreed and 600 to Approved AB.*

While this may seem high, especially for Region 8, 9 and ID judges, we believe it is necessary to ensure that our judges are the best in the world.

Wilson: Can we talk about #3 now, which is the number of cats shown? This is really because of the smaller shows we're having. If shows got bigger, obviously this still would be an issue and we may still be able to do this, but we would like to consider adding a minimum number of cats handled to the minimum number of shows judged for each advancement. Currently, a first specialty trainee is required to work at a minimum of 8 shows. We would like to change this to a minimum of 8 shows and 600 cats handled. So, if they don't go to a bigger show, then they need to go to shows to make up 600 cats. **Hannon:** What's the advantage to that if you've already stated that going to small shows for the shorthairs doesn't really help you, when you have one Aby and one American and one Burmese. **Wilson:** Because it's expensive, like Pam mentioned before, to keep going to shows as a trainee. So, you're going to want to pick the bigger shows. I applaud trainees who train at National Capital, who train at Garden state, but we have trainees who pick the smaller shows on purpose. **DelaBar:** Actually, I love this idea. This type of training is used in the major associations in Europe. When their judges come out, I feel fairly secure when I see them judge, yes, they know what they're doing because they have handled various breeds. Now, what is different for them is that they have to – let's say, American Curls. They have to handle either longhair or shorthair, but they're supposed to be able to see all the different breeds that they recognize. We're not asking that specifically because it's going to

be hard to see some of these breeds, but I think that this is a super idea and I wholeheartedly support this. **Wilson:** Maybe 600 is not the number, and that's where we can go back and get some statistics and take a look to see what that is. I didn't do a lot of numbers. I did them on our current trainees. **Moser:** Just curious. Would this increase the number of shows that a trainee would have to do? I mean, what's the average when they're training? How many cats do they handle? **Wilson:** We actually have that in here on our trainees coming up. 70, 80, but some shows 44. So, if they want to do a smaller show, administratively we've got a trainee in the ID right now and he wanted to go to Korea and do a show. They don't get a lot of entries. I said, "you can go, but you're going to have to do an extra training session if you're only going to see 30 cats or 25 cats." In my head, I'm thinking there should be a minimum number of cats. This has come up before when we've had some issues. **Moser:** Is this an encouragement to have the trainees go to the larger shows? **Wilson:** The larger shows is where they see the competition. **Eigenhauser:** Unfortunately, one of the ways they can get the higher number is just to go to one more small show, and have exactly the same one Siamese and exactly the same one American and exactly one Singapura, and not really accomplish anything. So, I'm not opposed to this, but I would like to see more statistical breakdown of how this might work. **Hannon:** Are you ready to do a straw vote on this one? **Wilson:** Yes. **Maeda:** In Japan, they see all the same cats. They will see the same cats over and over. **Wilson:** This is true. Mr. Maeda wrote to me this summer and mentioned this, too. He likes the idea, because the size of the shows is going down and they are seeing the same cats, but for training purposes at least, if they went to the ID for some of the bigger shows. We had a trainee from Japan – **Maeda:** Go to China, go to the ID, different cats and bigger shows. But 30 times, all the same cat. **Wilson:** Right, they see the same cat over and over again. **Dugger:** That happens here, too, when they train in the same area. **Wilson:** But they have to go out of region here. In Japan, they have to come to the U.S. – for trainees, but for advancing judges, because this talks about doing the same thing for advancing judges. Once someone is judging, they are not going to get invited to the U.S. to judge unless they come to the World Show. Some of the Japanese judges do go to the ID to judge, so they will see more cats there but it's going to really slow down advancements there, so the question is, do we have a lower number for Japan, do we not even look at this for advancing judges, but it seems to me you would almost have to. Is it a lower number, maybe in the single specialty? One of the Judging Committee members said, "well, you can lower it to 400 for the second specialty," but that's not someone's own specialty. I would like to flesh it out a little bit, but again I just really wanted to kind of see if people were in favor of doing something like that. **Kallmeyer:** I think, like George said, a statistical break-out of types of cats is actually not that hard to get. We can set that up so that you can see from a trainee how many they saw of the different breeds, and that might be part of the criteria. **Hannon:** Do you want to vote on this, or do you want to bring back some numbers? **Wilson:** I want to vote on, do you think this is a good idea. Then we will have to look at criteria. This is not going to happen in a flash. **Hannon:** I don't want to get too bogged down. Let's just move on then.

3. *Applicant Teaching/Training Sessions. A bit outside of the box and a suggestion from a non-committee member gives us something to think about. Currently, applications to the Judging Program are due three months before the board meeting at which the applicant will be considered. During that three month period, the applicant can continue enhancing their knowledge of the breeds, follow up on any minor, outlying items (i.e., one more MC*

assignment). We are proposing that once an applicant reaches this point, they schedule three training sessions – to be done prior to their application being presented to the BOD. Two of these would be pure training/teaching sessions and the third would be a “testing” session. These would be scheduled and managed by a file administrator just as if the individual were a trainee. The sessions would count toward the 8 minimum training sessions that a full-fledged trainee must complete after being accepted to the Judging Program. However, they would be done ahead of acceptance so that they would have the benefit of learning directly, in the ring, from some of our ablest training judges. In the third session, they would be asked (similar to what a trainee undergoes now) to prove their knowledge by working with a “testing” judge. The training judges would provide detailed evaluations of the sessions and the file administrator and applications administrator would recommend that the application go forward (in which case the three sessions – and the number of cats handled during them – would count as the first three trainee supervised sessions). That trainee, if successful, would not be doing any more sessions than they normally would. However, if the training judges determined that the trainee was not ready, the applications and file administrators would recommend additional and appropriate work.

Some board members may recall the aptitude test (“JAT”) of years ago where applicants handled cats in front of the BOD before applying to the Judging Program. This proposal goes a bit further than the JAT but allows the time (and money) spent to be applied to the Judging Program requirements.

Should this be considered, we would remove the requirement for marking a judge’s book in a ring (since that would be part of the training session) and would no longer require cattery visits, since discussing the cats and writing notes about them at the show would be as appropriate.

Wilson: The next one is the applicant training/teach sessions. Basically, what this would do would be, once the person’s application is in – applications are in October 1st for the February board meeting; we have 3 for February – in that period of time or, if it’s going to take them longer, that’s fine, too – so, they have a complete application, they have met all the requirements and in that time they would go to 3 sessions. They would schedule color classes. Two would be teaching sessions, where we get judges who are good at teaching that would work with them on the cats and you would listen and learn. Then, they would have a third session, which would be a testing session. We have judges that are better at testing than teaching. I’m not a teacher, I’m a tester. Then, we get the evaluations from those judges. They would be detailed evaluations. Based on that, we would know whether or not the person needs additional work. If they need additional work, they would have to postpone their application and get some additional work. If they are good and we think they have an eye or are at least close to having an eye and we can work with them, then those sessions would apply to their first 8 sessions, so they would already have 3 under their belt. **DelaBar:** This is another idea I really like. We should have a pre-test, pre-train before we even put people into the program, to where they have the very great possibility of being rejected. I want them to have a good start. I speak as the first person ever to do the JAT (“Judge Aptitude Test”) back in June 1989. I still wish that we had something like that, and I’m glad to see you bring this forward. I support this. **Wilson:** You think this would

work better than the JAT did? **DelaBar:** The JAT, all we did is, we got up and they had a number of cats for us to judge, then we had to rank them. We handled them, brought them out and basically judged them. I remember one applicant who wanted to go into the opposite specialty was turned down by the board, came in front of the JAT and surprised everybody and was therefore accepted into the second specialty. So, it was a good thing for people. You could actually see the potential that they had, then handling and being able to sort the cats, rank the cats. I thought it worked well. It just took up too much board time. We did it in front of the whole board. **Wilson:** My only issue with that is, if someone goes through these three sessions and needs more work, then these three sessions aren't going to count. Now, would they have to do another three? No, but maybe they would have to do another one to show us that they've improved, so now they've spent the money, but maybe that will make people stop and say, "am I really ready to do this?" **DelaBar:** Exactly. **Eigenhauser:** Of all the proposals that are tossed out today, this is the one that I'm the most enthusiastic about. For a long time, I've said we really need to test people as to what they really need in terms of skills to be a judge, rather than checking boxes about how many grands they have or how many babies they have birthed. This is the most relevant to their judging ability of any of the proposals. I really think that's the direction we should be going in the future, is actually looking and not saying, how many cats have you registered, but do you have the skills? This is a direct correlation. It's partially teaching, partially hands on. I think it's a great idea and I would like to see a proposal come back on this.

Again, these are some things we would like to consider, but before we flesh them out, we would like the BOD to give us some direction.

Straw Poll:

1. *Application – increase number of years breeding cats from 7 to 10 (currently 7 years breeding experience within last 10 years).*

Wilson: [reads]. **Hannon:** OK, that's all you want to vote on at this moment? [3 votes in favor, 17 votes against]

2. *Application – change scorecard requirements to 20 grands (15 bred by/shown by, 5 bred by), 5 Regional Winners (3 bred by/shown by, 2 bred by). Currently 10 grands-6 bred by; plus 15 points made up of combination of additional grands, NW, RW, DM, DW, BW.*

Wilson: [reads]. [no votes in favor] **Wilson:** I would like to simplify that I don't like these numbers. **Hannon:** Alright. We don't need to go any further than that. **Wilson:** Would anybody be interested in changing the requirements to simplify them from the scorecard with lower numbers than this, or do you just like the scorecard the way it is? **Schreck:** I have a question, because I'm a little unclear. For the scorecard, do you add up all these numbers and it has to come up to a particular number? Is that how you do it? **Wilson:** There's 2 parts to the scorecard. The first one is, you have to have 10 grand champions or grand premiers bred AND exhibited by you in the appropriate specialty. **Schreck:** My question is, do you have to have each of those categories? Do you get points for the categories? **Hannon:** It's a total. You have to get a total. **Wilson:** Right. You have to do that part first, and then there's this part. **Schreck:** So, you have to have each of those line items completed? **Wilson:** There's two parts to the form.

Hannon: You have to go so-many points. **Schreck:** You have to get to the total, not each line. **Wilson:** There's two parts. **Kuta:** You have to do two parts. **Eigenhauser:** There's a minimum threshold and a total. **Schreck:** OK, alright. Just as a comment because it's not something that would be voted on, what I would think would work better maybe, or might be an alternative, is instead of having requirements for each of these, you give – so, for example, if I have – well, I don't have to have a national winner, but if I have 20 regional winners, that would give me the total number of points that I need. Instead of having each category met, just to have a total number of points. That's just a comment. It's not up for a vote. **Hannon:** You two can discuss that on the drive home. **Schreck:** It's always interesting. I have to be careful or I walk. **Hannon:** That's why you should wait until you're driving home until you discuss this, until you at least get in the car.

3. *Advancing – add minimum number of cats handled to minimum number of shows.*

[unanimous] **Hannon:** Alright, you got your feedback.

4. *Pre-acceptance teaching/training sessions to apply to minimum training requirements once accepted and replace the marking of a judges book and any required cattery visits.*

[unanimous]

Hannon: What we're going to do at this point is, we're going to go into executive session probably for the rest of the morning. I'm going to allow the staff to stay, but ask the other visitors to bid us farewell and we'll see you after lunch.

Pre-Notice of Application: *The following individuals are scheduled to be presented to the Board in February 2015 for acceptance:*

<i>Longhair</i>	<i>Danny Tai – Hong Kong</i>
<i>Shorthair</i>	<i>Fung Chun Kit (Kit Fung) – Hong Kong</i>
<i>Longhair</i>	<i>Wendy Heidt – Vancouver, Washington</i>

Acceptance/Advancements: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:*

Accept as Trainee:

<i>Laura Gregory (Longhair – 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>18 no, 1 yes (Eigenhauser), 1 abstain (Maeda)</i>
<i>Jennifer Reding (Shorthair – 1st Specialty)</i>	<i>20 yes</i>

Advance to Apprentice:

<i>John Hiemstra (SH – 2nd Specialty)</i>	<i>20 yes</i>
<i>Teresa Sweeney (SH – 2nd Specialty)</i>	<i>20 yes</i>

Advance to Approval Pending:

Karen Godwin (LH – 2nd Specialty)

20 yes

Hannon: Do you want to announce the results of the vote? **Wilson:** Yes. Do I give the counts, too? **Hannon:** Yes. **Wilson:** OK. So, I will announce the results of the Judging Program. Laura Gregory, 18 no, 1 yes, 1 abstain. Jennifer Reding, 20 yes. John Hiemstra, 20 yes. Teresa Sweeney, 20 yes. Karen Godwin, 20 yes. **Hannon:** So, Laura was not accepted. What we publicly do is, we announce who was accepted and who was advanced. We do not publicly comment on somebody whose application was denied. People can look at who applied and look at who got accepted and make their own determination. **Wilson:** If you can give me some time to contact these people before you start. **Anger:** We do announce the results in the minutes, regardless of whether they were accepted or not, but not the comments. It's constitutional.

In an executive session discussion, guest judging approval was suspended for Elena Chernova.

(3) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters. **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

Committee Chair: George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Committee Members: Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Norman Auspitz,
Joel Chaney and Pam Huggins
Animal Welfare: Linda Berg;
European Region liaison: George Cherrie
Japan liaison: Kayoko Koizumi
Judging liaison: Jan Stevens
Legal Counsel: Ed Raymond

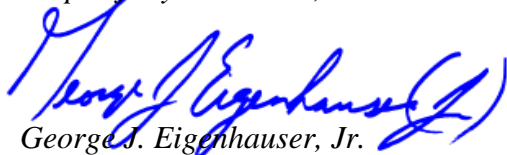
Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on September 10, 2014. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Pam Huggins, and Joel Chaney.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

(4) **OMBUDSMAN.**

[no report submitted]

(5) **REGIONAL FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

An executive session discussion was had which addressed the current situation regarding the regional reporting and the available methods of ensuring proper compliance with the IRS.

(6) INTER-ASSOCIATION RELATIONS.

Ms. DelaBar briefed the board on her first meeting with Dario Domancich, the President of the Associazione Nazionale Felina Italiana (“ANFI”), the Italian member of Fédération Internationale Féline (“FIFe”). Projected mutual projects include “in-conjunction” shows and sharing of show schedules. She also stated there will be more meetings to further understanding between ANFI and CFA.

(7) **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.**

Mr. Kallmeyer presented an in-depth analysis of CFA show entries for the 2013-2014 show season.

(8) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

[No report submitted]

Hannon: Central Office Report. I believe that Terri is going to make a comment and then turn it over to Verna. **Barry:** I sure am. First of all, I would like to thank everybody for the very warm welcome I've had from board members to staff here. For those of you that I have thrown things out to on a couple of different occasions already, thank you very much for all of your help and assistance. Just kind of general information, Jodell and Verna have been great resources here and I really appreciate the support I've received so far. Again, thank you. I will be probably calling on all of you at some point in time, but right now I'm just trying to get my head wrapped around some of the management issues that we have here. And yes, I know all about the registration issues.

1. **Waiver of Show Rule 15.08e Request:**

- (a) Club Name: Hong Kong International Club
Show Date: December 7, 2014
Show Format: One day, 5 AB
Location: Hong Kong (International Division)
Request a waiver of Show Rule 15.08e to allow 12-14 cages per ring.

Hannon: Verna, you're on. **Dobbins:** Dick, I may need your help with this one. This came from him. It's for a club in Hong Kong and they said, *Due to the limitation of the show hall layout space, they are requesting a waiver of show rule 15.08e which states that a minimum of 16 judges' cages are required for a ring where 150 cats or more are scheduled.* They want to do 12-14 cages per ring. **Anger:** Can we get the date and the name of the club, so someone can put it in the form of a motion? **Dobbins:** Yes. The date of the show is December 7, 2014. The name of the club is the Hong Kong International Cat Club. **Anger:** And what is their format? Do you know? **Dobbins:** No, I'm sorry. I do not. **Hannon:** Do you have any comments you want to make? **Kallmeyer:** I think this is probably good for them. They're not going to get probably more than 160 entries, so it's not going to be many entries. In Asia, there's not much room in the show halls. They are more confined than we have. They can still get the show done on time without major havoc. **Hannon:** Do you want to make a motion? **Kallmeyer:** I make a motion to allow the club to do it. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to make a comment. I've seen clubs do this on their own all the time without asking. I think we should reward somebody that's polite enough to ask. **Wilson:** Do we know if it's a one-day show and how many rings? **Dobbins:** They gave me the date of December 7th. **Kallmeyer:** I have the license here. I've just got to find it. **Colilla:** It's on the schedule. **Hannon:** It's on the schedule? As a one-day show? **Ganoe:** One day. Licensed. **Hannon:** What's the format? **Ganoe:** 5 allbreed, household pets. They only have 5 judges. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments? Are we ready to vote?

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

Hannon: That's the end of the Central Office report? **Dobbins:** That's it. Thank you.

(9) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Co-Chairs: Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

One club was pre-noticed for membership. It is:

- *China East Cat Fanciers – International Division– Asia (China), Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*

We have asked this club for additional background information that has not yet been received. Therefore, we are postponing consideration of this application until the December Board teleconference.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

October, 2014 to Board teleconference December, 2014

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

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

Hannon: Club Applications, Carol. **Krzanowski:** I submitted a report that basically said we were postponing consideration of the China East Cat Fanciers group until the December teleconference, as we are hoping to obtain a little more information from them as far as their CFA activities and exhibiting information, so we hope to present that club at the time of the December 7th teleconference. We will have one other club that we hope to pre-notice for that teleconference that same meeting and it is the China Cat Party group. **Hannon:** OK, are you through? **Krzanowski:** Yes, thank you. **Wilson:** Didn't we have a moratorium until February? **Krzanowski:** Yes, we did, but these two clubs were already in the review process, so it was determined at that time that we would go forward with these if they got their paperwork in order. **Kallmeyer:** Point out, too, that the information Carol is getting is actually pretty good. We're looking at the officers, how many cats they registered, how many cats they showed the previous

year to show involvement in CFA, so the extra time is good. These had applied but they didn't have all the paperwork at the time of the moratorium.

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

Treasurer Barbara Schreck gave the following report:

Changes in banking arrangements and credit card processing.

Credit card processing set up for the World Show.

Financial results for the first quarter, through July 31, 2014, and comments on August 2014.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Treasurer*

Hannon: Next we have Treasurer's Report, Audit Committee and Budget Committee, all Barb. **Schreck:** Let's do the Treasurer's Report first, because I have that open here. I sent that out to everybody. I have here for anybody who has insomnia and would like to see the detail. I have a few here, not one for everybody. I will reformat this in the format that was used for the regional reporting and send it out this coming week. I have not had time to do that, but if anybody wants to look at one of these, they are welcome to do so. **Hannon:** That goes through what, June or July? **Schreck:** This goes actually through August. **Hannon:** What are we going to send out to the clubs? **Schreck:** Whatever you like. We could send August or July. **Hannon:** Usually we send them a quarterly report. **Schreck:** We do. **Hannon:** And so we're going to do a quarterly report, which would be May, June and July? **Schreck:** Correct. **Hannon:** Central Office will be sending that out? **Schreck:** I will put that together so we can send it out. This is through August, but the format will be similar, more detailed than what you got in the email. It lays out the actual year-over-year and then it's the actual year-to-date through August to budget. The comment that I sent out, which was basically Chuck's comment, is that – I won't read it again, but basically we're off primarily due to registrations. Our expenses are up somewhat, due to additional staff, to try and mitigate the registration situation. That's pretty much where we are right now. **Hannon:** Ginger, you're making notes of all this, because you're doing the notes to send out, right? **Meeker:** No. **Hannon:** Most of the morning was executive session, so that's no problem. **Meeker:** No, I wasn't. Is that my permanent job? **Hannon:** Yes. You volunteered. **Meeker:** No, I volunteered for that one meeting. **Hannon:** It gives you visibility. **Meeker:** I've got a mirror.

Eigenhauser: We used to get a more detailed Treasurer's Report than this one. It would break down, for example, registrations, individual cats. Do you have that? **Schreck:** Yes, I do. I don't have a copy for everybody. **Eigenhauser:** Can you email it to me later, then? **Schreck:** Well, I'll give it to you, but I will send out to the regional secretaries through July which will have this same information on it, but this is through August. I thought people here might like this a little better. I didn't want to send out an email until after the board meeting.

(11) **AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The audited financials have been completed and issued, with only two very minor change from those issued at the annual meeting.

The tax returns including the Federal Form 990, 990-T and Ohio Annual Report have all been filed on a timely basis.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

An update on the financial audit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Schreck, Chair

Schreck: For the Audit Committee Report, I know that one by heart. The audit has been completed. The financials were issued. There were two very minor changes from the initial reports that were handed out in Carla's eye chart in June. That's pretty much it. We also have filed on time the Form 990, which is the equivalent of the income tax return for regular folks, and the 990-T, which is the unrelated business income form, and the Ohio Annual Report filing for the State of Ohio. So, those have all been timely filed. That's pretty much it from the Audit Committee's standpoint.

(12) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

No report will be presented.

Schreck: What else am I supposed to do? **Hannon:** You're doing the Budget Committee. There's probably not much to report. **Schreck:** Nothing for budget. Apparently, that's static and we don't change it every month just because something has happened.

Schreck: I don't know what report this falls under – Finance maybe. Just a quick FYI on some changes in the banking situation, we have opened up an account with PNC. That account will be available for Monte to deposit the checks. They have a location in the Chicago area. They also have a location in the Philadelphia area, so the cash from the [World Show] gate can be deposited in the night depository. We are also changing our credit card processor for the eCats piece, which has been going through PayPal's processor, PayFlow, and that will now be done through the PNC situation. The PayFlow wasn't a very expensive processing fee. It was about 4% and their reports were, to say the least, incomprehensible. So, that will be changed shortly, as well. We have also put in place with PNC a credit card swiping device, which will be available at the Philadelphia venue. It will be a phone line swiping device, so unlike the craft shows where the guy has to go outside and try to find a signal, it will be attached to the phone line. We think that, per Rich and some other comments, that because of the fact that the fees there are a bit higher and because of the venue and because people use credit cards much more, that this would be beneficial.

(13) FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Rich Mastin

List of Committee Members: Barb Schreck, Ed Raymond & Rich Mastin

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- 2014 World Show Hotels and Show Hall Contracts
- HVAC full system replacement has been approved, and on the schedule to be completed in November. Roughly six week to install all new air handlers and duct work. Estimated return is four to five years, possibly sooner with proper system management during down time. Current AC system is no longer working, repair(s) are cost prohibitive based on age and inefficiencies, and heating system is not efficient or able to heat all rooms on third and first floor.
- Sourced and purchased needed office equipment; three desk stations, office chairs, free standing table and four chairs; delivered and installed on 9-19-14

Current Happenings of Committee:

- Accessible to Central Office Team, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair as needed
- Weekly review of bank account balances
- Review monthly financial reports and commentaries to previous year's performance and to budget
- 2014 World Show and Budget
- Club Sponsorship reviews and approvals as submitted by Verna Dobbins
- Continued work on long term health insurance plans for Central Office Staff.
- Review and advise as needed on contractual agreements/arrangements
 - o Insurances
 - o Marketing and licensing contracts as submitted
 - o Hotel contracts (new and updates/changes to existing as needed)
 - o Others relating to work on Central Office building and office equipment

Future Projections for Committee:

- 2014 World Show budget
- Finalize long term health insurance plans for Central Office Team/Staff

Board Action Items:

- None at this time

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- Committee's progress

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair

Hannon: Next we have Finance Committee, World Show Update and Club Marketing, which are all Rich. **Mastin:** For Finance, we've got a handful of things going on. One is the World Show. We have finalized all the hotel contracts and the show hall contracts since we last met. What I failed to include in here is, our contract with the show hall, the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, is a two-year contract, so I don't want to mislead anybody and say, "oh, by the way, we're there another year" and nobody knew about it. So, we are there for two years. That was the original arrangement with Philadelphia to get the rate we got with that show hall. **Hannon:** One of the reasons we did that was, when we were in Novi a year ago, we had planned to return to Novi this year and they rented it out from under us, and we wanted to avoid that in Oaks. **Mastin:** Right. Everybody knows this, but the HVAC system finally went down about 12 days ago and when we actually did the original work on this, there were 3 major projects that needed to be looked at long term. The HVAC system was one of them. I estimate the cost for that to come in somewhere between \$60,000 and \$65,000 to replace it when we had to. Our cost right now is \$40,000, plus we will have miscellaneous expenses in carting out the old equipment, running some electrical, doing some duct work. The preliminary work will start sometime next week and over the next two Saturdays, and it should be finished right around the second week of November. It's a full replacement – every floor. **Hannon:** Right now, there's one system that does the entire building and they are going to change that so the Museum has a different system than we have up here. People up here have been impacted because of the high ceiling downstairs, so there have been times when in the heat of the summer they are so cold up here they've got little electric heaters going. So, we're going to have a much better system, where we can control it better. **Mastin:** The advantage to the new system is high efficiency, and we're probably looking at, conservatively, 4 to 5 year return on the investment. It's probably going to be more like 3 years. We're going to look to install remote access thermostats, so we can access them through a cell phone or what have you. If nobody is here for a long weekend, we can set back the thermostats 10 degrees and save on expenses. **Hannon:** The other two items that you are looking at long term? **Mastin:** The other two items, just so everybody is aware of what those are. One is the roof and we do have some roof work that needs to be done. Some of it will be done during the HVAC work, because we have to flash the curves and we're requiring that the old unit be removed from the roof, since we're adding two new units. We don't need the weight up there, so they're going to have to patch that. We do have areas of the roof up there that we need to consider either fixing or replacing the whole roof. We don't want to get into a situation where we're fixing for the next 10 years that ends up costing us more than if we replaced the whole roof. So, that's another item we're looking at. Then, the last big item, and hopefully it will last at least my lifetime and most of the people here, is the elevator, which is the biggest expense. Who knows how much that could be? It's old and parts become difficult to find. You may not get people to service it locally. You have to go to bigger cities to bring them in. We knew about that item when we bought the facility. One of the reasons why we got the facility so inexpensively is, we needed to do some work. The elevator is an item that will probably catch up to us in maybe 10 years, knock on wood, not next year. **Kuta:** Do we know if the elevator, the more you use it now, does it have only a limited number of uses left in it? **Mastin:** There's no way of telling. **Kuta:** I work in a place where there was an employee incentive that if we took the stairs, we got

points to put toward something. The place I worked at was in a similar situation with the elevator. **Hannon:** Rich commented we got the building so cheaply. We paid \$135,000 for the building. That's pretty cheap. **Mastin:** I think the remodel project was somewhere around \$225,000 or \$230,000 – somewhere in that neighborhood, plus office furniture. We did extremely well when we did the build-out on this. That \$135,000 also included the parking lot that you parked in. We own that land, too. That's included. The elevator, we will have to deal with when it finally arises as an issue.

Mastin: There's a couple other little things in Finance. We had a meeting this morning with Terri and Mark, the Finance Committee, and we had discussion about what to do with the surplus money we have in the bank accounts. The result of that is, we're going to look at a couple different investment firms, one here locally and one back in the Rochester, New York market, and ask them to give us a proposal and start from there. We did talk about how much money we want to invest, how much money we need to have liquid at all times. We need to look back at one of our bank accounts on what our available line of credit is. If you take that all into consideration – taking into consideration the roof possible repair, the elevator, we have some things we still have to finish up with the IT system – that will all come into play and hopefully by February we'll have something in plan to report to the board, to give you guys some recommendations. That's really it from Finance. The report's there. If you have any questions, I can take your questions.

(14) WORLD SHOW UPDATE.

Show Manager: *Rich Mastin*
List of Committee Members: *Rachel Anger, Mark Hannon, Jodell Raymond, Ed Raymond, Barb Schreck & Rich Mastin*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Show Hall - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center: 100 Station Ave, Oaks Pa. 19456

Hotel contracts are in place

Show Managers visited site on 9-10-14 and met show hall personnel and decorator/supplies (tables, chairs, pipe, drape, floor plan, etc...) coordinator

Floor plan has been submitted to decorator for final approval

Dr. Elsey's has returned to be this year's naming rights and litter sponsor

Entries will be accepted as of 4pm (Eastern) on Monday, September 29th. Once again entries will only be accepted via our online entry form. Entries will not be accepted via fax, snail mail, or any other method.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Finalizing the budget

Working with individuals and teams on all the many different tasks and responsibilities

Marketing, advertising and updating of all signage material

Chipping away at the Yet To Do List

Soliciting sponsors for judging rings, breed rosettes, Agility Ring, Education Ring, and more; <http://www.cfaworldshow.org/sponsors/>

Mary Kolencik and Teresa Keiger are maintaining a Blog; <http://www.cfaworldshow.org/>

Future Projections for Committee:

Budget

Advertising, Marketing & Ad Creations

All tasks assigned

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Post show report

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair*

Mastin: World Show. Ed just looked up the entries. We have 328 in one show, 339 in the other, for a total of 667. We don't know which one has what, but they are very close. **Hannon:** Until Monte gets around to acknowledging all of those, he won't know how many of those are actually duplications. Some people may have hit the enter button repeatedly. Any questions about the World Show? **DelaBar:** What restaurants do we have around the hotel for judges that are within walking distance? **Mastin:** We have some and I can't remember the names of them. We were just there. **Raymond:** There's a Buffalo Wild Wings down the street. **DelaBar:** That's my dream after judging all day. **Raymond:** Just telling you what's there. The Hilton Garden Inn has a nice restaurant. It is right next door. **Mastin:** There's a couple of restaurants nearby. **Hannon:** Usually the hotel has a courtesy van and they can take you to a restaurant and come back and get you. **Mastin:** You found the mall that was very close by. **Hannon:** There's a huge mall. **DelaBar:** Oh, just I needed to know that. **Moser:** How far is the show hotel from the show hall? **Raymond:** Half a mile? **Hannon:** You would walk it if you were feeling good. It's close. **Moser:** That's what I was wondering. Can you walk it? **Hannon:** You wouldn't want to, but you could. **Wilson:** There's multiple hotels? **Moser:** Where are the judges staying? **Mastin:** Less than one mile away. **Hannon:** If you didn't want to come over with the judges in the morning, if you wanted to sleep in, I'm sure you could get the hotel van to bring you over. **Moser:** That wasn't what I was thinking. I have to get over there on Friday to help. **Hannon:** The hotel van could probably bring you, or just call us and one of us could swing by and pick you up. **DelaBar:** How about transportation from the airport to the Hampton Inn? **Mastin:** We're still working on that. We're hoping to do the same thing we did last year, and that was find a service to help pick up and transport, and then on Sunday the plan is to transport – **Hannon:** Most of the judges are staying over Sunday night. **Mastin:** Right, I think 14 of the 18 are staying over. **Hannon:** A couple of them are driving, so hopefully they are going home. **Mastin:** I think there's 3 drivers, but the plan is to transport all 14 judges on Sunday night to an airport hotel, so you don't have to run around trying to find transportation early in the morning. **Hannon:** It will be a hotel that has a courtesy van to the terminal. **DelaBar:** Just to know that there's not too many restaurants for hotels by the Philadelphia area. You usually have to walk over to the Marriott or something like that. **Raymond:** The airport hotel we're using has breakfast. I don't think it has a full restaurant. **Mastin:** I have to double check that, but they also have shuttle service. **Raymond:** I think it's next door to the Hilton, which has a restaurant. **Hannon:** Put it on your list. **Mastin:** I will. I have a big list. **Schreck:** The airport probably has stuff, too. **Hannon:** They're not going to want to go to the airport to each. **Schreck:** Oh, you're talking about Sunday night. That would be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. **Mastin:** Any other questions on the World Show?

(15) **CLUB MARKETING.**

Committee Chair: Rich Mastin
List of Committee Members: Verna Dobbins, Ed Raymond & Rich Mastin

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Process & approve requests submitted*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Processing & approving of requests as they are submitted*
- *Waiting on a few clubs to submit questionnaire/request*
- *CFA Club/Show Sponsorships approved as far out as March 15, 2015*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Continue to process, approve and follow up with post show requirements*
- *Work with Kathy Calhoun on thoughts to include Annual Regional Shows*

Board Action Items:

- *None*

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair

Mastin: Club Sponsorship, Club Marketing. As the requests come in, we process and approve them. Kathy, we have our first regional request that we're going to have to address because right now they are in limbo. It has been denied, because we don't have anything planned on how we want to handle the regional shows going forward. **Hannon:** Weren't the regional directors supposed to get together and come back to us with that? **Moser:** Yes, they were. **Hannon:** And did they? **Calhoun:** No. **Mastin:** So, you and I and Verna and Ed, we can work on it. You can work with the regional directors, but we do have one that came in from one of the regions. **Moser:** Can we put a time limit on that? **Mastin:** It doesn't matter to me. We're not going to do anything this year. It's going to be for next year, but I would like to get it approved as quickly as possible. **Calhoun:** We'll have something for the February meeting. Let's have a pre-meeting so we can understand what's going on. **Mastin:** Sounds good. **Calhoun:** Does that sound fair? **Moser:** Well, if we do it, yeah. **Calhoun:** If we don't, then – **Moser:** I'll take it. **Mastin:** We'll get it done. Let's all work together on this and let's get it done. Kathy, you and I will work together and work with the regionals. We'll get it done. **Colilla:** What regional show? I'm lost. **Hannon:** The June regional awards shows. They had asked for sponsorship. In the past we have said no, and Kathy spoke up in protest of that. **Mastin:** We're willing to entertain a plan,

but we just need to know what the plan is. We want to treat everybody fairly. We didn't have it in the original budget for this year. That's why we decided we weren't going to do anything for this year. We were going to do it for next year. **Hannon:** This year is over with for the regional awards banquets, so we're talking about your next regional awards banquet, which is in the next fiscal year, so we'll plug money in if you tell us what we're supposed to do. **Calhoun:** I will. **McCullough:** Since the rule is that regionals don't get money for the regional awards, how did we get \$500? **Calhoun:** That's what we were just talking about. **Hannon:** He said he already got it. **McCullough:** We got \$500 for our regional awards banquet. **Hannon:** How did he get it? We would like you to return it. [laughter] **Schreck:** Plus a fine and interest. **Dobbins:** It was sponsored by Royal Canin. That's different. **Mastin:** We're talking about CFA sponsorship. That's different. Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey can choose whatever shows they want to sponsor. We have no control over that. **McCullough:** In conjunction with CFA? We'll just pile them up. **Mastin:** No. You won't be able to pile them up. Not at this time. **Kuta:** Is the form the same, or is there a new form? I've been having some clubs ask me. Do they just email Verna? **Dobbins:** Yes. **Mastin:** The form was updated 3 or 4 months ago. **DelaBar:** I just want to say thank you for the support that Region 9 clubs have gotten from this program, because we're not eligible for Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey, but the CFA sponsorships have come through for several of our clubs. **Mastin:** We have to get together on how we're going to handle – **DelaBar:** I can tell you how we're handling the money. I am hand carrying cash back to Europe, changing it over to Euros. It's going into the regional treasury and then we're direct depositing it to the clubs. **Mastin:** OK. **DelaBar:** In fact, if they need it before I get back with it, it's coming from the treasury and we'll just pay back the treasury. **Kallmeyer:** On the list, there were a lot of comments that CFA has not done anything for domestic clubs. Region 1 through 7, but it seems like most of the sponsorship money went to Region 1 through 7. I just wanted to clarify that for the record. **Mastin:** Yes. **Meeker:** Do you have an amount, Rich? **Kallmeyer:** How about last year? Just approximately. **Mastin:** No, I don't have last year's numbers here. I can't remember what it was. **Hannon:** We could probably provide it tomorrow, can't we? Or maybe at dinner tonight. Are you going to skip dinner and get the information for them? **Dobbins:** No. **Mastin:** I'll dig up last year's report, because I provided it for February's board meeting. **Kallmeyer:** Just to point out that we have been working with Region 1 through 7 clubs. **Mastin:** I think, all total, between Royal Canin, Dr. Elsey and CFA was \$90,000. Maybe over \$100,000. I can't remember. **Kallmeyer:** That was all to Regions 1 through 7, right? **Hannon:** One club in Europe got money. **Mastin:** Yes, there was a club in Europe. **Hannon:** Reto got money on one show and he came back for a second and we said no. **Mastin:** We did have another club apply 5 days before their event and it was denied. We just can't process that quickly. We need to have at least 7 days. **Dobbins:** That's the minimum. We ask for 45 days.

Hannon: Do you want to address what we're not getting back from the clubs after the shows that we're supposed to be getting back? Maybe the regional directors can help us on this. **Mastin:** Can you help me with that? **Dobbins:** Yes. When the show is over, they are to provide us with a show catalog and photos of – if it's a CFA sponsorship, the CFA booth and how they are promoting CFA. All flyers, any advertisement that goes in newspapers. **Hannon:** Invoices, to show that they spent the \$500 on advertising. **Dobbins:** We are also asking for spectator information so that we can build a database. **Hannon:** They are supposed to be collecting data from the gate contact information – their name, their email address, etc. – so that we can share

that so clubs can go back out the following year and send emails out to the spectators, etc. **Kuta:** As part of national marketing, I have been working on a plan on and off with Jodell now and I wanted to have it ready for February, like an email list. **Hannon:** If we can collect the data prior to that – and the clubs aren't being responsive, is the problem. We're giving out \$500, telling them what they need to provide us and they're not providing us, so what we're going to start doing is saying, "if you don't provide it, then you are in jeopardy of not getting money the following year." **DelaBar:** Could this be annotated out? **Hannon:** We're going to put something in the newsletter. **Mastin:** It's on the request form. **Hannon:** So clubs know, if you get sponsorship, this is what you're expected to do. **Meeker:** It's on the request form. **Mastin:** There's post-show requirements on the form. **Hannon:** I don't know that the email contacts are on that. **Kuta:** It's always been kind of difficult. I know I haven't followed up and I should have. **Dobbins:** When we tell them congratulations, they have been accepted, the requirements are also sent in that congratulations letter. **Hannon:** All they do is cash the check and go their merry way. So, we're going to publicize this through the CFA Newsletter, but we also need the regional directors to be aware of these requirements. **Calhoun:** I just made a comment that the congratulatory email that has all the requirements – post-show, pre-show and all that – the RDs aren't copied on it. If the RDs could be copied on it – **Fellerman:** Exactly. We have no idea who is getting money. **Hannon:** Do you want to add a cc to the RDs? **Dobbins:** We can do that. **Eigenhauser:** What kind of follow-up are we doing afterwards to remind them to get this in? **Dobbins:** That has just recently started. I'm sending out 3 email reminders saying, "I have not received it, please send your information." **Ganoe:** Who are you sending it to? **Dobbins:** The club secretaries. **DelaBar:** I've got it on our latest one and I can follow up. **Kuta:** The honest reason why we haven't followed up on it, like the 4 or 5 where I have been in clubs, was just we didn't know if anything was going to be done with it. Since no one ever said, "we didn't get it", we thought they didn't notice they didn't get it. **Hannon:** So, we're now going to give them an incentive. If you want money next year, you better do it this year. **Schreck:** I just had a little comment. [multiple speakers] **Hannon:** Barb's got the floor. **Schreck:** I just have a little comment about the email addresses. What we've been finding lately with the shows, we put a sheet out and say, "give us your email address" and people say no, because they are so inundated with stuff from here, there and everywhere. **Fellerman:** But you know what? We give them a little cat toy if they fill out the thing. I've got a database of thousands. **Kuta:** In our region, what's been most effective is putting the – we use Constant Contact. We have the box on – we don't have it on our regional website yet, but like clubs have it on it – I have it on my Cats LA site, and those are the people that actually opt in. I think with Constant Contact, we know how many people actually read it, open it and follow up. Then, we can track that back to the coupon if they turn it in at the door. We used to have people write it down. Those addresses, we found that they were less likely to open it. **Schreck:** And you can hardly read half of them. **Kuta:** Yeah, and no one wanted to type it in, so we were figuring out if we could just bring our tablet with us, if people wanted to sign in, because we've done it with a raffle, too. **Fellerman:** We send postcards every year. **Eigenhauser:** There are a number of things you can do to incentivize people to give you their addresses for a promotion. You mentioned a raffle. That's one of the things you can do. Another thing we did at Winn one time when we had the Winn booth is, Winn had this enormous picture of a cat face on it, and we were taking pictures of people standing in front of the enormous cat face, and emailing the picture. **Kuta:** A lot of this stuff I have in the marketing ideas for February.

Mastin: I have three things to close this up on club marketing. We have about 8 outstanding clubs that have requested the form but have never responded. So Verna, what we will do is, we'll send the RDs this information back to you and then you can reach out to them. Last year's calendar year – not our fiscal year – the total pay-out for club sponsorship was \$79,460 and that was reported in last February's board meeting. The fiscal year was greater, but I don't know how much that was. This past February, when we talked about club sponsorship, the RDs went back to their clubs and you all sent out emails directly to your own clubs. We got inundated with requests for 14 days. We got a whole bunch of them, then they kind of dried up. We took in so many, we had a hard time keeping up with them. So, that helps. Just you reminding them, "go ask for money before it runs out." It's there, we're willing to give it to you. Just get us the information. That's all I've got.

(16) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

International Division Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: **Dick Kallmeyer**
List of Committee Members: **Kathy Calhoun (CFA Board), Ken Currle (Middle East, Africa), Wayne Trevathan (South America and judging), Sandra Al Sumait (GCC, Gulf Cooperation Countries), Phebe Low (ID rep), Suki Lee (Hong Kong), Amanda Cheng (China), Nicholas Pun (clerking), Jimmy Lee (SE Asia), Pat Pomphrey (Portuguese/Spanish translation)**

[No report submitted]

Hannon: International Division, Dick. **Kallmeyer:** No report. We had our banquet. They did a spectacular job. I think it is one of the best I have been to. The trophies weighed probably about 5 pounds each. The judges could barely lift them to hand them out. One of the nice things being done in China is, we're actually penetrating new cities. This past weekend we had a show in Xi'an, Shaanxi province, best known for their terracotta soldiers. That's a city of 8 million people. We have never had a cat show there. We had one the week before in a place called Wuhan. Kath [Calhoun] was judging that. So, we're actually going to new areas and generating new exhibitors, so it's very exciting. That's it.

(17) CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Legislative Group has been working to integrate Kelly Crouch as our new member and CFA Legislative Information Liaison. We continue to transition toward Joan Miller's impending retirement from the Legislative Group. During this transition we are still responding to day to day issues as they arise while working toward the new structure. We anticipate Kelly Crouch taking over full responsibility for the Legislative Information Liaison position by the end of November. At that time Joan Miller will give up her day to day involvement with our legislative efforts but remain on the CFA Legislative Committee to lend her experience and expertise on matters of policy and planning.

Federal legislators returned briefly to Washington from their summer recess but since this is an election year they will soon go on break to resume campaigning in their home districts. Some state legislatures have resumed session following summer recess but may be facing election pressures as well. The CFA Legislative Group is tracking "active" state bills but we are coming into the slow season for legislation at the state and federal level, especially in an election year when legislators are busy campaigning.

City and county governments continue to be a problem. Bans on pet sales are a hot topic at the local level. Anti-breeder proposals still pop up across the country. Since we have no comprehensive way of tracking city and county proposals it is imperative that fanciers stay aware of local politics and keep us informed. Please remember: you are the eyes and ears of the fancy.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Highlights of a few selected issues we have been following: (Not by any means complete - just a few examples.)

Federal - HOT!

Recently the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced their final rulemaking decision for importation of certain live dogs under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). With certain exceptions the new restrictions would prohibit the importation of any live dog into the U.S. for resale, veterinary treatment, or research unless the dog is in good health, has received specified vaccinations, and is at least 6 months of age. The dog must be accompanied by an import permit, a health certificate and rabies vaccination certificate. The new regulations

only apply to dogs imported for resale, veterinary treatment, or research. It does not apply to cats, or to dogs imported as pets or breeding and who are not for resale. The rule goes into effect November 17, 2014.

These requirements have been supported by the AKC, NAIA and other dog groups concerned about the large numbers of puppies imported into the United States with little or no oversight. It has been suggested that high volume commercial breeders overseas may be dumping puppies onto the U.S. market, often mislabeled as “rescues”. While cats are not directly affected by this rule, to the extent that this may diffuse some of the “puppy mill” hysteria it may help avoid other, more onerous Federal regulation in the future.

Earlier this year we reported on the federal Agricultural Act of 2014, the “Farm Bill”. As part of the Farm Bill and Conference Committee Report the USDA/APHIS was directed to revisit some issues raised in the “Retail Pet Store” rule finalized last year. Recently Julian Prager, an attorney and AKC Delegate, announced he had been hired by Animal Care within APHIS as part of their central policy staff. His role will be to facilitate communication among APHIS, the breeder community, rescue groups and related animal interest groups. This seems to be a positive event for the dog fanciers. It is unfortunate that APHIS did not choose to create a similar position for a cat person, since many of the issues are not the same. However, we hope he will be open to helping cat breeders.

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced new reporting requirements for airlines. Starting January 1, 2015 most airlines will be required to file reports for lost or hurt animals that are being shipped commercially, such as by a breeder, but will still exclude many zoo animals or those used in research. Covered airlines will have to file monthly reports documenting each lost, injured or deceased animal, along with an annual report totaling the number of incidents. Airlines also will track the number of animals they transport each year. It is unknown how airlines will act in response to the new rules.

Recent Local Issues

Bans on sales of pets from pet stores (except those sourced from shelters or rescue groups) have now been enacted in 66 communities in the United States and Canada. Many have included “exemptions” for breeders, but the wording includes unreasonable permits or restrictions. Florida has passed 26 of these ordinances so far and California is another hotbed with 14 ordinances passed and more being considered.

Miami-Dade County, Florida continues to have problems with oppressive anti-breeder legislation. Miami city commissioners gave tentative approval to a six-month moratorium on new stores selling dogs or cats in order to research an outright ban on the commercial sale of animals. Other South Florida cities, including North Miami Beach, have already banned the commercial sale of puppies.

In Lee County, Florida, thanks to effective grass roots action by cat and dog fanciers, the tide may begin to turn for the County and State. Ever since 2013 Lee County Animal Services has been attempting to pass a completely revised animal ordinance, including mandatory

spay/neuter of all cats and dogs by 6 months. Only those holding a “Breeder's Certificate” for each intact cat/dog would be exempt and they must microchip all animals and also meet County code requirements. In February the ordinance passed; but fanciers who organized the Lee Alliance for Responsible Dog and Cat Owners (LARDCO) convinced Animal Services to have meetings before enforcement was to begin. The discussions have been ongoing; and it appears that the Commissioners have now been convinced to repeal the ordinance and go back to the old law without the Breeder Certificate and MSN and to reinstate the Citizen Advisory Group. A final hearing will be held in October and cat fanciers are cautiously optimistic.

In Montgomery, Alabama, a proposed revision to their animal control ordinance designed to deal with nuisance dogs would have required a permit and fee anyone with 5 or more pets, including cats. After intense push-back from local cat fanciers through the summer the license requirement was stricken from the proposal.

The Chattanooga, Tennessee, city council is considering a proposal to increase regulation of “kennels” under the city code. The proposed restrictions would include hefty annual permit fees, unlimited inspections for “kennels” and “dealers”, and establish restrictions for person who sells or gives away a cat or dog. Under this proposal, home-based hobby breeders could not offer for sale more than two litters of puppies or kittens per year.

Other Issues

CFA continues to work with other groups and build alliances. We continue working with the AVMA on their legal outreach program to help educate future lawyer and legislators. We are collaborating with AVMA, AKC and others develop writing contests to open minds to the possibility that “animal law” means more than just animal rights.

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC), announced that Edwin J. Sayres, former president and CEO of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), has been appointed president and CEO of PIJAC, effective September 1, 2014. Prior to his tenure as president and CEO of the ASPCA, Sayres had served as president of San Francisco SPCA, director of PetSmart Charities, led the Animal Protection Division of the American Humane Association (AHA) and served as President of St. Hubert’s Animal Welfare Center, a statewide animal protection agency in New Jersey. His appointment has drawn a lot of attention from both sides of the political aisle. To some animal rights advocates, Sayres acceptance of the position with the animal use industry seemed like a move away from his animal protection background. Others with more Animal Welfare leanings expressed concerns that his background with humane societies would impede his ability to work effectively as an advocate for responsible animal related businesses.

Litigation

A Cook County, IL ban on the sales of pets in pet stores to combat “puppy mills” has been placed on hold. In Missouri Pet Breeder's Assn et al v. Cook County et al., a federal judge issued an order delaying Cook County's ban on sales of pets in pet stores. In the complaint the plaintiffs claim the measure is unconstitutional and an undue burden on interstate commerce. They state,

inter alia, that the “puppy mill ban” actually prohibits pet shops “from selling puppies, kittens, and rabbits purchased from even loving, responsible breeders, who are devoted to raising animals the responsible and ethical way.” Chicago, IL already has a similar ban in place. The City of Arlington Heights, IL (located in Cook County) announced their decision to opt out of the county ordinance, at least until the legal issues have been resolved. Orland Park, IL acted to regulate, rather than ban, sales of pet cats and dogs at pet stores. (Although there are NO pet stores selling live cats or dogs in Orland Park.) The Orland Park approach is based on increasing transparency and disclosure to protect the consumer but still allowing families the freedom to purchase the pets of their choice.

Ed Sayres, the new President and CEO of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC), applauded the judge’s temporary order, stating in part:

“These bans limit consumer choice, making it more difficult for people to find the right pet for their families. Restricting the sales of commercially bred dogs and cats at pet stores does not guarantee safety for animals nor protects consumers. In fact, it would remove the protection provided by the pet warranty law passed by the state just last year that only applies to pets purchased from pet stores. We will be watching the outcome of this case closely, and we hope that those who would propose similar bans elsewhere will be watching, as well.”

Other Federal Courts have enjoined the enforcement of similar ordinances that were enacted by the cities of Phoenix, Arizona and El Paso, Texas. Tucson, AZ approved a similar ordinance, but it is on hold pending the Phoenix lawsuit.

We continue to monitor and report on the lawsuit filed by “Keep Our Domestic Animals (KODA)”, a consortium led by the Associated Dog Clubs of New York State, to block the new USDA/APHIS “retail pet store” rule. The lawsuit, entitled Associated Dog Clubs of NYS, Inc. et al., v. Tom Vilsack, Secretary of United States Department of Agriculture, and United States Department of Agriculture, has survived a number of various legal challenges. Plaintiffs were able to amend their complaint to remove the major defects and the matter appears to be set for hearing on October 9, 2014. Of course, court dates are subject to change from time to time.

While CFA and AKC have maintained a neutral stance on the lawsuit we hope the final result will be of benefit to cat fanciers. One of our concerns has been that even if successful this proceeding could lead to unintended negative consequences. For example, where the legal challenge is that the rule is vague in places, the result could be to clarify the rule but in a manner which is even more burdensome to fanciers. We will continue to monitor and report on the progress of the court action.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a “What’s Hot” legislative column used to provide information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on lobbying in general. Articles since the June 2014 Board meeting:

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, July 2014, “**Are YOU The One For This Job? CFA Legislative Information Liaison**” by Joan Miller, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The article announced the impending retirement of Joan Miller as CFA Legislative Information Liaison. It included an overview of the CFA legislative efforts, the history of the CFA Legislative Group, the job descriptions and functions of the members. The article focused on the position opening and the skills and attributes being sought in potential applicants.*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, August 2014, “**Welcome to Kelly Crouch - the new CFA Legislative Information Liaison!**” by Joan Miller, [retiring] CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article announced the hiring of Kelly Crouch to replace Joan Miller as CFA Legislative Information Liaison. It included a general introduction of Kelly Crouch to the CFA family as well as an overview of the transition as she takes over from Joan Miller.*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, September 2014, “**Conferences and meetings - part of CFA's Legislative Advocacy Strategy**” by Joan Miller, [retiring] CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Upcoming events and conferences relating to cats and cat issues were showcased. Fanciers interested in legislation were encouraged to attend if possible. These gatherings help us gain insight into the current thinking and stance of various animal organizations. Not only are the events educational, but cat fanciers can network at conferences with others who are aligned with CFA as well as those seemingly opposed to the breeding of pedigreed cats. Conferences give us an opportunity to help anti-breeding proponents learn that CFA and cat fanciers do care about and are actively involved in finding solutions to pet population issues.*

Conferences:

Animal Health Institute (AHI) Pet Night on Capitol Hill was held on September 18, 2014 in Washington, D.C. Pet Night is an invitation-only event sponsored by AHI members and affiliate sponsors such as CFA, AKC and PIJAC. Invitees include members of congress, their aides, federal regulators, news media, top representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, veterinary organizations and other animal industry leaders. Over the years Pet Night events have grown to include appearances by Hollywood “star” pets. This year the superstar cat was “Orion” who plays “Buttercup” in the upcoming “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 and 2”. The celebrity dog is named “Marti” who will play the dog “Sandy” in the remake of “Annie” due in theaters this fall. Other Pet Night festivities include announcing the winners of the “Cutest Pets on Capitol Hill” contest open to the pets of congress and their staff.

CFA co-sponsored this event as we have done for 16 years. The day following Pet Night there is a coalition meeting including AHI members and Pet Night sponsors to discuss joint legislative strategy on matters ranging from non-economic damages, pet shop bans, and other issues. Coalition participants provide us with legislative information, access to inside opinions of their lobbyists, and other help throughout the year. George Eigenhauser represented CFA at Pet Night as well as at the coalition meeting the following day.

Pet Night also marked one of the first public appearances by Ed Sayres since his appointment as the new president and CEO of PIJAC. CFA has long had a close working

relationship with PIJAC on many important legislative issues. PIJAC also provides us with assistance tracking bill introductions at the state and federal level. Based on my conversations with Sayers, PIJAC is in good hands and we look forward to working with him in the future.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

Cat Writers Annual Conference Atlanta, GA, October 30 -November 2, 2014. CWA is teaming up with dog bloggers and “Meow World” will partner with “Bark World Pet Expo” with presentations for both groups. CFA was instrumental in founding the Cat Writers Association and continues to maintain a close relationship. This allows us to reach out to the media, editors and writers on cat issues and educate them to our “spin” on issues. These media/book/blog writers get our message out there. The awards dinner is when writers are recognized for their work. This conference is a good place to network with people who influence the cat loving public. CWA is teaming up with the dog bloggers for the first time and many presentations will appeal to both groups. CFA's Teresa Keiger and Jodell Raymond are on the Editors' Panel.

National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) Conference, on November 7 - 9, 2014 in Orlando, FL. This organization has been in the forefront fighting animal rights extremism. Topics this year focus on effective lobbying/advocacy, the TV hit piece HBO's “Unnatural Selection”, the impact of propaganda on international policies, the Feld Entertainment court case and settlement paid by HSUS and the ASPCA and much more. CFA used to be a participant in this event but we have been unable to participate in recent years due to budget constraints. It is hoped that a CFA representative will be able to attend.

SAWA Annual Conference, November 10-12, 2014 in Dallas, TX. The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) are leading animal control and shelter professionals. The National Council on Pet Population (NCP) will hold their second annual Research Symposium on November 9, 2014 in conjunction with the SAWA Annual Conference. This year the focus will be on dogs and sheltering issues. The regular SAWA Annual conference will be held over the following three days at the same location. George Eigenhauser and Joan Miller are both SAWA members on behalf of CFA. The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators holds a number of events each year which provide us with networking opportunities with leaders in the animal control community.

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Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*

- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

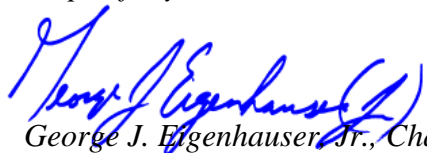
Action Items: *None at this time.*

Time Frame: *Ongoing.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Hannon: George, you're up with Legislative and Winn. **Eigenhauser:** Legislative, I don't really have anything new to add, so if there are any questions? Going once, going twice.

(18) WINN FOUNDATION.

Winn Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser presented the following report:



<i>President:</i>	<i>Dr. Glenn A Olah</i>
<i>Winn Office Staff:</i>	<i>Executive Director – Dr. Vicki Thayer, Alisa Salvaggio</i>
<i>President Elect:</i>	<i>Dr. Eric Bruner</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Janet Wolf</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Vickie Fisher</i>
<i>Liaison to CFA Board:</i>	<i>George Eigenhauser</i>
<i>Board Members:</i>	<i>Eric Bruner, Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Dr. Brian Holub, Fred Jacobberger, Dr. Susan Little, Lorraine Shelton, Dr. Drew Weigner</i>

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

Grant Program

Thanks to a generous donation by [Zoetis, Inc.](#), Winn was able to accept proposals for projects addressing pain assessment, osteoarthritis, joint health, and kidney disease in 2014.

Consideration was given to proposals that focused on the investigation of novel biomarkers for assessing acute or chronic adaptive pain and maladaptive (i.e., neuropathic or functional) pain in cats. Eleven proposals were received for review and three studies were selected for funding totaling \$94,968.00. We thank Zoetis for their significant support to help improve feline health.

Grants were awarded for the following research studies:

Determining indicators of inflammation in painful cats with degenerative joint disease (DJD); (WZ14-005) Principal Investigator: Duncan Lascelles, BVSc PhD MRCVS DSAS(ST) DECVS DACVS; North Carolina State University; \$22,815

There is a critical need for safe and effective analgesics treating pain associated with the most common disease of cats - degenerative joint disease (DJD). This is particularly important in such populations of cats with chronic kidney disease (CKD) where current analgesics (pain-killers) are considered to be associated with a risk of toxicity. The results of this study may lead to a biomarker (or biomarker profile) measurement of chronic pain associated with DJD or DJD and CKD - essentially, a 'blood test' for chronic pain.

Defining biomarkers involved in the development and progression of feline chronic kidney disease (CKD); (WZ14-009) Principal Investigators: Paola Scarpa, DVM, PhD; Saverio Paltinieri, DVM, PhD, Dipl ECVCP; Institution: Department of Veterinary Sciences and Public Health, Milan, Italy; \$34,887

An early diagnosis of chronic kidney disease (CKD) or of hypertension and proteinuria associated with CKD may allow veterinarians to prevent progression of the disease and ultimately improve the quality of life of affected feline patients. The determination of the time-based appearance of azotemia and changes in the biomarker levels evaluated in this project could verify the identification of an early indicator of CKD.

Identification of osteoarthritis related biomarkers in the cat; (WZ14-011) Principal Investigators: Drs. Thierry Beths, Jennifer Carter, Sebastien Bauquier; University of Melbourne; \$37,266

The radiographic prevalence of osteoarthritis (OA) in cats is estimated to be as high as 90% of the population. However, radiographic evidence has a very poor correlation with clinical signs (either pain or dysfunction). The goal of this study is to develop a blood test biomarker for osteoarthritis in order to diagnose OA earlier, treat OA earlier, and possibly even to use the biomarker as a gauge of the effectiveness of treatment.

Purrfect Partners

- Winn was notified that \$111,392 will be available for funding of the Miller Trust grant awards. Miller Trust grant review will be held on October 8, 2014 at the Double Tree – O'Hare in Chicago. Winn will have funded over \$5 million for research by the end of the year.
- Dr. Tim Gruffydd Jones was selected for the AVMF/Winn Excellence in Feline Research Award for 2014. He was not able to receive the award in person, so Dr. Glenn Olah received the award on his behalf at the AVMF Breakfast Awards ceremony held during annual AVMA Conference in Denver on July 28, 2014.

Infrastructure and Systems

- Winn's new website went Internet live on September 15, 2014. Component Web Services, a New Jersey based website company, was hired to help design the new website and will provide website hosting, support and software maintenance. The website is dynamic and mobile responsive. It will contain Winn's Cat Health blog that has been hosted on blogspot.com and an internal intranet sharefile for private electronic document storage. The new website name is : www.winnfelinefoundation.org. The old site name automatically redirects to new site.
- Dr. Vicki Thayer was selected and hired as Executive Director of the Foundation starting July 1, 2014. She stepped down as president and Dr. Glenn Olah was board approved as interim Winn President to finish Dr. Thayer's remaining year of a two-year term.

- *Winn Feline Foundation headquarters new mailing address and other contact information is 637 Wyckoff Ave., Suite 336, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, Toll-free: 888-963-6946, Ext. 700, Local: 201-275-0624, Ext. 700, Fax: 877-933-0939. All of this information has been included in Winn Enewsletter and can be found on the new website.*
- *With Dr. Vicki Thayer stepping down as Winn President and board member, and Ms. Betty White not renewing her board position, two new board members appointments were made this on September 2, 2014. New board members are Ms. Lorraine Shelton and Dr. Drew Weigner. Ms. Shelton will finish Dr. Thayer's remaining two years in her three-year term. Dr. Drew Weigner was appointed for a three-year term.*
- *Strategic planning session has been scheduled for October 7, 2014. This session will be led by Eric Bruner. Mr. Bruner is an accomplished analyst, change management consultant and certified business process reengineer. He has more than 20 years direct experience in global sourcing, human resources, business process reengineering, strategic business and technology planning, system selection and implementation, and financial analysis.*
- *Eric Bruner is chair of Winn's new Development Committee. He has developed four program areas to target with an internal Program Manager: General (Fred Jacobberger), Corporate (Dr. Brian Holub), Planned Giving (George Eigenhauser), and Named Funds and Programs (Janet Wolf). This committee will work closely with the Executive Director, Communications (Marketing) and Finance Committees in Winn.*
- *Drs. Olah and Thayer are continuing to call and thank donors who have contributed \$100 or more to Winn. While in most instances a thank you message is left by voicemail, we have spoken to a number of donors who all have appreciated the personal thank you.*

Promotion and Brand Building

- *Betty White and Vicki Thayer had maintained our monthly Winn Enewsletter and content for the CFA Enewsletter. The Winn mascot, Winnie, continues to share Winn news and engage readers. Betty also provides content about Winn for the CFA newsletter. Board member(s) will be selected to help fill the void that that Betty has left.*
- *Winn was provided a booth at the recent AAFP annual meeting this past September, and was acknowledge as sponsor for CE tracks in which Dr. Craig Webb spoke. Dr. Glenn Olah has worked with the American Association of Feline Practitioners provided a list of suggested speakers for their 2015 meeting. AAFP are interested in having Dr. Annette Smith (Univ. of Tennessee) and/or Dr. Elissa Randall to speak at a Winn-sponsored CE track at the 2015 AAFP annual meeting.*
- *Discussions with Sheri Berger, CEO at VetVine and Heather O'Stean at AAFP have been instigated to find common and overlapping interests. Plans to promote Winn research through Webinars on the VetVine website and Winn access to their membership are being discussed. VetVine is a growing, global online community for veterinary professionals*

powered by veterinary specialists and industry experts. It is a private place for veterinarians to connect with each other through message boards, formal case consultations, and continuing education and serves as the trusted online resource for pet owners to find veterinary information articles and locate veterinary services.

- *Dr. Jody Gookin from North Carolina State University has accepted an invitation to speak at the 2015 Winn Symposium schedule for July 2, 2015. Dr. Gookin will likely speak on her Winn-supported research, Enterococcus hirae probiotic treatment of kitten diarrhea and treatments for tritrichomoniasis. Dr. Craig Webb (CSU) and Dr. Carol Reinero (Univ. of Missouri) were invited to as possible speaker but have not responded as of the writing of this report.*
- *Videos interview with Dr. Karen Moriello (Univ. of Wisconsin), was filmed, edited, and completed for Winn by Steve Dale and his producer. Her Winn supported research regarding cleaning ringworm contaminated textiles was discussed. Two more interviews have been filmed and need to be edited. These will be uploaded to Winn's YouTube channel and accessed from Winn's new website.*

Events

- *Winn strategic planning session, Fall board meeting, and Miller Trust grant review are schedule for October 7-8, 2014 in Chicago at the Double Tree-O'Hare hotel.*
- *The 2015 Winn grant review location and time is still to be determined. One suggestion is to hold it alongside the 2015 AAHA meeting in Tampa FL in March 2015.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Allen Olah DVM, PhD, DABVP (feline)
Winn Feline Foundation, President
<http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org>*

Hannon: Winn. **Eigenhauser:** Moving on to Winn, I don't have anything really new to add to Winn, but there are a couple of things I wanted to highlight; the first of which is, we have a new website. Our old website was wonderful. I don't want to offend the person who did it, but it wasn't really cat lover friendly. It looked like it was done by a veterinarian. Our new website is a little more user friendly, a little more cat lover friendly, so when you get a chance, I would like you to check it out. On my way home from this board meeting, I am going to the Winn board meeting. We're going to be having a strategic planning session and we're going to be funding the Miller Trust grants. We'll be passing out around \$111,000 at that point in time, which should bring us to close to \$5 million in total grants that we've done in our history, so that's a big deal to us. After next week's October board meeting, we will have some news about what we funded. Other than that, questions? **Hannon:** Any questions about either of those?

(19) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Monitoring CFA's DNA program

Current Happenings of Committee:

Assisting in the development of a new DNA platform

Troubleshooting and answering client questions on DNA

Future Projections for Committee:

Finalizing the new DNA program

Media blitz announcing the initialization of the new DNA program

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Testing on new DNA platform started mid-September. Until the testing is complete a starting date cannot be predicted.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM, Chair*

Hannon: I'm going to go to Roger with the Scientific Advisory Report. **Brown:** The first thing that's of interest, there's a new microchip. The patent was filed for I think September 9th that has a GPS in it. So, if your pet gets lost, you can pick up your tablet and find out where they are. It's hard to know how large it's going to be and how practical it's going to be for a cat. It's battery powered, so that's obviously going to take space, but the battery is a piece of electric battery that is based on locomotion. When the animal that has this chip in moves, he automatically creates an electrical charge that powers the GPS, so I'm hoping that it's going to be

an extremely small unit. If it is, it may be something that will be of great value to CFA. Maybe we should have them implanted in ourselves. [laughter]

Brown: The other thing is the update on the DNA program. Whenever delicate equipment is moved, things always need recalibration. There are 3 major components to the new platform that we're using at Texas A&M – the centrifuge (that will require repair), the processing unit (after it was moved, it required recalibration), and the software that reads results (that needed some work). Basically, where we are at is, we're 2/3 of the way through it. The centrifuge is now working, the processing unit is working splendidly, and the last thing is the software that analyzes the data that comes out of the processor. I don't have a starting date yet and I'm reluctant to give one, because it's been delayed enough times so that I don't have much hair left, but we're hoping for October. That may or may not happen. The new platform will have over 300 markers that will be related to the identity profile and it will be state of the art. None of our tests that we run without an identify profile really have any legality indicating that the sample came from that individual cat, so to protect yourselves, you need a good identity profile when you're running a swab from your cat. The rest of it will be about the same as the last one, except that instead of 60-some markers, we're going to have 384. In another year, we may have 3,000. So, we're just going to have to take it a few months at a time.

Brown: There are over 250 inheritable diseases that the cat can get. One by one, these [markers] are being discovered. We're hopeful that with this new platform they are going to be able to add them without having to buy an entire new set of chemistries for each animal. It's like a cocktail. You can keep changing it just by adding things. With this new platform, if we want to add a test, we can add a test to the old chemistries that they bought. For instance, Texas A&M bought over 1,400 chemistries just to get a price that was within reason, so I'm hoping that once it's going, everybody is going to push its use. It's going to be very cost effective and I feel that unless it's cost effective, many people aren't going to utilize it.

Schreck: Roger, as Treasurer, I am really hoping that you get this going soon. **Brown:** I am, too. **Schreck:** But, on a more personal note, how much? Do you have a price? **Brown:** Yes. The price is going to have to go up, but Texas A&M has been kind enough to make the price increase very limited. I suspect it's going to be around \$79 per sample, which is less than 2 tests anywhere else. **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to ask a question I've asked you more than once, and I'm probably going to get the same answer. Are we going to do the HCM for Maine Coons yet? **Brown:** No. **Eigenhauser:** Can we reopen discussions with them, maybe now that we have a new administration and a different group of people? A different face for them to talk to? **Brown:** I will be glad to talk not only to the director of the lab, but I will talk to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Dean of the Genetics Department. The reason they don't want to do it is that there is so much literature that indicates that it's not a comprehensive test, that negative or positive doesn't mean a lot, because there are modifying genes that are involved in whether or not this gene is expressed that there's actual disease in the animal. If somebody gets a negative and it's really a positive because the animal gets it, they blame the lab so the lab has liability, they blame the breeder who sold it to them and said it had a negative test, and all sorts of blame scatters everywhere. **Eigenhauser:** There are other labs all over the world that run that test without that fear. **Brown:** Yes, and it's a risk. **Eigenhauser:** My follow-up question is, do we do the Abyssinian PK Deficiency gene? **Brown:** No. **Eigenhauser:** That's a real disease. **Brown:**

There are things that we're going to add, but we have to crawl before we can walk on this new platform. **Eigenhauser:** Those are basically the only two genetic tests I run, so I have no use for this. **Brown:** The ones that run tests that are not associated with the platform that's going to be available will have to pay the money and buy the separate test. That's it.

(20) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Ginger Meeker
Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Dick Kallmeyer, Jodell Raymond, Pam DelaBar, Jean Dugger

Hannon: Ginger, Management Committee. Do you want to take the Management Committee Report? **Meeker:** I would. I'd be happy to. You all have had the report on File Vista and I will just talk about some of the recent updates in the last week to that report. I had a wonderful meeting with Terri [Barry] last week. We spent about 4 hours going over things and I will just say to this group and the general population of CFA, we are in excellent hands with our new Executive Director.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Since June meeting some important projects have been completed. Again, we worked in close harmony with the IT committee and Verna Dobbins in CO to resolve issues. The projects will be outlines and explained briefly here for your update,

Record Retention Project – *Members of the committee visited Central Office this last March to determine the status of all CFA records. The goal was to determine how many records were currently stored in Central Office and develop retention practices. Since information is a major asset of CFA it is important that our records be organized in a useful manner and kept in a safe environment.*

First a list was created to include all documents stored in CO. Once the list of documents was compiled, standards were set, using industry norms, to determine what documents need to be kept for various pre-determined time frames. The list then documented the employee responsible for the documents. Documents, per category, can be kept from 1 year to forever.

Of greatest concern was the >1 million 3x5 cards containing old pedigree and registration information. This data will be integrated into the new computer system as time allows. Documents will, in order of priority, be scanned and digitally archived using the new scanning system. Once the 3x5 cards are stored, documents for scanning and storage will be done in order of priority. Offsite cloud storage will provide complete safety and easy access of all records.

Many of our current records are being stored in the basement in various file cabinets or cardboard boxes making them vulnerable to fire or water damage.

The full document for Record Retention criteria is available to the Central Office. These recommendations are to be used for continued record management. The Record Retention document is on FileVista for BOD review. After the Annual, staff in charge of various files will be using this document to begin getting the files and stored documents in proper order. As some documents can be removed, they will be shredded if there is any personal information in the document. In a meeting with CFA ED Terri Barry on 9/24/14 this document was reviewed and a plan for further work on this project is being developed.

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. 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. Training with GBS was scheduled for the second week in June and was to take 2-3 days. While the general overview training was accomplished the scanning process has had limited application. Scanners were implemented to begin with the daily work flow documents to speed up work processing and start with process with digitalized documents for cloud storage. The software programming for linking the scanning system with the CFA system is still in need of being done.

Once CO is caught up with daily work processing after the new computer system is up and running, scanning will begin to include old documents for archiving and offsite storage. At some point all of our documents will be in this system and we will start with the >1 million 3x5 cards housing early pedigree/registration information.

All CFA documents will ultimately be in this system and will be scanned using a priority basis. UPDATE: While the scanner was being used for daily input, it will not being linked into workflow capability until the week after the BOD meeting. Programs needed to be written and they are just now available. The software representative has been scheduled to complete the process in the next couple of weeks and will remain on site to handle/solve any problems with the transition.

Meeker: Also, Verna was in on part of those meetings and I can tell you now that limited scanning on the archival documents has been started. The daily work flow has to have priority on the scanning procedures, but we have got the training in place and the ability to scan the archival documents as soon as we’re a little more caught up on the day-to-day issues.

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. The plan is to include an automatic notification system and crate a monthly report so staff can follow up on delinquent titles. Monte is currently working on show rule 8.06 and the BOD will need to continue to work on this rule to provide guidance for consequences should people not follow through on the claiming of titles process. Of the 80 cats originally identified with this problem at the end of the show season, 12 NC CH/PR were claimed leaving 68 cats in this status. In some regions the title NC CH or NC PR will appear on the cat’s award. UPDATE: On-going with no noted completion date.

Meeker: On the not-confirmed champion/premier issue, we’re still waiting for the final rules from Monte on that and voting on that. As for the computer issues, those have not yet been resolved. **Ganoe:** I need to know exactly what you need so I can follow up. **Meeker:** OK. I’ll be happy to get with you.

Strategic Planning –The only Goal in the original plan to meet completion was the Leadership Goal. To further our efforts in expand understanding and use of a Strategic Plan, Jodell will be doing a presentation to the BOD at the October meeting and a questionnaire/assessment for all

CFA BOD members and CFA office management personnel will be conducted. Jodell will provide details with the presentation.

Meeker: On the Strategic Planning, in think based on the presentation that Dick gave today, we will probably be seeing some new opportunities for projects coming from the SWOT regional director reports so that the Business Management Committee can work with the various regions on some of those projects. **Hannon:** On Strategic Planning, do you anticipate that we will have a session in February? **Meeker:** I would hope we can. I think it would start with the SWOT project from the RDs and then work with Jodell to see what the next step is. **Hannon:** Will we need an extra day for that in February? **Meeker:** That's what I would recommend. **Hannon:** That's why I bring it up now, so that when you make plans to fly in here for February, that we're going to start on Friday. **Meeker:** Jodell, would you concur with that? **J. Raymond:** Yes. **Meeker:** OK. So, we would meeting Friday, probably afternoon? Take a half day on Friday? **Hannon:** Those of you that can fly in Friday morning, that would be fine, keeping in mind we're talking February in Ohio. **Meeker:** You better come in on Wednesday. [laughter] I might not make it from Canton.

