

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8/9, 2015**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 8, 2015, in the CFA Foundation Museum, 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:

**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:**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**  
**Teresa Barry, Executive Director**  
**Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services**  
**Jodell Raymond, Communication/Special Events**  
**Brian Buetel, Central Office**  
**Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter**

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

**Hannon:** I first want to welcome everybody to the Feline Historical Museum for our February board meeting. I want to thank the CFA Foundation, and in particular Karen Lawrence, for their hospitality this weekend. I also want to thank some Central Office employees – Brian Buetel, Verna Dobbins and Terri Barry – for all the extra effort they have gone to, to be gracious host and hostesses to us this weekend.

**Hannon:** The first order of business is, the Mayor of Alliance is here – Mayor Alan Andreani – and I would like to invite him to say a few words. [applause]

**Andreani:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that. Thank you for being here in Alliance this weekend. The weather, of course, is always exciting in Alliance and we hope we can get you through the rest of our busy schedule without too much more snow and rain and sleet and hail, and all those other things we experience. On behalf of my family, the citizens of Alliance, my cat Jack – Jack is nowhere near a purebred anything – we welcome you to Alliance. We want to thank you first of all for selecting Alliance as your home. One of the things that we think about, and I was kind of involved in some of this back in 2008 when we first started looking at how we needed to revitalize downtown Alliance, was making this an arts, cultural and entertainment district a number of years ago. The first group that chose to come here in 2010 was your group. Where you are located used to be called “the crossings” because it was the crossing between two major railroads. Alliance in the year 1900 had the highest per-capita income in the country. You couldn’t walk on the streets it was so busy. That, of course, has devolved and what we are doing right now is using you as the anchor to make downtown the place we want to be. What’s happened in the past year in downtown, there have been seven buildings demolished that were no longer able to be used. There are two more on the slate for the next month or so. They have already started working to your back corner. Those two will come down, and those will become off-street parking so we can enhance the parking and it won’t be all parallel parking on Main Street. A new parking lot will be going in a block north of you this Spring by the post office, and the post office is completing a \$5 million renovation program. From our understanding, the post office, which is in the next block, is the oldest operating post office in the United States. So, as we look at what’s happening downtown, we have to thank you for coming here. We’re blessed to have you here. There are some other things happening downtown. As of yesterday, we have two or three new businesses. We will continue to work on that and make Alliance the place that you’ll be coming and enjoying for years to come. On behalf of myself and the citizens, I want to thank you for being here, and I’ll go home and feed Jack. Thank you.

**Hannon:** Thank you, Mayor. We appreciate the Mayor taking this time out of his day to come in and visit with us.

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

**RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS**

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>1.</b>	Anger Meeker 10/31/2014	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the Taiwan Cat Fanciers emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Yayoi Satoh to Wakako Nagayama at its one-day four ring show (125 entry limit) in Taichung Taiwan on November 9, 2014 (International Division).	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Moser and Maeda did not vote.
<b>2.</b>	Anger Kallmeyer 11/05/14	Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow the Ice City Cat Fans Club to change the judging assignment from Yayoi Satoh to Annette Wilson, and to amend its show license to add a Shorthair specialty ring, from 7 Allbreed/1 Longhair to 7 Allbreed/1 Double Specialty at its two-day, 225 entry limit back-to-back show in Shenyang China on December 6/7, 2014 (International Division).	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Schreck did not vote.
<b>3.</b>	Anger Meeker 11/11/14	Grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 for the Club Felino Espanol (Region 9) to be held in Madrid, Spain, on December 13/14, 2014 to allow the use of an additional guest judge.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Kuta abstained. Schreck/Calhoun did not vote.
<b>4.</b>	Calhoun Meeker 01/01/15	Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow the Crab and Mallet Cat Club to change its show license to add two Super Specialty rings for each class (Kittens, Championship, Premiership) to its show on March 14/15, 2015 in Pikesville, Maryland (Region 7), making the format 1 AB, 2 AB/Super Specialty Kittens, 2 AB/Super Specialty Championship, 2 AB/Super Specialty Premiership, and 1 Double Specialty.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Fellerman, Moser and Ganoe voting no.
<b>5.</b>	Executive Committee 01/06/15	Due to the retirement of Rhett Bockman from the CFA Judging Program, in accordance with Show Rule 12.04, allow the Cat Club of the Palm Beaches to replace him with Liz Watson at their January 17/18, 2015 show in Ormond Beach, Florida (Region 7).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>6.</b>	Executive Committee 01/07/15	Due to a medical emergency, in accordance with Show Rule 12.04, allow the Japan Regional Show to replace Yayoi Satoh with Aki Tamura at their January 10/11, 2015 show in Tokyo, Japan (Region 8).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>7.</b>	Executive Committee 01/07/15	Due to a medical emergency, in accordance with Show Rule 12.04, allow the Cleveland Persian Society to replace Donna Jean Thompson with Chuck Gradowski at their January 17/18, 2015 show in Cleveland, Ohio (Region 4).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>8.</b>	Anger Wilson 01/08/15	Due to a medical emergency, in accordance with Show Rule 12.04, allow the Takarazuka Cat Fanciers to replace Yayoi Sato with Kenji Takano, and to switch Yaeko Takano (currently judging on Saturday, January 24) with Kayoko Koizumi (currently judging on Sunday, January 25) at its 6x6 show on January 24/25, 2015, in Hyogo, Japan (Region 8).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>9.</b>	Executive Committee 01/12/15	Due to a medical emergency, in accordance with Show Rule 12.04, allow the Ice City Cat Fans to replace Yayoi Satoh with Rachel Anger at their January 31/February 1, 2015 show in Shen Yang, China (International Division).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>10.</b>	Executive Committee 01/22/15	Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow K-Kats to change its show license from a 125 entry limit to a 150 entry limit at its 8 AB, 2 SP/AB show to be held on February 6/7, 2015 in Kuwait City, Kuwait (International Division).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>11.</b>	Anger Meeker 02/04/15	Grant the Edelweiss Cat Club an exception to Show Rule 22.02.b. and allow them to award and have scored best through 5th best champion in its 3 MAINE COON breed specialty rings, and best through 5th best champion in its 3 SCOTTISH FOLD LH & SH breed specialty rings at its one day, 6 ring show in Moscow, Russia, on February 15, 2015 (Region 9).	<b>Motion Failed.</b>

### **RATIFICATION OF TELECONFERENCE MOTIONS**

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>• From December 9, 2014 Teleconference •</b>			
<b>1.</b>	Eigenhauser	Accept the Committee's recommendations on the protests not in dispute.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> (vote sealed)
<b>2.</b>	Wilson Eigenhauser	Accept the resignation request of Carolyn Lyons-Prisser, effective December 31, 2014.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>3.</b>	Wilson Krzanowski	Accept the retirement request of Yoko Imai, effective December 31, 2014.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>4.</b>	Wilson Krzanowski	Accept the request for an extension to leave of absence until January 1, 2015 from Patty Jacobberger.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>5.</b>	Wilson McCullough	That Show Rule 3.02d (Old Rule 25.02d) be effective January 1, 2015. Guest Judges already under contract for shows through April 30, 2014 will have those shows grandfathered, but no new permissions will be given for the current show season.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>6.</b>	Wilson McCullough	Adopt Show Rule 3.02d, as amended.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>7.</b>	Wilson McCullough	That Show Rule 3.02d be effective January 1, 2015.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Anger, DelaBar, Kuta, Eigenhauser, Meeker and Schreck voting no.
<b>8.</b>	Wilson Anger	Advance Amanda Cheng to approval pending Longhair (1 <sup>st</sup> specialty).	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Fellerman abstained.
<b>9.</b>	Wilson Anger	Advance Suki Lee to approval pending Longhair (1 <sup>st</sup> specialty).	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Fellerman and Moser abstained.
<b>10.</b>	Anger Eigenhauser	Accept the resignations of Gulf Shore Siamese (Region 3) and Tejas Siamese Fanciers (Region 3).	<b>Motion Carried.</b> McCullough voting no.
<b>11.</b>	Anger Eigenhauser	Grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 to allow the Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cat's Incredible to switch Jeri Zottoli (currently judging on Saturday, March 21) with Walter Hutzler (currently judging on Sunday, March 22) at its 6x6 show on March 21/22, 2015 in Matamoras, Pennsylvania (Region 1).	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>12.</b>	Anger Eigenhauser	Grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 to allow the Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand to change from a 2 day show scheduled for March 7/8, 2015 to 2 shows in 3 days on March 6/7/8, 2014. One show would be 4 rings (a 1 day show); then 8 rings back to back for the other 2 days.	<b>Withdrawn.</b>
<b>13.</b>	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Accept the application of the China East Cat Fanciers, International Division – Asia (Changchun, China).	<b>Motion Failed.</b> McCullough voting yes.
<b>14.</b>	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Accept the application of the China Cat Party Club, International Division – Asia (Shenyang, China).	<b>Motion Carried.</b> McCullough and Moser voting no.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
15.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve the following rule proposals that had been referenced at the October Board meeting as rules that the Board needed to “go back” and fix: 5.01f; 5.02h; 7.09d.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
16.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve a clarification of Show Rule 4.07.a3 – requires two specialty rings in shows licensed as back-to-back regardless of number of rings requested.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Schreck voting no.
17.	Moser McCullough	Amend Show Rule 4.07.a3 by removing the last sentence: <i>For shows licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.</i>	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
18.	Schreck DelaBar	That contractual discussions be moved to executive session.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Moser voting no. McCullough abstained.
19.	Ganoe DelaBar	Change the Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats policy as follows (deleted text in strikeout):  <i>“The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated Cats. <del>The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding</del>”</i>	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Anger, Fellerman, Moser, Colilla, Kuta, DelaBar, Ganoe and Mastin voting yes.
20.	DelaBar Ganoe	Discuss the above issue at the February board meeting.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> Wilson, Brown and McCullough abstained.
21.	Kuta Eigenhauser	Change the wording on the CFA website regarding spay/neuter information in the following areas under “Cat Care”:  1. Spay Neuter FAQs that should be changed/updated. (This is also the wording in the CFA pamphlet - "Neuter and Spay - It's the Humane Way" and should be changed as well.) <a href="http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterFAQs.aspx">http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterFAQs.aspx</a>	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
22.	Kuta Eigenhauser	Change the wording on the CFA website regarding spay/neuter information in the following areas under “Cat Care”:  2. Spay/Neuter Programs – should be changed/updated. <a href="http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterPrograms.aspx">http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterPrograms.aspx</a>	<b>Motion Carried.</b>

**Hannon:** The first order of business is the minutes. I’ll turn it over to Rachel. **Anger:** I have provided you with the summary of online motions and the summary of teleconference

motions. It includes the motion that we dealt with just a few days ago. On standing motion, I would like to move that those both be ratified. **Krzanowski:** Second.

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

**Anger:** Thank you. I would also like to move that the October 2014 board meeting minutes be approved, as published. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

**Anger:** Thank you. That's it.



## **(2) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**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*

*Melanie Morgan – 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)*

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

*The Committee members met by teleconference on January 8, 2015. We are reviewing and updating our forms, most notably the Judging Program Rules which recently went live on the CFA website. We have become a cohesive unit that works well together, and we look forward to further developing our Committee in a way that will best serve our judges and CFA.*

*Deaths: We were stunned to hear of the sudden loss of Stephen Joostema on January 21, 2015. Longtime friend and fellow former ACFA judge Darrell Newkirk writes: On that day, life changed for many of us in the cat fancy. Stephen Joostema made the transition from life on earth to eternal life. Stephen was born on July 5, 1957 in Morristown, PA. His childhood and schooling years were lived in Madison, NJ. Stephen attended New Jersey State College and he graduated with a BA in Music. He taught music for several years while he continued to earn college credits and eventually worked in accounts payable. Stephen met his life partner, Steven Brown, 34 years ago while attending a party given by a friend.*

*Stephen and Steven co-owned their cattery CityLights. They raised Himalayan and Persian cats and later worked with the Burmese breed. Stephen also exhibited Turkish Angoras. Stephen joined ACFA in June 1986. He became a SP judge in 1992 and an AB judge in 1995. Stephen was advanced to Training Judge in ACFA February 1998. Stephen exhibited cats to regional and Interamerican Awards during his tenure with ACFA.*

*Stephen applied to become a CFA judge and recently completed the training course and was licensed as a double SP judge with CFA. During his short tenure with CFA he made many*

*friends, and the exhibitors loved Stephen's gentle handling of their cats. Stephen was quiet, but extremely intelligent. He took things he wanted to accomplish very seriously. He was an avid reader and he loved music and the arts. He also raised beautiful orchids.*

*Our hearts break and we give sympathy for all his friends, relatives and his partner. Stephen's beautiful, infectious smile will be remembered by those of us who cherished his friendship. May God accept you into His care.*

**Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2014-2015 Season:**

- **July 31 – August 1 and August 3, 2014** - Bremen, Germany. This school was held in conjunction with the German Catwalk Show scheduled for August 2-3, 2014. Instructors were Pat Jacobberger, Jan Stevens and Peter Vanwongerghem. Handling was offered at this school. All participants participated in SH. Ms. Kryuchkova participated for the second time having first participated in Moscow in 2013. Ms. Vanwongerghem participated for continuing education as an Allbreed judge. All but Mr. Maignaut participated in the handling portion of the school.

*Attendees were:*

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| • TUIJA AALTONEN   | • RICHARD MAIGNAUT     |
| • CDJ KLEINENDORST | • JANE SOROCHENKO      |
| • ULRIKE KNUPEL    | • YANINA VANWONTERGHEM |
| • ANNA KRYUCHKOVA  |                        |

- **November 20-22, 2014** – Phoenixville, PA. This school was held in conjunction with the CFA World Show in Oaks, PA November 22-23, 2014. Instructors were Beth Holly, Barbara Jaeger, Wayne Trevathan and Jeri Zottoli. Wayne was the lead instructor in my absence. Jan Stevens led the handling portion on November 22, 2014. Donna Fuller, Sharon Roy and Gary Veach, assisted in the handling portion.

*Attendees were:*

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| • CLARK, BETHANY (first time LH)     | • KNIGHT, LYNN (first time LH)   |
| • COLEMAN, CHERYL (second time SH)   | • QUIGLEY, NEIL (second time LH) |
| • CUTCHEN, ERIN (first time SH)      | • RICHTER, PENNI (first time LH) |
| • SOROCHENKO, JANE (second time LH)  | • DEVOE, VENUS (first time SH)   |
| • GRISWOLD, MARILEE (second time LH) |                                  |

- **January 8-9 and 11, 2015** – Tokyo, Japan. This school was held in conjunction with the Japan Region 8 Regional Show held on January 10-11, 2015. Handling was done on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Instructors were Pat Jacobberger, Edward Maeda, Yaeko Takano and Liz Watson. Seven CFA AB judges attended for continuing education.

*CFA AB Judges attending were:*

- YUKIKO HAYATA
- HISAKO KOMOTA
- KAYOKO KOIZUMI
- YAYOI SATOH
- KENJI TAKANO
- AKI TAMURA-KAMETANI
- AYUMI UEDA

*Remaining attendees were:*

- CHIKA HIRAKI (second time LH)
- AKI MIYAJIMA (first time SH)
- TOMOKO KITAO (second time LH)
- LEE SHUK MAN (second time SH)
- YURI MASUDA (first time SH)
- TOMOHIDE OHGURO (first time LH)
- YUKO NOZUKI (second time LH)
- MIHOKO YABUMOTO (second time SH)
- TOSHIHIKO TSUCHIYA (second time LH)
- MAKOTO MUROFUSHI (second time SH)
- RIKA INATOMI (second time SH)
- KIM KEUN SOO (first time LH)
- YOSHIE SOUMA (first time SH)
- IKUKO SUGITA (first time SH)
- MIE TAKAHASHI (first time LH)
- MAKOTO WAKAMATSU (first time SH)
- YUSA MASUDA (first time SH)

• **Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools Planned for the 2015-2016 Season:**

- **North America**
  - Garden State Show – July 2015
  - CFA World Show – November 2015
- **Outside of North America**
  - Region Nine - TBD

**CFA Judge's Workshop – New Orleans, LA - June 2014:**

- Breeds presented: Russian Blue and Norwegian Forest Cat.
- “Yipes! Stripes! Let's Talk Tabbies!” The goal was to examine some common issues that judges face in tabbies among all our breeds.