***Customer Service Solutions** – In an attempt to streamline and speed up work, all vacancies in the office positions have been filled. In the 9/24 meeting with Ms. Barry, it is clear that her focus on customer service issues is keen. While the CO is working hard on providing top-notch service, the consumers of these services must also understand that shouting, cursing, threatening comments and rudeness to the Central Office staff will not be tolerated. Courtesy and respect in all interactions from both sides of the system are necessary. Bullying will not be tolerated.*

Meeker: There has been a situation recently that I just understood from being in Central Office a little more, and I want to speak with the board about it. It was in my report. Our Central Office is working incredibly hard to do, some days, an almost impossible job with multiple obstacles. These folks do not come to work on a daily basis thinking about how they can screw up CFA that day. They are not getting paid extra to hold up somebody's registrations, and they don't take a lot of work pride in the fact that they are periodically being lambasted on the CFA main list or on FaceBook. I would ask every member of the board to really watch those venues and work with people in your areas and regions to become more supportive of our Central Office. I'm understanding from our employees in Central Office that many of them on a daily basis are dealing with situations in which they feel abused. This is inappropriate and I don't think as an organization we can tolerate yelling, screaming, foul language and attempts at bullying our employees. That's not appropriate. So, I'm looking at starting a campaign, first in the next newsletter, called You-R CFA. You can see it as "your CFA" or "you are CFA". I think a customer service environment has to work on a two-way street. People that are treated with dignity and respect provide that back to the customer, and it really ends up in the long run with better customer service. I would like all the members of the board to buy into that and try to get that sense out into CFA that it's not exhibitors versus Central Office because they don't have their registration number, or any other adversarial situation. We are all an integral part and parcel of the entity known as CFA, and we're not acting like that. We're not treating each other with dignity and respect, we're not treating our exhibitors, our show management, our employees – and these are areas that I think we may find reflected in some of those statistics that Dick up on the board. Our entries are going down, and there's many reasons for that, but I think that if we

would all focus on the fact that everything that CFA does involves every member of the team, we're going to have a better end product and a better business. **Hannon:** Can I build on that, too, by saying that many of us at this table are customers of CFA, as well, and it's inappropriate for us to contact a Central Office employee and say, "I'm a member of the executive board and I want you to move my work to the head of the line." Your work gets placed where everybody else's work gets placed. **Meeker:** I would like to ask the Regional Directors a question. If you have a person in your region that, maybe not the first time, but on an ongoing basis is treating our business people in a negative way, how would you like to handle that? **McCullough:** How would we know? **Meeker:** I'm getting to that. If you guys are willing to work with this, then we can have the people in Central Office, through Verna, contact the Regional Director and say, "hey, we have this situation, could you help us?" Are you willing to do that? <yes> This is one of the reasons for bringing it up. I need buy-in from all the RDs. Or, if it's a judge, or if it's a whatever. **Colilla:** As long as it's after 5:00, not my regular working hours. **Wilson:** I read the CFA List – I don't write on it – and I'm on FaceBook quite a bit. When I see people complaining about Central Office issues, I write to them privately and say, "could you send me the details?" I've done that a few times and copied Verna, and they get a response. I'm not trying to throw my not-insubstantial weight around, but what I'm trying to do is show them the way of how to do this, because they will complain and complain, but they've never followed up. You need to escalate something if you're not getting a response. **Hannon:** What I encourage people to do is, if you're not getting results dealing with the first line, then bump it up to the next level. **Wilson:** Right. I tell them to copy me, and then I follow up with them. "Were you satisfied? Did you get what you needed?" **Kuta:** It would be great if it was like maybe a Tier II support where, after asking them to get all their ducks in a row and make sure they have everything document and it wasn't a mistake on their side, if it went into a ticketing system or something so we could go, "look, they're actually working on it. They got done this part." So we could track. **Meeker:** There's a lot of ways that we can individually communicate and feedback and do things, but we've got an incredible staff here that are really working hard and rarely do they get a "gee, you've done a good job" or "thank you". Anything that appears in public is always what they haven't done, versus what they have done. **Dugger:** Not long ago I heard through the grapevine and also from the exhibitors themselves, I had somebody tell me they kept complaining about a registration that they didn't get, so I emailed her privately myself and I said, "tell me what your problem is with this registration and I will try to help you resolve it." Finally, I got back, "well, it's not really a problem anymore. I guess that it's probably OK." I'm like, "well, would you please stop writing on the list and things like that." **Meeker:** Or, put something on the list that says, "you know what, I misinterpreted this and I got it fixed." **Dugger:** Then I had another girl, and I told her, I said, "contact Verna about combining your cattery." She wrote to me, "oh, I got exactly what I needed." I went like, "see, things work." It's not brain surgery. Come on, guys. **Meeker:** Exactly. Our Central Office people have been told not to write on the list and say, "your credit card didn't clear, that's what the hold-up is." We can't go public with the other side of the story. So, if you can all start monitoring this personally and start getting some better ventilation of the problems and getting them solved. **Dugger:** I had told them, "don't call them and say anything nasty, call me or email me and then I will go to Central Office with the problem." **DelaBar:** Many of you know that somebody came on the list and I said, "If you've got a problem, send it to me privately." Well, I showed up on Thursday morning, and Verna and I went through several of these different things and she's having the staff check on it. We found some very unique things,

but we sat down and worked out these problems. I hand carried them in and said, “this has been going on.” We had one from 2011. In my region, we’re dealing with people that speak English as a second, third, fourth or fifth language, and when they email into Central Office, sometimes these curt one-liners they don’t understand the tone or whatever. I’ve also given this to Verna to possibly work out a little different verbiage to do this. When it comes down to it, bullying has never been a form of leadership. I’ve always said, the way that we want the atmosphere to be – the attitude, the ambiance of the organization – comes from the top. We’ve got to install this.

Barry: On top of all of this, in my short time, I dealt with some of these irate customers myself. The other thing too is, we have some of them that if they don’t get the answer they want, they try to go to another person. I’m dealing with one that Mark has been giving me the background on who wants us to overrule or change what the Regional Director told them. It’s sitting on my desk right now. **Hannon:** It’s somebody from Europe, believe it or not. **DelaBar:** Oh really. I would like to see that. **Hannon:** It was somebody that wants to put on a show in a different country.

DelaBar: No. **Barry:** That’s what I mean. **Hannon:** She got a note from Pam and she got a note from me, so she went to Terri. Terri said, “I’ll look into it and get back with you.” **Schreck:** If Mom says no, ask Grandma. **Barry:** The other thing too is, staff is just as frustrated with the registration system as our customers are. They themselves are taking it as a personal affront that they can’t get the information that the customer wants, but they don’t have the capability of doing some of this stuff. **Eigenhauser:** Obviously, we can’t out individual people on the CFA list and say, “your check bounced” or “your credit card number was wrong”, but maybe we can have a cumulative list of, *Top 20 Reasons Why we Had to Return Your Registration This Year*. 15 of you had wrong sires, 20 of you didn’t put sire numbers in there, 12 of you had credit cards that were returned – something like that where it’s absolutely anonymous. **Meeker:** That’s a great idea, George. Verna and I will work on that. **Hannon:** “Some of you have provided kittens whose parents can’t produce that color.” **Ganoe:** I just have one question or comment that, if we’re going to have a lot of the Regional Directors run interference from complaint systems, do you have the system in place in the office so that when the Regional Directors call or email you, you know how to follow up and get back to them? I don’t want the Regional Directors or the rest of the board to be inundating you with comments when you’re not set up for them yet. **Kuta:** That’s not what I’m talking about. A ticketing system is what I am talking about. **Dobbins:** It may take a day or two to research, but as long as it comes to me, we will find the answer. **Ganoe:** I’m wondering about, if the volume increases to the point where you’ve got someone doing that full time. **Dobbins:** Someone to do that full time? No, not at the moment. No. **Ganoe:** So, we’re probably going to play that by ear, by how much comes in. **Dobbins:** How much comes in, yes. **Meeker:** So, those issues should be directed to Verna? **Hannon:** If it’s a registration issue.

Meeker: Everything else would go to Terri? **Dobbins:** Yes. **Anger:** I do have to mention, when some people see “CFA Secretary” on the website, they sometimes think I’m the secretary in the office, so I get a lot of emails, which I forward to Verna. This last one I sent was very complicated. It had one point person who was speaking for a group of people that all had their own specific problems. Verna responded to them by the next day. Maybe the work originally went in their spam folder or something, but it was completely taken care of. I thought it would be a real mess, but Verna had it taken care of by the next day and responded to the group. She copied me, so I was kept out of it. This is a very good recommendation that we are talking about. If the problem can be summarized, sent to Verna and then hands off, Verna will make it happen.

Kuta: Any guidance on what format is best for you? How much information is too much, too

little? **Hannon:** Generally she gets too little. **Dobbins:** The more, the better. **Kuta:** I push back on some of my exhibitors. I could tell right away, but I'm looking at a two-page Word document from somebody. Trying to make heads or tails out of it – maybe you guys can. **Dobbins:** We may have to ask questions. We'll send it back and say, "I'm sorry, I don't understand this part," but the more they give you, the better. **Meeker:** Thank you.

Shopping cart: We are working with CO, primarily Verna Dobbins, to reviews products and services to make certain as many as possible are available through the shopping cart. We are also in the process of designing a check list so that any new project being implemented is put in all the places necessary – monthly newsletter, website, shopping cart etc. Various people are responsible for getting each of these steps done and to have all the information together on one check sheet should prove useful and provide for more complete and efficient service for our customers.

Returned Mail Issue - I worked with the staff member involved with the processing of returned mail and was able to help set up some guidelines for establishing proper mailing addresses. Error reduction was discussed with the data entry people and they are now checking their work prior to it being sent to the customer. The receptionist is the final check for error. On returned mail, we came up with a list of reference points within the CO structure where accurate information could be obtained to include but not limited to (a) CFA White Pages, (b) incoming envelope for hard copy mail (c) show package exhibitors list (d) CFA data system for catteries. UPDATE: In process and being handled in real time turnaround.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We continue to work in conjunction with the Central Office to help in any way possible. The meeting with Ms. Barry on 9/24 was pleasant, informative and positive. As Committee Chair I assured Ms. Barry that we would be available for help and or consultation whenever needed. A basement project to sort through the old boxes and discard documents, based on the Records Retention document is scheduled for Jan-Feb time frame. All records to be discarded will be shredded.

Future Projections for Committee:

Show rule 8.06 will be coming through for discussion and revision. UPDATE: In process with Monte working on the final versions.

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 presented to the BOD for review/action

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Meeker, Chair*

Moser: I just wanted to bring up, because I was asking about the Annual. I was told it was going to be combined in the Management Report. **Meeker:** It's on the agenda for 3:45 on Sunday. **Moser:** They put it back on? I thought it was taken off. **Hannon:** It's there. We're going to do it tomorrow.

(21) **WEB OVERSIGHT.**

No report (see previous agenda item).

Meeker: The Web Oversight actually has been assigned to Dennis. It says Meeker, but that's incorrect. **Ganoe:** There was no report to give. Thank you for your questions. [laughter]

(22) **CLERKING PROGRAM REPORT.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerking school late fees: approved at June 2014 Board meeting

Clerking tests: per requests

Online clerking school: to restart this fall

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking test: at this point, the all clerks that have paid their biennial fees have received a hard copy, as well as online link to the test. Receiving a bi-monthly update of individuals requesting to take the test at this point.

As reported last month, the site where individuals take the clerking test now allows for our test to be written and presented in other languages. The Clerking Program plans on testing this by contacting clerks in several of the other countries. Recommendations for contacts would be appreciated. Again, here is the list of languages that are available for use:

<i>Arabic</i>	<i>Greek</i>	<i>Portuguese</i>
<i>Bulgarian</i>	<i>Hungarian</i>	<i>Romanian</i>
<i>Chinese (Simple & Trad)</i>	<i>Italian</i>	<i>Russian</i>
<i>Danish</i>	<i>Japanese</i>	<i>Slovenian</i>
<i>Dutch</i>	<i>Korean</i>	<i>Spanish</i>
<i>Finnish</i>	<i>Malaysian</i>	<i>Swedish</i>
<i>French</i>	<i>Norwegian</i>	<i>Turkish</i>
<i>German</i>	<i>Polish</i>	

Central Office visit: *A visit was made to Central Office on Friday, September 19, 2014 to meet with Linda who will be taking on the responsibilities associated with the Clerking Program. The majority of the day was spent with her going over what her current responsibilities are, and what the Clerking Program needs to accomplish.*

It was discovered that there is a lot of outdated information in the files (clerking evaluations from 1997 thru current; individuals in the files who are deceased; incomplete information). Additionally, information in regards to the clerks (licensed, working towards licensed, paid/not paid) is not in a 'user friendly' format (still extracting reports from HP system – need to almost 'code' the information to retrieve it). At this point, Linda will be cleaning up the files she presently has, and I will be making recommendations for improvements.

Future Projections for Committee:

Resume online Clerking school

Develop a method for extracting clerking information in a user friendly manner.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Resume Transcript/verbiage for online Clerking School: started August 2014

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on above items

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Coleman, Chair*

Hannon: Clerking Report. Carol. **Krzanowski:** You all received a copy of Cheryl's report. We really don't have any action items, but if anyone has any questions, I would be happy to answer them for you. **Moser:** I don't know if this goes here, but I just want to ask it. I know in our region we don't have hardly any clerks. They have been asking me to do a clerking school. Now, we don't have any master clerk instructors. Is my understanding correct that you can use a master clerk with a judge that has taken the license for clerking. Is that correct? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Moser:** OK. So, I can, OK. There's only one in our region. **Ganoe:** I know. I'm the only one taking the test. **Moser:** That's all, thank you.

(22) AMBASSADOR CAT PROGRAM.

Committee Chair: *Chairman, Karen Lane*
List of Committee Members: *Secretary/Treasurer, James Flanik; Media Director, Tracy Dalton; Ambassador Cat Coordinator, Chris Willingham; Graphics and Design, Teresa Keiger*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Program Over-View

In the ninety days since we became CFAs newest program, lots of work and effort has been put into growing and expanding our program. We are blessed with really good and dedicated people that are passionate about their breed of cats and CFA. Until you have really looked hard at this program and what our individual Cat Ambassadors do, it is difficult to understand the amount of work that each member puts into bringing all that extra equipment to the show and bathing the extra cat, and all that goes into devoting a better part of the show weekend answering questions and smiling all day long. The people that carry the load of this program understand that most cat shows cannot operate without the funds that spectators bring to the show. We know that attending a show and having a good experience is what brings people back to the next show. I view this program at the most basic, hands-on, person-to-person, marketing program of CFA.

Current Happenings of Committee:

New Member Applications

Our Program secretary, James Flanik, has received three new members application to our program, the breeds are Bombay, Havana Brown and Somali. Two, of our new applicants, are from region 7 and one is from region one. We are expecting one application from region 4 and another from region 5.

James has been creating comprehensive files for each of our A-Cat members and will be responsible to submit our invoices to CFA for payment. A huge step forward for our program is a better and more responsible record keeping method for everything we do.

Website & Facebook

Thank you to Teresa Keiger, and her expertise, we have the beginnings of a new website; www.cfaacats.org and a new Facebook Page. Tracy Dalton has been working with Teresa. Our website contains show information along with A-Cat information. It will have videos as well as photos.

Trading Cards

Teresa has created the new design for our A-Cat Trading Card Program, and we were fortunate enough to have some of the cards in place for the National Capital Show. Chris Willingham is responsible for organizing this program.

Future Projections for Committee:

Breed Banners

As soon as the Trading Card Program is completed, we will be getting breed banners ordered for each of our members. Teresa will design the Breed Banners to coordinate with the Trading Cards. Again, the breed banner program will involve Chris Willingham.

Board Action Items:

There are no action items required by the board. However, we are very accepting of board comments; both positive and negative. We seek good ideas and do want to improve in every way we can.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing progress of our program.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Lane, Chair*

Hannon: CFA Ambassador Cat Program is me. Karen Lane has submitted a report. Are there any questions? OK. We're getting ahead of schedule.

(23) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE.**

Committee Co-Chairs: *Carla Bizzell and Melanie Morgan*
Liaison to Board: *Annette Wilson*
List of Committee Members: *Rachel Anger, Laurie Coughlan, Susan Cook Henry,
Julie Keyer and Sharon Roy*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Breed Council Ballots were received from Breed Council Secretaries, reviewed, formatted and submitted to Central Office for further processing and issuance to Breed Council Members for voting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Breeds and Standards Committee received a formal request from a Maine Coon Breed Council Member concerning last year's Breed Council Poll. The request pertains to Questions 1-6 and 8 from the Poll which were reviewed and tabled by the Board in February. As the questions are not scheduled to appear on the upcoming ballot, the requestor asks for the items to be "untabled" so that a final decision can be reached concerning these items. Additional information, consisting of the original request and the relevant Board Minutes from the February 2014 Maine Coon Ballot discussion are attached at the end of the report.

Future Projections for Committee:

Ballots will be issued to Breed Council Members (either via mail or Classmarker software).

Board Action Items:

Vote on Maine Coon Ballot Questions 1-6 and 8 which were tabled at the February 2014 Board Meeting.

Time Frame:

Ballots will be issued by the end of October, with voting concluded at December 15, 2014.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Breed Council Ballot results.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Bizzell and Melanie Morgan, Co-Chairs*

Hannon: Here we are, Breeds and Standards. **Wilson:** There's only one action item on here. A member of the Maine Coon Breed Council who is running for Breed Council Secretary asked that the board vote on the Maine Coon ballot questions 1-6 and 8 which were tabled at the February 2014 board meeting. All of the detail is attached. I'm sure you've all read it. **Hannon:**

And? Do you want to elaborate on what you want us to do? **Wilson:** What I want you to do? **Hannon:** What is the Breeds and Standards Committee asking us to do? Are there action items? **Wilson:** The action item is to vote on the Maine Coon ballot questions 1-6. Do you want to know what I think we should do? **Hannon:** You can go ahead and give me yours and then I'll give the board mine. Go ahead. **Wilson:** OK. I think they should follow the instructions we gave them in February. **Hannon:** Which is to poll this year. **Wilson:** Right. Well, was it this year? <yes> **Hannon:** And the Breed Council Secretary refused to put it on the ballot, which means the only way to get it on the ballot is for the board to intervene and tell her to put it on the ballot. Now, there are those who want us to vote now on last year's ballot and there are those who want us to say, poll again and let us have 2 years' worth of input.

Eigenhauser: I'm going to say, my opinion on this has actually changed since February. In February, I was more concerned about the process. I thought the Maine Coon Breed Council behaved very poorly in having their discussion on the list on this. There was a lot of unnecessary shouting. But, now I think there are substantive issues that we have not addressed. I'm going to try to be good. About a year and a half ago, I lost a cat for no apparent reason when she was nursing her kittens. We couldn't figure out what it was. We got a replacement cat out of similar lines and we discovered from the breeder that they discovered something new. PK Deficiency, which I asked Roger about a second ago, is now showing up in Maine Coon lines in other associations. Both the parents of my cat had it, and so it's likely that's what she died of. I have tested half a dozen cats now – 4 from CFA lines, 2 from another association. It's 0 for 4 on the CFA lines, it's 2 for 2 in the other association. **Hannon:** You are tying this into this ballot issue, right? **Eigenhauser:** How does a lethal Abyssinian gene get into the Maine Coon gene pool? I would like to ask, because my experts on PK Disease are Norm and Martha. **Hannon:** They may not speak. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to direct a question to them. **Hannon:** I will not let you. **Eigenhauser:** Then I challenge the chair on that. Wait, no. A challenge to the chair takes priority. A board member has the right to inquire for relevant information that may be applicable to a board discussion, and that is an incorrect ruling on the part of the chair and I challenge the chair. **DelaBar:** She is not a veterinarian. **Hannon:** They have asked to speak and we have told them through the Secretary that neither side may address the board, that traditionally it is board members and committee chairs that address the board, February being an exception with the Breed Council Secretaries. **Eigenhauser:** But the board members may ask questions. **Raymond:** He can ask the question, they can answer the question, but they can't make a speech. **Hannon:** Ask your question. **Eigenhauser:** I have a little trouble talking about this. I would like you to tell the board the Reader's Digest version of what is PK Deficiency.

Martha Auspitz: To the best of our knowledge, PK Deficiency is a form of hemolytic anemia. I believe about 10-12 years ago it was first discovered in Somalis. Several affected Somalis – affected meaning they actually had the disease and died. You can be clear of it, you can be a carrier or you can be affected. If you breed a clear to a carrier, you can get both, and they do have a PCR test now developed. Abyssinians and Somalis worked together and developed this test. If you breed clear to clear, you only get clear cats and they will not even carry the disease, but you do have to begin your testing and completely test everyone. You can breed clear to a carrier and get both. You can breed two carriers together and you will only either get carriers or affected cats, so if for instance you are working with lines that have used Abyssinians or Somalis

in your background and you have never tested, in fact, you don't know what you have unless you do the testing. So, obviously if George lost cats, he would have had to have bred at least two carriers together. I'm not sure from what we know and have seen and talked to people that's had affected cats, if they would have lived actually long enough to produce litters, but obviously they can. It seems like more Somalis succumb to the disease than Abys, but they do. I would just like to say one other issue that if lines have imported Abyssinians or Somalis, and the Maine Coons have to my knowledge never tested for this, would be blood typing issues. It used to be said through the Winn Foundation that Maine Coons, I think Siamese, one or two other breeds basically had only A blood type. Abyssinians have basically 25% or so B blood and that's another health or cattery management issue, but that's kind of how it works with the PK Deficiency.

Eigenhauser: I would like to conclude this by saying that there's a paper from 2012 by Leslie Lyons where she is now recommending Maine Coons be routinely tested for the PK Deficiency gene, so I would really like to see – the new incoming Breed Council Secretary is going to put it on the ballot the first chance she gets. I don't see that putting it on this year is really giving the breed council enough time to cool down and to think this out. I think a lot of people have their heads in the sand about some of the negative health effects that may be coming in, so I would be happy to just let her put it on the ballot next year, but let's please have one quiet year on this.

Brown: Part of the argument is related to an earlier paper that was published in 2006 that placed the ticked and the agouti on the same locus, on the same chromosome. In 2010, the O'Brien Group came out with a remapping and they found out the agouti gene is on one chromosome, the ticked is on a totally different chromosome, and mackerel is on a third one, so you've got ticked, agouti, mackerel all on different chromosomes. That doesn't mean that they are going to carry all these things that everybody is talking about with them, just because the locus on one chromosome is there and it's on a totally different chromosome. That's part of the misunderstanding. Just to finish up, the cat has 20,000 genes. We're talking just about one gene out of 20,000. They have 38 chromosomes, 250 heritable diseases and I think it's wrong to associate one disease from a totally different locus probably on a different chromosome, to ticked. I think that's what we have to do in our thinking is separate these things. They are not all inter-linked.

DelaBar: PK Deficiency is found in many more breeds than just Abyssinian and Somali. **Hannon:** In breeds without the ticked? **DelaBar:** Yes, yes. **Hannon:** So, it's not necessarily attributed to the ticked. **DelaBar:** No, like Siamese. **Anger:** Cornish Rex. **Brown:** Dogs. Miniature Schnauzers. I saw it in hundreds. **DelaBar:** It's not a breed-specific disease, it's not a pattern disease, it is a disease that breeds have not tested for until things have started coming up. I must admit, in Europe they do a lot more testing than we do in the United States. One, all cats have to be microchipped. We have a European passport which has all of our vaccinations, all the vet checks, everything is in this European passport. For my Norwegians, I have to mandatory test for GSD4 [Glycogen Storage Disease Type IV]. On the Maine Coons, yes, we can check for HCM from the German lab, but it doesn't mean anything because there are so many different factors on the Maine Coon HCM that basically we're throwing money at the lab in Germany. We've got to look at this from a smart way in dealing with the health factor. As far as blood type,

I've had several Maine Coons with AB blood type. It breeds as A, but it is AB blood type. You know something? Those cats were just as healthy as any other cat. So, I'll save other comments and pass to Ginger.

Meeker: I was curious to know if this disease was linked to a pattern. In my genetic research, I have never seen a color or pattern linked with a specific disease. There are lots of breeds that have ticked, and my understanding is, it's one of the 4 naturally occurring tabby patterns. Since the Maine Coon is a naturally occurring breed, I would think that someplace the ticked would have been there and possibly overshadowed by other colors. As far as the blood group goes, the British was one of the first breeds to establish the blood typing problem. At one point, we were about 50/50, but 25% of that 50% A were actually ABs and it brought in a whole series of breeding dilemmas that my cattery that started out all A is now 90% B. It's how you choose to breed, and if you understand you can breed around the blood typing problems. While that can be a lethal breeding issue, it doesn't have to be if you test your cats and you breed appropriately.

Wilson: What the board told the Maine Coon breed council last year was to use the CATS registry. That's what we told the Maine Coon breed council – to cool off and to record these cats in CATS. Unfortunately, until August this year, they were told that they couldn't record them in CATS, so we have some in there now, because the idea was, how many of these are there? Put your money where your mouth is. If you want to register them, then show us by recording them so we can get some numbers. So, I think personally – not as the liaison to the Breeds and Standards Committee – that we should have them do what they were told to do and record the cats. If you put this on the ballot now, there really isn't going to be any discussion because the ballot will be out there. There's no opportunity for additional discussion. When the current Breed Council Secretary said she wasn't going to put it on the ballot, that did away with any discussion, so if we wait and have them ballot it next year, they will then have time to discuss through the year and maybe come up with something they can live with.

Fellerman: About 38 years ago, I was visiting friends in Mississippi in the middle of nowhere. I found a little kitten under a crawl space, cleaned her up and took her home. She was a ticked tabby semi-longhair. I have a picture of her hanging in my kitten room. Guaranteed, her mom never came within 100 miles of an Abyssinian ever. She came by that ticked pattern quite naturally. The Maine Coon I believe did, too. As for spotted tabbies, you don't even want me to go there, because I'm sure you've read a lot of my arguments about spotted tabbies in Persians and how I feel about that. They're there. We're not registering them as spotted because there's no way to do so at this point, so they're registered as mackerels and they are shown as mackerels. I can show you pictures of them, and they are spotted, let me tell you. But, who is going to register a beautiful cat as an AOV and not be able to show it to a win if it's got the type, just because there's nowhere to show it? I feel the same way with these Maine Coons. They came by this color naturally. Back in 1995 at a board meeting, there was a motion by Joan Miller that said, *Miller moved that the board go on record that if a color can be produced within the existing gene pool of the breed, they may be accepted without meeting former criteria. Motion Carried.* One person voting no. I also have here CFA registration papers dated 1991, brown ticked tabby Maine Coon male. So, somebody registered this cat. They've been around. Maybe I'm wrong, but I thought the breed council voted 60% and we should just either ratify it or not, without going

any further. It is what it is. I know there's discussion, as you know, with the chocolate and lilac smokes. It was tight and there were people that said, "our ballots got lost and we would have voted no", but it is what it is. That's it.

Calhoun: There's a lot of history behind this and a lot of things that have occurred. I would like to hear – and I'm not going to pretend to be an expert in genetics, but I know there's been a lot of mention about the history of the ticked gene. I would like to give Martha an opportunity to speak to that a little bit, because that's a question that I have. The other thing that I would like to have this board think about is that this is the sort of thing, this is a bell if it's rung it cannot be unrung. It's a very, very big issue and you need to make sure that we're making the proper decision with all the information that's feasible. Once we decide, if we decide it, that that pattern can be accepted, there's no going back. **Hannon:** My reluctance to let somebody speak is, both sides wanted to address us this weekend and we told both sides they couldn't. The other side is not represented here because we told them we were not going to let them speak. It seems unfair to that side to say, since Martha showed up, we're going to let Martha speak. If she had shown up, we would have let the other party speak. **Calhoun:** That was a decision that she made. She made the decision to stay home. **Hannon:** I'm sorry? **Calhoun:** If there's another side and the fact that people wouldn't be allowed, they made the decision not to come. **Hannon:** Because they were told they couldn't speak and it's unfair to them to say, "oh, we changed our mind so we're going to let Martha speak." **Calhoun:** But we still as board members can ask questions. That option hasn't gone away. **DelaBar:** We need to be a board.

Eigenhauser: A couple of things. First of all, I'm not disagreeing with Roger. I understand that they may not be on the same chromosome. What I'm saying is, when you outcross with another cat to bring something in your breed, you don't bring in one chromosome, you bring in a whole market basket of things. **Meeker:** That's why you test. **Eigenhauser:** That seems to be the way this came in. It does seem to be more prevalent, but I want to correct some disinformation that's been thrown out here today that it's common in the Cornish Rex or the Siamese or other breeds. Leslie Lyons did a broad, across-the-breed set of studies to see where it's showing up, and out of 46 Cornish Rex the incidence was zero. Out of 457 Siamese, the incidence was zero. So, no, it's not showing up in every breed. It's primarily showing up in breeds that have used Abyssinians as an outcross, that have used Bengals as outcrosses – it seems to be very common in Bengals for some reason – and it's popping up in a few other places that don't make sense at all. Maine Coon is one of the places it's popping up that doesn't make sense at all. When you've got something like that, you've got to look for a cause. There's usually a cause. When you've got two breeds that have a gene that can be identified from the same test, it's likely that gene has a common source.

Ganoe: I have a couple things that I've made notes that I want to make points on. A point for everyone to know, I was not in favor in February of kicking this can down the road. It has come to roost and we're looking at kicking it again. I'm still not in favor of kicking the can down the road. We should make an up or down vote one way or the other, not telling anybody how they have to vote. Secondly, my primary breed is the Korat. We had a deadly genetic disease. I use the past tense advisedly. Worldwide, we tested and eliminated it from the gene pool. It was GM Gangliosidosis and we eliminated it. It is not impossible to eliminate by testing and breeding around. We did not lose a single line, and you've got to realize that the Korat is a lot smaller

gene pool than the Maine Coon. We didn't lose a line. The third point I want to make is, I don't see genetics driving our registration policy. We register what we want phenotypically. We have anecdotal evidence, and I believe the ticked tabby is present in the domestic population from which the Maine Coon sprang, so I believe the ticked tabby is part of the natural breed. I do not want to make a decision based on genetics in an isolated incident.

DelaBar: Again, back on genetics. If you've got shaded, you're going to get ticked. The board flipping this back to the breed council was a way to avoid making a decision. In no way did this board ever ask the American Shorthair people to register their ticked tabbies in CATS. I am very intimately acquainted with the CATS program, because I was one of the people that developed it. So, I know what we were doing, but we never asked the American Shorthair people. It just took them forever to get that 60% vote. We had the 60% vote with the Maine Coon council. The board chose not to address it, based upon whatever. But, it's there, it's part of the population, you've got the colors that produce the ticked tabbies. As long as we've got shaded Maine Coons, we're going to end up somewhere down the line with a ticked Maine Coon, and it doesn't develop from having an Abyssinian. Why anyone on God's green Earth would want to put an Abyssinian into a Maine Coon breeding program is way beyond me. I'm sorry, I've lost cats to PK Deficiency and they were Siamese. Be that as it may, George, I'm sorry that you lost your cat. I've had other horrible things happen with my cats, but it does not color and put doubt on a whole section of a breed. And yes, I do see these quite often in Europe.

Anger: On the UC Davis website, they list the breeds with the highest frequency that the PK Deficiency is found. Nowhere in there is the Ocicat, which the Abyssinian is a parent breed of. A few breeds that show very low frequency, Oriental Shorthair. I bred ticked tabby Oriental Shorthairs for years. At least, at this point it is a known concern for people who are interested in working with the ticked tabbies, to test for. As far as them registering in the CATS program, one of the many emails that we received answered that question why the breeders didn't want to do that, since August, since they have had the opportunity to do that. They are fearful that CFA is going to rescind all of their registrations and pedigrees back many generations. They are afraid to do that. It's something that the board left very open ended and did not explain. There's also an email in here that clearly lists different catteries and how many ticked tabbies they have that will come forward. There is obviously some interest out there. I'm not particularly interested in working with ticked tabby Maine Coons, but if it's something that is in our gene pool, then it's a part of our history that cannot be denied.

Schreck: I had the comment about the Ocicats. Obviously, the Abyssinians were a foundation breed to the Ocicats, so if it is indeed linked to the Abyssinians, wouldn't it be in the Ocicats then by now? That was one of the 3 breeds that was used in order to produce the Ocicats, and it isn't there. So, that's my statement, that Rachel already confirmed.

Calhoun: I would just like to have a better understanding about the registration in CATS, because I'm hearing that they were told that they could not register these cats in that registry, and now I hear that they were afraid to do it because there would be repercussions and they would have to go and clean up the pedigrees. I think one way or another, the pedigrees will need to be cleaned up anyway. **Hannon:** Verna, do you want to address – we didn't allow the cats to be recorded in CATS and then we decided we would. **Dobbins:** I guess it was decided at the

February board meeting that they could be. **Hannon:** No, they always could be. **Dobbins:** The staff was not aware of that. **Hannon:** We encouraged them to use the existing process. **Dobbins:** When I went to the staff after Annette contacted me, they did not know that it was allowed. So, as of August is when we started allowing it. **Hannon:** When Annette made it clear to you, and you made it clear to the staff, they started recording. **Dobbins:** Yes, and there are 3. **Meeker:** There's 23. **Dobbins:** In CATS? **Meeker:** That's what I was told. There are 23 registered ticked tabby Maine Coons. **Dobbins:** I will double check that.

Ganoe: Do we have a motion on the floor at all? **Anger:** No. **Ganoe:** I'm making a motion that we reconsider the board's action in February. **Hannon:** What are you saying? Do you want to untable it? **Ganoe:** I want to untable it. **Fellerman:** Second. **Hannon:** Which would mean that we would vote today on what the Maine Coon breed council voted on last year. Is there any discussion on Dennis' motion? **Mastin:** When would this go in effect, should it be approved? **Ganoe:** This is just to reconsider the motion. We haven't voted on the ballot items yet. **Mastin:** OK. **Hannon:** Seeing no further discussion, I'm going to call for the motion. This is just to reconsider. It's not to vote on the issue, it's just to bring it back. All those in favor of allowing us to vote on the issue today.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion** [to reconsider] **Carried.** Calhoun, Krzanowski and Eigenhauser voting no.

Hannon: I thought you were against it. **Wilson:** I thought we were just going to put it back on the table. **Ganoe:** Yeah. This was just to reconsider the February action.

Hannon: Now we need another motion. **DelaBar:** I'll move to consider the ballots that passed by 60% on the Maine Coon ballot. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Meeker:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Wilson:** There are 4 things to discuss here – one is to register the colors individually and one is to actually include them for championship status. I have a problem with – I know you differ, and you think that if a color occurs it should be magic. I just want to say that Joan Miller said they *may* be. She didn't say they have to be. I think when we have issues like this where a color was disqualified – disqualified in a breed standard, that there was a reason that the breed wanted to do that for a long period of time, so I think we need to follow the matrix. I would only be in favor of registering, not in favor of actually showing. **Hannon:** Should we break it down then? **Wilson:** There are different ballots. **Ganoe:** Yeah, different ballot items. We need to do them each individually. **Hannon:** What was your motion?

[transcript goes to ballot items which were tabled in February 2014]

Formal Request from Maine Coon Breed Council Member

DATE: September 12, 2014

TO: Melanie Morgan & Carla Bizzell - CO-Chairs Breed & Standards Committee

FROM: Trudie Allen, Candidate for Maine Coon Cat Breed Council Secretary 2015-16

RE: Request to CFA Board of Directors

Dear Melanie and Carla,

I would like to ask you, as Breed & Standards Co-Chairs, to petition the CFA Board of Directors at their October 2014 Meeting to bring up from the table and ratify the 2013 Maine Coon Cat Ballot items that were placed on the tabled during the February 2014 Board Meeting. If this is not the correct protocol for making this request, please advise me how it should be handled.

I believe you are aware that approximately 25% (around 30 members) of the 2014 Maine Coon Cat Breed Council submitted a written request in July to Alexis Mitchell, current MC Breed Council Secretary, asking her to place several questions regarding the acceptance of ticked tabby Maine Coon Cats on the 2014 ballot. This would have been the second year in a row this topic would have appeared on our ballot. The newly proposed questions were very similar to the questions that appeared on the 2013 ballot. On August 19, Alexis notified the group (via email list) that she would not be putting anything on the ballot this year.

This same group of MCBC members then asked me, the only candidate for BCS next term, if I would be willing to act as their spokesperson and contact CFA's Breed & Standards Co-Chairs requesting the B&S committee to petition CFA's Board of Directors regarding this situation.

After serious consideration, we agreed the most reasonable option is to request the Board to "bring up from the table" the 2013 Maine Coon Cat Ballot results that passed by the required percentage, but were tabled by the BOD in February 2014. Those items are: (See Feb. 2014 BOD Minutes)

- #1. Ticked Tabby Registration Rights*
- #2. Spotted Tabby Registration Rights*
- #3. Add Ticked Tabby pattern description*
- #4. Remove Ticked Tabby from DQ section of the Maine Coon Cat Standard*
- #5. Add Ticked Tabby to AOV*
- #8. Changes to wording in OMCC color class*

In addition to tabling these ballot results, the BOD passed a motion allowing Ticked & Spotted Tabby Maine Coon Cats to be recorded in the CATS database. Their stated purpose for this action was to help identify the numbers of cats under discussion for potential CFA registration. It was suggested that breeders record their ticked or spotted tabby Maine Coons in that database.

In preparation for making this request to the Board, you asked me to follow up on the CATS program and provide you with information on the status of recording ticked (or spotted) tabby Maine Coons in CATS. What I have found is, in general, there is a lot of confusion, misinformation and/or paranoia regarding the use of the CATS database.

First, I was told by one MCBC member that she personally contacted central office in early March 2014 with questions regarding entering her ticked tabby Maine Coons in CATS. She was told, by Donna Jean Thompson, that there were "problems with the CATS program" and that they (central office) were not entering any cats into the program until those issues were resolved. I do not know if this person ever followed up, but I do know she shared the information from Donna Jean with other breed council members at that time.

During that same time period (Feb/Apr 2014), word had spread of a protest filed against two Maine Coon Cat breed council members regarding registration fraud (which was undecided until July 2014). That situation caused concern among breeders that any cats recorded in CATS as ticked tabbies could expose their feline relatives to questions regarding the legality of their CFA registration. (NOTE: The current rules of registration do not allow for registration of any Maine Coon Cat with a ticked tabby relative appearing within the five generation pedigree.) Whether this fear is real or imagined, it caused serious concern by breeders about submitting information on their ticked cats/kittens to the CATS database. Nobody wanted to be responsible for harming any other breeder's ability to register their non-ticked tabby cats/kittens in CFA.

There is also a group of reputable CFA Maine Coon Cat breeders, including breed council members, that stated they felt insulted that they were being asked to "record" their Pedigreed Maine Coon cats/kittens in the CATS database, which was created for non-pedigreed cats. Their attitude was and is, "These are Pedigreed Maine Coon Cats and welcome in most registries worldwide. We find it belittling to our cats & breeding programs be told to list them in a database intended for non-pedigreed cats!" There is also the issue of limited resources (i.e. spending \$10.00 to record their pedigreed cat in CATS only to be required to spend another \$20.00 to transfer the cat if it is eventually accepted in CFA.)

Finally, I personally called CFA on 9/12/14 and spoke to Judy in Central Office, registration dept. I asked her specifically about the CATS database and who was the best person to speak to, she said she could answer my questions. I asked if she could tell me how many (if any) ticked tabbies had been recorded in the database so far. She told me ticked tabbies are not allowed and they do not register them, not even in CATS. I then explained to her the situation and that the BOD had suggested last February that ticked tabby Maine Coons Cats should be recorded in CATS. She stated again that they were not allowed, period. I explained again why I was calling and asked if anyone else contacting CFA would have been given the same information she had given me. She assured me they would have been politely told they could not register or record their ticked tabby Maine Coon Cats in CATS and she assured me that as far as she knew there were no ticked tabby Maine Coons in the database.

Given this information, I feel it is safe to say that the CATS program has not been used to record ticked tabby Maine Coons as the Board had hoped. However, if it is data that is desired concerning the number of ticked tabby Maine Coon Cats that could potentially be registered in CFA, I can certainly try to compile some information regarding the numbers of ticked tabby Maine Coon Cat/Kittens that are registered in TICA. In fact, many of the ticked tabby cats/kittens currently being registered in other organizations are being registered by breeders that are also actively registering and/or showing in CFA, several are long-standing Maine Coon Cat Breed Council Members. In addition, I may be able to obtain numbers of Maine Coon Cats listed in the PawPeds database as ticked tabbies, if that information would be helpful to the Board. I would be happy to attempt to compile whatever information the Board would find useful in making their decision on this important matter to our breed.

In closing, I sincerely hope that you will submit the necessary information to CFA's Board of Directors at their October Meeting and requesting them to act on the 2013 Maine Coon Ballot

items. If you have any questions or need clarification please contact me at trudie@trutails.com or by phone at 970-482-3832.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudie Allen

Rebuttal from Breed Council Secretary

To the Board of Directors

I am unable to address you in person at this Board meeting due to a previous commitment for my granddaughter's birthday. It has come to my attention the items left unresolved from the MCBC ballot last year are being addressed at this meeting. Martha Auspitz, the previous MCBC secretary, has offered to read my address to the Board in my absence and to field any questions any of the Board members may have before making a decision.

The items before you pertain to the registration of the ticked tabby pattern in Maine Coon Cats. This is a pattern that has not been recognized in our standard since its inception in CFA. The pattern was addressed in the 90's and it was voted on by MCBC members to DQ the pattern, as well as other evidence of hybridization.

This issue has now come up due to the increased numbers of ticked tabbies in today's breeding programs, most likely due to the use of these patterns in breeding programs from other associations and the inability to register this pattern in CFA due to the pattern being put on the "DO Not Register" list about 10 years ago.

This is an extremely heated subject that has caused argument, hostility, disrespect and divisiveness within our Breed Council. This behavior is unacceptable and is extremely detrimental to our breed and to our Council. I believe any issue that can cause this much upheaval must be dealt with by education, discussion and ultimately, a resolution we can all live with. We are not there yet. As was discussed at the Board Meeting when our ballot came up, it was evident to our then CFA president this was an internal argument and the Board was being used to resolve the issue. Clearly, we are not a unified front to pass these items regardless of the ballot results. The voting was felt, by some, the result of voting by a manipulated membership. During discussions on the MCBC list, some breeders who joined for this voting period stated they had no intention of moving to or showing in CFA. This became suspect to other members as being an attempt to sway the vote and, if you look at the results and take into consideration how many actually voted, it did.

There are many breeders who have voiced their concern regarding the actions surrounding the ticked tabby registration that ultimately lead to a file of documented instances of Maine Coon Cats registered as ticked tabbies in one association and classic, shaded or mackerel in CFA. These practices are unacceptable to most breeders. Whatever the reason or direction to falsely register a cat/kitten as something it is not, does not negate the fact that the instructions on a registration slip state the information contained on it is true and any misrepresentation is cause for cancellation and may result in loss of all CFA privileges. It has been made clear by those who have participated in this practice, there is no intention of correcting any of these

registrations stating registrations would be correct from now on if they get what they ask for. Recently I was made aware of a licensed CFA cattery advertising "CFA registered ticked tabbies" on their website. This breeder actually sold a 1200.00 kitten to a couple ready to show in CFA. The kitten was already registered at the time of sale as a brown classic tabby with white but, this kitten was clearly a black ticked tabby with white. The couple showed me the pedigree of this kitten that had the dam registered as a brown patched tabby and that same cat was on the breeder's website as a ticked tabby. Quite frankly, I find it reprehensible to put false information on a registration slip. It is an act of complete disregard and disrespect for our breed, our breeders and our association. This last example also shows disregard for unsuspecting pet buyers who wanted to show in CFA and were taken advantage of simply for the sale of a 1200.00 kitten.

It was suggested by a Board Member when this was last being discussed these cats be registered on CATS to give CFA, the board and our breeders some indication of what we are dealing with. As of this date, no one that I am aware of has chosen to follow this advice. Instead there is a demand to vote this through now. It is for these reasons I cannot support these items at this time. I have suggested the registration of these cats contingent with the correction of their pedigrees. It is a concern to me without that, pedigrees will continue to be unreliable. A question also arises as to any registrations to come of ticked kittens/cats that are products of cats registered in CFA as something that could not produce one as I understand this to be a dominant gene or has been suggested to be a co-dominant gene in which case is not clearly understood.

My suggestion to the Board as MCBC secretary is to give these items back to the MCBC for further discussion and resolution that can be supported by our membership without ill will and divisiveness among us. As a CFA licensed Maine Coon Cat breeder licensed exclusively in CFA for nearly 30 years, I suggest the Board of Directors respect the rules of registration and pedigrees of CFA by at least attempting to deal with or help us deal with the problems surrounding this issue which first and foremost is the honesty and integrity of our Maine Coon Cat registrations.

I sincerely thank the Board, both those newly elected and experienced members for your time and consideration in this matter.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Mitchell*

Excerpt between asterisks from the February 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes:

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MAINE COON

Breed Council Secretary: Alexis Mitchell – Topeka, Kansas

Total Members: 122

Ballots Received: 86

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

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Board.

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

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

After the proposals were submitted, whether or not to include them on this year's ballot was cause for further controversy due to the issues that came to light during discussions on our MCBC list and in show halls regarding the items. I had originally decided not to put the items on the ballot. My decision was not accepted as is. I was sent personal nasty emails, I was berated if I can use that term on our MCBC list after all, it is a public forum. Though I do not support most of these items as being what is best for our breed at

this time, I was convinced to add the ballot items as part of my responsibility as the voice of our members, regardless of how many or how few, to the Board of Directors. This ballot and the results are now in your hands.

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

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

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

been perpetuated in a CFA breeding program. Doing so would produce cats/kittens unacceptable for registration which, in turn, would cause the MCBC and BOD to change our standard for them which is what we are being asked to do now.

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

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

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

The constant reference that the ticked and spotted tabby is a naturally occurring pattern in the Maine Coon Cat and that by looking at any rescue shelter is some point to be made also confuses me. The CFA Maine Coon Cat is a pedigreed cat within an established breed that has been worked with for years. It has a written standard to describe the characteristics it is required to exhibit or not exhibit. It is not the barn cat on the farm anymore. It is my position that a breeding program should follow the

standard for the cat they have chosen to produce. I acknowledge there is new research but, there is still much to be learned. I also realize times change but, I do not support changes to our standard to accept ticked and spotted tabbies at this time.

*Respectfully,
Alexis Mitchell, MCBC Secretary*

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

Cats Ancestral Tracking Service(CATS)

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

CFA is offering this new service, called Cats Ancestral Tracking Service (CATS), as a supplement to our regular breed registry. Participation in CATS is intended to provide

an accurate recording of a cat's ancestry and that cat's future generations. The intention is to build a pedigree history for the cat and its offspring. The desired end result would be to have recorded a sufficient number of generations (that conform to the usual requirements for the breed) to allow for the possible acceptance of the line into CFA's standard registration files.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Altschul: I think several members of the board were planning to speak to this, and we aren't breeders of Maine Coons. I have never bred a Maine Coon and probably never will breed Maine Coons, but after the emails we received on this, there is no question that something was going on in the breed council that was not pretty, and I think many of the members of the board are probably a little bit concerned about that. You don't want to pass a change that started as a fight, because the fight just keeps going and going. You really want them to find a solution for it. I don't think it's about truth and facts, because there's so much about feline genetics we don't know. It's about the best thing for the breed and where they want their breed to go. They are picking their fate here. I've really struggled on this one because I see the majority of the breed council passed it, but there is a way to get salt out of a glass of water – you boil all the water off, which that's not what you want to do to a breed like the Maine Coon. When it comes to the breed council members, we rely on judges when we talk about judge-related things, who sit on the board. We rely on people who live in certain areas of the country when we're talking about that area of the country. Certainly, I think we should rely on members of the breed council, particularly people who have been breeding for a very long time. They sit on the board, we go to them for their expertise. We rely on Roger for his scientific knowledge. We rely on people for their knowledge, so I don't think we should be biased toward a Maine Coon breeder who sits on the board. We rely on them and we rely on their integrity when they are going to submit evidence, not bring personal conflict here.

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

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

Hamza: We've got to get through these first. You know, a very large part of me, my instincts tell me that the board can send a message back to everybody by voting no on everything, letting them know we don't want any part of any of it. **Hannon:** Is there an option where we just don't vote, and take it off the table? **Hamza:** We can take this off the table. **Anger:** I still would like to speak. **Hannon:** I'm asking. Do we have to? **Hamza:** No, we don't have to. **Anger:** I have a couple of points, and forgive me if some of it is repetitive. On last year's ballot, there were 104 Maine Coon breed council members. This year, I think there were 120. I'm trying to scroll through and find that information right now. **Shelton:** 122. I just looked it up. **Anger:** So, it's less than 20 additional votes. I don't know if that falls in the level of stuffing, but to me there's not that much difference. My second point is that our breed council secretary description empowers all breed council secretaries to be the guardian of their breed. The breed council secretary here spoke very passionately about how she has a great fear for this breed if we accept these patterns, what this will do and how it may bring about some of those unintended consequences we try so hard to avoid. Third, this breed has no allowable outcross. I have asked the question many times of several different people that have submitted these letters to us, how can you prove to me that this didn't come from a disallowed outcross? Within our foundation cats, no one has proven to me that there were any ticked tabbies. We know there were polydactyls and we have worked hard to breed that out, but this is not something that I am comfortable with at this point, saying that this is a naturally occurring pattern

that has always existed in our breed, as has been claimed. Certainly it may have been. Yes, it's a pattern that existed and still exists in the random cat population, and we have random cats that are the ancestors of today's current Maine Coons, but we are trying to breed towards perfection, not back to random cats.

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

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

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

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

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

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Excerpt from the February 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes,
now having been taken off the table and voted on as follows,
discussion being current from October 2014 board meeting:

Part I – Maine Coon Cat Rules of Registration Changes

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

Current:

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

Shorthair	Ticked tabby	Pointed	Chocolate
Lilac	Spotted tabby		

Proposed:

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

Shorthair	Ticked tabby	Pointed	Chocolate
Lilac	Spotted tabby		

RATIONALE: Of paramount importance is that our pedigrees are reliable as a means of seeing what patterns are truly in our cats’ backgrounds. Breeders choosing to use a Ticked Tabby in their breeding program may use a generic “Tabby” or even Solid or Mackerel to get their cats registered in order to continue showing progeny from those lines.

CFA’s Maine Coon Cat exhibitors currently are having difficulty registering breeding or show cats that they have imported from breeders who work in other organizations due to Ticked Tabbies being correctly registered elsewhere. If a Ticked Tabby appears within 5 generations of a cat’s pedigree, they cannot be registered in CFA.

The Ticked Tabby is a naturally occurring pattern in the Maine Coon Cat breed which is acknowledged and accepted in most other feline registries around the world. As breeders and exhibitors are being encouraged to “try CFA”, throughout the U.S., in Europe and other countries, we are missing out on numerous opportunities for registrations and entries by disallowing these patterns to be registered and/or shown. Currently we disallow even the Classic, Mackerel and Solid Maine Coon Cats born of these lines to be registered or shown in CFA, thereby losing all those cats to CFA as well.

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

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 84

50% of Voting: 42

YES: 54

NO: 30

ABSTAIN: 2

DelaBar: #1. **Ganoe:** Ticked tabby registration rights. **DelaBar:** I move that we accept the breed council vote on #1, to register the ticked tabbies. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on this one? Are we ready to vote?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Eigenhauser voting no.

2. **PROPOSED:** Change the Maine Coon Cat Rules of Registration to REMOVE the Spotted Tabby from the “Do Not Accept for registration” list for the Maine Coon Cat.

Current:

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

Shorthair	Ticked tabby	Pointed	Chocolate
Lilac	Spotted tabby		

Proposed:

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

Shorthair	Ticked tabby	Pointed	Chocolate
Lilac	Spotted tabby		

RATIONALE: Of paramount importance is that our pedigrees are reliable as a means of seeing what patterns are truly in our cats’ backgrounds. Breeders choosing to use a Spotted Tabby in their breeding program may use a generic “Tabby” or even Solid or Mackerel to get their cats registered in order to continue showing progeny from those lines.

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

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 83

50% of Voting: 42

YES: 47

NO: 36

ABSTAIN: 3

Ganoe: #2 was spotted tabby registration rights. **Hannon:** Is there a motion? **DelaBar:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson, Eigenhauser and Calhoun voting no.

Part II - Maine Coon Cat Standard Changes

IF ITEM #1 SHOULD PASS

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

Current:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

Brown Tabby Color Class

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY:

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

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

Red Tabby Color Class

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

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

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

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

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

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

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

...

Proposed:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

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

Brown Tabby Color Class

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

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked):

Silver Tabby Color Class

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

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

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

Red Tabby Color Class

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

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

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

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

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

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

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

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

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

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

...

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

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

YES: 52

NO: 32

ABSTAIN: 2

Ganoe: Ticked tabby pattern description was #3. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson, Eigenhauser and Calhoun voting no.

IF ITEMS #1 & 3 SHOULD PASS

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

Current:

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

Proposed:

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

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

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 52

NO: 31

ABSTAIN: 3

Ganoe: Remove ticked tabby pattern from DQ section of Maine Coon Cat standard.
DelaBar: So moved. My voice got a little lower. **Ganoe:** I’ve got the report up. You’ve got the ballot. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Eigenhauser voting no.

Hannon: Annette gave up. **Wilson:** Well, no. If we voted to accept them, how can we have disqualify in the standard? That doesn’t even make any sense.

IF ITEMS #1, 3, & 4 SHOULD PASS

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

Current:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

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

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Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

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AOV1798 1799

Proposed:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

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

AOV Colors

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

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

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Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV1798 1799

Ticked Tabby (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors); Ticked Tabby & White (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors)

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

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

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 51

NO: 32

ABSTAIN: 3

Ganoe: Add ticked tabby to AOV, #5. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Hannon:** Second? **Anger:** Second. **DelaBar:** This is possibly discussion. There’s discussion for that. **Wilson:** This is a conflict. **Hannon:** OK, discussion. Hello? You thought there would be discussion. I don’t see any. **DelaBar:** Didn’t you put up a matrix on this? **Wilson:** Yes. First they should be registered. Then they should be AOV. Then they should be in championship, but we’ve already thrown out the baby with the bath water here, haven’t we? **Meeker:** No. It’s naturally occurring. Why should they go through a matrix? **Ganoe:** We’ve done registration and now we’re looking at doing AOV. **Wilson:** Oh, I thought you voted on putting them in championship. **DelaBar:** No, no. **Hannon:** Is there discussion now? **Ganoe:** This is strictly to add them to the AOV category. **Fellerman:** But do we have to do that? Can we make a motion to go to championship? **Ganoe:** We do. **Anger:** It’s a different proposal. **Ganoe:** We can, but there’s no motion to go to championship. **Fellerman:** Gotcha. **Hannon:** My understanding is, what we’ve voted on so far is that we will now register a ticked tabby, and if it produces an otherwise-acceptable championship color – it produces a classic or a mackerel – then they can show the offspring. That’s all we’ve approved so far. We’ve not said that those cats themselves can be shown, we’ve said that their offspring are eligible to be shown, if it’s an acceptable championship color. **Wilson:** Why did we add the ticked tabby pattern to the standard? **Ganoe:** Because they didn’t have a ticked tabby description. **Wilson:** Right, but we haven’t voted yet on showing them, one way or another. It’s backwards. **DelaBar:** That’s what we’re going to do now. **Hannon:** Assumedly, we’re going to vote to either show them as AOV or championship. **Wilson:** Right, and then I’m good with it, but it makes me crazy. **Hannon:** In either case, they need to have a standard. The motion on the floor is AOV, as opposed to championship. Pam in her orange shirt over there [referring to **Ganoe**] moved that they would be AOV. **Meeker:** No, the ballot said AOV. **Ganoe:** The ballot item that passed was AOV. **Hannon:** And that was your motion, right Pam? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Schreck:** Can I have a clarification? The motion is to accept them as AOV? **Ganoe:** Correct. **Anger:** Allowing ticked tabby Maine Coons to be shown as AOVs. **Hannon:** We’re just talking ticked. We’re not talking spotted yet, right? **Anger:** Correct. That was #7 and it did not pass. **Hannon:** Any further discussion? Seeing none, I will call for the motion. All those in favor of the ticked being shown as AOV.

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

IF ITEM # 2 SHOULD PASS

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

Current:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

Brown Tabby Color Class

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

BROWN PATCHED TABBY:

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

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

Red Tabby Color Class

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

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

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

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

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel): ...

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

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

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

...

Proposed:

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

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

Brown Tabby Color Class

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

Brown Patched Tabby Color Class

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

Silver Tabby Color Class

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

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

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

Red Tabby Color Class

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

All Other Tabby Colors Color Class

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

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

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

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

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

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Brown Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

Red Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

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

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

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

...

RATIONALE: When the Spotted Tabby pattern is accepted for registration, the standard will require a clear description of the requirements of a spotted tabby pattern for cats to be

registered as such. This is consistent in the Maine Coon Cat standard with the other tabby patterns currently accepted for registration.

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 45

NO: 38

ABSTAIN: 3

DelaBar: I do have a question here. Under #6, it says 60% of voting is 50. For item #6, there appears to be 51 votes, no 32 for the spotted tabby . It says, if 2 should pass, then #7.

Eigenhauser: I'm looking at #6 and it got 45 votes. **DelaBar:** Oh, I see. They put it at the bottom. We used to put it at the top. Never mind. **Anger:** And 3 abstains, which we don't count in the percentage.

No Action.

IF ITEMS #2 & 6 SHOULD PASS

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

Current:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

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

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Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV.....1798 1799

Proposed:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

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

AOV Colors

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

face and forehead shall be typically tabby markings. Underside of the body to have “vest buttons.” Legs and tail are barred.

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

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Maine Coon Color Class Numbers

...

AOV1798 1799
Spotted Tabby (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors); Spotted Tabby & White (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors)

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

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

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 83

60% of Voting: 50

YES: 43

NO: 40

ABSTAIN: 3

No Action.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE PASSES (1-7)

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

Current:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

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

Proposed:

Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class

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

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

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

YES: 52

NO: 32

ABSTAIN: 2

Hannon: Pam, your next motion? **DelaBar:** I'm looking down here to see the next one that passed. **Anger:** Not 6, not 7. We're on #8. **Hannon:** Shouldn't the next logical thing be spotted being shown as AOV? **Anger:** It didn't pass. **Eigenhauser:** That's not what they voted for. **Ganoe:** But it didn't pass. **Hannon:** So, we're going to register them, but they can't show them? **Ganoe:** Correct. **Eigenhauser:** And they are not in AOV. That's what we mean about the ballot was mucked up. **Ganoe:** Well, they will have to come back if they want to get them into AOV. **DelaBar:** We can ask that be put on the ballot. **Hannon:** What else? **DelaBar:** Change the OMCC color class description as follows: [reads]. **Hannon:** Do we understand that? **DelaBar:** That is the new one. **Ganoe:** They used to have ticked tabby pattern in there, as well, as part of

the hybridization. **Meeker:** How about spotted? **DelaBar:** No. Spotted was never listed. **Ganoe:** It was never in there. **Meeker:** I'll second.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

* * * **This concludes the tabled items.**

The remaining 2013 ballot items were dealt with in February 2014. * * *

Ganoe: I do not believe there were any other items on the Maine Coon ballot that we need to address. **Raymond:** #9 has a circle on it. **Anger:** We already took care of that in February. **DelaBar:** #9 was passed, on the patched, yeah. **Hannon:** Anybody want to make a motion to direct the breed council to poll this year on spotted as AOVs? So, right now we have allowed them to be registered. We have not allowed them to be AOVs. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** My suggestion is, the new incoming breed council secretary will deal with this. Let the breed council deal with a breed council issue. Nobody in the breed council has asked that be placed on the ballot, so I'm not understanding why we need to consider it. **DelaBar:** Yes, they did. **Eigenhauser:** They voted it down last year when it was on the ballot. **Wilson:** They didn't put it on the ballot last year. **Eigenhauser:** No, they did put it on the ballot last year and voted it down. **Wilson:** OK, so let them just do what their normal thing would be. They can figure it out. **Ganoe:** Right, I agree. **Schreck:** I was led to believe that the current breed council secretary refused to put anything on the ballot. **Hannon:** We're talking about last year. **Eigenhauser:** It was on last year and it failed. **Fellerman:** It's still the current breed council secretary until it is voted on in December. **Schreck:** I understand that, but I don't know what some people on the breed council may have requested on the ballot this year, because I understand the breed council secretary refused to put anything on the ballot, so maybe somebody asked to have the spotted put on the ballot and she refused. **Eigenhauser:** I'm not sure we should vote on maybe. **Wilson:** It's up to the breed council secretary. Having breed council members come and say, "oh, wah, we want this on the ballot," when we direct people to put something on the ballot, it's when there's a conflict with another ballot that affects it. Otherwise, we would have chaos.

Hannon: Anything else, Annette, for Breeds and Standards? **Wilson:** That's all we had.

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[from after Ambassador Report] **Wilson:** Mark, can we go back to Breeds and Standards? **Hannon:** I'm sorry. You had to say something. I forgot about that, yeah. **Wilson:** What we didn't do on the Maine Coons was vote on an effective date. If it had been passed in February, it would have been effective May 1st. Since we passed it now – **DelaBar:** Registration issues, though – on registrations, shouldn't that take place immediately and then the show stuff on 1 May 2015. **Wilson:** That's what I would like to see. **Eigenhauser:** I'm on the same page as Pam. However long it would take Central Office to gear up to do the registrations, that's how long they have. I would like to ask Central Office how long it will take to set up? **Ganoe:** It's going to be a new color class – not another color class, but another color number in the Maine Coon. **Wilson:** One for spotted and one for ticked. **Ganoe:** Two, actually. **Dobbins:** How long to get it into the system? **Ganoe:** It would probably take us a week or two. **Dobbins:** Could we have 3 weeks? **Meeker:** November 1st. **Hannon:** Would you be happy with a November 1st effective date for

registering the cats? **Meeker:** I have a question on those cats that took the time and spent the money to register in the CATS system, can we offer them a reduced rate to get registered in the regular system? **Hannon:** Do you want to answer that? **Wilson:** I would recommend that we just charge them the incremental difference. **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to move we make the registrations effective November 1 of this year. **Meeker:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Is a part of that motion the fee? **Eigenhauser:** That we will charge the incremental difference if they already registered the cat. **Meeker:** There was another part of that – something else May 1st. **Anger:** May 1st for AOV showing. **Hannon:** This is just for registration. Is there any discussion on this? We're only talking about the registration aspect, not the AOV aspect.

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

Hannon: Now, do you want to deal with the AOVs? **DelaBar:** That they are effective 1 May 2015. **Kallmeyer:** Next show season. **Hannon:** 2015, the new show season. Is there a second? **Meeker:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there discussion? **Eigenhauser:** I think that would be what would happen even if we didn't make the motion, so we might as well just do it to be sure. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

(25) AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: CFA Ambassador Program

To Mark Hannon, CFA President

From Project Team: Candilee Jackson, Pam DelaBar, Kathy Calhoun, Geri Fellerman

Date: October 2014

Background:

While the original “ASK ME” phrase was coined in the mid-1980s, the original Ambassador program began as an idea from Eric Won during one of the Mentor Program meetings, a program sponsored by Hartz Mountain in the 1990s. Members of that committee included Patty Jacobberger (chair), Willa Hawke, Susan Cook-Henry, Mandy Wooldridge, Marva Marrow, Mary Sietsma and Eric Won. Art Graafmans was invited to join the team after losing Patty, Susan and Eric, and eventually Jodell Raymond and Karen Lane were invited to join the Ambassador core group. Roeann Fulkerson was hired as corporate liaison for CFA, and IAMS came onboard as sponsor. It was at this time the Ambassador program was split from the Mentor Program. With Willa Hawke as program chair, Jodell Raymond as team leader, and a core committee for 4-5 members, this group was responsible for recruiting CFA members from all regions who would educate spectators with the workings of the show environs and answer questions as they arose.

To complete this study, our team did the following:

- 1. investigated the current status of the program to ascertain viability in the show hall*
- 2. took inventory of the types of questions and concerns encountered by Ambassadors in the show*
- 3. reviewed possible solutions to situations and problems which arose during a typical show*
- 4. discussed and studied possible needs to better help visitors to CFA shows*

Summary/Overview:

- 1. The basic purpose of the Ambassador Program is to educate the public.*
- 2. The general public needs this program*
 - a. to understand what CFA is and what it stands for*
 - b. to gain basic knowledge of what a CFA show consists of*
 - c. to learn breed behaviors to make educated decisions regarding the adoption of a cat that meets the needs of an individual’s family*
 - d. to become aware of appropriate grooming and feeding of a pedigreed cat*
 - e. to understand the reasons why CFA does not allow declawing of felines*

- f. *to counsel grieving cat owners who have lost a pet*
 - g. *to promote wellness in all felines, pedigreed cats and household pets*
 - h. *to assist in the education of young people*
 - i. *to encourage household pet owners to become involved in CFA through the show process*
 - j. *to allow up close and personal access to show cats*
3. *The typical CFA exhibitor needs this program*
- a. *to continue personal education in feline behaviors*
 - b. *to further personal education in all the breeds recognized by CFA*
 - c. *to understand why CFA does not recognize certain breeds*
 - d. *to broaden self-awareness regarding the needs of others*
 - e. *to have a personal “say” in CFA*
4. *CFA needs this program because:*
- a. *the Ambassador Program is an “on the ground,” “spot on” marketing tool like no other*
 - b. *exhibitors relate to the spectators in a way brochures and signs cannot through compassionate, empathetic human interaction*
 - c. *immediate visibility of where to go for help and of whom to ask questions*
5. *Benefits of this program are*
- a. *numerous Ambassador exhibitors at a single show can touch many spectators*
 - b. *CFA is given a totally human face*
 - c. *positive marketing with recognizable tools (i.e.- welcome center, brochures, ASK ME stickers)*
 - d. *encouragement of new exhibitors*
 - e. *assisting prospective pet parents select the right breed for his/her own needs*
 - f. *immediate education (feeding, grooming, declawing, etc.)*

Personnel:

Committee: *Candilee Jackson, Pam DelaBar, Kathy Calhoun and Geri Fellerman*

Rationale to add two members to this committee: Art Graafmans, Ken Cribbs

- a. *Art Graafmans has a strong work ethic and devotion to this program, and his technology abilities are far-reaching and innovative*
- b. *Ken Cribbs represents the Hawaii Division of Region 5, whose area has special needs different from other CFA regions. His input and ongoing Ambassador work is vital to the continuance of CFA in this area.*

Regional Coordinators:

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Work & Management Plan:

The following areas should be addressed in the revitalization of the Ambassador Program

1. *redevelopment of an Ambassador handbook*
2. *re-creation of the Ask Me logo minus a sponsorship logo inclusion*
3. *creation of banners (preferably vinyl as opposed to “window blind” canister banners)*
4. *creation of an online training module, complete with a short quiz and completion certificate for ALL Ambassadors*
 - a. *Introduction to CFA*
 - b. *General cat education*
 - c. *Declawing*
 - d. *Why CFA doesn’t recognize certain breeds*
 - e. *Top 10 breed knowledge*
 - f. *What’s going on the judging rings*

- g. Pet Me cats*
 - h. Ambassador Cats*
 - i. Grief Counseling*
- 5. *revamping of the Pet Me Cat component (including allowing these cats in competition if owners are in agreement; registration of same)*
- 6. *creation of a record-keeping device for Ambassador use in the show hall*
- 7. *creation of an Ambassador newsletter to share successes, failures, innovative ideas and support*
- 8. *development of an online “ENTRY” form for Pet Me Cats NOT in competition to facilitate entry clerk issues and benching*

Job Descriptions

Regional Coordinator

REPORTS TO: CFA Ambassador Project Team Leader.

SUMMARY OF POSITION/OBJECTIVE

*Each CFA Region will have at least one Regional Coordinator (RC) who will work along with the Ambassador Project Team Leader (APTL), the **Ambassador Program Chair**, and all other Ambassadors in the CFA Ambassador Program.*

OVERVIEW

The RC serves as a volunteer exhibitor liaison within the region. The RC is responsible for coordinating show activities of all Ambassadors within his/her respective region and keeping up-to-date records of Ambassadors within the region.

RECORD-KEEPING

The APTL will provide each (RC) with newly signed Ambassadors so that he/she can officially welcome them to the program. The APTL provides a brief welcome message to the newly signed Ambassador, copies the respective RC in the email message, and directs the new Ambassador to their RC for further information.

The RC will keep an up-to-date Excel spreadsheet or hard copy list of contract information for active Ambassadors within his/her respective region. An Ambassador is considered “Active” until he/she notifies the RC by phone, in-person, or through email communication.

The RC should be in at a minimum of a one time per month contact, and on an as- needed basis, with the APTL to be sure records are kept up-to-date and shows within his/her respective region are covered.

In the event that the Regional Coordinator cannot attend a show in his/her respective region, he/she can appoint at least one Ambassador that will serve as point person for that show. Appointing someone is helpful if the Ambassador RC is not showing on a given weekend and is helpful in regions that have large geographic areas, and/or have more than one show scheduled per weekend.

COMMUNICATION

The RC can set up a CFA Yahoo Regional Email Group List with all of the Ambassadors in his/her region so that he/she can easily contact the entire group of Regional Ambassadors through Email. This communication method is helpful in gathering information and identifying who will be attending upcoming shows. The list also serves to keep momentum going, as an additional discussion and education channel, and as a feedback mechanism for identifying relevant issues. Regional Ambassadors Email Group List should be used along with--rather in lieu of-- CFA Ambassadors Yahoo Email Group List for all on-line communications. The RC will make sure that the new Ambassador is on the Regional Email Group List for his/her region and/or the CFA Ambassador Yahoo Email Group List. .

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AmbassadorsOfCFA/>

COMMUNICATION, SHOW COORDINATION AND LIAISON

The RC will make Email or phone contact with any new Ambassadors to welcome them and keep them up to date on all Ambassador Issues such as web site info, email group lists, and show scheduling.

*The Regional Coordinator must provide a quality reporting of events to the **Ambassador Program Chair**, the **ACTL** following the shows and initiate advance coordination and contact with the various show committees to ensure smooth operation.*

The RC can check with all Ambassadors through the CFA Yahoo Email Group List, the CFA Yahoo Regional Email Group List, or in person at shows, to make sure that each show in region has Ambassadors present.

REPORTING

The RC will send a report by email to the Ambassador Program Chair and the Ambassador Team Leader with a show report that includes estimates of spectator attendance, Ambassador Presence and any other relevant information following each show.

Ambassador

REPORTS TO: CFA Regional Coordinator

SUMMARY OF POSITION/OBJECTIVE:

1. *To interact with spectators as an outreach of CFA; to be “The Face of CFA”*

2. *To educate spectators on basic cat grooming and care*
3. *To educate regarding declawing*
4. *To explain what is happening within the show hall (judge's rings activities, vendor's shopping mall)*
5. *To listen to the concerns of the visiting public regarding types of breeds, earning of scout merit badges, and the purpose of both Pet Me Cats and Ambassador Cats*
6. *To counsel the grieving*
7. *To guide potential pet parents to adoptive cats within the show hall and to make positive choices as to the correct breed for an individual's life style and family situation*

RECORD KEEPING and REPORTING:

1. *To maintain a check-off sheet spectator interaction within the above mentioned categories*
2. *To submit check-off sheet to the regional coordinator via email at the end of each show*
3. *To take pictures of Pet Me Cats, Ambassador Cats, and Ambassadors "in action" whenever possible*
4. *Share with regional coordinator successes, failures and innovative ideas for an Ambassador newsletter*

Budget:

*Once our project is approved and funded, we will be able to operate on the following budget:**

** "The committee will be actively seeking sponsorship once the program is accepted by the CFA Board of Directors. However, in order to launch the (approved) program, we are asking for an initial budget of \$6000 for development of the online course and updated printed ambassador materials."*

CFA Breed brochures ("What's Happening") 5000 approx \$400 (Smart Levels Printing)
Ambassadors banners (vinyl)
CFA Ambassador stickers
CFA Ambassador pins
Pet Me Cat pennants
Ambassador handbooks
Online training video and certificate of completion
Welcome booth centerpiece (i.e.- a tri-fold project device)
Brochures other than breed (i.e.- safety regarding cats and plants; Winn foundation)
Free benching space for Pet Me Cats

Our target audience will be

1. *Spectators (including- scouts, elderly, special needs citizens, grieving cat owners, and potential pet parents of both pedigreed and adopted non-pedigreed cats)*
2. *CFA general exhibitor populations*
3. *CFA Newbies*
4. *Potential exhibitors (youth, household pet owners)*

Conclusion:

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

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 few, precious 2-3 minutes which can make all the difference to those who come to the show hall for the very first time.

The Ambassadors can be an incredible outreach program which 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 de-bunk cat myths; we, through our cats, touch lives that don't even realize they need touching. These are attributes that will make CFA better, bigger and stronger.

Please contact us when you have had time to consider this proposal. We can then discuss the details and make plans. We look forward to your prompt response.

Hannon: We're up to the Ambassador Program, which is Ms. DelaBar. **DelaBar:** OK, you have the proposed program. This is, as I said, the initial offering, since our August meeting. We have not gone further. We have Art Graafmans checking out the cost of printing new materials and he will be coming back to us on this. One of the major changes is, we're coming up with an online course for the ambassadors to take. **Hannon:** You're going to do a newsletter too, right? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** That's something I would encourage a lot of the programs to do is, come up with newsletters for your programs, like the Judging Program, the Clerking Program, what have you. **DelaBar:** It will be on the monthly CFA newsletter that comes out, the Ambassador Update. It's still alive and well. They are still doing it in Russia. Last weekend in Hong Kong, Phebe Low had everything up. We want people to be trained before they put on that Ambassador pin. You're going to get people coming into the show hall that recently lost a cat. They have to have somebody to talk to. You have to say the right things. There is a list of subjects that we're going to be addressing in an online course. Basically, the money that we're asking for is to be able to come up with our initial stock on the buttons and graphics, and to get started on our online web course. If there are any other questions, I can field those.

Mastin: The request is \$6,000, right? **DelaBar:** Yes, and we're going to try to find other sponsorship. **Mastin:** My question is, why is it \$6,000 and not \$1,000? Or, why isn't it \$10,000? **DelaBar:** Because we know that realistically it's going to cost more to print out the new materials, and it's going to cost us a bit to develop the online course. **Mastin:** Is this an ongoing annual expense of \$6,000, or is this a start-up cost of \$6,000? **DelaBar:** This is our initial start-up. **Mastin:** OK. That would be helpful for Barb and the Finance Committee to understand. **Schreck:** I'm voting no. Nothing personal. **Mastin:** She is real tight with the money. **DelaBar:** She's no worse than Kathy was. **Calhoun:** I heard my name. **Ganoe:** They are talking about treasurers. **Hannon:** And how quick they are to say no to spending money. **Calhoun:** Oh yes. I have a question. **Hannon:** Are you through, Rich? **Mastin:** Just to get back to the expenses – so, the start-up is \$6,000. Where does it go in year 2? Where does it go in year 3? So, we have an understanding to keep the program going long-term, rather than short-term, so we can build it into our future budgets. **DelaBar:** The last budget that this group had was supposed to get like \$6,300. I don't know what happened with that money. I haven't been on the board for 4 years, so I don't know the history of how that was massaged out. Even though it's stated in here, we will not be paying for anybody's transportation or lodging or anything like that. We have already people lined up to work on the World Show, to help with our spectators wanting to go through in a guided tour of the show and things like that. We've got that set up, if the program is approved, if you let us have it. My main thing is that we don't have Ambassador Cats at all the shows. We hope we will get an Ambassador cat in Europe, but that's one cat in a huge continent. We want to be able to cover and promote CFA more at the ground level. In fact, I couldn't help myself, from the October 1986 board meeting: *Ms. DelaBar suggested another good vehicle for publicity was spectator orientation to be given at each show. At that time, we were thinking about a judge. Also under consideration was the Ask Me button system designed to promote a friendly atmosphere not always seen at CFA shows, where spectators who had questions could get those questions answered and hopefully develop a greater interest in cats in general, and CFA in particular.* **Mastin:** OK. The back-up plan for the individuals who are signing up to be Ambassadors, what if they decide to say, "I can't afford to go to shows anymore so I don't want to do it." Is there a way we can promote it through the clubs hosting shows, to get buy-in from them? **DelaBar:** Of course. We hadn't gone as far as to – we went out, we have asked twice now. We have changed some of our regional coordinators. Mariane [Toth] is the one for this region. Everybody that's on the list has either said yes or has not said no. The list is in the report. **Anger:** My question is on the budget. It starts off with the breed brochures, approximately \$400 and that's where the itemization ends. In order to be approved, our budgets generally have line items for each request, and then the total. To me, just guessing here, your big ticket item is your online training video. How many members of the Ambassador Committee are there projected to be, who will take this online course? **DelaBar:** Everybody who expects to be an Ambassador. I don't have a firm number for you, Rachel. We have had essentially a month to come up with a new program and I wasn't going to do any more work unless this was going to be approved. **Anger:** I love the program and I love the concept. I just have a hard time approving an online training video, when Joan Miller had trouble funding videos for the website when she was working on the CFA promotional MonkeySee series of "how to" videos, which would have had a much wider and more direct impact. **DelaBar:** Let me say one thing; this does not have to be a video. This could be just like our breed things that you go through questions and answers. You go through, you take it, you get the – **Anger:** Like ClassMarker? **DelaBar:** Yeah, not a video. **Anger:** OK. If

it's \$4,000 for a video, then I'm not in support of it, no. **Wilson:** That was my comment. It doesn't have to be a video. It's much cheaper to just produce a presentation. **DelaBar:** Correct. **Wilson:** So, does that reduce the cost? **DelaBar:** No. **Wilson:** I thought you said the video was the biggest cost item. **Hannon:** She said that. **Anger:** I did. **Hannon:** She was making a guess. I think her big cost is going to be replacing those signs. **DelaBar:** We're not going to do those signs. **Hannon:** But you're going to do something. **DelaBar:** We're going to have tri-folds – the brochures. New buttons – the ones that stick. If they stick, they stick too well or they don't stick at all. It's going to be a renewal and redesign. **Mastin:** What if you only get part of this, for this year? Will you still proceed? **DelaBar:** Of course we will still proceed. We're going to start with the online training, and then we'll see what we can get printed, but we do need some printed matter. It doesn't need to be a magic marker on a piece of cardboard. We want to represent CFA in the most professional manner possible. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to make a comment. When Dick was doing his presentation earlier, he noted that for CFA, our primary source of income is registration. For clubs, it's shows. This is one of these things that crosses over, because the Ambassador is a gateway to make spectators happy, give them things to do at the show, to let them ask a question about a kitty without getting their head bit off, and at the same time, these are the exhibitors of the future. These are the people who are going to be registering cats somewhere down the road. If we're not good to them at shows, they are never coming back. I wish everybody was an ambassador in CFA. I wish they could walk up to anybody in the show hall and get a positive response from somebody that was knowledgeable and willing to commit time. I wish a lot of things, but they are never going to happen. So, I consider this program one of the most important programs CFA has. Given how much we're asking this committee to do, to be so many things to so many people – they are supposed to be a gateway for spectators, they are supposed to be a gateway for new exhibitors, they are supposed to help out the shows by having something for people to do and to interact at the shows – we are asking a lot. \$6,000 is not a lot of money.

Ganoe: I have a question about that money. Does our current budget afford this flexibility? Because I don't think we had it in there initially. **Mastin:** It's not in the current budget. **Ganoe:** Where would the money come from, then? **Mastin:** We have money in the accounts. We can afford it; however, it's not in the budget. There are other things that have been approved so far in this first 4 months of the year that were not in the budget. When the initial budget came out – and Barb, you can help me – when we revised it with the new board, there wasn't much of a positive cash flow when we finished. At the present time, we're looking at break-even, possibly negative cash flow for all the new board members that are here and the past board members. We want to run the business, hopefully in a positive manner. We've gone the last 5 years – Pam, your last year and the last 4 years – with positive cash flow. We would like to keep that trend. We don't need to make \$100,000 every year, but we also don't want to lose \$20,000, \$30,000 or \$40,000. Every time a committee comes to us and asks for \$2,000 or \$4,000 or \$5,000, it adds up. An unexpected HVAC unit not in the budget – we had building repairs in the budget, small repairs and maintenance allowance, it's going to be capitalized so we're depreciating it – but these things come up. We've got to be protective of our cash flow going forward. That's why I asked on the budget. That's all. **DelaBar:** Very seriously, if we can find a sponsor to cover that, then I would be happy. I can guarantee you this won't buy you an elevator,

but it might get you a lot more registrations and show entries. **Mastin:** Right, and that's the purpose of it.

Mastin: You may not even get to \$6,000 expense in the next 6 months. It may carry over into the new year. **DelaBar:** Correct, because we're starting from scratch. **Meeker:** Is there nothing from the old program that's useable? **DelaBar:** The fold-up things and the signs that came up on the little stands, those are breaking down. **Hannon:** They need to be replaced. **DelaBar:** They need to go, because they're in very bad shape. **Anger:** So, the budget item request, does it include the previously existing line item that was approved earlier? **Hannon:** Her question was, are you asking for \$6,000 additional dollars, since we already had approved, I believe it was \$1,250? **DelaBar:** I'm talking a total of \$6,000. **Hannon:** So, she's asking for less than \$6,000 additional. **DelaBar:** I wasn't part of that budget process. **Hannon:** To answer one of your earlier questions, the request that came in from the previous chairman, she allocated \$3,000 of that for expenses to attend the Annual and the World Show, and we did not approve that \$3,000. That's one of the reasons it came in lower than what was requested. **Schreck:** I just wonder how you are coming up with the \$6,000. I see the one line item says about \$400, but as has been previously noted, the other items aren't listed out by category. Is the \$6,000 just an estimate? **DelaBar:** It's called a SWAG. **Schreck:** It's a guess. **DelaBar:** It's a Scientific Wild Ass Guess, yes. **Schreck:** Thank you. Now I know that you understand accounting. **DelaBar:** Seriously, we tried to go based upon old estimates on printing. I know Art is going to try to get us the best possible. The development of the online course we know will take some money, and hopefully we will get some space so we can be a link from the CFA website for people to take this. We want to get the training up front and then also to get after-action reports from people and from the clubs, to find out what did you run up against or are there things that you could not handle? Are there things that we need to work on, to get to the public better when they come to our shows. One of the things we can advertise is, we have somebody on hand to answer your questions, to show you through the show hall. **Hannon:** Do you have a motion? **DelaBar:** Standing motion for approval of the Ambassador Program. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Schreck:** I would like to make it clear that this is not in addition to what's already in the budget, but is a total amount. **DelaBar:** Correct. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments? Are we ready to vote? **Mastin:** Why don't you make it clear what we're voting on. **DelaBar:** We're voting to accept the Ambassador Program with a total budget of \$6,000. **Hannon:** Some which was already in an approved budget and some of which would be in addition to.

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

DelaBar: Thank you. **Hannon:** Are you through with your report? **DelaBar:** Yes, sir.

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. continued the meeting on Sunday, October 5, 2014, in the Board Room of the CFA Central Office, 2nd floor, 260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EDT with the following members present after a roll call:

Mr. Mark Hannon (President)
Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Vice President)
Barbara J. Schreck, J.D., C.P.A. (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Mrs. Geri Fellerman (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Steve McCullough, D.C. (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Ms. Lisa Marie Kuta (SWR Director)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)
Mrs. Jean Dugger (SOR Director)
Mr. Edward Maeda (Japan Regional Director)
Mrs. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Dennis Ganoe (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also present were: Teresa Barry, Executive Director; Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel; Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services; Jodell Raymond, Communications/Special Events; Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter; and Brian Buetel of Central Office.

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

(26) **IT COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Dennis Ganoë
List of Committee Members: Richard Kallmeyer, James Simbro, Ginger Meeker, Tim Schreck, Kathy Durdick

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We continue to improve the Administrative side of the new computer system. There have been outages (interruptions) in daily process which have adversely affected our response time but an additional staff member was hired to assist catching up the backlog.

Currently we are processing all eCat submissions within 2 days of receipt (Sept 21 and later)

Submissions via the old web forms are processed through August 29.

Hard copy submissions are processed through August 6.

Hannon: Are we ready for the IT report? The hot seat is over there with the orange shirt.
Ganoë: Any questions? [laughter] We know what the problems are. We're working on resolving them. Verna, correct me if I'm wrong, but we're up to September 30th for eCat? **Dobbins:** Yes.
Ganoë: September what for – **Dobbins:** September 28th for the secure.cfa forms, and where were we on manual? **Dobbins:** August 6th. **Ganoë:** August 6th. I'm going to prevail upon someone else to explain why it's August 6th. **Barry:** The date of August 7th was selected to start scanning everything in. Our scanning system wasn't completely set up, and it did not get completely set up until last week, so they weren't able to start anything that had been scanned in. **Hannon:** They could scan the material but they couldn't access it. **Barry:** Exactly. **Ganoë:** We have taken steps to address that shortcoming. **Hannon:** It has been taken care of, right? **Barry:** Yes. **Hannon:** So, now they can access what they scan. **Barry:** Yes. They started last Tuesday. **Ganoë:** The one thing I would ask the Central Office staff to do is, find out if there's a way we can see, does the scanning speed up their process at all. Are they able to go faster? **Dobbins:** We can start timing. **Ganoë:** That would be very helpful to know how much that scanning system helps your process.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are working with our software provider to complete the requirements of the original contract for service. This involves identifying all features, functions and reports that fail to meet our requirements as defined in the contract.

Ganoë: We are working diligently to fulfill the second contract with CompuTan. There are two modules that were deemed of lesser importance that still need to be delivered, and we have the hosting aspects and other things that we're taking under advisement on what we're going to do.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will follow up with Computan to complete all requirements of the original contract.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

We plan on completing the original Computan contract within the next 90 days.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Progress on completing the original software contract with Computan and plans for the future of the IT system.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Ganoë, Chair*

Ganoë: Now, any questions? **Moser:** I was just wondering, I have a person in my region who said she ordered, I think, a pedigree. **Ganoë:** A certified pedigree? **Moser:** Yes. She said she paid and she hasn't seen it for months. **Hannon:** You want to turn to the left [towards the Central Office table] to ask that question. **Moser:** OK. What do I do? Do I have her call you? **Dobbins:** She can email me and let me know. One thing is, if it was paid for online through secure.cfa it goes into the same process as snail mail. **Hannon:** Two different departments get involved. There's a department that processes payments, and that's not the registration department. People have a misunderstanding that the day we process their payment is the day we do their registration work, and how come you processed my payment back in August and I'm still sitting around waiting on the work? It's because two different departments work on it. **Moser:** OK, that's fine. **Kuta:** Do you find that registrations that are snail mailed in are more complicated or more issues? **Hannon:** For one thing, there's a handwriting issue. **Dobbins:** Handwriting. Missing information. Sometimes lack of payment or short payment, or we go back to declined payments. We have a lot more interaction with that type. **Kuta:** You have confirmed my suspicions. **Hannon:** There must be more questions to deal with this issue. **DelaBar:** Are all registrations now sent out via email? **Dobbins:** If it's done by eCat or secure.cfa, yes. **Hannon:** If it came in by email, it goes back by email. Now, what if it comes in by snail mail and they check the box that they want it by email? **Dobbins:** If it comes in by snail mail and they check that box, we send it by email. **Hannon:** If they send it in by snail mail and they don't check the box, it goes back to them by snail mail? **Dobbins:** Snail mail. **Hannon:** Do you want to address that? I'm looking at management. That was not the instructions we gave the staff in March, right? We told them if it could go out by snail mail, send it out by snail mail. **Meeker:** But if the customer didn't request it by email and provide an email address, I don't expect our staff to go looking for an email address in another part of the system. The customer has to be responsible for some of this. What had been happening is, there was the edict that if it came in hard mail it had to go out hard mail. **Hannon:** That was a Manasquan policy that they shared with the staff here. **Meeker:**

Right, and that was being implemented even if the customer asked for an email return. That's been resolved. **Hannon:** Which you know from personal experience? **Meeker:** I do know from personal experience, and it has been resolved. **Dobbins:** The only problem that we are having is, because with eCats and everything that we're emailing, we're getting a lot of irate customers saying, "I don't want the email, I want the hard copy." One thing that might help is if we could convey to everyone that an email certificate is a valid document and it's not something that's not legal – it is. That registration is just as legal as the hard copy they're going to get. **Hannon:** But your typical customer is not a teeny bopper who is sitting at the computer all day, right? Your typical customer is not necessarily computer savvy. **Dobbins:** Right.

Meeker: I think we've got two issues here. There are some folks in Europe and in the International Division where the actual hard copy document has more value than the email document, and China is one of our biggest email supporters and users, so we have to figure out a way to get hard documents to Europe and China if they are requested, because in their culture they are seen as more valuable. **Hannon:** If it's going to cost us more to process that, then should we not pass that along to the customer? **Meeker:** There should be a charge for that, absolutely. **Hannon:** Your committee is going to deal with the Central Office and work something out on that? **Meeker:** We are. **Hannon:** Good. **Kallmeyer:** Are you still receiving super packs from China? **Dobbins:** Yes, we are. **Kallmeyer:** With 100 or more items in there? **Dobbins:** About 3 weeks ago, we received 26 litters and 104 cats in one pack. **Kallmeyer:** Was all the information there? **Meeker:** That was one transaction, right? **Dobbins:** That was one transaction. **Kallmeyer:** That was actually multiple owners. **Dobbins:** Multiple owners, but it all goes back to the same person. **Hannon:** One person helped them process it. **Meeker:** And it's one transaction number, so it looks like it should have been something pretty simple and it's a couple hundred items.

DelaBar: How about the orders on certified pedigrees? That is one of the biggies in Europe, is getting that certified pedigree. Donna Jean can tell you later about the gyrations we had to go through on certified pedigrees that I ordered, that supposedly got sent out and sent out. They never reached Finland. Finally, Donna Jean hand carried it over to Amsterdam for me to pick up. How are those going? **Hannon:** We're going to contract with Donna Jean to carry these things. [laughter] **Dobbins:** Overseas, if they provide an email address, we are scanning them and emailing them first, and then we are sending them out snail mail. We're trying to get the hard copy there, but we're also scanning it. **DelaBar:** But, you know if they want to register in another association – and just to be aware, because this is possibly going to affect some stuff I bring up at another board meeting – but for many of the people, we've got a ready-made market to try to get registrations from the other organizations that are already present in Europe. Some of them are mainstream, some of them are very large, independent associations, especially in Germany and The Netherlands. For these people that we want to come over, they also have to be members of a club that belongs to those associations. They need the hard copy pedigrees. The scanned, emailed pedigrees, they're not official. They need that hard copy. **Hannon:** Are we wasting our time scanning them and sending them by email? They can't use them for anything. **DelaBar:** As far as I know, they cannot use them. **Hannon:** Your recommendation is to not even bother doing that? **DelaBar:** If the customer wants it, then I would give it to them but if they don't want it – they want the hard copy certified pedigree – then that's what they need. **Kallmeyer:** Is there an opportunity that we could use a contractor in Europe, you could send it electronically to them to

print for quicker delivery? So, it would be a certified pedigree. **Hannon:** Could the contractor perhaps be one of our current contractors? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, possibly one of our current contractors. If she had a decent printer, she could print those for delivery there and it might speed up the process. **Dobbins:** Would we scan it to her and she would print it out? **Kallmeyer:** However your computer generates it now, just have it print on that printer locally for delivery. **Kuta:** Could you set up her printer as a network printer and send the print job to her house? **Ganoe:** No, not over there. Not on the network. What we would have to do is have her printer connected to her machine, and have her machine connected to our network. **DelaBar:** Can we get it on paper where the CFA logo is correct and not on its side? **Dobbins:** That's being addressed. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Meeker:** One of the problems with mailing to Europe and China that we've been working with, with IT, is our printer field is only 35 characters per line. If your address is longer than 35 characters on that line, you don't get a full address printed on the paper that goes into the envelope that the postman reads, so it can never be delivered. **DelaBar:** That's why I didn't get my pedigrees. **Meeker:** This is why. There's lots of departments involved. We've got to get a printer expansion in the address field that will print more than 35 characters. **Ganoe:** Or an automatic font decrease. **Meeker:** Or people understanding that addresses in Europe and China don't take the normal format that they do in the United States. So, we have some cultural things and we have some IT things which all have to be brought together. **Mastin:** My question is, do all the certificates have the updated logo with the proper registration marks? **Hannon:** That's the R with the circle for Rich? **Ganoe:** What's the question? **Mastin:** The logo on all the certificates. **Hannon:** They should have the registration mark. **Mastin:** Does it exist? **Dobbins:** Yes. **Mastin:** On all certificates? **Dobbins:** On the new system certificates, yes. We're not using any of the old ones. **Hannon:** So that would be a yes. **Mastin:** How about the words *The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.* Does that also have the R mark at the end? **Dobbins:** I don't know, but I will go grab one and look. **Hannon:** Don't leave yet. Nice try.

Mastin: I do have another question on the August 6th date for snail mail. Where do we see that date progressing to, and by when? A week from now, will it only be a week later, or are we going to catch up one day or two days? **Dobbins:** We're hoping to be able to do two days at a time. **Mastin:** Two days per day? **Dobbins:** Two days per day. **Mastin:** Is that realistic? **Dobbins:** That's realistic, provided we have no other issues. No outages, no down time. **Mastin:** Do we have the manpower to produce two days at a time? **Dobbins:** Right now, we do have the manpower. **Mastin:** Great. **Hannon:** All this is going in the minutes and all our customers are going to be reading this. They're going to call you and say, "According to the minutes, you said ...".

Schreck: I would be real interested to hear about the study as to whether the scanning is faster, or whether the fact that there's a two-step process now – one, it has to be scanned, and then you still have to enter it – where the old way you just looked at the paper and entered it. So, I would be real interested to know what the result of that study is. **Hannon:** See, aren't you glad you didn't leave? **Dobbins:** The scanning process is done before it even hits the registration department. **Hannon:** That's done by the assistant bookkeeper? **Dobbins:** It's done by the assistant bookkeeper, so it's done at the time when we take the money. By the time the girls get there, it's sitting there waiting for them. **Hannon:** Girls? **Ganoe:** We're not allowed to say that. **Hannon:** But she is? **Ganoe:** She can. **Dobbins:** The staff of CFA. **Ganoe:** Barb's question goes

to the reason we have the scanning system. One of the reasons we went to a scanning system and scanned it in directly is, we were losing paperwork. It would sit on somebody's desk or fall behind the desk. Now, with the scanning system and the proper software, it sits on their screen and the other part of it is, if someone else gets a call saying, "I want to know where my registration is," they can go to the scanning system and find it. They don't have to go looking on somebody's desk. **Mastin:** Are we backing that up here, or is CompuTan backing that information up? **Dobbins:** It's backed up in the cloud. It has nothing to do with CompuTan. **Hannon:** It might work then. What else? Come on, this is the biggie. You've got to have more questions for Dennis than that. When you go back home, they're going to ask questions. **Mastin:** Dennis, you made a comment about hosting. **Ganoe:** I'll tell you after. **Hannon:** Don't you already know about that? **Mastin:** Everybody else doesn't. **Hannon:** He doesn't want everyone else to know. **Schreck:** I want to know for sure now. **Mastin:** He made the comment about the two different contracts. One was hosting. **Hannon:** The first one was the website. **Ganoe:** Yes, the first one was the website. **Hannon:** The second one is the new computer system. **Schreck:** Are we able to produce under the new system the certified pedigrees, the reverse pedigrees, the cattery reports, etc.? **Ganoe:** Not yet. **Hannon:** Is that planned for – **Ganoe:** That is part of the completion of the system contract. The next obvious question is when. I can't tell you. I don't know. **Hannon:** Soon, right? **Ganoe:** Soon. Or, as your parents would say, later. **Schreck:** So, how are we getting certified pedigrees to folks? **Ganoe:** A lot of manual work. **Dobbins:** There's a lot of manual time. **Schreck:** Is it done off the old system? **Dobbins:** What we have to research, we're pulling old records, we're doing part of the HP and part of the new. **Hannon:** Anything more recent is not on the HP, because we stopped inputting. **Schreck:** I knew that. I was just wanting to see – **Hannon:** You were testing her. **Schreck:** Yeah, I was. **Hannon:** And you passed.

Wilson: I'm not sure how IT related this is, but I think it is, and that's the Pet Healthcare Plan. People have been trying to – **Ganoe:** I'm personally involved in that one, because I've been trying as well. What happened in April when we went off the HP is, we had a job on the HP that created a file that was automatically sent to the insurance company. That didn't get transferred over to the new system. We found out about it and started producing the file. I don't know if we're back to doing it weekly or monthly. We do it on demand right. **Dobbins:** Right now, we're doing it on demand. **Wilson:** What does that mean, "on demand"? **Ganoe:** It means we get them to produce it for us – "they" being CompuTan – and we send it manually to the insurance company. **Wilson:** It used to be, as soon as you got your registration, the next day you could activate your 60 day free trial. **Ganoe:** Correct. **Wilson:** But if it's only going once a month? **Ganoe:** We're going to try to get that up to at least weekly, because it never went more often than weekly anyway. **Dobbins:** It went daily. **Ganoe:** It went daily? So, we'll get it up to daily. **Hannon:** Was that not part of the contract? **Ganoe:** It was not. The one problem I have and that I found in researching this is, our insurance company doesn't cover California or New York. **DelaBar:** Or Europe or Japan.

An executive session discussion was then had regarding contractual issues.

(27) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Mary Kolencik
Liaison to Board: Mark Hannon
List of Committee Members: Linda Peterson, David Raynor

Current Happenings of Committee:

The awards committee is currently working on three issues –changes to the Cattery of Distinction criteria, improvements to the National Awards trophies, and HHP scoring and titles.

Hannon: We welcome our Committee Chair for the Awards Committee, Mary Kolencik. You're on deck, go. **Kolencik:** Good afternoon. **Schreck:** Good morning. **Kolencik:** I've been up since 6:00. **Hannon:** So, she got off to a good start. Write that down. **Kolencik:** It's been a busy time for the Awards Committee. We have three items to bring to your attention.

Clarification of Cattery of Distinction Rules

The Cattery of Distinction (COD) titles awarded in 2014 were based on this definition: "The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge Catteries that have reached certain thresholds of Grands produced. The number of Grands will be based on the registered cattery name, not individual breeders." Grands and DMs were counted only for their prefix cattery.

Two questions have come up about these awards. First, a co-breeder of a cat that was registered under the prefix cattery name of the other co-breeder would like the cat to count for her COD as well. Second, the owners of a DM who did not breed the DM but bred the qualifying offspring have asked to count the DM toward their COD title. In both of these instances, the same cat would count for two different catteries. It is only a matter of time before people ask that all co-breeders/co-owners of a DM be able to count the DM for their catteries, and that all of the co-owners/co-breeders of a grand get to count the grand for their COD titles, so we are including these situations as well.

Any changes to the criteria for the award mean those already presented would have to be recalculated. Many (perhaps most) CODs already awarded would change moving up through the tiers because of their increased counts, and more catteries would acquire the Superior title. Catteries that did not qualify the first time would now qualify. Central Office (CO) would have to recalculate the 1700+ COD awards and issue or re-issue many certificates and plaques. Also, if co-breeders and co-owners are used as the measure to count grands and DMs, names can easily be added to cats to allow multiple catteries to more easily achieve this award.

It will be difficult for (CO) to determine the catteries of all of the co-breeders/co-owners of a cat. Questions will arise concerning cats that changed ownership and CO will have to determine which owners get to count the cat. People have found pet homes for many of their retired cats, sometimes before the final qualifying offspring qualifies a DM. Those DMs may have new owners and how will CO determine which owner gets credit.

The board must consider the additional complexity facing CO if co-breeders and co-owners can count the same grand or DM for their COD title along with the prefix cattery. Resolving mistakes and other issues will be a time consuming process. The best approach for Central Office is the current definition where only the prefix cattery can count a grand or DM. If the board does decide to allow co-breeders and co-owners to count grands and DMs, the board should revisit the criteria for each level since the award would be much easier to achieve.

Kolencik: The first is the Cattery of Distinction title. As all of you know, this was a new title first given out at the end of the past season. Over 1,700 catteries received the title. To figure out which grands and DMs counted for each cattery, the board gave the following definition: *“The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge Catteries that have reached certain thresholds of Grands produced. The number of Grands will be based on the registered cattery name, not individual breeders.”* With that definition, grands and DMs were counted only for their prefix cattery, and in this way each cat could only count for one cattery. Shortly after the Annual, Central Office received requests from people who were co-owners and co-breeders of cats who they felt they should be able to claim for their catteries, even though they were not the prefix cattery. This is not a situation where the parties want the cat to count for their cattery instead of another cattery, they want the cat to count for both catteries. We have also heard from other people in the particular case of DMs. There are some people who believe the owner of the DM who grands the qualifying offspring should be able to count the DM, since they did that work, for their cattery even though they are not the prefix cattery. So, we request that you clarify this award. You can leave the award as is, which is what we recommend, because this preserves the original intention of the award, or you can change the criteria to allow the co-breeders of a grand to count the grand for multiple catteries, and both the breeders and owners of DMs count the DM. If you change the definition, this presents some serious complexities for Central Office, which would put it in a very difficult position of trying to mediate who gets to count what, especially for DMs where multiple catteries granded the qualifying offspring or where the cat changed hands during its career. The might be owned by a totally different person by the time its 15th or 5th cat qualifies, so Central Office would have to figure out how to count that cat. Also, Central Office would have to recomputed the 1,700+ awards that have already been presented. They would have to reprint certificates and redo the plaques, since many catteries will move up through the tiers and qualify for new awards. The award would be open to some serious manipulation. If more than one cattery can count the same cat, this would most likely lead to quite a few more co-ownerships and co-breeders. If you do decide to change the cats, because it's my understanding someone might bring this up at the Annual next year if you don't do it. If you do decide to change how the cats are counted, especially the DMs, and all the co-owners and co-breeders can count these cats, we recommend revising the criteria for each level, since it will be much easier to achieve the tiers if we can count all the cats. I know that in my own case, I DM'ed two cats that have somebody else's prefix on them, so I would immediately get the *Superior* ranking, which I don't think I deserve because it was easier for me to DM somebody else's cat than to breed the DM myself. So, if you make this award too easy to achieve, nobody's cattery will be distinct. So, we recommend improving the requirements if you decide to change it. Our question for you is, do you want to change the definition of the Cattery of Distinction title such that grands and DMs will be counted toward CoD title of the catteries of all the co-breeders and

co-owners, as well as the prefix cattery? If you do, do you want to increase the number of grands for each tier and the number of DMs for the *Superior* title?

Krzanowski: I believe we should leave the criteria as it is. It was well thought out and I think that trying to change it now would be a nightmare for Central Office and, as Mary said, open things up to manipulation. I think it's effective the way it is now. We should leave it as is.

Eigenhauser: DM is one of the few awards we give to breeders as breeders. Most of our other awards are based on shows. I would like to keep it the way it is. **Meeker:** I can certainly understand the stance of the people asking for the change. I myself purchased three females, I bred them to my males, produced DMs – two of those girls are two of the top producing British Shorthair females in the ranks – and yet I get no credit for any of the work I've done. I bred the cat, I granded the kittens. However, I think this award should stay the same. When you buy a cat of good quality and you use it in your program and you get the results, that breeder that bred the initial cat needs the recognition. **Mastin:** I have a question. How big is this request? How many people are wanting this change?

Kolencik: Central Office got two formal requests and I heard through the grapevine that somebody is planning on bringing up a request to be able to count DMs that they grand the qualifying offspring, at the next Annual and there are quite a few people who said that they thought they should be able to do that, but that was before they were presented with, Central Office is going to have to do 1,700 new certificates and plaques and all this other stuff. So, I don't know how vehement they are about that, but it might come up and I think if it does, then we should address it. **Eigenhauser:** Are we ready for a motion? I move we confirm existing policy. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Hannon:** Any further discussion? **Schreck:** I just wanted to make a comment outside of what's been presented. An alternative might be to include where there is an "of" at the end and let that person also claim it, so that those who have done the work to DM, if it's of their cattery – and that's not part of the proposal, but that is something that might be considered. **Kolencik:** I thought of that, and that's what people have thought of, except that for example one of my DMs, I couldn't put my suffix on it because the name was too long.

Schreck: Then you should get a shorter cattery name. **Kolencik:** I did. I got a second cattery name. **Ganoe:** The problem with the "of" suffix is, we allow the "of" suffix to change multiple times over the life of the cat, and the qualification for the DM occurs over time. I wrote down a note to myself that I know in several breeds, the male earns its DM the last place it was placed, and it had four or five cattery names on the way there. Each breeder got two or three until they added up to 15 for the cat. So, who gets the credit? Our rule is, the breeder did because they were the ones who produced the cat. **Anger:** As a wrap-up, I think it's a really positive sign that people are looking at the program and thinking of ways that it might be modified, even though I think we should keep it the way it is. The fact that people are that interested in it, to me means that it has value to them and in its very first year of roll-out, we're already getting a lot feedback - most of it good, some of it suggestive – but it's a sign that we did something that was good and will be valuable to our breeders far into the future. **Hannon:** Any more discussion?

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

Kallmeyer: Mary, on the Cattery of Distinction, there is another issue with older catteries. I guess the good news is, the old computer system screwed up, not the new one. CFA didn't have a prefix identifier for cats before '75, so there's older catteries that actually qualified

as a Cattery of Distinction at a higher level that we couldn't identify, so maybe there should be a procedure. If the owners of those older catteries could identify the grands we could do it, but it would be a manual process. **Kolencik:** I did get some feedback from a couple people who said, "we even have more grands than what were counted, because they were on the old system."

Kallmeyer: In fact, there were 13 for that one. **Kolencik:** So, do you want to work on a procedure to identify those cats? **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, because we could write a program to kind of predict what the prefix is, but if they could identify them, we could add them in manually. The old computer system, before about '75 or '76, there was no identifier of the prefix. **Schreck:** In order to identify those, would it be wise to maybe put a notice in the newsletter for those people who think that they have more than that? Because otherwise we would be searching in vain for somebody who bred two years and dropped off. **Hannon:** Ginger, do you want to put that in the newsletter? Thank you. **Meeker:** I would be happy to. **Wilson:** Is it possible to get a cattery report going back that far, so if someone requested and paid for a cattery report, then they could go through and see. **Schreck:** I think it would be better to ask people, because are you going to print one out for everybody? **Wilson:** No, just if they wanted to get it. In other words, to refresh their memory. **Kallmeyer:** They would have to pay for it. **Wilson:** Right, they would have to pay for it, absolutely. **Schreck:** OK, if they have to pay for it, I'm in. **Wilson:** I just didn't know if you could get a cattery report going back – my question is, is the data available on the cattery report going back further than 1975? **Hannon:** Do we still provide those? **Kallmeyer:** The problem is, I'm not sure that we can identify them. It's kind of convoluted the way they identified it with the HP system. Basically, you go back to the litter number for that cat, it identifies the breeder, and then the breeder had a cattery code with the prefix. Before '75, they identified the breeder but didn't refer to that cattery prefix, so there's no link. **Hannon:** No relational database? **Kallmeyer:** Who knows. It was an old system screw-up. That's the good news. That's a problem. If it was a single name cattery, you can probably scan it to find it. The problem is if you have multiple names or hyphens. It's not easy, so a cattery report wouldn't show it. **Wilson:** OK, thank you.

National Awards Trophies

The awards committee conducted two surveys regarding the National Awards trophies to determine whether CFA is presenting awards that meet the expectations of its participants. The first survey was sent by email to 170 people who have received National Wins, primarily those from the past three seasons. 97 people responded. The second survey was sent to everyone subscribed to the CFA News Announcements. 246 responded, and of those 93% said that they compete or have competed for national awards.

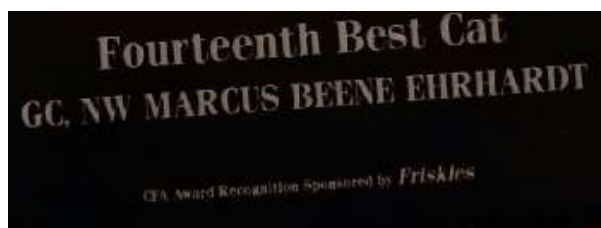
The first topic in the surveys was whether people were satisfied with the quality of the trophy they received and what years those were. Typical of the cat fancy, the opinions were greatly mixed as to which trophies are preferred. However overall, the prevailing attitude was that our trophies, while nice, could do with a little improvement.

The next topic was which type of trophy people favored for the future, a trophy with a photo or etching of the recipient's cat



vs. a custom trophy that is the same for all recipients but unique to CFA such as the Frabel cats from years ago (as shown on the right). Respondents to this topic were split so we don't have clear direction yet. We need to address funding before we can think of a customized award, so this will be an ongoing question for the awards committee to explore.

The other area we explored was that of a corporate partner contributing financially towards CFA awards in exchange for inclusion of their name or logo on the award. CFA had this at one time, as in the picture of the Frabel cat (enlargement of the sponsor line is shown on the right), specially designed for CFA, with the name of the sponsor Friskies as the smallest line of text on the base. The response to again having a corporate partner was positive, as long as the name or logo is included tastefully. In the first survey of prior national winners, 87% of the 97 respondents either approved or did not care. In the second survey of everyone, 82% of the 246 respondents either approved or did not care. Of the 18% who did not approve, 10% disapproved while 8% strongly disapproved.



As a result of the surveys, we propose a two year plan - modest improvement of awards for 2015, explore options for a custom designed award with corporate partner support for 2016. One option for 2015 is to seek a corporate partner to sponsor the breed awards allowing us to increase the cost of the NW trophies without increasing the amount budgeted from CFA. But this may not be possible if companies have already defined their budgets. If no corporate sponsor can be found for 2015, we would still like to increase the amount spent on the trophies for this year.

Kolencik: The next item is the national trophies. We would like to improve the trophies for the national awards, so we surveyed past award recipients to find out their opinions of the trophies that we've been handing out. We had responses from nearly 350 people. 93% of those people identified as competing for national awards. We asked if people are satisfied with the trophies and, typical of the cat fancy, opinions about which trophies people liked varied. Some people like the ones that we gave out a few years ago, some people hated those. Some people like the ones we just gave out, some people hated them. It was all over the place, but the general consensus was that the trophies, while nice, could do with a little bit of improvement. Another area on the survey was corporate sponsorship of awards. At one time, Friskies had contributed to our awards and, in our report, included a photo. You can see what that looked like when they contributed. There was a very small line of text on the very base of the award. Our survey results were that over 80% of respondents support a corporate sponsor, as long as it is tasteful and tactful, as was done with that award. As a result of these surveys, we have a two-year plan to do modest improvement for the next cycle for 2015 for the awards, and explore a custom award for 2016, perhaps going back to something like the Frabel award if we could get the funding for it. For this coming year, it might be possible to find a sponsor for the breed awards. This might not be possible in time, because those companies may have already done their budgets, but if we can do that then we can approve the awards. If they can't do it, we're also asking for an increase in the awards budget of about \$3,000 – there's a ton of awards we give out – for 2015, so we can try to find a sponsor but if we can't, we would like to improve the awards a little bit. We're also

asking for approval to find a corporate sponsor for the awards, and if we can't then to increase the budget.

McCullough: What do we spend now? **Kolencik:** \$14,000, I think is right. **Hannon:** Do we know, Jodell, what we spent on the rosettes that we handed out, because my thought was, people have been picking up rosettes all year long and you're the only one I know that covets those things. **Wilson:** I covet them. **Hannon:** I'm wondering, do we really need to give yet another rosette to people? Perhaps we could save the cost of the rosettes and improve the quality of the hardware. **J. Raymond:** Let me look. I want to say it's [\$2,800 is the amount the rosettes cost]. **Kuta:** When you say "save the cost of the rosettes", which rosettes are those? **Hannon:** We hand out a rosette to the top 25 cats, kittens and premiers, so instead of giving them a rosette and a piece of hardware, maybe save the money on the rosette. Also, I don't think it's too early in the year, because most of the corporate sponsors' year is a calendar year, so they are working now on next year, calendar year 2015, and perhaps Jodell could make a pitch to these companies while they are working on that budget. **Anger:** This proposal has several pieces to it. The first one is about the corporate sponsorship. To direct a discussion on that first point, can I make a motion that we approve seeking out corporate sponsorship for our national awards. **Meeker:** Second.

Eigenhauser: I remember when we did have the corporate sponsor that one time and there was a resolution, and it was very embarrassing that some moron would put that resolution together. **Hannon:** But I think it's wonderful that she's gotten an 80% buy-in. **Eigenhauser:** I think that's an anomaly. Most people in CFA have more brains than that and more common sense than that. If it's tastefully done and if it's not overly intrusive – I'm sure nobody wants to see McDonald's on their award – but as long as it's tastefully done, there's always going to be that anomaly in there, but I don't think we should be run by whoever has the most extreme or off-the-wall view. I think most of CFA is comfortable with it. Mary has confirmed that the people she has checked with are comfortable with it. I think we should do it. **Kuta:** I wouldn't want this corporate sponsorship to take away from a different – like if we're courting a corporate sponsor and the money is going to go either for show support or the Ambassador Program or something else – **Hannon:** You say you want this addition, not in lieu of? **Kuta:** Yeah, exactly. Like the opportunity cost, if it were to take corporate sponsorship money away from something that's going to benefit more people, I know I covet my breed win rosettes, but having the title and all that is more important than the trophy. So, if a corporate sponsor is going to give us a couple thousand – **Hannon:** You're hearing all this, right Jodell? **Kuta:** So, in marketing money, like if you got sponsorship money, it's that opportunity cost and prioritization. Like this would be pretty low priority, but I could be in the vast minority here. **Mastin:** I just have a question. Who is soliciting the sponsors? Is that going to be done by the Awards Committee or by Central Office. **Hannon:** Central Office. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Anger:** Is there a possibility that we could offer a buy-out if somebody didn't want the corporate sponsorship blurb on their trophy? Say, "here's the price, it's going to be \$400" or whatever the sponsorship amount would have been for that trophy, if somebody was really passionate about not having any sort of corporate indication on there. **Hannon:** A lot of the awards it's on a plate, and perhaps they could replace the plate. **Eigenhauser:** I wouldn't think that would be a good idea. I think #1, it would be kind of offensive to the sponsor if we said, "oh, by the way, we're giving people an opt out because they

may not like you.” I think it encourages bad behavior. If we get a corporate sponsor, we should all be grateful for the sponsorship and not encourage people to make a fuss about it. **Schreck:** Also, procedurally, trying to keep track of that would be a nightmare. **Hannon:** We could put it on the computer. **Schreck:** Oh, why didn’t I think of that? [laughter] I think we have enough trouble trying to get these awards in the short timeframe that we have, from the time the final results are hopefully computed until the time that they’re put together and ready for the Annual. I just don’t think that adding another layer of complexity would be wise. **Dugger:** I just have one comment. The first year that Royal Canin gave us those awards for the top 3, I think they are acrylic cats, but they were like this tall on a marble base and it said Royal Canin in little, bitty letters on the back, but it had Crystal’s name on the front of it. I mean, it’s beautiful. I mean, I thought it was one of the nicest things that I had gotten, and so I think that it speaks to the fact that when we have corporate sponsors, they try to do really nice things for us. Why would anybody object to that? I don’t know why they would. **Hannon:** But they did. **Schreck:** Oh yeah. But that person isn’t with us anymore. **Hannon:** He’s still alive. **Schreck:** I mean he’s not in the cat fancy. **Hannon:** He’s not with us. **Schreck:** I haven’t kept track of him, mind you. **Hannon:** Any other comments? Are we ready to vote on the motion?

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

Hannon: Mary, have you got something else? **Kolencik:** The next one was, if we cannot find one in time for this year, we increase the budget for this year. Steve was just asking me if \$3,000 was enough. The way I came up with that figure was, I think that will give us at least \$20 to \$25 more per award. **Hannon:** But it’s also not this year, it’s the next fiscal year, so it would be easy enough to put it into the budget that the board approves in April for the fiscal year starting May 1st. **Kolencik:** So, we can get the exact price for you by then. **Schreck:** And hopefully you will have sponsors by then. **Hannon:** What typically happens is, in February or so the Treasurer contacts the committee chairs and asks for a proposed budget for the following year, so you could respond to Barb with what you are proposing. **Kolencik:** So my question then is, we have to buy the awards – we have to commit to a certain kind of award before you approve the budget. What if we commit to \$17,000 worth of awards? **Hannon:** Then we are kind of stuck giving you approval, aren’t we? **Kolencik:** Yeah. **Schreck:** Wait a minute. [laughter] When do you have to make that commitment? **Hannon:** She doesn’t know. She hasn’t looked into it. **Kolencik:** When is our absolutely, positively? **J. Raymond:** We usually make the decision by January and we start ordering. **Ganoe:** So, you’ve got from now until January to find a sponsor. **Hannon:** Who are you saying that to? To Jodell, I hope. **Ganoe:** I was looking at that end. I didn’t see Mary, I saw Jodell. **Eigenhauser:** If you truly need a decision before the February board meeting, remember we’re also having a telephonic meeting in September. You could submit a proposal at that time. **Wilson:** I just want to clarify, is this additional money in the budget going to cover the breed awards, as well as the top 25? **Kolencik:** The only improvement we were planning on was for the top 25 awards. We were not planning on increasing the amount that we spend on the breed awards, because the breed awards are a simple plaque. There’s not much more you can do to them. They don’t include a picture of the cat. **Wilson:** Has there been any thought in doing this? **Kolencik:** We could. **Wilson:** The reason I’m bringing that up is, there’s a finite number of people getting the top 25 awards. **Hannon:** There’s also a finite number of people getting breed awards. **Wilson:** But it’s an additional group of people you

would make happier. I guess I have a problem with continually increasing budgets just to reward national campaigners, and I got a national win last year. **Hannon:** But you don't understand. 80% of them want it. A lot of them want better awards. **Wilson:** So do the breed winners. **Kuta:** Everybody wants everything. **Kolencik:** Since I've never had a national award and I've only ever gotten a national breed award, I'm right in line with improving national breed awards, but I can't do everything at one time, so I was hoping to start on the national win awards, because what we would really like to do is go with a custom award that's very unique to CFA, then I was going to address the breed awards. **Wilson:** For more money. **Schreck:** No. **Hannon:** With sponsorship. **Kolencik:** We would have a corporate sponsor program for that. Also, I wanted to mention that Jodell did find out that the rosettes did cost \$2,800 a year. So, that's a lot of money. If you don't want to give rosettes, that's a lot of money we could free up for awards. **Hannon:** It's in the show rules. We would have to change the show rules. **Meeker:** I would encourage you to look at improving those breed wins. For folks that really work hard in their breeds that can't or don't choose to go for national awards, that's another way of recognizing breeds and getting away from this top 75 people that seem to get all the gravy. I think it's really time to look at ways for breed awards and other ways to recognize breeders, rather than all the exhibitors. **Moser:** I'm really money conscious and I don't know why we should increase spending money on awards. We're spending money on everything. **Hannon:** If she can find a sponsor, you would be OK? **Moser:** I'm great with a sponsor, yeah, but to increase money, we've got to have some things that we're going to have to say no to. We keep saying yes on everything. We can't keep spending money. **Hannon:** Barb, you're supporting that. **Schreck:** I love her. **DelaBar:** Back when Friskies was sponsoring us with our national awards, and it included breed awards, they were coming up with \$48,000 and that was a lot of money that we lost, due to some – actually it was more than just one, but one very vocal person. **Hannon:** He was the cheerleader in all of this. **DelaBar:** Yeah, and he got all the others wearing the little toilets on their heads and things like that. **Krzanowski:** I would agree with improving the breed awards somewhat, because there are a lot of people that work very hard in a breed and they would never really get a top 25 award. This is so important, but I also want to say something about the rosettes. There was a period of time when we did not provide rosettes. **Hannon:** But it's currently in the show rules. **Krzanowski:** It was put back in, and I don't know the reasoning to that. **Hannon:** There's a lot of show rules over the years that – Mary will support that – all of a sudden, rules disappear or all of a sudden rules appear. You can't find anything in the minutes to support it. **Krzanowski:** They were gone for a couple of years and then they came back. I'm not sure how that happened. **Hannon:** Let's discuss that, then. Let me finish with Rich, and then we'll do a motion on doing away with rosettes. **Mastin:** I like the idea of enhancing the awards, because you've got a number of people who want it, so I find myself being supportive of it. I also like the idea of having a sponsor help pay for these. What I don't like the idea of is, voting for something that we really don't know how much it's going to cost. **Hannon:** What she wants is, us to give her a go-ahead on the concept. "Yeah, we can see spending \$3,000 more" or something, and then she will find an award to match the money. **Mastin:** However, I don't know that \$3,000 is enough, now that we're throwing in the breed awards. I don't think we need to vote on this today, because we're going to meet again in December and we can approve it then, which gives you enough time, but I think you've got to come back to us and say, "this is how much the awards are going to be and we're able to do all of this – breed, top 25, what have you – and it's \$6,000 and, by the way, we have also talked to sponsors and we may have a sponsor available or we may not," but us giving you \$3,000 and we

find out it's \$8,000, who is going to pay the difference if we don't have a sponsor? We're kind of stuck. We're committing, it's in the minutes, we have told people we're going to enhance the awards, but it came in over budget. **Kolencik:** Basically, why don't I change my request? For December, can I at least have a sense of how you feel about possibly increasing the amount? What we can do is, by December we can have more concrete numbers for you and, if worse comes to worse, we can just get the same awards that we got last year. There were people who liked those awards, and we know how much those cost. But if, in December, we find a better award and we can come to you with breed awards and the other awards for a better dollar figure, and then get the go-ahead then. **Mastin:** My response is, I encourage you to look for a sponsor, because you may be able to find one. As Mark said, we're only in the fourth quarter of 2014. You may find a sponsor who is willing to do it. **Eigenhauser:** I would expand that to say we should be looking not only at sponsors for the trophies themselves, but also for rosettes or any other aspect of the awards, so before we talk about eliminating rosettes or something, I would like to put it out and see if we get any sponsors, get any nibbles on that, but if you're looking for a straw vote on whether CFA should spend \$3,000 to make 25 people marginally happy – **Hannon:** 75 people. **Eigenhauser:** Still, \$3,000, that's an awful small group to be benefitting with such a large chunk of money when there's so many other worthy programs in CFA. **Meeker:** I would agree with George, and I would also be concerned that if we get a sponsor and they produce this absolutely glorious trophy and rosette, and they sponsor it for 2 or 3 years and then the sponsorship goes away, what happens the next year? When you become dependent on this process, then if it goes away, then we're going to be sitting here maybe in a period of time saying, "how are we going to afford to maintain this quality?" I think it's kind of questionable. I would also wonder, at the regional level, many of the regions ask for sponsorship. Have we ever thought of doing that? **Kolencik:** I surveyed on that. I asked if people approved of doing that at the national level and that was resoundingly, "no, it's tacky". **Meeker:** Then many of the regions are tacky because we've gotten – **Kolencik:** No, they are OK with it in the regions, but the comments that I got were, "these are national awards from CFA. We spend a fortune showing our cats every year, we pay for our registrations, they can at least give us an award." **Fellerman:** Why can't we vote to not have rosettes if we don't want to, and then if we do get corporate sponsorship, we can always add it in. **Hannon:** We would say that we're going to eliminate them unless they are sponsored. **Schreck:** I don't see that making the awards nicer – although it is nice to have one in your case at home to dust all the time – I don't see that that enhances our bottom line in any way. As Treasurer, rather than an exhibitor, I don't see that that gives us any more value to the company, to the corporation, by handing out those awards. In other words, if I'm campaigning and the awards are really snazzy, is that going to encourage me more to get a national win? No, I don't think so. So, I think it's a nice idea. If we can get sponsorship, I would encourage it but I am not in favor of increasing the budget in any way. **Wilson:** As far as sponsorship for the rosettes, a lot of breed clubs already hand out rosettes. Could a breed club sponsor the rosettes for their breed? **Hannon:** Or breed council. **Wilson:** The Russian Blue Fanciers gives out rosettes. **Schreck:** And they are beautiful. **Wilson:** So, that would just substitute. They would be handed out on the podium instead. **Schreck:** We give them out for the top 10 champions, top 10 kittens. **Wilson:** This would just be for the breed awards, but if we were to sponsor that, then maybe we would reduce what we give out there. **DelaBar:** But that would have to be consistent among all the breeds. The same thing would have to go for all the breeds, right? **Wilson:** Right, but they would have to be sponsored or they wouldn't get a rosette.

So, maybe what you said about people not wanting the national breed awards sponsored like the regional awards are, maybe they would feel differently if it was just the best of breed rosettes. That would be a way to keep the rosettes. Maybe I'm the only one that likes them, but I like them. **Krzanowski:** We have to keep in mind that rosette is mentioned in the show rules.

Hannon: I said that. **Krzanowski:** So we wouldn't be able to make that change until the 2016 awards. **Hannon:** Why? The award isn't handed out until the new show rules are in place.

Eigenhauser: But we typically don't change show rules in the middle of the stream.

Krzanowski: And the awards are based on the current show rules, as they exist right now. I think we would be opening up a can of worms. **Hannon:** I don't agree. **Anger:** I have a different opinion from Barb about the value of a national award to the association. From a marketing perspective and from our appearance – how many times do we think of our national awards, there's our best cat getting her award with her flowers, the President of CFA there – this is an opportunity that we use quite frequently for our own internal marketing. I've never had a national win. That's something that has always kept me dreaming that someday I could have that, too. A national win is an intangible, but it's a great marketing tool. **Calhoun:** As far as the rosettes are concerned, if we do sponsorship and people can sponsor rosettes, you just have to keep in mind that that's a fair amount of work that would be on the Central Office. It's a lot of work at the regional level. You have to make all these decisions about if one person does it, if you take multiple sponsors, how do you keep track of this, how do you recognize this, where do you recognize this? It's a lot of work. **Mastin:** Kathy, I agree with you. However, it's an opportunity for us to make some money to help offset expenses. I think it could be done. As to the comment about the tackiness, I'm wondering who feels they are tacky? The recipient, or the one that's buying the sponsorship? **Kolencik:** The people who responded to the survey. **Mastin:** OK,

because if I have a friend who is campaigning all year and I want to show some type of appreciation for what they've done and it's not my own cat – I'll use Pam for example. You run for a national win, I'm going to say, "gee, she did a great job," the sponsorship is \$100 for it, I would feel happy to pay for it, just to say "thank you, you did a nice job." We can generate \$12,000 between breed wins and national awards. **Meeker:** That's how it works in most regions. **DelaBar:** I might be the only person that is very concerned about the sponsorship at regional level, because if you sponsor a particular person and not everybody is sponsored, then I think that sets a very bad example. What I personally would like to see is just a list – these are the people that sponsored our awards, instead of saying Rich sponsored Pam's award. You could say off to the side, "yeah, I sponsored it" or whatever, but to put it in there and make it blanket for everybody. **Hannon:** Pam, one of the advantages of being President is, I don't have to wait for my turn to talk. The Southern Region did that this year and they lost dramatic money. **Dugger:** It was a disaster. **Hannon:** It was a disaster. They much prefer to have a specific award to have their name attached to. **Dugger:** We have not had a time where we didn't have everybody sponsored. **Kuta:** I would think that there wouldn't be much opportunity cost with the sponsorships, and I think the tacky comment probably came from people hating being hit up for money for these, or harangued for sponsorships. **Kolencik:** The "tacky" comment came from exactly what Pam said – "my award wasn't sponsored" so they feel put out. **Kuta:** I guess I'm odd in that. I purposely told people not to sponsor my award and I'll donate money, because I don't want to make my friends feel obligated to pay for my award, even though they wanted to do it. **Calhoun:** I'm not really opposed to sponsorships. All my comment was that the Central Office has a whole lot of things to do at that time of the year. We just have to take that into

consideration, that that's another fairly substantial job that they would have to do in a concentrated amount of time. **Moser:** I'm just confused where we're at on this. Are we going to vote on anything? I don't know, because there's so many different ideas. Are we just going to think about it. **Hannon:** Do we have a motion? **Anger:** We do not have a motion. **Eigenhauser:** I move we let Mary come back with a report in December. **Meeker:** Second. **Hannon:** We don't need to move that. We can just tell her. **Kolencik:** Can I make one comment? I think it's important for me to say that the respondents to the survey in general, they were all very appreciative of the awards that we give out. I had so many comments from people who said, "the awards don't really matter, we do this because we love showing the cats." But, at the same time, they said, "if you are going to improve the awards, sure, we think you can do a better job on the awards." I also wanted to say that I heard a couple comments about, this is only benefitting 25 to 75 people. I'm someone who has never won a national win. I wouldn't be showing if I thought that I was never going to win a national win. It's something that I'm trying to do. It's a goal. So, those awards are for more than those 75 people. They are for all of us that are showing cats. If I didn't have that hope, I wouldn't be bothering to show cats. **Anger:** I have one more comment about what kind of award there is. There has been a lot of thought go into this, and I appreciate that. I had this committee early on, and after doing a tremendous amount of work trying to find the perfect award, we discovered that there is no perfect award. There is no piece of tangible stuff that can embody the work that has gone into it just by the winner, let alone their family and all the other layers that go into it. What I was promoting at the time was to revive the cat and fiddle. People either loved it or hated it, but we went so far as to find out if we had the copyrights to it, which we do. **Hannon:** I don't think we have the mold for it anymore. We would need to make a new mold. **Anger:** New mold, yeah, but we were going to update it and so on. For Frabel, we investigated that, too. What they sent us was a prototype that was unsuitable. It was different from what we see there with the nice, artistic kitties. The shorthair people didn't like a longhair looking cat, and the longhair people didn't like a shorthair looking cat. That's why we eventually came up with having the laser-inscribed cat in crystal. How can you complain about your own cat? This is a tremendous challenge, so I hope that whatever the committee comes up with, people will appreciate and support, and admire and cherish it as much as those who have been fortunate enough to win an award. **Hannon:** Have you gotten enough feedback? **Kolencik:** Yes. **Meeker:** There is a motion on the floor. **Hannon:** I don't think we need the motion. **Eigenhauser:** I withdraw it.

HHP Scoring and Titles – Resolution 17

Included at the end of our report is a detailed proposal for scoring HHPs and awarding CFA titles. This proposal is in response to resolution 17 from the most recent annual which passed with a majority of support from the delegates. The show rules committee is including the necessary changes in their report based on the parameters in our proposal so that this program can start with the 2015-2016 season. A quick summary of the highlights of the proposal:

Hannon: Mary, do you want to move on to the next subject? Aren't you glad we gave you more than 15 minutes? **Kolencik:** Yes. The next subject is Resolution #17 from the Annual. As you know, at the Annual, the delegates approved this resolution to score Household Pets and award titles to the class. Our report outlines in great detail the parameters to have Central Office score the class, and it includes two different sets of titles that parallel the pedigreed classes. The

Show Rules Committee presents the actual rule changes to implement these parameters. We worked with them and they wrote the show rules, so what I'm going to go over with you are the parameters, so that when we get to the show rules, we can decide whether to tweak them or not. Our report has a lot of detail on this. I'm going to go over the bullet points.

- *HHPs with recording numbers will be scored by Central Office, however recording numbers will not be required to be shown; owners may submit applications for a recording number at the show; owners may recover points from past shows for 90 days.*

Kolencik: The first problem is scoring the Household Pets. The way that we propose this working is that Household Pets with recording numbers will be scored by Central Office. However, recording numbers will not be required for the Household Pets to be shown. Owners may submit applications for the recording number at the show; owners may recover points from past shows. I picked 90 days. I spoke to a couple people before this and George had a concern about how long that period should be, so that's something you need to tweak. If they've shown their Household Pet for a couple months, they should be able to go back and recover shows where they didn't have a recording number.

Anger: My question is on the first bullet point. I like the concept that we're doing a parallel program for the Household Pets. I like that. It shows respect for them without disrespecting our pedigreed cats. In the very first proposal, we're giving them 90 days to go back and claim points. I don't know why we would want to do that. When you have a cat named "Smokey", how do you go back and prove that your Smokey is the one that had the points you are claiming? **Kallmeyer:** The exhibitor names. **Anger:** How do you know the exhibitor is the same? To me, there are too many questions about going back 90 days. If I'm showing my cat in championship or my kitten, and then I get a registration number, can I go back 90 days and claim my points? **Meeker:** A TRN can go back 30 days. **Anger:** I don't like that, either. For the Household Pets, that's my only objection. I would not like to see the 90 days. **Eigenhauser:** A couple of things. We're talking about a different group of people. We're not talking about people that have been breeding pedigreed cats, that bought a pedigreed cat with papers, that have a registration number to go to the show. These are people that are borderline spectators. They are coming to the show on a lark because there happened to be a cat show in their area, they thought it would be fun to go. They don't go there intending to become a campaigner. They don't go there intending to earn a regional or national award. They go because they have a pretty kitty and they want to see how it does. That's why we have to go back and recapture it; because these people aren't coming in with the same level of sophistication that a hobby breeder or somebody that got a pedigreed cat from a breeder that has somebody to mentor them would do, coming into a show. These people are coming in with a lot less information, with no expectations. The bug to show may hit them only when the second or third or fourth show in their neighborhood comes up and they notice they are consistently doing well, so I think we absolutely have to have some sort of a recapture provision, in order to be able to do this.

Moser: On the 90 days, on Central Office, what's that going to do if we have to go back 90 days? Is that a real imposition for you guys to have to do that? What's your recommendation on that. **Dobbins:** We have to figure out how to get them into the system first. **Eigenhauser:** Currently, our regional Household Pet score keepers are going back an entire year without a

registration number and they seem to be competent to do it. **Ganoe:** What will have to happen in the IT system is, we will have to have a way to record the Household Pets with a different sequence number than we currently use for pedigreed cats. **Hannon:** We currently record Household Pets. **Ganoe:** We record Household Pets in an entirely different system. **Wilson:** In CATS? **Ganoe:** It's not in CATS either. It was a separate system built in the HP. **Dobbins:** It's not in the HP anymore. **Ganoe:** Oh, it's on a PC if I remember right. **Dobbins:** It's just a spreadsheet. **Kolencik:** A spreadsheet! **Ganoe:** We can do it in CATS, but we have to do something. Mary shared this with me and I went through the details about what would have to happen in the IT system. We actually have the stubs built in to do it, along with pedigreed cats. The problem is, that stub was built to use the same sequence numbers as pedigreed cats, which we definitely don't want to do. **Hannon:** Why? If we give them a Household Pet prefix. **Anger:** 0892/0893. **Hannon:** Why can't we? **Ganoe:** OK. We can do that. I thought we wanted to keep them completely separate, is all. **Wilson:** But then, the people who wanted to do that aren't in the majority anymore. **Ganoe:** You and I understand each other. Anyway, we have the ability to build it in and I was waiting for this meeting to come to figure out what the board wanted to do before I went ahead and started it going. It will be a new addition to coding. Now, we can use CATS, we can use a pedigree program however we want. We can create a method to keep track of the Household Pets independently. **Hannon:** Why can't we just roll it into our current system and give them a Household Pet prefix, and whatever the next number is, is the number they get assigned. **Ganoe:** We can do that. **Hannon:** Isn't that the simplest way to do it? **Ganoe:** I don't want to tie our hands as to which technology we're going to use until we decide what we're going to do. **Eigenhauser:** CATS isn't set up to do scoring anyway. **Ganoe:** No, it's not. **Wilson:** But can it? Isn't that the breeder assistant program? **Ganoe:** I don't think it's set up to do scoring. **Kallmeyer:** No, it does not do scoring. **Ganoe:** It just does recording. **Meeker:** Would the cats that are already recorded be then transferred into this new system? **Ganoe:** Yes, that would be part of it. We would transfer them into the new system from the spreadsheet into the new recording system. **Meeker:** Would they keep the same number they have now and have been using? **Wilson:** They would have a registration number. **Hannon:** Recording numbers. **Wilson:** No, they would be registration numbers. **Hannon:** We would call them recording numbers. **Wilson:** You can call them whatever you want, but they will be registration numbers. **Ganoe:** The interface will say registration numbers. **Meeker:** So, the cats that are currently in the recording system will be transferred over into this system and those people will get new – **Ganoe:** They'll get a new certificate that says they were registered with this number because all of this is predicated on starting May 1, 2015. So, we would have to do all that work between now and then. We would also have to have – Mary, I'm going to jump up a little bit on this recording stuff that we talked about. One of the things that is in the detail report that's not in the bullet items is the ability to register your cat at the show. Right now what you do is, you claim your champion or your premier title, you fill out the form and give a check or money to the master clerk, it comes in the show package. We want the ability to do that for Household Pets, that they can record their Household Pet at the show, fill out a similar form to the premiership claim saying, "here's my cat" because it's really just the name, number and the money. When the show package comes in, that would have to be split out for someone to handle the Household Pets, but then they would be recorded and then later they would get their claim form in the mail or email. **Kallmeyer:** So it's like a TRN. **Ganoe:** It's sort of like a TRN, but it's more of a claim. Like George said, we get some people who come in who have never been at a show before and they

show up with little Mitzie to show in the show, and they go, “oh, I can get points and I can earn titles?” Just fill out this form and pay the bucks. That is all folded into the IT work that we have to do. **Moser:** All I want to know is, what’s the recommendation going 90 days back or going current forward? What’s the easiest way to do it? **Ganoe:** From an IT perspective, going only forward without the 90 days. That’s the easier IT, because to go back 90 days prior to them being issued a registration number, we would have to look at catalogs and show results. It would have to be a manual look-up. **Kolencik:** You realize that they do that now for a \$50 fee? We can recover points for \$50 for prior shows, so wouldn’t we want to at least also extend that to the Household Pets? **Meeker:** How do we handle the Household Pet that comes into the show from a rescue or humane society that wants to show to get audience for possible adoption, that isn’t going to get recorded? They can still be shown? Are they scored? **Ganoe:** Like an unregistered kitten. **Meeker:** But are they scored? **Kolencik:** They don’t get the points, but they count. **Ganoe:** Like an unregistered kitten. **Kuta:** If the person who then adopts that cat, they can go back and claim. **Meeker:** In Region 2, we had a couple cats that showed from the rescue, several shows in a row, never got a recording, and got a regional win because they got scored by the regional scorer. What would happen to those cats now? **Ganoe:** They wouldn’t get the regional win. **Kuta:** Unless somebody sponsored it. Maybe somebody sponsored their claim and registered them, which I would love to, personally. **Meeker:** So, there’s another opportunity for somebody. **Hannon:** And for Barb to make money. **Schreck:** Yeah, I like that. My only comment is, what I’m hearing is that maybe we need to drop the whole rhetoric about recording and registration. **Meeker:** That’s heresy. **Schreck:** I know it’s heresy. Don’t shoot the messenger, but what I’m hearing is that the system is now going to issue a certificate that says registration and we’re calling it recording? **Ganoe:** That is yet to be determined. **Schreck:** This is what I was hearing, is that it’s in the registration system. We can’t seem to be able to score it in any other way, other than the spreadsheet that’s being kept. **Wilson:** I give up. **Schreck:** I’m not saying I’m in favor of it. This is just what I’m hearing. **Wilson:** The handwriting is on the wall. I give up. **Schreck:** Thank you, Annette. I’m glad I don’t have to walk home. **Anger:** So, if we look at it in terms of dollars, if we had to use one of those little ports you have instead of another whole system for recording, wouldn’t that be tens of thousands of dollars, as opposed to just integrating it gracefully into our existing system and calling it a registration? So, the price of calling it “recording” may be tens of thousands of dollars – out of pocket, Barb – and the price for just the nomenclature of calling it a registration would be nominal. Is that a correct statement? **Ganoe:** I cannot say what the cost would be one way or the other without looking at the solution. **Anger:** But is my philosophy correct, or is that not an accurate representation? **Ganoe:** I don’t think it’s actually correct because we’re talking about labels and printing titles, which in the IT world are really easy and cheap to do. We could actually put them into the system and have the interface smart enough to know that if you put in a Household Pet prefix, change the word “registration” to “recording”. If it’s a Household Pet prefix, when you print, you don’t print “registration number”, you print “recording number”. We can do that and it’s not that much programming to do, but the cost I couldn’t tell you. **Hannon:** Ed, what’s involved in changing “recording” to “register”. Is it something the board can just pass, or is it more involved than that? **Raymond:** It’s just a board policy at this point. **Hannon:** Do you agree that it’s a board policy and that we could just change it? **Wilson:** Is it in the show rules? I mean, I don’t know if it is. **Hannon:** The policy would be, we could pass it to the show rules. **Raymond:** It’s not in the constitution. **Eigenhauser:** It’s not in the constitution and I don’t think it’s in the show rules,

either. **Ganoe:** It was in the minutes that we called it “recording”. **Hannon:** I remember the delegates got involved in it. **DelaBar:** Oh, yeah. **Schreck:** Maybe what we should do would be to get feedback from Dennis and the IT people as to how difficult it would be, and I like the idea of having the certificate say “recording” rather than “registration”, but we know the difficulties we’ve had with the system for doing much of anything, so that would be my only comment. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Barbara. There are going to be people that are going to be upset by this. If we can fix the problem for a few hundred bucks, I would rather pay a few hundred bucks to change the programming than start a whole commotion over this in CFA, so let’s let Dennis have an opportunity to come back with a cost estimate, and then we can deal with it in December.

- *HHP scoring will be the same as Nat/Reg scoring (i.e. 5% decrements, top 100 rings).*

Kolencik: The scoring will be set up by Central Office to do this. They have to have a recording number. Pedigreed cats, as you know, can be shown in the Household Pet class. So, the way that those will be handled is – and I talked to Dick about this beforehand – they would have to change their color class to the Household Pet color class, to keep their awards that they already have. The Household Pet awards will not replace pedigreed awards, but they would be able to keep the same record. They also have the option of just getting a Household Pet recording number and keeping the two careers separate. So, that’s the way that we would handle those cats.

- *CFA will offer top ten awards in all regions and divisions with the title Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW) and HHP Divisional Winner (HDW) which will be included with the cat’s record. The point minimum for HRW/HDW will be 200 points, less based on geography.*

Kolencik: Now, on to the titles. We propose two types of titles. The first is the year-end title. [reads] That seems like a lot, but I present a lot of statistics in the article that shows they are already achieving 200 points. The reason why I set that minimum is because a lot of these cats are making finals with no competition, or there’s fewer than 10. So, if there’s 5 in the class, all 5 of them are making finals and they’re all making points, so by setting a minimum, it makes them truly earn the award. Some regions give top 25 awards. They would still be able to give top 25 awards, but CFA would only award 10 titles.

McCullough: I don’t like that they have to have 200 points when Premiership doesn’t. **Kolencik:** Can I address that? These points are computed the same as the national/regional points. All 10 cats in the final get points. In Premiership, it’s 10% decrements. It’s 90% and 80%, as I know from yesterday, and only 2 shorthairs and only 2 longhairs get points, unless the judge puts them in their top 10. So, you’re talking about 4 cats in a class of 35/40 getting points. In Household Pets, one Household Pet can easily walk out of a show getting bottom of the class across the board with 40 or 50 points. So, 200 seems like a high number but it’s a different type of scoring. It’s also easier to set the number high and lower it later than set it low. **Eigenhauser:** The very first time I ever showed a pedigreed cat – I was showing a Maine Coon spay in premiership – she was the best cat in the longhair ring. She was the only one in the longhair ring. So, yes, it happens in premiership, too. It happens all the time. We get these small counts sometimes where you are pretty much guaranteed a final. If you are 10th best Household Pet in

the top 10, you are getting what, 5 points at 55% of 9? In a 8 ring show, that's 20 points. Come on. That's not that many points, so I don't think we have to panic about the 10th best cat in Household Pet getting an award. You know what? If it goes to 3 or 4 shows and it happens to be the 10th best in the region, it's still the 10th best in the region – whether it has 5 points, 10 points or 200 points, so I think 90 days is the minimum we should have for a recapture period, and I don't think we need the 200 point threshold. **Calhoun:** My question is around CFA awarding just to the top 10, if the region awards to the top 25. I just wanted to get a little bit more about the rationale behind that. **Kolencik:** The statistics. If you look at the statistical chart that I gave you, you can see that in all of the regions where there's scoring – and I should say that that chart is only for Regions 1 through 7, it doesn't include the divisional win – 10th best cat is right around the 200 mark in most of the regions, whereas 25th best cat, look at how many rings they have been shown in. In Region 1, 25th best cat had 97 points and they were only shown in 12 rings. In Region 2, 25th best cat had 100 points and was only shown in 6 rings – one show. These cats would be getting a regional win from one show, so that's why I put the minimum in there. If you don't want the minimum, that's fine with me but I set it at 10 because 10 was where they were hitting the 200 mark with current counts. If you want to go to 25, that's fine with me. **Hannon:** John, we haven't heard from you in a while. **Colilla:** I think 200 points is too much, especially in my region. We are lucky if we have one Household Pet in a show. Most of the time, there's no Household Pet entered in shows in my region, so 200 points is practically unachievable. I guess it saves us money, because we won't have to worry about awarding them. **Kolencik:** Can I be clear about something? You're talking about the regional win and not the grand title, because they were both a 200 point minimum. **Colilla:** I'm talking about the regional win. Like I said, we're lucky to have even one Household Pet. **Kolencik:** You get an average of 3.75 per show. **Colilla:** At my show, I'm lucky to get one. **Kuta:** So, as the Regional Director with probably the most – at least, according to this chart – average number of Household Pets entered in each show, I have to disagree with George. I think about what I knew going into my first show, and even though I had a great mentor, she shielded me and wanted to ease me in, and not scare me off. We try to do that same thing with the Household Pets. Yes, we do have people who come for one or two shows, but we also have that in premierships. A lot of people try showing their cat once or twice that they got from a breeder that is show quality, so I think that's kind of unfair thinking. Our Household Pet people are very passionate. Once they were able to show out of region, they are showing out of region now. We have people from Region 2 come down to Region 5 all the time now. They are just as curious in asking me what the count is when I'm entry clerk and who is coming. "You know I can't tell you that" and all that type of stuff, but I would say, for our region, we give top 10 or 15 awards. I like the idea of top 10 because I think that keeps it competitive and really gives you something to work for. I think numbers are growing and it's almost too easy in our region. And Pam [Moser] too. I would almost like the numbers higher. **Hannon:** Doesn't that offset the fact that in your region the numbers aren't there with the championship, premierships and kittens? **Kuta:** When our shows fill, I do hear from people, "why do we have to have the Household Pets in the show?" **Hannon:** But typically your shows are smaller. **Kuta:** Some. Our one-day shows have been getting pretty close to filling. **Eigenhauser:** If some cat does get a regional win and only went to one or two shows, when you get a note in the mail from CFA that says your cat got a win, I think that's an inducement to come back some day. I don't think that's a discouragement. **McCullough:** The only problem I have with the 90

days is, we don't have shows within 90 days in my region. I should have a Household Pet show in between my regular ones – a one-day, 4 hour show.

- *CFA will offer the title Grand Household Pet (GH) to those HHPs that earn a minimum of 200 points from at least 6 different judges with no time limit. Points will be calculated the same as nat/reg points.*

Kolencik: The second type of title – and this one might be a little more controversial than the first one – is to give them a series of titles similar to the Grand and Grand of Distinction. [reads]

- *CFA will offer the title Grand Household Pet of Distinction (GHD) to those HHPs that earn a minimum of 30 finals per season with 250 points per season, seasons not required to be consecutive, first eligible season will be the first CFA scored season.*

Kolencik: We have also created a Grand Household Pet of Distinction, which is 30 finals per season, with 250 minimum points per season. These numbers are all based on the statistics of the current counts, and they all look very achievable. We were concerned about using the term “grand” so we included a few other terms for you. If it were up to me, at this point “grand” is fine with me. It doesn't affect me, but I can see that some people would be upset with that title. I think it has to come from the board, what you are going to call the award. These awards parallel the awards that we currently give. They are not crazy, new awards; they are something that we are very familiar with. So, that's it.

DelaBar: Back from 1970, there was a proposal for the Household Pet class, which was presented by Mr. Will Thompson. He came up with a program. He said, “The program included possibilities for setting up competition which would ultimately result in companion and grand companion status for cats, compared to champion and grand champion status for championship cats. Then the Chairman said he would not like to see any system devised wherein people would begin to champion Household Pets, envisioning the day when registered championship cats would be rejected from a show because the space was taken up by Household Pets.” Oh, be still my beating heart that that would happen. That's another possibility for terms – companion and grand companion. **Hannon:** It's the word “grand”. **Ganoe:** “Grand” is the word that people may object to.

Raymond: Right now, the minimum you're proposing for a regional win is 200 points. **Kolencik:** Yes. **Raymond:** Theoretically, a cat that came in at 200 points and got a 10th place could not count that season towards a Grand of Distinction win because your minimum there is 250. Is that intentional? **Kolencik:** Yes. I am perfectly OK with changing these numbers. These are what I picked, based on the statistics. I thought the Grand of Distinction should be a little bit harder to achieve. They are already achieving a great number of points, and I also thought these counts are going to go up theoretically because, once we start giving these titles, the counts are going to go up. It's easier to set the points now than to raise them later.

Wilson: I would like to get a consensus about what the board thinks about the grand part of the title. I don't want to vote against show rules if the feeling of the board is they want to have

a grand title, when I don't care for a Household Pet having a title "grand" in their title. **Hannon:** Is it the word "grand"? **Wilson:** Yeah. Well, I'm not in favor of campaigning Household Pets anyway, or titling them, but if the consensus is that's where we're going, then I don't want to vote against every show rule just because one part of it bothers me. So, if we could come up with a title. **Moser:** I happen to agree with Annette. I don't care for the "grand" either. I think that we should come up with maybe something different, but maybe other people think different. **Hannon:** Mary, wasn't the proposal that passed at the Annual to set up a system comparable to what we have now for the pedigreed cats? **Kolencik:** Yes. **Hannon:** That's why you came up with the grand? **Kolencik:** Yes, that's why I came up with that title. It was a real struggle for me to think of other words that would be good. She wanted the experience for the Household Pets to be like the experience for the other cats. We shout "new grand". **Hannon:** "New companion!" **Kolencik:** "One show companion!" So, we tried to think of other names, but it was really hard. **Moser:** Did you think of some other names? **Kolencik:** Yeah, they are listed in here. "Star Household Pet". **Wilson:** I like that, actually. **Moser:** I do, too. **Kolencik:** "Super Household Pet", "Superior Household Pet". **DelaBar:** Those are names of ferries from Helsinki to Tallin. **Moser:** We like "Star" down here. **Kolencik:** I do, too. **Mastin:** I just have a question. I am missing something and I apologize, but what's the big deal of not using grand? Ten years from now when we're all gone, somebody is going to say, "why didn't they just make it grand?" That's what everything else is. **Eigenhauser:** I still think if we're talking about tweaking one word in an individual show rule, we can wait until we get to that show rule and discuss how we want to treat that word, but I think we should get started on show rules. **Hannon:** But I think they had a problem with the concept, not just the word. **Eigenhauser:** And they can vote against it when we get to it. They are broken out in separate rules. It's not like we're going to vote on Monte's show rules all as a block. We're going to vote on them one at a time anyway, so when we get to the one that says there can be grand Household Pets, that's when we'll talk about whether we're in favor or not in favor of having grand Household Pets. **Wilson:** I have a problem with grand. **Hannon:** You don't have a problem with the word, you have a problem with the whole concept. **Wilson:** I don't have a problem with the entire concept. I have a problem with parts of it, and that title is one of the parts I have a problem with. **Anger:** The proposal from June, in the resolved, said, *Deliver a feasible program to recognize the Household Pet class as an equivalent class to kittens, championship and premiership.* To me, that's pretty clear, and in fact they talk about setting up like titles. By the favorable recommendation of the proposal, I think our delegates were OK with that. **Hannon:** So, you are in the minority? **Wilson:** Yes. I voted against that proposal, but now that we have it, I can look at it from a different perspective. I have a problem with the grand title.

- *Owners must claim the GH/GHD titles and pay a similar amount of fees to what pedigreed cats pay; HHPs receive the same scoring support from CO (e.g. epoints)*
- *Only recorded HHPs will be eligible for scoring and titles.*
- *Due to the current small average class size, the committee does not recommend National Awards at this time.*

Many more details are included in the proposal that follows our report, including statistical data supporting the point minimum requirements.

Hannon: Where are we with this discussion? We have to vote on what Mary has proposed. Do we want to do it in pieces? **Eigenhauser:** No. Her proposal is incorporated into the show rule proposals. **Ganoe:** She was going over the high points. **Eigenhauser:** This is the preview. **Ganoe:** Details will be in the next one. **Hannon:** So, Carol is stuck with it. **Kolencik:** Can we at least get the parameters discussed and whether or not you want to approve the titles? Or, do you just want to do that when we get to those particular things in the show rules? **Eigenhauser:** Let's just do them in order. Let's do it when we get to it in the show rules. **Hannon:** Alright. **Kolencik:** When we get to those show rules, can I still stay here, since I know about them and you can ask questions? **Hannon:** Anyone else have comments? So, are we ready to move on to show rules? Are we through with Mary?

Future Projections for Committee:

Choose appropriate trophies for the National Awards, in conjunction with Jodell Raymond and Verna Dobbins. Call for nominations for Star Awards.

Board Action Items:

Clarify the rules for Cattery of Distinction. Does the board want to change the definition of the Cattery of Distinction title such that grands and DMs will be counted toward the COD title for the catteries of all of the co-breeders and co-owners as well as the prefix cattery? If the board does allow this, does the board want to increase the number of grands required for each tier and the number of DMs for the Superior title?