**CFA Judge's Workshop – Tokyo, Japan – January 2015:**

- Breeds presented: Norwegian Forest Cat – AMBER, Russian Blue and Egyptian Mau.

**CFA Judge's Workshop – Toronto, Canada:**

- **Breeds planned for presentation:** Persian and Exotic, Oriental and Burmilla

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve the CFA Judging Program and the Association.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Jacobberger*

**Hannon:** Next is the Judging Program. We have some of that for open session and some of it for closed session. Do you want to do the open part now? **Wilson:** Sure. Good morning

everybody. I'm assuming everybody has read everything, so we will go over the action items. If you have any questions and want to speak about anything that's not an action item, raise your hand. There is a great deal of information here in Pat Jacobberger's report on a very successful Breed Awareness and Orientation school that was held last year.

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

**Leave of Absence:** *Allbreed Judge Donna Jean Thompson has requested an extension to her medical leave of absence until May 1, 2015. Her original request from October 2014 was to end January 1, 2015.*

**Action Item:** *Grant an extension to the medical leave of absence from the Judging Program to Donna Jean Thompson until May 1, 2015.*

**Wilson:** We have a request for an extension of a leave of absence from Donna Jean Thompson, so our action item is to grant an extension to the medical leave of absence from the Judging Program to Donna Jean Thompson until May 1, 2015. **Anger:** Second.

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

**Retirement Request:** *Allbreed judge Rhett Bockman has submitted his retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective immediately. Rhett has been involved exclusively with CFA for 40 years and has been a licensed judge for 20, since 1995. Life changes for everyone and Rhett finds himself at a crossroads, with retirement being the best option. Rhett says, "Words cannot describe how much I have enjoyed being a member of the best cat association in the world."*

**Action Item:** *Accept Rhett Bockman's retirement request from the Judging Program with regret, effective immediately.*

**Wilson:** We have two resignations, which is actually how they were submitted, which we are changing to retirement. The first one, Rhett Bockman submitted his resignation/retirement. Action Item, accept Rhett Bockman's retirement request from the Judging Program with regret, effective immediately. **Anger:** Second.

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

**Retirement Request:** *Allbreed judge Paul Patton has submitted his retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective August 3, 2015.*

*Long-time friend Cathy Dunham says: Under the cattery name Luvlypurrs, Paul, with partner Mike Jones, made an impression with their bi-color Persians, Exotics and American Shorthairs with multiple wins at the regional and national levels of competition. Paul was a member of the Rochester Cat Fanciers, National American Shorthair Club, and Exotic Breeders Club. He is still an active member of MEOWS and Cat'n on the Fox. Paul served at all levels within these current and former clubs from member to officer to show manager to produce shows and promote CFA. In 1995, Paul moved from exhibitor to judge and has developed a reputation for color genetics. Exhibitors near and far look for Paul on a judging slate to be able to ask questions concerning color.*

*For years, Paul and a very small group of exhibitors provided a very valuable service to the Midwest Region by helping other breeders/exhibitors in their time of need with the Breeder Assistance Program (“BAP”). In the past few years with Paul’s help as an executive board member, this behind-the-scenes help has turned into one of CFA’s biggest programs in BAP.*

*Paul will be missed by all of us as a judge, but has plans to keep busy with continued show production with Cat’n on the Fox, taking care of his parents, working on his family’s genealogy, and traveling with his partner Rich Myers when not in the garden as a Master Gardner. He says, “It has been a pleasure handling all the felines in our association. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to do so!”*

**Action Item:** Accept Paul Patton’s retirement request from the Judging Program with regret, effective August 3, 2015.

**Wilson:** Allbreed judge Paul Patton has submitted his resignation. I move that we accept Paul Patton’s retirement request from the Judging Program with regret, effective August 3, 2015.  
**DelaBar:** Second.

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

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

**CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:**

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Assn</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>City/Country</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bennett, Jacqui	ACF	Royal Queensland Show	Queensland, Australia	08/08-11/15
DelaBar, Pam	CASA	Gauteny Cat Club	Gauteny, South Africa	08/15/15
DelaBar, Pam	WCF	Cat Association of Southern Africa	Cape Town, South Africa	08/22/15
Honey, Ellyn	CCCA	BSCC	Perth, Australia	09/06/15
Honey, Ellyn	CCCA	Illawarra	Sydney, Australia	09/13/15
Honey, Ellyn	CCCA	GCCFV	Melbourne, Australia	09/20/15
Moser, Brian	NZCI	Nine Lives AB CC	Hamilton, New Zealand	05/10/15
Moser, Pam	NZCI	Nine Lives AB CC	Hamilton, New Zealand	05/10/15
Raymond, Allan	ACF	Queensland Independent Cat Council	Brisbane, QLD, Australia	02/01/15
Raymond, Allan	ACF	Cats Victoria, Inc.	Melbourne, VIC Australia	03/01/15
Raymond, Allan	CCCA	Tamworth Cat Club	Tamworth, NSW Australia	08/22-23/15
Zenda, Bob	ASC	Alliance Super-Cats	Tel Aviv, Israel	04/04/15

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

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Assn</b>	<b>CFA Show</b>	<b>City/Country</b>	<b>Date</b>
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Malta Cat Society	Malta	02/28/15
Gnatkevich, Olena	RUI	German Catwalk	Luxemborg	04/18-19/15
Gnatkevich, Olga	RUI	Feline Fanc Benelux	Brussels Belgium	02/14-15/15
Gnatkevich, Olga	RUI	Club Felino Espanol	Madrid, Spain	02/21-22/15
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Cat Fanciers of Thailand	Bangkok Thailand	03/08/15

<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Malta Cat Society</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>02/28/15</i>
<i>Korontonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>03/21-22/15</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CQI</i>	<i>Hong Kong Int'l</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>03/14/15</i>
<i>Neukircher, Brenda</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>National Birman Fans</i>	<i>Richmond, Virginia</i>	<i>04/19/15</i>
<i>Podprugina, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>03/21-22/15</i>
<i>Podprugina, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Feline Fanc Benelux</i>	<i>Brussels Belgium</i>	<i>02/14-15/15</i>
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<i>Rakitnikh, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>03/21-22/15</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>03/21-22/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Taoyuan</i>	<i>Beijing China</i>	<i>12/27-28/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Taoyuan</i>	<i>Beijing China</i>	<i>12/27-28/14</i>

**Wilson:** We have a couple corrections to the international and guest judging assignments. The Judging Program Committee has already granted permission, but we neglected to add two to the list of CFA judges judging international assignments. This should actually have been on the December report. Pam Moser and Brian Moser judging for the New Zealand International Cat Association in Hamilton, New Zealand May 10, 2015. In the non-CFA judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows, there is an error for German Cat Walk in Luxemborg on April 18/19. There are two errors. Olga Gnatkevich should be Olena Gnatkevich, and Irina Kharchenko is incorrect. It should be Olga Rakitnikh. **DelaBar:** You want to remove Irina. **Wilson:** Right, and add Olga, who is not in for German Cat Walk. It was approved. **DelaBar:** Irina is a CFA judge. **Wilson:** Right. We're taking that out. We're adding Olga Rakitnikh.

**Action Item:** Adopt the following proposed Judging Program Rule change:

Rule #	SECTION XI – INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, Paragraph 3.	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p><b>3. REQUIREMENTS FOR GUEST JUDGES TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM</b></p> <p>a. 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 and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. 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. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>b. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA</p>	<p><b>3. REQUIREMENTS FOR GUEST JUDGES TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM</b></p> <p>a. 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 and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. <u>Individuals must be able to read and speak English sufficiently to understand the CFA Standards and Show Rules and present a final.</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. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p>

<p>Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as guest Judges at CFA shows.</p> <p>c. 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.</p>	<p>b. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as guest Judges at CFA shows.</p> <p>c. 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.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> This request was brought to the JPC as a result of a Region 9 meeting. While the JPC feels that evaluating proficiency in English would be impossible, we can certainly note at the time a club or guest judge requests permission that it is required that the guest judge be able to read (to understand the standards) and speak (sufficient to discuss the cats in finals) English.</p>	

**Wilson:** We have a proposed Judging Program rule adding a sentence to the Judging Program Rules in the section Requirements for Guest Judges to the CFA Judging Program that individuals must be able to read and speak English sufficiently to understand the CFA Standards and Show Rules and present a final. Rationale, [reads]. We realize that evaluating proficiency in speaking English is impossible. We can certainly note at the time – Central Office sends out a packet of information to the guest judges, and we would just add to that that it's important that they be able to speak English, to read and understand the standards, and speak sufficiently to discuss the cats in a final. Pam, since you brought this to us, do you want to speak to it?

**DelaBar:** There has been concern, not particularly on presenting finals. If you are in Russia, it's OK if they speak Russian to do part of the final in Russian, but there are so many from outside Russia that attend those shows, that it's not always applicable. The main concern is that guest judges understand our standards for the cats, and then the secondary concern was, of course, the show rules and the guide also in the guest judge packet on basic show mechanics. It's very important. It's all in English and our exhibitors want to make sure that these guest judges know that. **Hannon:** Is there a motion? **DelaBar:** You've got a standing motion. **Wilson:** I have a motion. **DelaBar:** I would like to second that.

**Eigenhauser:** I half way agree with this, but I don't completely agree with this. Yeah, they ought to be able to understand our show rules, but being able to speak English isn't necessary to understand our show rules. If you can read English – and there are people that can read a language that don't have the ear to be able to converse – they can understand our show rules and that should be sufficient for them to be able to apply our show rules. So, that can be taken care of without necessarily having a speaking ability in English. I can understand that there are multi-cultural people all throughout the world, but if there's a show in Russia, speaking Russian to the audience doesn't seem offensive to me. Why shouldn't a judge in Russia be able to present their finals to Russian exhibitors and Russian spectators in Russian? Why do they have to be able to speak English to present a final in Russia? I'm OK with the part about needing to understand the show rules, but how they get to understanding the show rules and being able to be conversant in English, I think that goes too far. **Wilson:** I agree with you to a point, and I don't think there is any way to really enforce this, other than asking the clubs to include something on their evaluation if they're dissatisfied with the judge. However, a lot of these Russian judges are judging in many countries. Many of them judge in the ID. They're going all of the world, and

while I don't think they should have to say every word in English, it would be at least nice if they were referring to the cats by breed name in English and so on. I just don't have any experience in what the variety is. **DelaBar:** It's not just Russian. I just used that for an example. We have guest judges coming from many of the countries that are contained in Region 9. With the other associations, English is one of their required languages. It's the business language of Europe, for one. Secondly, it's a requirement, so when we know we're getting a judge from one of the major associations, English is already there. Our exhibitors over there just want to make sure that since the CFA standards are written in English, that the judge must be able to read and understand what our standards say. **Hannon:** I have a question. When this package goes from the Central Office to these guest judges, when is that done? When we accept them as a guest judge, or after they have been invited to a specific show? **Wilson:** When the invitation has been approved. When they are approved to guest judge. **Hannon:** My concern then is, the clubs should also need to know this so that they don't invite judges that don't speak English. **Wilson:** That kind of was my point. It's up to the clubs that are inviting them. **Hannon:** But we need to get the word out to the clubs, because the clubs don't necessarily read the Judging Program rules. **Wilson:** The show manager of the club is copied on what Central Office sends out. **Hannon:** But that's after the fact. They have already been invited at that point. **Wilson:** It is, but part of credentialing for new guest judges, this would be something that we would consider. **Hannon:** What I'm saying is, we need to get the word to the Regional Director, the ID Chair or whomever, to the clubs that it's now a requirement if we pass this, and be sure that when you invite judges, that these judges can speak English. You don't want them to have to uninvite them because, "oh, I didn't realize that." **DelaBar:** If I could also speak to this. I have people who translate all my newsletters and everything into Russian, Spanish, Italian, French, because not everybody speaks English to the extent where they understand the nuances of what we're bringing up, so this will be put out to the clubs – at least the Region 9 clubs, I can assure you. **Hannon:** Region 9 is not the only place that has guest judges, though. We in theory could have them here in the United States, but that's not really the case. The ID uses them. **Wilson:** It would need to go to the ID. We're now keeping a spreadsheet of guest judges and their affiliations, making sure the we have evaluations. Central Office is helping with this. We would just add another column and ask the judges, are they conversant and can they understand English. At some point, that's something we could make available. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion before I call for the vote? **Moser:** Can you restate the motion? **Wilson:** It is to accept the proposed Judging Program rule to include in the requirements for guest judges to the CFA Judging Program that individuals must be able to read and speak English sufficiently to understand the CFA Standards and Show Rules and present a final. **Moser:** I happen to agree with George. I think that if they can read – I know even in Japan they can read English better than they can speak it, so I would agree with the one part but not that they have to speak it. **Hannon:** People that share that opinion should vote no on this, and if it fails, we can bring it back up.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Fellerman, Moser, McCullough, Meeker, Kuta, Krzanowski and Mastin voting no.

**Hannon:** How many do we have then? **Anger:** Eight. **Hannon:** That means the motion carried. Annette, do you have anything else for open session? **Wilson:** No. **Hannon:** George, do you have anything for open session on Protests, or is all of yours in closed session? **Eigenhauser:** Mine is all in closed session. **Hannon:** OK. So, what we're going to do at this point is go into closed session. I invite our guests to depart for a while. If you want, we can send



a message upstairs when we're back in open session. According to the agenda, it's probably not going to be until around 11:00.

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

*Two applications are expected by the February 1 deadline.*

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

**Accept as Trainee:**

Danny Tai	(Longhair – 1 <sup>st</sup> specialty)	Hong Kong	20 yes
Fung Chun Kit (Kit)	(Shorthair – 1 <sup>st</sup> specialty)	Hong Kong	20 yes
Wendy Heidt	(Longhair – 1 <sup>st</sup> specialty)	Vancouver, WA	20 yes

**Advance to Approval Pending:**

John Adelhoch	(LH – 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty)	20 yes
Marilee Griswold	(SH – 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty)	20 yes
Etsuko Hamayasu	(SH – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Specialty)	20 yes
Toshihiko Tsuchiya	(SH – 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty)	20 yes

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**Wilson:** I just want to let everybody know that all of the applicants have been notified, and all of the advancing judges have been notified. You can send congratulations out. **Ganoe:** Very efficient, Annette. **Wilson:** I'm trying to do it as fast as I can. **Hannon:** She is practicing to be the next secretary. **Anger:** Alright! **Schreck:** Rachel is shaking in her Harley Davidson boots. **Anger:** I'm like, big smile! **Hannon:** Then we can hire you to do the transcriptions for us. **Anger:** OK with me. Not to out-do Annette's efficiency, we have already received a thank you note, too.

**Hannon:** Welcome back to open session. For their benefit, Annette, do you want to tell them the results of the applicants and advancements? **Wilson:** New applicants have been accepted as Trainees. Kit Fung and Danny Tai from Hong Kong. Kit Fung is a shorthair Trainee, Danny Tai a longhair Trainee. Wendy Heidt is a longhair Trainee from the Pacific Northwest Region. Advanced, John Adelhoch, Marilee Griswold, Etsuko Hamayasu and Toshi Tsuchiya.

**Relicense Judges:** *All Approved and Approval Pending judges are presented to the Board for relicensing, which requires the affirmative vote of a majority of board members present. There are no delinquent payments of the annual licensing fee, so all judges are in good standing.*

**Action Item:** *Approve the annual relicensing of all approved and approval pending Judges who are in good standing.*

**Relicense:**

<i>Hutzler, Walter</i>	<i>8 yes (Colilla, Calhoun, Maeda, Brown, Eigenhauser, Meeker, Krzanowski, Ganoë); 12 no</i>
<i>Pantigny, Guy</i>	<i>3 yes (Kallmeyer, Brown, Eigenhauser); 15 no; 2 abstain (Anger, DelaBar)</i>
<i>Sumner, Barbara</i>	<i>5 yes (Fellerman, Brown, Eigenhauser, Meeker, Ganoë)</i>

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Annette Wilson, Chair*

**(3) PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

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

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**Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The Protest Committee met telephonically on January 14, 2015. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Linda Berg, Norman Auspitz, 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) APPEAL HEARING.**

See item #40.