Approval to increase the spending on 2015 National Awards trophies and pursue corporate sponsorship to partially finance these awards:

Option 1: seek a corporate partner to contribute to the NW and breed trophies to finance a modest increase in the awards budget for the 2015 awards.

Option 2: seek a corporate partner for only the breed trophies to finance a modest increase in the awards budget for the 2015 awards.

Option 3: if no sponsor can be found for 2015, increase the awards budget by \$3000 to improve the quality of the 2015 NW trophies.

Approval to explore a customized award for the 2016 awards with corporate sponsor.

Discuss/approve the parameters of the HHP scoring program and the suggested titles for HHPs (HRW/HDW, GH, and GHD). Set fees for title claims and transfers for HHPs and determine how many shows to allow point recovery for HHPs without recording numbers. The show rules committee will present the actual show rule changes for these parameters in their report.

Time Frame:

Current meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

*Any questions or requests that require Board action and/or input concerning the various awards.
Progress report on improved National Award trophies.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

Additional Information – Household Pet Scoring and Title Proposal Details

The intent of Resolution 17 (a non-binding non-show rule resolution) from the 2014 Annual is to centralize the scoring of the Household Pet class and establish CFA awards and titles:

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.

This resolution passed overwhelmingly. The awards committee has identified parameters that satisfy the resolution and will encourage growth in the HHP classes. HHP scoring and awards could be in place for the 2015-2016 season.

Scoring

The specific show rule changes will be presented by the Show Rules Committee during their session. Those changes are based on the following parameters. Some of these requirements will be implemented procedurally by Central Office rather than with show rules:

- *CO will score HHP classes offered at CFA licensed shows retaining the data in each recorded HHP's record. The owner of an HHP will be able to purchase the cat's point record the same as the owner of a pedigreed cat and see the same type of information. HHP points will be reported by CO the same as for pedigreed cats. The Scoreboards will include the HHP class, the epoints will include HHPs by region/division, etc. Any scoring service done for the K/C/P classes will be done for the HHP class.*
- *HHPs must have a CFA recording number in the show catalog to be scored by CO. CFA's software tracks points for unique cats by number so assigning a recording number to each HHP is a must. HHPs may still be shown without a recording number in the show catalog, the same as unregistered kittens, they just won't be scored.*
- *HHP owners may apply for a recording number at a show by submitting the recording form and fee to the master clerk to be sent to CO in the show package, and the applicant will be scored for that show. In the event the owner does not receive the recording number back from CO before the next show, the owner can still enter the HHP in the next show and submit a note to the master clerk to include in the show package to notify the scorer at CO that the HHP's recording application is already at CO, and the scorer will include the points from that show for that HHP. The catalog correction form could be used for this to avoid creating a new form.*
- *The HHP recording form will be included in the show catalog the same as the CH/PR claim form. HHPs may add their recording number to the show catalog the same as kittens that obtain their registration number prior to the opening of the show. HHPs may have points restored from prior shows where they did not have a recording number for a fee, following the same rules as pedigreed cats follow to have points restored. The current rules allow points to be recovered up to 30 days after a show; we propose 90 for HHPs.*
- *HHPs may change the descriptive information in their CFA record without affecting their points, awards or titles.*
- *Only those rings where HHPs are judged by a CFA licensed judge, approved guest judge, or CFA judge trainee will be scored. Celebrity judges such as a local vet or radio/TV personality will not be scored. Since some clubs use celebrity judges for advertising, the show flyer must state which HHP rings will be scored for CFA HHP points and awards.*
- *HHP finals will be scored the same as Top 10/15 finals in the K/C/P classes (i.e. best receives the count minus 1, 2nd best receives 95% of best, continuing using 5% decrements). Only top 100 rings will be scored, the same as for registered cats.*
- *HHPs will have the same requirements for in-region competition and for counting points earned in other geographic areas as the K/C/P classes. HHP kittens will continue to compete in the same class as adults (i.e. no separate season for HHP kittens & adults).*
- *Points and wins are not transferrable from HHP to pedigreed classes and vice versa.*

- *CO will change the forms used by judges and master clerks for reporting HHP awards to be the same as those used for the pedigree classes. That is, the HHP finals will no longer be reported on a judge's class sheet but on the judge's final sheet along with all of the other finals. The master clerk will have a HHP final sheet to post finals along with the K/C/P finals sheets. Instructional material will be adjusted as appropriate.*
- *Pedigreed cats may already be shown as HHPs. However, to be scored in the HHP class the owner of a registered cat must do one of two things:*
 - *Change the cat's color class to the HHP color class in the cat's registration record with CFA, paying a fee set by the board. The owner would then use the HHP prefix with the cat's registration number to enter shows to be scored. This will be a one-way change, exceptions to be approved by the board only.*
 - *Purchase a recording number for the cat, thus keeping the cat's registered career separate from its recorded career.*

Awards and Titles

Resolution 17 called for awards similar to the K/C/P classes. We have two proposals – the first is a year-end title, the second is a prefix title progression similar to pedigreed Grand-to-Grand-of-Distinction. After the proposals we discuss supporting statistical data.

Proposal 1 – *CFA will offer Top 10 Regional/Divisional Wins for HHPs across all regions/divisions where RW/DWs are offered. The prefix title will be HRW for “Household Pet Regional Winner” and HDW for “Household Pet Divisional Winner” and will require a minimum of 200 points. Since pedigreed cats may compete as HHPs and theoretically could have both pedigreed and HHP titles, distinguishing the HHP regional win as HRW will avoid confusion for pedigreed cats. HRW will not replace RW nor vice versa, same for HDW and DW.*

The title HRW/HDW will be retained with the HHP's record. Only recorded HHPs (or registered cats that have done a color class change) will be eligible for this title since only recorded HHPs can be scored by CO. The first season for this award will be the 2015-2016 season.

A minimum point requirement is necessary because of the low average number of HHPs per show in some parts of CFA. The point spread data shows that in all but region 4, a 200 point minimum can be achieved easily. The intention of offering this title is to increase entries, which should increase the points available to competitors and make the 200 minimum easily achieved.

Some regions currently award Top 25 to HHPs. These regions can continue to award 11-25, but the committee recommends that only Top 10 receive the title of HRW/HDW from CFA. The point spread table below shows that if the minimum number of awards were set to Top 25 across the board, HHPs could earn HRW/HDW titles in as little as one weekend. The board can easily increase the number of HRW/HDW awards in the future as competition picks up in this class.

Proposal 2 – *CFA will offer the titles Grand Household Pet (GH) and Grand Household Pet of Distinction (GHD). CFA offers GC for the championship class and GP for the premiership class, so GH for the household pet class follows that naming convention. GH/GHD will precede HRW/HDW (e.g. a cat could be named GH, HRW Stacey or GHD, HRW Stacey).*

For the GH title, a minimum 200 points from at least 6 different judges accumulated over any number of seasons is required. In geographic areas where the Grand Champion title requires less than 200 points, the GH title will require 100 points. For cats with points moving from one area to another, the points will be adjusted following a structure similar to show rules 9.03 c and d (from the 2014-2015 show rules).

HHP grand points will be calculated exactly like the points for the HRW title except that grand points will be cumulative over multiple seasons. One of the biggest stumbling blocks for new pedigreed cat exhibitors is understanding the difference between ch/pr points and nat/reg points. By keeping the HHP grand points the same as their nat/reg points, new HHP exhibitors will not have that same difficulty.

For the GHD title, CFA will add a D to those GH HHPs that compete for 3 seasons (not necessarily consecutive), achieve a minimum of 30 finals per season with a point total of at minimum 250 points per season. In other words, GH will become GHD. The GH title must be achieved before the GHD title, but finals and points earned before achieving the GH will count toward the GHD. Currently, there are no geographic exceptions to the requirement for the pedigreed Grand of Distinction so we did not include any geographic exceptions for the GHD.

The first eligible season for these titles will be the 2015-2016 season and no past seasons will be included since they were not scored by CFA. The board may wish to revisit that in the future depending on how many seasons of catalog data CO retains and what the cost would be to recover data from past seasons. The titles must be claimed for a fee, the same as pedigreed cat owners must claim the champion/premier title and the GCD/GPD title.

The committee recommends that CFA award certificates suitable for framing to each GH and mail these certificates to the owners upon claim of the title. We recommend that CFA award certificates suitable for framing to each GHD and send these certificates to the region to present at their regional banquets. All titles will be retained with the HHP's record and will be available only to recorded HHPs or registered cats that have done a color class change to the HHP class.

The awards committee expects that there may be some hesitation to use the term "grand" for awards in the HHP class. "Grand" parallels the other classes, however sometimes logic isn't the best thing in the cat fancy. Some alternative terms are Star HHP (SH – SHD), Super HHP (SH – SHD), Superior HHP (SH – SHD), Star and SuperStar, Great HHP (GH – GHD), HHP of Excellence (HE) progressing to HHP of Distinction (HED), Superstar HHP (SH – SHD), HHP Star and HHP Star of Distinction (HS – HSD).

Supporting Data - *The following tables are from Monte Phillips' statistics article for the 2013-2014 season and from Dick Kallmeyer's HHP stats from the same period. The left table shows the average number of cats present in the K/C/P classes in each region/division of CFA. The right table shows the average number of HHPs entered in each region/division. We could not find data to compare present to present or entered to entered so a direct comparison cannot be made; we have to compare pedigreed cats present to HHP cats entered which is not quite exact but close enough for our purposes.*

AVERAGE SIZE SHOWS BY REGION/DIVISION – CATS PRESENT IN C/K/P – Monte Phillips					
REG	AB K	AB C	AB P	TOTAL	# SHOWS
1	47	62	36	145	34
2	39	57	34	130	23
3	35	57	29	121	20
4	51	56	38	145	34
5	50	67	37	154	19
6	42	58	33	131	22
7	47	61	38	146	42
8	22	41	17	80	37
9	31	61	9	101	34
Hawaii	10	11	12	33	3
INT A/LA	39	54	13	106	62
CFA	40	56	26	122	330

HHP Entries 2013-2014 – Dick Kallmeyer					
REG	Shows	Shows w/HHPs	Percent shows with HHP entries	Total HHP s	Avg HHP entries / show*
1	32	30	94%	257	8.6
2	24	24	100%	340	14.2
3	20	20	100%	246	12.3
4	33	27	82%	142	5.3
5	21	21	100%	413	19.7
6	22	19	86%	250	13.2
7	43	40	93%	507	12.7
8	37	24	65%	143	6.0
9	34	12	35%	40	3.3
D	62	34	55%	591	17.4
W	2	1	50%	10	10.0
Total	330	252	76%	2,939	11.7
R1- R7	197	182	92%	2,165	11.9

Even comparing present pedigreed to entered HHP, this data shows that the K/C/P classes dwarf the HHP classes. There are still many shows with fewer than 10 HHPs present and the cats make finals and points by default. For this reason, the awards committee does not recommend National Awards for the HHP class at this time; there just is not enough competition in the class, yet. The addition of CO scoring and titles should increase the numbers. We can easily add National Awards at a later time when participation in the HHP classes improves.

The Awards Committee does not recommend, as resolution 17 suggested, attempting to change the CFA constitution to require the HHP classes at shows. The above data shows that most areas already have a very high percentage of shows that include the HHP class. Our proposals will likely increase the HHP participation in CFA and as clubs gain entries from HHP classes, those that do not already include HHPs will see the financial benefit and offer the class on their own.

Another chart to consider is the point spread in the HHP competition throughout the regions. Unfortunately, the only data we could find was for regions 1-7. The next table is data from the volunteer HHP scorers.

Unofficial Points for HHPs in the 2013-2014 season – Point Spreads by region					
Region	Number HHPs Scored	Best points/rings	10th Best points/rings	25th Best points/rings	bottom points/rings
1	76	1148.65(92)	348.70(28)	97.90(12)	7.15(1)
2	109	778.85(74)	272.85(18)	100.7(6)	7.5 (2)
3	108	796.65(100)	222.55(27)	136.5(8)	8.4(1)
4	57	243.75(55)	103.8(13)	46.8(5)	3.75(1)
5	72	2151.70(100)	1029.30(93)	159.90(15)	7.7(4)
6	119	1185.40(96)	285.95(20)	96.30(7)	7.65(3)
7	189	1403.55(100)	581.40(74)	144.75(26)	6.30(1)

We asked the current volunteer scorers for regions 1-7 to review this proposal, and none had a problem with the point minimums we suggest. These are the people in the best position to judge what is achievable, and they did not question these point minimums. The 200 point minimum for the GH and HRW titles and the 250 points per season for the GHD title may seem high, but we based these minimums on the current counts and the point spread chart above.

Consider region 4 where the average HHP entry was around 5. 25th Best HHP last season earned around 47 points in just 5 rings, or about a quarter of the points necessary for GH. In region 2, 25th Best HHP earned 100 points in only 6 rings; that's half of the points for the GH in one show.

To think of it another way, let's look at the lowest average count region in the US, region 4 which averages 5 entries. At an average show in region 4, Best cat receives 4 points, 2nd is 3.8, 3rd is 3.6, 4th is 3.4 points and 5th is 3.2 points. In a 10 ring show, a cat that is Best across the board would receive 40 points and 5th Best cat across the board, which would defeat no other cats, would leave the show with 32 points. All HHPs will leave the show with somewhere between 40 and 32 points. In the GLR, it should take 5-8 shows for a cat to achieve 200 points.

Some may question whether the point minimum for GH should be closer to the point minimum for Grand Premier. But that analogy doesn't quite fit since premiership is scored differently. Unless the premiers are included in the top 10, only 4 premiers make grand points in an AB final and 2 in SP finals no matter what the count is while up to 10-15 HHPs will be getting points in HHP finals. Premiers are scored with 10% decrements whereas we are proposing 5% decrements with HHPs. More HHPs will make the finals than premiers and will get a higher percentage of the points. For the GH, we should look at the average counts to set the point minimum rather than what is needed for another class since grand scoring in the other classes is not comparable.

The GHD title is similar to the GCD/GPD title except for the point minimum. For the GHD title, the committee recommends a per season point minimum because so many HHP classes have fewer than 10 entered and the cats make finals by default. To hit 250 points in 30 finals, the HHP must average 8.4 points per final which is doable with current HHP counts. The point spread table shows that many HHPs already achieve 200+ points per season.

(28) **SHOW RULES.**

Committee Chair: Monte Phillips
Liaison to Board: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent

Calhoun: A Monte update. The train left 8 hours late. I'm not sure why, but at any rate, he's in Elkhorn, Indiana on the train. He can call from the train. He says, at the rate he's going now, he will be here around midnight. **DelaBar:** Why the train? **Hannon:** The choice is to have his board liaison represent him, or to do a telephone call. How do we want to handle this? Carol, are you prepared to present? **Krzanowski:** Sure. **Hannon:** Alright. So, tell him Carol will handle it. **Calhoun:** Shall we tell him to turn around? **Meeker:** Get on the next train going back. **Hannon:** Tell him we're not going to be here at midnight. Even if we did it on the phone, he would have the question of what to do when he got here. **Calhoun:** Do you want him to call in just in case there's questions? Be available by phone? **Hannon:** Have we resolved what we're going to do about Monte? So, we're going to have Carol handle it.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has reviewed and prepared show rule changes for issues identified during both the annual meeting of the delegates, concerns identified by various members of the board concerning certain issues, and a review of the current rules. We have also finalized the revamped rules in accordance with the comments received since the rules were published back in June.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee has prepared this report in four parts:

- 1. The first part deals with rule changes that were voted on by the delegates and passed by 2/3. These are rules forwarded to the Board for ratification. There were seven of these.*
- 2. The second part deals with the rules that passed by majority or passed from the floor. There were two of these. We have drafted the rules required to score household pets and the structure of regional/divisional awards for household pets based on the report from the Awards Committee – this was the floor resolution passed at the annual.*
- 3. The third set of rule changes are those based on issues identified over the past half year either from Board minutes, requests from specific board members, or rules required to accomplish the full intent of a proposal passed at the annual, but that did not contain all of the rules text necessary to accomplish the intended objective. These include such things as allowing specialty judges to share rings for judging at a show, handling non-confirmed champion/premiers, requiring clubs to include a specific number of specialty rings to obtain a show license, minimum point requirements for all national breed placements, etc. Each rule proposal includes a description in the analysis of the basis for the change, and all are in the format of the revamped show rules. In cases where a requested change resulted in a revised rule, that change is included in Section 3 of the proposed rule changes.*

4. *The final (fourth) part discusses the housekeeping issues identified as part of the final proofing of the revamped show rules. The full version of the revamped rules is attached at the end of this report (with an October 1, 2014 revision date).*

Hannon: Let's get started with the show rules, Carol. **Krzanowski:** Monte has presented his report in four parts, as you probably noticed. The first part deals with changes that were voted on by the delegates and passed by 2/3. The second part deals with rules that passed by a majority or from the floor. The third part is other rule changes to take care of issues that were identified over the past half year, and then the final part is the revamped show rules. So, I'm going to take them one part at a time, one rule at a time. I am going to present a standing motion, so we'll discuss these one at a time.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will be incorporating those rules adopted at this meeting into the revamped version, and updating that with a December 1, 2014 revision date. That version will have been proofed to ensure it is accurate and ready to go (except for the page numbering of the table of contents – that will await the print version proof in March), but will not be forwarded to printing until after we have read the complete minutes from the February Board meeting so that we can verify there are no rules requiring changes (such as color class descriptions/additions/deletions, breed listings, etc.) as a result of that meeting. The final version for printing will then be sent to Central Office before the first of March (version date on the cover will then be removed).

Action Items: Ratify the following rule proposals at this time:

1 – Items Pre-noticed to the Annual Meeting Delegates and passed by greater than 2/3 margin.

1a – Revise Rule 6.16 (OLD 1.24) to Extend the Valid Time for a Temporary Registration Number (TRN) From 30 Days to 60 Days.

Rule # 6.16	Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 5
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 2.04) and the appropriate fee, which is in	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 <u>Longhair</u> exoties <u>Exotics</u> shown as Persians (see rule 2.04) and the appropriate fee,

<p>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 beginning of judging for the show. The fee, application form, and pedigree will be provided to Central Office in the show package. Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the bases for such decision. . Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be listed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.</p>	<p>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 beginning of judging for the show. The fee, application form, and pedigree will be provided to Central Office in the show package. Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 <u>60</u> days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the bases <u>basis</u> for such decision. . Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be listed <u>printed</u> in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 <u>60</u> days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30 <u>60</u>-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number <u>within that 60-day period</u>. At the end of this 30 <u>60</u>-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The change to capitalize Longhair Exotic should be considered housekeeping. "Printed" is used instead of "listed" to avoid confusion with the way the term "listed" is defined at the beginning of the show rules. The main point of this change is to lengthen the effective period of the TRN from 30 days 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. [NOTE: The portion of the resolution text that dealt with new rule 2.30 was removed (first sentence) as it was not modified in this resolution.]</p> <p>At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.</p>	

Krzanowski: Part 1, Rule 6.16 passed by greater than 2/3. It extends the valid time for a temporary registration number or TRN from 30 days to 60 days. Does anyone have any questions about that? **DelaBar:** I wrote it. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

1b – Provide a ‘Three Bites and You’re Out’ Requirement in the Show Rules by Revising Rules 11.24c (OLD 28.17c and 3.06) and 12.10 (OLD 18.07)

Rule # 11.24.c & 12.10		Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 6	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
<p>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. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d)</p>		<p>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. <u>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.</u> (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d)</p> <p><u>The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded “DISQ/BITE” for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall not be eligible for entry at any CFA show.</u></p>	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
<p>12.10 When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of show rules 11.22, 11.23, and 11.24, 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) or “Disqualify-All Other Reasons” (DISQ).</p>		<p>12.10 When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of show rules 11.22, 11.23, and 11.24, 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), <u>“Disqualify-Bite” (DISQ/BITE),</u> or “Disqualify-All Other Reasons” (DISQ).</p>	
<p>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. [NOTE: The resolution text for 3.06 and 28.17c (duplicate rules) is listed as if it had been prepared in the revamped format – 11.24c, where the only text of this rule will be. All duplicates have been deleted in the revamped rules.]</p>			

At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.

Krzanowski: Next is to provide a “three bites and you’re out” requirement in the show rules by revising Rule 11.24c. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **McCullough:** Does this cover trainees and the ones who have to do their training before they get into the Program? What if they get bit by the cat, or the clerk? **Wilson:** The trainee can disqualify a cat for the disqualify reason in the standard, but this would be the officiating judge. **Eigenhauser:** It says “officiating judge” in the rule. **Wilson:** Right, and the trainee is not an officiating judging. **McCullough:** So, if they get bit it’s OK? **Wilson:** It’s not OK. If the trainee gets bit, they can disqualify the cat per the existing wording, on their paperwork, but if the judge can handle the cat, it’s the officiating judge that triggers it. [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Meeker:** Come on. I can’t hear. **Wilson:** Part of training is training on how to handle a cat. **McCullough:** So, it’s OK if you get bit while training? **Hannon:** You’re not going to get her to say yes, it’s OK for them to get bit. **Wilson:** Of course it’s not OK for them to get bit, and they can disqualify the cat for what is currently in place. It’s a disqualification already in the standard to disqualify a cat that they’re not able to handle. **McCullough:** The other part I had with this, it’s only during judging and not during finals. **Wilson:** As is the existing rule. **McCullough:** I think it should be during finals, as well. **DelaBar:** That is part of judging. **Wilson:** If I handle a cat and it doesn’t bite me, and I final it and it bites me in the middle of a final, I’m not going to disqualify the cat. If I think a cat has been over-handled and perhaps doesn’t want to be handled, I won’t take the cat out. I think we need a little common sense. **Ganoe:** To Steve’s point, trainees are training. Not often is a trainee always the perfect handler, and they are probably going to have more risk than the officiating judge. We can’t disqualify cats based on something that someone who is learning about them have happen. It has to be the officiating judge. As for biting in the final, I’m with Annette on that. I just won’t take the cat out if it looks like it wants to and I won’t DQ it if I do and then it does. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

1c – Allow Correction of Missing Registration Number at the Time of Entry via the Catalog Correction Process by Revising Rule 10.23c (OLD RULE 11.04b) [Note – this will require additional wording to clarify that such a correction is allowed that was not part of this proposal – see proposed show rule amendment 3a]

Rule # 10.23c	Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 7	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten 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 kitten registration number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as	c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten 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 kitten registration number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official	

<p>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 entry clerk 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.</p>	<p>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 entry clerk 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.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: There should be no obstacles for exhibitors to enter and show cats that have obtained bona fide registration numbers, even if this involves months of waiting for completion of the registration process. If the breeder has submitted the required pedigrees or other paperwork for registration and wants to show, they should be able to do so without paying an additional fee to obtain a TRN when they have a valid registration number for the cat by the start of the show. To require these exhibitors to also obtain TRN numbers is a duplication of effort and an additional expense for the exhibitor.</p> <p>At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.</p>	

Krzanowski: The third rule is to allow correction of a missing registration number at the time of entry via the catalog correction process by revising Rule 10.23c. Monte has addressed the changes that are necessary to accomplish this. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

1d – Delete the Rule Prohibiting the Giving of Gifts to Judges in Show Rule 14.05 (OLD RULE 11.35)

Rule # 14.05	Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 8
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording

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'.	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'. Rest of section renumbered.
<p>RATIONALE: The 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, 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. [NOTE: This rule was placed in the rules as it is a duplication of the Board Policy Statement passed at the October 2013 Board Meeting (Pages 14-19). As such, additional action will be necessary to address the policy statement.]</p> <p>At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.</p>	

Krzanowski: The next rule is to delete the rule prohibiting the giving of judges’ gifts to judges in Show Rule 14.05. That passed by greater than 2/3 at the Annual. **Hannon:** George, did you second that? **Eigenhauser:** Sure, why not? **Hannon:** OK. Any discussion on judges’ gifts?

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

1e – Modify the Exclusion Concerning the Requirement for Prepaid Airfare Being Provided to Judges by Revising Show Rule 20.04e (OLD RULE 26.02e)

Rule # 20.04e	Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 10	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
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 the United States and Canada.	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 <u>within</u> the United States, and Canada, <u>Mexico, or for judges residing in and traveling within Region 9.</u>	
RATIONALE: Mexico was added to those countries already stated in North America as it is part of Regions 3 and 5. It does not take much travel for a Region 9 judge to travel outside the country of residence, but within Region 9. For example, in the time it took to fly from San Antonio to Dallas, Texas, one can now fly from Helsinki, Finland to Stockholm, Sweden, Tallin, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Russia,		

etc. Countries in Europe are like the States in the United States especially with the free movement within the European Union and the Schengen Agreement countries. Clubs in Region 9 are no less honest about travel payment than clubs in the US.

At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.

Krzanowski: Next is to modify the exclusion concerning the requirement for pre-paid air fare being provided to judges by revising Show Rule 20.04e. **Hannon:** Pam, do you want to second that one? **DelaBar:** Yes, I would second this. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

DelaBar: Where I thought this was going to be intuitively obvious, that two clubs sharing an overseas judge, that basically the expenses would be split in half. Mary informed me that it was not and we should add something in there that no club would pay more than what they would pay if they had solely invited the judge over. Now, I don't know that that's necessary. I'm throwing it out to you. **Hannon:** Any comments on this? **Wilson:** That's not what this rule covers.

Raymond: It's a different show rule. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry. Unpaid tickets – oh, well I wrote that one, too. **Hannon:** That's why I asked you to second it. Do you want to address that one, Pam?

DelaBar: I think it's perfectly logical. **Hannon:** And Mary agrees? **DelaBar:** Mary should agree with that one. **Hannon:** You know the one we're talking about then? **DelaBar:** Yeah.

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

1f – For Purposes of Requiring CFA Judges to be Used at a Licensed Show, Revise Rule 3.13 (OLD RULE 25.13) to Exempt Russia from Region 9 Requirements and Place Them with International Division Requirements

Rule # 3.13		Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 12			
Existing Wording				Proposed Wording	
For Championship, Kitten, Premiership and Veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of judges that must be CFA judges at the show are as follows:				For Championship, Kitten, Premiership and Veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of judges that must be CFA judges at the show are as follows:	
Regions 1-9		International Division		Regions 1-9	
No. of	CFA	No. of	CFA	<u>(excluding Russia)</u>	
Rings	Judges	Rings	Judges	No. of	CFA
2-3	2	2-3	2	Rings	Judges
4-5	3	4-5	3	2-3	2
6	4	6	4	4-5	3
7	5	7	5	6	4
8	6	8-9	6	7	5
9-10	7	10-11	7	8	6
11	8	12	8	9-10	7
12	9			11	8
				12	9

As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs.	As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs.
<p>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 replacement judges.</p> <p>The major show-producing club in Russia has had to reduce the amount of shows from nine to five 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.</p>	

Krzanowski: Next, for purposes of requiring CFA judges to be used at a licensed show, revise Rule 3.13 to exempt Russia from Region 9 requirements and place them with the International Division requirements. **Hannon:** Pam, are you seconding this? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** Do you want to talk about it? **DelaBar:** All I can say is that Russia has to pay extra to get judges in from the US. Our visas are expensive, the airline tickets are expensive. One more authorized guest judge at 12 rings is not really going to hurt them. **Hannon:** Any further discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kuta and Ganoe voting no.

1g – Specify a Minimum Point Requirement for Best of Breed Winner by Amending Article XXXV (OLD ARTICLE XXXVII), AWARDS, National Awards [NOTE: This will require discussion concerning a corresponding rule change for the other breed winners as this proposal is only for the BW winner – see Proposed rule 3b.]

Article XXXV	Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 16
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>AWARDS</p> <p>The awards presented each year are:</p> <p>National Awards</p> <p>...</p>	<p>AWARDS</p> <p>The awards presented each year are:</p> <p>National Awards</p> <p>...</p>

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).	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). <u>200 point minimum is required for this award.</u>
<p>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.</p> <p>At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.</p>	

Krzanowski: The next rule specifies a minimum point requirement for breed winners. This point requirement is now 200 points. The rationale is explained. **Hannon:** We need a second. **McCullough:** Second. **Ganoe:** I really opposed this on the floor and I’m going to oppose it completely here, because this unduly penalizes minority breeds for not being able to get a BW title during the year. LaPerms, other than the longhairs in Japan, shorthair LaPerms don’t get shown a lot. There are a lot of breeds who show and don’t get over 200 points. We would never be able to get a BW title on our cats. **Wilson:** I’ll take the other side of that. Perhaps it would incentivize, rather than penalize. **Ganoe:** The points are awarded by the judges. They bring their best and they’re still not getting the finals. It’s out of their control at that point. **Hannon:** It’s not out of their control. They could have a better cat. **Ganoe:** I’m still against it. **Hannon:** Any other comments on this one?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Ganoe voting no.

2 – Resolutions that passed by majority or from the Floor at the Annual Meeting (Advisory to Board) – Presented Here for Approval

2a – Amend the Rules Concerning Hotel Accommodations for Judges When They Accept Two Consecutive Assignments “Overseas” – Rule 20.05 (OLD RULE 26.03)

Rule # 20.05	Passed by majority at annual – Resolution 11	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
Clubs are required to provide hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge’s judging, the night after the completion of a judge’s judging, and for each night in between, if any. Should an ‘act of God’ storm (ice and/or snow) occur which prevents a judge from returning home after the club’s responsibility ends, the judge may send an itemized bill of room and meal expenses to the CFA Central	Clubs are required to provide hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge’s judging, the night after the completion of a judge’s judging, and for each night in between, if any. Should an ‘act of God’ storm (ice and/or snow) occur which prevents a judge from returning home after the club’s responsibility ends, the judge may send an itemized bill of room and meal expenses to the CFA Central	

Office for reimbursement. Clubs in Region 9 or the International Division must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each 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.	Office for reimbursement. Clubs in Region 9 or the International Division must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each <u>international overseas, or guest judge, as appropriate, judge</u> 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. <u>No club will incur costs greater than if they had contracted to judge separately.</u>
<p>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 expense.</p> <p>This proposal passed by teller vote 197-192.</p>	

Krzanowski: Next, now we're moving into rules that were passed by a majority from the floor at the Annual or presented from the floor. The first one is to amend the rules concerning hotel accommodations for judges when they accept two consecutive assignments overseas. I think this is the one Pam was thinking of. **DelaBar:** Yes, I'm sorry. My computer skipped to this one when we were on the other one. **Hannon:** We'll have CompuTan fix that for you.

Eigenhauser: Pam is going to second that one. **DelaBar:** Yes, I'm seconding this one. This is the one that Mary K had some issues with. After the last sentence in the first paragraph, would it be OK to add, *No club will incur costs greater than if they had contracted to judge separately?*

Hannon: Carol made the motion. Are you accepting the amendment to the motion?

Krzanowski: Yes. Would you mind repeating it? **DelaBar:** [repeats] **Hannon:** Does that satisfy Mary? **Meeker:** So, what you're saying is, if you're judging two weekends and you have these five days in the middle, and a club would have paid for Monday and the other club bringing the judge in would have paid for Friday, then Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday falls to the judge?

DelaBar: No, it falls to the clubs. They split the cost to keep the judge. **Hannon:** Because they are only paying for one way of the judge, instead of the round trip if they had gone home.

Meeker: OK, that's what I needed clarification on. **DelaBar:** That's why I said, I thought this was intuitively obvious. Mary says no, it's not. **Raymond:** Pam, do you want to put that at the end of the first paragraph or the second paragraph? I think you should go with the second.

DelaBar: OK. Yeah, you're right. At the end of the second paragraph. **Kuta:** How do they determine what that cost is if they were to come over separately? Is there a method? **DelaBar:** If you have a plane cost of \$875 for one round trip, then that's pretty much – **Kuta:** So, the clubs can work that out. **DelaBar:** The clubs work that out. They just put everything together and split it in half. **Hannon:** That seems to be a problem in some areas, right? Clubs aren't willing to work together. **Kuta:** That's what the problem is. **Hannon:** Their option is to tell the judge, "go home and come back." So, judges fly home, spend a day and return. **DelaBar:** That does happen in some places. **Hannon:** So, are we requiring them to cooperate? **Kuta:** That's what I'm asking. **DelaBar:** No. **Hannon:** They have the option of saying no, we're not going to agree to share

this. **DelaBar:** Correct, and then the judge flies home and comes back, and they pay more money. Actually, what this does, this was only required in the International Division and Region 9. By taking out that – clubs in Region 9 or the International Division – just taking that out and making it applicable to all of CFA, not just one region and the ID. That’s all. **Moser:** I’m a little confused still, Pam. What’s it changing from the way it is today? I mean, are you saying that if a judge comes over from Europe to the United States, so it’s the same on both sides? Is that what you’re saying? **DelaBar:** Yeah. **Eigenhauser:** It’s global. **Moser:** Because before what was happening? I would like to have an explanation. For instance, for you, because you’re coming from Europe. **DelaBar:** Yeah. If I came and I am judging San Antonio one weekend and Chicago the next weekend, the clubs would split the cost of the ticket by 50% and they would split the cost of me staying in a hotel and meals by 50%. **Hannon:** Normally, that would be cheaper than flying home and flying back. **Moser:** Right, but isn’t that what you do today? Isn’t it the same as the rule? No? **Hannon:** She’s expanding it to include the United States. **Ganoe:** Right now, that requirement is not including the United States. **Kallmeyer:** It’s only if you go to Europe. **Moser:** OK. That’s what I wanted to know. **Wilson:** We use this term “international” or “overseas guest judges”. What is an “international judge”? I think of myself as an international judge because I can judge internationally, so I’m not quite so sure that that’s the best term, but I don’t have a better one at this point. **DelaBar:** What are you talking about? **Wilson:** In the second paragraph, it says, *Clubs must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each international overseas, or guest judge, as appropriate.* **Ganoe:** I think you’re putting a comma between international and overseas. **Wilson:** OK, but even *international overseas*. I thought about that, too. **DelaBar:** Because *international* could be between Finland and Sweden, so it has to be overseas, not over the Baltic Sea. **Wilson:** Can it just be *overseas* then, instead of *international overseas*? **Kallmeyer:** No. It should be between regions. *International different region* or something like that. **Wilson:** What if a judge in the US was invited to judge two shows on the west coast and wanted to stay in between? **Hannon:** And had two west coast shows in a row? **Wilson:** Why are we limiting this to only flying overseas? Maybe there’s a reason for it, and I’m good with that. **Ganoe:** I think the part of this proposal that deletes the *in Region 9 or the International Division* opens that up for your scenario. **Hannon:** If she’s going from Detroit to San Francisco and staying for a second show in California, she never crosses a sea. **Wilson:** Do you see what I mean? **DelaBar:** We also added guest judges to this, too. **Wilson:** I’m not arguing with the intent of this. I’m just not sure it’s really covering all the possibilities, and I’m not sure that *international overseas* is the best term, but I don’t have a better term. **Eigenhauser:** If we need to expand it, maybe we can expand it next year. Let’s see how it works now. **McCullough:** Does this mean a licensed judge? Would that help? **DelaBar:** No. **Meeker:** What about inter-regional? **DelaBar:** No. **Hannon:** Instead of trying to fix it now, George is suggesting we pass what we have and, if it creates a problem, we’ll get Monte to come up with some better terminology, because Mary is not in a position to give us better terminology. Any other comments? **Krzanowski:** The motion has been amended to include that final sentence at the end of the second paragraph. **Hannon:** You agreed to that and so did the seconder? **McCullough:** I second. **Hannon:** Pam already did, and it was Pam’s motion at the Annual.

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

2b – Amend the National/Regional Awards to Change the Title of National Winner to Global Winner and the award to Global Awards – Various Articles

Rule 2.07a	Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for National/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.</p>		<p>The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for <u>Global</u>National/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.</p>
Rule 5.01f	Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>All Championship, Premiership, and registered Kitten entries will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.</p>		<p>All Championship, Premiership, and registered Kitten entries will be scored for CFA National <u>Global</u> and Regional awards.</p>
Rule 7.09d	Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries and all registered Kittens (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and</p>		<p>a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries and all registered Kittens (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA <u>Global</u> National awards and Regional awards; and</p>
Rule 10.17	Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording

Exhibitors will be allowed to display CFA ribbons or rosettes, foreign ribbons or rosettes and unaffiliated breed club ribbons or rosettes only on/in exhibition cages. Such ribbons or rosettes not won at a current show, with the exception of CFA National or Regional Award rosettes, must be confined to the inside of the exhibit’s cage. Awards won on any day at a show-format licensed according to paragraph 4.07.a.3, or any similar format on one weekend at the same location, may be displayed on the outside of the cage on any subsequent day at that location.		Exhibitors will be allowed to display CFA ribbons or rosettes, foreign ribbons or rosettes and unaffiliated breed club ribbons or rosettes only on/in exhibition cages. Such ribbons or rosettes not won at a current show, with the exception of CFA <u>Global</u> National or Regional Award rosettes, must be confined to the inside of the exhibit’s cage. Awards won on any day at a show-format licensed according to paragraph 4.07.a.3, or any similar format on one weekend at the same location, may be displayed on the outside of the cage on any subsequent day at that location.	
Rule 11.27		Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is, 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or national awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.		Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is, 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or national <u>global</u> awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.	
Rule 24.01c		Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/ National) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.		The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/ National <u>Global</u>) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.	
Article XXIX – Exotic & Persian Standards		Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
End of Exotic Color Classes Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. Refer to the Persian section for a complete list of colors. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration		End of Exotic Color Classes Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. Refer to the Persian section for a complete list of colors. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration	

<p>prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/Regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End of Persian Color Classes</p> <p>Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p>		<p>prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and <u>Global</u>National/Regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards Longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End of Persian Color Classes</p> <p>Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and <u>Global</u>National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p>	
<p>Article XXXV – only those parts affected by this proposal are shown</p>		<p>Passed from floor – Only Floor Resolution</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Existing Wording</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Wording</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Article XXXV NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens compete for awards on a national/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCORING</p> <p>Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Division/Regional points.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Article XXXV <u>GLOBAL</u>NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens compete for awards on a <u>global</u>national/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCORING</p> <p>Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for <u>Global</u>National/Division/Regional points.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">AWARDS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AWARDS</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Regional Awards</p> <p>The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are: Best-25th Best Cat* Best-25th Best Kitten* Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership* *The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards. Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division. Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Regional Awards</p> <p>The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are: Best-25th Best Cat* Best-25th Best Kitten* Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership* *The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards. Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division. Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the <u>Global</u></p>

Regional awards.	National and Regional awards.
<p>RATIONALE: The CFA is truly a global organization. As such, our top award should not be limited by its title as a “national” award when cats competing and winning that title are coming from Japan, Europe, China, and other countries outside of the United States. The rules listed above would all be revised to reflect the global nature of our top awards. The new title would be Global Winner (GW), and Central Office would be required to re-program the computer so that all titles printed out for cats having already earned a National Award would have their titles revised to reflect being a Global Winner. [NOTE: As called, the motion on the floor was “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.”]</p> <p>Passed from the Floor for Board action.</p>	

Krzanowski: Next is to amend the national and regional awards to change the title of National Winner to Global Winner and the award to Global Award. There were a number of different places where this was mentioned, so Monte has addressed all of those areas. Any questions? **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** I’ll second. **Anger:** Section 2b contains a running list of amendments. Are we voting on them as a block or individually? **Krzanowski:** I think it needs to be as a block, because it’s changing the name of the title and the name of the award, so Monte has taken all of those rules that mention the title or name and changed them. **DelaBar:** I spoke to this at the Annual. “Global” just doesn’t hit it for me, but there is a term that’s used across many associations that everybody understands is a highly prestigious title, and that’s “international winner”. Also “world winner” but we don’t want to do that, because that ties in with our World Show and also is the same thing used by the FIFe people for their World Show. “International winner” is a prestigious title across many associations, and I think it would be well understood and well respected if we used that instead of “global”. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Pam, but – I am lukewarm on “global”. I like it better than “national” but it doesn’t send me, either. The problem I have with “international” is, that would confuse people with the International Division winners and you would have two confusingly similar titles. I’m the international winner and you’re the International Division winner. **DelaBar:** It’s not “international division winner”, it’s just “division winner”. **Eigenhauser:** But they are the International Division. **Kallmeyer:** It’s a division winner from the International Division. **Eigenhauser:** I think using “international” to mean CFA as a whole is using the same term to mean two different things. We either need to rename the International Division or we have to find a different word. I’m not comfortable with having those two terms together. **Dugger:** I think it sounds like another association, and we’re not that other association. **McCullough:** When I brought this up to the region, most of them show another association that uses “international winner”, so their solution was to call it “all-nations winners” and they wouldn’t have to go back and change everybody’s certificates hanging on the walls. That way it would still have NW. <no> Just saying what Carissa told me to say. **Hannon:** So, she can read the minutes and see that you said it. **McCullough:** Thank you very much. **Hannon:** Any other comments? The motion is for “global”. If you don’t want “global” you need to vote no.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Ganoe, Dugger, McCullough, Calhoun, Wilson and Kuta voting no.

2c – Create Awards for Household Pets – Various Rules

Rule NEW 2.24 (all other numbers in Article II from 2.24 will go up one number)	Passed Show Rules Resolution 17	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
None	<u>A RECORDED CAT is a Household Pet cat for which a CFA recording number has been received from the Central Office. Pedigreed cats with CFA registration numbers can compete as if they were a recorded cat if the registration prefix is changed to the household pet color class prefix (0892/0893). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board.</u>	

Krzanowski: On the first one, the new Rule 2.24, I actually had a note on that myself. In Mary's presentation, in addressing pedigreed cats shown as Household Pets, she had two options there; a pedigreed cat could also be recorded for an additional fee and keep its original registration number in the pedigreed system, or they can change their prefix to a Household Pet prefix. Monte's rule does not make that clear, and I would like to add to this rule. I would like it to read: *Pedigreed cats with CFA registration numbers can be recorded for an additional fee or can compete as if they were a recorded cat if the registration prefix is changed to the household pet color class prefix (0892/0893).* **Hannon:** Does everybody understand what she's changing. <no> I didn't understand it either. What words did you add, and where? **Krzanowski:** I'm looking at Rule 2.24, the first one in the Household Pet section. The first sentence stays as is. The second sentence that begins with *Pedigreed cats ...*, I am changing that to read *Pedigreed cats with CFA registration numbers can be recorded for an additional fee or can compete as if they were a recorded cat if the registration prefix is changed to the household pet color class prefix (0892/0893).* **Hannon:** Mary is OK with that. **Mastin:** My question is to Dennis. If they keep the original registration number that they had as a pedigreed cat, is this going to throw off the system in trying to research the number for points? **Ganoe:** The answer is, I'm not really certain, because the prefix we're talking about is actually the color prefix. It is stored independently from the registration number, the 7 or 8 digit registration number. It depends upon what we're looking for. If we're looking for all cats with a certain color prefix, we'll find it under color prefix. If we're looking for a cat with a certain registration number, we'll get that one cat and probably the history of its changes in color classes, pedigreed or Household Pet, because right now we have red cats that switch – red/red tabby – back and forth. We have to keep the history of their color changes, and that's the prefix number, so I imagine that Household Pets – a pedigreed cat that went into Household Pet – we would end up with both sets of history because their registration number wouldn't change, their prefix would. **Kallmeyer:** Or, you can just essentially create a new cat. **Ganoe:** Or we can create a new one. **Kallmeyer:** That would be the simplest, yeah. **Ganoe:** Then we would have two cats. We would end up with a different registration number

altogether as a Household Pet. **Hannon:** But it says here that they can keep the existing number, so you're saying that creates a problem. **Ganoe:** I'm not saying it creates a problem, it's just that it's channeling what we're going to do to record these in the system to using the same system as we do for pedigreed. It means that I'm not going to have a different system, because I need to keep that registration number. **Mastin:** Let me just use something as a scenario. The pedigreed cat now being shown in the Household Pet division, the owner of that cat gives the old number. Hypothetical, a person at the office pulls up the number and says, "oh, you've got 200 points." I know the registration is being tracked by the total points that are given, but is that chance going to exist where, because there's two different numbers – one with one prefix, one with another? **Ganoe:** Actually, we have gone through that particular problem in the code already. The classic example is the red turning into a red tabby, or the red tabby turning into a solid (more likely going to tabby). It changed color prefix. When you change color prefix, the number totals go to zero. We start over again. **Mastin:** So, why don't we just go with a new number? **Ganoe:** That's not what we've done in pedigrees. **Hannon:** But I don't agree that it goes to zero, because I know of cats that have gotten regional wins as a red AND as a red tabby. They didn't merge the points. They ended up with 12th and 17th best cat. **Ganoe:** That's not technically supposed to happen. **Fellerman:** I have a pedigreed cat that I occasionally show as a Household Pet. She has no eyes. I would be perfectly happy for her to have a whole new number under Household Pets where she could earn a Household Pet award, which she did a couple years ago, because her pedigreed number isn't used anyway anymore. She was never shown. **Hannon:** In theory, a cat could be shown and go back, right Mary? **Eigenhauser:** I think we're way overthinking this. Right now, if I have a cat that's a kitten and it earns points, and it transfers to championship and earns points, and it transfers to premiership and earns points, it's kitten history didn't get erased. It's still in the computer. It's championship history didn't get erased. It's still in the computer. So, why not, instead of trying to change its color, just change its class to Household Pet class? Treat it like a retired champion that's now a premier. **Ganoe:** Yes, that could easily be done. **Eigenhauser:** OK, we're done. **Krzanowski:** That works. **Ganoe:** Instead of changing the prefix – the prefix doesn't matter – we're changing the competitive class. **Krzanowski:** So, do we want to revise the wording on this then, further? **Ganoe:** I don't think we need to revise the wording, because it says, *Pedigreed cats with CFA registration numbers can compete as if they were a recorded cat if the registration prefix is changed to the household pet color class prefix (0892/0893)*. They are changing their color class, which is technically changing the competitive class. Like Korat, 0505K, 0505, 0505P – those are all different. **Wilson:** So it would be 0505H, right? No, it would be 0893. **Ganoe:** But it would be the same cat. **Krzanowski:** Do you change the prefix, as well, then? **Ganoe:** I think we would probably change the prefix, because then all your certificate stuff would need the prefix. **Krzanowski:** Are we going to leave it as Monte wrote it? **Ganoe:** I would leave it as Monte wrote it. **Dobbins:** So, you're changing the whole process for Household Pets? **Eigenhauser:** We're creating one. **Dobbins:** Creating a brand new process? **Ganoe:** That's what this is, yes. **Fellerman:** As the blood drains from her face. **Dobbins:** So, the way we have them right now is totally out the door, out the window? They would actually have color classes? **Ganoe:** Two color classes. **Hannon:** A male and a female. **Dobbins:** Household Pets don't. Male and female, that's it. **Hannon:** And that's what will continue. **Ganoe:** That's the color class. **Dobbins:** But that's what we're going to do? OK. **Wilson:** Next show season. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second it the way it is. **Dobbins:** Somebody will explain it to me later. **Schreck:** I don't see the problem with giving them a whole different

number. It seems to me that that would take care of any of these cross-reference problems and anything else. You just re-register them for a new number in the system, and that eliminates any of these possible cross-references, and the others are still there under their original pedigree number. Now they have a new number as a Household Pet. There's no cross-possibility, it seems to me, if you do that. **Raymond:** If you have two separate numbers, wouldn't that mean that you could decide to show the cat one weekend as a Household Pet and one weekend as something else? **Ganoe:** Yes, and that's against what this says. It says a reversal going back the other way has to be board approved. **Kolencik:** The reason I gave two options, logically yes, if I was going to show one of my pedigreed cats as a Household Pet, I would just get a recorded number. But, some people might have titles on their pedigreed cat that they want to keep with the cat so that they have a certificate that says Grand Champion and then whatever we are going to call their title, so that if they kept their registration number, they would be able to keep their same titles. If you make them get a new registration number and an entirely new record, they're not going to have the history of the titles that they had before. So, that's why there's two options. You can have two separate careers for the cat, two separate records. If you want your cat to keep its titles from its pedigreed career with its Household Pet career, then there has to be a way for them to have the same record. There could be a link from the pedigreed record to the recorded record, but I don't know how to do that and that's why I asked for advice from Dick on this, and this is what he told me. So, it's his fault. **Kallmeyer:** What we do when we change color now is, we cut a new record. In one of the fields we give the new registration number – a pointer, essentially, to the new record. So, we could do the same thing. We could have the grand record now pointing to a new color record with the Household Pet points, so it contains both. They could actually pull information off the old color record. If it was 0140-serial number, now it becomes 0892-and the same serial number. **Kolencik:** So, by having both methods, you allow the linkage? If you get rid of that linkage, then the cats are going to have two separate careers and you won't be able to go back to find the titles. **Kallmeyer:** The only weird thing is carrying titles between it. If you pull up the record for the Household Pet, it might look weird to have the NW/BW/GC appear on it. I'm not sure it would pick up that very well. **Ganoe:** We're not actually to that point in the code yet. **Kallmeyer:** You're right, but it's something to think about. **Kolencik:** At least if you have the linkage, you can get there. If you don't have the linkage, you can never get to that. **Kallmeyer:** I like the idea of keeping the old linkage, because you might want to produce a record of your cattery or something. **Hannon:** Any other comments on this one? Is there a motion and a second? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Hannon:** Let's call for the vote then.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson and Schreck voting no.

Hannon: Can I ask that we keep the private discussions, stop them? Because it gets difficult to have a discussion going on over here, while it's unofficial, and I'm sure the tape is also picking it up. **Anger:** It is. **Hannon:** I'm talking about this type of thing. **Schreck:** I'm sorry.

Rule 5.01f	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
All Championship, Premiership, and registered	All <u>entries in</u> Championship (except Novice).

Kitten entries will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.	Premiership <u>(except Novice)</u> , and registered Kittens, <u>recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix</u> will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.
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Krzanowski: The next one simply adds recorded Household Pets to the wording that these cats will be scored for national and regional awards. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Meeker:** National awards? **DelaBar:** Yeah, we didn't approve that. **Hannon:** We didn't approve national awards. **Calhoun:** I was wondering, do we have to change that to Global award? **Eigenhauser:** Yeah. **DelaBar:** When we were discussing this under Mary's original presentation, didn't we say that this was only going to be for regional awards and not for intergalactic awards? **Krzanowski:** This is just a general statement that says all these cats are going to be scored. **Ganoe:** The proposal we discussed earlier was what we would allow the regions and tell the regions to award. There was nothing in there that said we would award national. However, the points are calculated exactly the same way, by the same process. This is just recognizing that the process for calculating the points is the same. **Eigenhauser:** Later on in the rules it elaborates who gets what awards for what. That's the more detailed. The more specific would control over the general. This just puts them in the same category. This says, go down and look at how regional and national awards function, and whatever they are eligible for. A champion can't get a kitten award, so not all cats are eligible for the same awards. You have to look at the specific section on scoring to see what classes get what awards. So, this is just generic. This is fine. **Wilson:** I think this is too generic, because I think anyone will read this and say that they will be scored for CFA national and regional awards. **Calhoun:** Just a general question. Are these cats now counted in Cattery of Distinction awards? **Ganoe:** I can address that. I think they're not because the Cattery of Distinction is a breeder award, and Household Pets don't have that information. It's a good question, but I think the obvious answer is no. **Hannon:** Are you satisfied with that? **Calhoun:** It's obvious. **Meeker:** It's not always obvious, or logical. **Hannon:** Any more comments?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson voting no.

Rule 5.02h	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
None	<u>h. If celebrity judges (judges not licensed by CFA in any capacity or approved as a guest judge on the license) will be used to judge household pets, and if so, a statement that the associated rings will not be scored for National/Regional/Divisional awards.</u>

Krzanowski: The next rule clarifies that if a celebrity judge or a judge not licensed by CFA in any capacity is used to judge Household Pets that they will not be scored. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Raymond:** The sentence doesn't seem to make sense. **Eigenhauser:** I believe this is a

requirement as something to put either in the show catalog or the flyer, so it's just a list of warnings that have to appear. **Anger:** There's an extra *and if so* in there, you're right.

Eigenhauser: No, it's a two-part thing. Are celebrities going to be used, and if celebrity judges are going to be used, then they will not be scored. It's a two-part thing, so the and is not unnecessary. **Raymond:** I was just missing the context. **Kallmeyer:** Shouldn't for consistency we use "global" instead of "national"? **Eigenhauser:** We'll fix that, housekeeping later.

Hannon: Any more discussion?

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

Rule 7.07	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
An official CFA championship claim form or facsimile thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog.	An official CFA championship claim form <u>and application to obtain a Household Pet Recording Number</u> , or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog.

Krzanowski: The next one states that an application to obtain a Household Pet recording number must be printed or inserted in the show catalog, similar to the championship/premiership claim. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Kuta:** As an entry clerk and as one who often puts together catalogs, can't we just have forms with the master clerk instead? Each page you print costs money, and paper wasted. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kuta voting no.

Rule 7.09d	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries and all registered Kittens (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and	d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, <u>and all registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes</u> (whose registration <u>or recording</u> numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and

Krzanowski: The next one pertains to the wording that currently states [reads]. This just includes recorded Household Pets in that statement. **Eigenhauser:** I'm seconding, but I would like to make a comment, too. At some point down the road, we should revise this because it isn't entirely accurate. We now have provisions, for example, that you can go back and capture points in the other classes. This suggests you cannot, so it's not really accurate the way it is now. It should be revised at some point in the future, but that's not a Household Pet issue, it's a global

issue with the particular rule. **Ganoe:** We don't recognize the \$50 fee to go back and get your pedigreed cat's points, either. **Eigenhauser:** Right, so at some point this needs to be revised, but that's beyond the scope of a Household Pet discussion. I think it should go to Monte with that comment. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson voting no.

Rule 7.12	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
A list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers may be printed in the catalog. In the event that this cannot be done, a separate complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers MUST be forwarded to the Central Office. This rule does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors. (See 13.09.d).	A list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers may be printed in the catalog. In the event that this cannot be done, a separate complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers MUST be forwarded to the Central Office. This rule does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors. (See 13.09.d).

Krzanowski: The next rule number is 7.12. It talks about the list of exhibitors' names in the catalog, where a complete list of exhibitors' names must be forwarded to the Central Office. The old rule stated that this does not apply to the Veteran Class and Household Pet, but since we're going to be scoring Household Pets, we are deleting Household Pet from that exception. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **McCullough:** Everywhere it says "national", we're just going to change that to "global", correct? **Krzanowski:** It will be housekeeping. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

Rule 10.23	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Correction of entry information:</p> <p>a. It is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number, region/area of residence, the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as printed in the catalog is correct.</p> <p>b. Transfers of ownership must be reported to the master clerk, and a correction slip must be filled out by the new owner, or agent indicating the correct name(s) of the owner.</p> <p>c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide</p>	<p>Correction of entry information:</p> <p>a. It is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration/<u>recording</u> number, region/area of residence, the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as printed in the catalog is correct.</p> <p>b. Transfers of ownership must be reported to the master clerk, and a correction slip must be filled out by the new owner, or agent indicating the correct name(s) of the owner.</p> <p>c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten registration number <u>or household pet recording number</u> has</p>

<p>corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking kitten 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 entry clerk 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.</p>	<p>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 kitten registration <u>or recording</u> 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 <u>or recording</u> number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, <u>Household Pet</u>). 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 entry clerk 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.</p>
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Krzanowski: The next rule is 10.23 which talks about correction of entry information. Basically, it's just inserting information that the Household Pet recording number may be added, etc. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion?

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

Rule 11.32	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>ALTERNATE HOUSEHOLD PET FORMAT</p> <p>Stand Alone Household Pets shows may have such classes as show management specifies with the</p>	<p>ALTERNATE HOUSEHOLD PET FORMAT</p> <p>Stand Alone Household Pets shows may have such classes as show management specifies with the</p>

<p>requirement that such classes must not detract from the beauty and dignity nor endanger the health of the exhibit. Judges must be advised of the proposed show format at the time of invitation. The Stand Alone Household Pet judge, who is not judging a Championship ring, must be provided with a separate ring; however, a single specialty judge may judge a single specialty on one day and a Stand Alone Household Pet show on the other day.</p>	<p>requirement that such classes must not detract from the beauty and dignity nor endanger the health of the exhibit. Judges must be advised of the proposed show format at the time of invitation. The Stand Alone Household Pet judge, who is not judging a Championship ring, must be provided with a separate ring; however, a single specialty judge may judge a single specialty on one day and a Stand Alone Household Pet show on the other day.</p> <p><u>Cats competing at Stand Alone Household Pets shows will not be scored for National/Regional/Divisional Awards or credited with points towards any other Household Pet title.</u></p>
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Eigenhauser: The proposed wording in 11.32 which deals with the alternate Household Pet format would add that cats competing in stand-alone Household Pet shows will not be scored. That's inconsistent with other rules elsewhere that say, if it's scored by a celebrity judge, it's not scored; if it's scored by a CFA judge, it is scored. Alternate Household Pet shows are often scored and are often officiated by CFA judges. That would make this inconsistent with proposed Rule 29.01. **Moser:** Where are you? **Eigenhauser:** 11.32 says alternate Household Pet format shows can't be scored, but elsewhere it says if it is officiated by a celebrity judge it's not scored, and if it's officiated by a CFA judge, it is scored. So, this is inconsistent with those two rules. **Krzanowski:** Why don't we take them one at a time, because I had a couple comments on a few of them. **Eigenhauser:** Maybe we can do them as a small block. [transcript goes to 2.24]

Krzanowski: The next rule number, 11.32, adds the sentence *Cats competing at Stand Alone Household Pets shows will not be scored for National/Regional/Divisional Awards or credited with points towards any other Household Pet title*. **Eigenhauser:** This is the one I object to, because this is about a show format. This rule itself doesn't cover scoring. Scoring is covered elsewhere better, because this suggests that a stand-alone Household Pet show judged by CFA judges is not going to be scored, and I don't think that's what we meant to say. The rule clearly talks about, if a championship ring is used, bla, bla, bla, so this rule clearly contemplates that CFA judges may be used at a stand-alone show, so I oppose this one. **Hannon:** Is your reason for opposing it that it's in the wrong place? **Eigenhauser:** It's in the wrong place, and the way it's written is inconsistent with some of the other rules that say if it's a celebrity judge we don't score it, if a CFA judges we do score it, and here it says if it's stand-alone we don't score it, regardless of whether it's a celebrity or CFA judge. I don't think that makes sense. **Kolencik:** The reason for the distinction between CFA judges and celebrity judges is because of the paperwork. They have to have the paperwork for Central Office to score the show. So, if you've got a celebrity judge, some of these celebrity judges don't hand out merit ribbons, they don't record, they don't have the paperwork. **Eigenhauser:** But that's not addressing the issue. **Kolencik:** A stand-alone show isn't going to get all the paperwork that it needs. **Eigenhauser:** Yes, they do. Yes, it does. San Diego used to stand-alone Household all the time and they were using CFA judges, CFA forms, CFA ribbons. **Kolencik:** As long as a CFA judge fills out the paperwork for Central Office to be able to score the show, it's fine with me. **Eigenhauser:** That's my point. Will you withdraw this? **Wilson:** The only question I have is that stand-alone formats, where it says, *Stand*

Alone Household Pets shows may have such classes as show management specifies, to me, some of these stand-alone Household Pet shows that may be judged by a CFA judge don't award the same type of things. **Hannon:** "Best blue-eyed". **Wilson:** It gives unlimited opportunities for the longest whiskers and so on. So, maybe they need to define what that means. **Eigenhauser:** Let's not put it here, let's put it in the part about scoring – what's score-able and what's no. Let's not put it in show format. **Hannon:** So, George is recommending that we vote against this. Do you want to withdraw it or do you want us to vote on it? **Krzanowski:** I'll withdraw it. **Hannon:** Then Monte can come back later, putting something in the right place, George? **Eigenhauser:** Sure.

Withdrawn.

Rule 12.13b	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers for kittens legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalogs to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.10), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central Office.	b. The master clerk shall print the corrections, and added registration numbers for kittens, <u>and added recording or registration numbers for household pets</u> legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalogs to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.10), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration <u>or recording</u> number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central Office.

Krzanowski: Next rule number is 12.13b. It simply allows for the fact that the master clerk may add Household Pet recording numbers to the official catalog. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Rule 12.19	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the	The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms <u>and Household Pet Recording Number applications</u> . In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the

<p>owner/agent. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.</p> <p>The master clerk will prepare Championship and Premiership confirmation forms by securely stapling or clipping checks to the claim form. The master clerk is not required to accept cash payment for the confirmation fee.</p> <p>All confirmations and transfers must be submitted to the Central Office with the show records.</p>	<p>Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/agent. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.</p> <p>The master clerk will prepare Championship and Premiership confirmation forms <u>and Household Pet Recording Number applications</u> by securely stapling or clipping checks to the claim form <u>or application, as appropriate.</u> The master clerk is not required to accept cash payment for the confirmation fee.</p> <p>All confirmations, <u>applications</u>, and transfers must be submitted to the Central Office with the show records.</p>
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Krzanowski: Next is Rule 12.19. It allows the master clerk to accept completed Household Pet recording number applications. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Rule 13.09d & m	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>d. a complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses and entry numbers if not included in the catalog. This does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors;</p> <p>...</p> <p>m. None</p>	<p>d. a complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses and entry numbers if not included in the <u>catalog</u>. This does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors;</p> <p>...</p> <p>m. <u>Official Household Pet Recording Number application forms, if any, filled out and submitted to the master clerk at the show with the appropriate fee.</u></p>

Krzanowski: 13.09d and m. This is similar to a previous rule where a complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses and entry numbers if not included in the catalog. The rule currently reads, *This does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors.* We are striking *Household Pet exhibitors.* **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Rule 13.10 (current 13.10 will be renumbered as 13.11)	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
None		<u>Upon receipt of a Household Pet (HHP) Recording Number application form, Central Office will score that cat for National/Regional/Divisional—CFA award points or that and all subsequent shows. In the event the owner does not receive the recording number back from Central Office before the next show, the owner can still enter the HHP in the next show and submit a note to the master clerk to include in the show package to notify the scorer at CO that the HHP's recording application is already at CO, and the scorer will include the points from that show for that HHP. The catalog correction form will be used for this to avoid creating a new form.</u>

Krzanowski: Next is 13.10. There is no existing rule, so the proposed wording is, [reads]. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** When we again discuss national points, we're talking about a generic thing? We're not talking about giving the Household Pet a national/global award. **Krzanowski:** Right. **Wilson:** Couldn't it just say *for appropriate awards* and then, in the future, it would apply to whatever change is made in any of those awards. I would be much happier with these if it just said *the appropriate awards*. **Krzanowski:** It could just say, *for CFA awards*. **Wilson:** Right, but when you start putting *national* in there, it's going to confuse people, and it's going to confuse the very people we don't want to confuse – the Household Pet exhibitors. **Krzanowski:** Can we just say *CFA award points*? **Hannon:** Does whoever seconded it agree? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? I'm calling for the motion, as amended.

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

Hannon: Do we want to go back and do the other one that had something similar? **Ganoe:** I would suggest we keep going forward before we go back. **Hannon:** Alright.

Rule 14.01	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be		Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration <u>or recording</u> number or the lack of a CFA registration <u>or recording</u> number in the

<p>considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question. A correctly completed registration application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.</p>	<p>catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question <u>or an application for a recording number is included in the show package.</u> A correctly completed registration <u>or recording number</u> application is one which contains all the information necessary to register <u>or record, as applicable,</u> the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests <u>for registered cats</u> must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement. <u>Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.</u></p>
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Krzanowski: Next is Rule 14.01 pertaining to scoring notes, about restoring wins. This is what we talked about earlier during Mary's presentation, that requests for Household Pets must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show, or in the case of regional points by the Monday following the end of the show season. The rest of the wording is similar to what we do for pedigreed cats. **Eigenhauser:** And if this passes, we'll have to set a fee for it, as well, because it says *accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list*. **Krzanowski:** I would recommend the same fee as what we currently have. **Eigenhauser:** I know. That's going to be a separate discussion, but for now I second. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? **Kolencik:** They are confused. **Moser:** This is for the 90 days? To go back 90 days? Did we decided that that was going to be a problem? **Eigenhauser:** That's what we're going to vote on. **Krzanowski:** We decided to address it during the show rules presentation. **Hannon:** And here we are. Do you want to discuss it? **Moser:** I think that we should stay consistent. Isn't it 30 days for everybody else? I think we should stay consistent with the 30 days. **Krzanowski:** Personally, I feel Household Pet exhibitors may not be as savvy with all our rules and whatever. I think we should make an allowance for a little more than a 30 day period. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? For those of you who think 90 days is too much, vote no.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Meeker, Colilla, Fellerman, Moser, McCullough, Kuta, Brown and Anger voting no.

Eigenhauser: The dollar amount? **Krzanowski:** I would move that the dollar amount for this going back to claim points would be the same as for pedigreed cats, which is currently \$50.
Eigenhauser: Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Article XXIX – Titles – Household Pets (all articles will be re-numbered from this point on)	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
None.	<div data-bbox="824 783 1430 884"> <p align="center"><u>Article XXIX</u></p> <p align="center"><u>OBTAINING TITLES – HOUSEHOLD PETS</u></p> </div> <p>29.01 A cat eligible for and shown in the Household Pet Class will compete for Grand Household Pet points in any household pet ring judged by a CFA licensed judge, approved CFA guest judge, or CFA judge in training as follows:</p> <hr/> <p>Any Household Pet placing in the finals awards may receive points towards the Grand Household Pet title. The highest placing Household Pet will receive one point for every benched Household Pet defeated. The second highest placing Household Pet will receive 95% of the points awarded the highest placing Household Pet, third highest 90%, fourth highest 85%, 5th highest 80%, etc.</p> <p>29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title.</p> <hr/> <p>b. Grand points will be adjusted when a cat competes outside their scoring location.</p>	

	<p><u>For example, a cat competing from a 100 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand points will be adjusted at 50%.</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>Grand points will only be adjusted up when a cat competes from a higher point scoring location to a lower point scoring location for a permanent change of residence (see 29.02c).</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>c. A cat's accumulated grand points earned in one scoring location will be adjusted per 29.02b. Grand points earned in a 100 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 200%.</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>d. Wins made in Household Pet competition may not be transferred to Premiership or Kitten records. However, titles won in Premiership or Kitten competition are retained.</u></p> <hr/> <p>29.03 <u>Points must be won under at least six (6) different judges.</u></p> <hr/> <p>29.04 <u>Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons and a minimum of 250 national/regional/divisional award points in each of those seasons shall be eligible to claim the "Grand Household Pet of Distinction" title (abbreviated GHD). This title replaces the title of Grand Household Pet (GH), when achieved, and as such a cat must already have won the GH title before it can earn the GHD title; however, the same show season may be used to qualify for both titles.</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2015-2016 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.</u></p>
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Krzanowski: The next section is the titles. This is all new text. I'm not going to go through it and read everything. If anyone wants to pull anything out, please feel free, or if you have a question. How do you want to do this? I'll make a motion to accept as Monte presented it.

Eigenhauser: Second. **Ganoe:** I'm in favor of using the grand title. That's it. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? I'm going to call for the vote.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Schreck, Colilla, Moser, Calhoun and Wilson voting no.

Article XXXV	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p data-bbox="250 554 737 585" style="text-align: center;">Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards</p> <p data-bbox="375 606 612 638" style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCTION</p> <p data-bbox="188 659 799 858">The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens compete for awards on a national/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.</p> <p data-bbox="188 879 799 1047">Awards are based on points accumulated throughout the show season subject to the rules and limitations set forth below. Points are based on official counts of cats competing and wins achieved at each show.</p> <p data-bbox="188 1050 799 1113"><u>Important: see information regarding kitten scoring under SCORING section.</u></p> <p data-bbox="399 1134 587 1165" style="text-align: center;">ELIGIBILITY</p> <ol data-bbox="188 1186 799 1881" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Championship & Premiership classes - all cats entered and competing in accordance with the show rules. 2. Kitten classes - all kittens entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, AND which have been individually registered and whose registration number has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA's current price list for scoring the kitten to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show (this fee does not include any expedited registration service fee, if applicable). It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the kitten's CFA registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA registration number to the master clerk AND obtain a signed catalog correction receipt showing that the number has 	<p data-bbox="886 554 1373 585" style="text-align: center;">Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards</p> <p data-bbox="1011 606 1248 638" style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCTION</p> <p data-bbox="820 659 1430 890">The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens <u>and Household Pets</u> compete for awards on a national/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.</p> <p data-bbox="820 911 1430 1079">Awards are based on points accumulated throughout the show season subject to the rules and limitations set forth below. Points are based on official counts of cats competing and wins achieved at each show.</p> <p data-bbox="820 1081 1430 1144"><u>Important: see information regarding kitten and Household Pet scoring under SCORING section.</u></p> <p data-bbox="1032 1165 1221 1197" style="text-align: center;">ELIGIBILITY</p> <ol data-bbox="820 1218 1430 1881" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Championship & Premiership classes - all cats entered and competing in accordance with the show rules. 2. Kitten classes - all kittens entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, AND which have been individually registered and whose registration number has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA's current price list for scoring the kitten to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show (this fee does not include any expedited registration service fee, if applicable). It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the kitten's CFA registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA registration number to the master clerk AND obtain a signed catalog

<p>been supplied.</p> <p>3. Cats owned by individuals currently under disciplinary suspension are ineligible to participate in this program.</p> <p>4. Cats competing in the Veteran classes are ineligible to participate in this program.</p>	<p>correction receipt showing that the number has been supplied.</p> <p>3. <u>Household Pet classes – all Household Pets entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, AND which have been individually provided with a recording number, or in the case of a pedigreed cat competing as a household pet, a cat whose registration prefix has been changed to the household pet color class number (0892/0893), and whose recording or registration number has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA’s current price list for scoring the Household Pet to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the Household Pet’s CFA recording or registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA recording or registration number to the master clerk AND obtain a signed catalog correction receipt showing that the number has been supplied.</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SHOW POINTS</p> <p>Official Show Count</p> <p>1. For each show, official show counts are determined for each category in which a judge has given finals awards. These categories might include, but are not limited to, allbreed kittens, longhair kittens, shorthair kittens, allbreed championship, longhair championship, shorthair championship, allbreed premiership, longhair premiership, and shorthair premiership.</p> <p>2. The cats/kittens competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices and AOVs are not counted in the official count.</p> <p>3. A cat/kitten handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.</p>	<p>4. Cats owned by individuals currently under disciplinary suspension are ineligible to participate in this program.</p> <p>5. Cats competing in the Veteran classes are ineligible to participate in this program.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Eligible Wins</p> <p>Points are awarded for the wins listed below.</p> <p>1. Kitten classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.</p> <p>2. Championship classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.</p> <p>3. Premiership classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SHOW POINTS</p> <p>Official Show Count</p> <p>4. For each show, official show counts are determined for each category in which a judge has given finals awards. These categories might include, but are not limited to, allbreed kittens, longhair kittens, shorthair kittens, allbreed championship, longhair championship, shorthair championship, allbreed premiership, longhair premiership, and shorthair premiership, <u>and household pets.</u></p> <p>5. The cats/kittens/<u>household pets</u> competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices and AOVs are not counted in the official count.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS</p> <p>Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens in competition.</p>	<p>6. A cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> handled by a judge</p>

<p>Eligible Wins</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best cat/kitten – one point for each cat/kitten defeated. 2. 2nd Best cat/kitten – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten, 3rd best cat/kitten 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc. 3. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division. 4. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division. 5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. <p style="text-align: center;">SCORING</p> <p>At the completion of the show season, a cat will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. A kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, <u>to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.</u></p> <p>If a cat is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.</p> <p>All points credited must be earned while competing as a particular color/tabby pattern. Cats/kittens that have earned points under more than one color/tabby pattern description will only receive those points earned under the color/tabby pattern description for which they were eligible and last shown (see show rule 6.11).</p> <p>In order to be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the region of final assignment (see regional assignment section).</p> <p>Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Division/Regional points.</p> <p>Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a registration</p>	<p>in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible Wins</p> <p>Points are awarded for the wins listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kitten classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points. 2. Championship classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points. 3. Premiership classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points. 4. <u>Household Pet classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules.</u> <p style="text-align: center;">DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS</p> <p>Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/<u>household pets</u> in competition.</p> <p>Eligible Wins</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> – one point for each cat/kitten defeated. 2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten, 3rd best cat/kitten 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc. 3. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division. 4. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division. 5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. <p style="text-align: center;">SCORING</p> <p>At the completion of the show season, a cat/<u>household pet</u> will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. A kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, <u>to be credited in</u></p>
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number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question. A correctly completed registration application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

National Awards

Best—25th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best—25th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

Best—25th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette

Best – 10th Best Cat in Agility+: Rosette

*The title of "National Winner (NW)" is limited to cats receiving the above * awards.

+A minimum of 150 agility points are required for this award and there is no title associated with a national agility award.

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).

Second Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette

Third Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette

*****Best of Color:** Certificate

*****Second Best of Color:** Certificate

***200 point minimum required for this award.

Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and Regional awards.

A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record

the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.

If a cat/household pet is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.

All points credited must be earned while competing as a particular color/tabby pattern except for Household Pets, whose descriptive information may change without affecting their points earned. Cats/kittens that have earned points under more than one color/tabby pattern description will only receive those points earned under the color/tabby pattern description for which they were eligible and last shown (see show rule 6.11).

In order to be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the region of final assignment (see regional assignment section).

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand-alone household pet show will not be scored for National/Divisional/Regional points.

Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration or recording number or the lack of a registration or recording number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration or recording number application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a recording number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration or recording number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register or record the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which

<p>for the last show in which a cat earns points within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.</p> <p>International Division Awards</p> <p>International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements: Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.); China; Hong Kong; Indonesia; South Korea; Israel; Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam/Brunei; Singapore; South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; Thailand; and Taiwan.</p> <p><u>International Division</u></p> <p>For the above geographical areas, numbers of awards in each area are based on the following formula:</p> <p>5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 award; 10-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 awards; 31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 awards; 45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 awards; >70 rings sponsored in an area = 15 awards.</p> <p>To be eligible for an award, in the International Division, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 50 points in championship, 30 points in kitten, and 25 points in premiership.</p> <p><u>Awards are as follows:</u> Best Cat*: Trophy 2nd-15th Best Cat, as appropriate*: Certificate Best Kitten*: Trophy 2nd-15th Best Kitten, as appropriate*: Certificate Best Cat in Premiership*: Trophy 2nd-15th Best Cat in Premiership, as appropriate*: Certificate</p> <p>*The title of “International Division Winner (DW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.</p> <p>Hawaii Division Awards</p> <p>Best Cat: Trophy</p>	<p>no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests <u>for registered cats</u> must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA’s current price list for point reinstatement. <u>Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA’s current price list for point reinstatement.</u></p> <p>AWARDS</p> <p>The awards presented each year are:</p> <p>National Awards</p> <p>Best—25th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette Best—25th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette Best—25th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette Best – 10th Best Cat in Agility+: Rosette *The title of “National Winner (NW)” is limited to cats receiving the above * awards. +A minimum of 150 agility points are required for this award and there is no title associated with a national agility award. 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). Second Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette Third Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette ***Best of Color: Certificate ***Second Best of Color: Certificate ***200 point minimum required for this award.</p> <p>Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and Regional awards.</p> <p>A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record</p>
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<p>Best Kitten: Trophy Best Cat in Premiership: Trophy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regional Awards</p> <p>The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are: Best-25th Best Cat* Best-25th Best Kitten* Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership* *The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards. Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division. Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and Regional awards.</p> <p>Note: Regional/Divisional/Hawaii Agility Awards are at the discretion of the Regional Director, but will go no further than 10 deep and any cat earning the award must earn a minimum of 150 agility points for such award.</p> <p>Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s constitution. To the extent not already provided in the constitution, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.</p> <p>Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All regional awards given in regions 1–7 are based only on points earned in regions 1–7 by exhibitors residing in regions 1–7. Cats may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner’s region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten may receive awards in more than one of these regions. 2. All regional awards given in region 8 are based 	<p>for the last show in which a cat earns points within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership, <u>or household pet</u>) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">International Division Awards</p> <p>International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements: Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.); China; Hong Kong; Indonesia; South Korea; Israel; Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam/Brunei; Singapore; South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; Thailand; and Taiwan.</p> <p><u>International Division</u></p> <p>For the above geographical areas, numbers of awards in each area are based on the following formula:</p> <p>5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 award; 10-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 awards; 31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 awards; 45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 awards; >70 rings sponsored in an area = 15 awards’.</p> <p><u>* - this does not apply to household pet awards</u></p> <p>To be eligible for an award, in the International Division, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 50 points in championship, 30 points in kitten, and 25 points in premiership, <u>and household pet competition.</u></p> <p><u>Awards are as follows:</u> Best Cat*: Trophy 2nd-15th Best Cat, as appropriate*: Certificate Best Kitten*: Trophy 2nd-15th Best Kitten, as appropriate*: Certificate Best Cat in Premiership*: Trophy 2nd-15th Best Cat in Premiership, as appropriate*: Certificate <u>Best-10th Best Household Pet, as appropriate**</u> *The title of “International Division Winner (DW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.</p>
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<p>on points earned either in region 8, Taiwan, or Singapore by exhibitors residing in region 8.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All awards given in Hawaii or Region 9 are based only on points earned in Hawaii or Region 9 by exhibitors residing in those areas, respectively. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the exception that cats whose residences are in Taiwan or Singapore may earn points in Region 8 as well. A cat whose owner changes residence or whose ownership changes and is otherwise eligible, may receive awards in a region within regions 1–7, region 8, region 9, and/or Hawaii, and/or the International division. These multiple awards are not prohibited. <p style="text-align: center;">Regional/Divisional Assignment</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Although the rules in this section are numbered separately, they should be read and considered as one continuous rule.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Region/area of residence is assigned based on the region number listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten was entered and present prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 & 7). In those cases where the cat/kitten did not earn points, the owner shall notify Central Office of the date and show where the cat/kitten was entered and present within 10 days of the first full show weekend in January. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the region/division which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the residence of the owner or any one of the co-owners. It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the competitive 	<p><u>**The title of Household Pet Divisional Winner (HDW)** is given to cats receiving these awards.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hawaii Division Awards</p> <p>Best Cat: Trophy Best Kitten: Trophy Best Cat in Premiership: Trophy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regional Awards</p> <p>The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:</p> <p>Best-25th Best Cat* Best-25th Best Kitten* Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership* *The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards. <u>Best-10th Best Household Pet**</u> <u>**The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW)** is limited to cats receiving the above awards. A minimum of 200 points is required to win these awards.</u></p> <p>Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division. Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and Regional awards.</p> <p>Note: Regional/Divisional/Hawaii Agility Awards are at the discretion of the Regional Director, but will go no further than 10 deep and any cat earning the award must earn a minimum of 150 agility points for such award.</p> <p>Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s constitution. To the extent not already provided in the constitution, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.</p> <p>Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All regional awards given in regions 1–7 are
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<p>category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 & 8). Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the show at which a new region is listed (see #7). Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the last show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full show weekend in January (see #6). A cat/kitten whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the cat/kitten is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the region listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to 	<p>based only on points earned in regions 1–7 by exhibitors residing in regions 1–7. Cats/<u>kittens/household pets</u> may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner's region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> may receive awards in more than one of these regions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All regional awards given in region 8 are based on points earned either in region 8, Taiwan, or Singapore by exhibitors residing in region 8. All awards given in Hawaii or Region 9 are based only on points earned in Hawaii or Region 9 by exhibitors residing in those areas, respectively. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the exception that cats/<u>kittens/household pets</u> whose residences are in Taiwan or Singapore may earn points in Region 8 as well. A cat/<u>kitten/household pet</u> whose owner changes residence or whose ownership changes and is otherwise eligible, may receive awards in a region within regions 1–7, region 8, region 9, and/or Hawaii, and/or the International division. These multiple awards are not prohibited. <p style="text-align: center;">Regional/Divisional Assignment</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Although the rules in this section are numbered separately, they should be read and considered as one continuous rule.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership, <u>household pet</u>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Region/area of residence is assigned based on the region number listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> was entered and present prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 & 7). In those cases where the cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> did not earn points, the owner shall notify Central Office of the date and show where the cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> was entered and present within 10 days of the first full show
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<p>and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first.</p> <p>b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the region/division which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.</p> <p>10. An adult cat is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>11. Changes in regional assignment are not permitted after the first full show weekend in January for any reason including a transfer of ownership.</p> <p>12. The regional assignment for any cat/kitten which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten earns points.</p>	<p>weekend in January.</p> <p>b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the region/division which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.</p> <p>3. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the residence of the owner or any one of the co-owners. It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records.</p> <p>4. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>5. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 & 8).</p> <p>6. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the show at which a new region is listed (see #7).</p> <p>7. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the last show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full show weekend in January (see #6).</p> <p>8. A cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January will</p>
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	<p>be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>9. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the region listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first. b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the region/division which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten. <p>10. An adult cat or household pet is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>11. Changes in regional assignment are not permitted after the first full show weekend in January for any reason including a transfer of ownership.</p> <p>12. The regional assignment for any cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten/<u>household pet</u> earns points.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Currently, there are no provisions to provide any recognized awards or titles to Household pets other than those that may be received solely in conjunction with a licensed show. This proposal comes from the Awards Committee’s work associated with Resolution 17 at the annual, which was passed overwhelmingly. That resolution requested CFA create an award structure for Household Pets similar to the current one in place for championship, premiership, and kittens beginning with the 2015-2016 show season. This proposal incorporates all of the elements described in the Awards Committee’s report to establish such an awards structure. The full rationale for all of the proposed rules can be found in the details of the Awards Committee’s report.</p>	

Passed at annual with favorable recommendation.

Krzanowski: The next one is to create awards for Household Pets. I think on these perhaps we should take them one at a time, unless the board wants to take them as a group.

Eigenhauser: If we're going to take it as a group, there is one I would like to excise for separate discussion. That's 11.32. [transcript goes to 11.32]

Krzanowski: Next is Article XXXV concerning scoring procedures, policies and awards. It adds Household Pets in the wording. As an important note, *see information regarding kitten and Household Pet scoring under SCORING section*. It talks about eligibility, adds Household Pets into that section. It talks about how points are calculated, how the scoring is done. I make a motion to accept, as Monte presented. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Mary, do you have any comments on this? **Kolencik:** Isn't this the one where it says either top 10 or top 25? **Ganoe:** Not yet. **Kolencik:** OK, never mind. **Hannon:** So, you're OK with the way it's written? It conveys your intent? **Kolencik:** Yes. **Ganoe:** Wait a minute. Maybe I spoke too soon. **Kolencik:** You did speak too soon. It does have best through 10th best, so if you guys want to tweak that – **Hannon:** This is the time to tweak it. Any comment on limiting it to top 10 regionally? **Calhoun:** The same point that I made before; that you may not have 25 that participate in the program, so you have a top 14 or top 17 and they have met all the criteria, we just decided we're only going to award regional wins from Central Office to 10, but these other 4 or 7 or however many cats, or maybe 15, did all the things, I'm just not sure why we would not award them. The rest of the regional awards go 1 through 25, so why wouldn't Household Pets? **Hannon:** Any other discussion? **Schreck:** I think some of the regions already do 1 through 25 for Household Pets, so would this then preclude them? **Hannon:** They can do it, they just wouldn't get the title. **Schreck:** I see. **Krzanowski:** It's only the top 10 that would receive the title. **Kuta:** As a region with a lot of Household Pets, I am good with top 10 right now. I think that's something that, as the Household Pet class grows, that we could re-address. **Kolencik:** This also has a minimum of 200 points, so if you don't want a minimum, now is the time. **Raymond:** I'm looking at the regional awards and I'm not seeing the Household Pets, but I may be looking at the wrong spot. **Kallmeyer:** It's there. **Hannon:** Alright, I'm going to call the motion.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson, Calhoun and Eigenhauser voting no.

Eigenhauser: Now, what I would like to do is go back and amend it, and take out the 200 points. It's under the regional awards. **Kolencik:** Not only are there 200 points for their region, but there's 25 points for the division. So, do you want to do both or just the region?

Eigenhauser: I'm just talking about the 200 points for the region. I move we take out the 200 points required for a regional win. **Meeker:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion on the motion? **Kuta:** I would like to keep a minimum. **Hannon:** So, if you want the minimum vote no; if you agree with doing away with the minimum you want to vote yes in favor of George's motion.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Meeker, Ganoe, McCullough, Eigenhauser and Mastin voting yes.

McCullough: How about 100? **Eigenhauser:** I'll second 100. **Hannon:** It has been moved and seconded that we have a minimum of 100 points. Any discussion? **Meeker:** It seems more reasonable for those regions that don't have a lot of Household Pets right now.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Schreck, Moser, Calhoun, Krzanowski, Wilson, Kuta, Brown and Anger voting no.

Krzanowski: That is all for the Household Pets.

3 – Rules proposed based on Board discussions or Show Rules Committee Recommendations

3.a – Revised Entry Requirements for cats transferring to Open from Novice via Catalog Correction – Accompanying Change to be Consistent with Resolution 7 (Passed by 2/3)

Rule 6.30	Accompanying Rule Change to be Consistent with Approved Resolution 7	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will assign the number from the list provided by Central Office for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree or documentation of CFA registration numbers of parents, if allowed by rule 6.16, and associated fee payment. The cat's pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if allowed by rule 6.16), application form, and associated registration fee must be provided no later than the close of check-in for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice. If a fully completed TRN package is received by the entry clerk between entry closing and the close of check-in, the entry clerk will put the number in the Master Clerk catalog and transfer the cat out of Novice in that catalog and the judges books. It is acceptable to use the absentee/transfer form to transfer the cat in the judges' books.</p>	<p>The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will assign the number from the list provided by Central Office for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree or documentation of CFA registration numbers of parents, if allowed by rule 6.16, and associated fee payment. The cat's pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if allowed by rule 6.16), application form, and associated registration fee <u>OR a catalog correction form containing the cats permanent registration number</u> must be provided no later than the close of check-in for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice. If a fully completed TRN package <u>or catalog correction form with permanent registration number</u> is received by the entry clerk between entry closing and the close of check-in, the entry clerk will put the number in the Master Clerk catalog and transfer the cat out of Novice in that catalog and the judges</p>	

		books. <u>If such transfer is via a catalog correction form with permanent registration number, the entry clerk will also provide that catalog correction form to the master clerk so that the condensed catalog can be updated.</u> It is acceptable to use the absentee/transfer form to transfer the cat in the judges' books.
Rule 6.31	Accompanying Rule Change to be Consistent with Approved Resolution 7	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
The entry clerk should advise exhibitors attempting to supply a kitten's registration number after entry has been made, that it is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number has been printed in the catalog; and, if the registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide the registration number to the master clerk at the show using a catalog correction request form.		The entry clerk should advise exhibitors attempting to supply a kitten 's registration number after entry has been made, that it is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number has been printed in the catalog; and, if the registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide the registration number to the master clerk at the show using a catalog correction request form.
Rule 10.23c	Accompanying Rule Change to be Consistent with Approved Resolution 7	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten 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 kitten 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		c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten 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 kitten 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 entry clerk 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.	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 entry clerk 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.
Rule 12.13a	Accompanying Rule Change to be Consistent with Approved Resolution 7
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers for kittens where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office Is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing kitten registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.	a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers for kittens where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office Is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing kitten registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.
RATIONALE: While the show rule associated with resolution 7 (see rule proposal 1c above and its associated rationale) was passed by a greater than 2/3 majority to allow the use of a catalog correction to add a permanent registration number to a cat entered as a Novice, that resolution did not revise the rules actually associated with the transfer of that Novice into the championship/premiership classes as an Open and into the judges books as a champion/premier. The above rules revisions accomplish that goal, thus completing what the rationale provided for that resolution wishes to accomplish.	

Krzanowski: Next is Section 3, and these are based on board discussions and Show Rules Committee recommendations. The first item we are addressing is to revise entry requirements for cats transferring to open from novice via catalog correction. The accompanying change to be consistent with Resolution 7, which passed by 2/3. Basically, it just addresses the changes that are required because of the other resolution that we passed earlier. **Eigenhauser:** I have a comment. **Hannon:** Is there a motion and a second? **Eigenhauser:** Before we have a motion, may I make a comment? 6.30 to 12.13a are making the same change in different places,

so to be consistent I think we should vote on those as a block. **Krzanowski:** I agree.
Eigenhauser: Are you making a motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second.
Hannon: Discussion on the motion?

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

3.b – Require Minimum points for 2nd and 3rd Best of Breed National Winners - Accompanying Change to be Consistent with Resolution 16 (Passed by 2/3)

Article XXXV	Accompanying Rule Change to be Consistent with Approved Resolution 16	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p style="text-align: center;">AWARDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The awards presented each year are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Awards</p> <p>...</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Second Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette Third Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette ***Best of Color: Certificate ***Second Best of Color: Certificate ***200 point minimum required for this award.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">AWARDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The awards presented each year are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Awards</p> <p>...</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>***</u>Second Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette <u>***</u>Third Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette ***Best of Color: Certificate ***Second Best of Color: Certificate ***200 point minimum required for this award.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: With the passage of Resolution 16 at the annual meeting (show rules change 1g), we have created an award inconsistency within the breed awards. Let me use the following example. For Longhair LaPerms, the best of division earns 140 points, 2nd best of division earns 100 points, and 3rd best of division earns 50 points. As the rules now stand, the 2nd and 3rd best winners would receive their breed awards of a trophy and rosette, but the best of division would receive nothing. Also, the 2nd best of division would not receive a color award, as it didn’t achieve the 200 point minimum requirement that now exists. The Show Rules Committee feels that this is inconsistent with the intent of the imposition of the 200 point minimum requirement on best-of-breed/division. Part of the original rational pointed out that the color award would not be awarded to the breed winner. In the above scenario, that would still be the case for the 2nd best of breed/division winner (breed/division award, but not eligible for corresponding color award). To be consistent, the 200 point minimum requirement should be placed on ALL breed winners to receive that award. It is already required for the color winners, so putting that requirement on all breed winners would be consistent with those best and 2nd best of color requirements and prevent the unusual situation where 2nd and 3rd best of breed awards are given without a best.</p>		

Hannon: What's your next number? **Anger:** Article XXXV. **Hannon:** 3.b. **Krzanowski:** is Article XXXV requiring minimum points for 2nd and 3rd best of breed national winners. This

accompanies the change to be consistent with Resolution 16 for the best of breed winner. It passed by 2/3. What this does is, it establishes a 200 point minimum for all the breed wins.

Eigenhauser: I'll second. If we don't pass it, we would be in the position where we would have no best of breed but we might have a 2nd and 3rd best of breed, so you really need to pass this.

Hannon: Any other discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Ganoe voting no.

3.c – Handling of Non-Confirmed Champions/Premiers – Amend Rules 27.05c & 28.01 (OLD RULE 8.05c, 8.06 (which is duplicated in 11.25))

Rule # 27.05c		Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
Requests for confirmation of Championship or Premiership must be made within three years of the date of the first show at which Qualifying Rings are achieved except where Championships or Premierships have been providing the details of the award—name of show, date, and judge, if earned over a longer period. Such requests may be confirmed subject to the availability and verification by official show records. Exhibitors may validate Qualifying Rings achieved at a show whose date approaches the three year limit by contacting the Central Office in a timely manner		Requests for confirmation of Championship or Premiership must be made within three years of the date of the first show at which Qualifying Rings are achieved except where Championships or Premierships have been providing the details of the award—name of show, date, and judge, if earned over a longer period. Such requests may be confirmed subject to the availability and verification by official show records. Exhibitors may validate Qualifying Rings achieved at a show whose date approaches the three year limit by contacting the Central Office in a timely manner	
Rule # 28.01		Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
Grand points for a cat that has completed requirements for Championship or Premiership will not be posted to a cat's record until the Central Office has received a Championship Claim form, appropriate fees, and confirmed that championship or premiership requirements have been met. In the case of cats that earned points with a temporary registration number, those points also will not be posted to a cat's record until the cat has received a permanent registration number. When the Championship or Premiership Claim Form has not been received by the Central Office, any wins earned by a cat otherwise eligible to compete as a Champion or Premier will be held in abeyance. For these wins to be counted, the exhibitor must respond to the written notice of delinquency issued by the Central Office within 20 days of the date of		Grand points for a cat that has completed requirements for Championship or Premiership will not be posted to a cat's record until the Central Office has received a Championship Claim form, appropriate fees, and confirmed that championship or premiership requirements have been met. In the case of cats that earned points with a temporary registration number, those points also will not be posted to a cat's record until the cat has received a permanent registration number. When the Championship or Premiership Claim Form has not been received by the Central Office, any wins earned by a cat otherwise eligible to compete as a Champion or Premier will be held in abeyance. For these wins to be counted, the exhibitor must respond to the written notice of delinquency issued by the Central Office within 20 days of the date of	

<p>such notice. The response shall consist of a completed Championship or Premiership Claim Form, the confirmation fee and payment of a late filing fee. See current price list for applicable fees.</p>	<p>such notice. The response shall consist of a completed Championship or Premiership Claim Form, the confirmation fee and payment of a late filing fee. See current price list for applicable fees. <u>The following applies to a cat that has earned all of the required qualifying rings for its champion or premier title, but no claim form (champion/premier) has been received in Central Office:</u></p> <p>a. <u>The cat will be noted with the title NC CH or NC PR, as appropriate indicating that the cat has completed the requirements for the champion or premier title, respectively, but has not yet claimed that title by filing the appropriate claim form with the required fee. The claim form may be filed three ways: 1) by completing an online request and paying the fee online, 2) completing the claim form and mailing it in to Central Office, or 3) by completing the claim form and providing it to the master clerk at a subsequent show to be included with the show package sent to Central Office.</u></p> <p>b. <u>In situations where the cat has completed the requirements for the champion or premier title, but has not yet filed a claim form to claim the appropriate title, any grand points or regional/global award points earned will be held in abeyance and not counted toward granding the cat or obtaining a regional/divisional/global award until the claim form and appropriate fees have been received for the cat by Central Office.</u></p> <p>c. <u>At the end of 45 days after the last day of the show at which the cat earned its last qualifying ring, Central Office will send a notice to the owner of record for that show by both regular mail and e-mail noting that the cat has not yet been confirmed as a champion or premier. The notice will also include a statement that a late filing fee, as specified in the CFA list of fees, must also be submitted in addition to the normal claim form fee; and that if the appropriate claim form is not filed within 45 days of the date of that notice, any grand points the cat may have earned or regional/national awards points earned since the show where it got its last qualifying ring will be forfeited. Forfeited points will not be reinstated if the claim form is subsequently completed.</u></p> <p>d. <u>The owner will have 45 days from the date the</u></p>
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	<p><u>notice is sent by Central Office to file a completed claim form with payment of both the claim form fee and the late filing fee. If that is completed within the 45 days, all points earned by the cat (grand points and regional/global award points) since the day the cat earned its last qualifying ring, including any grand points earned while showing as an Open, will be credited to the cat.</u></p> <p><u>e. If 45 days passes from the date Central Office sent the notice to the owner and no claim form is filed for that cat, Central Office will void all wins and all grand points earned by the cat will be forfeited and all regional/global award points earned at any show entered after the cat obtained the final qualifying ring will also be forfeited.</u></p> <p><u>f. The cat will retain its qualifying rings and the owner can subsequently pay the claim fee, late filing fee, and submit a completed claim form to confirm the champion or premier title. The cat may then begin earning grand points and regional/global award points at any show after the claim form has been filed; however, previously-forfeited grand points and regional/global award points will not be reinstated.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: As currently written, show rules 27.05c and 28.01 are unclear. Show rule 27.05c specifies a cat has three years to claim its CH/PR title from its first show where it obtains its first qualifying ring (winners ribbon), while at the same time 28.01 implies that after some shorter period of time, all grand points for a cat who earned them will forfeit them. 28.01 (old 8.06 and 11.25) currently requires Central Office to send out a notice to an exhibitor who has not filed the claim form, but provides no time frame for when such a notice should be sent. Similarly, the current rule does require grand points to be forfeited if the claim form is not filed within 20 days of that notice, but one needs a course in logic to be able to figure that out. Finally, while the current rule, in combination with rule 34.01 implies that any cat shown as a grand at any time without having filed the claim form will have all of its awards voided by Central Office, this isn't clear in the rule either. The proposed rule was discussed with the Board at its August board meeting to obtain guidance on how this proposal should be written. The proposed rule incorporates all of that guidance. Specifically, it provides a 45 day time-frame for issuance of the notice to the exhibitor, it specifies the means and location of the address to which such a notice is to be sent, it specifies the time frame the exhibitor has to respond to the notice, and it clearly delineates the penalties that will apply if the claim form is not filed within that time frame. It is in bullet form so that each responsible party (Central Office and the Exhibitor) have each required action specified, and at what time those actions apply. The revision was made to clarify the responsibilities involved so that the rule can easily be understood, especially the penalties and when they apply.</p>	

Krzanowski: Next is handling of non-confirmed champions and premiers. It amends a couple of rules, the first of which is 27.05c, and it eliminates the whole rule. The second one is

28.01, which also eliminates a whole section but adds a whole new group of paragraphs with wording on how to handle non-confirmed champions and premiers. **Meeker:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Ginger, do you want to talk about it? It's your baby. **Meeker:** Well, it is my baby, but I'm hoping that what we're passing here can be followed up with some programming that enforces it. That's been the problem. **Ganoe:** It may be process. **Meeker:** Hand process? **Ganoe:** It may be hand process until we can get the programming done. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

3.d – Allow Specialty Judges to Share Rings for Same-day Judging – Board Request from June pre-annual Board Meeting – Amend Various Rules

Rule 9.04	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
The show management is responsible for providing the number of judging rings and judging cages required under these rules. In the event that Household Pets or Veterans are judged by a separate judge, a ring must be provided for his use, and none of the regular officiating judges shall be required to relinquish his ring for the use of the Household Pet or Veteran judge.		The show management is responsible for providing the number of judging rings and judging cages required under these rules. In the event that Household Pets or Veterans are judged by a separate judge, a ring must be provided for his use, and none of the regular <u>allbreed</u> officiating judges shall be required to relinquish his ring for the use of the Household Pet or Veteran judge. <u>Specialty judges judging only one specialty (LH or SH) may be required to share the ring with the veterans or Household Pet judge if the shows total entries are 180 cats or less.</u>
Rule 9.08n	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
Separate judging rings must be provided for judge officiating on a given day except for rings used only for Non-Championship.		Separate judging rings must be provided for judge officiating on a given day except for rings used only for Non-Championship <u>classes or rings used solely for specialty judging when the total entry is 180 cats or less. In the latter case, the two specialty judges (LH and SH) may share the same ring.</u>
RATIONALE: At the June 26, 2014, board meeting, the Board discussed the experimental format committee's report and its recommendation to allow specialty judges to share a ring. During that discussion, the Board requested the Show Rules Committee to put forth a change to allow specialty judges to share rings if the total entry of cats at that show was 180 or less, and put a blanket exemption to the current rules in place for the remainder of this show season to essentially implement the not yet written rule. Rules proposal 9.08n accomplishes that request. The committee expanded that proposal to also address the rare situation where a club has a judge only judging HHPs and Veterans. That judge may now also share a ring with a single specialty judge per rules proposal 9.04.		

Krzanowski: Next is 3.d which addresses the idea of allowing specialty judges to share rings for same-day judging. This was a board request from the June Annual board meeting. It amends several rules – two rules in particular. It basically allows them to share rings when the total entries are 180 cats or less. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **Moser:** I don't know why we can't have the 225. I don't see why that's going to be a problem, myself. I would like to see it at 225. **Ganoe:** I think it's a matter of timing is why we did it. That's what our discussion was when we requested this. We thought a 225 timing, especially when you're in certain parts of the season, you could have a preponderance of shorthair cats versus longhair cats. There's not usually an equal break. We're also dealing with single specialty judges who may not have mastered the art of timing yet. **Wilson:** Unless you are able to say your schedule will be more clear, like you will have shorthair cats starting at 9:00 and they will be done at 1, and then that judge is done or he's out. How else do you manage that? **Meeker:** What happens if they're not done at 1:00? **Moser:** Put a fast judge in there to get them done. **Wilson:** I know what you would do. I know what I would do, but I think we need to let it go a little while. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

3.e – Clarify wording – word error - Show Rules Committee Proposal

Show Rule # 7.02	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily sequential catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall</p>	<p>The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily sequential <u>consecutive</u> catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the</p>

type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.		show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.	
Show Rule # 7.10		Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
All entries must appear in numerical order (but not necessarily sequential) in the printed catalog that is required at shows held under these rules. No addendum to the catalog is permitted except as provided by rule 12.06.		All entries must appear in numerical order (but not necessarily <u>consecutive</u> sequential) in the printed catalog that is required at shows held under these rules. No addendum to the catalog is permitted except as provided by rule 12.06.	
RATIONALE: This request was made by an exhibitor who felt the current wording of the rule used the wrong term, as sequential was not as restrictive as consecutive. That is, the numbers 4, 6, 11, 19 are in sequential order, but not consecutive order. The intent of the original proposal was to allow just such a use in the catalog, so they ARE necessarily sequential, just not consecutive. This clarifies that intent in both the catalog and judges books.			

Krzanowski: Next is 3.e which basically is just a wording change. It clarifies wording – changes the word “sequential” to “consecutive” in the catalog numbers. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Meeker:** I’ll second. **Hannon:** Discussion?

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

McCullough: Are we passing these as a block? **Ganoe:** No, these are going one [group] at a time. **Raymond:** This is two in one. **McCullough:** There were questions on the one we just talked about. **Meeker:** It’s two rules. **McCullough:** So, we passed both rules? **Krzanowski:** I’m using the heading “3.e” which clarifies the wording. **McCullough:** So, that was voted in a block.

3.f – Modify Rule 11.23a (OLD RULE 28.16a) to Clarify That a Cat with Three NA/IMs May be Shown as a Household Pet

11.23a	Show Rules Committee		
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
No Award - Insufficient Merit” (NA/IM), which shall include overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects, or;		No Award - Insufficient Merit” (NA/IM), which shall include overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects, or;	
The Central Office shall record the NA-IM judge opinions on each cat. When three judges have recorded “NA-IM” for any cat deemed to possess overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects (as stated in		The Central Office shall record the NA-IM judge opinions on each cat. When three judges have recorded “NA-IM” for any cat deemed to possess overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects (as stated in	

paragraph 11.23.a above), the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show, or;	paragraph 11.23.a above), the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show <u>except in the household pet class</u> , or;
<p>RATIONALE: As currently worded, once a cat has received three NA/IM markings from three judges, the cat “is ineligible for entry at any CFA show.” There is no caveat - the cat can never again be entered in any class at a CFA show. Had that same cat started its show career as a household pet, it would never have been barred from future showing. The SRC feels the ability to show the same cat as a HHP shouldn’t matter where the cat is first shown, especially since we allow cats with missing eyes, legs, tails, and ears to be shown as household pets. It seems that a cat that doesn’t even come close to its breed standard should also be allowed to be shown as a household pet even If it starts its show career in Championship or Premiership. This rule revision would allow those cats to still be entered as household pets only.</p>	

Krzanowski: The next one is 3.f, to modify Rule 11.23 to clarify that a cat with three NA/IM’s may be shown as a Household Pet. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion?

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

3.g – Modify Show Rule 4.07 (OLD RULE 12.07) to Require a Minimum Number of Specialty Rings for the Licensing of Any Show in Regions 1 – 7, and Potentially Expand the Proposal Based on Analysis of Show Statistics to Regions 8, 9, and the International Division.

Rule 4.07	Show Rules Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. 2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. 3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day. <p>b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on</p>	<p>The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. <u>Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose.</u> 2. a one-day show format consisting of <u>up to six</u> rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings <u>for shows licensed in Region9 or the International Division. For shows licensed in Regions 1-8, the combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties.</u> 3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will

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RATIONALE: At the August 2014 board meeting, the SRC was specifically directed to write a rule that would mandate specialty rings on some sliding scale for all shows in Regions 1-7, and provide an analysis on whether such a rule should be expanded into Regions 8, 9, and the International Division.

This proposal was considered necessary for two reasons – first, the training of judges requires the existence of specialty rings. As can be seen from the following table, we are down about 30 percent in the number of specialty rings we had just five years ago. If you go back even further in the United States (sorry, I don't have data prior to 2008-2009 season on the rings outside of the United States), that drop is a whopping 70 percent loss of specialty rings, from its old value around 25 percent.

Percentage of Specialty Rings to Overall Rings					
	Worldwide	R 1-7	Region 8	Region 9	ID
2013-2014	7.5%	8.2%	12.7%	3.3%	4.6%
2012-2013	8.7%	9.9%	15.5%	2.8%	3.8%
2011-2012	9.2%	10.8%	11.7%	0.0%	4.3%
2010-2011	9.2%	10.8%	12.8%	0.0%	1.1%
2009-2010	9.7%	10.2%	17.8%	1.4%	1.4%
2008-2009	12.2%	12.5%	19.1%	4.8%	0.0%

Second, specialty rings attract local exhibitors, but at the same time, they may cause travelling exhibitors to shun that show. Mandating specialty rings ensures that they exist for the local exhibitor base, while reducing the competition between shows for the most allbreed rings in a particular weekend to attract those travelling exhibitors. This should maximize the increase in exhibitors while minimizing the loss of exhibitors. The problem with a club "going it alone" is that while they may increase that local exhibitor base, they WILL reduce the travelling exhibitor base, so at best, they will end up where they already are (a known value). The risk is too great that the loss will outweigh the increase. That is why a mandatory approach is necessary – to reduce or eliminate that risk.

Some have suggested that rather than write the rule to mandate specialty rings, we should use an incentive program to encourage clubs to adopt them on their own. As noted above, that is a big risk if the other clubs with shows on that club's weekend don't do the same thing. Very few, if any clubs want to take that risk. In addition, to make such an incentive worthwhile to a club, a fee structure would need to be put in place that was fairly onerous. For example, to not license one of the specialty rings required would cost an additional \$ 150.00 to license the show, to not use two of the specialty rings required would cost an additional \$ 300.00 to license that show, to not use three of the specialty rings required would cost an

additional \$ 450.00; and finally with a 6x6 with all allbreed rings the additional cost to the clubs would be \$ 300.00 for each of the two shows above the standard license fee to license the shows. To lower these fees, or go with a surcharge reduction, does not provide a sufficient incentive to accomplish the goal. This approach would be discriminatory to those clubs that don't have a deep treasury, putting clubs with such a treasury at a significant advantage over the other clubs requesting licenses against that clubs show weekend. This is why the SRC did not opt to go with an incentive program.

The above rules text redefines requirements to license a show. For all shows of 4 rings or less, no specialty rings are required. The sliding scale comes into play as soon as a club wishes to go beyond four rings, with the requirement that additional rings would be licensed as follows: 1S, 1A, 1S, 1A, 1S, 1A, 1S, 1A. The latter two examples would be license sharing requirements for the two shows licensed as a 6X6. Based on the statistical analysis presented in the following tables the SRC revised the sliding scale for mandatory specialty rings in Regions 1-8, and did not make it applicable to the International Division. We felt that the high percentage of longhair cats shown in that area warranted no specialty ring requirements at this time as it would severely discriminate against Shorthair Specialty cats from being able to compete for any divisional award other than a breed win. That is because a shorthair cat competing for a divisional award must earn all of its divisional points in the International Division, and not even all countries in the International Division given the severe quarantine restrictions. A separate analysis was also done for Region 9, and that will be presented later on. Region 9 is similar to the International Division in that all points for a regional win must be earned within the region. They cannot travel outside of Region 9 and earn any points that would qualify for a regional win.

From the above table, you can see that there is no need to exclude Region 8 from this proposal as they would already almost meet the requirement the way they license their shows currently. That leaves Region 9 and the International Division. The concern in both of these areas deals with the high percentage of cats being shown of a particular specialty, namely longhairs. The following table analyses the percentage of longhair cats present (compared to all cats present) for the same set of show seasons. I have added a comparison to Region 2, where the predominant specialty is shorthairs so these percentages can be compared to what currently exists inside North America.

Percentage of Longhair Cats Competing to Overall Cats Competing					
	Worldwide	Region 2	Region 8	Region 9	ID
2013-2014	51.1%	42.1%	48.2%	59.4%	65.9%
2012-2013	51.6%	41.2%	46.2%	59.8%	65.3%
2011-2012	50.4%	42.4%	51.2%	58.5%	69.0%
2010-2011	51.6%	49.2%	44.5%	58.1%	71.4%
2009-2010	51.8%	48.2%	51.7%	61.3%	69.1%
2008-2009	51.3%	48.7%	48.5%	62.1%	64.7%

As can be seen from the table, in the International Division, longhairs significantly outnumber shorthairs by an average of a 2:1 margin (that means out of 100 cats present, about 67 would be longhairs and 33 would be shorthairs). With this high of a discrepancy, we have chosen to exclude the International Division from the proposal. On the other hand, while Region 9 has a high percentage of longhair cats present, it isn't that different from the shorthair cats present in Region 2. For example, if you average the

last three show seasons, Region 9 had an average of 59.2% longhairs while Region 2 had an average of 58.1% shorthairs. Those two numbers are not that different. However, longhair cats in Region 2 have the opportunity to go to shows in other regions (3 and 5, for example), where the shorthair percentages are not as high, while cats in Region 9 do not have that opportunity. As such, we have proposed a revised sliding scale for Region 9 where the first six rings could all be allbreed, and then specialty rings would be added as follows: 1S, 1A, 1A, 1S, 1A, 1A, where the last two are the combined 6x6 format shows. We feel this is fairer to the shorthair cats shown in Region 9, where the specialty finals will reduce the number of points available to a shorthair cat to earn given the inability of those cats to travel outside of the region to earn any qualifying points towards a regional win. Of note, a cat would have to travel the equivalent of coast to coast in the United States every week, with appropriate entry visas for several of the countries (which the exhibitor would have to pay to the country in question to be able to enter with their cat), to be able to earn 100 rings toward a Regional win in Europe during a show season. That is because in Europe, there are only 14% of the total number of rings available compared to the United States, where cats can compete in any US region to earn points towards a regional win.

Given the above, the SRC wants to note that this is the kind of proposal that we would not normally take directly to the Board for approval had it come directly from our initiative. This is similar to a proposal we are working on to redefine how regions are assigned to co-owned cats – it would not be left to an exhibitor to select their choice, it would be based on where the cat is shown. Those are proposals we would normally take to the delegates at an annual meeting for approval.

Krzanowski: The next number is 3.g to modify Show Rule 4.07 to require a minimum number of specialty rings for the licensing of any show in Regions 1 to 7 and potentially expand the proposal, based on analysis of show statistics to Regions 8, 9 and the International Division. How do you want to do this? Does anyone have any questions about what Monte proposed, or any discussion? **Hannon:** What's he trying to do here? **DelaBar:** He's trying to take your proposal and turn it into rules. **Meeker:** We haven't discussed it yet. **DelaBar:** We haven't even discussed it. **Hannon:** We discussed it at the last meeting and told Monte to come up with a show rule, and that we would discuss it further at that point. So, he is making a proposal. Make it clear for me – for a 6 ring show, how many specialty rings? For an 8 ring show, how many specialty rings? For a 10 ring show, how many specialty rings? For a 6x6? **Ganoe:** It says specifically if you have 4 or fewer judges, you're not required to have a specialty ring. Up to 6 with a limit of 225, except for any combination of licensed specialties, at least one. **Hannon:** So, you have to have at least one if it's a 6 ring show. **Ganoe:** Two 6 ring, one day shows, same location, it is one each day. A two-day show which permits up to 10 judgments, two of the rings must be. **Hannon:** What about an 8 ring show? **Meeker:** 8 back to back would be 4, and you wouldn't have to have any. **Hannon:** What if you have an 8 ring, two-day show? **Anger:** *At least two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty. For shows in Regions 1 through 8 utilizing a total of 7 or 8 rings ...* **Meeker:** What number is that? **Ganoe:** It's b. **Hannon:** So, if it's a 6 ring show, you have to have one specialty ring. If it's a 6x6, you have to have one specialty ring each day. If it's an 8 or a 10, you need two rings of specialty. **Eigenhauser:** Except if you're in the ID or Region 9. **Hannon:** Right. We're talking Regions 1 through 7. **Eigenhauser:** The proposal mentions those, as well. I'm just pointing out that for the one day, 6 ring there's no limit. **Ganoe:** There's one exception to that exception. Most of the time, Region 8 is exempted from this specialty requirement, except when they do two-day shows. If they do two-day shows, Regions 1 through 8, 7 or 8 rings; otherwise, we have left Region 8 out of this. **Hannon:** By a two-day show, are we considering a 6x6? **Ganoe:** That is actually not a

two-day show. That's two one-day shows. **Hannon:** So it's only if they have 8 or 10 rings over the course of two days that we're talking about. **Ganoe:** Right. **Raymond:** A 10 ring show requires three. **Hannon:** For everybody, or just for Japan? **Raymond:** If it's a two-day show, for Regions 1 through 8. **Hannon:** Let me go back, then. If it's a one-day 6 ring show, they have to have one set of specialties. If it's a 6x6, they have to have one set of specialties each day. If it's an 8 ring show, they have to have two sets of specialties. If it's a 10 ring show, they have to have 3 sets of specialties. Alright? **DelaBar:** I think we are going at this a little backwards. This is a show rule for a policy that we haven't really discussed and passed by the board. Part of your proposal on the formats, not only to include mandatory specialty rings but also to see if we even wanted to conduct 10 and 12 ring shows. This already writes the rule as if we had approved that already. I think we ought to go for the proposal first and then go back and see the show rules that implement that new ruling. **Krzanowski:** Can we table this until we have our discussion about your proposal. **Hannon:** Yes. **Brown:** I think here we're mandating. Clubs know which format makes them enough money to stay afloat, and if we mandate the format to the club, we're taking away their ability to keep themselves financially stable. We're losing clubs left and right, globally. I'm wondering if this is going to create further obstruction in their ability to make enough money to have the show the next year. **Hannon:** If they want to table this until later, maybe we need to discuss it later. **Eigenhauser:** I think we're mixing apples and oranges here. Whether clubs should have specialty rings is a separate issue from whether there should be 10 ring shows. **Hannon:** But if we're putting in this show rule, *three sets of specialties are required for a 10 ring show*, and then we later decide not to have 10 ring shows – **Eigenhauser:** Then we can take care of it, but there's no reason not to vote on it as our show rules exist now, and if we make a change in the show rules later to eliminate 10 ring shows, we can go back and take them out. We can take them out of a rule that's never passed, we can take them out of a rule that's already passed. It doesn't make any difference. **Colilla:** I think we should table this until we pass the super specialty format, too, because that could change the whole show formats. **Ganoe:** I think we should table this until we have a broader discussion about show format requirements versus incentives, because we haven't had that discussion. This is actually making it a requirement for shows, that if they have 6 rings, they have to have at least one specialty. I don't know if requiring a specialty or incentivizing a specialty is the best way to go yet. **Hannon:** So you're encouraging us to table this. **Meeker:** I would agree. I think we need to make those decisions and then base the new show rules on the decisions that we've made regarding these formats. **Hannon:** Carol, you made the motion. **Krzanowski:** I move to table this until after we have had an opportunity to discuss the show formats. **DelaBar:** Second. **Eigenhauser:** We're just tabling it until later today. **Krzanowski:** Yes.

Hannon called the motion [to table]. **Motion Carried.**

[from after agenda item #30] **Hannon:** OK. What do we want to do about going back to the show rule that required specialty rings? **Eigenhauser:** I would like to talk about it. **Hannon:** When we had it, we said we were going to table it until we had this discussion. We have had the discussion, so let's go back to that show rule. Monte's proposal was, for a 6 ring show, require one set of specialties; for a 6x6, one set of specialties each day; for an 8 ring show, two sets of specialties; for a 10 ring show, three sets of specialties. Carol, do you want to start with moving? **Krzanowski:** I'll move acceptance of this, but I want to briefly – **Hannon:** Let's get a second.

McCullough: Second. **Krzanowski:** – list exactly what this states. Show Rule 4.07.

Eigenhauser: 3.g in Monte's report. **Krzanowski:** Any show with 1, 2, 3 or 4 judgments, there would be no specialty ring required in any of the regions or divisions. The second option is a one-day show format consisting of up to 6 rings. In regions 1-8, one specialty ring is required. In Region 9 and the International Division, no specialty rings are required. The next format option is for a 6x6. In Regions 1 through 8, two specialty rings are required for each day. In Region 9, one specialty ring is required on each day. In the International Division, no specialty rings are required. Finally, the 10 ring show – it says "up to 10", the way the show rule reads – in Regions 1 through 8, if they use 7 or 8 rings, two specialty rings are required. If they use 9 or 10 rings, three specialty rings are required. In Region 9, if they use 7, 8 or 9 rings, one specialty ring is required. If they use 10 rings, two specialty rings are required. In the International Division, no specialty rings are required. **Hannon:** What about 6x6's in Region 9? **Krzanowski:** In Region 9, a 6x6 would require one specialty ring each day. **Hannon:** Do you want to take this en masse, or do you want to do it one by one? People may object to one of these but approve of the others and they would have to vote no. **McCullough:** The whole thing. **Hannon:** Alright. Any discussion? **Krzanowski:** I move that we accept the proposal, as written. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there discussion? We've discussed it to death?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Meeker, Anger, Kuta, Dugger, Mastin and Brown voting no.

Eigenhauser: What is the effective date? **Hannon:** The new show season. It's a show rule, so it would be new show season. **Eigenhauser:** They can license a 6x6 with 12 allbreed rings three years from now, as long as they get the license in? **Hannon:** No. The show rule would be that they would have to go back and amend their show. **Eigenhauser:** What about shows that are already licensed for next year? **Hannon:** They have to amend them. **Eigenhauser:** They are going to have to go back and amend them. We're not going to grandfather them in? **Hannon:** They have to be in compliance with the show rules, so if they have, in the new show season, shows licensed that do not have the required number of specialty rings, they must go back and relicense those shows to provide the specialty rings. **Eigenhauser:** I would hope that if somebody has already got their judges licensed and hired, and they have bought some tickets and made plans, that the board would be amenable to granting waivers for shows that are already licensed. **Hannon:** Why wouldn't they just take one of those allbreed judges and split them into a specialty? **Eigenhauser:** Because that's not what it calls for. It calls for two single specialties. **Hannon:** No. **Mastin:** It does. **Hannon:** It requires two specialties, but not two separate judges. **Kallmeyer:** Right. It's not separate judges, no. **Hannon:** You can have one judge do both specialties. The rule requires double specialties. It does not require separate judges for each specialty. **Meeker:** As I understand this, as of May 1st, if there's a show that's currently licensed that does not meet the requirements of this new show rule, the show has to be relicensed. **Hannon:** Yes. They have to amend their license with new judge contracts to provide some specialties. **Anger:** And does the board have to approve all those license changes? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Hannon:** But we're sitting here in October and we're talking about next May, so we have plenty of time to do the approval. So, Rachel has a good point. For those shows that have to change their licenses for the new show season to be in compliance, if they're already licensed, the Central Office has to send them to us, to make sure we approve them. I don't think that's going

to be a problem, because we're talking today in October and we've got until May 1st to come to us and get our approvals. **Meeker:** What's the fee for the amended license? Are we going to waive those? **Hannon:** Yes. **Anger:** There's no fee to amend a license. **Hannon:** I don't think there is a fee.

3.h – Modify Show Rule 3.02b and d (Old Rules 25.02b & d) to Revise Rules Regarding Requests for Judges to Judge and Impose Guest Judging Limitations in ID that Currently Exist in all Other Regions

Rule # 3.02	Requested by Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.</p> <p>If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.</p> <p>b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by Approved or Approval Pending judges. A judge may judge only the specialty in which he/she is licensed. Note: Once a judge is approved in one specialty, they may judge the other specialty once licensed as an apprentice.</p> <p>Judges residing in Region 9 or the International Division may judge in Region 9 or the International Division.</p> <p>c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an</p>	<p>a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.</p> <p>If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.</p> <p>b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by <u>judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division.</u> A judge may judge only the specialty(<u>ies</u>) in which he/she is licensed. Note: Once a judge is approved in one specialty, they may judge the other specialty once licensed as an apprentice.</p> <p>Judges residing in Region 9 or the International Division may judge in Region 9 or the International Division.</p> <p>c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging</p>

<p>accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>d. For shows in Regions 1-9, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.</p> <p>e. When possible, it is recommended that Guest Judges officiating at a two day show (6X6 or back to back) be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges.</p>	<p>Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>d. For shows in Regions 1-9 <u>and the International Division</u>, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.</p> <p>e. When possible, it is recommended that Guest Judges officiating at a two day show (6X6 or back to back) be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Section 3.02b is revised to clarify the intent of the rule and to allow for judges in both Japan and the International Division to train in those respective areas. Section 3.02d was revised to place the same restriction on guest judging assignments in the International Division that currently exists in Regions 1-9.</p>	

Krzanowski: The next rule is regarding requests for judges to judge and impose guest judging limitations on the International Division that currently exist in all other regions. This was requested by the Judging Program Committee. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **McCullough:** Second. **Wilson:** There's two parts to this. The first part is 25.02b. Are you shushing me? **Hannon:** I'm shushing them because I can't hear you. **Wilson:** OK. We need to talk about this because the Regional Director from Japan has something he wanted to add in here, but as it is here, there's a conflict between the Judging Program Rules and the Show Rules, so we needed to address it here in the Show Rules to make it what we think is intended. So, this would be [reads b.]. The way it was written before, it was confusing because it said once a judge is approved in one specialty, they may be able to judge the other specialty once licensed as an apprentice, and then it says judges residing in Region 9 or the International Division may judge in Region 9 or the International Division. We think, from discussion of this rule previously, that the board intended that once someone is approved in one specialty and apprentice or higher in the second specialty, they should be able to judge anywhere. We think that's what the board meant to do. However, we need to clarify that because the way it was written, we had some confusion. When we have a judge in Japan who is single specialty approved, apprentice in her second specialty, got an invitation from the ID and didn't know if she could go or not. According to the Show Rules she can and she did, so what this does is write the show rule a little more clearly. So, what was confusing is, the second paragraph where it says, *Judges residing in Region 9 or the International Division may judge in Region 9 or the International Division*. The question is, regardless of the status? So, can an apprentice single specialty judge, judge anywhere? **Meeker:**

I'm not a judge obviously. I'm wondering if an apprentice has the skill set to be able to go into another area and judge a double specialty. That would be my question. **Ganoe:** The way I read this, just what you described Annette, is that if you're licensed to judge both specialties in some condition – approved in one, apprentice in another, which is the lowest status you can be to do both – then you can go international to judge. If you're only licensed as a single specialty approved, you can go international to do approved. But if you're only licensed as an apprentice in a single specialty – I think approval pending in a single specialty is what you mean – then you can't. Is that what this is intended to do? **Wilson:** No. Someone who would be approval pending single specialty can judge. **Ganoe:** Just their single specialty. **Wilson:** Right, but if they're apprentice single specialty – I'm so confused now. When I did this, I knew exactly what I meant. **Hannon:** The assumption is that a person would be approved in one specialty and something in the other, but we have the option now, since we take people applying for double specialties, we could have people that are approval pending in both. **Wilson:** Keep in mind, this is invitations from CFA clubs in the ID that may be considered only by judges ... so it really is, judging in the ID that this is applying to. **Ganoe:** Is the intent for this to allow – if we have licensed a judge at whatever level for whatever specialty or double, and they get invited to do what they are licensed to do in the International Division, we're going to allow them to do it. Is that the intent? **Hannon:** If it's an International Division judge, but if it's a USA judge – **Ganoe:** OK, so USA-based judges are not in this. **Wilson:** No. *Invitations from CFA clubs in the ID may be considered only by judges who are approved or approval pending and by judges that are approved in one specialty and at least apprentice in the second specialty, or judges of any level that reside in Regions 8, 9 or the ID.* **Ganoe:** OK. So, it comes out two tiered. If you're in the US and you're approved or approval pending, you can judge in the International Division for that approved or approval pending. **Wilson:** Or if you're approved in one specialty and apprentice in the second. **Hannon:** Isn't that prejudicing against the American judges? If you are a Russian judge, you can judge in the International Division regardless. You could be an apprentice in both specialties and still be able to judge, but an American can't go over there. **Eigenhauser:** I think the original purpose of the rule was that we wanted to send the best and brightest to other areas, and you could still use home grown. The problem is the way this is written, Regions 8, 9 and the International Division are treated like one area, and so instead of saying "home grown", a judge in Region 8 could judge in Region 9 when an American judge could not. That's not what we intended. What we intended was for home grown to be able to judge in their own area, so I think this makes it confusing and makes it worse. **Hannon:** Should we toss this back to Monte and ask him to come back to us in December with a way that makes it clearer, that if you reside in Region 8, you can judge in Region 8 regardless; if you reside in Region 9, you can judge in Region 9 regardless; if you reside in the International Division, you can judge in the International Division regardless. Right? If you live in China – **Wilson:** Right. You can judge in the ID, absolutely. **Hannon:** But the way this is written, if you have an apprentice longhair judge residing in China, they can't judge in China. They would have to be at least approved in the one specialty before they could judge in China. **Wilson:** It does need to be rewritten, but I'm confused. Here's what I would like to know, never mind the Region 9 and ID. I absolutely am in agreement with that. What I would like it to say is that Region 8 judges, apprentice status and higher, can judge in the ID because if we think about going forward with this number of cats handled, they are going to need to. We allow them to train there, so that's what I would like. **Hannon:** So, you're saying a Japanese judge can judge in the International Division if they are an apprentice, but an American

judge can't. **Wilson:** That's right. **Mastin:** I don't think that's how Monte has this written.

Hannon: She is acknowledging that. **Wilson:** Don't blame Monte for this. I wrote this because I was trying to make it clearer and I made it less clear. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to see the rule written so that if you're in Regions 1 through 7 you can judge in Regions 1 through 7 regardless, but if you're going anywhere outside the block, you have to meet a minimum level. If you're in Region 8, you can judge in Region 8 regardless, but if you're going to judge anywhere outside Region 8 – and I think that's what Mark is suggesting. That's the way I would like to see this go. If we call Regions 1 through 7 "North America". If you're North America, you can judge in North America no matter what. If you're Japan, you can judge Japan no matter what. If you're Europe, you can judge Europe no matter what. If you're ID, you can judge ID no matter what, but if you're going outside your home turf, that's where we start saying you need to meet a minimum.

Wilson: And what would you like that minimum to be? I would like it to be that you have to be at least approved in one specialty and apprentice in the other, but I'm fine with that being someone from the US or anywhere. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to see it that if a Region 8 judge can judge someplace outside of Region 8, then a Region 9 judge could judge there too, and an American judge could judge there, too.

Hannon: The way it's written is discriminating against Americans. **Wilson:** It is discriminating, but it's discriminating for a reason. **Ganoe:** The other side of this is, we're getting a lot of applicants for the Judging Program from China and Asia. I wouldn't want to restrict them from advancing their ability by saying you can only judge there. I would like them, if they've got the wherewithal and clubs invite them to come to the US, they should be allowed to come and judge for us, because then we're definitely going to enhance their ability to judge. I don't want this rule to be written to restrict that ability to advance.

Hannon: But you're saying in the same breath that if you live in America, you can't go to China unless you are approved single specialty. **Ganoe:** I'm more in favor of making it more blanket, that if you're apprentice you can't judge that specialty as an apprentice. You have to be approved pending to judge anywhere outside of your own area. **DelaBar:** I have always been in favor of, when judges go over to areas overseas – Americans really are not good, we're not great knowing more than one language and the dialect where we come from. We ran into a case when we did the first show in Israel. No show package. We had to come up with all sorts of things to make this a CFA show. A less-experienced judge I don't think could have handled it. It was wearing on us approved allbreed judges, what we had to do to make sure that show went. I am concerned – not afraid, but concerned – when we send people overseas to some of these areas where this can happen. Things do happen. I don't want to ruin their judging career by having them so discouraged that they give up. I want the club to have the CFA expertise, especially going into the International Division – be it Brazil, South America or over to China or southeast Asia, or even coming over to Russia – it's a different world. I want them to at least be more secure within their CFA abilities as a judge before they take these on. We've had this discussion several times over the years, even when Kim was head of the Judging Program. This has always been a concern, because I've seen it, I've experienced it, and I'm happy I had the experience to be able to go in and address these issues. That first Israel show was just incredible in what we had to do.

Kallmeyer: I can almost see this uni-directional, especially Asia shows tend to be a little more complex – not everywhere, but when you have 45 color changes the first day, that's kind of a lot to throw at a new judge. Now, if you were sending an Asia judge or a Japanese judge at a lower status to the United States, we're much more sophisticated. You have the clerk infrastructure and the entry clerks, so you're probably OK. Again, the Japanese judges going to China, actually they

can understand some of the Chinese characters. **Hannon:** What if it's an apprentice Japanese judge? **Kallmeyer:** They would understand some, but they would be faced with a complexity. I can see definitely coming to the US in a lower level. I'm not sure the higher levels. We have a problem, especially in Asia and again with Japan, is the number of assignments that they can get locally. Just from a development viewpoint, a Japanese judge going to those other countries is developing the experience. It's much different. In the US, we have seven regions where you can spread it around and you can develop the skills, but sending a US person over there, it's much more complex. **Colilla:** I still have problems. I went over there a few weeks ago. My clerk did not speak English. She had a very Reader's Digest the night before to clerk the show. I basically helped clerk the show and judged the show, and doing color class changes like crazy. The cats coming to my ring were in the wrong color class and nobody caught it, so I had to change them. **Wilson:** We have allbreed judges who can't catch the color class changes in some of these shows. I won't go there with that. It seems to me that maybe an apprentice, having been newly trained, might be better at it. I agree with Dick. We need to give Japanese judges an opportunity to judge outside their country. They see the same cats over and over again. They're not getting any experience, and I would like to see Region 8 judges at any level be able to judge in the ID. They train in the ID, so they are faced with those color class changes in their books as trainees. **Ganoe:** It's obvious you're going to take this back and rewrite it. What you might want to do is put a matrix together where it says what region and area you are in and what your license level is, because you've got six all the way across for license levels and you've got all the different regions, and then you go, "OK, if you're this level, where can you go?" If we had that matrix, then we could write a rule to fit it. **Wilson:** I would be happy to do a matrix. Thank you.

Subparagraph b. **Withdrawn.**

[from end of Show Rules report] **Mastin:** I ask that we reopen 3.02b. If you re-read it, Annette wrote it properly. What we need to find out what Pam is thinking that the requirement should be in order for her to rewrite what we want. If you re-read it, stop at the comma and then go on, it's exactly what you're talking about, but we need to find out at what point you want to change the requirement. **Wilson:** Thank you, Rich, for pointing this out. I got myself confused. This is about invitations from clubs in the ID, so this is only about judging in the ID. What we wanted to do is say that any judge who is approved, any judge who is approval pending – any judge that is approved in one specialty and at least apprentice in the second – can judge in the ID. They can accept an invitation from a club in the ID. Also put in there that judges at any level – which could mean apprentice first specialty – that reside in Regions 8, 9 or the ID. Obviously, an apprentice in the ID can judge in the ID, and that's what it used to say. *Judges residing in Region 9 or the ID can judge in Region 9 or the ID.* So, it already said that, but Pam's concern, when I asked her, is do you want an apprentice single specialty judge from Region 9 to judge in the ID. **DelaBar:** My comment back was, I don't want a single specialty apprentice judge going from anywhere outside of their area of operation, or where they're from. **Wilson:** So, you want Region 9 taken out of here. And Region 8? Because we have a different opinion of Region 8. **DelaBar:** My personal opinion is, I don't believe a single specialty apprentice judge is ready to face those challenges. **Wilson:** Unless they reside in the ID. **DelaBar:** That's what I'm saying, yeah. **Wilson:** So, Region 8, that's what Mr. Maeda was speaking to before. You would like Region 8 single specialty apprentice to judge in the ID. **Maeda:** Yes. **Wilson:** If you don't mind me

explaining, I will explain. It's because in Region 8, apprentice judges and beyond see the same cats over and over again, and there are much smaller shows. If, at some point, we're going to look at number of cats handled, the ID is an opportunity for them to see more cats, see different cats, see more variety of cats and judge bigger shows. While I appreciate Pam's concern, I have the same concerns about the issues with the transfers and so on. I am hoping, and Mr. Maeda thinks with proper mentoring, these folks can manage the transfers. **Kallmeyer:** Point out, too, that we have very few specialty rings [in the ID]. We're only seeing them now because we have single specialty judges coming in, and they are putting on shows. It still may be hard for a Japanese to come in there, but you're right. **Wilson:** But at least give them the opportunity. **Kallmeyer:** Some of the Asia shows are pretty bad about changes and transfers. It's challenging, even for existing judges. **Wilson:** So Pam, you would be happier if I took out any level Region 9 judges? **DelaBar:** No. I'm making a blanket statement. If everybody else is allowed to do it, then Region 9 is allowed to do it. My blanket statement is, I don't believe any apprentice judge should be going out of their own country or area. **Hannon:** So, you're saying Japan should follow the same rules? They shouldn't be able to go there, either. **DelaBar:** Yeah, but if Mr. Maeda is very firm on the Japanese judges – apprentice single specialty judges – should be able to go into China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, to be able to do a single specialty show – **Hannon:** Or South America. **DelaBar:** Or South America, then everybody should. I just don't believe that a single specialty apprentice judge should be able to do that. **Wilson:** It's not going to be everybody, it's going to be judges in Regions 8, 9 and the ID. It already said before that judges in Region 9 or the ID can judge in Region 9 or the ID, and that's what was confusing. I read that as meaning, regardless of their status. So, I guess we could vote on it as written, unless people have questions. **Hannon:** So, presumably Pam is going to vote no. **Anger:** Do we have a motion? **Hannon:** Carol made a motion and Annette seconded it. **Krzanowski:** Standing motion. **Hannon:** You seconded Carol's motion to reconsider. It was tabled, right? We're just taking it off the table. So, what's the procedure, Ed? Just go ahead and call for the vote? **Raymond:** Call for the vote. **Hannon:** Alright. Any more discussion? All those in favor of the motion as written.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Meeker and Eigenhauser voting no.

Hannon: What's the next one? **Wilson:** The next one is mine, too. It's part of this rule. It's in the same rule change. **Hannon:** So, are you going to pull that, too? **Wilson:** No. **Hannon:** What's the number? **Wilson:** It's the same number and it's letter "d." It's *For shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.* What this does is add the International Division to the existing rule that limits the number of times someone may guest judge for us. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion. **DelaBar:** Why? **Wilson:** That's a good question. The reason is because we have one or two judges that get invited a lot – they are good judges. However, what we find is the same reason it's limited in other places is that having the same judge over and over again can determine divisional wins. **Hannon:** And they are not CFA judges. **Wilson:** And they are not CFA judges, right. If they want to judge more than five times a year for CFA, then let's welcome them over. **Mastin:** My question to Pam would be, what type of hardship does this put on your clubs in your region? Is this something that they can live with? **DelaBar:** It's not for my region. I was looking at the ID. I'm just thinking of costs for

the ID. My mind's not attuned for regional or national wins, I'm looking at cost. Another association has done something with more stringent rules and it's not going over well with that association. Judges, even guest judges, are independent contractors. Our clubs should be able to utilize whatever. We have limited the amount of guest judges they can have. Now we are limiting their judge pool. **Kallmeyer:** Just pointing out, only in the ID, there's only two judges that would surpass this today, and it turns out they are from Australia. Australian air fares are actually more than the equivalent US. In fact, the past four shows they were several hundred dollars higher than the equivalent US fare. It's not like we have a lot of local judges in that area. Now, sometimes they come from Europe but they're just not showing there. We have a lot of complaints from the exhibitors about guest judges. They want CFA judges. They don't want guest judges. Actually, if you look at the last year, less than 9% of the judges were guest judges. Most of them were from Australia. **DelaBar:** It's not just Australia. You're going to have Europe involved, too.

Kallmeyer: We don't get Europe judges. **DelaBar:** Excuse me? **Kallmeyer:** We had seven.

DelaBar: You're going to run into that. **Wilson:** They can still judge five times. **DelaBar:** But only twice for the same club. **Wilson:** Right. That's how it applies now to everything but the ID.

DelaBar: I'm considering the ID. I'm just trying to say, I'm thinking of invitations that have been received and all of the things have gone through on the one club. Let me just say, we had a situation in southeast Asia with a FIFe judge who was invited by that club in southeast Asia. With FIFe, they not only have to get the permission of the FIFe member in that country in southeast Asia, then they have to go back and get the permission of the FIFe board. They get this, then they go back and the club says, "tell us what you can get for an air fare", so they go back and do this. Then the club says, "I'm sorry, we decided not to invite you" type of thing. We have people that have the invitations that have gone through this whole process of getting the approval from their association to do it. Now, if you put in this for next year, the invitations are already out there. **Kallmeyer:** How far in advance are they? **DelaBar:** Into the next show season.

Kallmeyer: Five times is still a lot of times. **DelaBar:** But twice for the same club. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Raymond:** How many clubs hold more than two shows per season? **Kallmeyer:** Quite a bit in Asia. Like I said, we only had two Australian judges that would even approach this limit.

Kuta: Could a club easily get around that if somebody has more than one club? They just put it on under another club? **Ganoe:** There's always ways to get around it. **Kuta:** It seems pretty easy to get around it if they want to get around it. **DelaBar:** We shouldn't be looking at ways to get around things. **Meeker:** We should look at the validity and consistency of the rule. **Mastin:** Is it possible we can do this over a two-year period and put the five times for the upcoming year, and then two years in 2016? **DelaBar:** The board can do anything. **Mastin:** Spread it out over time, so they can accommodate those clubs that are going to use these judges more than two times? We really don't want to cause a hardship on the club, do we? **DelaBar:** Or on the person that was invited. **Wilson:** I don't think it's an issue for the 2015-2016 show season. I don't think there's five invitations out there. **DelaBar:** There may be over two for the same club. **Wilson:** The board could look at an exemption. **Eigenhauser:** We could just make it effective next year but exempt any contracts already signed. **Wilson:** Right. **Schreck:** So, they will just backdate the contracts.

Hannon: Are we amending the show rule to say that? How do you want to deal with this exception? **Anger:** We have the guest judge approvals, so if they have already been submitted for approval or appear on our guest judge approval list, then that would take care of their exemption.

Wilson: I would like to vote on this as it is written. **Hannon:** OK. Let's go ahead and vote. Terri is in shock that we're spending this much time on this stuff.

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

Hannon: Mr. Maeda, are you abstaining or voting no? **Maeda:** In Japan, it is very difficult right now, so small shows. Apprentice single specialty judge cannot have advancement to next stage. **Hannon:** We're on a different part of the rules. **Wilson:** We're on a different rule right now.

4 – Differences Between Revamped Rules Text and Old Version (Printed) for 2014-2015 Show Season

When the revisions were made to the old rules from the revamp after the February Board meeting, a few of the corrections were not incorporated backwards into the printed version due either to them not being identified to Central Office as a specific change, or an error in proofing by Central Office or the SRC Chairman to catch the minor. Those differences are listed below. In all cases, the revamped rules have the correct text.

Revamp Rule #	Printed Rule #	Difference
2.07a	1.19a	Printed rule text states some oriental shorthairs can be shown as colorpoints. This is incorrect.
2.08	1.12	The Open class is a subset of Champion. This is clear in revamped rules, but not in printed version.
2.14	1.05	Revamp indicate acceptable entries can be online or by mail, while printed version has no such inclusion.
2.19c	24.06	In the AOV text in the printed version, reference is made that an earwise AOV could be a Scottish Fold (the revamp does not give specific breed examples for this case – only the Manx tailwise example is present). There is no such reference in the revamp because not only Scottish Folds can have AOVs for straight ears, but also American Curls. None of the other AOV examples include a breed reference for any of the other causes.
2.24	1.03	Revamp notes that a registered cat can have either a permanent or temporary number. The printed version does not include this information.
3.04	25.04	Revamp notes that the first paragraph applies only to regions 1-8 as the second paragraph applies to region 9 or the ID. The printed version has region 9 technically included in both paragraphs, which is inaccurate.
4.03d	12.03d	Printed version of this rule refers to a traditional city. There technically is no such thing as a traditional city. Per show rule 4.03c (old 12.03c), a show moving from its last show location to a new show location must have RD approval in all cases. There is no traditional city to which a show can return without obtaining RD approval.

6.16	1.24	Revamp includes all of the approved text from the October 2013 Board meeting. The printed version does not include any of the revised text, which was housekeeping changes to make the section read better.
6.18	11.03	The revamp correctly notes that exhibitors request the temporary registration number, not entries, as is stated in the printed version.
6.30	17.02	Full set of corrections to this rule were not incorporated in the printed version, which still expects Central Office to be contacted by the entry clerk upon each request for a temporary registration number. The revamp correctly notes that CO provides a bank of temporary numbers to each EC prior to the start of entries, so the EC does not need to contact them each time he/she gets a request.
7.17	20.13	The printed version inadvertently deleted the text dealing with assigning color class numbers to miscellaneous breed cats that were acceptable for entry but did not already have an approved specific color class number for that breed. That text specifies the use of the first four digits of the registration number for the color class. [Note: This practice in reality has never been used as the permission to put a breed in miscellaneous by the Board has always been made effective with the start of the new show season, and by then the breed does have its own color class number.]
8.03 & 11.30	23.03 & 28.19	Both of these tables in the printed version inadvertently left the winners ribbons on them. They should have been deleted per the October 2013 rulemaking.
8.07	None	This rule deals with clubs giving certificates of donations (e.g., the Winn Foundation) in lieu of awards to cats making finals. It was inadvertently deleted from the printed version. There was no rulemaking to delete this text.
10.23c	11.04b	The second time used in the paragraph, the printed version erroneously uses show secretary when it should be entry clerk. Only one of the two spots in the printed version was revised when printed, not both.
11.21	28.14	Printed version forgot to delete the sentence that transfers from one breed to another were not permitted. The correct procedure to accomplish this is still there in the next sentence.
11.26b2	28.18b2	Examples of last finals placement in printed version forgot to include 15 th place or 2 nd place as examples (last place in top 15 final or premier placement in final).
12.13b	18.11b	The copy retained by the Master Clerk was inadvertently deleted from the first sentence text that went to print.
13.06	18.19	The printed version inadvertently omitted the text concerning submitting the TRN packages (application, fee, pedigree/reg. numbers) to Central Office as part of the show package.

13.09	16.10	First, the printed version has the “and” on the wrong item number (on j, should be on k); second, the printed version did not include the TRN paperwork revision that may use a registration number in lieu of a pedigree.
27.03a	8.03a	The qualifying ring requirements were changed at the April 2014 Board meeting. That change is in the revamp, but did not make it into the printed version.
28.02a	9.01a	The rule text as written in the printed version implies that cats placing 11 to 15 in finals do not get grand points, whereas those in the top 10 do. The revamp notes that finals placements up to 15 are eligible for grand points.
28.02b	9.03b	The grand point requirements were changed at the April 2014 Board meeting. That change is in the revamp, but did not make it into the printed version.
28.04f	9.03f	The text that filing the championship claim form must be done before competing as a Grand was not incorporated in the printed version from the 2012 annual meeting. (probably thought that all requirements must be met was synonymous). It is in the revamp.
28.08	9.07	The grand of distinction requirements were changed at the April 2014 Board meeting. That change is in the revamp, but did not make it into the printed version.
34.11c & d	10.03c & d	The printed version uses 1 & 2 to reference the first two paragraphs of this rule, which are actually labeled a and b. The revamp has it correctly as a and b.
XXXV National Awards Scoring	XXXVII National Awards Scoring	The printed version only notes that scoring is for cats competing as the same color, whereas the revamp correctly notes that scoring is for the same color/tabby pattern.

Krzanowski: That concludes all the show rule changes that were presented. The last part of the Show Rules report, Part 4, addresses differences between the revamped rules text and the printed version that we’ve been using this year. As requested, the Show Rules Committee did receive comments for the new revamped show rules. Most of the comments were not useful, as far as improving the revamped show rules. **Hannon:** I have a question about this, Carol. My understanding is that he wants these new rules to be printed in December? **Krzanowski:** No, not for December. This would be for next year. **Ganoe:** I’m going to ask a question that has been in my mind about this revamping of the show rules, and it’s an overall question. Why? **Hannon:** I can tell you, I asked the same question. I don’t understand why we’re redoing this. It’s going to cause massive confusion. **Eigenhauser:** Because the way the rules were originally written, we would have the same rule and we would repeat it in multiple places. There’s one rule Monte found in 13 different places. Sometimes they were exactly the same wording, sometimes they had drifted over the years. When you take the clerking test, it’s always rule A and rule B and rule C, because it’s always in more than one place. When you write rules of the road for driving cars,

you don't say, "red cars have to stop at stop signs, and blue cars have to stop at stop signs, and green cars have to stop at stop signs", you say, "motor vehicles stop at stop signs." That was the idea here – to generalize the rules, to revamp them, to put things in (a) a more logical order, and (b) not to have the same rule repeated multiple places. If it's against the show rules to do something all the time, then don't put it under Responsibilities of Exhibitors, and Responsibilities of Clerks, just put it in one spot and say, "don't do this." **Hannon:** And my objection to that was, we expect people to follow the show rules, and the more places you put it, the more likely they are to find it. **Eigenhauser:** Or the more ways to get confused by it. **Hannon:** Not if you're consistent, when we change rules to be consistent everywhere. That was our problem. We changed it in 3 out of the 7 places. **Meeker:** There's a couple other reasons that I think we changed these rules. One was, as you just said, if a wording changed in a rule and it was in 15 places, it didn't get changed in all 15 places, so there were some loopholes about the show rules. The other thing is that with this revision of the show rules, Monte has taken the time to pick out the show rules that correspond to Central Office job duties, and they are all getting matrixed out so that the Central Office people have a better idea of their job description, based on show rules. When those show rules change, then their job descriptions would change, also. So, there was a method to the madness. **Schreck:** Also, some of the headings would be misleading. For example, if you were trying to find how many cages you needed in the rings, you would think that would be under Responsibilities of Show Management, but it was over here under Entry Clerk. The things weren't in a logical place when you went to find something, because over the years you added something, you changed something, you did something to it, and it ended up in an illogical place for somebody to look in the Index and say, "OK, I need to know how many cages I need," and it's over here under Entry Clerk. That's not real, but as an example, that's how it developed. **Krzanowski:** Monte attempted to address those problems in this revamp and he tried to delete repetition and redundancy. However, a couple of the comments that were received after June were that, by use of reference numbers in some sections, it becomes very confusing, especially for newer people to the cat fancy, because there might be a list of 12 reference numbers at the end of a specific section. It means flipping through the book to find those different sections. They feel that people won't be bothered with doing that and they won't read the rules. So, I'm not sure how to address this. I have mixed feelings about it. I'm not sure what the answer is. **Hannon:** Any other comments? I guess we need to move on accepting these? **Krzanowski:** I move that we accept the revamped show rules. **Meeker:** I'll second.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar and Ganoe voting no.

As a result of the presentation at the June 2014 annual, text placed in the August issue of CatTalk, and the August CFA Newsletter, the Show Rules Committee received a total of 11 comments on the revamped rules. Most comments were not useful (3 - great job, 2 - about time, 1 - I don't like it, 1 - I don't have enough time to comment on this, 1 - this will be wonderful for new people coming into the cat fancy), but three were specific enough to involve action. While one was incorporated (move rule 21.04 into the during the show section), the other two were not incorporated. Those two comments specifically requested that we take the responsibilities for each individual, which are currently listed by reference number, and instead re-print the entire text of the referenced rules in those sections with a rule number identifier on the end of the text to reference from where it came. We did not incorporate this request for two reasons. The first is

cost – the full set of show rules as is will print out at about 44 pages – roughly about the same size as the current printed version. Adding the rule texts requested will up the size of the rules to over 90 pages, or a little more than double its current size. That is because some rules are referenced under many responsibilities, and would be reprinted more than once. For example, the rule on unsportsmanlike conduct applies to everyone involved with the show – so it would be reprinted 13 times. Similarly, the rule on judges marking color class sheets, turning them over to the clerk for review, who will then forward them to the Master Clerk would be repeated 3 times. The second reason we did not incorporate this comment dealt with the mandate under which this program was started, namely, to eliminate duplication. By repeating rules at least once and sometimes many times, we will have created at least one duplicate of EVERY rule, and in some cases triplicates, quadruplicates, and in one case a triscadecacate.

Whereas the printed version has SOME responsibilities listed for some of the personnel involved with a show, even those sections do not list all of those individuals' responsibilities. The revamp not only has every position involved in a show, including central office staff, it also lists ALL of the responsibilities associated with all of those positions. That is why the SRC opted for a reference system. Of course, if the Board would rather we incorporate those two requests, we will do that and more than double the size of the rules.

At this point we will be going final with the revamped show rules. The October 1, 2014 revision version is attached to this report.

NEXT STEPS:

The revamped rules will be revised to incorporate the above rules changes passed at this Board meeting. It will be re-proofed to verify that the next version matches the current version verbatim except for those places where rule revisions incorporated from this meeting have been added. In those cases, it will be proofed to verify the addition was added correctly. That reproofed version will get a December 1, 2014 revision date and will then be sent to Central Office to replace the current version of the revamped rules on the website. After the SRC has reviewed the February Board minutes, where rules changes have always happened, we will incorporate those changes and do a final proof before the rules are sent to CO to be printed as the final 2015-2016 version (this is the point where page numbers will be verified for the Tables of Contents). That submittal usually happens around the 20th of February. The printed adobe file will then get one last proof before OKing it to go to the printer.

Time Frame:

As noted above.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Unless a significant issue is identified between completion of this report and the date when inputs are due to the Board for the February meeting, we do not anticipate making a presentation to the February meeting. We plan to hold off until we have the full calendar year's worth of data before proposing any changes in grand scoring requirements that would affect all exhibitors, which, when ready, will be submitted directly to the delegates for their action.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chair*

Hannon: Do you have anything else, Carol? **Krzanowski:** That concludes the Show Rules report. **McCullough:** Where do we put the old show rules back in, like cage curtains are required. It kind of fell out somewhere, sometime, and nobody picked it up and put it back in. **Meeker:** There's nothing in the show rules book about making it necessary to have a bottom and top to your cage. **Krzanowski:** In the printed show rules? **McCullough:** In the printed show rules. **Eigenhauser:** If there are individual show rules people would like to propose that were either show rules in the past, or show rules in the past that disappeared, or they can't remember whether they were show rules, tell Monte and he can come back with proposed wording, but it's not really something we can do on the fly here.



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RULES

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Grand Points

Available Online and Via Phone

Check grand points at hol.cfa.org/herman.asp. National/Regional points from past show seasons are also available using this feature. Grand point info can also be accessed by calling 330-680-4617. Be sure to have your cat's registration number available in either case. Grand points from the previous weekend will be posted no later than the Thursday night following the show.

Downloadable

Show Entry Forms

The CFA Show Entry Form is available to download from CFA's web site at the following address:

<http://www.cfa.org/AboutCFA/CFAforms.aspx>

Other CFA forms are also available including the Championship/Premiership Clam Form and the Litter Registration Application Form.

Show Records Data file Information

The "CFA Data File" must be provided to the CFA Central Office either as a file emailed directly to Central Office by the show entry clerk or as a diskette included in the show package which the show secretary mails via an overnight service to CFA Central Office. This file, which is used by the Central Office during the scoring of the show, will be a specified format of the cat and exhibitor database (it does not include any of the financial files for the show). For Central Office to utilize the information on the disk, it must be received prior to or with the receipt of the show results - - do not send it under separate cover at a later date.