(5) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

**Committee Chair:** Teresa (Terri) Barry  
**Liaison to Board:** Teresa (Terri) Barry  
**List of Committee Members:** Teresa (Terri) Barry, Verna Dobbins, Ginger Meeker and Jodell Raymond

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

*Developed C.O.'s input for the strategic planning process conducted February 6, 2015.*

*Dealt with and handled a number of staffing issues, as well as implementing mandatory overtime focused on the backlog in registration.*

*Contracted with and participated in the development of the GBS I.T. report.*

*Focused attention on the selection of a local CPA firm and assisting with a smooth ongoing transition.*

**Hannon:** We are ready to start with the Central Office Report. If anybody in the audience doesn't have a Yearbook yet, I have one you can sit here and browse through. **Kolencik:** I'm so excited about the Yearbook. **Hannon:** You had to come to Alliance to see it. Terri, you're on. **Barry:** Again, as others have said, you can read the report. I just want to point out two things here. That is, we have contracted with a local IT company and we asked them to do numerous things to really look at our computer system as a whole and evaluate it. It has come out that we have some key security issues. We have discussed it. You guys have been on board with it. I can give you the highlights or those that are serving on the committee. We will be finalizing an agreement with them we hope this week or next. It will also combine some individual contracts that we have now, giving us a higher level of security at a lot less cost. An example is, the security level will increase on all laptops. The cost we're currently paying is \$10 per laptop. It will be \$4 per laptop. So, that's kind of the highlight of that issue. We're in the process of signing the contract. Before I sign anything, yes I will give it to Ed to review.

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Selection of a local C.P.A. Firm: Submitted by Barbara Schreck, J.D., C.P.A.*

*Central Office I.T. Update: Submitted by Dennis Ganoe*

*Registration Policy Updates: Effective March 2, 2015 all incomplete or illegible registrations, catteries, transfers and litter application forms will be returned to the customer. This has been announced in the most recent CFA Newsletter and will again be noted in the February issue. On February 1st C.F.A. News was sent to inform customers.*

*An issue has come to light concerning pedigree colors from other associations which the Board should discuss and take action on. The details of this discussion are somewhat unfamiliar to me;*

*therefore, I have asked Verna Dobbins to address the issue. See corresponding motion in Action Items section. Handouts will be provided at the Board meeting.*

**Barry:** The only other thing I have is under Current Happenings, and that is [reads]. This is not my forte yet, so I have asked Ginger to address the issue. **Meeker:** Please refer to your handout that was passed out. This is a 3-generation pedigree. This came to light because apparently in Europe, if a U.S. person sells a cat or a kitten to Europe, in order to register that said cat or kitten in their association, each cat has to have a color designation written on the pedigree. What we have been discovering is, some of our pedigrees do not have color information on the pedigree because these cats probably came from another association. I would guess TICA, ACFA. If you look at the highlighted cat, and Mark came to me earlier, the S stands for “sire”. There is no color designation on either of these cats, so what the staff did was go down into the bowels of the Central Office. They have now spent a total of 4 hours searching for this pedigree, with no results. We have contacted another staff person to find out how these have been treated in the past, because there seems to be divergent methods for resolving this issue and we’re trying to figure out exactly how it’s to be done. I just wanted to bring this to the board’s attention because we need to have a standardized way of filling in that information on our pedigrees so that they are viable and accurate. So, we’ll come back to the board once we figure out how this has been resolved. We just wanted to make you aware. **Wilson:** There’s two different things on here. The dam has a CFA registration number, so are you saying in the CFA data base, there’s no color description for the cat? **Dobbins:** That looks like a CFA number but it is not. **Wilson:** OK, then I’m going to go back to something I brought up last year in February and the year before. There was apparently a change in policy, probably just a change in what was done when we moved here. When cats are registered by pedigree, previously if it was not a cat with a CFA number, the cat was not entered in our CFA database because we would then be saying we were certifying another association’s pedigree. However, what I was told last year – we were told last year at the February board meeting that they are putting those cats in our database. Once we start putting cats in our database that aren’t CFA registered, this is what we end up with. When I imported a cat 12 years ago, it had mostly SVERAK (Sveriges Kattklubbars Riksförbund) parents. It was registered for breeding only because I only had 7 generations of pedigree. When I requested a certified pedigree, I was told that it would be blank. I said I would like it anyway and I should have brought it. That was because we weren’t putting cats in our database unless they had a CFA registration number. The reason I brought this up last year is because someone else imported a Russian Blue and they requested a CFA pedigree and they sent me a copy because I had gotten my cat out of that parent. In there are all these Russian Blues with names and with other associations’ registration numbers. In fact, some of those that were in there with other than CFA registration numbers were CFA registered cats. They are now in the database twice. If that’s happening with a few Russian Blue registrations by pedigree, I can only imagine what it’s like everywhere else. When this changed, people started – probably because they didn’t know – putting these cats in our database. We have created this monster and I think we should go back to what we did before. **Hannon:** What are you going to do about the cats that have already been registered? **Wilson:** Delete them. If they don’t have a CFA registration – so, here’s what I got when I requested a certified pedigree on the cat I imported. I got a blank certified pedigree on that nice paper and my cat’s name with her number, which was a 0-something else number because she was for breeding only, and attached to it was what I had submitted, the SVERAK pedigrees of her sire and dam attached to it and stapled to it. That’s what we should be doing, or they could put them in the Cat Ancestral Tracking Service, but we

are at this point for this very reason. Here's a cat with a number that looks like a CFA registration number. **Hannon:** It's hard to believe it's not, because that prefix is for a red tabby Exotic, and this is an Exotic, and it has 7 digits after it, which is what issue; 7 digits. So, I'm saying that this is likely either a CFA number or somebody is trying to pull the wool over our eyes. I don't think this is another association's number. **Meeker:** The cat above it certainly is. **Wilson:** It certainly is. If they want that cat in our CFA database, they should pay to register that cat. That was the policy that was always in place. Every cat that goes in here, we register first. **Mastin:** I'm not sure this is a CFA registered cat, because it's got 8 numbers after it, not 7. **Kallmeyer:** That's the way we do it. **Mastin:** We don't count the zero? OK. **DelaBar:** This is one of the biggest embarrassments that we have with the other associations, is the way we put out our pedigrees. The other associations will add to that. If it is FIFe or WCF and they've got CFA cats behind it, they put *CFA*, the CFA number and then the color. We should be doing the same thing. If it is a FIFe cat, a WCF cat, a LOOF cat or whatever registry it comes from, we should be saying *FIFe* and then that number and color, because we are a registry, we are tracking the ancestry of these cats, and to leave it blank says that there's no ancestry or we are unable to do that. **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to agree with what Pam said. We shouldn't have them without ancestry either, but we shouldn't say, *we know who your ancestors were and it's in our database* because it's not. There needs to be a compromise. We need some sort of a flag that says, *from this point back it's a FIFe pedigree* or *from this point back it's a whatever pedigree*. I think that might be a data processing issue, but I would like to put the information in there but disclaim it, and make it clear that we got this from another source. **Wilson:** If a way could be found to do that, that would be fine but I will tell you, Pam, I have the FIFe pedigrees on the cats that were put in there and there was no CFA number. That's why they didn't know they were CFA cats, and yet they are CFA-registered cats. So, what we're getting on those pedigrees hasn't always got that information either. **DelaBar:** I can understand that, because they went ahead and registered that CFA cat in SVERAK, the Swedish registry. **Wilson:** I'm talking FIFe. **DelaBar:** That's the Swedish federation of FIFe. **Wilson:** Right, but I'm talking about a different pedigree now. It's not Swedish, it was Austrian. In it, the FIFe pedigree did not list the CFA number, it only listed the FIFe number, and yet I know there are at least 3 cats back in that pedigree that are on our CFA registration, certified pedigree, that are CFA cats but they are in there with the FIFe name, which may or may not be exactly the same, and I think they are missing a suffix. **Hannon:** How would we know that the cat was also CFA registered? **Wilson:** Because we have a private database that does track all of that. **Hannon:** CFA has that? **Wilson:** No, the Russian Blue Fanciers. **Hannon:** We – CFA – not you. **Wilson:** That's what I'm saying, but what Pam was saying was, when we get that FIFe registration, it has the CFA number. It does not always have the CFA number. **DelaBar:** No, I didn't say that. I said, when the cat is registered, when we do our pedigrees it shows this was a FIFe cat and it came in with this registration number and with this color. What this needs to do is, go to the WCC and say, *this is the way CFA would like to do our pedigrees* and explain that, and get the other organizations to buy into it. **Meeker:** I think it's wonderful to do that going forward, but on this pedigree we're looking at two cats that are probably – **Hannon:** Ginger, there's only one. He found the female in the database. It's a CFA cat. **Kallmeyer:** It's actually 7741M-. **Hannon:** But it's the same cat's name. **Meeker:** So, we still need to find that sire. Where we're running into problems and demands from our customer base is, this person has sold a kitten overseas and it can't be registered in another organization into which they need to register it to be legal within their country, because it doesn't have a number and the cat is probably 14 years old now. So, how do we go back and fix this? Do we say

to our customers, *I'm sorry, it's not possible?* Do we send our staff into the basement for 2 to 10 hours to try to find this stuff? What's a reasonable accommodation here? **Wilson:** Which cat is not registerable? I'm confused. **Meeker:** There are two cats on which there are no colors. If the dam is in our system, we should be able to find it. **Hannon:** It's a red mackerel tabby female Exotic. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Meeker:** OK, but the BK V cat, and I'm not sure that's an import. **Fellerman:** It's got to be red or cream. **Meeker:** Sure it does, but we can't say, *We took a vote and we decided it's got to be a cream mackerel tabby.* Our staff could do that, and that's what we're saying. This has to be a verifiable, solid pedigree. **Wilson:** When was all of this entered in? I'm confused about what cat we're trying to provide information on. You said they couldn't get this cat registered somewhere else. Which cat? **Meeker:** The sire. **Hannon:** Too many private conversations going on. **DelaBar:** Did anybody ask Monique? **Hannon:** What BK V is? **DelaBar:** Yeah. Did anybody ask Monique? She's got a whole list of all different associations. **Meeker:** We can certainly ask Monique, but it was my understanding that this was before we were doing – **DelaBar:** It doesn't matter. She has an idea of what associations are using what codes. **Meeker:** Including U.S. associations? **DelaBar:** I don't know that this is a U.S. association. **Meeker:** We don't know, because a long time ago – **Hannon:** But there's no harm in asking her, *Do you know an association that starts with BK V?* **Meeker:** There is no harm in asking her, but I thought prior to this if a cat was imported it said *IMP*. **DelaBar:** No. **Meeker:** Some of mine do. **DelaBar:** Some of the old ones did. I have old Siamese pedigrees that say *Import – GCCF* and it gives the GCCF number, the color of the cat and the CFA number underneath it. That's why I'm so confused why we are so unwilling to put this information on our pedigrees, because what we are doing, we accepted that cat for registration, we accepted its pedigree. So, what we do is annotate what that pedigree is. As I said, this is one of my biggest embarrassments with the other associations. They say, *We can do this. We can tell you what the colors are.* I've had to learn the EMS codes<sup>1</sup> in helping people come over to CFA. I wish we would consider going to an EMS code. All the other associations in the world are going to EMS. I even met the woman that developed it. **Hannon:** Anybody think that's a good idea right now with our new computer system? **DelaBar:** No. I said, I wish we had. I think things would be easier, but we have to fill in the information that we have. When we accept those pedigrees for registration, we're tracking. It's history, and that is our main purpose in life – to record a history of cats. That is why we exist.

**Meeker:** I firmly believe that we have to have valid, accurate, documentable pedigrees. This goes back years and years. What I'm asking for the board to consider is, what do you want our Central Office staff to be doing? We can contact Monique. We can send people downstairs to find it. The other issue to consider is, we've got a customer service base that are sending more and more cats to Europe, so this question will probably come up more than once a year. We can't guess at this. It has to be some document from somewhere. How much time do we want our employees spending in the basement looking through boxes and boxes of paper. And, if we're going to provide this service, do we charge the customer for it? **DelaBar:** We already have, and handsomely, to do it. We need to give answers. We need to provide the service. If we can make it easier to provide that service, then so much the better, but we need to get the job done or we admit we can't do it. **Schreck:** I'm a little confused. Is this pedigree printed out from our

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<sup>1</sup> Easy Memory (or Mind) System. Used by FIFe, WCF. TICA and GCCF are going to it. A black Persian would be PERn, blue Persian is PERa, for example.



system? <yes> And so, at some point, these two cats – although we did find one of them – got entered in our system with these numbers and no color, is that correct? **Hannon:** Right, but the one that's a CFA number we should be able to put in there, it's a red mackerel tabby Exotic. **Meeker:** Right. The number was missing the M and that's probably why it couldn't be determined. **Schreck:** Somebody owns this cat. Maybe they can tell us the color of the sire. **Hannon:** Do we want to take their word for it? They may make it up. **Meeker:** That was one of the questions that came from Central Office. I could say, *look at this, it must be a cream or a red*, but how do we know that's valid? We really need documentable evidence before we stick it on one of our pedigrees, or are they legitimate? **Schreck:** Then why did it get in the database to begin with? **Meeker:** That was 14 years ago. I have no clue, Barb. **Kallmeyer:** Actually, the offspring was put in the system in the year 2000, so it's been there a while. Probably at that time it looks like they entered the sire number without the information. It's 15 years old. **Meeker:** I'm being told by Central Office people that we do not use other associations' pedigrees. We don't put them on ours because they may be worded differently or they don't match. That's what I'm being told, guys. **Hannon:** It's true that they do different nomenclature in other associations.

**Moser:** I just want to know, what's your recommendation? What would you like? You say, do you want us to look for it down in the basement. What is a solution that you have come up with? **Meeker:** The solutions that we've come up with are, at some point we have to say, *No, we can't do this*. We would first contact Monique. We have to figure out, what's a reasonable time to send someone in the catacombs to look for paper. At a time when we are 4 to 6 weeks behind on registrations and we're sending someone for 4 to 6 hours down to look for paper and we have no way of reimbursing the staff's time, from a business standpoint, what are we doing here? **Kallmeyer:** Can we put a surcharge for something like that, going back? **DelaBar:** No. **Anger:** At what point do we start asking for volunteers? **Meeker:** We don't want volunteers in the basement. That's dangerous. **Anger:** I have been trying to volunteer to help since we moved here.

**DelaBar:** If you need more volunteers, I'll come over the next time a couple days early like I try to do and I'll be happy to come over, scan old paperwork if you need. I thought we had a scanning project going. Or, to look up some of these things or to help find colors, since I am now becoming more and more educated on how the different associations are doing things. We need to keep a positive image and a positive mindset on these things. We have to go for as perfect as possible when we put out this thing that we're hanging our hat on, which is a certified pedigree. **Meeker:** Absolutely. **Ganoe:** I wanted to note that among the things that Dick and I have been doing is, we've been searching in the Central Office system as we speak. This dam I would bet is in the system twice; once with 7741, which probably came from the foreign pedigree, and once with 7741M, which is how she was registered in CFA. That's why the color didn't appear on this. **Hannon:** They didn't know if it was a red mackerel or a red classic, because it was registered probably both ways. **Ganoe:** It may have been, but the color history doesn't show that. **McCullough:** If you Google it, it comes up. **Ganoe:** Google? **Kuta:** I would be happy to volunteer on my own dime to come one time for a day or two or three and do data entry. I'm very good at it. **Hannon:** Verna is taking copious notes of all these volunteers. **Kuta:** And I love that kind of stuff. **Anger:** I do too, but they refuse to allow anyone access to the registry. **Meeker:** Realize that bringing a volunteer into an office work setting is very difficult. We'll accommodate all we can accommodate because we want to get these situations cleared up. We have a customer service problem right here and I just wanted to make you aware. I was not

asking for any solutions today, because we also have to go back and see how it has been handled the last 4 years since we have come to Alliance. **Anger:** So, the problem is, we're missing data. The solution is, it's downstairs somewhere. **Hannon:** Maybe. **Anger:** Maybe, but it may be. **Meeker:** We haven't found it in the searches we have done. It may be there, it may not be there. We won't know until we go through every box. **Anger:** What is the problem with somebody saying, *we need to find this cat and it's in one of those 80 boxes over there*. Give us a radio, feed us lunch and I'm in. **Schreck:** I think that's a good solution and I think what you need to do if you need one here and one there, batch them up. When you get 10 or 20, give them a call. **Meeker:** You can't imagine when the customer is saying, *I want this and it has been 4 weeks*.