Instructions

The entry clerk should create the disk at the time of printing the catalog, master clerk's catalog and the judge's books (color class sheets). Once the entries have been sorted and the first print file is created DO NOT MAKE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE DATA FILE. Making an addition or correcting a birth date, title or color of a cat may cause a resort and the new file will not be in the same order as the original file that was created.

For the specified file format and to create the file using the various types of entry clerk software available, please visit the CFA website at <http://www.cfa.org/Shows/ShowProductionResources/ShowRecordsDataFile.aspx>

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This is an entire re-vamping and restructuring of the show rules. In those cases where changes have been made to the 2013-2014 version, a vertical line (|) to the left of a rule indicates the additional text added. The cross reference provided shows the rule location in prior years' versions of these rules and the corresponding location in this version.

This revision incorporates all of the rules in the current show rules, but has been revamped to eliminate duplications and put them in a logical order. This is an ongoing process, with the plan to have them in use by the time we begin the next show season. Use this version for amendments/resolutions for the 2015 Annual, as it will be this version that goes into effect at the beginning of the 2015-2016 Show Season. It may undergo format revisions throughout the Show Season, so the most current revision will be identified by the date on the front cover. The current latest revision is the October 1, 2014 version.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

SHOW RULES

May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

Article I

PROLOGUE/RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL

- 1.01** Exhibitors, clubs, and show officials are expected to adhere to all regulations and requirements specific to the country in which any CFA Show is held.
- 1.02** It is the policy of CFA to penalize member clubs by suspension or expulsion for shows that exhibit a flagrant disregard of these Show Rules.
- 1.03** Unsportsmanlike conduct on anyone's part will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XV of the CFA Constitution.

Article II

DEFINITIONS

- 2.01** An **AGILITY HANDLER** is a person who leads the cat through the agility course.
- 2.02** An **ALTERED CAT** is one that has had the testicles (in a male) or the ovaries (in a female) removed surgically. A vasectomized cat is not eligible for entry. A neuter is an altered male and a spay is an altered female.
- 2.03** A **BENCHED CAT** is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in at least one ring. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for scoring purposes.
- 2.04** A **BENCHED CHAMPION** or **PREMIER** is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.
- 2.05** A **CAT** is used in these rules to mean a domestic feline of the age of 8 calendar months or more of either sex, whole, neutered or spayed.
A **DOMESTIC feline** is a subspecies, known as a *Felis catus*, within the *Felis* genus.
- 2.06** **CERTIFIED RINGMASTER** is one who one who has trained and has passed the test provided by the coordinator of ringmasters for the conduct of agility rings. Responsibilities include the placement of obstacles, timing of competitive agility runs, and signing off on agility title claim forms.
- 2.07** **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**
 - a. The **NOVICE CLASS** is for altered or unaltered "listed" (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the

breed being shown, including longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat's registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat's record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for National/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.

b. The **OPEN CLASS** is for CFA registered cats with either a temporary or permanent registration number of a color accepted for Championship competition, of either sex, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show, except cats that have completed requirements for Championship confirmation. When a cat has completed requirements for confirmation, it is ineligible for the Open Class at any subsequent show (see 27.05 and 28.01). Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and in the judge's book as champions. For the purposes of judging only, the open class is considered a subset of the champion class. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions.

c. The **CHAMPION CLASS** is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions.

d. The **GRAND CHAMPION CLASS** is for cats with either a temporary or permanent registration number that have completed Grand Championships in CFA. These cats have been confirmed automatically by the Central Office, have attained sufficient banked points with a temporary registration number, or the owner/agent has transferred the cat with the master clerk at the end of the first day of a two day show, believing that the cat has met the requirements to be a Grand.

2.08 **CLASS** refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens) and Grand Premier classes.

2.09 **COLOR CLASS** refers to the various recognized color/pattern classifications.

2.10 **The CONDENSED SHOW CATALOG** contains an entry's name, registration number, color description, entry number,

birthdate, region of residence, and owner's name – the sire, dam and breeder are not included.

2.11 COMPETITIVE CATEGORY refers to the three major competitive groups: Non-Championship, Championship, and Premiership (Alter).

2.12 A CONCURRENT ring is not a SUBSEQUENT show for the purposes of these rules.

2.13 To DISQUALIFY: to remove from competition. The class is judged as if the entry were not present. Causes for disqualification are listed in Article XXXIV and in each breed standard. An entry may be disqualified by the show committee, the veterinarian, the judge or the Central Office.

2.14 An ENTRY is a cat or kitten for which an entry form or facsimile thereof has been submitted to the show entry clerk online or by mail and accepted for competition. An entry is also a cat or kitten entered in the Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) Class. Also, as used in these rules, an ENTRY is also the process of submitting an entry form to the entry clerk.

2.15 An EXHIBITOR, as used in these rules, is the owner or agent of single or multiple entries in a show as designated on the entry form.

2.16 FINALS AWARDS – refer to show rule 11.30 for a list of finals awards.

2.17 A KITTEN is a cat under the age of 8 calendar months.

2.18 LISTING is the practice of allowing unregistered cats to be entered for competition. Listed cats are permitted at all licensed shows.

2.19 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The KITTEN CLASS is for any kitten, male or female, altered or unaltered, not less than 4 months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show, which, if an adult, would be eligible to compete in a Championship/Premiership Class.

b. The VETERAN CLASS is for any male or female, altered or unaltered, not younger than 7 years on the opening day of the show that if the owner chose to, could otherwise be shown in the championship or premiership classes. Veterans are not eligible for any Best-in-Show awards other than what might be awarded to veterans only. Cats entered in the Veterans Class are ineligible for competition in competitive categories (Championship and Premiership) at the same show, i.e., eligible only for awards in the Veterans Class..

c. The AOV (Any Other Variety) CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten, the ancestry of which entitles it to Championship or Premiership competition, but which does not (colorwise; coatwise; sexwise; as in the case of naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds, tailwise; or earwise) conform to the accepted show standard. A cat with a disqualifying trait(s) as listed in the breed standard is not eligible for competition in the AOV class. An AOV entry is eligible only for awards in the AOV class of its own breed. AOV's compete separately as kittens, adult whole cats or altered cats within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class and 2nd Best of Color Class. One Color Class per breed. For a list of those breeds which have AOV classes, see 29.01 and Article XXX.

d. The PROVISIONAL BREED CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten of a breed not accepted for Championship competition when CFA has approved a provisional standard for that breed. Cats entered in the Provisional Breed Class are eligible only for awards in the Provisional Breed Class. Provisional breeds compete separately as kittens, adult whole cats, or altered cats within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class and 2nd Best of Color Class - one class per category (i.e. Kitten, Championship, Premiership).

e. The MISCELLANEOUS (Non-Competitive) CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten of a breed not accepted for Provisional Breed competition. Miscellaneous Class entries are examined by judges; however, no awards will be made in this class.

f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. (See Article VI – Entering the Show).

g. The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring.

2.20 To PENALIZE: a judge deducts from an exhibit a portion, or all, of the points allotted to a specific part of the standard for that exhibit.

2.21 A PERMANENT REGISTRATION NUMBER is the number obtained upon registering the cat/kitten from either a CFA litter registration or from the appropriate generation pedigree as required by the registration rules for each breed.

2.22 PRINTED as used in these rules and unless otherwise noted (e.g. hand-printed), refers to information which has been mechanically reproduced.

2.23 PREMIERSHIP CLASSES

a. Premiership Classes are for CFA registered, neutered or spayed cats, 8 calendar months old or over, that would, as whole cats, be eligible to compete in the Championship classes.

b. The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier, Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.

2.24 A REGISTERED CAT is a cat for which a CFA registration number, permanent or temporary, has been received from the Central Office.

2.25 A RING is a competition judged by one judge.

2.26 A SHOW is any commonly licensed concurrent series of rings sponsored by the same show management, administered by the same show committee, and held in the same location.

2.27 SHOW MANAGEMENT when used in these rules refers to:

- a. The club sponsoring the show or its Executive (governing) Board, or;
- b. the Regional Director(s) in the case of a regional show.

2.28 SHOW PRODUCING SERVICE: shall mean any individual, group of individuals, partnership or corporation, whether doing business under the name of any individual or a fictitious firm name, which performs or offers to perform, for any fee or other compensation, any one or more of the following services for any CFA member club:

- a. Act in the capacity of entry clerk;
- b. Act in the capacity of show secretary;
- c. Act in the capacity of show manager;
- d. Assume any management, control or possession, however slight, of any funds relating to or generated by the production of a CFA licensed show;
- e. Assume any management, control or direction, however slight, over the selection or contracting of any CFA licensed judge, any show hall, any cage rental service or any independent retail vendor to be hired for or used in connection with any CFA licensed show.

In the event that the individual, all members of the group of individuals, all members of the partnership or all officers, directors and shareholders of the corporation otherwise falling within the terms of this definition are valid and duly elected members of the club for which the services are performed, they shall not be deemed to be a show producing service.

2.29 The CFA SHOW SEASON starts with the first weekend in May and ends with the last full weekend in April per show rule 2.32.

2.30 A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER (TRN) is a number 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 (see rule 6.16 on how to obtain a TRN).

2.31 A TRADITIONAL DATE occurs when a club holds a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend (also referred to as date). Traditional dates come in two types: fixed, i.e., a specific weekend of the month such as the first, second, third, or fourth (note – the fifth weekend of a month can never be a traditional date as there are at least two consecutive years where the weekend does not exist); or floating, i.e., tied to an event such as Easter, a national holiday, the last weekend in the show season, etc. Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on their traditional date will lose the distinction of having a traditional date weekend.

For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis, i.e., every other year, their traditional show date will be month, weekend and either odd or even to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction of having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.

2.32 A WEEKEND is a two-day consecutive period occurring either on a Friday/Saturday, Saturday/Sunday, or Sunday/Monday. However, for the purposes of determining the start and end of the show season, or for determining

traditional dates, the Saturday/Sunday period will be used. The first weekend of any month is the first weekend where both the Saturday and Sunday of that weekend are within that month. For April, the last weekend of the month is the last weekend where both the Saturday and Sunday of that weekend are within that month. As such, in those years where April 30 falls on a Saturday the first weekend of the new show season is the weekend of April 30 (Saturday)/May 1 (Sunday), with the first weekend of May for traditional date purposes being the first full weekend in May (7th/8th).

2.33 To WITHHOLD AWARDS: a judge withholds awards from an otherwise eligible entry when in his opinion an entry is not worthy of them. Causes for withholding awards are listed in rule 11.22 and 11.23.

2.34 The YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM is a program recognized by CFA which is set forth in the CFA Youth Feline Education Guidelines.

Article III

INVITATIONS TO AND ACCEPTANCES BY JUDGES

3.01 A member club must not call upon persons who are not on the CFA judges list for judging engagements without first having secured approval from the Guest Judge Administrator of the Judging Program.

3.02 a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.

If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.

b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by Approved or Approval Pending judges. A judge may judge only the specialty in which he/she is licensed. Note: Once a judge is approved in one specialty, they may judge the other specialty once licensed as an apprentice.

Judges residing in Region 9 or the International Division may judge in Region 9 or the International Division.

c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.

d. For shows in Regions 1-9, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.

e. When possible, it is recommended that Guest Judges officiating at a two day show (6X6 or back to back) be

scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges.

3.03 An invitation from a club to a judge MUST indicate if he/she will work one or two days. If the judge will only be working one day, the invitation MUST indicate which day.

3.04 An invitation from any CFA Region 1-8 club to a judge must be answered, affirmatively or negatively, within 15 days from the date of receipt.

An invitation from a Region 9 or International Division club must be answered, affirmatively or negatively, within 35 days from the date of receipt.

3.05 If the judge is willing to accept the invitation, he must send an offer in the form of a signed CFA judging contract in triplicate, or one copy transmitted electronically containing a provision that this contract is subject to the judge being an authorized CFA judge on the day of the show. This offer must be dated on the date it is mailed or transmitted.

3.06 The first copy of the contract will be sent to the judge. The second copy will be sent to the Central Office with the show license application (see paragraph 4.04.b). The third copy of the contract will be retained by the club for its files.

3.07 A judge who has mailed or electronically transmitted an offer in the form of a signed contract to a club is bound to hold his offer to judge that show open for a period of 15 days from the date of receipt. Unless a signed acceptance in the form of one copy of the contract executed by the club is received by the judge within 15 days, the offer of the judge will be considered to have expired.

3.08 A contract that has been signed by both the judge and an officer of the club is binding on both judge and club. If a club wishes to make minor changes to the contract (format, day change on a back to back), the contract does not need to be rewritten. When agreed upon by both parties, these changes may be made and forwarded to the Central Office by email or fax.

3.09 A binding contract may be abrogated or renegotiated by mutual agreement of the parties thereto. When a contract has been abrogated by a club (i.e. too many judges invited, show cancelled, etc.) and through no action or fault of the judge, the judge may exhibit or accept another assignment for the weekend.

3.10 A judge has an obligation to fulfill a mutually signed contract except in verifiable, extenuating circumstances.

3.11 When a judge has asked to be released from his contract, or declines to renegotiate his contract, a. he may not exhibit, b. he may not accept another judging assignment for another club that weekend.

This does not apply to a judge whose contract has been mutually terminated because of a change in residence, change in format, or a judge who is unable to fulfill his contract for verifiable medical reasons. Permission to exhibit on that weekend must be requested from the Judging Program, and approval is contingent upon fulfilling the requirements of show rule 3.09 or the policies of the Judging Program Committee.

3.12 A judge may not accept two shows at different locations in any one weekend in the United States and Canada.

3.13 For Championship, Kitten, Premiership and Veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of judges that must be CFA judges at the show are as follows:

Regions 1-9		International Division	
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		

As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs.

3.14 When a contract judge is unable to officiate, the show management should secure the services of a CFA judge authorized to officiate at that type of show. A judging contract must be signed prior to the start of judging, a copy being sent to the Central Office as soon as possible.

3.15 The show secretary must submit the show license application to the Central Office as outlined in show rule 4.04.

Article IV LICENSING THE SHOW

4.01 A member club holding any type of show where CFA awards are to be made must secure a license. A member club or Regional Director(s) applying for a license shall by such act be deemed to have agreed to conduct the show in strict conformity with these rules and, if called upon by the Executive Board or Judging Program Chairman to do so, submit a report on the work and conduct of the officiating judge(s) and such other information on the conduct of the show, including a financial report on such form as the CFA Board may prescribe.

4.02 The following fees are required for the issuance of a show license:

- club dues and insurance up to and including the year in which the show is to be held;
- show license and show insurance fee;
- any other outstanding fees.

4.03 No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions:

- No other show within the same region will be licensed on the weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with a region's annual awards ceremony.
- No show within the International Division will be licensed on the same weekend within 1000 kilometers of another show licensed in the International Division unless approved by the CFA International Division Chair.

c. Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of either the Regional Director for the region (region 1-9) in which the show is planning to be held or from the International Division Chair for International Division shows. Written permission must accompany the show license application. Before granting permission, the Regional Director shall notify all subscribers of the CFA News announcements or a similar CFA-managed email list of such a license request. Clubs wishing to provide comment may do so to their Regional Director within 7 days of the announcement. While the Regional Directors will consider all input, they are not bound by it. This is in addition to any other policy used by the CFA Executive Board to manage the show schedule. This does not apply to shows licensed within the state of Hawaii.

d. Regional Director (RD) and adjoining Regional Director approval is required for any club to obtain a show license with one exception. Clubs holding a show on their traditional date do not require RD approval to hold a show on that date in any subsequent year. In cases where a floating traditional date lands on the weekend of a fixed traditional date in the same region, RD approval is required to license either or both shows.

CFA's Central Office shall maintain a page on the CFA website listing all traditional dates, including at a minimum the name of the club holding the traditional date and the city and state (and where applicable, country) of the last show.

e. Clubs that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let their Regional Director know as soon as possible. The date will be considered "vacant" for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club(s) for a one-time only show date.

With the permission of the Regional Director, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend. The club that is approved to hold a show on the vacant date will submit with the show license a letter signed by their President and Secretary acknowledging the show as a one-time only show for that weekend. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Regional Director.

4.04 Application for license should be received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications post-marked with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.

No license will be granted for shows whose license is received in the Central Office with less than 7 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.

A club will be considered not in good standing until the late filing fee is paid.

The show secretary of the benching club must submit to the Central Office the following:

a. license application for each sponsoring club in duplicate. (Any member club may request any other member club to sponsor one or more of its concurrent rings. In such cases, an additional show license application for each ring sponsor, signed by the sponsoring club's secretary, is

required. A ring sponsor must also be a member in good standing.)

b. ONE executed copy of each judging contract.

c. the show license fee and show insurance fee.

These documents and fees must be submitted as a package, and the Central Office will not issue the license for any show until all the papers have been received in proper order. The office will return copies of the approved license(s).

Applicable late filing fees will apply if a completed application with all judging contracts and show license and insurance fees is received with a postmark of less than 90 days from the opening day of the show.

*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.

Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening date of the show.

Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in format, including a change in a judge's assignment (e.g. allbreed to specialty or specialty to allbreed) will be permitted, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency constitutes a situation where one or more contracted judges cannot judge the show as contracted. If as a result of an emergency the club is notified more than 30 days in advance of a judge's inability to fulfill their contract(s), a revised license application must be sent to the Central Office for approval. The show judges, exhibitors and Regional Director must be notified immediately of any change in format or assigned judges.

In cases of emergency, format changes will be permitted without prior Board approval provided the request is received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the show. The request must include a description of the emergency necessitating the format change. Revised judging contracts must be obtained before the format change request is submitted if a judge's ring type is being changed.

In cases where the club is notified of the emergency less than 30 days in advance of the show, such as on the day before or day of the show, a change in format/judging assignment must be approved by the CFA Board's Executive Committee. The club must contact a member of the Executive Committee as soon as the emergency becomes known to the club. Once approved by the Executive Committee, revised judging contracts must be submitted to Central Office with the show package if not submitted earlier if a judge is replaced for the show or a judge's assignment changes.

A change from a two-day show where all judges and entries are present both days to a back-to-back show or the addition of Household Pet and/or Veterans judging, are not

considered format changes (see rule 4.07); however, Central Office and all contracted judges must be notified of the change by the club.

If a show scheduled as a two day show is changed to a one day show or a show scheduled as a one day show is changed to a two day show, the judges, exhibitors, Regional Director and Central Office must be notified as soon as possible.

4.05 Any club or Regional Director(s) may sponsor any type or number of rings to be held concurrently provided that a cat or kitten may not be entered in more than ten rings all to be held concurrently. When shows are held of a nature that would permit certain cats or kittens to be eligible for entry in more than ten rings, the show committee may so state on the show flyer and entry form in which shows such cats or kittens are to be entered.

4.06 An application for a show license which designates a show hall located in a CFA region other than that to which the applying club is assigned must be submitted to the Executive Board for its determination as to whether a license will be issued. In making this determination the Executive Board will consider:

- a. Other shows scheduled in the area;
- b. Input from the Regional Director of the region affected;
- c. Any other relevant facts which may be brought to the Board's attention.

No club holding a show license shall change the location of the designated show hall without approval of the Executive Board if the substituted show hall will be located in a region other than the club's CFA region. The Executive Board may grant blanket permission, to member clubs whose secretary resides within 100 miles from any boundary separating the club's region with another, to hold shows in the adjoining region with such conditions and restrictions as the Board may attach.

4.07 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:

- a. A one day show which permits:
 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings.
 2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings.
 3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day.
- b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:
 1. one day Specialty shows where Longhairs are present one day and Shorthairs are present the other day;

2. a show where non-championship and premiership classes are present one day and championship classes are present the other day;

3. a format where the entries, 225 limit, are present for two days and the judge is present only for one day and is succeeded in the ring by another judge the second day (back-to-back show);

4. a show where the judge is present for two days and the entries are also present for two days.

5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings.

c. A Best of the Best ring may be added to any format show described above. Participation in the Best of the Best competition shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in rule 4.05 and paragraphs 4.07.a. and b.

d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

4.08 Each Championship or Premiership show must have classes available for each breed and color in Championship or Premiership recognized for the show licensed, subject to the limitation in rule 4.07. In addition, classes may be provided for Kittens, AOVs, Veteran, Household Pets, Provisional Breeds, Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) and cats placed on exhibition.

Article V ANNOUNCING THE SHOW

5.01 There must be a printed show flyer and it must include the following:

- a. The name of the show hall, street address (or nearest cross streets if a numbered street address is unavailable), city, state and postal/zip code.

- b. The names of all judges and their assignments (e.g. allbreed or specialty).

- c. The specified entry fee(s).

- d. A statement as follows: "It is strongly advised that all cats or kittens entered or present in the show hall be inoculated before entry by a licensed veterinarian against feline panleukopenia (formerly known as feline distemper or feline infectious enteritis), feline rhinotracheitis, calici viruses and rabies. It is also strongly recommended that cats and kittens be tested and found negative for FeLV before entry."

- e. All claws of all entries must be clipped prior to benching.

- f. All Championship, Premiership, and *registered* Kitten entries will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.

- g. The hours of veterinarian inspection or entry presentation to the show secretary, the hour judging will begin, and the advertised hour of closing.

- h. For shows with veterinarian inspection the following statement must appear: "Veterinary inspection prior to benching will be required."

- i. Specific climate control facilities that will and will not be provided at the show hall (e.g., heat, fans, air conditioning,

etc.) *must* be stated. The term “climate-controlled” or “other climate-controlled system” is NOT to be used as it is confusing and non specific.

j. The size of benching cages.

k. If available, a telephone number within the show hall should be printed in the show flyer and/or confirmation of entry.

l. The CFA logo or statement that this is a CFA licensed show must appear on the first page or panel of the show flyer.

m. The specific closing date and the entry limit(s).

n. If applicable, special fee or cash-only requirements for fax or email entries, paying at the door, uncollectable checks, etc. (see rule 6.21).

5.02 The show flyer must also identify any special circumstances or unusual problems such as the following:

a. Accurate information on handicapped accessibility, including specific limitations, e.g. lack of ramps, handicap equipped restrooms, etc.

b. Wild animals or hybrid crosses between wild cats and domestic cats that will be on exhibition in conjunction with the show. (See rule 10.10).

c. Smoking is not permitted where cats are benched or judged (this information must be indicated on the first page).

d. No chairs or only rental chairs for exhibitors.

e. If no food or drink is allowed in the benching area.

f. If benching and/or judging areas cannot be contained so that it can be secured in the case of a “cat loose” situation.

g. Special state regulations that require health certificates or rabies shots.

5.03 All paid promotional and publicity material including posters, flyers, newspaper and television ads used to promote a show licensed by CFA must indicate that the show is a CFA show. Use of the CFA logo will meet this requirement in the print and visual media, a statement that says “CFA cat show” will cover the requirement for radio.

5.04 The show secretary must file a copy of the show flyer with the Central Office as soon as printed.

5.05 The show secretary must send a copy of the show flyer to the officiating judges and the Regional Director.

5.06 The show entry clerk shall distribute a show flyer and official CFA entry forms or facsimiles thereof to prospective exhibitors.

Article VI ENTERING THE SHOW

6.01 Any person entering a cat or kitten in a show held under the rules of CFA shall by such act agree to abide by, and this person and the entry of this person shall be subject to, these rules.

6.02 For the purpose of entering a show, the lessee of a cat or kitten is the same as the owner of such cat. Lessees should identify themselves as such when completing an entry form.

6.03 An entry must be the property of the person who is shown on the entry form as the owner. The records in the Central Office are conclusive where the ownership of the entry is concerned. If ownership is transferred between the date of entry and the date of the show, the transfer must be reported to the master clerk. It is essential that transfer of ownership papers be filed with the Central Office immediately upon transfer of ownership.

6.04 a. Any cat or kitten of sound health not less than 4 calendar months old on the opening day of the show and which has not been previously disqualified (see 6.04b) under the provisions of show rule 6.12 is eligible (subject to the exceptions herein) for exhibition at shows sanctioned by CFA and may compete for and be entitled to win, under the rules herein, any ribbon or prize offered (See rule 10.28).

b. 6.04.a. notwithstanding, male cats previously disqualified for not having two descended testicles may be altered and shown in the premiership class.

6.05 A neutered or spayed kitten is eligible for entry in the Kitten and Household Pet classes.

6.06 Any cat or kitten from a house or cattery where there has been feline panleukopenia (formerly known as feline distemper or feline infectious enteritis) within 21 days prior to the opening date of a show is ineligible for entry, and, should entry have been made prior to the onset of any such condition, such entry is ineligible for admission into the show room.

6.07 A cat or kitten with a disqualifying feature (e.g. kinked tail, crossed eyes, etc.) which has been removed or changed by any method is not eligible for entry.

6.08 With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.

6.09 When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible for competition in that judge's ring.

a. This rule does not apply to shows in Hawaii or when a substitute judge officiates in a Best of the Bests competition.

b. This rule does not apply to shows where a trainee is performing color classes. In the event a cat bred by a trainee is presented to the ring the trainee shall request to not handle the entry, stating it is inappropriate due to prior knowledge.

c. A cat or kitten not entered in a ring because the advertised judge is the breeder may be judged by a substitute judge in that ring.

d. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, or the cat or kitten is owned by a member of his/her immediate family which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily “x’d” out of that judge's ring.

- 6.10** Entries co-owned by a judge or owned by a member of the judge's household are not eligible for competition in any ring at a show at which that judge is officiating, provided that this restriction shall not apply to the judge who is judging Household Pets or Veterans only.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion, Grand Champion, Premier or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.
- 6.12** A cat or kitten not having all its physical properties – eyes, ears, legs, tail, claws, both descended testicles (adult cat only) – or has had surgery which changes a cat's natural functions (e.g. tendonectomy), is not eligible for entry. The previous notwithstanding, cats missing certain physical properties, as listed below, are eligible for entry in the category (class) indicated:
- a. Altered cats in the Premiership classes;
 - b. Altered cats and kittens in the Household Pet classes;
 - c. Altered kittens in the Kitten classes;
 - d. Kittens without descended testicles in Kitten classes;
 - e. Recognized naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds in Kitten, Championship or Premiership classes;
 - f. Cats having had a perineal urethrostomy operation in the Premiership Classes.
 - g. Household pets in the Household Pet Class not having these physical properties - eyes, ears, legs, or tail. Household pets may not be shown who have surgically absent claws or whose feet have undergone tendonectomy surgery.
- 6.13** No cat or kitten shall compete in more than 1 two-day show or 2 one-day shows (total 12 rings maximum) within three calendar days of any previous benching. If a cat/kitten is scheduled to be judged on only one day of a two day show, it will be considered to be benched only on that day. Cats benched in violation of this rule will receive no credit for the awards/points achieved in the latter show.
- 6.14**
- a. The show management shall determine the amount of the entry fee, which must be at least \$1.00 per ring. A club shall not refuse an entry fee(s) paid in the "coin of the realm."
 - b. Clubs must maintain all fees as quoted in the show flyer and, except as otherwise provided in these Show Rules, may not charge fees to exhibitors which are not quoted in the show flyer.
- 6.15** Only cats registered with CFA with either a temporary or permanent registration number are eligible for entry in the Championship and Premiership competitive categories and the Veterans, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV classes. The show management is expressly prohibited from accepting a Championship, Premiership, Veteran, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV entry unless the official entry form contains a registration number or request for a temporary registration number. (Except those listed cats that are competing as Novices, as provided for in paragraph 2.07.a). It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the cat with its proper registration number as shown on the registration certificate. Any AOV, Provisional or Miscellaneous kitten must have a registration number in order to be eligible to be shown.
- 6.16** 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 the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the 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 in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.
- 6.17** Each entry must have a name.
- 6.18** It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, region/area of residence, exact color/tabby pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), color class, and when required, registration number. (See rules 6.15 and 10.24) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number

will also include a pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) as specified in rule 6.16.

- 6.19** It is the responsibility of the owner to enter and show a cat or kitten in its correct competitive category, class and color class and correct color/pattern description (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed).
- 6.20** For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a properly completed, official CFA entry form, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. For email entries, the email address may be accepted in lieu of a signature. If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.
- 6.21** Each entry must be accompanied by the stipulated entry fee. FAX or email entries may be accepted at the discretion of the sponsoring club. If the club opts to accept FAX or e-mail entries, the club shall accept them from any exhibitor submitting such entry regardless of location of residence. All FAX or email entries must be paid in full within 10 days of receipt or prior to the start of the show, whichever is first. Once a cat is entered, entry cancellations or refunds of fees due or paid is at the option of the sponsoring club. If a show fills prior to the closing date specified in the show flyer, entry fees will be refunded for those cats whose entry has been replaced by a replacement entry. It is the option of the club as to whether to accept replacement entries or not. No entry fee may be paid by a check drawn on a CFA cat club account. Entries accompanied by such a check must be refused and returned. No entry fee will be returned because of failure to bench except as provided in Paragraph 10.01.d and rules 6.28 and 11.03.
- 6.22** It is the responsibility of the owner to indicate the correct region/area of residence on the entry form using the following designations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or D (see CFA's Constitution, Articles VIII and IX for region and division boundary specifications). 1=North Atlantic, 2=Northwest, 3=Gulf Shore, 4=Great Lakes, 5=Southwest, 6=Midwest, 7=Southern, 8=Japan, 9=Europe, D=International Division.
- 6.23** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure, prior to his arrival at the show, that an entry form for each of his cats/kittens entered in the show has been received by the entry clerk prior to the close of entries. Cats/kittens whose entry information is not printed in the catalog, but is included as an addendum, will not receive credit for any awards achieved at the show unless approved by the CFA Central Office (see rules 7.10 and 12.06).
- 6.24** Agility Entry.
- a. Entry fees will be determined by show management.
- b. Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA feline agility competition form. If the cat is not entered in any other class, it must be pre-entered and a cage provided.

- c. Cats entered during the show by coming to the ring, must sign the sign-in sheet and fill out the entry form.
- d. All entries must be benched. The agility cat may accompany a cat entered in the regular judging and thus be considered benched.
- e. Entries may include pedigreed cats, HHP, and shelter cats.
- 6.25** Exhibitors with bona fide handicaps shall be responsible for making their special needs known to the entry clerk. Exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices can request end of row benching during judging procedures by such to the entry clerk.
- 6.26** The show committee may refuse to accept an entry received after the specified hour on the advertised date for the closing of entries, or after the advertised limit of entries has been reached.
- 6.27** It is strongly advised that all cats or kittens entered or present in the show hall be inoculated before entry by a licensed veterinarian against feline panleukopenia (formerly known as feline distemper or feline infectious enteritis), feline rhinotracheitis, calici viruses and rabies. It is also strongly recommended that cats and kittens be tested and found negative for FeLV before entry.
- 6.28** In the event that a previously contracted judge is unable to officiate and is replaced before the official closing day of a show, the club shall notify all exhibitors whose entries were confirmed prior to the change. The club shall include notification of the substitution on confirmations sent out after the change. An exhibitor may receive a refund of entry fees provided that a written request is sent postmarked on or before the official closing date. In the event that a judge is replaced after the official closing date of the show or an exhibitor does not send a written request for a refund postmarked on or before the official closing date, the club is not responsible for providing a refund of entry fees.
- 6.29** Number of entries permissible:
- a. No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more than 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. All one-day Sunday shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)
- b. Where, after the show flyer has been printed and distributed, the sponsoring club desires to add an additional judge or judges to judge Kitten, Veteran, AOV, Provisional Breed or Household Pet classes, such a change will not be considered a violation of these rules. If an unadvertised judge is used, it is suggested that Kittens be the last classes to be dropped from the ring of the advertised judge. Such a procedure is not recommended since the CFA Board is of the opinion that judges should officiate as advertised, and the relaxation herein provided is effective because these rules limit the number of entries to be judged by any one judge. In any event, the names of the various judges under contract must be published in the show catalog.

6.30 The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will assign the number from the list provided by Central Office for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree or documentation of CFA registration numbers of parents, if allowed by rule 6.16, and associated fee payment. The cat's pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if allowed by rule 6.16), application form, and associated registration fee must be provided no later than the close of check-in for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice. If a fully completed TRN package is received by the entry clerk between entry closing and the close of check-in, the entry clerk will put the number in the Master Clerk catalog and transfer the cat out of Novice in that catalog and the judges books. It is acceptable to use the absentee/transfer form to transfer the cat in the judges' books.

6.31 The entry clerk should advise exhibitors attempting to supply a kitten's registration number after entry has been made, that it is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number has been printed in the catalog; and, if the registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide the registration number to the master clerk at the show using a catalog correction request form.

6.32 a. The show entry clerk must acknowledge receipt of all entries within 15 days of receipt. The entry confirmation must include the name of the club sponsoring the show.

b. In confirming an entry, the entry clerk shall at least provide the full name of the entry or entries. It is preferable that the confirmation provide a complete listing of the entry as it will appear in the catalog.

c. When the show entry limit(s) have been reached or when the entry has arrived after the closing date or when the entry is not accepted for any other reason, a note of explanation must accompany the entry being returned to the exhibitor.

d. An entry clerk may not refuse an entry without just cause. If an entry is improperly refused a protest may be filed against the entry clerk, the club and any show official involved in the refusal. In a protest for failure or refusal to accept an entry received on time (before closing date and before the show fills) the burden of proof shall be on the accused to show that the refusal is justified.

e. The entry confirmation, whether it be in the form of email, fax or regular mail, must be accompanied by a show flyer or link to a web-page containing the show flyer for emailed confirmations, and driving directions from nearby major highways to the show hall.

6.33 The show entry clerk must enter a cat or kitten in the breed and color class indicated on the entry form regardless of the cat's registration number.

6.34 Any exhibitor that attempts to blatantly manipulate show counts for the benefit of their entry, such as by paying for other exhibitor's entries, may be considered to have acted in an unsportsmanlike manner and may be subject to discipline as specified in Article XV of the CFA Constitution.

Article VII

PRE-SHOW DOCUMENT PREPARATION

7.01 The show manager must provide a schedule of judging for each ring in a form readily accessible to all exhibitors, and which shall list each Championship Breed or Division in the order that it shall be judged, from which schedule there should be no deviation with the exception of the provisions of rule 11.05.

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily sequential catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

7.03 The entry clerk or designated representative is responsible for creating a computerized file in a format specified by the Central Office which contains complete information as required on the show entry form for all cats/kittens entered in the show (see Data File Information at the front of this booklet). A processing fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring.

7.04 It is the entry clerk's responsibility to ensure the entries are listed in all catalogs and judges' pages in the correct order and class as appropriate to comply with rules 2.07 b, c and 7.02 regardless of the capabilities of any entry clerk software used.

- 7.05** Show catalogs must not be smaller than 51/2 x 81/2 inches.
- 7.06** The CFA logo or statement that this is a CFA licensed show must appear on the front cover of catalogs of all shows licensed by CFA.
- 7.07** An official CFA championship claim form or facsimile thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog.
- 7.08** Page numbering: only those catalog pages which contain cats/kittens entered in the show must be numbered.
- 7.09** The introductory page(s) must contain the following information:
- a. the full name of the club or clubs (including all specialty clubs) sponsoring the show;
 - b. the names of all officiating judges;
 - c. the names of the show committee, indicating their positions as officials of the show;
 - d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries and all *registered* Kittens (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and
 - e. emergency telephone numbers (ambulance service, police and fire).
- 7.10** All entries must appear in numerical order (but not necessarily sequential) in the printed catalog that is required at shows held under these rules. No addendum to the catalog is permitted except as provided by rule 12.06.
- The catalog shall list entries in their correct breed, color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), and competitive category. It is recognized that occasional transfers will be necessary due to entry error or late change in status; flagrant disregard of this show rule will be subject to disciplinary action. Transfers of competitive status, from Open to Champion or Premier, Champion or Premier to Grand Champion or Grand Premier, filed in accordance with rules 27.05 and 28.06 are valid catalog changes.
- 7.11** The exact registered name of each entry; its CFA registration number (either temporary or permanent), date of birth, sire & dam (including titles) and breeder (if available); and the name and region of residence of the owner—all must be PRINTED in the catalog. The only exception to the requirement for a registration number would be 1) Novices, and 2) kittens that are eligible to compete in the kitten class. Their registration numbers may be printed or hand written in the catalog or may not exist at the time of the show. Each entry must have a name.
- 7.12** A list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers may be printed in the catalog. In the event that this cannot be done, a separate complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers MUST be forwarded to the Central Office. This rule does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors. (See 13.09.d).
- 7.13** CFA titles must not appear in the catalog listing as part of an entry's name.

- 7.14** If the show standard for any breed is printed in the catalog, it must be the exact CFA standard for the breed.
- 7.15** When multiple rings are held concurrently, the catalog must be printed in the following manner:
- a. a column to record awards must be provided for each ring and be headed with the name or initials of the judge. All award columns must appear to the *right* of the entry's name;
 - b. when a cat or kitten is not eligible for entry in a particular ring, "XXX" must be printed in the column for that ring (see rule 6.09);
 - c. the entry's cage number, its name (in capital letters with no titles indicated) and spaces for its awards must appear on the same line;
 - d. all headings (name of breed, color class number and color class name) should be centered or printed flush left on the page;
 - e. the competitive class is not included in the group headings, but is noted below each catalog entry number as in the following example. The following abbreviations should be used: "MISC" for Miscellaneous; "PROV" for Provisional; "AOV" for Any Other Variety; "KIT" for Kitten; "NOV" for Novice; "OPN" for Open; "CH" for Champion; "GRC" for Grand Champion; "PR" for Premier; "GRP" for Grand Premier; "HHP" for Household Pet; "VET" for Veteran Class; "EXH" for Exhibition Only. Example:

SIAMESE
Class 270 – Chocolate Point Male

			AA	BB	CC	DD
JAY'S JOHN BOY 0270-1698	178.	—	—	—	—	—
3/4/77. Jay's Johnson X	CH					
Jay's Chocolate Lass.						
Br/Ow: Maggie Jones (6)						
7.16	If the entry is listed as being for sale on the entry form, this information should be entered in the catalog following the owner's name.					
7.17	Entries in the catalog should appear in the following order:					
	Junior Showmanship.					
	Non-Championship: Kittens, AOV kittens following entries for the particular breed. Provisional Breeds separated by breed and by kitten, adults and alters. Miscellaneous breeds (non-competitive) separated by breed. The first three or four digits of a Miscellaneous entry's registration number should be used as the Class number, unless class numbers are specified in Article XXXII.					
	Championship: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Championship entries for the particular breed.					
	Premiership: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Premiership entries for the particular breed.					
	Non-championship: Household Pets.					
	Non-championship: Veteran.					
	Exhibition only: Exhibition only cats and kittens should be numbered in the catalog.					

- 7.18** Championship, kitten and premiership finals awards must be printed in the catalog. Forms to record championship and premiership breed/division awards may either be printed in the catalog or made available at the master clerk's table. All forms shall conform to an approved CFA format.
- 7.19** When a catalog is not included with entry and is sold separately, the judging schedule must be provided to the exhibitors at no charge.
- 7.20** For KITTEN CLASSES, the letter "K" should be added to the correct breed or color class number.
- For PREMIERSHIP CLASSES, the letter "P" should be added to the correct breed or color class number.
- For VETERAN CLASSES, the letter "V" should be added to the correct breed or color class number.
- 7.21** A condensed show catalog (see rule 2.10) may be created for the use of the Master Clerk as the official show catalog.

Article VIII PRIZES, RIBBONS AND TROPHIES

- 8.01** Rosettes/Awards must carry the name of the club sponsoring the ring, the CFA insignia and the award.
- 8.02** On all ribbons or rosettes/awards designating prizes to be awarded in the various classes, the following words must appear: First, Second, Third, and the CFA insignia. In the case of a standard Household Pet show, the words "Household Pet Merit Award" and the CFA insignia must appear. In the case of Veterans competing in the show, the words "Veterans Merit Award" and the CFA insignia must appear.
- 8.03** Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue
Second Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red
Third Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Yellow
Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Black
2 nd Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	White
Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Brown
2 nd Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Orange
Best Champ/Prem of Breed/Div	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Purple
Household Pet Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Red & White
Veteran Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Silver or Gray
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd AB Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd LH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd SH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best & 2 nd AB Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best & 2 nd LH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best & 2 nd SH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best-10 th Best Cat	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best Cat (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-10 th Best Kitten	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best Kitten (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-10 th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-5 th Best HHP	Rosette/award	Any Color
6 th -10 th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-5 th Best Veteran	Rosette/award	Any Color
6 th -10 th Best Veterans (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color

- 8.04** Ribbons or rosettes/awards may be offered by CFA clubs and by non-affiliated clubs, by foreign cat associations and corporations/companies, but individuals (other than the officiating judge in their ring only) may not offer them.

- 8.05** Awards made at CFA licensed shows may not be made the basis of any award other than those made by CFA, a CFA region or a CFA member club, provided that this provision shall not be construed to prevent donations of trophies or rosettes by CFA member clubs or non-affiliated clubs or foreign cat associations or other sponsors to the club sponsoring the show.

- 8.06** Permanent ribbon designations must conform to the following specifications:

a. A 2-inch x 6-inch x 1/16 inch tag using a small hook for hanging, made from standard *3-ply phenolic engraving stock with color on both front and back*. The CFA insignia must be engraved or affixed using black and gold-foil adhesive seals. The specific award name (as permitted in 8.03) must be engraved. Colors must be as specified in show rule 8.03.

b. A 2-inch x 8-inch x 1/16 inch tag, heated and folded at a line two inches from the top to present a face two inches by six inches, with the fold forming a clip for hanging, made from standard *2-ply phenolic engraving stock with color on front*. The CFA insignia may be engraved or affixed using black and gold-foil adhesive. The specific award name (as permitted in 8.03) must be engraved. Colors must be as specified in show rule 8.03.

c. Fabric flat ribbons currently in use may be laminated between pieces of heavy (10-mil), clear plastic using a small hook for hanging. The specific award name (as permitted in 8.03) must be engraved and the CFA insignia must appear. Colors must be as specified in show rule 8.03.

The use of permanent designations must be so stated in the catalog introductory page, and does not preclude the club's responsibility to provide each judging ring with a supply of traditional fabric flat ribbons to be available to those exhibitors entitled to them and who have requested them.

- 8.07** In order to benefit the welfare of all cats, CFA clubs are encouraged to consider the possibility of giving award certificates representing a contribution by the club to the Winn Foundation or other research or humane organizations at their shows in lieu of other prizes or trophies.

Article IX PROCEDURES PRIOR TO BENCHING/CHECK-IN

- 9.01** Handicapped benching requests shall be accommodated whenever possible, at no extra charge to the exhibitor.
- 9.02** The show entry clerk must pass on to the show management all information received regarding benching requests for reasonable accommodation by handicapped disabled exhibitors. In addition to the benching area, exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices can also request end of row benching in judging rings.

9.03 Show management shall assign benching cages for all entries. All entries of a particular exhibitor and those entries for which that exhibitor is the designated agent shall be benched together. No more than one agent may be named by an exhibitor for all cats entered in a show. No change of benching assignments shall be made without the permission of the show manager. Non-benched shows are not permitted. Benching must be provided on the second day of a one day Longhair/one day Shorthair show for cats and kittens who have qualified for the Best of the Bests judging.

9.04 The show management is responsible for providing the number of judging rings and judging cages required under these rules. In the event that Household Pets or Veterans are judged by a separate judge, a ring must be provided for his use, and none of the regular officiating judges shall be required to relinquish his ring for the use of the Household Pet or Veteran judge.

9.05 The show manager must provide suitable utensils and disinfectants for the use of the veterinarians, judges and stewards to clean and disinfect cages and judging surfaces. Deodorants cannot be used as substitutes.

9.06 The show manager must provide a First Aid Kit which must include a box of latex and/or vinyl gloves. The show manager shall endeavor to provide an adequate industrial type First Aid Kit at the announcer's stand, or when there is no central announcer, at the master clerk's table.

Emergency numbers (ambulance service, police and fire) must be affixed to the top of the First Aid Kit.

9.07 The show manager must provide litter sufficient for each entry.

9.08 The show manager is responsible for all aspects of the show rings.

a. The show manager must provide illumination most closely simulating daylight (full spectrum light, color temperature 5000-K) as may be reasonably available in each judging ring sufficient to allow thorough examination of each entry.

b. Judging cages in show rings may be placed in a straight row, in a U-shape or in an L-shape.

c. All corners must be at an angle of at least 90 degrees.

d. In U-shaped rings there must be a minimum of six cages between the corners.

e. A minimum of 12 judging cages per ring is required for any ring with less than 150 cats scheduled to be judged on a single day – a minimum of 16 judging cages is required for a ring where 150 or more cats are scheduled to be judged on a single day.

f. In U-shaped rings corner cages must be positioned with a minimum of 12 inches between corners.

g. No cage may be placed so that a cat in one ring can see out the back of its cage into another cage in the ring behind it.

h. A buffer zone must be provided between judging cages and any walkway for spectators.

i. Judging cages must be provided with durable non-porous washable bottoms per unit and non-porous washable partitions between cages. Top and center dividers, when used, must be secured in a fashion that will prevent 'breaking through' to the other side. This requires tying the divider to the front wire in some manner. Plastic 'cable' ties or similar items are recommended. Binder clips, regardless of their size or strength, or the number used, are not acceptable. Partitions must be securely fastened top and bottom. Tops must be securely fastened on all sides.

A sealed, cleanable, sanitary floor/bottom for all judging cage bottoms in the judging ring shall be provided.

Cages in judging rings must be placed on tables or other solid support, which are at least as deep and wide as the cage bases. Collapsible trestles are not acceptable.

j. Judging cages must be provided with doors that swing open horizontally rather than doors that slide up and down.

k. The show manager shall be responsible for all aspects of securing the judging cages to prevent a cat from injuring itself. This includes, but is not limited to, the wiring on the front above the cage door, the top and middle of the cages, protruding nails on the cage bottom and rough metal edges on the cage's sides.

l. Tables and/or bottoms used under benching cages MUST be covered with paper or plastic.

m. Stacking of cages in the benching area or judging rings is not permitted.

n. Separate judging rings must be provided for each judge officiating on a given day except for rings used only for Non-Championship.

o. Merchandise must not be sold from judging rings.

p. Placement of booths using electrical devices such as engraving machines, drills or saws, in either the benching area or the judging area is prohibited.

9.09 a. At least one steward shall be engaged for each judging ring.

b. Clerks must be engaged for each judging ring and a master clerk must be engaged to consolidate and check all of the judging records of the show.

c. The position of master clerk must be filled by a currently licensed CFA certified clerk, master clerk or master clerk instructor in the mainland United States, Canada, Region 9, and Japan. Show management for shows in Hawaii and the International Division are strongly urged to fill the position of master clerk by as experienced a clerk as it is possible to obtain. When possible, the position of chief ring clerk should be filled by CFA licensed clerks. Judges may act as master clerks (see rule 21.08).

d. When translators are to be provided to judges in foreign assignments, they may be ring clerks, master clerks, or other show officials. These translators are to only translate as required by the officiating judge and show committee as necessary to perform their duties. Translators are not allowed to make personal comments other than might be necessary to enhance the translation

process and must never make comments regarding the judge or exhibits outside the translation activity.

9.10 The show manager must provide each ring clerk with a set of numbered cards coinciding with the cats being shown in that ring.

9.11 The show secretary shall provide each ring clerk with one catalog to be marked for the judge. In addition, the ring clerks and trainee clerks may wish to record a second fully marked catalog for their own usage. The show secretary shall provide a second catalog to a ring clerk or trainee if requested.

9.12 Setup of Enclosure if Agility is offered:

a. The size of the enclosure shall not be smaller than 20'x20' and not larger than 32'x32'. Any combination of these that total 400 to 1024 sq. ft. is allowable.

b. The enclosure consists of panels of fence that shall be at least 6 feet high with a slanted top (slanted inward) or a covered top. The mesh shall be strong enough to keep cats in and still be easy to look through.

c. Portable flooring that is non-slip must be used in the ring regardless of the existing floor.

d. The door shall be in one of the panels of the fence and shall be placed at the most convenient place for access to the ring. The latch shall open from inside and outside the enclosure.

9.13 Setup of Obstacles if Agility is offered:

a. Standard course. 10 obstacles consisting of:

1. Stairs - one set 3 steps up and 3 steps down with a non-slip surface. Minimum total height is 24".
2. Tunnels - two 4'-8' long each with a diameter of at least 12".
3. Hurdles - four with the first bar at 4", second bar at 8", third bar at 10" and 4th bar at 12" measured from floor to top of bar.
4. Weave Poles - three or four 18" apart.
5. Hoops - two 12" from floor to bottom of the hoop and approximately 18" in diameter.

b. Beginner course. Same as standard course except removing hurdles.

Article X

BENCHING/CHECK IN

10.01 Procedures for shows with veterinarian inspection.

a. A copy of Article X of these Show Rules must be given to the veterinarian for his careful review prior to his inspection of entries.

b. The show committee is responsible for answering any questions that the veterinarian may have regarding these rules.

c. At the club's discretion, veterinarian inspection may be required of Household Pets only.

d. In the event that the veterinarian is unable to officiate or does not appear at the designated time for benching inspection and a substitute veterinarian cannot be engaged to perform the benching inspection, the show shall be declared a show without veterinarian inspection. Those exhibitors who so request shall be reimbursed for all entry fees for the entries present, and their entries shall be marked absent.

e. The owner or the owner's agent of each cat considered by the veterinarian to be in good health shall be issued a card to that effect and thereby benched.

10.02 In the event of a disqualification by a veterinarian, all other entries from the same house or cattery and all cats or kittens for whom such exhibitor is agent shall be automatically disqualified and removed from the show room immediately, but shall retain, under the provisions of this Article, awards already received. In the event an agent's cat or kitten is disqualified, the agent's own cat or kitten shall be disqualified.

10.03 Any decision based on the judgment of a veterinarian acting under these rules shall not be questioned.

10.04 Procedures for shows without veterinary inspection:

a. Show management shall reserve the right to hold a show without the provision of veterinary inspection prior to benching.

b. The show entry clerk or a designated representative shall mark all those entries that are absent, or that require transfer to another competitive category, class, or color class. The remaining cats are therefore considered benched.

10.05 No more than two kittens or one cat may be benched in a single cage whether entered for exhibition or competition or benched for sale.

10.06 All claws of each entry must be clipped prior to benching. Failure to do so will subject the entry to disqualification.

10.07 No entry may be benched before being checked in by the show entry clerk or a designated representative or prior to inspection by the designated veterinarian in a vetted show.

10.08 Exhibitors must transport cats into and out of the show hall in an enclosed, secured carrier.

10.09 When an owner does not accompany his cat or kitten, a designated agent must be in attendance.

10.10 No animals other than domestic felines shall be allowed in show halls with the exception of certified assistance animals which may be allowed at the discretion of show management. The show hall is any area through which domestic cats pass, are benched or judged. If applicable, any other animals must be in a room totally separate from the show hall and not be within the sight and scent of cats entered for competition in the show.

10.11 No smoking is allowed in the areas where cats are benched and where judging is held.

10.12 No kitten under the age of 4 months shall be permitted in the show hall. Proof of age must be presented upon the request of the show manager (see rule 10.28).

10.13 Only cats which appear healthy, without evidence of fleas, ear mites, or any contagious or infectious illness, are eligible for admission into the show room. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to refrain from bringing an unhealthy cat or kitten into the show hall. Failure to observe this rule will be grounds for disciplinary action.

10.14 All cats or kittens for sale or lease must be benched in the benching area. (Note: Some clubs prefer to locate Animal Welfare exhibits including cats and kittens for adoption outside the "benching area." When this is the

case, this rule is not to be misconstrued to include such Animal Welfare cats and kittens).

- 10.15** Any person offering a cat(s)/kitten(s) for sale must ensure an enclosed, secured carrier is being used for the transport of the cat being sold.
- 10.16** No exhibitor shall be allowed to remove cages and use the area to set up a sales booth in the benching row. Any sales activity is subject to the approval of the show management.
- 10.17** Exhibitors will be allowed to display CFA ribbons or rosettes, foreign ribbons or rosettes and unaffiliated breed club ribbons or rosettes only on/in exhibition cages. Such ribbons or rosettes not won at a current show, with the exception of CFA National or Regional Award rosettes, must be confined to the inside of the exhibit's cage. Awards won on any day at a show-format licensed according to paragraph 4.07.a.3, or any similar format on one weekend at the same location, may be displayed on the outside of the cage on any subsequent day at that location.
- 10.18** Under no circumstances will a pregnant cat be delivered of her kittens in the show hall.
- 10.19** Nothing may be placed on top of a cage that would extend above the top of the cage height by more than 12 inches, except as allowed by show management.
- 10.20** Late arrivals: an entry arriving at the show room after the stipulated hour may be benched, at the option of the show management, after examination by the designated veterinarian, if applicable, at the expense of the exhibitor. For any ring in which its class is judged prior to its benching, it shall be marked absent and no class will be reopened.
- 10.21** The owner or agent of a late arrival is responsible for checking in with the show secretary and notifying all ring clerks once the late arrival is benched.
- 10.22** Absentees and Transfers.
- a. Before judging begins, an exhibitor is responsible for reporting to the show entry clerk or designated representative any of his cats or kittens that are absent, or that require transfer to another competitive category, class, or color class (including one in a different breed), or change in color/pattern description.
- b. Before judging begins on the second day of a two day show, the master clerk or designated representative will report all competitive transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge of changes.
- 10.23** Correction of entry information:
- a. It is the exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number, region/area of residence, the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as printed in the catalog is correct.
- b. Transfers of ownership must be reported to the master clerk, and a correction slip must be filled out by the new owner, or agent indicating the correct name(s) of the owner.
- c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a kitten 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 kitten 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 entry clerk 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.

d. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to submit the completed catalog correction request form to the master clerk no later than four (4) hours prior to the published or announced closing hour on the final day of the show. The master clerk is not required to accept catalog correction requests submitted after the cutoff time specified above.

- 10.24** The show committee may permit cats or kittens, 4 months old or older, to be present for display or sale. Only cats or kittens eligible for CFA registration may be sold. No kitten under the age of 4 months shall be permitted in the show hall. This does not apply to animals being adopted from humane organizations. Proof of age must be presented upon the request of the show manager (see rule 10.28). Non-entered cats and kittens may be present in the show hall subject to such conditions as the show committee may require. (See rule 6.27)
- 10.25** Cats or kittens may not be given away at CFA shows by CFA clubs or individuals; however, cats or kittens may be placed by incorporated humane societies.
- 10.26** The show management may make such special rules specifying the time when the Household Pet or Veteran entries are required to be in the show room as may be desired, subject to the provision of paragraph 13.03.b.
- 10.27** After benching, the show entry clerk or a designated representative must prepare and deliver to each ring and master clerk a list of catalog numbers of entries that are absent, transferred or withdrawn. Should an entry be withdrawn, the entry will be marked absent. In addition, a list must be prepared and delivered to each ring of the catalog numbers of entries of exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices who have requested end of row benching in judging rings.
- 10.28** The show manager is responsible for requesting the immediate removal from the show hall any kittens that appear to be under four months of age, subject to the

owner or persons responsible for the kittens producing for review by the show management CFA litter registration certificates which verify that the kittens are at least four months old.

Article XI

DURING THE SHOW - JUDGING AND AWARDS

11.01 Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see rule 11.02), microchipping or, in the case of Household Pets, devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e. claw covers.

11.02 Cats or kittens may be marked with an identifying tattoo such as the last digits of the CFA registration number or a Social Security number. The tattoo shall be placed inside the thigh or ears and not exceed 1/2 inch in height or 9 digits in length. Cats may also be identified with a subcutaneous microchip which may cause a slight bump usually in the shoulder region. A nonconforming tattoo may be considered to be an identifying mark (See rule 11.01).

11.03 Should a judge become incapacitated while judging and be incapable of completing the assignment, the show management shall proceed as if the judge had not appeared (see rule 6.28), but awards made prior to that time shall stand. Once having left the ring in favor of the substitute judge, the advertised judge shall not return to that ring. If it is impractical for the club to bring in a substitute judge who is qualified to officiate under these rules, judging in the ring of the incapacitated judge shall cease. A judge who is exhibiting at the show is deemed "not qualified" since such a judge would be in violation of show rules if he/she were to officiate (see 21.01, 21.02, and 21.04). Awards made prior to that time shall stand and the club will refund exhibitors by dividing the entry fee in half and then dividing the resulting dividend by the number of judgments scheduled for that show. This final number is the refund.

In the event a judge is incapacitated while judging but is able to proceed if suitable assistance is provided, the clerk for that judge's ring, a master clerk or a member of the show committee may assist the judge in handling. A judge's assignment begins when he/she leaves his/her home or place of work for the assignment.

In the event a judge is incapacitated prior to his/her judging assignment, suitable assistance will not be provided the judge. The judge shall cancel his/her contract. Questions of physical incapacity shall be resolved by a written physician's statement to the show manager or to the CFA Board of Directors, if requested. Judges returning to the ring following surgery or severe illness requiring hospitalization are required to present a letter/form of medical clearance, signed by a physician, to the Judging Program Chair prior to resuming their duties.

A judge is not considered incapacitated in the event he/she is unable to officiate at a show due to travel related problems, e.g. flight delays/cancellations, inclement weather, personal reasons, etc.

11.04 It is the responsibility of the show manager that the judging begins at the advertised hour.

All one-day Sunday shows and the Sunday portion of a back-to-back show MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered (see 6.29.a).

11.05 The order of judging may be changed ONLY at the discretion of the show manager in an emergency. Every possible effort should be made to adhere to the published show schedule.

11.06 The show manager should insofar as possible notify each clerk of any entries removed from the show room prior to the start of the finals in his ring.

11.07 An entry must be present and available for judging when the time for judging each entry is reached. An entry not so presented or available will be marked absent and the class will be judged as if such an entry had not been benched. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's agent to see that the cat or kitten is presented for judging when the entry number is called the first time. **Only one call to the judging ring is required.**

11.08 Exhibitors must not make any comments on exhibits within the judge's hearing or challenge the judge's decision. Any decision based on the judgment of a judge acting under these rules is final.

11.09 Exhibitors *must not* solicit the opinion of non-officiating judges at any show.

11.10 A judge should not engage in unnecessary conversations with exhibitors while performing his/her duties. Judges are not required to discuss entries with exhibitors.

11.11 The chief ring clerk of each ring shall function as the executive assistant of the officiating judge.

The chief ring clerk of each ring shall supervise the ring stewards.

The chief ring clerk shall bench entries of exhibitors using mobility-assisting devices in end of row cages, when requested by such exhibitors. Should the exhibitors have multiple entries in the same color class, division or breed, the entries shall be benched as close to the end in judging rings as possible.

Adult whole males or neuters, including Household Pets, must not be placed in adjoining cages at any time. For the purposes of this rule, two corner cages at a 90 degree or greater angle to each other are considered to be adjoining cages. When benching cats or kittens in the judging ring, clerks will, where possible, attempt to accommodate reasonable requests made by exhibitors.

11.12 Females may be placed in cages between males in any class at the option of the officiating judge, who shall have the sole responsibility for determining in each class whether this shall be done.

11.13 Where a public address system is used, all numbers of all cats and kittens to be carried to each judging ring shall be announced over the system. This includes cats and kittens needed for finals. Only an entry's number with its breed/division and/or competitive category description may be used to call an entry to the judging ring. Only one call is mandatory. Second and third calls are given as a courtesy.

11.14 No one shall remove the cat's number or award from the judging cage until the entry has been removed from the judging cage. If a final is immediately following the class

judging due to the small number of entries, then with the judge's permission, the ring clerk may remove the awards after verifying that they have all been recorded.

11.15 After the advertised show hours and completion of judging in any competitive class (i.e., Kitten, Championship, Premiership, Veteran, and HHP) has been reached, finals numbers must be posted when the judge, out of courtesy, is waiting until the completion of other finals to proceed.

11.16 The judge is in complete charge of his ring. He will make every effort to adhere strictly to the published show schedule. Judges are not encouraged to judge classes in advance of the schedule and must not do so except in an emergency as provided in rule 11.05, with public announcement of any change made to the exhibitors well in advance.

Class judging takes priority over finals except in cases of an emergency, i.e. a judge is put in a position of missing their plane, and needs cats from another ring(s) to complete their finals. In this case the show manager is to be notified by the judge requesting a change in schedule (see show rule 11.05) so this can be arranged. It will be expected that the judge doing their finals in this situation will do so in a timely manner so not to hold up class judging unduly in the other ring(s).

11.17 No one other than officials connected with the management of the show will be admitted to the judging ring except when the clerk asks, upon the request of the judge, that the owner or his agent hold an entry.

11.18 No one other than the officiating judge, a trainee or as shown in rule 11.17, the owner or his agent, may handle an entry in the judging ring, except as provided for in rule 11.03.

11.19 Handling.

a. A judge must handle each cat or kitten in its respective class.

b. All cats and kittens must be judged in the judging ring.

c. A cat or kitten behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner must be disqualified and dismissed from the ring forthwith by the officiating judge and shall not thereafter be recalled to that ring.

d. The decision of the judge whether or not a cat is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner is final and shall not be questioned.

e. A judge may not handle more than one exhibit at a time.

f. During finals a judge may have in his or her ring only those cats or kittens who are being awarded a final win as listed in rule 11.30. (Exceptions: a Best of the Best final and special awards given in the Household Pet Class.)

g. All cats called to a judge's ring for finals must be provided with a cage.

Note: judges are instructed that it is the policy of CFA not to take excessive risks or to delay unduly the orderly progression of the show in an effort to handle a cat or kitten that is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.

11.20 Questions about the age of a cat or kitten, or its eligibility to compete in accordance with these rules must be referred to the show committee, which shall investigate the matter. In such cases the class must be judged as though the doubtful exhibit is eligible and one additional award allotted so that the regular list of awards may be made if the doubtful exhibit is disqualified. This rule shall not apply to questions regarding illness, nor to matters within a judge's discretion, such as color class, condition or merit.

11.21 Transfers. A judge may, with the consent of the exhibitor, transfer to another color class any Kitten, Championship or Premiership entry wrongly entered, provided that the correct color class has not yet been judged. If a cat is being judged as a color different from the one it was entered, the judge shall indicate the "judged as" color in the judges' book.

A judge may transfer, with the consent of the exhibitor, to AOV any Kitten or Champion entry that, in his opinion, does not conform to the accepted show standard for its breed as described in show rule 2.19.c. A transfer from one breed to another breed is not permitted unless requested by the exhibitor through the absentee/transfer sheet or directly to the ring clerk (see rules 6.08 and 10.22).

11.22 Wrong Color. A judge shall mark the entry "WC" when, in his/her opinion, an entry has been entered as the wrong color and:

a. the color class for the correct color has already been judged, or;

b. the color class for the correct color has not yet been judged but the owner refuses permission to transfer.

11.23 Withholding of awards by the judge: a judge must withhold all awards when in his opinion ANY entry lacks sufficient merit or is, apparently, obviously pregnant, suffering from emaciation, malnutrition or showing evidence of neglect.

When awards are withheld from an entry for the above reasons, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet one or more of the following reasons:

a. No Award - Insufficient Merit" (NA/IM), which shall include overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects, or;

The Central Office shall record the NA-IM judge opinions on each cat. When three judges have recorded "NA-IM" for any cat deemed to possess overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects (as stated in paragraph 11.23.a above), the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show, or;

b. No Award - Condition" (NA/Cond.), which shall include obvious pregnancy, malnutrition, evidence of neglect or any lack of quality that is deemed by the judge to be of a temporary nature.

11.24 Disqualified by the judge.

a. The excessive use of white powder, or chalk, or the use of any colored powder, colored chalk, tints, color rinses or other artificial coloring or concealment media on a cat or kitten entered in a CFA show is strictly forbidden. The plucking of buttons or lockets; the use of any device,

substance or chemical; e.g. tranquilizer, hormone, anti-histamine, that will alter the natural actions or appearance of a cat or kitten, is forbidden including the surgical alteration to the cat's anatomy such as cropped or stapled ears, docked or shortened tails. Evidence of such, as determined by the personal opinion of the judge, will result in the immediate disqualification of the entry in that ring.

b. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten for a defect listed in the "Disqualify" section of the show standards for a particular breed or color.

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. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d)

d. A judge will disqualify any entry entered contrary to these rules, including declawed cats or kittens and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles, if such entry has not theretofore been disqualified.

e. When an adult male is disqualified for not having two descended testicles, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ-UT" [undescended testicle(s)]. If the entry is disqualified for any other reason, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ." (disqualified).

f. The Central Office shall record the "DISQ-UT" judges' opinion in an appropriate manner. When three judges have disqualified any adult male cat for lack of having descended testicles, the cat shall never again be eligible for entry at any CFA show except that said cat may be entered and shown in Premiership. (It is highly recommended that any such cat be examined by a veterinarian and surgical procedures as required for neutering be undergone.)

11.25 The chief ring clerk is responsible for notifying ALL chief ring clerks of the action taken when the judge in his/her ring disqualifies any cat or kitten that bites or that, in the judge's judgment, is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.

11.26 Voiding of Wins by the judge.

a. A judge must void any win, including any win in the finals, when in his opinion there is no entry with sufficient merit to receive it.

b. When an entry has been removed from the show hall and is not available for the finals, it is ineligible for a finals award. The judge must take one of the following actions:

1. The judge will void the win and leave the position open. The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award; or,

2. The judge will void the win, move all lesser placing finalists up one position and select a substitute cat, which is mechanically eligible exclusive of the absent cat, for the last position (fifteenth, tenth, fifth, second or third, whichever is applicable). The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award. The

judge's finals sheet will show which cat's win was voided and which cat substituted.

In no case will a judge hang an award on an empty cage.

11.27 Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or national awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.

11.28 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115, for Championship entries of 115 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60, for Premiership entries of 60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115, for Championship entries of 115 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60, for Premiership entries of 60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

b. In Breed/Division specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten; the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

For the purpose of determining the counts listed in a. and b., AOV, Novice, Provisional, Miscellaneous and Veteran class entries will not be counted.

11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.

		LH or SH	Best of	Color/Breed
a. CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty
Best-5 th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6 th -10 th Best Cat	X	X		X
11 th -15 th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd *** Champion	X	X		X
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd *** LH Champion	X			
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd *** SH Champion	X			
Best of Division	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X		3
Best & 2 nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
b. PREMIERSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
Best-5 th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6 th -10 th Best Cat	X	X		X
11 th -15 th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best & 2 nd Best Premier	X	X		X
Best & 2 nd Best LH Premier	X			
Best & 2 nd Best SH Premier	X			
Best of Division	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X		3
Best & 2 nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
c. KITTEN WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
Best-5 th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6 th -10 th Best Cat	X	X		X
11 th -15 th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best of Division	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best & 2 nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
d. VETERAN WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
Best-5 th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6 th -10 th Best Cat	X*	X*	X*	X*

*Where applicable

**For breeds not divided into Divisions.

***No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion

awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.

NOTES:

- 1) Same as Best Cat.
- 2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.
- 3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.
- 4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.
- 5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.
- 6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (non-competitive) Class shall receive no awards.

11.31 VETERAN CLASS

Awards made in the Veteran Class shall be as follows:

Those individual entries deemed worthy shall receive a Veteran's Merit Award ribbon.

The awards for Veteran Class shall be Best, Second Best, Third Best, Fourth Best, Fifth Best and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

If two or more Veteran Rings are held concurrently, a Veteran Best of the Bests competition may be held.

Allbreed judges and double specialty judges may judge Veteran classes as either allbreed or specialty rings. Single specialty judges MUST judge these classes as specialties, and only for the specialty for which they are licensed.

11.32 HOUSEHOLD PETS

Awards made in the Household Pet Class shall be as follows:

Those individual entries deemed worthy shall receive the Household Pet Merit Award, which shall be red and white.

There shall be no distinction between Longhair and Shorthair entries in any Household Pet Show.

There shall be no distinction between Adult Neuters, Adult Spays and Kittens.

The awards for Household Pet Finals shall be Best, Second Best, Third Best, Fourth Best, Fifth Best, and, if desired, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat and, if 45 or more are entered, Eleventh through Fifteenth Best Cat.

When two or more Household Pet rings are held concurrently, a Household Pet Best of the Bests competition may be held.

ALTERNATE HOUSEHOLD PET FORMAT

Stand Alone Household Pets shows may have such classes as show management specifies with the requirement that such classes must not detract from the beauty and dignity nor endanger the health of the exhibit. Judges must be advised of the proposed show format at the time of invitation. The Stand Alone Household Pet judge, who is not judging a Championship ring, must be provided with a separate ring; however, a single specialty judge may judge a single specialty on one day and a Stand Alone Household Pet show on the other day.

11.33 The only cats or kittens eligible for the Best of the Bests competition shall be those cats or kittens that have received an award of Best, Second Best or Third Best cat (Championship or Premiership) or Best, Second Best or Third Best Kitten, where eight or fewer finals contribute to the Best of the Best. (Top two cats or kittens when nine or more finals contribute to the Best of the Bests.) The judge for the Best of the Bests competition (except Household Pets) must be an Approved Allbreed judge who has not judged any of the concurrent rings. The judge will select the five (5) Best Cats (Championship and Premiership) and five (5) Best Kittens. Participation in the Best of the Bests competition shall not be considered a violation of the provision in rule 4.05.

A cat or kitten bred by the Best of the Bests judge is not eligible for competition in the Best of the Bests judging except in Hawaii or when the Best of the Bests judge is a substitute judge.

- 11.34** The judge shall make no cup list or trophy list awards not provided in these rules.
- 11.35** No award shall be offered for which the officiating judge must make a decision in addition to those required for official CFA awards.
- 11.36** Prizes specified in the show flyer must be given.
- 11.37** Clubs are not expected nor encouraged to give judges' gifts to the judges that are presiding at a show. However, should they want to either continue the practice or have a practice in place to do so, some suggestions are: donations to the Winn Foundation or the CFA Legislative Fund in the name of each judge, CFA funds or gift cards not to exceed \$50 in value. If clubs give gifts to their judges, they should be providing the same gift or equivalent to all their judges.
- In some cultures, the refusal of a gift may be considered an insult. If this occurs, you should accept the gift on behalf of CFA and consult with the Judging Program chair about how the gift should be treated.
- 11.38** Any decision based on the judgment of a judge acting under these rules shall not be questioned.

Article XII

SHOW RECORDKEEPING

- 12.01** All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division. If the breed or division wins are not awarded at the completion of the breed or division, the judge's sheet will be submitted to the master clerk without the wins marked. All judges must initial all error corrections. All judges' finals sheets must be completed, including the titles for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes, and signed by the judge at the completion of finals. Judges' color class sheets and finals sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk. The official CFA (white) copies of the judges' color class sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk and the master clerk. The judges' finals sheets must be checked and signed by the master clerk. The master clerk must immediately post the sheets in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Awards as posted are final and may not be changed except as provided by show rule 12.15.
- 12.02** A judge shall mark a "dash" (i.e. "--") in the awards column on their color class sheets for any cat judged that does not receive a 1, 2, or 3, except where disqualification or withhold is given by the judge. The judge will also mark a dash for cats handled in the Miscellaneous class. For cats judged in Household Pet competition, the judge shall mark an "M" for merit for all cats handled and not disqualified. For cats judged in veterans competition, the judge shall mark a "V" for all cats handled and not disqualified.
- 12.03** The first complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets must be given by the judge to the chief ring clerk at the completion of judging, who will review for accuracy and forward to the Master Clerk.

- 12.04** The second complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets and the judge's copy of the marked catalog must be retained by the judge for at least ninety (90) days.
- 12.05** In all cases where an Apprentice or Approval Pending judge is used, or when a Trainee is judging Household Pets, a questionnaire supplied by the Chairman of the Judging Program *must* be filled out and signed by a majority of the show committee and forwarded to the Chairman of the Judging Program within 30 days of the close of the show. Similarly, if the club contracts a Guest Judge, a Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Judging Program Committee within thirty (30) days of the show.
- 12.06** Should the show manager permit a cat/kitten whose entry information is not printed in the catalog to compete, the show manager shall provide a written statement of explanation, for the review of the CFA Central Office, which shall determine if the entry was eligible for competition. The show manager's statement and all documents pertaining to his/her decision must be submitted with the show package to the Central Office. Entries deemed not eligible by the Central Office will not receive credit for any award(s) achieved at the show (see rule 7.10).

The show manager must prepare an addendum to include all information for any entry not included in the show catalog, which is to be posted with the master clerk and included with the official show records submitted to the Central Office. A fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, per addendum will be charged to the club/entry clerk/show service and must be submitted with the show packet. Payment of the non-refundable fee does not guarantee acceptance of an addendum by the Central Office.

- 12.07** The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog **as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages**, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.
- 12.08** The chief ring clerk shall provide a fully marked catalog to the judge for his ring at the close of the show.
- 12.09** When a cat is judged but receives less than third place in a class, the chief ring clerk shall clearly mark in the judge's copy of the catalog a dash (—) in the area where an award would have been placed. This indicates the cat was handled and judged but received less than third in its class.
- 12.10** When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of show rules 11.22, 11.23, and 11.24, 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) or "Disqualify-All Other Reasons" (DISQ).

- 12.11** a. The chief ring clerk shall check the judge's color class sheets against the marked catalog and shall advise the judge as soon as prudently practical of any discrepancies.
- b. The chief ring clerk shall check and initial the official (white) copy of the judge's color class sheets as each sheet is completed. This copy shall then be turned over to the master clerk.
- c. If a judge defers hanging of Divisional/Breed awards for a later time, the color class sheets, showing only those awards which were made, must be checked for accuracy, initialed by the chief ring clerk and forwarded promptly to the master clerk.
- d. The chief ring clerk shall check and initial all three copies of the judge's finals sheet before delivering them to the master clerk.
- e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes prior to submitting the sheets to the master clerk.
- 12.12** The master clerk shall sign the cover of the official CFA catalog or show information sheet and note his current clerking status, his address and telephone number.
- 12.13** a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers for kittens where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing kitten registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.
- b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers for kittens legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalogs to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.10), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central Office.
- 12.14** The master clerk shall consolidate all judging records into a master catalog. He shall check for completeness and mechanical correctness. Discrepancies shall be reported to the appropriate chief ring clerk for resolution with the judge.
- 12.15** The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be posted in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets,

the error may be corrected by the judge. The judge's written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board.*

*If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s).

The proceeding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge's written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.

- 12.16** The master clerk is responsible for the safekeeping of the completed official CFA copies of the judges' color class sheets until such copies have been released to the show secretary for transmittal to the Central Office.
- 12.17** The master clerk is responsible for counting the number of cats and kittens present and competing in the Kitten, Championship, Veterans, Household Pets, and Premiership Classes, as well as the number of Champions and Premiers present and competing. He shall have these numbers available for the exhibitors.
- 12.18** The master clerk will check each judge's finals sheet for mechanical accuracy and sign all three copies before the judge leaves the show hall. The judge's copy of his/her finals sheets should be returned to the judge as promptly as possible, but in any event before the judge leaves the show hall.
- 12.19** The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/agent. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.
- The master clerk will prepare Championship and Premiership confirmation forms by securely stapling or clipping checks to the claim form. The master clerk is not required to accept cash payment for the confirmation fee.
- All confirmations and transfers must be submitted to the Central Office with the show records.

Article XIII

SHOW COMPLETION/CAT REMOVAL/LATE FEE COLLECTION

CAT REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS

- 13.01** Kittens may be removed from the show room at the completion of the kitten judging.
- 13.02** Veterans may be removed from the show room at the completion of Veterans class judging.
- 13.03** All benched entries with the exception of kittens, Veterans and Household Pets, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing hour. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:
- a. Any entry absent from rings judged after the advertised closing time of the final day of the show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any

awards made after their removal provided the show manager is noticed of the entry's absence.

b. Household Pets may be removed at an earlier hour than the closing of the show as determined by the show manager.

- 13.04** The show manager is responsible for making arrangements with exhibitors for removal of cats and kittens as provided in rules 13.01 thru 13.03, 34.03, and 34.05.

SHOW COMPLETION

- 13.05** The show manager *must not* permit caging to be dismantled until all judging has been completed, including the finals.

- 13.06** Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to rules 12.16, 12.19 and 13.07 thru 13.09. The master clerk shall separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to identify the destination of each set, i.e., "Central Office Copy" and "Club Copy," when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees (or CFA registration numbers of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, stapled together for each associated cat. The master clerk's responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.

- 13.07** The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with two (2) fully marked catalogs, including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.10) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an "NCR" catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office.

The second catalog is to be retained by the club for appropriate use and file.

- 13.08** The show secretary must retain in club records for one year the original entry forms with the exception of official entry forms sent to the Central Office for verification of a correction made by the master clerk because of a typographical error (see rule 12.13). The Central Office may request that a form(s) be submitted as verification of a valid entry.

- 13.09** The show secretary **MUST** send the following to the Central Office by EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service (Not Priority Mail, which is not an overnight service), UPS OVERNIGHT, FEDERAL EXPRESS or an equivalent

overnight service, on the first (1st) business day after the close of the show. This must arrive at the delivering service prior to the time such service requires for delivery to arrive at CFA Central Office the next day (the second [2nd] business day after the close of the show). Central Office may impose upon the club a fine, as listed in the CFA's current price list, for the untimely receipt of show packages.

a. one catalog completely marked for all rings and signed by the master clerk. If an "NCR" catalog (see 7.11 and 13.07) has been marked, also a blank, official show catalog;

b. a complete set of judges' color class sheets and finals sheets for each ring;

c. a copy of the transfer and absentee list including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show;

d. a complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses and entry numbers if not included in the catalog. This does not apply to Veteran Class and Household Pet exhibitors;

e. the original copies of the catalog correction request forms submitted to the master clerk;

f. those official entry forms (or printed copies of an email entry and the sender's email address information) that relate to verifications of catalog corrections made by the master clerk according to rule 12.13;

g. official championship/premiership claim forms, if any, filled out and submitted to the master clerk at the show with the appropriate fee;

h. the electronic show information (in an electronic format acceptable by the Central Office) containing show entry information (see Data File Information at the front of this booklet), unless the file has been sent directly to Central Office by the Show Entry Clerk or Show Secretary. A processing fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring;

i. show information sheet;

j. completed "Unofficial Count" form;

k. the show entry surcharge fee of \$2.00 per catalog entry (including HHP). Shows held in the International Division, Canada and Hawaii will include a show entry surcharge fee of \$1.00 per catalog entry (including HHP); and,

l. For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 6.16), and appropriate fees submitted for said cats.

LATE FEE COLLECTION

- 13.10** If the club sponsoring a show finds, after the opening of a show, that an exhibitor's check for fees is not collectible, or the fee for a faxed or emailed entry is not paid, the following actions shall be taken:

a. The club will notify both the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that if the monies for the fees plus the bank penalty charges, if

payment was made by an uncollectible check, and postage in an amount sufficient to cover the four mailings required by CFA Show Rules 13.10a-c, are not received within thirty (30) days after notification, that all wins for that show weekend, if applicable, for the exhibitor's cat(s) will be rescinded. The club must send the initial notification within sixty (60) days of the opening date of the show. Notification must provide the names, registration numbers and entry numbers of all cats entered by the exhibitor and whether payment by money order or certified bank funds is required. The club may elect to notify CFA Central Office by fax, email or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure CFA receives the notification within the sixty (60) days.

b. If the club receives the fees plus any applicable bank penalties and postage within the 30 day period, the club will immediately notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office that the exhibitor is now in good standing and no action shall be taken.

c. If the full payment (as prescribed in section a) is not received within the 30 day period, the club will notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office of that fact within seven (7) days by certified, return receipt mail. The club may elect to notify CFA Central Office by fax, email or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure CFA receives the notification within 7 days after the thirty (30) days is up. CFA Central Office will then rescind all wins earned by the exhibitor's cat(s) for that show weekend and suspend all CFA services and inform the exhibitor by certified, return receipt mail. A processing fee shall be payable to CFA by the exhibitor. The amount of the processing fee is listed in the CFA's current price list. All CFA services will be suspended to the exhibitor until the processing fee and the debt to the club are paid. Once points are rescinded they will not be reinstated if the exhibitor ultimately pays the outstanding fees.

d. CFA Central Office requires a photocopy of the certified post office receipt for all certified letters sent to the exhibitor in accordance with this rule. The club may send the photocopy to CFA Central Office by fax, email or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure CFA receives the photocopy within the appropriate time period.

e. All cats entered by the exhibitor, whether owned by the exhibitor or some other person(s) are affected by this rule.

The official count and the wins earned by other cats in the show will not be affected by the above actions.

Article XIV

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS

- 14.01** Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question. A correctly completed registration application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration

impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

- 14.02** No exhibitor may leave cats or kittens in the show hall overnight.
- 14.03** An exhibitor may not spray any disinfectant, deodorizer, or other liquid in a judging cage without permission of the ring clerk and judge.
- 14.04** Use of noise-producing devices by exhibitors, such as a hair dryer or vacuum cleaner, in the benching area is prohibited.
- 14.05** 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'.
- 14.06** Stud service in the show room is absolutely prohibited. Any owner whose entry participates in such action is subject to disciplinary action under Article XV, Section 4 of the CFA Constitution.
- 14.07** In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of exhibitors can be found in the following rules: 1.03, Article VI, 9.08.m, 10.02, 10.05-21, 10.25-24, 11.01-03, 11.07-09, 11.17-18, 11.38, 13.01-05, 13.10, 26.01, 27.05, 28.04-05, 29.01, Articles XXX to XXXIII, 34.01-10, 36.02 and 36.03

Article XV

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW ENTRY CLERK

- 15.01** Responsibilities of the show entry clerk can be found in the following rules: Article I, 5.06, 6.16, 6.30-33, 7.02-20, 9.02, 10.04, 10.07, 10.11, 10.22, and 10.27.

Article XVI

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW MANAGEMENT/PRODUCING ORGANIZATION

- 16.01** The show management must select a show committee consisting of a show manager, a show secretary, a show entry clerk, and at least two (2) other persons who must be thoroughly familiar with these rules and show procedures. If the show secretary and show entry clerk are the same person, three (3) other persons must be selected to the show committee.

The position of entry clerk must not be a person who shares address, phone number, or any other accessibility of information with any of the contracted judges.

When a show-producing club avails itself of the services of a non-member professional entry clerk/organization, the club should designate one of its own members to serve on the show committee in lieu of the entry clerk. The show license should reflect this while still listing the professional entry clerk/organization.

- 16.02** Assignment of any duty to one of these individuals does not exempt the show management (sponsoring club)

from ultimate responsibility for proper observance of these show rules.

- 16.03** The show management will take all reasonable care of cats, kittens, carriers and other personal property of the exhibitors, but it is expressly stipulated that neither the show management, nor any other club member, nor any show official, nor the club sponsoring or conducting the show shall be liable for any loss or damage to such property.
- 16.04** When offered, it is the club's responsibility to:
- Provide a setting for feline agility.
 - Provide a certified ringmaster (CRM).
 - Provide a steward for the ring.
 - Provide a table, paper towels and disinfectant.
 - Provide lunch for the certified ringmaster.
 - To complete the CRM evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person.
- 16.05** In the event a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, the Regional Director and the Central Office.
- 16.06** In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of show management can be found in the following rules: 1.03, 3.01, 3.03, 3.06, 3.08-09, 3.13-14, 4.01-06, 4.08, 5.01-04, 6.14, 6.28-29, 8.01-06, 9.01-04, 9.09, 10.04, 10.10-10, 10.26, 10.28, 11.03, 11.36-37, 13.10, 34.05, 34.09, and 34.11.

Article XVII

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW COMMITTEE

- 17.01** Responsibilities of the show committee can be found in the following rules: Article I, 6.26, 10.11, 10.24, 11.20, 12.05, 21.04, 34.03, 34.05, 34.07 and 34.09.

Article XVIII

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW MANAGER

- 18.01** 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.
- 18.02** In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of the show manager can be found in the following rules: Article I, 7.01, Article IX, 10.11, 11.04-06, 12.06, 13.04-05, 34.03, 34.05 and 34.09.

Article XIX

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW SECRETARY

- 19.01** The show secretary must advise the officiating judges of the accommodations that have been made for them and the available ground transportation between airport, show room, and hotel.
- 19.02** Prior to the show, the show secretary MUST provide the officiating judges with an emergency telephone and/or cell phone number of a show committee member to enable them to reach a committee member during show hours and the day previous to the start of the show.

- 19.03** Prior to the show, the show secretary MUST provide the Central Office with an emergency telephone and/or cell phone number of a show committee member to enable them to reach a committee member during show hours and the day previous to the start of the show.

- 19.04** Additional responsibilities of the show secretary can be found in the following rules: Article I, 3.15, 5.04, 5.06, 9.11, 10.11, 10.21, 13.06-09, 34.05 and 34.09.

Article XX

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW TREASURER – SHOW FEE PAYMENTS

- 20.01** a. The CFA **licensed** certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ten (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. It is strongly recommended that for a six ring, one day show a club engage either two licensed master clerks or one licensed master clerk and one certified clerk who is working towards their master clerk license, assisting the licensed master clerk in charge. The minimum compensation for each person working as a master clerk shall be sixty (60) dollars per weekend or forty (40) dollars for a one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.) Payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the date a contract is signed. If no contract exists, payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the first day of the show. CFA **licensed** certified clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows:

Under 150 entries	\$30.00 per weekend
151-250 entries	\$45.00 per weekend
251-350 entries	\$60.00 per weekend
351-450 entries	\$75.00 per weekend
1 day shows with 1, 2, 3, 4 rings	\$35.00
225 back to back Shows	\$40.00 per day
1 day, 6 ring shows	\$45.00

NOTE: These are minimal compensations; more can be given per negotiated rate with clerk.

CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

b. Clerking fees must be paid before the clerk leaves the show hall at the completion of his or her assignment. Payment must be in U.S. currency, unless otherwise agreed in advance.

c. If payment in a foreign currency is involved, a prior agreement and contract between the club and the clerk is recommended.

- 20.02** Each judge must be paid all money due him for expenses and judging fees in U.S. funds prior to the judge leaving the show room at the completion of his judging. If agreed in writing by the judge and the club, the currency of the country in which the show is held, equivalent to U.S. funds, may be used.

20.03 Judging fees are as follow:

- a. Approved judges will receive \$1.25 per scheduled paid entry with no minimum.
- b. Approval Pending judges will receive \$0.80 cents per scheduled entry with no minimum.
- c. Apprentice judges will receive \$0.50 cents per scheduled paid entry with no minimum.
- d. An Approval Pending Allbreed judge shall be paid as an Approved judge when officiating as a Specialty judge, and shall be paid \$0.90 cents per scheduled paid entry with no minimum when officiating as an Allbreed judge.
- e. A judge who officiates at a Household Pet show will be compensated at a rate commensurate with the highest status in either specialty.
- f. Trainee judges shall receive no fee but shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses (rule 19.04) when judging Household Pet shows.
- g. The fees for Best of the Bests judging are as follows: Kittens—\$20.00, Premiership—\$10.00, Championship—\$60.00, Household Pets—\$10.00. These fees may be negotiated between the club and the judge.

20.04 Judges Expenses

- a. All judges, irrespective of status, and Trainees used to judge Household Pet Classes will be reimbursed for traveling expenses (transportation, hotel, meals, taxis, transportation to and from the airport, parking fees, and tips) in the amount not to exceed that actually expended.
- b. Unless the club specifically agrees otherwise in writing at the time the original contract is signed, transportation costs shall not exceed the following:
 - 1. If driving, mileage at the current IRS approved allowance or the equivalent of Coach Class airfare, whichever is less.
 - 2. If traveling by air, Coach Class airfare. Judges, unless specifically told in writing not to do so by the contracting club at the time the original contract for the show is signed and returned to the judge by the club, shall attempt to purchase advance fare Coach Class tickets that are generally non-refundable and that are usually substantially lower in cost than regular Coach Class tickets.
- c. In the event that the club cancels the show, the club shall be responsible for paying the cost of any non-refundable ticket within thirty (30) days following the date the club is billed. However, under specific conditions as defined by each airline, the judge may be able to apply the cost of the canceled ticket (LESS any penalties as imposed by the airline for said cancellation) toward the purchase of a future flight on that airline. In such case, the judge shall then reimburse the club any amount transferred by the airline towards the purchase of the replacement ticket (this amount is the cost of the original ticket as paid by the club LESS the amount of any penalty assessed by the airline); the reimbursement to the club of the amount transferred to purchase the replacement ticket shall be made within 30 days after the date on which said replacement ticket is used by the judge.

d. In the event that the judge cancels their contract for the show, the judge shall be responsible for paying the cost of the non-refundable ticket LESS any penalties as imposed by the airline for the cancellation; the reimbursement payment to the club shall be made within ninety (90) days following said cancellation. The club shall be responsible for the amount of any penalty fee for cancellation as imposed by the airline; the judge, having reimbursed the club for the difference, may then use the resultant fare balance to apply on any future flight the judge may take on that airline.

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 the United States and Canada.

20.05 Clubs are required to provide hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge's judging, the night after the completion of a judge's judging, and for each night in between, if any. Should an 'act of God' storm (ice and/or snow) occur which prevents a judge from returning home after the club's responsibility ends, the judge may send an itemized bill of room and meal expenses to the CFA Central Office for reimbursement.

Clubs in Region 9 or the International Division must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each 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.

20.06 Judging fees and expenses are applicable to any CFA licensed show including Kitten matches, Premiership shows, Veteran Class shows, Household Pet shows or any combination thereof.

20.07 The applicable fee is determined by the status of the judge on the opening day of the show.

20.08 A judge who has moved his place of residence subsequent to the signing of his contract, or who is traveling from a location other than his residence, will not be reimbursed any greater sum for his traveling expenses than would have been applicable at the time the contract was signed by the judge unless agreed upon by the contracting club. The judge must notify the club if he has moved his place of residence as soon as this information is known to him and the club must reply within 15 days of the receipt of the notification as to their decision of whether or not to reimburse that judge the additional travel expense. If the club does not agree to pay the additional expense for travel, it must release the judge from the contract, in which event the judge is free to accept another assignment.

20.09 Additional responsibilities of the show treasurer can be found in the following rules: Article I, 10.11, 13.10, and 34.09.

Article XXI
RESPONSIBILITIES OF JUDGES

21.01 A judge may not transport, supervise the transporting of or in any way be cognizant by personal act of the entries made at a show at which he/she is to officiate. Judges may not travel to shows with exhibitors whose cats are entered in the show where the judge is to officiate. While it is not encouraged, traveling from airport to hotel/show hall in an exhibitor vehicle shall not be construed as a violation of this rule, provided the show management (having no other option), has made the arrangements for an exhibitor to transport the judge. In this event the exhibitor's entries must be placed in the rear of the vehicle, away from the judge, and covered/screened in such a way to prevent visibility of the entry.

If a judge elects to transport a cat/kitten when he/she leaves for his/her contracted show, before doing so the judge must secure a written agreement signed by both the shipper (breeder/owner) and the purchaser (owner/lessee) certifying that the cat/kitten is not entered in the show the judge is officiating at that weekend. It shall be understood that a judge may decline to transport cats or kittens for anyone.

21.02 a. A judge may not make an entry at a show at which he officiates, but he may enter for exhibition only, provided that this limitation shall not apply to entries by a judge who judges Household Pets or Veterans only.

b. A judge may not judge and exhibit on the same weekend at the same location.

c. An Approved Single Specialty judge may judge one day of a two day show and work color classes on the other day. In such case the catalog for the judge will be retained by the master clerk until the close of the show.

d. A judge may not judge a cat owned or co-owned by a member of his/her immediate family which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, stepchildren, step-parents, or in-laws. If the family member does not reside with the officiating judge, the cat may be judged in all other rings (see 6.09 and 6.10).

21.03 Anyone participating in the CFA judging program in any capacity may NOT agent cats or kittens or present to the judging ring cats or kittens other than those registered in his/her name as owner, except single-specialty judges and trainees may agent cats of the opposite specialty.

21.04 A judge may not have access to a catalog prior to the completion of all judging duties and the transfer of a completed set of judges' color class sheets and finals sheet to the master clerk. The master clerk shall check the finals sheet for mechanical accuracy and sign it. The judge MUST remain in the show hall until these requirements are met, at which time the judge may receive a catalog and leave the show hall. The show committee will make certain that the judge's finals sheet is checked for accuracy as soon as possible following the completion of the judge's finals so that no hardship is placed upon the judge who must often meet the demands of a plane schedule (see 12.01 and 12.18).

21.05 No judge or trainee shall solicit judging engagements from a club or another judge. No promise or implied promise of securing entries, donation to the club or reduction in judging fees shall be made by any person as

an inducement for considering that person to judge a certain show. No judge shall solicit entries for any show at which he/she officiates.

21.06 A judge at any show may not officiate or make comments about the exhibits while in any judging ring other than his/her own either prior to taking the stand or after leaving the stand.

21.07 A judge shall not serve as clerk for another judge but may serve as master clerk. (See paragraph 9.09.c) A single specialty judge may clerk for a ring in the category for which he is not licensed. Trainees may serve as clerks in all capacities.

21.08 An officiating judge is not permitted to perform the duties of master clerk or assistant master clerk.

21.09 As ambassadors of CFA, it is expected judges, in pursuit of their duties, will dress in an appropriate manner; therefore, member clubs MAY NOT STIPULATE a judge's attire.

21.10 Judges, while on judging assignments, must not sell merchandise of any variety.

21.11 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of Judges can be found in the following rules: 1.03, 3.02, 3.04-05, 3.07-12, 6.09-10, 10.11, 11.09-10, 11.16, 11.19-24, 11.26-35, 11.37, 12.01-04, 12.15, 14.05, 34.04, 34.05, 34.07, and 34.09.

Article XXII
RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHIEF RING CLERKS

22.01 Responsibilities of chief ring clerks can be found in the following show rules: 1.03, 10.11, 11.11-15, 11.25, 12.01, 12.03, 12.07-11, 34.05 and 34.09.

Article XXIII
RESPONSIBILITIES OF MASTER CLERK

23.01 Prior to the beginning of judging on the second day of a two day show, the master clerk must deliver to each ring a list of catalog numbers of entries that have been transferred competitively.

23.02 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of the Master Clerk can be found in the following show rules: 1.03, 10.11, 10.22-21, 12.01, 12.03, 12.06, 12.12-19, 13.06-07, 21.04, 28.06, and 34.09.

Article XXIV
RESPONSIBILITIES OF CERTIFIED RINGMASTER (If Agility is offered)

24.01 a. The certified ringmaster is in charge of officiating at the ring and is responsible for the placement of the obstacles.

b. The CRM officiating shall have an agent showing for him/her if he/she wishes to enter the judging competition. If there is more than one CRM officiating, one of them may leave the ring to show in another class.

c. The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/National) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.

d. No food or treats are permitted in the agility ring at any time.

e. During the timed run, the handler must not touch the cat.

f. The CRM shall provide blank CFA Feline Agility Competitor claim forms and sign the completed form certifying that the named feline is qualified for the Agility Competitor (AC) title. In addition, the claim form may also be printed in the show catalog.

g. The CRM must complete the Agility Sign-In & Score Sheet and deliver it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package.

h. The CRM must give the club an evaluation sheet for them to send to the designated person.

i. Each CRM will complete and pass a test every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the CFA coordinator for ringmasters and training.

24.02 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of the Certified Ringmaster can be found in the following show rules: 1.03 and 36.04.

Article XXV

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CFA CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

25.01 Judges' books, entry forms, and copies of the show rules will be sent to the show secretary or entry clerk, depending on the show license request, approximately four (4) months prior to the show date. Additional supplies may be ordered at the current fees.

25.02 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of central office staff can be found in the following rules: 4.06-07, 6.16, 6.23, 11.23, 11.24, 12.15, 13.10, 25.01, 26.01, Article XXVII, Article XXVIII, 34.01 and 34.07.

Article XXVI

OBTAINING TITLES – AGILITY

26.01 a. Cats competing in CFA Feline Agility (FAC) and completing the requirements as described in paragraph c. below, are eligible to confirm their first CFA FAC title and be scored for future titles. Each claimant of an Agility Competitor title must mail to the Central Office or give to the master clerk the official CFA Feline Agility Competitor Claim Form or facsimile thereof signed by the officiating ringmaster before the opening day of the next show in which the cat is benched for CFA Feline Agility, along with the current confirmation fee. *See current price list for applicable fees.*

b. Only the Agility Competitor (AC) title must be confirmed, the remaining titles will be awarded automatically following the completion of their requirements.

c. Agility Competitor: (AC) this title is awarded to any cat who completes the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error.

d. Agility Winner: (AW) this title is awarded to any cat who has previously earned the title of Agility Competitor (AC), and has successfully completed the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error, in at least two (2) separate CFA Feline Agility competitions, earning a minimum of 500 Points.

e. Agility Master: (AM) this title is awarded to any cat who has previously earned the title of Agility Winner (AW)

and has successfully completed the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error, in CFA Feline Agility competitions during their competitive career, earning a minimum of 2000 points.

f. Agility Grand Master: (AG) this title is awarded to any cat who has previously earned the title of Agility Master (AM) and has successfully completed the standard 10 obstacle CFA Feline Agility course within the allotted maximum time, 270 seconds, without error, in CFA Feline Agility competitions during their competitive career, earning a minimum of 4000 points.

Article XXVII

OBTAINING TITLES – CHAMPION/PREMIER

27.01 Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, all opens in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty, can use the ring as a "Qualifying Ring" so long as the judge does not disqualify or otherwise withhold awards (including wrong color) from the open.

27.02 Winners ribbons or qualifying rings claimed must be won competing as the same color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed) and must be won under the exact name in which the cat is registered. The cat's registration number must be printed in the catalog. Ownership shown in the show catalog must agree with the registered ownership, subject to the provisions of show rule 6.03. Wins made in Championship competition may not be transferred to Premiership records. However, titles won in Championship competition are retained.

27.03 a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation.

b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011, or as a Novice, satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for Championship or Premiership confirmation. All requests for confirmation must satisfy show rule 27.05c.

c. An Open must compete all of the requirements for Championship or Premiership confirmation before competing as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier.

27.04 Cats must be registered as the color and/or pattern for which a championship claim is being made. A corrected certificate for cats registered as a different color and/or pattern than the color and/or pattern the cat competed as must be obtained either prior to or in conjunction with the championship claim form. The current fee in effect for a corrected certificate must be submitted.

- 27.05** a. A Championship or Premiership claim can be made by completing the official CFA Championship Claim Form and mailing to the Central Office before the opening day of the next show in which the cat is benched, completing an online confirmation at the CFA website, or filing with the show master clerk. The CFA Championship Claim form must include the following information on the shows where Qualifying Rings have been earned: show name, show date, and judges who judged each Qualifying Ring and be accompanied by the appropriate fee. See current price list for applicable fees.
- b. Cats completing the requirements for the Championship or Premiership class may file the Championship Claim Form and fee with the master clerk for inclusion in the show records package for CFA.
- c. Requests for confirmation of Championship or Premiership must be made within three years of the date of the first show at which Qualifying Rings are achieved except where Championships or Premierships have been earned over a longer period. Such requests may be confirmed subject to the availability and verification by official show records. Exhibitors may validate Qualifying Rings achieved at a show whose date approaches the three year limit by contacting the Central Office in a timely manner providing the details of the award—name of show, date, and judge.

Article XXVIII

OBTAINING TITLES – GRANDS

- 28.01** Grand points for a cat that has completed requirements for Championship or Premiership will not be posted to a cat's record until the Central Office has received a Championship Claim form, appropriate fees, and confirmed that championship or premiership requirements have been met. In the case of cats that earned points with a temporary registration number, those points also will not be posted to a cat's record until the cat has received a permanent registration number. When the Championship or Premiership Claim Form has not been received by the Central Office, any wins earned by a cat otherwise eligible to compete as a Champion or Premier will be held in abeyance. For these wins to be counted, the exhibitor must respond to the written notice of delinquency issued by the Central Office within 20 days of the date of such notice. The response shall consist of a completed Championship or Premiership Claim Form, the confirmation fee and payment of a late filing fee. See current price list for applicable fees.
- 28.02** A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:
- a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated. The second highest placing Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In all cases, fractional points .5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number.

- b. Best Champion or Best Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated.
- c. Second Best Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Champion.
- d. Best Longhair Champion and Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive one point for every benched Champion defeated in that specialty.
- e. The Second Best Longhair Champion and Second Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion. The Third Best Longhair Champion and Third Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion.
- f. Best Longhair Premier and Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed rings will receive one point for every benched Premier defeated in that specialty.
- g. The Second Best Longhair Premier and Second Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

- a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 29.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every benched Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division.
- b. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

28.04

- a. A cat must have at least one win of Best Champion/Premier or Second Best Champion/Premier or Third Best Champion or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final in order to qualify for the title of Grand Champion/Grand Premier.
- b. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship; seventy-five (75) points for Grand Premiership in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Malta, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), the International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Indonesia), and the Maritime Provinces of Canada seventy five points (75) are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Indonesia one hundred twenty-five (125) points are required for Grand Championship. In the Ukraine and China, two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship. In Hong Kong seventy-five (75) points are required for Grand Premiership. In China, Taiwan, and Malaysia fifty (50) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Thailand, and Indonesia twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Ukraine and Russia (east of the Ural mountains) twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.

c. Grand points will be adjusted when a cat competes outside their scoring location. For example, a cat competing from a 75 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 37.5% and grand premier points at 33.3%. A cat competing from a 75 point scoring location to a 125 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 60% and grand premier points at 50%. A cat competing from a 125 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 62.5% and grand premier points at 66.6%.

Grand points will only be adjusted up when a cat competes from a higher point scoring location to a lower point scoring location for either of the following two reasons: (1) there is a permanent change of residence or (2) a cat from Japan, Singapore, or Taiwan is competing in either Japan, Singapore, or Taiwan (see 28.04.d).

d. A cat's accumulated grand points earned in one scoring location will be adjusted per 28.03.c. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 267%. Grand Premier points will be credited at 300%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 125 point scoring location will be credited at 166%. Grand Champion points earned in a 125 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 160%. Grand Premier points earned in a 50 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 150%. Grand Premier points earned in a 25 point scoring location moving to a 50 point scoring location will be credited at 200%.

e. Wins made in Championship competition may not be transferred to Premiership records. However, titles won in Championship competition are retained.

f. An Open must complete the requirements for the Champion/Premier class in order to qualify for the title of Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Opens may not compete as Grand Champions or Grand Premiers until all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim have been met, including the filing of the claim form.

28.05 Points must be won under at least three (3) different judges.

28.06 Cats completing the requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership by the close of the first day of a two day show will then be eligible for competition as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier on the second day of the show, including those cats competing with a temporary registration number. All such transfers must be made to the master clerk on a catalog correction form at the end of the first day's judging. If the transfer is from Open to Grand the owner/agent must also have filed, either online or with the master clerk, a completed Championship or Premiership claim form and fee before the end of the first day. Claims filed with the master clerk must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Prior to the start of judging on the second day of the show, the master clerk will report all Grand Championship and Grand Premiership transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge of changes.

The master clerk will record all transfers filed by the end of the first day of the show on an absentee/transfer sheet designed for this purpose. Transferring a cat from Open or Champion to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership class is at the option of the exhibitor.

The Central Office will automatically confirm cats that have completed requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. Certificate of confirmation will be mailed as soon as possible after show records are received and wins have been recorded with the exception of those cats competing with a temporary registration number. In that case, the Certificate of confirmation will only be mailed after the cat has received a permanent registration number.

If confirmation of Grand Championship/Grand Premiership is not received, owners should contact the Central Office by phone via the number listed at the front of this booklet prior to competition in any subsequent show, to confirm that their cat(s) has completed the requirements for Grand.

A cat may also begin to compete on the second day of a two day show, without having the title of Grand Championship or Grand Premiership confirmed by the Central Office if the owner/agent completes a correction slip and transfer with the master clerk at the end of the first day of a two day show.

28.07 After confirmation of title has been received, a cat is ineligible to compete in the Champion or Premier Class and must be transferred and compete in the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class at any subsequent show.

28.08 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the "Grand of Distinction" title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The "of distinction" suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2005-2006 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.

Article XXIX

CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS/DIVISIONS & COLORS

29.01 The following breeds and colors are recognized as entitled to win Championship or Premiership honors.

(NOTE: Male cats of any of the following colors are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition, but are eligible for an AOV class as provided in Article XXX): Shell Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Shell Blue-Cream, Shaded Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream Smoke, Silver Patched Tabby (Torbie), Blue-Silver Patched Tabby, Brown Patched Tabby (Torbie), Blue Patched Tabby (Torbie), Tortoiseshell, Calico or Dilute Calico, Van Calico or Dilute

Van Calico, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Blue-Cream
Smoke & White, Blue-Cream, Tortie Point, Blue-Cream
Point.)

LONGHAIR SPECIALTY BREEDS

AMERICAN BOBTAIL

LONGHAIR DIVISION	Color Class #	
	Male	Female
All Championship Colors.....	5400	5401
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)</i>		
SHORTHAIR DIVISION		
All Championship Colors.....	9400	9401
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)</i>		

AMERICAN CURL

LONGHAIR DIVISION		
All Championship Colors.....	8000	8001
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards And Other American Curl Colors and patterns.)</i>		
SHORTHAIR DIVISION		
All Championship Colors.....	8050	8051
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards And Other American Curl Colors and patterns.)</i>		

BIRMAN (Sacred Cat of Burma)

Chocolate Point.....	0180	0181
Seal Point.....	0182	0183
Lilac Point.....	0184	0185
Blue Point.....	0186	0187
Other Solid Point.....	2178	2179
<i>(Red, Cream)</i>		
Parti-Color Point.....	- -	2189
<i>(Seal-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Chocolate-Tortie, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
Seal Tabby Point.....	2152	2153
Chocolate Tabby Point.....	2154	2155
Blue Tabby Point.....	2156	2157
All other Tabby Point.....	2158	2159
<i>(Lilac, Red, Cream, Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Lilac-Cream)</i>		

EXOTIC*

(See Note at End of Exotic Listing)

Blue-Eyed White.....	7700	7701
Copper-Eyed White.....	7702	7703
Odd-Eyed White.....	7704	7705
Blue.....	7706	7707
Black.....	7708	7709
Red.....	7710	7711
Cream.....	7714	7715
OSCC (Other Solid Colors Class).....	7720	7721
<i>(Chocolate or Lilac)</i>		
Chinchilla Silver.....	7730	7731
Shaded Silver.....	7732	7733
Chinchilla Golden.....	7726	7727
Shaded Golden.....	7772	7773
Shell Cameo.....	7760	7761
Shaded Cameo.....	7762	7763
Shell Cream.....	7856	7857
Shaded Cream.....	7858	7859
Shell Tortoiseshell.....	- -	7775
Shaded Tortoiseshell.....	- -	7777
Shell Blue-Cream.....	- -	7853
Shaded Blue-Cream.....	- -	7851
Other Shaded Colors.....	7880	7881

*(Shell Blue, Shaded Blue, Shell Black, Shaded Black,
Blue Chinchilla Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Blue
Chinchilla Golden, Blue Shaded Golden, Shell
Chocolate, Shaded Chocolate, Shell Lilac, Shaded
Lilac, Shell Chocolate Tortie, Shaded Chocolate
Tortie, Shell Lilac-Cream, Shaded Lilac-Cream)*

Black Smoke.....	7734	7735
Blue Smoke.....	7738	7739
Cream Smoke.....	7768	7769
Red Smoke.....	7764	7765
Tortoiseshell Smoke.....	- -	7725
Blue-Cream Smoke.....	- -	7723
Other Smoke Colors.....	7420	7421
<i>(Chocolate Smoke, Lilac Smoke, Chocolate-Tortie Smoke, Lilac-Cream Smoke)</i>		
Silver Tabby.....	7736	7737
Silver Mackerel or Spotted Tabby.....	7736M	7737M
Silver Patched Tabby (Torbie).....	- -	7785
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Blue Silver Tabby.....	7634	7635
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Blue Silver Patched Tabby (Torbie).....	- -	7637
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Red Tabby.....	7740	7741
Red Mackerel or Spotted Tabby.....	7740M	7741M
Brown Tabby.....	7744	7745
Brown Mackerel or Spotted Tabby.....	7744M	7745M
Brown Patched Tabby (Torbie).....	- -	7787
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Blue Tabby.....	7752	7753
Blue Mackerel or Spotted Tabby.....	7752M	7753M
Blue Patched Tabby (Torbie).....	- -	7789
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Cream Tabby.....	7754	7755
Cream Mackerel or Spotted Tabby.....	7754M	7755M
Cameo Tabby.....	7766	7767
Cameo Mackerel or Spotted Tabby.....	7766M	7767M
Cream Silver Tabby.....	7854	7855
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Other Tabby Colors.....	7462	7463
<i>[Chocolate, Lilac (classic, mackerel, patched, spotted)]</i>		
Tortoiseshell.....	- -	7747
Blue-Cream.....	- -	7751
Other Parti-Colors.....	- -	7647
<i>Chocolate-Tortoiseshell, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
Calico.....	- -	7749
<i>(White with Black & Red, Tortie & White)</i>		
Dilute Calico.....	- -	7719
<i>(White with Blue & Cream, Blue-Cream & White)</i>		
Blue & White.....	7806	7807
Black & White.....	7808	7809
Red & White.....	7800	7801
Cream & White.....	7804	7805
Other Bi-Colors.....	7590	7591
<i>(Chocolate Bi-Color, Lilac Bi-Color, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico)</i>		
Smoke & White.....	7594	7595
<i>(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Cream Smoke & White, Red Smoke & White, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Blue-Cream Smoke & White, Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke, Chocolate)</i>		
Shaded & White.....	7488	7489
<i>(Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Silver & White, Chinchilla Golden & White, Shaded Golden & White, Shell Cameo & White, Shaded Cameo & White, Shell Cream & White, Shaded Cream & White, Shell</i>		

Tortoiseshell & White, Shaded Tortoiseshell & White, Shell Blue-Cream & White, Shaded Blue-Cream & White and all colors in the Other Shaded Colors Class with the addition of White)

Red Tabby & White	7940	7941
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Brown Tabby & White	7944	7945
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Patched Tabby & White	--	7987
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Other Tabby & White	7992	7993
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Chocolate Point	7670	7671
Seal Point	7672	7673
Flame (Red) Point	7678	7679
Tortie Point	--	7693
Lilac Point	7674	7675
Blue Point	7676	7677
Cream Point	7696	7697
Blue-Cream Point	--	7689
Lynx Point	7660	7661

(Seal-Lynx, Blue-Lynx, Tortie-Lynx, Blue Cream-Lynx, Flame (Red)-Lynx, Cream-Lynx, Chocolate-Lynx, Lilac-Lynx, Chocolate Tortie-Lynx, Lilac-Cream Lynx)

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

MAINE COON CAT

Solid Colors	1700	1701
<i>(White, Black, Blue, Red, or Cream)</i>		
Brown Tabby (classic, mackerel).....	1744	1745
Brown Patched Tabby (classic, mackerel).....	--	1787
Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel).....	1736	1737
Silver Patched Tabby (classic, mackerel).....	--	1785
Red Tabby (classic, mackerel).....	1740	1741
All Other Tabby Colors	9792	9793
<i>(Blue, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver, Blue-Silver Patched [classic, mackerel], Cream, Cameo, Cream-Silver [classic, mackerel])</i>		
Brown Tabby & White (including Vans).....	1778	1779
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Brown Patched Tabby & White (including Vans)....	--	1769
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Silver Tabby & White (including Vans).....	9736	9737
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Silver Patched Tabby & White (including Vans).....	--	9785
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Red Tabby & White (including Vans).....	9740	9741
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
All Other Tabby & White Colors (including Vans) ..	1758	1759
<i>(Blue, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver, Blue-Silver Patched [classic, mackerel, patched], Cream, Cameo, Cream-Silver [classic, mackerel])</i>		
Bi-Color	1790	1791
<i>(Black & White, Blue & White, Red & White, Cream & White)</i>		
Parti-Color	--	1747
<i>(Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream)</i>		
Parti-Color & White	--	1795
<i>(Calico [including Vans], Dilute Calico [including Vans],</i>		

Tortoiseshell & White, Blue-Cream & White)

Shaded & Smoke	1730	1731
<i>(Chinchilla Silver, Shaded Silver, Chinchilla Blue Silver, Shaded Blue Silver, Shell Cameo, Shaded Cameo, Shell Cream, Shaded Cream, Shell Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Shell Blue-Cream, Shaded Blue-Cream, Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Cameo Smoke, Cream Smoke, Tortie Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke)</i>		
Shaded/Smoke & White (including Vans).....	1774	1775
<i>(Note: any tortie & white colors or blue-cream & white colors will not have the van pattern. Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Silver & White, Chinchilla Blue Silver & White, Shaded Blue Silver & White, Shell Cameo & White, Shaded Cameo & White, Shell Cream & White, Shaded Cream & White, Shell Tortoiseshell & White, Shaded Tortoiseshell & White, Shell Calico, Shaded Calico, Shell Blue-Cream & White, Shaded Blue-Cream & White, Shell Dilute Calico, Shaded Dilute Calico, Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Cameo Smoke & White, Cream Smoke & White, Tortie Smoke & White, Blue-Cream Smoke & White, Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)</i>		
OMCC (Other Maine Coon Colors)	1796	1797
<i>(Any other color with the exception of those showing hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the himalayan pattern; the unpatterned agouti on the body [i.e., Abyssinian-type ticked tabby] or these combinations with white.)</i>		

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

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

PERSIAN*

(See Note at End of Persian Listing)

SOLID COLOR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White	0100	0101
Copper-Eyed White	0102	0103
Odd-Eyed White	0104	0105
Blue	0106	0107
Black	0108	0109
Red	0110	0111
Cream	0114	0115
OSCC (Other Solid Colors Class)	1916	1917
<i>(Chocolate or Lilac)</i>		

SILVER & GOLDEN DIVISION

Chinchilla Silver	0130	0131
Shaded Silver	0132	0133
Blue Chinchilla Silver	0128	0129
Blue Shaded Silver	0156	0157
Chinchilla Golden	1170	1171
Shaded Golden	1172	1173
Blue Chinchilla Golden	1074	1075
Blue Shaded Golden	1076	1077

SMOKE & SHADED DIVISION

Shell Cameo	0160	0161
Shaded Cameo	0162	0163
Shell Cream	1356	1357
Shaded Cream	1358	1359
Shell Tortoiseshell	--	1175
Shaded Tortoiseshell	--	1177
Shell Blue-Cream	--	1353

Shaded Blue-Cream	--	1351
Black Smoke	0134	0135
Blue Smoke	0138	0139
Cream Smoke	0168	0169
Red Smoke	0164	0165
Tortoiseshell Smoke	--	0125
Blue-Cream Smoke	--	1139
Other Smoke & Shaded	1080	1081

(Chocolate Smoke, Lilac Smoke, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke, Lilac Cream Smoke)

TABBY DIVISION

Silver Tabby	0136	0137
Silver Mackerel Tabby	0136M	0137M
Silver Patched Tabby (torbie)	--	1137
(classic, mackerel)		
Blue Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel)	1334	1335
Blue Silver Patched Tabby (torbie)	--	1337
(classic, mackerel)		
Red Tabby	0140	0141
Red Mackerel Tabby	0140M	0141M
Brown Tabby	0144	0145
Brown Mackerel Tabby	0144M	0145M
Brown Patched Tabby (torbie)	--	1145
(classic, mackerel)		
Blue Tabby	0152	0153
Blue Mackerel Tabby	0152M	0153M
Blue Patched Tabby (torbie)	--	1153
(classic, mackerel)		
Cream Tabby	0154	0155
Cream Mackerel Tabby	0154M	0155M
Cameo Tabby	0166	0167
Cameo Mackerel Tabby	0166M	0167M
Cream Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel)	1354	1355
Other Tabby Colors (classic, mackerel)	3100	3101

(Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby)

PARTI-COLOR DIVISION

Tortoiseshell	--	0147
Blue-Cream	--	0151
Other Parti-Colors	--	3059

(Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac-Cream)

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

Calico	--	0149
(White with Black & Red)		
Dilute Calico	--	0119
(White with Blue & Cream)		
Blue & White	1106	1107
Black & White	1108	1109
Red & White	1110	1111
Cream & White	1114	1115
Smoke & White	1112	1113

(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Cream Smoke & White, Red Smoke & White, Chocolate Smoke & White, Lilac Smoke & White, Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke, Chocolate Calico Smoke, Lilac Calico Smoke)

Shaded & White	1420	1421
(Shell Cameo & White, Shell Cream & White, Shell Calico, Shell Dilute Calico, Shell Chocolate Calico, Shell Lilac Calico, Shaded Cameo & White, Shaded Cream & White, Shaded Calico, Shaded Dilute Calico, Shaded Chocolate Calico, Shaded Lilac Calico)		
Red Tabby & White	1140	1141
(classic, mackerel)		
Brown Tabby & White	1142	1143
(classic, mackerel)		

Patched Tabby & White	--	1159
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(all currently established patched tabby patterns in classic and mackerel with the addition of white.)

Other Tabby & White	1192	1193
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(all currently established tabby patterns, with the exception of red, brown and patched tabby, in classic and mackerel with the addition of white.)

Other Bi-Colors	3390	3391
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(Chocolate Bi-Color, Lilac Bi-Color, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico)

HIMALAYAN DIVISION

Chocolate Point	0170	0171
Seal Point	0172	0173
Lilac Point	0174	0175
Blue Point	0176	0177
Flame Point	0178	0179
Cream Point	0196	0197
Tortie Point	--	0193
Blue-Cream Point	--	0189
Seal Lynx Point	3252	3253
Blue Lynx Point	3256	3257
Tortie-Lynx Point	--	3247
Blue Cream-Lynx Point	--	3251
Flame Lynx Point	3260	3261
Cream Lynx Point	3262	3263
Other Lynx Point	3242	3243

(Chocolate-Lynx, Lilac-Lynx, Chocolate Tortie-Lynx, Lilac Cream-Lynx)

OPCC (Other Pointed Colors Class)	--	3249
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(Chocolate-Tortie or Lilac-Cream)

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

RAGAMUFFIN

All Championship Colors	9800	9801
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RAGDOLL

Seal Point & White	0482	0483
Blue Point & White	0486	0487
All Other Pointed & White Colors	0480	0481

(including lilac, chocolate, all lynx colors, red, cream, tortie and all van colors)

Mitted Point Colors	0460	0461
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(all mitted colors including chocolate, seal, lilac, blue, all lynx colors, red, cream and tortie)

Colorpoint Colors	0470	0471
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(all pointed colors including chocolate, seal, lilac, blue, all lynx colors, red, cream and tortie)

SIBERIAN

All Championship Colors	3700	3701
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(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards and Any Other Siberian Colors.)

TURKISH ANGORA

White Color Class	1802	1803
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(Blue-eyed White, Green-eyed White, Green-Gold Eyed White, Amber-eyed White, Odd-eyed White)

Other Solid Colors Class	1806	1807
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(Black, Blue, Cream, Red)

Tabby Color Class	1836	1837
<i>[Blue Tabby, Brown Tabby, Silver Tabby, Blue-Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted, patched), Cream Tabby, Red Tabby, Cameo Tabby, Cream Cameo (cream-silver) Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked)].</i>		
Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class	1848	1849
<i>(Black & White, Blue-Cream, Blue & White, Calico, Cream & White, Red & White, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked, and where applicable, patched]; Smoke & White [black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) and white], Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)</i>		
OTAC (Other Turkish Angora Colors)	1890	1891
<i>(Any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.)</i>		

TURKISH VAN

Solid & White	3560	3561
<i>(Black & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Red & White)</i>		
Parti-Color & White	- -	3585
<i>(Blue Patched Tabby & White, Brown Patched Tabby & White, Tortoiseshell & White, Dilute Tortoiseshell & White)</i>		
Tabby & White	3590	3591
<i>(Blue Tabby & White, Brown Tabby & White, Cream Tabby & White, Red Tabby & White)</i>		
All Other Turkish Van Colors	3500	3501
<i>(van pattern only – any other color and white (silver tabby, smokes, etc.) with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting from the Himalayan pattern (point restricted) and colors (chocolate, lilac, etc.).</i>		

SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY BREEDS

ABYSSINIAN

Ruddy	0380	0381
Red	0382	0383
Blue	0384	0385
Fawn	0386	0387

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Blue-Eyed White	0700	0701
Gold-Eyed White	0702	0703
Odd-Eyed White	0704	0705
Blue	0706	0707
Black	0708	0709
Red	0710	0711
Cream	0714	0715
Chinchilla Silver	0730	0731
Shaded Silver	0732	0733
Black Smoke	0734	0735
Blue Smoke	0738	0739
Silver Tabby	0736	0737
Silver Mackerel Tabby	0736M	0737M
Silver Patched Tabby (Torbie)	- -	0785
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Blue-Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel)	7068	7069
Blue-Silver Patched Tabby	- -	7037
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		

Red Tabby	0740	0741
Red Mackerel Tabby	0740M	0741M
Brown Tabby	0744	0745
Brown Mackerel Tabby	0744M	0745M
Brown Patched Tabby (torbie)	- -	0787
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Blue Tabby	0752	0753
Blue Mackerel Tabby	0752M	0753M
Blue Patched Tabby (torbie)	- -	0789
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
Cream Tabby	0754	0755
Cream Mackerel Tabby	0754M	0755M
Shell Cameo	0760	0761
Shaded Cameo	0762	0763
Smoke Cameo	0764	0765
Tortoiseshell Smoke	- -	0725
Cameo Tabby	0766	0767
Cameo Mackerel Tabby	0766M	0767M
Cream Cameo Tabby (classic, mackerel)	7066	7067
Ticked Tabby/Ticked Tabby and White	7088	7089
<i>(including vans)</i>		
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cream, Blue Silver, Cameo, Cream Cameo ticked tabby colors, including patched patterns, and ticked tabby with white)</i>		
Tabby & White (including Vans)	7072	7073
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cameo, Cream [tabby colors in mackerel or classic and, where applicable, patched patterns])</i>		
Smoke & White (including Vans)	7024	7025
<i>(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Shell Cameo & White, Shaded Cameo & White, Smoke Cameo & White)</i>		
Dilute Shaded	0728	0729
<i>(Blue Chinchilla Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Cream Shell Cameo, Cream Shaded Cameo, Blue Cream Smoke)</i>		
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color	0770	0771
<i>(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White, Shaded Silver & White, Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Calico & White, Dilute Shaded Calico & White, Blue Shaded Silver & White)</i>		
Tortoiseshell	- -	0747
Calico and Van Calico	- -	0749
<i>(Calico (White with Black & Red) or Dilute Calico and Van Dilute Calico (White with Blue & Cream))</i>		
Blue-Cream	- -	0751
Shaded Parti-Color	- -	0723
<i>(Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Dilute Shaded Tortoiseshell)</i>		

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

All Championship Colors	9900	9901
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards and Other Wirehair Colors and patterns with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern or these combinations with white, etc.)</i>		

BALINESE

BALINESE DIVISION

Chocolate Point	1270	1271
Seal Point	1272	1273
Lilac Point	1274	1275
Blue Point	1276	1277

JAVANESE DIVISION

Solid Color Point	2078	2079
<i>(Cream, Cinnamon, Fawn, Red - including smoke & silver)</i>		

Lynx Point	2054	2055
<i>(Blue, Blue-Cream, Chocolate, Chocolate-Tortie, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Tortie, Cream, Fawn, Fawn-Cream, Lilac, Lilac-Cream, Red, Seal, Seal-Tortie Point - including smoke & silver)</i>		
Parti-Color Point	- -	2047
<i>(Blue-Cream, Chocolate-Tortie, Cinnamon-Tortie, Fawn-Cream, Lilac-Cream, Seal-Tortie Point - including smoke & silver)</i>		

BOMBAY

Black	0410	0411
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BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Solid Color Class	2500	2501
<i>(Black, Blue, Cream, Red, Blue-Eyed White, Gold-Eyed White, Odd-Eyed White)</i>		
Tabby Class (spotted, classic, mackerel).....	2536	2537
<i>(Blue Tabby, Brown Tabby, Cream Tabby, Red Tabby, Silver Tabby, Blue Patched Tabby, Brown Patched Tabby and Silver Patched Tabby)</i>		
Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class	2546	2547
<i>(Blue-Cream, Tortoiseshell, Calico, Van Calico, Dilute Calico, Van Dilute Calico, Solid Color and White, Van Solid Color and White, Tabby and White, Van Tabby and White, Patched Tabby and White)</i>		
OBSHC (Other British Shorthair Colors)	2596	2597
<i>(Smoke, Shaded, Shaded Golden and any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.</i>		
<i>Eye color: appropriate to the dominant color of the cat.)</i>		

BURMESE

Sable	0400	0401
Champagne	0402	0403
Blue	0404	0405
Platinum	0406	0407

BURMILLA

LONGHAIR DIVISION		
All Championship Colors	4500	4501
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards)</i>		
SHORTHAIR DIVISION		
All Championship Colors	5500	5501
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards)</i>		

CHARTREUX

Blue	0550	0551
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COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

Solid Color Point	2278	2279
<i>(Red, Cream)</i>		
Lynx Point	2254	2255
<i>(Blue, Blue-Cream, Chocolate, Chocolate-Tortie, Cream, Lilac, Lilac-Cream, Red, Seal, or Seal-Tortie)</i>		
Parti-Color Point	- -	2247
<i>(Blue-Cream, Chocolate-Tortie, Lilac-Cream, or Seal-Tortie)</i>		
IMPORTANT: Effective with Oriental litters born after June 15, 2010, no Oriental litters (shorthair division) that result from a pointed to pointed breeding (i.e., any cross between a pointed oriental (shorthair division) and Siamese or a Colorpoint Shorthair or a pointed Oriental) will be permitted. Such matings will not be registerable for litters born after June 15, 2010.		

CORNISH REX

White	0900	0901
Blue (including Smoke)	0906	0907
Black (including Smoke).....	0908	0909
Red (including Smoke)	0910	0911
Cream (including Smoke).....	0914	0915
Other Solid Colors (including Smoke).....	0920	0921
<i>(lavender, chocolate)</i>		
Chinchilla Silver and Shaded Silver	0930	0931
Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)	0936	0937
Red Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)	0940	0941
Brown Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted).....	0944	0945
Blue Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)	0952	0953
Cream Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted).....	0954	0955
Patched Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)	- -	0973
<i>(silver, brown, blue)</i>		
Tortoiseshell (Including Smoke, Chocolate).....	- -	0947
<i>(Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke)</i>		
Calico (including Dilute, Smoke and Van)	- -	0949
<i>(Patched Tabby & White [classic, mackerel, spotted], Tortoiseshell & White, Blue-Cream & White, Lavender-Cream & White)</i>		
Blue-Cream (including Blue-Cream Smoke,	- -	0951
<i>Lavender-Cream Smoke)</i>		
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color	0960	0961
<i>[All Solid Color and White; All Tabby and White; Smoke (black, blue, chocolate, lavender, red and cream) and White; All Pointed and White]</i>		
Pointed (including lynx point)	0996	0997
ORC (Other Rex Colors).....	0990	0991
<i>(Any other color or pattern. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.)</i>		

DEVON REX

Solid	2902	2903
<i>(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lavender, Cinnamon, Fawn)</i>		
Tabby	2944	2945
<i>(Any solid, tortie or silver color when combined with any tabby pattern (classic, mackerel, patched, spotted, ticked) excluding tabby and white.)</i>		
Bi-color	2960	2961
<i>(All colors and patterns (except white), with any amount of white in any distribution except lockets.)</i>		
ODRC (Other Devon Rex Colors)	2990	2991
<i>(Any other color or pattern as defined in the Show Standards and Other Devon Rex Colors and patterns.)</i>		

EGYPTIAN MAU

Silver	0842	0843
Bronze	0844	0845
Smoke	0846	0847

EUROPEAN BURMESE

Solid	1500	1501
<i>(Blue, Brown, Chocolate, Cream, Lilac, Red)</i>		
Parti-Color	- -	1521
<i>(Blue-Tortie, Brown-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Lilac-Tortie)</i>		

HAVANA BROWN

Brown	0408	0409
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JAPANESE BOBTAIL LONGHAIR DIVISION

Solid Colors	6700	6701
<i>(White, Black, Red, Blue, Cream)</i>		
Black & White	6760	6761
Red & White/Red Tabby & White/ Red Patterned and White	6762	6763
<i>(red & white areas may have tabby striping or spotting)</i>		
Other Bi-Colors	6792	6793
<i>(Blue and White, Cream and White, Brown Tabby/Patterned and White, Blue Tabby/Patterned and White, Cream Tabby/Patterned and White, Silver Tabby/Patterned and White, Blue Silver Tabby/Patterned and White, Cameo Tabby/Patterned and White, Cream Cameo Tabby/Patterned and White, Black Smoke and White, Blue Smoke and White, Red Smoke (Cameo) and White, Cream Smoke (Cream Cameo) and White.)</i>		
Mi-Ke (tri-color)	- -	6749
<i>[black, red, and white (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting)]</i>		
Other Mi-Ke (tri-color) Colors	- -	6719
<i>(Dilute Mi-ke (blue, cream and white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Patterned Mi-ke (areas of brown tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or tabby]); Dilute Patterned Mi-ke (areas of blue tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Tortoiseshell and White; Blue Cream and white; Silver Patterned Mi-ke (areas of silver tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or cameo or cameo tabby]); Dilute Silver Patterned Mi-Ke (areas of blue silver tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be cream cameo or cream cameo tabby]); Smoke Mi-ke (black, red and white). Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with black or red [red areas may be cameo or cameo tabby]); Dilute Smoke Mi-Ke (blue cream and white. Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with blue or cream [cream areas may be cream cameo or cream cameo tabby])</i>		
Parti-Colors	- -	6747
<i>(Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream)</i>		
OJBC (Other Japanese Bobtail Colors)	6790	6791
<i>(Tabby/Patterned colors [Brown, Blue, Red, Cream, Silver, Blue Silver, Cameo, Cream Cameo], Patched Tabby/Patched Patterned colors [Brown Patched, Blue Patched, Silver Patched, Dilute Silver Patched], Other Smoke colors [Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Red Smoke (Cameo), Cream Smoke (Cream Cameo), Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke]. Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in unpatterned agouti [i.e. Abyssinian coloring] or those colors with white.)</i>		

SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Solid Colors	6600	6601
<i>(White, Black, Red, Blue, Cream)</i>		
Black & White	6660	6661
Red & White/Red Tabby & White/ Red Patterned and White	6662	6663
<i>(red & white areas may have tabby striping or spotting)</i>		
Other Bi-Colors	6692	6693
<i>(Blue and White, Cream and White, Brown Tabby/Patterned and White, Blue Tabby/Patterned and White, Cream Tabby/Patterned and White, Silver Tabby/Patterned and White, Blue Silver</i>		

Tabby/Patterned and White, Cameo Tabby/Patterned and White, Cream Cameo Tabby/Patterned and White, Black Smoke and White, Blue Smoke and White, Red Smoke (Cameo) and White, Cream Smoke (Cream Cameo) and White.)

Mi-Ke (tri-color)	- -	6649
<i>[black, red, and white (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting)]</i>		
Other Mi-Ke (tri-color) Colors	- -	6619
<i>(Dilute Mi-ke (blue, cream and white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Patterned Mi-ke (areas of brown tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or tabby]); Dilute Patterned Mi-ke (areas of blue tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Tortoiseshell and White; Blue Cream and white; Silver Patterned Mi-ke (areas of silver tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or cameo or cameo tabby]); Dilute Silver Patterned Mi-Ke (areas of blue silver tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be cream cameo or cream cameo tabby]); Smoke Mi-ke (black, red and white). Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with black or red [red areas may be cameo or cameo tabby]); Dilute Smoke Mi-Ke (blue cream and white. Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with blue or cream [cream areas may be cream cameo or cream cameo tabby])</i>		
Parti-Colors	- -	6647
<i>(Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream)</i>		
OJBC (Other Japanese Bobtail Colors)	6690	6691
<i>(Tabby/Patterned colors [Brown, Blue, Red, Cream, Silver, Blue Silver, Cameo, Cream Cameo], Patched Tabby/Patched Patterned colors [Brown Patched, Blue Patched, Silver Patched, Dilute Silver Patched], Other Smoke colors [Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Red Smoke (Cameo), Cream Smoke (Cream Cameo), Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke]. Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in unpatterned agouti [i.e. Abyssinian coloring] or those colors with white.)</i>		

JAVANESE

(See Balinese)

KORAT

Silver-Tipped Blue	0504	0505
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LAPERM

LONGHAIR DIVISION

All Championship Colors	6000	6001
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)</i>		

SHORTHAIR DIVISION

All Championship Colors	6300	6301
<i>(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)</i>		

MANX

LONGHAIR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White	1600	1601
Copper-Eyed White	1602	1603
Odd-Eyed White	1604	1605
Blue	1606	1607
Black	1608	1609
Red	1610	1611
Cream	1614	1615
Chinchilla Silver	1630	1631
Shaded Silver	1632	1633
Black Smoke	1634	1635

Blue Smoke	1638	1639
Silver & Blue SilverTabby	1636	1637
<i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>		
Silver & Blue Silver Mackerel Tabby	1636M	1637M
<i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>		
Red Tabby	1640	1641
Red Mackerel Tabby	1640M	1641M
Brown Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	1644	1645
Brown Mackerel Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	1644M	1645M
Blue Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	1652	1653
Blue Mackerel Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	1652M	1653M
Cream Tabby	1654	1655
Cream Mackerel Tabby	1654M	1655M
Tortoiseshell	--	1647
Calico/Tortoiseshell & White	--	1649
<i>(Calico, Tortoiseshell & White [White with Black & Red], Dilute Calico, Blue-Cream & White [White with Blue & Cream])</i>		
Blue-Cream	--	1651
Bi-Color	1660	1661
<i>[All recognized Manx solid colors with the addition of white, with the exception of Calico, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell & White, Blue Cream & White]</i>		
Tabby & White	1692	1693
<i>[All recognized Manx tabby colors and patterns with the addition of white]</i>		
OMC (Other Manx Colors).....	1690	1691
<i>(Any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white, etc. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.</i>		

SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White	0600	0601
Copper-Eyed White	0602	0603
Odd-Eyed White	0604	0605
Blue	0606	0607
Black	0608	0609
Red	0610	0611
Cream	0614	0615
Chinchilla Silver	0630	0631
Shaded Silver	0632	0633
Black Smoke	0634	0635
Blue Smoke	0638	0639
Silver & Blue SilverTabby	0636	0637
<i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>		
Silver & Blue Silver Mackerel Tabby	0636M	0637M
<i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>		
Red Tabby	0640	0641
Red Mackerel Tabby	0640M	0641M
Brown Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	0644	0645
Brown Mackerel Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	0644M	0645M
Blue Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	0652	0653
Blue Mackerel Tabby <i>(includes patched tabbies)</i>	0652M	0653M
Cream Tabby	0654	0655
Cream Mackerel Tabby	0654M	0655M
Tortoiseshell	--	0647
Calico/Tortoiseshell & White	--	0649
<i>(Calico, Tortoiseshell & White [White with Black & Red], Dilute Calico, Blue-Cream & White [White with Blue & Cream])</i>		
Blue-Cream	--	0651
Bi-Color	0660	0661
<i>[All recognized Manx solid colors with the addition of white, with the exception of Calico, Dilute Calico,</i>		

<i>Tortoiseshell & White, Blue Cream & White]</i>		
Tabby & White	0692	0693
<i>[All recognized Manx tabby colors and patterns with the addition of white]</i>		
OMC (Other Manx Colors).....	0690	0691
<i>(Any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white, etc. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.</i>		

OCICAT

Tawny Spotted	0208	0209
Cinnamon Spotted	0210	0211
Chocolate Spotted	0216	0217
Dilute Spotted	0240	0241
<i>(Blue, Fawn, Lavender)</i>		
Ebony Silver Spotted	0212	0213
Cinnamon Silver Spotted	0220	0221
Chocolate Silver Spotted	0226	0227
Dilute Silver Spotted	0232	0233
<i>(Blue Silver, Fawn Silver, Lavender Silver)</i>		

ORIENTAL LONGHAIR DIVISION

Solid Color Class	4300	4301
<i>(Blue, Chestnut, Cinnamon, Cream, Ebony, Fawn, Lavender, Red, White)</i>		
Shaded Class	4332	4333
<i>(Blue Silver, Chestnut Silver, Cinnamon Silver, Cream Silver [Dilute Cameo], Ebony Silver, Fawn Silver, Lavender Silver, Parti-Color Silver, Red Silver [Cameo], Blue Golden, Chestnut Golden, Cinnamon Golden, Cream Golden, Ebony Golden, Fawn Golden, Lavender Golden, Parti-Color Golden, Red Golden)</i>		
Smoke Class	4334	4335
<i>(Blue, Red [Cameo], Cream [Dilute Cameo], Chestnut, Cinnamon, Ebony, Fawn, Lavender, Parti-Color Smoke)</i>		
Classic Tabby Class	4336C	4337C
<i>(Blue, Blue-Silver, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver Patched, Chestnut, Chestnut-Silver, Chestnut Patched, Chestnut-Silver Patched, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Silver, Cinnamon Patched, Cinnamon-Silver Patched, Ebony, Ebony-Silver, Ebony Patched, Ebony-Silver Patched, Fawn, Fawn-Silver, Fawn Patched, Fawn-Silver Patched, Lavender, Lavender-Silver, Lavender Patched, Lavender-Silver Patched, Red, Red-Silver [Cameo], Cream, Cream Silver [Dilute Cameo] in the Classic Tabby Pattern.)</i>		
Mackerel Tabby Class	4336M	4337M
<i>(see colors under Classic Tabby Class)</i>		
Spotted Tabby Class	4336S	4337S
<i>(see colors under Classic Tabby Class)</i>		
Ticked Tabby Class	4336T	4337T
<i>(see colors under Classic Tabby Class)</i>		
Parti-Color Class	--	4347
<i>(Blue-Cream, Chestnut-Tortie, Cinnamon-Tortie, Ebony-Tortie, Fawn-Cream, Lavender-Cream)</i>		
Pointed Color Class	4430	4431
<i>(Red, Cream, Cinnamon, Fawn, Seal Lynx, Chocolate Lynx, Blue Lynx, Lilac Lynx, Red Lynx, Cream Lynx, Cinnamon Lynx, Fawn Lynx, Seal-Tortie Lynx, Chocolate-Tortie Lynx, Blue-Cream Lynx, Lilac-Cream Lynx, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx, Fawn-Cream Lynx,</i>		

Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream,
Lilac-Cream, Cinnamon-Tortie, Fawn-Cream,
Shaded, Smoke, and Silver Lynx)

Bi-Color Class.....4390 4391
(All established colors and patterns for parti-colors,
shaded, smokes, solids, tabbies and pointed with
the addition of white.)

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Solid Color Class.....2300 2301
(Blue, Chestnut, Cinnamon, Cream, Ebony, Fawn,
Lavender, Red, White)

Shaded Class.....2332 2333
(Blue Silver, Chestnut Silver, Cinnamon Silver, Cream
Silver [Dilute Cameo], Ebony Silver, Fawn Silver,
Lavender Silver, Parti-Color Silver, Red Silver
[Cameo], Blue Golden, Chestnut Golden, Cinnamon
Golden, Cream Golden, Ebony Golden, Fawn Golden,
Lavender Golden, Parti-Color Golden, Red Golden)

Smoke Class.....2334 2335
(Blue, Red [Cameo], Cream [Dilute Cameo], Chestnut,
Cinnamon, Ebony, Fawn, Lavender, Parti-Color Smoke)

Classic Tabby Class.....2336C 2337C
(Blue, Blue-Silver, Blue Patched, Blue-Silver Patched,
Chestnut, Chestnut-Silver, Chestnut Patched,
Chestnut-Silver Patched, Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Silver,
Cinnamon Patched, Cinnamon-Silver Patched, Ebony,
Ebony-Silver, Ebony Patched, Ebony-Silver Patched,
Fawn, Fawn-Silver, Fawn Patched, Fawn-Silver
Patched, Lavender, Lavender-Silver, Lavender
Patched, Lavender-Silver Patched, Red, Red-Silver
[Cameo], Cream, Cream Silver [Dilute Cameo] in the
Classic Tabby Pattern.)

Mackerel Tabby Class.....2336M 2337M
(see colors under Classic Tabby Class)

Spotted Tabby Class.....2336S 2337S
(see colors under Classic Tabby Class)

Ticked Tabby Class.....2336T 2337T
(see colors under Classic Tabby Class)

Parti-Color Class..... - - 2347
(Blue-Cream, Chestnut-Tortie, Cinnamon-Tortie, Ebony-
Tortie, Fawn-Cream, Lavender-Cream)

Pointed Color Class.....2430 2431
(Red, Cream, Cinnamon, Fawn, Seal Lynx, Chocolate
Lynx, Blue Lynx, Lilac Lynx, Red Lynx, Cream Lynx,
Cinnamon Lynx, Fawn Lynx, Seal-Tortie Lynx,
Chocolate-Tortie Lynx, Blue-Cream Lynx, Lilac-Cream
Lynx, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx, Fawn-Cream Lynx,
Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Lilac-Cream,
Cinnamon-Tortie, Fawn-Cream, Shaded, Smoke, and
Silver Lynx)

Bi-Color Class.....2390 2391
(All established colors and patterns for parti-colors,
shaded, smokes, solids, tabbies and pointed with the
addition of white.)

Shorthair Division: Siamese or Colorpoint. Effective with Oriental
litters born after June 15, 2010, no Oriental litters that result from a
pointed to pointed breeding (i.e. any cross between a pointed
Oriental (shorthair division) and Siamese or a Colorpoint Shorthair
or a pointed Oriental), will be permitted. Such matings will not be
registrable for litters born after June 15, 2010.

The above restrictions will not be placed on individual cats
imported from other associations or registries. Such cats may be
registered in CFA as Oriental AOV's.

Longhair Division: Siamese, Colorpoint, Balinese or Javanese.
Effective with Oriental litters born after July 15, 2013, prohibit
registration of litters and individual kittens from pointed Oriental
longhair and longhair carriers bred to Siamese, Colorpoint
Shorthair, or any pointed Oriental. Litters from pointed Oriental
longhairs or longhair carriers bred to Balinese can continue to be
registered as Orientals until January 1, 2016.

The above restrictions will not be placed on individual cats imported
from other associations or registries. Such cats may be registered in
CFA as Oriental AOV's

RUSSIAN BLUE

Blue..... 0500 0501

SCOTTISH FOLD LONGHAIR DIVISION

Solid Color..... 8400 8401
(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream)

Tabby..... 8436 8437
(Silver, Blue-Silver, Brown, Blue, [classic, mackerel,
spotted, ticked and patched], Red, Cream, Cameo,
Cream Cameo [classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked])

Tabby & White..... 8492 8493
(Silver, Blue-Silver, Brown, Blue, [classic, mackerel,
spotted, ticked and patched], Red, Cream, Cameo,
Cream Cameo [classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked]
with the addition of white)

Parti-Color & Bi-Color..... 8446 8447
(Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell & White, Calico, Dilute
Calico, Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream & White and all
established solid (unbrindled) colors with the
addition of white)

Other Scottish Fold Colors..... 8428 8429
(Chinchilla Silver, Shaded Silver, Chinchilla Golden,
Shaded Golden, Shell Cameo, Shaded Cameo, Black
Smoke, Blue Smoke, Cameo Smoke, these colors with
white, and any other color or pattern with the exception
of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting
in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan
pattern, or these last three in combination with white.)

SHORTHAIK DIVISION

Solid Color..... 8800 8801
(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream)

Tabby..... 8836 8837
(Silver, Blue-Silver, Brown, Blue, [classic, mackerel,
spotted, ticked and patched], Red, Cream, Cameo,
Cream Cameo [classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked])

Tabby & White..... 8892 8893
(Silver, Blue-Silver, Brown, Blue, [classic, mackerel,
spotted, ticked and patched], Red, Cream, Cameo,
Cream Cameo [classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked]
with the addition of white)

Parti-Color & Bi-Color..... 8846 8847
(Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell & White, Calico, Dilute
Calico, Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream & White and all
established solid (unbrindled) colors with the addition
of white)

Other Scottish Fold Colors..... 8828 8829
(Chinchilla Silver, Shaded Silver, Chinchilla Golden,
Shaded Golden, Shell Cameo, Shaded Cameo, Black
Smoke, Blue Smoke, Cameo Smoke, these colors
with white, and any other color or pattern with the
exception of those showing evidence of hybridization
resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the
Himalayan pattern, or these last three in combination
with white.)

SELKIRK REX LONGHAIR DIVISION

All Championship Colors.....5700 5701
(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)

SHORTHAI R DIVISION

All Championship Colors.....4700 4701
(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)

SIAMESE

Chocolate Point.....0270 0271
Seal Point.....0272 0273
Lilac Point.....0274 0275
Blue Point.....0276 0277

SINGAPURA

Sepia.....2700 2701

SOMALI

Ruddy.....1380 1381
Red.....1382 1383
Blue.....1384 1385
Fawn.....1386 1387

SPHYNX

Solid.....5000 5001
Bi-Color.....5060 5061
(Any color or pattern with White)
Other Sphynx Colors.....5090 5091
(Any other color or pattern that is not a solid or bi-color)

TONKINESE

Blue Mink.....2600 2601
Champagne Mink.....2602 2603
Natural Mink.....2606 2607
Platinum Mink.....2608 2609
Pointed Class.....2636 2637
(Natural, Blue, Champagne, Platinum)
Solid Class.....2626 2627
(Natural, Blue, Champagne, Platinum)

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ANY OTHER VARIETY (AOV) CLASSES

American Curl—Longhair Division8198 8199
American Curl—Shorthair Division.....8298 8299
American Shorthair.....0798 0799
American Wirehair.....9998 9999
Balinese (including shorthairs)1298 1299
Balinese-Javanese (including shorthairs)2098 2099
British Shorthair.....2598 2599
Colorpoint Shorthair2298 2299
(Seal Point, Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point)
Cornish Rex0998 0999
Devon Rex.....2998 2999
Egyptian Mau0848 0849
Exotic.....7798 7799
Havana Brown0418 0419
Japanese Bobtail — Longhair Division6798 6799
(Colorpointed, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), any of these colors with white. Including but not limited to solid or tabby point restricted colors, and pointed and white colors: Black Seal), Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), Blue, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream, Smoke, Dilute Smoke, and all of these colors in

lynx pattern. Also, all of these colors with white or colors with lynx pattern and white. Also solid Chocolate and solid Lilac (Lavender) or any colors genetically possible in the breed, such as (but not limited to) Chocolate Mi-Ke, Lilac (Lavender Mi-Ke.)

Japanese Bobtail—Shorthair Division6698 6699

(Colorpointed, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), any of these colors with white. Including but not limited to solid or tabby point restricted colors, and pointed and white colors: Black (Seal), Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), Blue, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream, Smoke, Dilute Smoke, and all of these colors in lynx pattern. Also, all of these colors with white or colors with lynx pattern and white. Also solid Chocolate and solid Lilac (Lavender) or any colors genetically possible in the breed, such as (but not limited to) Chocolate Mi-Ke, Lilac (Lavender Mi-Ke.)

Maine Coon.....1798 1799

Manx—Longhair Division1698 1699

Manx—Shorthair Division.....0698 0699

Ocicat.....0248 0249

(Excepting those exhibiting characteristics specifically listed as a disqualifying feature, all non-spotted or non-agouti representatives of the breed to include classic tabby, ticked tabby, solid (with or without ghost markings) and smoke.)

Persian—Solid Division0198 0199

Persian—Silver & Golden Division.....1198 1199

Persian—Smoke & Shaded Division.....1394 1395

Persian — Tabby Division.....1498 1499

Persian—Parti-Color Division1496 1497

Persian—Calico & Bi-Color Division1396 1397

Persian—Himalayan Division.....3298 3299

Scottish Fold—Longhair Division.....8498 8499

Scottish Fold—Shorthair Division8898 8899

Selkirk Rex—Longhair Division5798 5799

Selkirk Rex—Shorthair Division.....4798 4799

Somali1398 1399

Tonkinese2698 2699

Turkish Angora1898 1899

Article XXXI

PROVISIONAL BREEDS

None Currently

Article XXXII

MISCELLANEOUS BREEDS

The breed(s) listed below, if any, are eligible for entry in this division. Any breed accepted for CFA registration, but not listed below, is also eligible for entry in this division immediately upon its acceptance for registration.

Chinese Li Hua0510 0511

(Shorthair Specialty Ring)

Article XXXIII

HOUSEHOLD PETS NUMBERS

Household Pets.....0892 0893

RULES VIOLATIONS/DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 34.01** A Cat or kitten shown in the wrong class or under incorrect name, ownership, or registration number may be disqualified by the Central Office and any wins voided.
- 34.02** A cat or kitten for which an entry form was not submitted prior to the close of entries is subject to disqualification. A cat or kitten being exhibited must match the entry form which was submitted for entry to the show.
- 34.03** After the show committee has determined that sufficient evidence of illness exists, the show manager has the responsibility to order the immediate removal of any sick cat or kitten. Such cat or kitten will be entitled to all prizes allotted to it prior to its removal.
- 34.04** An exhibitor must not exhibit a cat transported by an officiating judge if the cat was transported in conjunction with travel related to the judging assignment. A cat or kitten transported to the show by an officiating judge is subject to disqualification.
- 34.05** Any exhibitor, judge, clerk or show committee member suspecting any cat or kitten of having fleas, ear mites or any contagious or infectious illness shall report same to the show manager. The show manager must convene a meeting of the show committee to determine if there is sufficient evidence to require the cat or kitten to be removed from the show hall. It is the duty of the show committee to investigate all such allegations to determine if there is sufficient evidence to require the cat or kitten to be removed from the show hall. Information from the complainant, personal observation by one or more of the committee members, and consultation with others of the committee's choosing such as an officiating judge or veterinarian exhibitor shall be taken into consideration, then the determination will be made by a majority vote of the show committee. If the determination is made for removal, the cat or kitten, along with all other exhibits belonging to the same exhibitor, being agented by that exhibitor, or traveling from that exhibitors primary residence with that exhibitor must be removed to an area outside of the benching and judging rooms. Re-entry of said cats into the show hall will be allowed only if the suspect cat or kitten is examined by a veterinarian licensed in the state in which the show is held and a written certification of health is obtained and presented to the show committee. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent of the suspected entry to obtain the veterinarian's services.
- 34.06** A cat or kitten may be disqualified in all rings if removed from the show room contrary to the provisions in these rules.
- 34.07** Any entry that is entered contrary to these rules will be disqualified in all rings by the show committee. The judge will disqualify any entry (including declawed cats and kittens and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles) entered contrary to these rules if such an entry has not previously been disqualified. The Central Office will disqualify in all rings and void any wins of any entry that is entered contrary to these rules should such entry not have been previously disqualified.
- 34.08** Cats and kittens that are disqualified are not eligible for any award in the ring where such disqualification applies

with the exception of cats removed by the veterinarian under rules 10.02 and 34.05.

- 34.09** A protest asserting an alleged violation of these rules by any show official, judge, exhibitor or member club may be made by an exhibitor, an officiating judge or by a member of a member club and may first be made to the show committee in writing at the show or within thirty (30) days following the show. The show committee shall endeavor to gather all pertinent facts concerning the alleged violation(s) and in the event the show committee deems the protest to be supported by substantial evidence, the written protest and all relevant matter gathered by the show committee shall be forwarded to the CFA Executive Board. However, the person(s) asserting the alleged violation may opt to bring the facts directly to the CFA Protest Committee.