**DelaBar:** What happened with the scanning project? **Meeker:** The scanning stuff in the basement for the archives will start after the board meeting. Terri is going to purchase another scanner because there's not enough time available on the current scanning hardware in order for me to come in and get that system set up. **Hannon:** Ginger is going to go down into the basement herself and start the process. **Meeker:** We will start within this next week and we're starting with archiving the records on the 3x5 cards. It's starting. **Kallmeyer:** That won't do foreign pedigrees. **Meeker:** No, not at this point. **DelaBar:** Once that is accomplished, we had that archived and somebody can retrieve the information, it should make this a lot easier. **Meeker:** For the cats that are registered in CFA. That's what those 3x5 cards – **Hannon:** What about the certified pedigrees that are in the basement? Aren't we eventually going to scan those certified pedigrees? **Meeker:** Yeah, and you're looking at over a million cards. The scanning system, the way it's set up now, will take 30 at a time. I am set for some mind numbing, boring days. **DelaBar:** We could make that fun if you invited a bunch of us to do it, too. **Wilson:** What I would suggest is, you say we're being asked for other associations' colors on CFA pedigrees. The highlighted cats are not CFA cats and we have no way of validating colors in our database. My suggestion is, that is exactly what we tell people. What is in our database is what we provided with the non-CFA pedigree. **Hannon:** The problem is, the other associations won't accept our certified pedigrees if we don't have the colors on them. **Wilson:** But then we're just going in a circle. That's unfortunate, but if we can go somewhere and get it, that's fine. What if we search through 80 boxes and it's not on that certified pedigree, either? We're still in the same place. **DelaBar:** I think we can find the information. All we need to do is make these problems known. If you come back to me and say, "Pam, do you know where BK V comes from?" I'll say, "let me find out." I can put out any number of searches and try to find an answer. **Meeker:** Pam, where does BK V come from? **DelaBar:** OK, I will take that on. **Meeker:** And we're sending an email to Monique. **DelaBar:** OK. **Meeker:** We're not going to have an answer today. **Hannon:** She is surfacing a problem. We've talked about some potential solutions. I suggest we move on or we'll never get out of here tomorrow.

**Kallmeyer:** Question for Central Office. I was the master clerk at a recent show in Region 5. Three exhibitors provided TRNs for adults. They said at the time that Central Office told them that they did not have to pay a fee for adults. So, clarification. I know it's not the policy. **Barry:** At least not since I've been here. **Hannon:** You need to get that word out again to the staff, so they're not providing inaccurate information. **Kallmeyer:** They may have been confused with kitten TRNs with championship, so we probably want to make sure the people understand that today it's only kittens that are free. **Schreck:** And tomorrow maybe not. **Ganoe:** It's not often I get to be at the birth of a rumor, but I saw this one get born. It was on the CFA list. Someone misstated our policy for kittens, to include championship. People have run with it.

**Kuta:** As entry clerk, I had to reinforce this several times. Also, I thought the meaning behind the kitten TRN was that because it was taking longer to process entries, but now that eCats is up, I highly encourage them to use eCats instead, because I'm like, "wait, this was supposed to say that you already had one pending, so it's not like your just getting freebie to see if your kitten gets points and then you'll register it. This is because your paperwork is already supposed to be sent to CFA." So, I usually ask that. **Hannon:** But there are instances where you have to snail mail stuff to the Central Office. **Kuta:** Yeah, and so when they told me that, then I go, "Great, let's get you the TRN." **Kallmeyer:** This was not your show. **Kuta:** No, it wasn't.

*Personnel Updates: Staff cross training has been implemented and is in the process of taking place. Policies and Procedures are slowly developing. Some shifting of duties has taken place for improved workflow, C.O. coverage, or the implementation of additional checks and balances, as well as to improved C.O. cost control. This also required minor office or equipment relocation.*

*Personnel Issues: If necessary, Executive Session requested.*

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

*Continuation of cross training, as well as Policies and Procedures development.*

*Development of C.O. budget for 2016.*

*Ongoing assistance with IT development and issues.*

*Development and implementation of a contract with GBS.*

*Assistance with the 2015 Annual.*

*Ongoing sponsorship development.*

#### **Board Action Items:**

**Motion:** *CFA to recognize other associations' colors on CFA pedigrees.*

**No Action.**

#### **Show Format Requests:**

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| (a) | Club Name: | Cat Fanciers of Brazil                    |
|     | Show Date: | May 30/31, 2015 and September [TBA], 2015 |
|     | Location:  | Brazil (International Division)           |

*On behalf of Cat Fanciers of Brazil we kindly ask the board to grant us permission to have two guest judges at our upcoming CFA sponsored shows in Brazil: May 30/31st and TBA in September 2015. Those judges would be from FIFe and WCF in both Brazil and Argentina, as we have been using them on a regular basis - one guest for two or three CFA judges.*

*Rationale:*

- 1. Airfares from America to Sao Paulo have skyrocketed to nearly double since we resumed producing CFA cat shows in Brazil, three years ago.*
- 2. The same goes for lodging, meals, and show producing costs, while sponsorship has all but remained the same - in local currency, largely devaluated against the American dollar.*
- 3. With a total of 50 entries per show, with little more than 20 in championship class, very few, if any, will attain grand championship. Grand premiership at present is out of question.*

**Motion:** *Grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 for the Cat Fanciers of Brazil (International Division – South America) for its 4-ring shows to be held in Brazil on May 30/31, 2015 and September [TBA], 2015, to allow for the use of an additional guest judge.*

**Hannon:** Alright. Rachel, you've got some clubs? You said you had some Central Office items. **Anger:** I do. Are we done? **Hannon:** Yes. **Anger:** The first motion was from the Cat Fanciers of Brazil. Basically, they are asking for an additional guest judge at their shows May 30/30 and dates to be determined in September in Brazil, in the International Division. Their rationale is basically financial. **Krzanowski:** I'll second. **Hannon:** It's a 4 ring show. A 4 ring show allows one guest judge? **Anger:** Correct. **Hannon:** And they wanted two guest judges? **Anger:** Right. **Hannon:** Do we want to allow the show in Brazil? **Kallmeyer:** I think it's a good idea down there, because they are really isolated and under severe money constraints. **Hannon:** Any other comments on this one?

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

(b)	<i>Club Name:</i>	<i>Cats N Cats</i>
	<i>Show Date:</i>	<i>April 11/12, 2015</i>
	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Aumale, France (Region 9)</i>

**Motion:** *Grant an exception to Show Rule 12.04 and allow Cats N Cats to change its show license from 1 SP/4 AB/3 AB-Super Specialty to 1 SP/5 AB/3 AB-Super Specialty at its 225 entry limit show to be held on April 11/12, 2015 in Aumale, France (Region 9). The additional AB ring will be judged by a guest judge, which is within the guest judge limit.*

**Hannon:** You have another one? **Anger:** Yes. The second one is from Cats N Cats in France. For various reasons, they would like to change their show license. Basically, they are adding an additional allbreed ring, making it a 9 ring show, which is their customary format. This is at their 225 entry show April 11/12 in France. **Hannon:** It's a two-day show. **DelaBar:** This is what they originally meant to do. I don't know how it got screwed up. They do have a CCA judge coming in who is a French speaker, along with Mr. Adkison who is also a French speaker, for the show. They are now under mentorship and things will tighten up now. **Wilson:** I don't have a problem with them having a guest judge, I have a problem with how this show has changed over recent time. They actually two additional U.S. CFA judges for this show, who they fired. They told them that they couldn't afford to have them when they found out what their fares

were. That was in the last month. These judges, who have been contracted since early last summer, have turned down at least 2 or 3 assignments because they had these contracts, and the club said, “we didn’t get the sponsorship we were hoping for, so we can’t afford you.” Then they told one of them that they were changing it from a 9 ring show to a 7 ring show. They didn’t say that to the other one. Then they went and hired two European judges to replace them. Now they are adding another ring and bringing in a CCA guest judge, who I assume is in North America.

**Anger:** Montreal. **Wilson:** I have a problem with how this club is handling this situation. I have one judge that has filed a complaint and the other judge feels like there was nothing she could do about it, but basically they cancelled the contracts on two CFA judges and now they are adding a guest judge. **DelaBar:** I have the correspondence. The way it was put to them is, “we can’t afford you. Royal Canin cut by over 50% their original sponsorship.” As I said, this club now is under strict mentorship. I told them if they had to cancel because of cost or whatever, they would have to do it by date. They asked the judges to please, if they could, consider them for a future show. When you are speaking English as a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> language, you take things at face value. If you read the words *certified pedigree*, that’s what you think – *certified pedigree*, not that we’re based upon, this might be that nuance or that nuance or that nuance. They will not be doing that practice anymore. The judges wrote back, “yes, we understand, and yes, we would like to be considered for others.” I do have their exact emails – what was sent to them and their responses back, if anybody wants to see them. **Calhoun:** My question is, what is the reason now that they want to increase to 9? **DelaBar:** It was supposed to be that way to begin with. **Calhoun:** If they are having financial issues, you would think why would they add rings? **Ganoe:** No, that was the Brazilian club. **Hannon:** No, this one cancelled two judges because Royal Canin cut their sponsorship. **Wilson:** And that is my point. I actually would be very understanding if they cancelled two judges and just happened to pick the two where maybe the air fare was too high when they were told what the air fare was. Unfortunately, some clubs have a little bit of a history of doing similar things. **DelaBar:** Once. **Wilson:** And they cancelled the show. I actually have no problem if they said, “we’re going to have to go from an 8 ring to 6 rings, or 9 rings to 7 rings” or whatever. I do understand that. I think these two judges, they just said, “OK, what can we do about it?” There’s nothing they could do. So, I disagree first of all with a two-party agreement to abrogating a contract is not just throwing up my hands and saying, “I don’t have a choice in the matter” versus “yes, I will abrogate my side of the contract.” I also have a problem with them adding this ring. I’m going to vote against this and that’s why. You give them an inch, they take a mile. **Moser:** Is that correct, that they want to add another ring and then they’re going to ask a North American judge? **Hannon:** Yes, a CCA judge from Montreal. **DelaBar:** She was already asked previously. How it got dropped off, I cannot find out. She was previously asked to judge the show. **Wilson:** So were two other judges. **Schreck:** I agree with Annette, because I need the ride home. [laughter] I agree. If their rationale was they could not afford the two North American judges, and so every ring you add, whether they’re a local judge or over the pond judge, adds cost. If in this indeed a CCA judge or for any judge, for that matter, they are adding another ring. They are adding more cost. **Eigenhauser:** I think what Pam is saying, and correct me if I’m wrong, is it wasn’t that they didn’t budget for this 9<sup>th</sup> judge – they were always planning on having the 9<sup>th</sup> judge – it just fell off their paperwork. It’s not like they hired this judge after they fired two other judges. This judge was hired in the general mix of things but left off the license.

**Wilson:** The show is licensed. It’s licensed and this CCA judge isn’t on there. They’re adding another ring. What happens with judges that are asked and invited by multiple people, I

don't know. That's not our issue. That's something for them to work out. They cancelled two rings and replaced two judges. They said they were going to this many rings, and we're going to keep encouraging this? **Hannon:** I suggest we go ahead and vote on this now. There's a motion on the floor, is that right? **Anger:** So moved. **McCullough:** Second. **Schreck:** What's the motion? **Hannon:** To allow them to add a 9<sup>th</sup> ring.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Brown, Kallmeyer, Mastin, Eigenhauser voting yes. Ganoe abstained.

**Hannon:** The motion fails. They cannot add a 9<sup>th</sup> ring. Do you have anything else for the Central Office Report? **Anger:** I do not.

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

*To be determined.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Barry, Chair*

**Hannon:** I encourage you to take home some Yearbooks from this meeting, if at all possible, to sell at shows. We need to let Brian know today so he can bring up for tomorrow the appropriate numbers that we may want to take. Verna, would you be the recipient of the requests and share them with Brian so that he can package them up appropriately? **Dobbins:** Sure. **Schreck:** What's the purchase price? **Hannon:** The purchase price, whether you buy it online or buy it from one of us is \$45. What they save is the shipping and handling, which varies depending on whether it's the United States, if it's Canada, Europe, Asia, whatever. It varies, but if they buy it at a show from us, CFA doesn't incur shipping and handling expenses, so we don't have to share that with the buyer. In the case of the United States, it's \$12.95 shipping and handling, so they save the \$12.95 but they still have to pay the same \$45. It doesn't cost us anything at this point. We reimburse after we have sold the books, so if you are taking 10 books you don't have to give them \$450 today. After the books have sold, you have to send the money in. They are keeping track of how many books you have so they know how much money you owe at some point. **DelaBar:** I can take 50 pounds' worth, because I have to check them as luggage. **Hannon:** We'll let Brian figure out what 50 pounds' worth is. **DelaBar:** Not over. It would have to be over. **Meeker:** Including your bag. **DelaBar:** It's going to have to be packed up in a box and I'll have to check the box. I have a suitcase and I still have not gone to Wal-Mart. **Schreck:** I'm sure he has a scale because of mailing stuff. **Hannon:** He's got a scale down there.

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

**Hannon:** Are we ready to go to Barb? **Schreck:** Are we going to go to lunch, so everybody will be asleep by the time you get to me? **Hannon:** No, we want to know about the money now. **Schreck:** OK. **DelaBar:** Where is your report? **Schreck:** I emailed to everyone the financials. I did it that way because of the caveat that I didn't want to distribute it out to everybody because, first of all, January close is what we call in the accounting industry a "soft close". We do a hard close quarterly, and an even harder close yearly. So, I only sent it out as I said in my additions to Chuck Gradowski's commentary a little prematurely. The World Show numbers are not settled. We think that, according to what I have there, it won't be any more than the budgeted loss of \$25,000 and, in fact, maybe less. I sent it out prematurely to dispel the rumors that we had lost \$50,000, \$100,000, or a kazillion dollars on the World Show. So, these numbers for the World Show particularly are very soft numbers, but we think they are within reason of where we will ultimately end up. So, you all have those reports that were sent directly to you. I would appreciate that you don't send them out. We will send out the usual quarterlies to the show secretaries, and that quarterly close is a January close. So, you don't have to count on your fingers as I do to see when the quarter ends.

**Schreck:** As was discussed somewhat yesterday, thanks to Terri's efforts, we have Chuck Gradowski's function being switched over to a local accounting firm. This has been talked about for years. **Hannon:** Since this is going in the minutes, and a lot of people may not know what Chuck's function was – **Schreck:** Alright, I will elaborate for the minutes. Chuck comes in monthly to do the adjusting entries to close the books. Then, of course, quarterly he comes in and does the same thing but with a few more expanded entries, and then of course at year end, even more. Chuck has been doing this for some time and there has been talk for some time about replacing him with a more local situation. I want to make it very clear in the minutes that this is no reflection on Chuck's ability or devotion to doing this project. He has been an absolute resource. He trained our bookkeeper Diane, who knew not what a blue or yellow slip was in the beginning, and has always been very cooperative. To that end, I would like the minutes to reflect a round of applause in thanks. [applause] So, the local firm will be transitioning in starting this month, with Chuck's assistance. The idea, of course, is to try and cut cost. We have travel cost for Chuck, and then he has to sometimes come in on the weekend because as we know he has a full-time job now. It's really a double-edged sword, as Chuck himself has said. Barb still has the place in New York, he is in Pennsylvania, he's working full time and he judges. **Hannon:** Because he comes in on a weekend, our bookkeeper has to come in on an overtime situation to work with him on a weekend. **Schreck:** That's correct. At any rate, we think that this will give us some cost-effective results, and at the same time give us a little more accessibility, as we don't have to wait until Chuck has time to come in. We can call them anytime we like, and so they'll be here. Again, I thank Terri for taking care of that. She interviewed 6 firms, Terri? **Barry:** I had calls out to 7. Only 3 would sit down and talk with us. **Schreck:** There was more than one firm under consideration, and this was the one that was settled on.

**Action Item:** After May 1, 2015, the previously allowed free TRN for kittens for U.S. shows will no longer be available.

**Rationale:** *eCats is now virtually current. Snail mail and secure CFA is within 30 days per Verna. Surely exhibitors can register a kitten far enough in advance to meet this time frame. If not there is a procedure for them to pay a fee after the show to register the kittens so any points are not lost.*

**Schreck:** I have an action item pursuant to a little earlier discussion. I would like to make a motion that after May 1, 2015, the previously allowed free TRN for kittens for U.S. shows will no longer be available. The rationale is that eCats is now virtually current. Snail mail and secure CFA is within 30 days per Verna. Surely exhibitors can register a kitten far enough in advance to meet this time frame. If not there is a procedure for them to pay a fee after the show when it goes best across the board to register the kitten Monday and pay the expedited fee, and get that in the system by 5:00 on Tuesday. We now currently, for those of you who know I'm sure, we have a \$15 fee for TRN number for adults, but kittens have been free and I think it's time that we either collect the \$15 or they can follow the Monday procedure, if they so desire. **Hannon:** So, you are making a motion? **Schreck:** I made the motion. It was for U.S. only. **Meeker:** I'll second. **DelaBar:** Have the TRNs been sent to Monique for October? As of when she clerked for me at the Swedish Paws show, she had just received November TRNs but had yet to receive the October TRNs. **Dobbins:** To the best of my knowledge we are all caught up, but I will double check. **DelaBar:** If you could, please. **Dobbins:** TRNs are only sent to Monique if they have the via pedigree form attached with them. I'll see if we had any, but I will check. **Hannon:** Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, kittens have to pay the TRN \$15 fee.

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

**Hannon:** Anything else, Barb? **Schreck:** I have an item. I'm not going to make this an action item but I just want to throw this out for discussion. Right now we have a surcharge in the show rules of \$2 for U.S. clubs, and that's to be submitted with the show package. This really goes to the regional directors for their opinion. This means that the \$2 surcharge comes into Central, and as we know the last meeting we had, we voted to reduce the rebate or refund to the regions from 50¢ to 25¢. What I wanted to get your feedback for is whether or not you think it would be feasible to have the \$1.75 go to Central and the 25¢ go directly to the region. This cuts out work here, the regions would get it sooner, particularly 8 and 9, but again it's the regional directors who are affected by this more than all of us. **Hannon:** Because you're going to have to do follow-up with the clubs that don't send it. **Schreck:** That's right, but they're in your region. What I would envision, for those of you who haven't seen it, there's a little checklist that goes with the show package, and the show secretary is supposed to check off that all of the items were included. One of those check-off items is, is the \$2 surcharge included? It would now say \$1.75 to Central and 25¢ to the region. Again, I'm just bringing this up for discussion. It's really you regional directors who I think should opine on this. **DelaBar:** Please don't ask us to do that, with all the different currencies we have in Europe. Please don't ask that. **Schreck:** We could limit it only to U.S. **Kallmeyer:** I would say the same thing. The ID is worse. At least you have Euro in most of them, but still. **DelaBar:** And Swedish crowns, and Danish crowns. **Kuta:** I like it in concept. I just know in execution there might be issues. One, there might be a math problem. As a show treasurer, I can see writing those checks. I really like the idea of the regions getting money faster. I've never been a regional treasurer. There are some that have been. I don't know if it's easier or harder. **Colilla:** I don't like it. I would rather have one check from CFA. **Schreck:** I just bring this up for discussion. **Hannon:** Maybe the regional directors could talk to



their regional treasurers and get back. Maybe some of the clubs and see what kind of feedback you get. **Dugger:** I agree with Lisa. It's a good idea in concept, but getting them to do it, it's another step. **Schreck:** It's just an idea for discussion. It would save work here. They would have to keep track of every show, who it goes to, it's an additional step and work for Central Office to do that. **Hannon:** When are you implementing – or did you implement the reduction in the fee that went back to the regions? **Schreck:** We did that, I believe, as of October 1 except for Region 4 because they have the Annual.

**Schreck:** The only other thing I have, I'm going to throw it over to Dick because he has some International opportunities. **Kallmeyer:** Right now, the International Division is \$1 surcharge. The China shows are doing well enough now, I think the surcharge could probably go to \$2 for China. Other areas are probably struggling, so I recommend that the surcharge for China be \$2 for the ID. **McCullough:** Second. **Ganoe:** Starting when? **Kallmeyer:** New show season. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Meeker:** China only, or the whole ID? **Kallmeyer:** China only. I don't think the others can support it yet.

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

**Colilla:** Can I ask a question. Do they have to pay a license fee for their shows? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. The ID still has that for new clubs, their first show there's no fee and the second is one-half of the fee. Didn't we make a motion that that would apply to any new club worldwide? **Hannon:** No. **Kallmeyer:** I thought we did at one time.

**Moser:** I just have a question. I don't know if this goes into Barb's area before she leaves or if it goes into World Show. I just want to make a note on the question for the finances for the World Show. Should I wait until Rich comes up with that? **Hannon:** You can ask Barb. **Moser:** I just have a concern that in here, when you put your expenses and income and stuff, that what's not included is the expenses of Central Office. They're taking 3 weeks out of their time to do things to get ready for the World Show, and that is a loss of income to the association because of their time that they're not here doing registrations or doing what they're supposed to do here, and working on the World Show. I would think that should be maybe listed in the World Show as, you know. **Hannon:** I don't agree with you because Central Office's job is to provide administrative support to the CFA functions. We don't break out how much of their time is spent preparing for an Annual, which is going to dramatically increase after this year. We don't charge the Judging Program for how much time they may spend on that, we don't charge the Clerking Program for how much time they spend on that. I just think it's part of the operations of the Central Office, to provide administrative support for our various events. **Schreck:** I would echo that, and also once you start getting into allocation, it gets really messy. What do you really do? Is that really a fair amount? Do we have everybody keep a timesheet? *I spent 1 hour today on the World Show, I spent 1 hour today on this and that.* I agree with Mark wholeheartedly. That's part of the overall function of CFA. **Eigenhauser:** While I'm not advocating that we break it out and try to quantify it, as a board we need to be cognizant of the burden we're placing on Central Office when we say, *please do this for us, please do that for us, please do this other thing for us.* We have to think in terms of the opportunity cost. Whenever they're doing some project for CFA, they may not be doing registrations or whatever, and so while we don't necessarily quantify it, we do need to be cognizant of it whenever we give them projects to do.

**Hannon:** So, there are no more questions on the Treasurer's Report. **Schreck:** We had one other thing. Dick, what about the catalog entry? The surcharge. **Kallmeyer:** We just did it. **Eigenhauser:** We voted on it. **Kallmeyer:** We passed it, for China. Just only for China. **Hannon:** Are you through with the Treasurer's Report? **Schreck:** I'm through.

(7) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

**Hannon:** Are you ready for the Budget Committee Report or the Audit Committee Report? **Schreck:** I thought Rich was doing them. **Hannon:** No, that's you. **Schreck:** Well, we have nothing to report. **Hannon:** OK.

**Schreck:** For those of you who are committee chairs, again a reminder you need your requests in by February 20<sup>th</sup>. **Ganoe:** Barb, I'll need to get with you and Terri because we need to get some clarity as to where the IT budget actually sits and how it's administered. We had some questions when Terri and I talked about it. I'll get with you offline. **Schreck:** I'm done now for sure.

In an executive session discussion, **Eigenhauser** moved to grant CFA Secretary Rachel Anger a bonus. Seconded by **DelaBar**, **Motion Carried.**

**(8) AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

[No Report]

(9) **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

***Committee Chair: Rich Mastin***

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

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

- *Post 2014 World Show Hotels and Show Hall follow up of invoices, credits, comps and rebates.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

- *Accessible to Central Office Team, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair as needed*
- *Weekly review of bank account balances*
- *Review payroll reports*
- *Review monthly financial profit & loss statements and commentaries to previous year's performance and budget*
- *Post 2014 World Show outstanding entry fees and sponsorship fees*
- *Show Sponsorship reviews and approvals as submitted by Verna Dobbins*
- *Review and advise as needed on Central Office contractual agreements/arrangements and capital improvement needs*
  - 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*
- *Working with Executive Director Terri Berry on short and long term investment options*
- *Beginning plans for 2015 World Show.*

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

- *Committee's progress*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rich Mastin, Chair*

**Hannon:** Finance Committee. Do you have anything you want to report? **Mastin:** I have nothing to talk about. If you have any questions, I'll take questions. No action items.

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

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

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

*Reviewed and created list of; issues, concerns, changes and suggestions for 2015 World Show*

*Confirm hotels and show hall comps, expenses, credits and deposits*

*Confirm and obtain Visitor's Association rebate payment*

*Marketing/Advertising impressions report*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Follow up on unpaid sponsorship commitments and unpaid entry fees*

*Finalizing expense and income allocations, and profit and loss statement (not available at time of submitting this report)*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Review final Profit & Loss Statement*

**Board Action Items:**

*None*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rich Mastin, Chair*

**Mastin:** Let's do the World Show real quick. **Hannon:** Go. **Mastin:** Any questions on the 2014 World Show? I'm not talking about 2015. OK, that's easy. **DelaBar:** In planning for next year, we're having it in the same venue, right? **Hannon:** Basically. **Mastin:** We think so. **DelaBar:** I thought there was a contract that we had to sign for a few years. **Mastin:** There is.

**(11) CLUB SPONSORSHIP.**

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

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

- *Process & approve requests as they are submitted (see year to date report)*
- *Re-evaluate existing program to encourage at the show and post-show requirements are full-filled by clubs receiving sponsorship award(s)*
- *CFA Show Sponsorships Awards approved out till the end of the year and one in the new show season*
- *2015 – 2016 show season requests on temporary hold until new guidelines and budget is confirmed*
- *Assisted Kathy Calhoun and some Regional Directors on a proposal to grant CFA Sponsorship Awards to Regions for one event of their choice (Annual Show & Banquet or Fund Raiser). See proposal submitted by Kathy Calhoun.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

- *Process, approve and make improvements to current program*
- *Establish 2015 – 2016 Budget*

**Board Action Items:**

- *Approve proposal submitted by Kathy Calhoun for each Region to be awarded CFA Sponsorship funds for one Regional Event per show season.*

[NOTE: See agenda item #12 for this report and action item]

**Time Frame:**

- *Approve proposal at Board Meeting, and complete budget and update program by March 15, 2015.*

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

- *Updates*

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Rich Mastin, Chair*

**Mastin:** Can I finish sponsorship? There is something I want to put out there so everybody is aware of it. We're evaluating the current program – how we receive the post-show requirements and how we distribute the money. One of the things that we're looking at is, once we approve a show or a club for sponsorship for \$500, we will send out half the award at the time of approval and send out the remaining half once we receive all the post-show requirements at Central Office. One of the biggest challenges we have had is receiving the post-show requirements – the copy of the ad, the copy of the invoice, the photo of the booth, what have you. We really would like this money to go toward marking your shows. That's the purpose of it. So, I just wanted to throw that out there and let you guys know that we're trying to find a proactive approach to making the program better. I'm done. **DelaBar:** Question. Are you saying that's what you're doing now or that's what you're looking at doing? **Mastin:** For the new year. **DelaBar:** You're making it sort of difficult for Europe, because we don't get checks. **Hannon:** Then you can only give them half from your regional treasury until after we verify that we've gotten it. **McCullough:** They can pay the loan back. **DelaBar:** It's not a loan. **Mastin:** What we could do is, if we know we have X number of awards coming, we'll give you the cash and then you can administer half of it at a time. **DelaBar:** So, I'm the one that controls the carrot. **Mastin:** Well, your regional treasurer. **DelaBar:** I meant, the regional director controls the carrot. That should be region wide. Give it to all the regional directors. That gives us a chance to at least encourage the proper implementation. **Hannon:** We'll talk about it. **Mastin:** That could be good.

**Krzanowski:** That kind of change in the sponsorship program could severely impact some of the clubs that are operating on a shoe string. They don't have the money up front to pay for the marketing, so to get the second half of it after – **Hannon:** Carol, here's the problem. One of the problems is, with our corporate sponsors, if we're not able to provide them with the follow-up, then we are jeopardizing that sponsorship. **Krzanowski:** I understand. **Hannon:** If you say to a club, you had to have a display of the product – whether it be a CFA product if we sponsored the show, or if it's Royal Canin or if it's Dr. Elsey's, they had to have a display – and you need to send us a picture of it. "Oh, we forgot to take a picture." There's nothing they can do at that point. **Krzanowski:** I know. I always impress upon everybody that I speak with how important it is to provide that documentation. **Hannon:** But we're not getting it. A tremendous number of the clubs are not providing it. **Krzanowski:** Some clubs really do have no money in the treasury.

**Kuta:** I have ideas on how to make it a lot easier to reply. As one who hasn't responded myself, I have some ideas on how to make it a little easier. We can talk about it. I don't want to take more time now. **Hannon:** OK, we'll talk to you about that. **Calhoun:** I think that's a great idea to provide half in front and half after the documentation is in place. I work with Jodell trying to get information out to clubs. It's very difficult. **Hannon:** Here's an example. I've gone to a number of shows where they receive the \$500 or \$750 or whatever the amount, and it was designated for advertising the show to the public. The club will brag to me, "we didn't spend a penny advertising this show and how much gate we got just by free listings, etc." That's unethical to take the money, saying yes we'll spend it on advertising, and then not spend it on advertising. **Colilla:** The solution is, they won't get the money next year. **McCullough:** That's in place already. **Meeker:** I think there's a way. The fulfillment requirements aren't that difficult. You've already done 3 of the 4 by the time your show catalog is provided. You've got the logo on the front of the catalog, you've got the advertising page, you have already paid for your advertising and you have a receipt. The fourth requirement is a picture of the set-up. So, you



have somebody take a picture, you print it and you put everything in the show box and send it back to Central Office. Jodell and I spend hours going after clubs and working with regional directors to try to get information that was 9 months old and they go, “oh dear, we forgot.” We’re having to tell a sponsor, “we don’t have anything from them.” That’s not good business practice. All these folks are out there with their little paws out, but there has to be give and take. When you’re getting something, you agree to do something for that money. **Eigenhauser:** First of all, I think you should put a time limit on it. If you don’t have it in by X amount of time, your CFA services are suspended until you do. **Anger:** That’s harsh. **Hannon:** Continue on. **Eigenhauser:** We do it on other things. We do it on protests when we make somebody pay a fine and make restitution if they don’t do it in 30 days. Give them a reasonable period of time, give them warning. To me, this is like when an exhibitor doesn’t pay for their entry fee. You give them a couple warnings, you send them a certified letter, you ask them nice a few times, but eventually you say, “do it or you go away.” **Meeker:** I think we need to break, because I think George needs a Snickers. **Kuta:** As I said, I have some simple ideas that would probably make a lot of this moot and make it pretty easy for them to reply and get what we need. Then if they are not spending money on advertising, some ideas for that, too. **McCullough:** Why can’t that be included in the show packet at the end of the show? You’ve got your write-up, all your stuff is done. Your show is done that day. There’s nothing next week or 3 weeks or 10 years that’s going to change about your documentation. **Moser:** On George’s comment, I thought that was a little bit drastic, but maybe just not give them the rest of the money. **Hannon:** That’s what Rich is proposing. **Mastin:** Pam, that is the proposal. If they don’t turn in the stuff within 30 days, they won’t receive the rest. **Hannon:** That’s the carrot we’re holding, by holding on to the \$250. **Mastin:** It’s the incentive for them to send in the stuff. What we would like to do – and we need to confirm with Verna and Terri how they want the stuff – the show packet right now goes to a different department. It goes to scoring. We want this stuff to go to Verna, so maybe we get it all electronically. **Kuta:** I’ve got ideas about that. **Mastin:** Scanned, emailed and we’re done. Take a picture of the invoice and scan it to us. We have it, then we’ll send you out the check. George, great idea. That will probably get us pretty close to 100%.