The Executive Board may, at its option, proceed to hear the protest after giving the party charged due notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with Article XV of the CFA Constitution. Upon a finding of guilty, the Board shall prescribe punishment in accordance with Article XV of the CFA Constitution.

- 34.10** Whether or not a formal protest has been made, the CFA Executive Board shall have full power to inquire into any alleged violation(s) of these rules by any show official, judge, exhibitor, or member club provided that notice and opportunity to be heard is first given to the party charged.

- 34.11** SHOW PRODUCING SERVICES: In the event that any CFA member club shall be charged, by protest or otherwise, with a violation of these rules arising out of the act or omission of a show producing service retained by such member club in connection with the production of a CFA licensed show, the following apply:

a. If the show producing service involved was a licensed show producing service, as defined in rule 2.28, and the violation, act or omission was not the result of any conduct of the member club itself, such member club shall not be held to be in violation of these rules.

b. If the show producing service involved was not a licensed show producing service as defined in rule 2.28, the acts or omissions of the show producing service shall be deemed to have been the acts or omissions of the member club and such member club shall be subject to such disciplinary action as the Board may determine, pursuant to Article XV of the CFA Constitution.

c. In the event that the provisions of paragraph a) above are found to be applicable in connection with a particular charged violation, the terms, conditions and provisions of Article XV of the CFA Constitution shall apply to the licensed show producing service, in the same manner and to the same extent as would be the case with respect to the CFA member club involved.

d. In the event that the provisions of paragraph b) above are found to be applicable in connection with a particular charged violation, the terms, conditions and provisions of Article XV of the CFA Constitution shall also be applicable as to the individual or group of individuals whose acts or omissions are found by the Board to have been the cause of the charged violation, notwithstanding any action taken with respect to the CFA member club involved.

NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards INTRODUCTION

The Cat Fanciers' Association, inc. provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens compete for awards on a national/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.

Awards are based on points accumulated throughout the show season subject to the rules and limitations set forth below. Points are based on official counts of cats competing and wins achieved at each show.

Important: see information regarding kitten scoring under SCORING section.

ELIGIBILITY

5. Championship & Premiership classes - all cats entered and competing in accordance with the show rules.
6. Kitten classes - all kittens entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, **AND** which have been individually registered and whose registration number has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA's current price list for scoring the kitten to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show (this fee does not include any expedited registration service fee, if applicable). It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the kitten's CFA registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA registration number to the master clerk **AND** obtain a signed catalog correction receipt showing that the number has been supplied.
7. Cats owned by individuals currently under disciplinary suspension are ineligible to participate in this program.
8. Cats competing in the Veteran classes are ineligible to participate in this program.

SHOW POINTS

Official Show Count

7. For each show, official show counts are determined for each category in which a judge has given finals awards. These categories might include, but are not limited to, allbreed kittens, longhair kittens, shorthair kittens, allbreed championship, longhair championship, shorthair championship, allbreed premiership, longhair premiership, and shorthair premiership.
8. The cats/kittens competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices and AOVs are not counted in the official count.
9. A cat/kitten handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.

Eligible Wins

Points are awarded for the wins listed below.

4. Kitten classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.
5. Championship classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division.

Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.

6. Premiership classes – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules, best and 2nd best of breed/division. Points are awarded for only one win per ring, that which carries the most points.

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens in competition.

Eligible Wins

6. Best cat/kitten – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
7. 2nd Best cat/kitten – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten, 3rd best cat/kitten 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.
8. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.
9. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
10. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show.

SCORING

At the completion of the show season, a cat will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. A kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.

If a cat is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.

All points credited must be earned while competing as a particular color/tabby pattern. Cats/kittens that have earned points under more than one color/tabby pattern description will only receive those points earned under the color/tabby pattern description for which they were eligible and last shown (see show rule 6.11).

In order to be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the region of final assignment (see regional assignment section).

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Division/Regional points.

Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question. A correctly completed registration application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, **AND** for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

National Awards

Best—25th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette
Best—25th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette
Best—25th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette
Best – 10th Best Cat in Agility+: Rosette

*The title of “National Winner (NW)” is limited to cats receiving the above * awards.

+A minimum of 150 agility points are required for this award and there is no title associated with a national agility award.

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).

Second Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette

Third Best of Breed/Division: Trophy, Rosette

*****Best of Color**: Certificate

*****Second Best of Color**: Certificate

***200 point minimum required for this award.

Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and Regional awards.

A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record for the last show in **which a cat earns points** within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.

International Division Awards

International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements: Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.); China; Hong Kong; Indonesia; South Korea; Israel; Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam/Brunei; Singapore; South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; Thailand; and Taiwan.

International Division

For the above geographical areas, numbers of awards in each area are based on the following formula:

5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 award;
10-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 awards;
31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 awards;
45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 awards;
>70 rings sponsored in an area = 15 awards.

To be eligible for an award, in the International Division, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 50 points in championship, 30 points in kitten, and 25 points in premiership.

Awards are as follows:

Best Cat*: Trophy

2nd-15th Best Cat, as appropriate*: Certificate

Best Kitten*: Trophy

2nd-15th Best Kitten, as appropriate*: Certificate

Best Cat in Premiership*: Trophy

2nd-15th Best Cat in Premiership, as appropriate*: Certificate

*The title of “International Division Winner (DW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.

Hawaii Division Awards

Best Cat: Trophy

Best Kitten: Trophy

Best Cat in Premiership: Trophy

Regional Awards

The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:

Best-25th Best Cat*

Best-25th Best Kitten*

Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*

*The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division.

Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the National and Regional awards.

Note: Regional/Divisional/Hawaii Agility Awards are at the discretion of the Regional Director, but will go no further than 10 deep and any cat earning the award must earn a minimum of 150 agility points for such award.

Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA's constitution. To the extent not already provided in the constitution, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions:

6. All regional awards given in regions 1–7 are based only on points earned in regions 1–7 by exhibitors residing in regions 1–7. Cats may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner's region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten may receive awards in more than one of these regions.
7. All regional awards given in region 8 are based on points earned either in region 8, Taiwan, or Singapore by exhibitors residing in region 8.
8. All awards given in Hawaii or Region 9 are based only on points earned in Hawaii or Region 9 by exhibitors residing in those areas, respectively.
9. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the exception that cats whose residences are in Taiwan or Singapore may earn points in Region 8 as well.
10. A cat whose owner changes residence or whose ownership changes and is otherwise eligible, may receive awards in a region within regions 1–7, region 8, region 9, and/or Hawaii, and/or the International division. These multiple awards are not prohibited.

Regional/Divisional Assignment

IMPORTANT: Although the rules in this section are numbered separately, they should be read and considered as one continuous rule.

3. **Regional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership.**

4. a. Region/area of residence is assigned based on the region number listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten was entered and present prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 & 7). In those cases where the cat/kitten did not earn points, the owner shall notify Central Office of the date and show where the cat/kitten was entered and present within 10 days of the first full show weekend in January.
b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the region/division which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.
11. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the residence of the owner or any one of the co-owners. It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records.
12. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.
13. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 & 8).
14. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the show at which a new region is listed (see #7).
15. Transfers of ownership which affect regional assignment must be received in the Central Office before the last show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full show weekend in January (see #6).
16. A cat/kitten whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the cat/kitten is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January.
17. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the region listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form.
18. a. A **kitten** is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first.

b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the region/division which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.

14. An **adult cat** is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.
15. Changes in regional assignment are not permitted after the first full show weekend in January for any reason including a transfer of ownership.
16. The regional assignment for any cat/kitten which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten earns points.

Article XXXVI FELINE AGILITY

- 36.01** The purpose of the Feline Agility Competition is to enhance the cat shows by providing a place for the cats to show their athletic ability. They will be judged on speed and accuracy in running the course.
- 36.02** Toys.
 - a. Laser lights are allowed, but only in the agility enclosure
 - b. Any cat toy is acceptable
- 36.03** Agility handlers are required to wear low heeled shoes.
 - a. It the responsibility of the handler to be sure that he/she and the cat are physically able to run the course.
- 36.04** Scoring.
 - a. A maximum time of 4 minutes 30 seconds is allowed per run.
 - b. The time of the run will be determined using the number of minutes and seconds for the run rounded to the nearest 100th
 - c. The time is started when the cat's first paw touches the first obstacle and ends at the first paw's touching the floor after the last obstacle.
 - d. The cat will receive 15 points for each obstacle completed while running counter clockwise. Bonus points will be added for cats who complete all obstacles in order within the maximum time limit (4 min. 30 sec).
 - e. The bonus will be figured by subtracting the cats' actual time from the maximum time allowed and added to the 150 points for completing all obstacles.
 - f. The total score will be the best of three runs for any one show. In the event of a tie, the cats involved will be given a run-off to determine the winner.

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(29) SUPER SPECIALTY FORMAT.

During the past several years the Board has tended to make Show Rule changes throughout the year. This has resulted in a printed set of Show Rules that is out-of-date since we only print revised Show Rules once a year to coincide with the new show season. Our constituents should be able to rely on the printed Show Rules as the most up-to-date set of rules. To the extent possible, I would like us refrain from making changes to the Show Rules during the show season. Let us do our best to make any changes effective with the next show season and to have our printed Show Rules reflect the current rules.

I submit the following for discussion at our August meeting so that any changes we would like to see can be forwarded to the Show Rules Committee chair, Monte Phillips, for him to incorporate into his proposals for the October Board meeting when we traditionally discuss changes to our Show Rules for the following show season.

- A. ***Super Specialty Format.*** *We currently have this as an approved Experimental Format. The purpose of an Experimental Format is to give clubs a chance to try something new and provide the Board with feedback to help us decide whether or not to make it a permanent format. We initially limited this format to one show per Region and established a deadline of April 30, 2014. We later extended the use of this format both to more than one show per Region and beyond last show season. We did not, however, establish a new deadline. I propose we establish a deadline for this as an experiment.*

We have not been receiving much feedback from some of the shows using this format; however, the feedback we have received is fairly consistent. Exhibitors, as a generalization, like the format since it gives them the opportunity for Specialty finals. As Monte Phillips mentions in his statistical look at last show season, only 11% of our rings were Specialty rings. Many of our shows have gone to a format with only Allbreed rings. Those showing a cat that the owner feels is unlikely to make AB finals opt to sit home or go to the shows and leave unhappy. This is not healthy for our organization. Our judges do not like the experimental format since it causes them to provide both AB and Specialty finals to the same cats judged in their ring. These finals also take more time to present which means the judge winds up waiting on cats who are in other rings or they have the cats in their finals and other judges wait on those cats for color class judging. Clubs are encountering additional expenses for the additional rosettes but some clubs feel obligated to provide this format in order to attract entries to their shows.

In Monte's article her further points out: "It is important to note that while there are 20 finals positions available in specialty rings, that number drops to 10 (or in rare cases, 15) in allbreed rings. This means that in Championship, the number of finals positions available has dropped from a high of about 25,490 positions to the current 15,390. That is a loss of over 10,000 final spots in just the last decade.

I believe there is a win/win solution. If we require every show to have Specialty rings, we can eliminate the attraction of the Super Specialty format and at the same time resolve the judges' criticisms. I am open to the number of Specialty rings at shows but I propose

a sliding scale depending on the number of rings at the show. For example, a 6 ring show may be limited to a maximum of four Allbreed rings. An 8 ring show might be limited to five Allbreed rings. Etc. Many of our clubs today feel they need as many AB rings as possible to attract entries and remain competitive with other shows; however, the lack of Specialty rings is costing our clubs entries. If we impose a limit on the number of AB rings at each show, it removes the incentive for clubs to eliminate the Specialty rings in an attempt to be competitive. Everyone benefits. The clubs potentially bring in more entries, more cats final, and the campaigners are on an even keel so none of them feels obligated to avoid shows with Specialty rings – every show will have Specialty rings and the campaigners will have no choice but to enter shows with Specialty rings.

Hannon: Are we ready to go on to the super specialty format? What I was proposing for the last meeting was that we set an end date for this experimental format. There was some push-back on that. Let's make a motion first and then we will discuss it. Somebody want to make a motion dealing with the super specialty format? **Meeker:** I would move that we can continue to license shows in super specialty format until the end of this current show season. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Alright, now discussion. **Eigenhauser:** I don't understand when you say license. **Meeker:** License the show to use this format. **Eigenhauser:** If someone wants to license a show 5 years ahead? **Meeker:** They can't license it at this point. **Hannon:** We'll only allow clubs to use it this show season, is what she's saying. **Eigenhauser:** When you said "license", there's a difference between "license" and "hold the show". **Meeker:** Hold the show or to be approved to hold a show for this show season. No, that's not what Sharon asked for. **Hannon:** What did Sharon want? **Meeker:** Sharon asked to be able to authorize this format for shows until the end of this show season. **Eigenhauser:** Shows whose show date is prior to the end of the show season. **DelaBar:** I thought it was the authorization that went to the end of the show season. I want to speak to this. This has been a big help in our growth in Region 9. It helps offset some other problems we have in Region 9 in getting people, but we're finding new and different ways to use it so not those rings that do it have to do the whole super specialty. We're dividing it up. One ring will do championship, another will do kittens or whatever like that, and the people are enjoying it. We had many new exhibitors this past year, especially in Finland, and these people are enthusiastic. It got over to another association show that was the same weekend in another country and they said, "we heard everyone is having a good time at the CFA show." It was fun. The super specialty is really, really helping. As long as we limit it to no more than 50% of the rings being authorized, I think it should be universal. **Meeker:** I would also like to point out that Jean has been working very closely with Sharon Roy, and I think one of the problems that's really keeping us from getting a good grasp on this issue is, we haven't seen hard data. All of the data has been sent to Jean. Jean is going to put it in an Excel spreadsheet. **Dugger:** Actually I don't have it yet, but she is sending it to me. **Meeker:** She's sending it to her, so we'll have all the data at some point from the shows that have been held to this point, and there is more data, but I think we will be able to really get a better feel for this format, once we see – **Hannon:** So, what are you saying? That we should postpone this discussion until Jean has the data for us? **Meeker:** No. I think Jean will have the data by the December meeting. **Hannon:** But we shouldn't be voting on this at his meeting if she is going to present the data after we've already voted. **Meeker:** No. This motion only has to do with continuing to allow clubs to try this format until the end of the show season. **Hannon:** I thought we already decided that. We already

decided that we would continue to allow clubs to use this format through the end of the show season. **Meeker:** Then I'm wondering why Sharon wrote me a letter specifically asking.

Hannon: I thought we did that at the last meeting. **Dugger:** That is what Sharon said to me.

Meeker: That is what Sharon said. So, we are allowing clubs to use this format until the end of this show season? **Dugger:** Sharon thought that Mark had said he wanted to cut it off. **Ganoe:**

Actually it was me. **Dugger:** That you all wanted to cut it off before the end of the show season.

Hannon: When that came up, there were several people who said they knew of shows after that date but would be this show season, so we said, "let's extend it to the end of the show season."

Meeker: I don't think Sharon understood that. **Dugger:** I don't think she did, either. **Hannon:** I think there was a show in John's region, and then I think Jane Barletta had a show coming up this season that she was planning to use it, so we said we would go ahead and allow that so that anyone through the end of the show season could use it. Alright, so are you withdrawing the motion? **Meeker:** Yes. **Hannon:** Let us postpone discussion on setting an end date for this until Jean comes back to us with her analysis. **Schreck:** What analysis are you going to tell us?

Dugger: Sharon has the evaluation forms that have been provided by exhibitors and judges, and what she wanted me to try to do was to try to take the data and calculate the numbers of who likes what and doesn't like what, and try to put it in more of a format where we can see a better picture of who likes what or who doesn't like what, rather than just somebody say, "I don't like it", and have percentages. **Hannon:** What Sharon has given us prior to this was a generalization that judges don't like it and exhibitors do like it, and so she is going to get us something a little more detailed on that. **Dugger:** Yes, correct. **Kuta:** When I polled my region, it was not a scientific poll. It kind of came out with 30% exhibitors said they like it, 30% didn't care, and then the others said, "I don't like it as a club member or as a judge." I think the master clerks and clerks were the ones who really spoke out about it. **Hannon:** Against it? **Kuta:** Yeah. **Meeker:**

Lisa, did you send that data to Sharon? **Kuta:** Not yet. I just closed it yesterday. **DelaBar:** I just want to say, it shouldn't say blanket all judges don't like it. **Hannon:** She said as a generalization. As a generalization, the input she was getting in the written reports was that most of the judges did not like it and most of the exhibitors did, and there are exhibitors in this room that do not like it. **DelaBar:** And judges that do. **Hannon:** She said the preponderance of the evaluations at that point, but I think it's more helpful if Jean can come back with details. **Moser:**

I our region, there's not anybody that's even interested in doing it. They don't even want to do super specialty rings. **Colilla:** So, we're tabling this? **Hannon:** Yeah. We're going to table this until December. Is that fair, Jean? Is it fair to say that we can table this until December, and at the December teleconference you will have the data for us? **Dugger:** I'll email Sharon when I get home and tell her to hurry up and send it.

[from end of meeting] **McCullough:** What did we decide about super specialty format? Just table it? **Hannon:** We're going to table it until December. Jean is going to come back with some statistical data.

(30) SHOW FORMAT PROPOSALS - TEN RING AND 6X6 FORMATS.

Monte's statistical analysis states:

"For a typical 10-ring or 6x6 weekend, an exhibitor is looking at more than \$100.00 per entry. Given the increased costs imposed to travel, the exhibitor is faced with reducing that budget somewhere, and the entry fee expense seems to be where many have turned. They still want to attend shows, so instead of entering three or four cats per show, they now enter one. Fortunately, our counts aren't down 67%, but you can see how this drop can represent a significant impact on club entries, and probably explains the drops we have seen given the stagnant economy throughout most of the world. That is what I think started the large drop in counts for our shows

This season marked the sixth year of the 6x6 format show and the fourth full season for the new 10-ring format. There were a total of 36 6x6 show sets, and 40 ten ring format shows this past season. That is a fairly even distribution. That means that about a third of all CFA shows were of this format type (112 out of 330). Unfortunately, with this large number of rings to support, the average entry fee for one of these formats runs anywhere from \$70 to over \$100 per cat entered (including the double cage fees for most of the country). As I noted above in the economic effects section, I believe this has had a significant impact on the average counts at shows."

Many of the clubs opting for the 10 ring or 6x6 format are doing so in the belief that they need to in order to be competitive with other shows using this format. They believe if they have a traditional 6 or 8 ring show they will lose entries to shows with more rings. Many of our clubs are losing money and these format are a contributing factor. As Monte points out, many exhibitors cannot afford the entry fee clubs need to charge for these shows so they opt to enter one or two cats rather than three or four cats and the overall number of cats at our shows decrease year after year. With many clubs losing money, we see fewer shows being held.

The justification proposed for the 6x6 was to help exhibitors in less populated areas of the country who had difficulty finding shows within a reasonable drive. They could get "more bang for the buck." That has not proven to be what we have seen with the implementation of such shows. Every area, no matter how sparsely or densely populated, are seeing this format.

I would like to see a discussion of possibly eliminating the 6x6 and 10 ring shows.

Hannon: The next proposal would be to eliminate 10 ring shows. I have provided, as has Monte, lots of data that the 10 ring shows are more expensive, the 10 ring shows are not attracting any additional entries, clubs feel obligated to put on a 10 ring show to attract entries because there are other shows that weekend and they are trying to get an advantage, although it's costing them more money and it's not bringing them in any additional money. **Ganoe:** Are you separating 10 ring from 6x6? **Hannon:** Yes. **Meeker:** From input from some Region 2 clubs, the 10 ring format is what's kept them alive. They are very isolated clubs. Pam, I'm talking about the

Salt Lake group. **Moser:** Yes, the Salt Lake group. **Meeker:** If it weren't for the 10 ring draw, being out in the middle of nowhere, they wouldn't get the support they get, and they've gotten about 200 entries the last couple years, up from about 160 before they went to the 10 ring.

Hannon: Are we talking a 5x5 format, as opposed to 10 rings operating both days? **Meeker:** No, 10 rings over 2 days, 5x5. **Hannon:** Any other comments? **Moser:** I know that my club, Lewis and Clark, they do a 10 ring show and we do quite well. On the other hand, I'm really kind of iffy on this, because we do get an entry, knock on wood. We usually fill, which is great, but if we didn't fill it would be pretty bad because you're going to lose money, because you have to put your entry fees so high, you have to get those two extra judges, there's lots of expense there. So, like I said, I know Salt Lake, they do that and it has helped them, but like I said, I'm really sitting on the fence on this one. **Hannon:** I think in a lot of ways it's counter-productive because the entry fee has to be so high in order to afford the extra judges and stewards and clerks and rosettes, that people say, "well, I'll put in one but I would have put in two if the entry fee had been more reasonable." **Meeker:** I got the same feedback from the Denver club that's also found the 10 ring to be really helpful to them. I think Steve will speak to the fact that Denver is also very, very isolated and people have to come a long way to those shows. **Kuta:** My region overwhelmingly wants to keep it, but personally I tell them when they're planning it, "you're going to have to figure out a way, because it's going to cost you at least \$2,000-\$3,000 more to put on this show, so you either have to divide that, so that's adding an extra \$20 each to your entry fees or you need to get in like 50 more entries, so if you think those extra two rings are going to be able to justify your higher entry price, or justify you're going to get this many more people entering, then go ahead." After I laid it out that way, only the clubs that knew that they could do it, and those are the bigger shows. Also, we talk about cannibalization. So many clubs now seem to say, "we've got to put on the biggest show possible," but I'm like, "wait, if you did a one-day 6 ring instead of this two-day 10 ring, you might get not necessarily a lot more entries, but financially you might come out better and level of effort-wise you might come out better, so you've got to think about that cost benefit analysis." I think if we talk with the club members, it's something that's going to – if you help them think it through instead of just kind of being reactionary, I think that really helps. **Hannon:** The only club in my area that's done it the last two years has said that they won't do it again because it didn't bring them any additional entries and it cost them a lot more money. They said they lost \$6,000 on their show this year and they said, "we just can't afford that." **Schreck:** I don't really think we should limit this. I think exactly what Mark has said and Lisa's comment, as well, that the clubs themselves will figure out whether or not this works. If it doesn't, then they won't do it again. If it does in Denver or somewhere else, they will. I think we just let them figure it out on their own. I don't think we need to mandate to them what they need to do. **Colilla:** I personally never put on a 10 ring show before, but I'm trying it this year to see how it goes. I hope it will be successful, but I don't know. **Eigenhauser:** The problem is, clubs don't act in a vacuum. This club puts on a 10 ring show, so this club feels like they have to put on a 6x6 to compete with it. Even if the 10 ring club eventually learns their lesson, they still have this ripple effect on the shows before them, the shows after them and the shows on the same weekend. So, you can't just say, "let's leave a free market, everybody drive on the side of the street you want to drive on." Somebody has to be the person to say, "no, you drive on the right or you drive on the left." We can't just let people sort this out, because what one club does impacts the clubs around them, so even if they make a poor choice and they learn their lesson and they lose a few thousand dollars, and it's on them for picking the 10 ring format,

what about the shows on the weekends around them or on the same weekend as them who felt like they had to try to compete in this ring inflation, and wound up themselves getting in trouble trying to keep up. **Fellerman:** I did a 10 ring show for the first time this year, but it was mandated by the Ragdoll congress. We had to have 10 rings because of the restrictions they had. I don't think we got any more exhibitors than we would have had, had we only had an 8 ring show. **Hannon:** Your entries were down this year over the previous year. **Fellerman:** Yeah, everybody's were. So, that wouldn't have mattered. A lot of people did tell me, "we love having 10 rings." I told them, "don't get too happy with it," but there are clubs that like to have – I know one wants a 6 on Saturday and 4 on Sunday so people can get out early. When you only have a one-day 6 ring show, you're not getting any vendors because they don't want to do it, whereas if you've got the two days, they will do it. That's a whole lot cheaper for people than a 6x6 because you're not essentially paying double. **Hannon:** And you don't have the hotel expense. **Fellerman:** Right. So, I think it should be up to the clubs. I really do. **Kuta:** But I think it's also providing really good guidance to our clubs. I know we don't want to take a paternalistic view. People know I'm a financial analyst as my job, and I've people talk to me. Dennis gave me a spreadsheet to plug figures in and I've added things to it. **Ganoe:** I would love to get it back, then. I need the updates.

Kuta: I know how much certain show halls cost, and I have no problems telling people, "You are magical thinking here and if you keep banging your head against the wall, I can't support you anymore in trying to do the same show over and over again, and thinking about the other weekends around it." People are still going to do what they are going to do and we can't force them, but I've sat down with show treasurers and say, "If you authorize the spending, there's no way it can make money. If you put in the show hall, even if you got 1,000 people through the gate, you cannot make money so rethink this or know going in that you are going to lose this amount of money." **Ganoe:** The question I want to ask, and I need someone to help me answer is, does the 10 ring format advance the purpose of CFA or does it advance the purpose of campaigning and getting points? We're as a board tasked with making sure CFA remains viable and we grow. I am totally unclear as to whether or not this format does anything like that.

Wilson: Regardless of where this discussion ends up, if this is something that Lisa could provide for clubs to use so that they can make an informed decision, it would seem to me that that would be helpful before a club decides. If you knew what your costs were, you could plug it into this spreadsheet and say, "if I get this many entries, here's how much money I'm going to lose."

Ganoe: I would love to see what you've done with it, because it was really simple when I gave it to you. **Wilson:** That would be helpful. Then we would actually be providing something to the clubs so that they can make an informed decision. **Kuta:** I would love to make it an online tool where you could put in some simple stuff and pop a number out. **DelaBar:** We came up with these advanced rings because we wanted to be in competition with another association that was having multiple rings. We looked at it and that's how it came about. Now, the 6x6 came about because we wanted to help clubs in remote areas – Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Idaho – those areas where we don't have big centers of concentration of cat fanciers where it was worth their while to come in. **Hannon:** The "more bang for the buck" type of philosophy. **DelaBar:** Exactly. That's how this came about. It wasn't that, "oh, let's have 6x6's in LA" and that's what we're getting. We only approved the 6x6's in those areas where it was going to actually help the remote exhibitor to be able to grow the fancy in these areas because we were able to provide

them – right now it would be a format to get your championship and the possibility of granding off these two shows together. I think we need to look back at our original reason to be for the 6x6's and see if we want to tighten up the criteria to license one of these. **Hannon:** The discussion at the moment is 10 rings. **DelaBar:** The same thing with the 10 rings. That's why we increased it. We need to look at why we did it and if we want to put more constraints on being able to hold them. Conversely, we're a free society. **Meeker:** I would like to answer Dennis' question. This format has allowed two clubs that I know of in two different regions the ability to make money and sustain itself and continue to hold shows year to year. The people in Utah and the people in Denver have both told me that if they had not been able to use this format in order to really bring in that draw, big show that they needed, they would no longer be putting on shows. We now only have one show in Salt Lake City where maybe 5 or 6 years ago we had 6 or 7, because they have just dwindled down based on location. I think Lisa offering the tool online for clubs to really be able to plug in their data and see what's financially workable for them is an excellent idea. I think we make everything available to the clubs and let them plug in the data and figure out what's best for them as an individual business entity. I think as a board we can only offer tools for success, and it's up to the club to pick the tool that works best for them.

Kallmeyer: In the ID, they can only put on a few shows per year. In the Middle East, it's one show, so a 10 ring is really beneficial for them. The same with Malaysia and other parts where basically they can't put on that many shows, just because of facilities or whatever. It has benefit from that aspect. **Moser:** The problem I see is, yeah, the 10 ring show has been good for Salt Lake City, but then on the other hand, they are one show away from maybe being under if they don't get that entry. That's the same way with our club. If we don't get the entry, we could go down the tubes. We do have enough funds to take a loss one year, but our format is always dependent on how things are going, so we could go 10 ring this year and next year we might go back to an 8 ring because it's not beneficial. So, what I'm saying for these clubs that don't have the treasury and they try to put on a 10 ring show and they don't know what they are doing, and they don't get the entries, they could be kaput because it's an expensive show – very expensive. It's their responsibility [inaudible – multiple speakers]. I've sat down with people and explained it, just like Lisa. I say, "this is your problem" and they just go, "oh well, we'll try it." **Hannon:** But the problem is, they're not only jeopardizing their own club, they're jeopardizing other clubs on the same and adjoining weekends. Those clubs are suffering as a result of somebody else saying, "oh well, we're going to give it a try." Their treasury is not the only one in jeopardy. **Meeker:** But Mark, if that one club says, "hey, we can't afford to do this and this club may jeopardize us," if they function judiciously and do the show that they can put on to keep them in good standing, how does it hurt them? **Hannon:** What they end up doing is saying, "then we've got to put on a 10 ring show, too," and it doesn't help them but they feel – **Meeker:** Then we need to say to them, "do what you can afford to do and what, from a business standpoint, makes the best sense for you." **Hannon:** They may have already committed to their format before the other show decided to do a 10 ring show. They may already have judges under contract, show halls under contract, based on a different format. **Meeker:** I think one of our big problems in CFA is, our clubs don't run shows as a business. **Hannon:** I agree. **Meeker:** It's an emotional event. **Wilson:** I think Dennis is exactly right. As a club member and member of a show-producing club, I don't want to be told what kind of format I can put on, but I think as a board we need to look at the overall picture. What furthers CFA is more shows in more locations, and clubs not competing for the same exhibitors in the same place at the same time, but I don't know

what is the best way to do it. **Schreck:** It's nice to say, OK, there's 10 rings here and 6 rings here, so I'm going to the 10 ring. Wait a minute. What are the judges over here and who are the judges over there? If you're just trying to grand a cat or you've got a new kitten, it may not make any difference but if you're campaigning a cat, guess what you're going to make your decision on? Not necessarily how many rings there are, but who the better judges are, so I disagree with the fact that you always make the decision to go to the 10 ring show over the 6 ring show, because there's many other factors that fold into it, besides just how many rings there are. I am very adamant that you let the clubs decide what they want to do, rather than telling them what to do. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion? Is there a motion on the floor? **Anger:** No. **Hannon:** Is anyone going to make a motion? **McCullough:** I make a motion we stay the same. **Hannon:** That we what? **McCullough:** Continue with our 10 ring show format. **Meeker:** Second.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Ganoë, Eigenhauser and Wilson abstained.

Hannon: Based on that, I'm not going to bring up the 6x6. **McCullough:** Are you going to withdraw it? **DelaBar:** I think we should discuss the 6x6. **Hannon:** Then make a motion. **DelaBar:** I move that we take stronger control over licensing 6x6 shows. **Schreck:** That's not a viable motion. **Kuta:** Right. What does that mean? **DelaBar:** OK. I am going to make a motion with the right to vote against it. I move we remove the 6x6 option from our show formats. **Meeker:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Discussion. Do you want to discuss it? **DelaBar:** Going back to what I originally said, we had the 6x6 for a specific reason, we controlled how many 6x6's there were going to be in specific areas, looking at the shows on either side, what was going on. Personally, that's why I made the motion with the right to vote against it. We should look at controlling. I want to be able to still have that for these remote areas and go back to the original reason why we had 6x6 shows. **Meeker:** Pam, when we were looking at those 6x6 shows in terms of what was going on every weekend, I will say the dirty word "National Scheduling Committee". We had a group and we looked at that, and there was some validity to looking at how rings were spread across the country for accessibility. When the National Scheduling Committee went away and the RDs started working on it, we basically were doing the same thing at that point in time, but it became much more difficult to have any kind of authority in that process. **Hannon:** What happened when we had the Regional Directors doing it was, the Regional Directors dealt with change of location and date, and they had no control over format. We took that away, right? **Meeker:** No. I thought the Regional Directors still directed the 6x6 schedule. **Hannon:** No they did not. **Dugger:** I polled the major show-producing clubs in the Southern Region. Really, I polled everybody, but especially the major show-producing clubs in the Southern Region. I had one particular group of clubs in Florida that is competitive with shows in another association that they say are just about every weekend, saying that if they're not allowed to do the 6x6 shows where that they can combine clubs and combine resources in order to help save on the show services and all that, and also attract the exhibitors to come to the 12 ring show – we have exhibitors in some of my areas that would just about as soon go to another association show to get a rosette as a CFA show, and I hate to say that but it's just a fact, and so they are very adamant about holding them to the ability to hold those 6x6 shows in Florida and in some of the other parts of the Southern Region, and so basically I was told, "please don't tell us that we can't use the show format that we feel is best that's going to work in our area." They're telling me that they're doing OK with that, so that's the feedback I got. That was the thing I

agreed to bring up here at the board. **Colilla:** I'm for the 6x6 shows. The club I belong to, we were about to run out of money until we switched to the 6x6 show. We turned it into a very successful show. I think it's probably one of the biggest shows in my region. **Mastin:** For a lot of the same reasons why we just voted to keep the 10 ring show, we want to keep the 6x6 show. To address Pam's concern, I agree with you. We should improve whatever needs to be improved, whether it's the 6x6 or the super specialty or the requirement to have specialties in shows. I'm in favor of keeping 6x6. **Eigenhauser:** To me, both 6x6 and 10 ring shows are a part of this general ring inflation problem we're having right now where everybody feels like they need more rings, and particularly more allbreed rings, in order to be competitive with everybody else. One of the solutions to the 6x6 problem may be requiring more single specialty rings. If they had more single specialty rings at the 6x6 shows, as Pam said, take control of some of the parameters. One of the parameters we could say is, if you want to have one of these super formats, you're going to have some specialty rings. Up to 8 rings fine, but if you want 10 rings, we want to see some specialty rings. If you want to do a 6x6, we want to see some specialty rings. For those of you free marketers out there who say, "clubs should be able to do what they want", this isn't about clubs. This is about having specialty rings so our judges can advance and we can have judges. So no, the clubs can't have a free market about whether CFA has judges or not, so I see the solution to both the 10 ring and the 6x6 problem is dealing with the allbreed inflation problem and starting to require not just the specialty rings, but actual, real single specialty rings at some of these super format shows so that they are paying a little bit back to CFA for the privilege of using this different format. **Ganoe:** I am really against the 6x6 and the 10 ring, but I recognize that they have their uses in out-of-the-way places. What we did is, when we took these experimental formats and put them into the show rules, we made it open market for any club that wants to, to ask to do it – to just put it on their license if that's what they want to do. I agree with Pam that we need to do more control on it. I would think that bringing it back to board approval for the specialty, we could put those controls on it – whether it requires specialty rings or it's in an out-of-the-way location or it's to compete in the market that we have to compete that way in. I don't think leaving it free for all is the right thing to do, because it really drives the overall level down. **Wilson:** Maybe an option would be like Pam said – to get control of the 6x6's by having board approval of every 6x6 format. There is a difference between a 10 ring and a 6x6. A 6x6 can be more successful financially because each club is charging an entry fee for both days. A 10 ring show is charging one entry fee. It's less expensive than a 6x6 but it's not proportionately as expensive, so it's easier for a 6x6 to break even or make some money because of the way they're held, so they are really two different situations. I would like to see 6x6's have board approval so that they could be asked or encouraged to have or told to have more specialty rings, or they are location controlled, based on what other shows are around them. **Colilla:** I see a 6x6 show with two super specialty format with each judge doing one class, so you would end up with six allbreed rings and you have two specialty rings on those days. So, in other words, over two days you have four specialty rings, to keep the people who foot the bills happy. **Hannon:** In John's case, he's not in an isolated area. **Mastin:** I agree with Pam that we have to have restrictions. I don't agree with Dennis in that it needs to be restricted to certain parts of the country or areas of the world. To Annette's point, not all 6x6 shows make more money than 10 ring shows. There's a lot of different factors that generate your profit. One in particular, if you're in the northeast, is weather and your gate. You can put on a one-day 6 ring show or a 10 ring show, and if it's 80 degrees and sunny, you may not make money. So, we can't get hung up on the fact that a 6x6 is

going to make more money than a 10 ring show or a one day 6 ring show or an 8 ring show or whatever it is. You're going to help with this template that you're going to send, but it has to do with the clubs. We'll give them the tools to teach them what they need to do, but they have to make the decision. We give them the options of, you have these choices; which one do you want?

DelaBar: The 6x6, are we going to allow one club to put on both shows? **Ganoe:** We already allow that. **Hannon:** She's talking about going forward. **DelaBar:** I'm talking about going

forward. We have to think of the parameters we're going to allow with this. Are we going to allow two clubs going together – one day one club and the next day the other – and that yes, the exhibitors could enter only one day if need be, or they can enter two days. With one club they still can do that. That's when you're getting into incredibly high exhibitor costs to enter 2 days of a 6x6 show. I think we need to really think this through on continuing the 6x6 and how we would want to control it. I do have concerns. It's a great tool, but in my region, we actually had to say, if this club is going to have a 10 ring show this weekend and the next they wanted to have 12 rings or whatever, we had to make them somewhat equal. "You can put on a 10 ring show and then way over here, you can put on a 10 ring show" because actually they would affect each other. I am concerned about these. **Schreck:** I am adamantly against any kind of national approval.

Unfortunately, it always comes down to a political decision. I think it's patently unfair to have one 6x6 show approved in this region and not approved in that region. That lends itself to all kinds of manipulation and problems, even though I know all of us are very fair here.

Nonetheless, the perception by our club members is that it's a political decision. "They got it there. Why didn't we get it here? We've had it before, by the way." So, I would be absolutely opposed to any kind of approval. I do think that one of the solutions would be one that we tabled earlier where we make a level playing field by saying, "OK, you have to have specialty rings," which is not the current proposal, but I think that would more easily address the problem of having an equal playing field. TICA, for example, has a 3 day show. You can go Friday, you can go Saturday, you can go Sunday, you can go Friday and Sunday, you can go all three days, whatever you want, and you get a bazillion rings out of this. Talking to a couple of people that show both, they say, "OK, I divide my total costs (travel, hotel, entry fees) by the number of rings and it's cheaper to go to the three-day TICA show", even though when you add up the entry fees – very expensive – than to go to a one-day CFA show. Your travel is the same, but maybe you have one less night of hotel. That's their analysis and that's why the problem in Florida exists.

Brown: I think going on with Rich's assessment, it never is an equal playing field. For instance, in the Midwest, it costs us less for our show hall than it might on the east coast or the west coast – unequal playing field. It depends upon whether they have regional judges or they bring them from great distances – unequal playing field. It depends upon how much volunteer service you have – again, unequal playing field. Some clubs have their own cages. They don't have to have a cage service – again, inequality. So, I don't think it's necessarily the number of rings that drives the cost of the show and I don't think it drives whether there's a loss or a profit at a show. First of all, it's management, the unpredictable things like weather, what resources you have available and where you live. **Hannon:** Any other comments? You want to repeat the actual motion. We got afar. **DelaBar:** The motion that I made was to do away with the 6x6 format and I was reserving the right to vote against it.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Ganoe voting yes.

Hannon: Like I didn't see that coming. Do you want to bring up a proposal about any type of approvals for 6x6's? **DelaBar:** I think actually we need to study it a bit more.

(31) **SHOW FORMAT PROPOSALS – STATUS OF SPECIALTY RINGS.**

From August 12, 2014 2014 Teleconference:

Eigenhauser: ... We really need to look at a way to make sure that we have some specialty rings at our shows, and it's done in such a way that no club gets hurt by doing it.

DelaBar: Having mandatory specialty rings really right now is a no-go and a killer in Region 9, where the Super Specialty concept definitely fits the bill, because you have the allbreed rings. When you have a lower amount of shorthairs that are going to be entered in the show, as opposed to the longhairs, the shorthair people feel that they just don't have a chance for the regional awards and for the recognition. It takes them quite a bit longer to get grand points and the other recognition that keeps people going in the system. That's why I'm saying in the U.S. this may be absolutely wonderful, but outside the U.S., I think that's where you're going to have problems.

Hannon: Can we then discuss the possibility of saying that in North America we'll have this, but we will have exceptions for Europe and Asia?

Ganoe: What if we simply said a Super Specialty ring counts as one of their specialty rings?

McCullough: For judges training?

Ganoe: Well, a Super Specialty is not necessarily where judges are going to train, but if you are requiring that an 8 ring show be limited to 5 allbreed rings, but then you say OK, those other rings can be Super Specialty. I'm not proposing that I would ever do that because I'm not in favor of the Super Specialty format at all. What if Super Specialty was just that – it was a specialty ring and then the addition was an allbreed final on top of it.

Schreck: One of the problems with having it that way is that you would possibly have one ring that would do all of the Super Specialties. What the clubs here are doing in some shows is, they would have Ring 1 do the Super Specialty for champions, Ring 2 do the Super Specialty for premiers, Ring 3 for kittens, and so on. So, each ring would do only one Super Specialty final so as not to overburden the judges and have all the cats up in the ring at the same time. That kind of configuration seems to work the best, so if you did that, I don't know how you would be able to easily say, OK, it has two specialties or not. It would get complicated.

Hannon: It doesn't address the issue of specialty judges because you would require that it be an allbreed judge doing that Super Specialty ring, since part of that final would be an allbreed final. So, you wouldn't be able to hire a single specialty judge.

Schreck: That's if you would have all of the rings doing allbreed, but you might have 4 rings with the Super Specialty or however you split it up.

Hannon: But no matter what you still would not be able to use a single specialty judge.

Moser: I happen to actually agree with George on this, because I think by requiring clubs to use specialty rings, then it makes it a clear playing field for everybody. For instance, all we're doing at this point is competing to see who can get the most allbreed rings out there so that they can get the entry, but if everybody has to adhere by the same rules – like if I am doing a 10 ring show, you have to have 3 specialty rings – then another show has to do the same. So, the competition is there for people to go to the show that has the most allbreeds, so I like the specialty rings.

DelaBar: As I said, it's fine for the 48 contiguous, but when you get outside the U.S. –

Hannon: I offered that to you as an option. We can say, let's pass this for North America. We're not going to do anything right now, other than give Monte some direction to come back to us in October.

DelaBar: If that's put into the motion. I am open to that if it's put into the motion. Here in Europe, we have some formats coming up where we do have some people coming in from other organizations that, let's say, are just qualified for longhair at this point in time. We're creating that experience for them to do this and what I've seen in the U.S. in the past is, when you have a judge coming up in single specialty in a region, then they sort of make sure that they have those opportunities to help their people advance.

Hannon: Dick, do you foresee a situation in Asia? Would they have Pam's problem?

Kallmeyer: Yes. I think it would be something equivalent,

because we have an imbalance between longhair and shorthair, and they really don't like the specialty rings. We have a definite problem for the new trainee judges coming up, but I probably agree with Pam for the ID, in general. **Eigenhauser:** Monte is a real numbers person and he is big on calculating entries and things like that. We already have some show rules that are different for different areas, depending upon different needs. Why don't we put the problem with Monte and say, the ID is expressing some concerns that it doesn't work, and there may even be a situation where some parts of the ID it works and some parts of the ID it doesn't, so let's send it to Monte with a recommendation that he tailor this to be thinking primarily of the North American regions. **Hannon:** George, my reluctance to do that is, I want to first get a feel from this board whether they are willing to consider that for North America. I don't want Monte to go to the trouble and say, no, we don't want to do that for North America, either. **Eigenhauser:** I'm saying that should be the motion. That way, we don't have Pam and Dick voting no because they are worried about what's going to happen. **Hannon:** Would you make that motion? Who made the motion that's on the floor? Rachel, do you remember who made the motion? **Anger:** Sorry, I was changing the batteries on my recorder, but I think it was Steve. **Hannon:** I'm asking that whoever made that motion and second it, withdraw it so that George can make a motion confining it to North America. Nobody remembers making the motion, so I'll say that it was withdrawn. **Eigenhauser:** For that matter, we don't know how Japan is going to shake out, either. So, my motion is, have Monte put together a proposal that would create a sliding scale on the number of minimum specialty rings to be required at shows, at the very least in North America, but look statistically at whether such a proposal would be workable in other areas, as well. **Hannon:** Is there a second for George's motion? **Moser:** I second it, Pam.

Hannon: Do we have any discussion on George's motion to limit it to North America. **Calhoun:** Limit what to North America? **Hannon:** Requiring a sliding scale of specialty rings, and that we stop holding the Super Specialties in North America. **Schreck:** I didn't hear anything about stopping the Super Specialty. **Meeker:** I would like to know how many are scheduled. I got a report from Sharon Roy that I was going to add in. They have added 3 shows to the original Super Specialty calendar that goes through February 28/March 1, 2015. **Hannon:** She told me last weekend that Jane Barletta's show in February in New Jersey was as far out as the permissions had been granted. **Meeker:** What she sent me this morning by email is that they have added November 8/9, Dayton Cat Fanciers (Region 4), December 13/14, Just Cat-In Around and CanUsa (Region 4), February 28/March 1, National Norwegian Forest Cat (Region 1). Is that Jane? **Hannon:** Norwegian Forest Cat is Jane. **Meeker:** OK. So, she has scheduled up to March 1, 2015, and her recommendation is that the Norwegian show should be the last sanctioned show using this format until the board decides on the format. **Hannon:** Alright. So, George's motion doesn't have anything to do with the Super Specialty. It has to do with requiring shows to have a sliding scale of specialty rings. Is that right, George? **Eigenhauser:** That is correct. That's all I talked about. **Hannon:** So, let us vote on George's motion dealing with specialty rings and having nothing to do with Super Specialty. **McCullough:** I have a question. What field are we trying to level out? I mean, if you are going to throttle the clubs back on what they can do for allbreed and specialty rings, we have to eliminate the World Show totally, because that's where most people gain all of their points for the show season. I'm one of the people who got my national win because of the World Show. Otherwise, I wouldn't have had a regional win. **Hannon:** What we can do is, this year's regional show is not impacted by this, because we're talking next show season. When we talk about next year's World Show, we can discuss what we want to do about their format. If we have this show rule in place, we either have to follow this show rule or we would have to make an exception. **Anger:** Remember, this is just a motion for Monte to write up a motion. We're not voting it in right now, right? **Hannon:** Correct, but I

don't want to tell Monte to do it if a majority of this board is antagonistic towards that idea. I don't want him to waste his time. I'm not saying we are guaranteeing we're going to approve it, but if there's strong objection to it, I would like to see it now so we don't make him go through the exercise. **McCullough:** I make a motion we take a straw poll. **DelaBar:** There's already a motion on the floor. **Hannon:** Why don't we just vote on the motion, and if it passes, that is a straw poll. That's the indication. If it fails, then we don't have Monte go through the exercise. **Calhoun:** I almost feel like one thing is going to lead to another here. So, the proposal now is just to create a sliding scale that all clubs have to abide by, the provide X amount of specialty rings. Is there anything subsequent? **Hannon:** This doesn't have anything to do with Super Specialties. We will address that after we finish with this motion. George's motion strictly talked about having a sliding scale of specialty rings required for shows in North America, and when Monte comes back to us with his proposal, we can fine tune as to how many of those specialty rings there are, but for now we're just giving Monte direction to give us a proposal. **Kallmeyer:** Just point out, I just looked for the ID shows and it's a 2/1 ratio of longhair to shorthair. **Hannon:** Alright, but the motion is excluding the ID and Region 9 and Region 8. So, all those in favor of giving Monte that direction.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** McCullough, Calhoun and Kuta voting no.

Hannon: So, there are 3 no's. Monte will come back to us at the October board meeting with the show rules, giving us a proposal.

[transcript goes to Show Rules Report item #3.g]

(32) CFA OUTREACH/EDUCATION.

Committee Chair: *Joan Miller*
Board Liaison: *Lisa Marie Kuta*
List of Committee Members: *Charlene Campbell, Dee Dee Cantley, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Donna Isenberg, Lisa Marie Kuta, Karen Lane, Karen Lawrence, Tracy Petty, Lisa Maria Padilla, Jodell Raymond, Mary Sietsema*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The overall vision of the CFA Outreach and Education Program:

- *Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide feline education programs for the general public, shelters and veterinarians*
- *CatsCenterstage.org: A website promoting respect for all cats.(Currently stagnant., but material is used on the CFA website.)*
- *Increase involvement in CFA activities (attract new exhibitors and breeders; increase show visitors)*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Committee conference call scheduled for Monday, October 20th to discuss Webinar project topics and presenters, company to organize.*
- *“Fix Felines by Five Months” project – marketing for veterinarians and pet owners.*

Future Projections for Committee:

Webinar project - At the AVMA meeting and at the U.C. Davis Feline Symposium I talked with several veterinarians willing to do presentations. The Committee will discuss various topics related to health interests of the pet owner, novice breeders, and show production fanciers. Identify speakers for topics.

Request received to do staff training at Prince William County Shelter in Virginia - arrange a time to travel. Work with Tracy Petty and Lisa Maria Padilla

Shelter training in Florida at Lee County Animal Services LCAS - arrange a time to travel and work with Charlene Campbell and Linda Alexander

Education for January 24-25, 2015 San Diego Cat Fanciers show with John Webster - develop new program topic ideas, line up speakers for presentations.

Board Action Items:

No action items at this time.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on activities

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Miller". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joan Miller, Chair

Hannon: Lisa, are you ready for Joan Miller and the Outreach and Education Program?
Kuta: Yes. It's #32. Did anyone have any questions from the report? They are working on a webinar project. We're going to have a meeting in about 2 weeks. We're going to talk about the webinar and some other stuff then. It's all in the report. No action items. **Hannon:** Any questions?

(33) YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham
Liaison to Board: Kathy Calhoun
List of Committee Members: Aubrey Anderson, Maureen Clark, Lorna Friemoth,
Marguerite Epstein, Donna Trusler, Debbie Gomez

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The program has had three new youth join in the fun. The program has a total of 38 youth participating in the four age divisions.

We are still working on finding all locations that need the program name and/or logo changes. The list is being finalized and we will provide all the information to Central Office at one time so the changes can be made.

Information has been provided to interested individuals for the Regional Representative position.

A new form for tracking points should be ready in the next couple months.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Since Royal Canin is no longer sponsoring the program, the committee is working on changing the logos to remove Royal Canin. The basic Logo will not change just the reference to Royal Canin.

Prior to losing sponsorship for the program, I designed a brochure to be used at larger events, once the necessary changes made to remove the sponsorship information, it will be ready to go to print and will be used at the World Show in November.

The program will have a booth at the world show and at least one of our older youth will be handing out catnip toys and program information as well as being available to answer questions for spectators and exhibitors.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue refining the scoring process.

Continue to work on refinement of program for presentation to outside organizations to interest youth in YFEP and the cat fancy.

Board Action Items:

None.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Program update.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Program Chair*

Hannon: Who has Youth Feline? Kathy Calhoun? Do you want to do the Youth Feline Education Program report? **Calhoun:** Cathy Dunham put together this report. Are there any questions about the report? There are no action items on the report. **Hannon:** So, we're finished with this item? **Calhoun:** We are finished with this item.

(34) MENTOR/NEWBEE PROGRAM.

Committee Co-Chairs: Carol Krzanowski & Teresa Keiger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Mentor/NewBee Committee continues to be quite active. We are pleased to welcome Geri Fellerman as our new Data and Publications Coordinator. Geri will be helping us review, update and expand the online resources and self-help areas of both the Mentor and NewBee Programs.

Mentor Program

Mentor Program inquiries have been coming in steadily, and we received 27 mentor inquiries and/or applications since our last report from the following geographical areas: three from Region 1, four from Region 2, four from Region 3, two from Region 4, two from Region 5, four from Region 6, two from Region 7, two from Region 9, and four from the International Division. Each email inquiry typically generates a series of emails between the protégés, the co-chair and our coordinators, who do an excellent job of pairing protégés with mentors.

NewBee Program

The CFA NewBee Program continues to gain members with everyone engaging in positive discussion regarding the many questions that these new exhibitors have. After a discussion regarding some CFA Publications, we will be adding a new page of material regarding all the various news transmissions within CFA to the NewBee site.

As editor of Cat Talk, Teresa has asked all exhibitors with a year or less of experience to consider sending her an article on their first year as an exhibitor to be featured as a part of Cat Talk's "Looking Forward, Looking Back" segment in the December issue.

#888 Number

CFA's 888 Number continues to be moderately active. However, there are still a significant percentage of the calls that are breeders calling to check on registrations rather than calling Central Office. Of those, a significant number of initial operators that field the calls are passing these messages on to the team, rather than referring them to Central Office. Jodell Raymond has spoken with her contact there and informed them about this matter, but many operators still don't seem to understand to do this.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee continues functioning smoothly to efficiently handle inquiries, as well as offer guidance and support, in order to provide new breeders and exhibitors with a good foundation in CFA. We are beginning an evaluation of the Mentor Program Online Resources and are working on ideas for new articles to include in that self-help area.

Future Projections for Committee:

As the first step in the evaluation of our Online Resources, we plan to ensure the existing information is valid by deleting broken links and removing outdated information. The second step will be to enhance and expand the resources by adding new and useful information.

Board Action Items:

None.

Time Frame:

New resources and articles will be added to the web site as available.

All other committee work is ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will present an update on the activities of the Mentor and NewBee Programs.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski & Teresa Keiger, Co-Chairs*

Hannon: Carol, do you want to do the Mentor/NewBee? **Krzanowski:** I also submitted a written report. If everyone read it, I can field questions if anyone has any.

(35) **ANIMAL WELFARE REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Linda Berg
Liaison to Board: George Eigenhauser
List of Committee Members: Charlene Campbell CFA Breed Rescue Chair
Treasurer – Kay Janosik
Kay Janosik Treasurer

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

When this report form was created it was stated that not all committees would be able to produce it in this form. As it happens this committee is one of those because so much of what is done under the umbrella of Animal Welfare is under the confidentiality rule. The Breeders Assistance Program and the Breed Rescue Program are both under the confidentiality rule so it is hard to write a report of any kind if we are only doing rescues etc. Sometimes we go outside of that with the food pantry etc. and then we have info to share. As for Animal Welfare itself you get those reports in the protests I process to the protest committee.

I think in future unless we have news that we can share that we should just share our financials with you so you can see what is happening within the system. If anyone thinks differently please let me know.

Kay Janosik's treasurers report follows:

Greetings:

I have attached the last three months of CFA BAP reports. We have had little activity, with only one or two transactions per month. I am happy to report we have only had two small rescues during the summer months. As on my last report, our Regional Coordinators should be praised as they continue to find resources to minimize our expenses, and in fact have gathered donations to offset most of our expenses!

Marielouise Guernsey applied for a monetary grant from Pet Co, and received \$1000.00. Thank you Marielouise a/k/a Mari. Charlene Campbell also sought a donation to cover part of a Persian rescue in Ohio and received a donation equal to one-third of our expenses on that rescue (you will see both of the Ohio transactions in September). Thank you Charlene!!

We have one other expense coming in September. A Ragdoll breeder pass away in Region 6, but Ragdoll Rescue participated and shared expenses with us.

Current balances on hand are: Wells Fargo, \$6,881.76; PayPal, \$80.00; for a total of \$6961.76. (As of today, not the end of August.)

Both the PayPal account and the Wells Fargo account are reconciled to the penny, and I have all of the Reconciliation reports (summary & detailed) in PDF's. If you have questions or would like copies of these monthly Quicken reports, please let me know.

So, please find attached the Monthly Reports for June, July and August.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kay Janosik*

CFA BAP/BR Treasurer

Future Projections for Committee:

Still working on our vacancies.

Board Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg, Chair*

Hannon: Animal Welfare. **Eigenhauser:** Animal Welfare has a written report. I have nothing to add.

(36) CATTERY NAME RENEWAL PROCESS.

[No report was submitted]

(37) CFA ANNUALS – CO VS. REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

Starting with 2016 Annual

Key Expenses NOT Covered By CFA Historically:

- Hospitality night \$7,000 (one night by CFA other night by Region)
- Friday Delegate's Meeting Breakfast and Break \$15,000
- Printing of the Delegate Book \$7000 (from Region 7, need to get last year's)
- Saturday night Banquet Decorations \$6000

TOTAL EXPENSES ESTIMATE \$35,000

Hannon: Jodell Raymond is here with a report for us. **J. Raymond:** Does everybody have this sheet of annual responsibilities in front of them? The first 4 bullet points, how much is this really going to cost or that we have not funded historically, those are 4 areas. We were pretty liberal with those figures. I got the figures from Barb, and then I had the opportunity to work last weekend with Carla, who can help decipher some of this, because you really don't want to put a marketing person totally in charge of numbers.

Projected Revenue Streams

1. **Based on 400 Delegate average @\$20/\$30 fee \$8880**
 - The average delegate fee for the past two years was \$13,455.
 - Of that \$8880 would stay with CFA, the remaining \$4575 would go to the region.
2. **All Sponsorship income would stay with CFA \$8000 (e.g. Royal Canin, Pioneer Pet, Dr. Elsey)**
3. **Retain an additional \$0.25 of the CFA Surcharge (\$1.75 instead of \$1.50) \$10,000 (breakdown by region)**
4. **Delegate Book Ad Revenue \$7000**
5. **Vendors \$2500**

TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE \$36,300

J. Raymond: Then the *Projected Revenue Stream* is how we think we're going to pay for it. That was a basic average for delegates, for sponsorship income. The half of the surcharge, \$1.75 instead of \$1.50, broken down by region, the delegate book ad revenue and the vendors. We are basing a lot of this on last year's Annual, which was an expensive Annual. **DelaBar:** Question. The delegate fee used to all go to the region. When did it get split up? **Hannon:** She is proposing that it be split up. **DelaBar:** Oh, she's proposing this. **Hannon:** Because if CFA is going to take over the responsibility, CFA is going to incur the expense, rather than the region. **J. Raymond:** I was just projecting them. I was just doing an exercise. **Hannon:** The same with the 50¢ surcharge the region is getting now. She is proposing that they only keep 25¢ of it and the other 25¢ comes to CFA to help us cover our new expenses with producing these annuals. **J. Raymond:** Right.

DelaBar: Back up to under *Projected Revenue Stream*, you have, *Retain an additional \$0.25 of the CFA Surcharge*, this \$10,000 breakdown by region. Is that Regions 1 through 7 or are you counting the two regions that are not allowed to have? **J. Raymond:** Barbara, we were counting all regions in that, weren't we? **Schreck:** I think we looked at all regions, but we backed it down to accommodate that. I can't say for positive. **Hannon:** So, you're saying for Regions 8 and 9, they would keep the full 50¢? **DelaBar:** What I'm saying is, Region 9 put in \$2,500 last year towards Friday night's hospitality. **McCullough:** Thank you. **DelaBar:** You're welcome. But a lot of that comes from our surcharge that we get back. **Hannon:** But were you happy with my answer, that Regions 8 and 9 will keep the full 50¢? **DelaBar:** Thank you very much, sir. **Hannon:** So, that satisfies that concern. **DelaBar:** Then we can look forward to possibly contributing to further regions. **Colilla:** Please contribute to ours this year. **DelaBar:** We'll talk. **Colilla:** OK, thank you.

Moser: On the fee thing that Pam suggested, I've always had a concern about this, because Region 8 and Region 9 don't ever have to put on an Annual. You're saying, I want to keep my 25¢. Each of our regions have had to put out \$50,000 every year, and Regions 8 and 9 have not had to put out anything. They can do it if they want to volunteer, but at the tune of what we had to put out, I don't think 25¢ should make a big difference.

Moser: Do we need a motion on that? **Hannon:** Jodell can't make a motion. **Moser:** Right, but I want a discussion on, do you think that the percentage should go back to the region. I know that's me not speaking for the regions by saying, "give it back to CFA", but I really think you will need it. **Schreck:** Which one are you talking about? **Hannon:** The \$30 delegate fee. **Schreck:** There's two different things. **Hannon:** You're talking about the \$30 delegate fee. **Moser:** Yeah, the delegate fee. **Hannon:** You're not talking about the surcharge. **Moser:** Yes, yes. **Hannon:** You believe that the entire \$30 delegate fee should go to CFA. **Moser:** I do.

Regions Would Be Responsible For Payment :

- ***1 Hospitality Night***
- ***Delegate Bags***
- ***Optional Pin***

J. Raymond: And basing this on – let's have a starting point for all of your discussion for what Pam [Moser] had talked about in terms of the hospitality night. One hospitality night, delegate bags and perhaps even a pin. Whether it's more than that, whether it's not any of it, that's something for discussion. I had to pick a starting point. **Hannon:** One of the starting points you've got in here is that the region would host one night of a hospitality and what Pam's proposal was, was that it would be at their option. **Moser:** Yeah, but this is just her proposal. We can tweak it any way. **Hannon:** That's what I want you to do. I want you to comment on it. **Moser:** I vote to accept. **Hannon:** So, you're happy with the fact that we're requiring the regions to put on one night of a hospitality? **Moser:** Actually, I was just kidding about that. No, I would like it to be optional actually, but I do think there is a couple things in here. I think that it is very generous taking some of the delegate fee. I hate to say that, but I really think that it should all go to CFA. I really do. I think it should all go, because it's expensive and if they are taking over all of this, you're going to need it, because what you've got here, I think the estimate – and you just

estimated, but I think it's a little bit low on the estimate, especially if you take over Saturday night hospitality. If it was optional or whatever, you would need I figure at least \$50,000, so if you keep the whole delegate fee, then that would probably pretty much get you there. It would only put you to \$40,000. I think this is much more doable. I think the regions would like this. I like that she has put this effort into it. Just with a few tweaks, I think it's good. **Kuta:** I agree. As the one who would probably have the first Annual affected by this, this awesome. It gives the region a say and something to do, but it's also feasible to put together. The only thing I would tweak would be to say instead of one hospitality night, one event so it could be a brunch on Sunday. The delegate bags and the pin, I think that's fun stuff that the region likes to personalize. I would also agree with Pam that the delegate fees, talking with past regional directors, that was something that they looked forward to, to make money off the regional but if we're not spending as much, then that would be great. The only thing I see is that we could get out of control again and make that hospitality event or those delegate bags, but that's something that we could handle at the regional level and go from there. But, thank you. **McCullough:** Can we put a cap on it? **Moser:** That would be an idea. **McCullough:** That way you won't have somebody have Jon Bon Jovi come in and play a concert. **Ganoe:** A cap for Portland is different from a cap for Boston. **DelaBar:** Aren't we taking away some of the flavor, the essence of annual meetings? It's not just the business meeting and the awards, it's all of the breed councils, it's all of the getting together to know people from other regions, it's an event, it's a happening. What I'm seeing is one hospitality. We did three. **Hannon:** The one paid for by the region. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** We're still going to have others. **Kuta:** CFA is sponsoring the other ones. The regions sponsor one.

Recommendation: Formation of a National Annual Committee

Key Areas of Committee Responsibilities

- *Non-Corporate Sponsorship Fundraising*
- *Delegate Book*
- *Parties: Hospitality Night (s) Theme Planning*
- *Saturday Night Banquet Decorations*
- *Vendors*

DelaBar: That brings me to another thing. CFA is doing all of this. With what people? **Hannon:** She has an answer on that. **J. Raymond:** If you go down further on that page. **DelaBar:** I'm looking. **J. Raymond:** *Recommendation: Formation of a National Annual Committee.* So, that is something that we could take and parcel out. **Hannon:** She's going to have somebody on her committee that's in charge of decorations for the Saturday night banquet. **DelaBar:** Do you know how long it takes to do decorations for the Saturday night banquet, to come up with a flavor for each region? **J. Raymond:** Yes, right. **Kuta:** And I, as a Regional Director and not my area of things that I care about, like decorations, but I know a lot of people really care about them, I would love for those people in CFA that really, really care about the decorations to be working on the decorations, every year that they wanted to work on decorations. **Calhoun:** I polled the Midwest Region and they loved this idea. They love it and so do I. **Kuta:** Southwest loves it, too. **Calhoun:** I don't know that the committee from year to year

could not have people in the specific region participate and work a theme, because you will need some boots on the ground. I don't see that that couldn't happen, as well. **Wilson:** I think it's a great idea, first of all. I'm in favor of this, but are we going to get complaints from the regions? Because if CFA annually is going to pay for all of this, who is going to have ultimate decisions? **J. Raymond:** It's a CFA event, so it stands with CFA. **Wilson:** Right, so you're going to pick the hotel and you're going to pick the location? **J. Raymond:** Along with that region. **Wilson:** If the region wants to have it in Seattle and you can't find an affordable hotel to keep it within your budget, then? I just want to make sure that everybody understands that if CFA takes this on, even with regional cooperation and assistance on this committee, that they are going to keep it to budget. **J. Raymond:** Sure. **Calhoun:** That happens to a degree now, with Helms Briscoe. They help us do that and they try to look for the facility and the amount of money and that sort of thing. Maybe when you talk about a given year, maybe the regional director participates on the committee, or a committee person participates on the committee to give it that flavor. **Eigenhauser:** Since Kathy started with the military metaphors, I'm worried about mission creep in this, because what's going to happen over time is, we're going to have a national group that does it, but flying them to Portland costs money and somebody's got to pay to move them to Portland. Central Office staff is going to pick up a little bit here, a little bit there, because you really need paid staff to do things. Pretty soon, we're going to be paying for this all out of Central Office, things that used to be done by volunteers locally. The people that do the Saturday night banquet decorations, we paid for the decorations but their time was free. As we start flying in people from all over the country and Central Office staff is picking up, there is going to be mission creep. Little by little, this is going to cost us more and more, and those expenses are going to be paid by CFA instead of being the work of local volunteers, the way we used to do it in the past. So, I'm in favor of the idea in general, but I really think we have to be religious about what is our mission here and how far are we willing to go in terms of what we're willing to let this national annual committee have with the budget, how many times are we going to fly people from Ohio out to check out Portland facilities and things like that, because dollar by dollar, nickel by nickel, it's going to cost us more for using paid staff or flown-in volunteers than if we used local free volunteers. We just need to be really careful that we stay on track with that.

Meeker: The part of this that I really like, having worked behind the scenes closely with Jodell for the last 3 years is, not every region has the full component of boots on the ground with the skills that are needed to put on the Annual. There are certain people that have done certain tasks for years. With the national committee, it gives people in that region that want to learn how to do some of these things, they can ask to be on the committee and work with that person and learn that skill set so at some point they can move into that committee. So, it's not just a committee to present the Annual, but it's also a training ground so that we can really pull talent from all of the regions. **Schreck:** I think that we may be forgetting that not too many years back, Central did all of the planning, in conjunction with the regions. Then we know what happened with our national staff and the move and everything else, and it was shifted then to the regions, to have more or less full responsibility. This is really a pull-back to hopefully have the people at Central who do it every year – at least a core of people who do it every year – and who are familiar with the in's and out's, and can advise the local regional people on how to proceed. **Hannon:** I don't think that's true. I think that prior to 2010 when we lost the Central Office employee who was the Special Projects Director, Central Office was not doing all of this. This is

new. This is a first. For many years, CFA was more involved than they had been in 2011 for the Reston Annual, but little by little, more and more has been coming back to the Central Office, but this is putting a lot more on the Central Office than we had done. **Schreck:** I'm in favor of this, but I still say that if you have people like Jodell or whoever is on the committee that does it every year, as the employee did before who had done a million of them, you still have that continuity, because every 7 years – first of all, I can't remember from last week let alone 7 years, if I'm even here 7 years from now if I'm on the committee. So, I think a little more involvement by Central Office would be good, and I don't think that the numbers here would really be detrimental to our bottom line. This coming year, John, we're still on our own. **Hannon:** It will be effective for the Las Vegas Annual. **Moser:** To George's concern about this becoming mission creep, all this is going to be done by Central Office. They're not going to have extra staff. Today, Jodell does a majority of it. Shelly does all of the banquet stuff. This is all done by Central Office today, so there shouldn't be any reason to bring anybody else in to do it. The decorations, the concern there, they do them all but you can get help from the regions. We'll come and help, that's not a problem. [transcript goes to Project Revenue Streams section]

McCullough: As far as flying everybody around from Ohio, we have the World Show where we all volunteer and show up, and it's the same core people. Nobody asks for air fare, do they? If they do, I want money. **Schreck:** Fat chance, Steve. **McCullough:** It's going to be the same type of volunteerism. **Mastin:** For the World Show, we pay the expenses of the CFA employees. **McCullough:** Don't you do that for the Annual, though? **Mastin:** Yes. It's a requirement of their work duties. **Hannon:** They're going there now, so they will just continue going there. We're not envisioning bringing anybody additional, over and above what we are currently bringing. **McCullough:** Will this cut our dependency on the company that does all this? **Raymond:** We will use them more. **DelaBar:** We don't pay Helms Briscoe. **Hannon:** Helms Briscoe is paid by the hotel. **J. Raymond:** That does not come out of CFA. **Hannon:** They tack on something to the hotel costs, and they pay Helms Briscoe out of that. **Kuta:** We're not paying it directly. I was just going to add to that, volunteers – I think we would definitely be able to find volunteers to decorate. I think where we really fall and where the grind really happens is things like finding the sponsorships and selling that, because I heard from so many exhibitors that say, "why should I pay for somebody else's party?" It's for people who didn't get to be a club delegate, and they're like, "who is paying for my party?" This way, in the grand scheme of things, we're still paying for it, but in not such a direct way. **Hannon:** I think it varies from region to region, too. In the case of Las Vegas, there's going to be a lot of stuff to do at night, and the delegates are not going to be as dependent upon the hospitality suites as we were when we were in Massachusetts, where we were out in the middle of nowhere and if you didn't have a car, you were stuck at that hotel, so the region had to provide some entertainment. **McCullough:** Las Vegas will be in the middle of nowhere. **Kuta:** It is way off strip, yeah. And there are shuttles, and there's stuff to do. [transcript goes to Project Revenue Streams section]

McCullough: Under the Vice President's job description, it says that they will help with the Annual awards facilities. **Hannon:** What? **McCullough:** What. It's on the website. **Hannon:** The Vice President does what? **McCullough:** I don't have my glasses on. Read what that says. **Dobbins:** *Vice President. Special responsibilities – Annual awards dinner, facility, or Central Office personnel.* **Hannon:** The Management Committee will get that revised.

Hannon: If you want to make a motion, please make it. **Moser:** OK. I make a motion that we adopt Jodell's proposal, with the \$30 fee going to CFA for the delegate fee, and that all regions participate in the 25¢ surcharge. That everybody has to give up 25¢ of their surcharge. **Hannon:** I have a concern here. We're talking about the Friday breakfast and the Friday snack. I don't know that that's mandatory. I don't know why we can't let people get their own breakfast. **Moser:** Nothing is mandatory. **Hannon:** It's in the motion here. **Moser:** But it's optional. If you look at the manual, it's optional. If you look at that manual, it is optional. **Hannon:** What are you saying? Are you putting it in as part of her motion? **Calhoun:** The breakfast? **Hannon:** The breakfast and the Friday afternoon snack. My question is, the way it looks here is, in Pam's motion CFA is required to do that. **Moser:** No, it's not. The reason why I say that is because the CFA manual for the Annual says that that is optional. It's already in there option, so you don't have to have a breakfast. **Hannon:** As long as the minutes will reflect that. **Moser:** You don't have to have that. **Calhoun:** I still second it. **Hannon:** There's a motion on the floor. There is a second to the motion. **DelaBar:** When would this be effective? **Hannon:** 2016 Annual in Las Vegas. **Mastin:** No you have to call for questions on the motion. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments or questions? **DelaBar:** I believe that, constitutionally, neither Japan nor Europe is allowed to put on an Annual, even though the consensus in my region is, they would love to invite everybody over to like Amsterdam or whatever. I cannot agree with one, the regions getting nothing of the delegate fee, and I cannot agree with Regions 8 and 9 having to lose an extra 25¢. **Hannon:** Pam is going to clarify that. **Moser:** On the 25¢, we're talking about – I figured this out on an average myself for my region, I figured out on average about 150. I even was generous with maybe 170 entries. With 50¢, I was figuring this on 50¢, how much the region would lose. It was under \$1,000. It's ridiculous. It's a little bit of money. **DelaBar:** For 6 months, we would lose over \$800 US dollars. **Moser:** On 25¢? **Schreck:** It was more than 8 months. **Moser:** You get that many entries? I can't believe that. On the other, by not giving CFA that part of the delegate fee, I mean, they're really going to need that. **Eigenhauser:** When we first adopted the surcharge years ago, one of the things we did was, you took away from the region the regional surcharges they had in place at the time to defray the costs of the Annual, so that 50¢ was going to the region to reimburse them for the money we took away that they were getting for the Annuals. It was never intended to be a windfall for regions that don't have Annuals. **DelaBar:** George, that's not quite correct. **Mastin:** My argument was going to be the same thing. We've kind of overpaid the two regions that haven't put on the Annual, if that's what the money was really, truly used for. **Hannon:** What do you think it was intended for? **DelaBar:** When we voted on it, it was intended to help defray the costs of the show packages and the total cost of what it cost CFA to support the clubs with putting on shows, so what the clubs paid for a license would add nothing. **Hannon:** You're talking about the dollar part – the CFA part – not the part that went to the region. We're talking about the 50¢ that goes to the region. **DelaBar:** It comes back to the region. **Hannon:** But that 50¢ has nothing to do with the show packages. **DelaBar:** I'm saying, that was the reason we put in the original surcharge. **Hannon:** Alright, but the 50¢ surcharge that now goes to CFA was in lieu of a surcharge the regions on their own were charging the clubs. Prior to the surcharge, the clubs themselves had imposed a surcharge on their shows. **Eigenhauser:** The regions had imposed it with the consent of the clubs, and it was mostly jawboning and peer pressure that got it collected. **DelaBar:** We have expenses that the other regions don't have. I'm going to have to take a lot of the money that I'm getting for the surcharge to mail out our awards certificates that didn't get to us in time for our awards ceremony. We have

expenses that you guys don't have to worry about. So, we're not putting on an Annual, but we have these other expenses. **Hannon:** Pam, he's got a number here on what you would have gotten last year. **Kallmeyer:** About \$978. **Hannon:** \$978 is what her 25¢ over the course of a year would be, last year. **Kallmeyer:** 3,900 entries. **DelaBar:** We're just taking back a check for \$1,688. **Kallmeyer:** That's the 50¢, right? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Kallmeyer:** So, it would be \$978. **Mastin:** Remember, that 25¢ is compounded over all the entries for the entire year. It's not just one region. If we had 50,000 entries, and Dick's got the number – what was it? **Kallmeyer:** 44,480. **Mastin:** So, that's \$11,000 and 25¢ is coming back to go towards the Annual. That's a lot of money. **Hannon:** There's a matching \$11,000. If you adopted this, it would stay with the regions, right? **Mastin:** Correct. **Schreck:** For the period of time from November of last year through August of this year, at 50¢, it's \$1,668. **Mastin:** So half would be \$800. **Schreck:** Half of that would be about \$800. **Mastin:** There's still one more quarter left to pay. **Hannon:** His figure was \$978, we we're talking \$1,000 as your 25¢. She wants to keep the \$1,000, rather than give it to the Annual. **DelaBar:** But we turn around and give \$2,500 to help with hospitality. **Hannon:** You did last year. **Kallmeyer:** But you wouldn't have to. **Mastin:** If you give Region 4 \$2,500, we'll give you 25 pins. **DelaBar:** Be still my beating heart. **Hannon:** Any other comments. **Moser:** I have a motion on the floor. **Hannon:** I know you have a motion on the floor. I'm asking if there's any more questions or comments on your motion. **Meeker:** Pam, would you clarify on your motion what part of the surcharge would go back to the region. **Moser:** The 25¢. Just 25¢. **Hannon:** The motion is – and you would be against this because you're not getting the full 50¢. **DelaBar:** Right. **Mastin:** And she's against the delegate fee. **DelaBar:** And the region should get a cut of the delegate fee. **Hannon:** And you think that Region 9 should be able to host an annual. **DelaBar:** Yes, but that's a constitutional thing. I can't argue that. **Hannon:** Last call. Pam's got a motion on the floor.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

(38) OLD BUSINESS.

Hannon: What else do we have for today? Is there any old business?

(39) **NEW BUSINESS.**

Hannon: Any new business? Last call for any new discussion on anything before we adjourn.

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Hannon: We want to thank the staff of the Central Office for making this possible for us. [applause] We thank Brian for the construction work that made the room a little bit bigger for us, and for reconfiguring the tables, etc. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you all. See you at the World Show.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(40) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

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