[BREAK]

**(12) REGIONAL AWARDS SHOW SPONSORSHIP.**

***Regional Director Representative: Kathy Calhoun***

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities:**

*Regional Directors were provided 3 dates to choose from (Dec 29/Dec 30/ Jan 5) for a conference call to discuss Regional Sponsorship. The date chosen was Jan 5, 2015.*

*Attendees: Kathy Calhoun, Geri Fellerman, Steve McCullough, Pam Moser, John Colilla, and Rich Mastin.*

**Current Happenings:**

*To address concerns that by providing the Regions sponsorship, the clubs would be negatively impacted Rich Mastin provided insights relative to current decline trends in award requests. Based on those trends, there should be no issue supporting incremental sponsorship for the Regions.*

*Each Club or Region would be eligible to benefit from one award per show season/CFA year. Therefore, if a Club sponsors a Regional event and the benefit or resulting revenue goes to the Region, it would count as the Regions annual allocation. That specific Club could still apply for sponsorship for their own show at another time in the CFA year.*

*Relative to the dollar amount each Region would be eligible to receive, the RD's on the call aligned to keeping that amount consistent to the amount a club would be eligible to receive which on average is \$500.00.*

**Future Projections:**

*The Regions would like to request that \$4500 be included in the 2015/2016 budget to support Regional sponsorship. Regions would be required to apply for these funds and provide all of the pre/post data required by Central office.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Calhoun*

**Mastin:** The only action item we have on Club Sponsorship is what was presented. I think it was December's phone conference from Kathy Calhoun on the regions to receive some of the CFA sponsorship dollars. Kathy, I'm going to turn this section over to you. **Calhoun:** The regional directors had an opportunity to meet a couple times toward the end of December and beginning of January. We decided to meet in a January 5<sup>th</sup> conference call. I was on it, Geri, Steve, Pam, John Colilla and Rich joined us, as well. We kind of focused on three things. The #1 thing was, if in fact we went forward with this, would we be taking any funds away from the clubs. Was there enough money available to go around? Rich gave us some insight on that over the last couple years. The clubs have been declining taking advantage of this. There's enough money in the budget so that would not be detrimental to the clubs. That was the first thing we

aligned on. The second thing was if a club held a regional show, the awards show at the end of the season or another regional event, if that club supported the region, does that have a negative effect on that club being able to get sponsorship on their own, for their own show. The answer to that is no. The region would benefit financially from that show, the club would be helping sponsor, but the club would still be able to go out at another time in that CFA calendar year and receive sponsorship for their own show. So, we aligned on that. The third thing was the amount of money that we would ask for. The average amount of money that clubs get is \$500. We felt the regions should probably not ask for any more or less than the \$500. The regions will be able to do the same sorts of things that the clubs do. They would be advertising and be responsible for the pre- and post-notice, and advising Central Office as to how we used those dollars. The group that was on the phone agreed to ask the board for \$4,500 to be included in the 2015-2016 budget or be submitted to the Treasurer to be considered for 2015-2016. So, none of this would happen until May, which is the time when the regions start to do their regional shows and banquets. We put together a summary of this. It was sent out to the regional directors that were there and those that could not be there, in advance of this conversation. We didn't get any feedback from those that weren't on the call saying they were not aligned, so we ask today, the action item is to support the regions to be eligible for sponsorship, and to ask that that be included in consideration by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee in their next budget. **Hannon:** Are there any comments on that? **Schreck:** I wanted to make it clear that if the region holds two shows, that they themselves are also limited to one \$500. Some regions do that an awards show in June and then a fundraiser later on, that they would only be eligible for one \$500. **Meeker:** Are we also stipulating that if a private club does the regional fundraising show or the regional awards show, that any profits they make go to the region, because that's not always been the case in the past. The clubs that did the show privately were allowed to keep their profits. They weren't put back in the regional coffers. **Hannon:** I think that should be up to the region. If the region wants to make the arrangements that the club that put on the show keeps the profit, then I think they get the \$500. **Meeker:** OK then, why would they get a second shot at the \$500? **Hannon:** As incentive to do it. **Calhoun:** The way we stated it is, if the region benefitted financially – say a club sponsors a regional show but the region benefits from it financially – the money goes to the region – that's the region's one show. That is not the club's one show. **Hannon:** Alright, but if the club gets the profit from the regional show, that's their one show. **Calhoun:** Yes, yes. That's their one show. **Hannon:** Anything else on this subject? **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** I don't think you need a motion. **Calhoun:** I don't think we need a motion. We just wanted to get alignment and have it submitted to the Treasurer to be included in next year's budget. **Hannon:** It's just information.

**(13) SHOW RULES.**

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

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

*The Committee has reviewed and prepared a show rule change as requested by the Board at the December Board Meeting regarding the requirement for mandatory specialty rings. Specifically, we have clarified that two one day shows on the same weekend are only licensed if they are for a 6-ring show each, that the International Division will have the same requirement for mandatory rings as that of Regions 1-8, and that a judge can judge allbreed and specialty rings at the same time.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*We are finalizing the revamped rules for issuance based on this board meeting. The complete set should be ready to go to central office within about a week of receiving the full transcript for this meeting.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Nothing planned other than to develop whatever is needed for the annual meeting based on the results of this board meeting.*

**Action Items:**

*Provide a sense of the Board on revising the process to do 6x6 shows from two licenses to one 12-ring show license. It will be listed as a rule proposal, that you can act on if you so wish, but at this point we are only seeking input on whether to proceed or not. An additional rule would need to be revised that limits the number of rings a cat can be entered in at one show to 10.*

*Ratify the following rule proposal at this time:*

***Modify Show Rule 4.07 (OLD RULE 12.07) to meet request of Board at December Board meeting***

<b>Rule 4.07</b>	<b>December 2014 Board Request</b>
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**RATIONALE:** At the December 2014 board meeting, the SRC was directed to re-write show rule 4.07 to put the same specialty ring requirements on the International Division that were placed on clubs in Regions 1-8, and to clarify the wording regarding specialty ring requirements so that it was clear one judge did not have to judge the entire specialty ring required for each competitive category (i.e., the specialty rings in the three categories - kitten, championship, and premiership - do not have to be judged by the same judge). This proposal does that. It also clarifies that two one-day shows at the same location will not normally be licensed unless they are each 6-ring shows.

**Hannon:** I am next going to jump to Show Rules. Carol. **Krzanowski:** Give me a minute. **Schreck:** Is Monte still on the train? [NOTE: reference is to October board meeting] **Hannon:** Show Rules were on the agenda for 1:30 yesterday afternoon. **Krzanowski:** You have all received Monte's report. He has two items in it, actually. The first is an action item to address the issue that the board discussed at the December teleconference, to make the changes as required by the board at that time. Basically, that was to rewrite the show rule to put the same specialty ring requirements on the International Division that we placed on clubs in Regions 1 through 8, and to clarify the wording regarding the specialty ring requirements. Does anyone have any questions about this? **Hannon:** Are there any questions? **DelaBar:** I want input from Dick on it. **Hannon:** He's the one who brought it up. He's the one who encouraged us to do it. **Moser:** I actually brought that up. **Krzanowski:** It was in December. **Moser:** Whenever. Excuse me, December yes. It was to add the International Division would have to have the same kind of specialty rings as in Regions 1 through 8. **Kallmeyer:** So it should just be CFA, in general. **DelaBar:** No, not in general. **Eigenhauser:** The problem is, I see there are two changes to show rule 4.07. **Krzanowski:** Are you looking at the second item? **Eigenhauser:** Are you talking about the second one or are you talking about the first? **Krzanowski:** The first one that was requested by the board to be a correction done to the show rule, to clarify what the board directed in December. **Eigenhauser:** There are things in the first one that I don't think the board asked for. One of them is the provision in there that *Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership; however, separate judges may be used for each of these competitive categories if the club so chooses*. In other words, they are saying that instead of having specialty rings that meet the specialty requirements, you can have an allbreed judge doing specialty in kittens, and you can have an allbreed judge doing specialty in championship, and you can have an allbreed judge doing specialty in premiership, and that meets your specialty ring requirements. That's not why I voted for the specialty ring requirements. I voted for the specialty ring requirements to encourage clubs to use single specialty judges. Putting this addition in there encourages them to use allbreed judges, which in my mind – **Hannon:** But if you didn't have this in there, then it would limit them to only hiring single specialty judges. **DelaBar:** No. **Eigenhauser:** This is saying they can have an allbreed judge doing just specialty kittens, and a different allbreed judge doing just specialty in championship, and a different allbreed judge doing just specialty in premiership. **Hannon:** You're right. **Eigenhauser:** And that would meet their specialty requirement. **Schreck:** But they can have an allbreed judge do it. **Eigenhauser:** They can have an allbreed judge doing specialty now. I'm just saying, giving them more opportunities to circumvent what I consider to be the reason for the rule does not encourage them to use single specialty judges, which is what I voted for in the first place. **Krzanowski:** The problem is, we cannot force clubs to hire single specialty judges to satisfy the specialty ring requirement. We were asked in December to make it clear that they could either use the same judge – one judge to do both specialties – or they could hire two

separate judges. The changes to this rule do that, so I'm not sure I understand. **Hannon:** No. I think you've gone beyond what they have asked. **Eigenhauser:** You could use three separate judges to accomplish one specialty ring. **Mastin:** The way it's written and the way we mandated it back whenever we did this, it really came across wrong in front of the clubs. The purpose of this, even though George you are saying it will encourage single specialty judges, will not happen. The clubs are going to do it based on what they can afford, so they are going to find a work-around on this. I think we went a little too far. We probably should have thought about it a little bit more, got some more feedback before we mandated this. **Moser:** Just for clarification, George was right. The only thing that we really talked about was adding the International to have to do the specialty – none of this stuff about one judge do a specialty in kittens and then another judge do championship. I don't think that was discussed. **Hannon:** There seems to be a consensus, Carol, that that was not what we asked Monte to do. **Krzanowski:** I think what was asked – and I don't have the minutes in front of me – I think what was asked was that he clarify that a club would not necessarily have to hire separate judges to do the separate specialties. Maybe he went a little overboard in his description. **Hannon:** I don't recall that. I thought what we tried to address was changing it so that we would require the International Division to follow the rules. **Schreck:** It may be a redundant comment, but they have to have one specialty ring. They don't have to have specialty judges, they don't have to have two different specialty judges. They can hire an allbreed judge to do that. From what George is saying, I don't see it makes any difference if they do kittens specialty and they do championship specialty. It's the same result. There is still collectively one specialty ring in that show. **Hannon:** But he voted on this, based on an assumption that was not my reason for bringing it up. **Schreck:** I understand that, but that's not how it was written. We have to have one specialty ring and how do you interpret that? Does it have to be a dedicated ring that's all specialty? I don't think we specified that, or did we? Is that the interpretation, that it would have to be one ring? **Raymond:** My understanding was that it was just a ring. We didn't talk about it having to be one judge. **Kuta:** I interpreted it as, you could have one judge doing kittens, one judge doing premiership, one judge doing championship specialty. I mean, that's just how I interpreted it, but I could be wrong. **Hannon:** My intention was a double specialty ring. **Kuta:** Right, and we interpret that in different ways. **Hannon:** You are interpreting it as at least one specialty judging. **Schreck:** Not one specialty ring. That's my question. **Hannon:** I think the motion was specialty rings. So, what do we want to do about the fact that we've got Monte's report in front of us? We have to vote on something here and it's not what we asked for. **Eigenhauser:** Vote it down. **Hannon:** But then that leaves us the problem where we still don't have it addressed in the show rules that the International Division is also required to follow this. **Ganoe:** Vote this one down and then change it to get the International provision in. **Hannon:** Alright. Do I have a motion to vote on Monte's proposal? **Krzanowski:** So moved. **DelaBar:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** We've had plenty of discussion on it.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

**Hannon:** That should be a clear message to Monte. Alright, do we have a motion to change the exclusion of the International Division to inclusion? **DelaBar:** I so move. **Ganoe:** Second. **Hannon:** Any more discussion on that?

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



**Hannon:** Carol, what's your next one? **Krzanowski:** Do we want to address that the specialty rings must be a complete specialty ring by one set of judges, or one judge? **Ganoe:** By definition, that's a ring. **Hannon:** What's a ring? **Ganoe:** When you say "specialty ring", it's one ring. It's not a judging. **Hannon:** Right, and that's what we passed. **DelaBar:** It can be a longhair judge and then a shorthair judge. **Raymond:** That's basically what he's got. Just take the "however" statements out of it.

*Provide a sense of the board (or actually pass the proposal) on eliminating dual licensing for 6x6 shows*

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<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> At the request of several clubs, the Show Rules Committee was requested to propose a revision that would allow clubs to license 6X6 shows as one show, rather than two, in an effort to save money. When the 6X6 proposal was initially proposed and passed, part of the rationale was that it would allow clubs to save money by having two clubs put on their show the same weekend at the same location. It was primarily designed for clubs in remote areas to concentrate the shows on one weekend. That went out the door after the first season this rule was put in effect. Since then, most 6X6 are really sponsored by one club, not two. For example, so far during the 2014-2015 season, there have been 19 licenses issued for 6x6 shows worldwide, and in 13 cases it was the same club licensing both shows. There is a significant cost for this approach. Under the current rules, which only allows 12 rings on a weekend by licensing two shows, the club must obtain two show licenses and pay two show surcharge fees for the set of shows. This proposal would significantly reduce that cost by only requiring one license and one surcharge fee. While this does save the clubs considerably, it is a cost to CFA as a whole. Two clubs could still put on two separate shows by going with a back-to-back format for the one license, and being co-sponsors of the show. This would save both of those clubs money as they would only be looking at one set of license fees/surcharge. On the other hand, this prevents exhibitors from "choosing" which show they wish to enter. In just about every case of 6x6 shows licensed to date, the entry for the first show is not identical to the entry of the second show.</p> <p>While this is written as a show rules proposal, what we are really looking for here is a sense of whether the board would be amendable to such a proposal. Passing this would indicate that you are amendable, and we would then proceed for the October meeting to put it through as a "real" rules proposal along with the accompanying rule(s) needed to actually implement this approach (for example, there is a rule that currently prevents a cat/kitten from being entered in more than 10 rings at one show). NOTE: This rule and the actual proposed rule change at the start of this report do the exact same thing regarding mandatory specialty rings (the two sets of rules are identical - just a different approach to handling 6x6 shows - one show versus two).</p>	

**Hannon:** Carol, what's your next one? **Krzanowski:** The next item that Monte has in his report was presented after discussion with some clubs, who asked that he put this in his report, which he did. I had no idea this was coming in. It's basically to get a sense of the board as to whether the board would be in favor of eliminating dual licensing for 6x6 shows. Currently, we have to have two show licenses. They are two separate shows. What he is asking is, would the board be in favor of allowing a 6x6 to be held with one show license. **DelaBar:** I am against that. The reason we brought the 6x6 up was for remote regions, for two clubs to go together to be able to have one show on one weekend, to be able to offer that opportunity to remote areas. This gives

one club the chance to have an incredible monopoly. We used to absolutely control how many 6x6's we could have per region, per area in any one month of the show season. **Ganoe:** Beyond my objection to the 6x6 format anyway, I agree with Pam. Basically, this authorizes a 12 ring back-to-back show. That was not our purpose for the 6x6 and yes, I know why the clubs want it; because it reduces their licensing cost. **Hannon:** And their surcharge. **Ganoe:** And their surcharge, and I say no. **Eigenhauser:** Agreeing with both of the previous speakers that this wasn't why we created the 6x6 show, I'm also concerned about whether we even need the 6 ring show anymore. The original argument in favor of the 6 ring show is, you couldn't start accumulating grand points until you got your 6 winners ribbons. Everybody had to go to multiple shows to get their winners ribbons. **Hannon:** Do you mean 6 ring or 6x6? **Eigenhauser:** Any 6 rings. Why do we need 6 ring shows to get your 6 winners ribbons if we don't have winners ribbons anymore? You can accumulate your points as you're earning your grand points. Yeah, there are the occasional one-show grands that would have appreciated the 6 ring show, but the original reason for 6 rings was because of the 6 winners ribbons. Winners ribbons are gone, so I'm not in favor of expanding this to a 12 ring format when really the reason for 6 rings is diminished. The purpose of the 6x6 was to double up weekends, to create more opportunities for clubs to have shows. Letting one club camp on both days with 6 rings doesn't accomplish that purpose. **Hannon:** My recollection is, it came up from a club in Colorado who wanted more bang for the buck, and they wanted to have the ability to pick up twice as many points without spending twice as much money – not necessarily grand points. It could be regional points or whatever. **Meeker:** This 6x6 licensing by the same club, to me, was never the intent of the 6x6 rule. That 6x6 rule was to help two struggling clubs come together and defray some of the costs. This is nuts, and as an exhibitor, when I see a 6x6 on the same weekend and I'm writing a check for almost \$400 to show 3 cats for 2 days, I don't see how they plan to make money on this format. I don't think we should be licensing a 6x6 for the same club. **Raymond:** The show rules currently allow the same club to license a 6x6. **Hannon:** Right. I don't think anybody is arguing that, but it wasn't the original intent. We moved away from the original concept and started agreeing to allow the same club, because I don't think initially we allowed it. **Meeker:** I don't remember when we did, Mark. **Hannon:** But we did then change to allow the same club to sponsor both days. **Meeker:** I don't remember that. **Krzanowski:** I'm against this because it would be a money loser for CFA. Currently, the license and surcharge fees and insurance fees do not fully cover all our costs for scoring, etc., plus some exhibitors might not be in favor of this change, either, because if we did one show license, it's one show and they could not opt to enter just one 6-ring show or the other. **Hannon:** They opt to come one day, but they have to pay the full fare. **Krzanowski:** They have to pay the entire fee. **Kuta:** With the different clubs licensing issue, I know it's just been very easy. I've had people ask me if I have any paper clubs that wanted to be on the second day of a 6x6 and I wouldn't have to do anything. So I think we should call a spade a spade. I'm going back and forth on this issue, because it is a 12-ring show in a lot of parts. As an entry clerk, I hate doing entries for 6x6s, but I see both sides on it. Do we just go to 12 rings or keep 6x6? I don't know. **Schreck:** As treasurer, I have to say I would not be in favor of this for the reasons that Carol says. It's not only the show license, but your surcharge. One show you get one surcharge. You don't get two. On my exhibitor side, I know that some shows have a different number of entries on each of the two days. That tells me that exhibitors like to come for one day, depending on whether it's grandma's birthday on Sunday or grandpa's birthday on Saturday, or they have to work and they can't spend a whole weekend at the show. **Hannon:** Or the judging slate. **Schreck:** Well, I was not going to mention that in this

company, but that is exactly another consideration. If we allow the 12-ring, 2 day show, your entry fees are going to be double, and you either pay that double amount or not. I think that would be a damper on the people entering the show, because as we know it's expensive to pay those two fees. So, if now I have a choice of paying no fee or paying a lot of fees, maybe I stay home and wait for the plain old 6x6 one day show. I'm not in favor.

**DelaBar:** This has to do on the two different show rule formats. I'm dealing with the ones that are out in print. What we have here are the revised ones. Where can I get a copy of the revised show rules, as they are going to be 1 May, in the proper format? **Krzanowski:** 1 May is not complete yet, but at the October board meeting in the Show Rules report, Monte included a complete copy of the revamped show rules as of that date. **DelaBar:** Somewhere I lost it. How can I get it? **Krzanowski:** I can email a copy to you. **DelaBar:** Thank you, Carol. I would love that.

**Hannon:** I have a problem with Monte presenting stuff to us like this. The first one, we asked him to do something for us. This one came out of the clear blue. October is the meeting where we normally do show rules, and for him to bring it up in February because an exhibitor or two asked him to, I don't think we should encourage that. **Krzanowski:** I didn't encourage that, but he did it anyway. **Hannon:** I think you need to send the message back to him that we don't want him doing that. The stuff that comes up in February should be at our request. **Eigenhauser:** Let me add judging to that, too. I would like to see Judging Program rule changes be in October, Show Rule changes be in October, use February for things that we didn't get resolved or we needed further work on, but they shouldn't be brought up for the first time in February and then we have to scramble to get things done by the start of the show season. There should be a little more stability. In ancient times, we only allowed Show Rules to be brought up in October and we only allowed Judging Program rules to be brought up in October. I don't know that we need to be that rigid, but we certainly should encourage people to focus on those as the dates to be bringing up new ideas, as opposed to things either the board asks for or that we didn't resolve. **Hannon:** So, the message to Monte is, when somebody brings up something like this, for him to say, "I'm sorry, I cannot bring that up in February. You can either wait until next October or present it as a resolution." **Krzanowski:** In Monte's defense, in his report he wasn't asking for the change to be voted on. He was asking for a consensus of the board's opinion. **Hannon:** So far, it seems pretty negative. **Schreck:** Do we have a motion? **Hannon:** Is there a motion? **Anger:** No. **Hannon:** Are we ready to move on, then? He wanted the feelings of the board. **Krzanowski:** He got them.

### **Time Frame:**

*As noted above.*

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

*Nothing planned at this time.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Monte Phillips, Chair*

## (14) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

**Committee Chairs:** *Liz Watson & Carol Krzanowski*

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

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

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

*Four clubs were pre-noticed for membership. They are:*

- *Cornerpet Cat Fanciers Club; International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*
- *China Central Cat Fanciers; International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*
- *Cat Advocates & Troupers Society; International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*
- *Cats' Empire; Region 9; Pam DelaBar, Regional Director*

### ***Corner Pet Cat Fanciers Club International Division--Nanjing, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are nineteen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold shows in Nanjing, China. The dues have been set. If disbanded the monies will go to a cat charity. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair approves of this club.*

**Hannon:** Club applications, Carol. **Krzanowski:** Everyone has seen the report. It was quite extensive. The first club application up for consideration is from Corner Pet Cat Fanciers Club in China. The application includes a spreadsheet listing the members, along with their CFA activities. Some photos are also included. This group recently worked in conjunction with a CFA club to produce a show in Nanjing. That was just in January. They sent us some photos of the various promotional materials they had developed for the show – very impressive. This is a new geographic area for CFA, with the closest clubs being quite a distance away. Nanjing is 190 miles from Shanghai, 600 miles from Beijing and 1,000 miles from Chengdu. I move that we accept the club. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **Kallmeyer:** This is a new area that we're moving into. Nanjing used to be an ancient capital of China, and again it's another 5 million people metropolitan area. We're not in here. It's a new developing area, new exhibitors starting to come there. One of the key people of this club has actually clerked probably about the last 6 shows just to learn. She goes to almost every show in China. She actually attended the International Show with two exhibitors, Allan 1 and Allan 2 as they are known, so I'm very much in favor of this club. **Hannon:** Seeing no more discussion, I'm going to call for the vote.

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

**Hannon:** We welcome them to CFA.

**China Central Cat Fanciers**  
**International Division--Wuhan, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair**

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to hold shows in Wuhan, China. There are members that show in CFA and are involved in clerking. The dues have been set. If disbanded, monies will go to a cat welfare organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.*

**Hannon:** Next. **Krzanowski:** The second application is from China Central Cat Fanciers. Wuhan is another new geographic area for CFA. It's 500 miles from Shanghai, 694 miles from Beijing and 692 miles from Chengdu. The secretary exhibited at the World Show last November, where I had the pleasure of meeting her in person. Some photos are included in the file. This group wants to produce shows in the city of Wuhan to promote CFA and improve the welfare of cats in general. I move that we accept this club. **Kallmeyer:** Second. Again, this is another club of new people that we're bringing into the area. One advantage of getting these clubs in other cities is that we can start getting to the point where we can have 2 shows a weekend in China. So, we won't have as many large shows. We may have a couple smaller shows, which will definitely help grow us. **Colilla:** Is this the same group of people who put on a show there last October? **Kallmeyer:** No. Actually, they worked with them but it's a different group. The show in Wuhan was actually put on by somebody from Shenyang. **Colilla:** Yes. She was working with some sort of group to promote that. **Kallmeyer:** Right, yes.

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

**Hannon:** Welcome to CFA.

**Cat Advocates & Troupers Society**  
**International Division--Selangor, Malaysia; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair**

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are ten members. No one is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in Kuala Lumpur and other small towns. The dues have been set. If disbanded the monies will go to PAWS, a charitable animal organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.*

**Krzanowski:** Next up is Cat Advocates & Troupers Society from Malaysia. This group was very organized. They contacted us prior to even submitting their application so that they can ensure everything was in order and make the process as smooth as possible. Their application includes a spreadsheet listing all members with their CFA activities, as well as photos of the members exhibiting and clerking. The members of this club are very active in various aspects of CFA and have assisted in putting on shows in Malaysia. I believe there is currently only one other club in Malaysia. I move that we accept this club. **Kallmeyer:** Second. This club is great. One of the problems in Malaysia is that it requires a government charter for any group of more than 5 people, so it's difficult to get a club. The way they have been putting on shows it that they are actually borrowing clubs from Hong Kong mainly to put on a show, so it's great that we're finally getting some development as part of it. The people involved actually sponsored the

clerking school that was held in September when they had their mini World Show, so they are really involved in CFA. **Ganoe:** They're not going to run into any problems with the Malaysian government? They have solved all that? **Kallmeyer:** They got a legal charter. They are legally chartered by the government. **Hannon:** Any other comments or questions?

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

**Hannon:** We welcome them to CFA, as well.

***Cats' Empire***  
***Region 9--Moscow, Russia; Pam DelaBar, Regional Director***

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eleven members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on one show a year. The club will look for locations inside the nine districts of the Russian Federation. The dues have been set. If disbanded the monies will go to "Call of the Wild", an animal shelter in Moscow. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Regional Director supports this club.*

**Krzanowski:** The final application for consideration today is Cats' Empire from Moscow, Russia. This club includes a number of breeders with CFA catteries who exhibit regularly at CFA shows and who are active in one of the Russian associations associated with the Royal Canin Grand Prix. A few members do not yet have catteries registered in CFA, but they do have CFA-registered cats. They are regular exhibitors at WCF and other local club shows, and they have also helped CFA clubs in Moscow organize their show. The file includes photos documenting some of their experience. This group likes CFA and wants to become part of our association. I move that we accept this club. **DelaBar:** I second. **Hannon:** Pam, do you want to comment? **DelaBar:** We are losing one show-producing club for at least the next couple years, and this is due to aging and health matters. Another one, we have one of our major show-producing clubs due to health reasons is canceling some shows. Moscow itself is a city of over 22 million people, which is over 4 times the size of the whole country of Finland. We have been having a lot of success with interest in other areas besides Moscow, Siberia being one, down to Samara to the south on the Volga River, Penza which is about another hour flight outside of Moscow, so this is a growing area. WCF is very strong in Russia and I believe that bringing over some of these people, they are very happy to come and I want to be able to provide them the opportunity to do so. **Ganoe:** I have a question for Pam. In your discussions with this group, are they planning in-conjunction shows or stand-alone CFA shows? **DelaBar:** Yes and yes. **Ganoe:** So, they are planning both? **DelaBar:** Yes, if approved. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments?

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

**Hannon:** We welcome them.

**Future Projections for Committee:**

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



**Time Frame:**

*February 2015 to Board teleconference, April, 2015.*

**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*

**(15) CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.**

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

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

*The CFA Legislative Group has now integrated Kelly Crouch as our newest member and CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Joan Miller is now retired from the Group and has stepped back from day to day involvement. Joan remains a member of the CFA Legislative Committee, which oversees our legislative policy and planning.*

*The United States Congress is now in session but so far no bills have been introduced that CFA is tracking. Most states have begun their current legislative session and the CFA Legislative Group is tracking "active" state bills at the state level. PIJAC continues to provide state and federal tracking information for CFA, as they have for the last 17 years, based on our established search words, which we update as needed. We review each bill for potential interest and select those appropriate for additional tracking. This may include bills related to dog breeding, other species, or animals in general but still of interest to us. PIJAC also provides updated status of the bills we have selected for ongoing tracking. This information includes amendments, committee assignments, hearing dates and other information.*

*We also track proposed legislation by subscribing to pet-related lists on the Internet and receive information from a multitude of sources. We network with other animal groups, such as the dog fancy, about proposed or pending laws and follow their legislative tracking. CFA Legislative network liaisons provide information about bills introduced or proposed in their state, city or county. Please remember: you are the eyes and ears of the fancy. We ask local fanciers to watch out for state bills of interest or concern to the fancy which, for whatever reason, failed to match our search criteria and do not appear on our tracking list. Each of these sources may provide us with additional bills which are reviewed and, if appropriate, added to our tracking list.*

*Amendments to some bills, which may not have been of interest to us initially, are often brought to our attention by local fanciers and other groups. We continue to monitor major Animal Rights groups, their web sites and events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.*

*Local (city, county, etc.) legislation continues to be an issue since there are over 33,000 local jurisdictions in the United States. Bans on sales of cats and dogs in "Pet Shops" continue to be a hot issue in many communities, often in cities or counties with no pet shops. While these bans on pet sales may be focused on "brick and mortar" pet stores, they may also impact home hobby breeders. Mandatory spay/neuter, breeder bans, limit laws, cat licensing and mandatory microchipping continue to be problems.*

## ***Upcoming HOT SPOTS - (just a few examples)***

### ***Federal***

*The 114th Congress seems preoccupied with other issues and is plagued by partisan gridlock. No major pet initiatives have been introduced this session. With the legal challenge to the new USDA/APHIS removed, this may reduce pressure on congress to “do something” about pets or pet sales. However, we continue to deal with the USDA/APHIS change to the retail pet store rule. We continue to focus on providing simple but accurate information to the fancy about the effect of the rule and, if necessary, how to comply with the new regulation. We have participated in USDA/APHIS conference calls and webinars to fine tune our understanding of the rule and how it might be enforced. We have published numerous articles on the subject and posted helpful information through the CFA newsletter, the Cat Talk Almanac, and on the CFA web site legislative page. We have coordinated our efforts with AKC and TICA in an effort to provide understandable guidance to breeders who might be impacted by the rule.*

### ***Maine***

*Maine will be considering “An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores”. While this kind of ban has been enacted in over 70 communities in the U.S. and Canada, if enacted Maine would become the first state to ban these sales.*

### ***New York***

*New York has long been a main target for "progressive" Animal Rights activism and we expect the trend to continue through 2015. NY already leads the pack with over 35 pet related bills filed within the first weeks of the 2015 legislative session. For example, NY Assembly Bill 343 would create a new state animal cruelty database. Several other states already have bills filed to create abuse registries and databases including Colorado, Connecticut, and Virginia.*

### ***Hawaii***

*Hawaii has one of the shortest legislative sessions of all the states making it difficult for grass roots organizations to oppose bad legislation. The last several years have seen a rise in anti-breeder activity by HSUS and related groups. This year we are hopeful that other matters will dominate the legislative session. The Hawaiian clubs continue to working proactively to stop any anti-breeder agenda.*

### ***California***

*California often leads the nation in “progressive” animal legislation. In addition to the usual assortment of Animal Rights proposals, we expect continued conflict between the state and local governments over pocketbook issues such as reimbursement for holding time for impounded animals.*

## **Recent Local Issues**

*The City of Boca Raton, FL passed a resolution supporting HSUS's lobbying at the state and federal level to have "puppy mill" laws enacted. The city declined to enact any new legislation, citing a recent lawsuit against the City of Sunrise. Tacoma, Washington is considering a ban on pet sales at pet stores to discourage the number of puppies being sold from puppy mills and abusive situations.*

*The City of Los Angeles, CA is considering raising the limit on the number of cats which can be owned in one household. However, the devil is in the details and new fees, permits, inspections and other restrictions make this proposal one to view with caution.*

*Princeton, WV recently enacted an MSN ordinance.*

*San Jacinto, CA just approved an ordinance requiring all pets in the city be microchipped. Other provisions make it more costly to own, license or reclaim a pet, in addition to imposing other restrictions on pet ownership.*

## **Litigation**

*The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals. We have joined the AHI coalition in an amicus brief in Barking Hound Village v. Monyak, before the Georgia Court of Appeals. In this case, the owners boarded two dogs and allege that the boarding facility gave medication intended for one dog to the wrong dog, which led to that dog's kidney failure and death. The trial court allowed plaintiffs emotion-based damages as part of "intrinsic value" or "value to the owner." This appeal followed.*

*Last year the CFA Board allowed CFA to join an amicus brief in Abraham & Veneklasen Joint Venture et al. v. American Quarter Horse Association. The American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) is a registry of quarter horses. The Stud Book and Registration Committee ("SBRC") of the AQHA had voted to ban registration of clones and rules banning registration of clones were put in place. AQHA was sued in federal court for restraint of trade under federal antitrust law. AQHA lost at trial and appealed. Other horse groups, AKC and CFA petitioned the court to submit an amicus brief in support of AQHA's position.*

*On January 14, 2015, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion reversing the trial court judgment and ruling in favor of AQHA. (Our side won.) The court discussed AQHA's position that it was a single entity and therefore could not be said to conspire with itself. However, even assuming it could legally conspire the court found that the Plaintiffs' evidence was insufficient to prove a conspiracy to restrain trade. Nor could AQHA be charged with illegal monopolization of the market since "...it is not engaged in breeding, racing, selling or showing elite Quarter Horses." In other words; AQHA is not in the market as a seller of horses, it is just a registry.*

*Our involvement was based on the right of animal registries to register, or not register, animals based on the rules promulgated by the association. If registries could be sued for refusing to*

*register an animal in violation of their own rules we'd have a situation where federal courts would be making up our rules of registration. In theory CFA could be sued for not registering a breed, or a color/pattern within a breed, or even for requiring multi-generational pedigrees for registering cats from other associations. We therefore welcome the ruling. As of this writing there is no indication whether there will be further appeals.*

*As we last updated in October, a legal proceeding had been 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, initially survived a number of legal challenges. Plaintiffs were able to amend their complaint to remove some of the major defects.*

*However, on November 7, 2014 the court granted summary judgment in favor of the USDA and HSUS and against the Associated Dog Clubs. An appeal seems unlikely. The USDA/APHIS rule regulating "puppy mills" has now been upheld in federal court. This rule that went into effect on November 18, 2013 and limits the "retail pet store rule" exemption. Previously hobby breeders who sold pets directly to consumers were not required to get a federal license. Now, some may face the burden and costs of federal inspection and licensing.*

*CFA and AKC had maintained a neutral stance on the lawsuit, respecting the opinions of experienced lawyers who have presented reasons why a legal challenge to a federal agency's authority for rulemaking was not likely to succeed. However, we are saddened by the court ruling. The new rule creates new restrictions and pitfalls for small hobby breeders trying to avoid USDA "dealer" licensing. CFA will continue to focus on helping breeders understand the new Rule and how it affects us.*

### **Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:**

#### **Publications**

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

- *CFA Newsletter, October 2014, "**Pasadena Poised on the brink of MSN**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article helps show how cat fanciers are affected by events unrelated to cats. This round began with a dog mauling a young boy. MSN was proposed so fewer dangerous dogs would be roaming the streets of Pasadena. MSN was also touted to reduce the numbers of Chihuahuas and "pit-bull" dogs in the shelter. "And cats" was added due to the large number of cats and kittens being killed in the shelter each year. It's an all too common story and fanciers must remain vigilant.*

- *CFA Newsletter, November 2014, “Mandatory Spay/Neuter is coming to town” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article begins where the last ended, in Pasadena. It then proceeds to discuss MSN legislation in other areas such as Lee County, Florida; Tippecanoe County, Indiana; the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee and Augusta, Georgia. Will your community be next?*
- *CFA Newsletter, December 2014, “Lee County 14-04: Voted in on a whisper, repealed with a ROAR!” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article begins with the February 2014 passage of an onerous anti-breeder ordinance in Lee County, FL. Instead of quitting in the face of defeat, the Lee County Alliance for Responsible Dog and Cat Owners (LARDCO) was created to fight for repeal. After many months of struggle their efforts were rewarded and in December 2014 the ordinance was repealed in favor of the previous law. Some improvements were made to the old ordinance but no new breeders’ restrictions and no MSN.*
- *CFA Newsletter, January 2015, “Ever wanted to be an animal importer within the US? Just visit New Jersey!” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The 2015 legislative sessions have begun in most states. This article highlights a proposed statewide law in New Jersey which would require anyone, including breeders and rescues, who want to take cats or kittens into New Jersey for sale, adoption or transfer to register as an animal importer in New Jersey.*
- *Cat Talk Almanac, February 2015, “What’s In a Term! Understanding Word Usage in the World of Animal Activism – Part I” by Joan Miller, retired CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article is the first in a three part series which updates the glossary of terms used by animal advocates. Understanding word usage may help identify the players (i.e. “owner” vs. “guardian.”) It also helps us communicate with the public and legislators on animal issues. The power to control the language used in a debate helps define the issues and may give advantage to one side or the other. Part two in this series will focus on some of the terms used in the animal protection profession. Part three will discuss terms more specific to cats and cat issues.*

### **Conferences:**

***Cat Writers Annual Conference**, and annual meeting was held on Oct 30-Nov 1, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia. CFA was instrumental in founding the Cat Writers Association (CWA) more than two decades ago and was a Gold Sponsor this year. Our involvement allows us to reach out to the media, editors and writers on cat issues and educate them to our "spin" on issues. But many of our fanciers participate as writers and bloggers, it isn’t just for legislative. CWA recently partnered with Bark World, an organization of dog bloggers, to reach a broader market. Joan Miller attended this year and gave a talk about CFA at their Awards Banquet. She discussed our goals and the impact we have had on the lives of all cats. Jodell Raymond and Teresa Keiger were both on the editors panel.*

***National Council on Pet Population, Cat Research Day**, November 9, 2014 in Dallas, TX (in conjunction with the SAWA Annual Conference). The NCPP symposium featured highly*

*respected researchers presenting summaries of studies and how their findings may be applied at the shelter or community level.*

***Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) Annual Conference***, November 10-12, 2014 in Dallas, TX. The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) are leading animal control and shelter professionals. They hold a number of events each year which provide us with networking opportunities with leaders in the animal control community. This year the focus was on dogs and sheltering issues. George Eigenhauser and Joan Miller are both SAWA members on behalf of CFA. We did not have a presence at their Annual Conference this year.

### **Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:**

#### ***Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:***

***Pet Industry’s Top to Top Conference.*** Carlsbad, CA on April 28-30, 2015. This annual Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) event brings together leaders in the pet industry including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers and others. Topics presented at the conference include: trends in the pet industry as well as legislation, regulation and the pet industry. CFA has always had a close working relationship with PIJAC and this is an opportunity to build relationships with other groups who support pet ownership and pet owners. Due to the location we are hoping that George Eigenhauser and Joan Miller will both be able to attend this year.

***HSUS Humane Care Expo*** 2015 will take place in New Orleans, LA on March 30-April 2, 2015. This is the largest animal rights conference of the year and used to showcase upcoming HSUS initiatives. CFA’s presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA’s goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. It provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. Our presence at Expo helps us anticipate HSUS legislative initiatives for the coming year. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend on behalf of CFA.

#### ***Other upcoming meetings:***

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. On February 18, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV a meeting among participants is planned. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend on behalf of CFA.

#### ***Ongoing goals -***

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

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

**Action Items:**

*None at this time.*

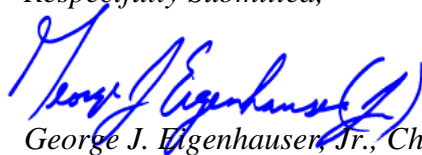
**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing.*

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

*Updates and pending legislative matters.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair*

**Hannon:** Legislative and Winn Foundation are both George. **Eigenhauser:** You've got the written reports. I could spend the next 30 minutes reading them out loud, but I am going to assume you've read them, so if anyone has any questions about either one, now is the time. I'm done. **Hannon:** Thank you, George.



(16) **WINN FOUNDATION.**



***PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

<b><i>President:</i></b>	<b><i>Dr. Glenn A Olah</i></b>
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<b><i>Board Members:</i></b>	<b><i>Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Dr. Susan Little, Fred Jacobberger, Lorraine Shelton, and Dr. Drew Weigner</i></b>

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Winn Feline Foundation's outline of major accomplishments and ongoing projects from the past 5 months:

**Grant Program**

**1. Miller Trust Grant Review (2014):**

The Miller Trust grant review was held in Chicago on October 8, 2014 in combination with Winn Feline Foundation strategic planning session. There were 20 proposals to review. Seven proposals were funded for a total of \$111,392 and approved by the San Francisco Foundation on behalf of the Miller-Redman Trust. Supported studies included evaluation safer imaging systems for distressed cats, treatment for a fatal tick borne blood parasite, improving the feline genome, developing a test for the silver coat color, effective chemotherapy for injection site sarcomas, phase two evaluation of a safer sedative/pre-anesthetic drug, and looking at differences in normal flora compared to allergic skin of cats.

Grants were awarded for the following research studies:

**Assessment of an imaging chamber for handling cats in respiratory distress (MT14-002)**  
*Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Riedesel, DVM DACVR; Iowa State University; \$3133*

Handling un-anesthetized cats in order to obtain high quality X-rays or CT scans can be a challenge. When the cat has respiratory symptoms, the stress of restraint can be life threatening. A tube for cat restraint has been developed to provide a low stress environment

for the cat and allow for the administration of oxygen during imaging. This device will be evaluated during this study.

**Comparison of two treatment options for a tick borne blood parasite (MT14-005)**

*Principal Investigator: Leah A. Cohn; University of Missouri; \$23,023*

*Cytauxzoon felis* is a deadly tick borne parasite of cats that is increasing in prevalence. Traditional treatment regimens are difficult to administer and prohibitively expensive for many owners. Under this study, the traditional treatment regimen will be compared to a lower cost orally administered anti-malarial drug: Coartem®.

**Improving the quality of the feline reference genome (MT14-009)**

*Principal Investigator: William J. Murphy; Texas A&M University; \$25,000*

Sequencing of the cat genome has resulted in numerous breakthroughs in the understanding of feline genetic disease. However, over 1000 genes (about 10% of the genome) remain unplaced or unresolved. This project will improve the quality of the feline reference genome and bring it more in line with the dog, human and mouse genomes.

**Development of a genetic test for silver coat color (MT14-010)**

*Principal Investigator: Barbara Gandolfi, PhD; University of Missouri; \$10,000*

Mutations have been identified through whole genome sequencing appear to be correlated with silver coat color in cats. This study will evaluate whether these mutations are present in 300 cats of known coat color to establish which mutation causes this trait. This will enable the development of a genetic test for silver, one of the few remaining cat colors for which there is no genetic test.

**Improving the effectiveness of chemotherapy on feline injection site sarcomas (MT14-013)**

*Principal Investigator: Kelly Hume; Cornell University; \$12,969*

Feline injection site sarcomas (ISS) are aggressive cancers that can occur at the site of injections. They grow quickly and invasively. Radical surgery and/or radiation therapy are often required and still do not necessarily result in cures. The role of chemotherapy in treatment is not well defined and there is little data supporting a positive impact on outcome. This study looks at ways to increase the beneficial effect of chemotherapy by evaluating a variety of therapeutic combinations on cancer cells. The combinations are designed to inhibit the way cancer cells recognize and respond to DNA damage inflicted by the chemotherapeutic.

**Improving the safety of a drug used for sedation or pre-anesthesia, Phase Two (MT14-017)**

*Principal Investigator: Bruno Pypendop; University of California-Davis; \$12,479*

Dexmedetomidine is a drug commonly used in cats for its calming and pain-relieving effects. It is also sometimes used prior to general anesthesia. However, its use is mostly indicated in relatively young, healthy cats, because it produces severe effects on the cardiovascular system. MK-467 is a drug that is expected to prevent these cardiovascular effects, while

preserving the beneficial effects of dexmedetomidine when administered simultaneously. It has been studied in dogs and sheep, but not in cats.

**Changes in bacterial and fungal flora on the skin of cats with skin allergies from normal cats (MT14-018)** *Principal Investigator: Aline Rodrigues-Hoffmann; Texas A&M University; \$24,788*

This study will use DNA sequencing technology to identify the normal bacterial and fungal organisms present on the skin of healthy cats. These species will be compared to those found on cats with skin allergies. This will aid in the identification of therapeutic approaches in the treatment of skin allergies and other skin diseases.

## **2. Winn Grants (2015):**

Forty-seven grants have been received for consideration for Winn Feline Foundation grant support in 2015. Grant review session has been scheduled on March 15, 2015 at the Tampa Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tampa, FL in conjunction with the 2015 AAHA annual conference. Nine feline medicine experts have been selected as proposal reviewers including Drs. Joe Hauptman, Brian Holub, Melissa Kennedy, Susan Little, Shila Nordone, Glenn Olah, Vicki Thayer, and Drew Weigner. The total amount of grant monies to be awarded has yet to be determined. Winn has funded over \$5 million for research at the end of 2014!

## **Infrastructure and Systems**

- Winn's new website, [www.winnfelinefoundation.org](http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org), went Internet live on September 15, 2014. The website continues to support the Winn's Cat Health blog and the cat library. The cat health library is in the process of being updated and expanded. New cat library topics updated so far include 'Cat Abscesses and other Wounds', 'Diabetes Mellitus in the Cat', 'Feline Infectious Peritonitis', 'Feline Vestibular Disease', 'Lung Cancer in Cats', and 'Your Cat and Your New Baby'. Person contributing to the blog and updating the cat library articles relies on feline medicine experts that are passionate Winn supporters and deserve the Foundation's utmost appreciation. Thank you!
- Winn Feline Foundation strategic planning session was held on October 7, 2014. This session was 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. Results of the session are still in the process of being finalized.
- 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.

- A committee was formed to revisit and update the Winn Humane Guideline. Committee members include Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Glenn Olah, and Vicki Thayer. The committee will also review the Winn Guidelines for Breed-Related Studies and Winn Procedural Manual.
- Dr. Olah, Ms. Lisa Salvaggio, Ms. Shelton, and Dr. Thayer continue 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**

- Dr. 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.
- Dr. Glenn Olah worked with the American Association of Feline Practitioners provided a list of suggested speakers for their 2015 fall meeting. AAFP have selected Dr. Annette Smith (U. of Tennessee, oncologist) to speak at a Winn-sponsored CE track at the 2015 AAFP annual fall meeting.
- Discussions with Sheri Berger, CEO at VetVine and Heather O'Stean at AAFP have been ongoing to find common and overlapping interests. Plans to promote Winn research through Webinars on the VetVine website and Winn access to their membership are still 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. Julie K. Levy (U. of Florida) has contacted Dr. Vicki Thayer and the Foundation regarding inclusion of Winn as a supporting organization for the recently launched Million Cat Challenge. The Million Cat Challenge is a shelter-based campaign to save the lives of 1 million cats in North America over the next five years. The core strategy of the campaign will be key initiatives that will offer every shelter, in every community, practical choices to reduce euthanasia and increase live outcomes for shelter cats.
- Dr. Jody Gookin from North Carolina State University and Dr. Craig Webb from Colorado State University have graciously 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. Webb will likely speak on Winn-supported research evaluating the use of stem cell therapy for treating cats with chronic enteropathies.
- The Winn Videos Library continues to expand its interview content with filming and editing being done by board member and syndicated radio host, Steve Dale, with his producer, Matt Bubala of Black Dog Radio Productions. Newly added videos included Steve interviewing Jackson Galaxy from Animal Planet TV discussing how Winn's support of research benefits

cats with behavior problems and many other medical conditions, Dr. David Maggs (UC Davis, ophthalmologist) discussing novel methods for assessing the tear film and ocular surface in cats, Dr. Karen Moriello (U. of Wisconsin) discussing her study findings regarding decontamination of ringworm on household surfaces, Dr. Craig Webb (CSU) talking about allogeneic adipose-derived mesenchymal stromal cell therapy to treat cats with enteropathies. Videos can be view either through the Winn website, <http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org/education/video-library>, the Winn YouTube Video site, <https://www.youtube.com/user/winnfelinefoundation>.

- Winn now has 19 podcasts of interviews with feline specialist and Winn-funded researchers. Podcasts available and can be view at <http://www.winnfelinefoundation.libsyn.com>.

## **Events**

- During the 2014 holiday season, Winn held a cat holiday photo competition. The competition was a great success with 101 photo entries. Winners were Sandra Fry-Longlegs for Best of Show, Karen Chow-Mui Mui for Most Humorous, and Liz Rozanski-Leicester Honorable Mention. Photos can be view on the Winn website, <http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org/programs/photo-contest>, or a slide show can be view on the Winn YouTube site, <https://www.youtube.com/user/winnfelinefoundation>. Thanks to Vicki Thayer and all the participants for making this event a success!

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Allen Olah DVM, PhD, DABVP (feline)  
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(17) **ANNUAL MEETING – 2015.**

<b><i>Committee Chair:</i></b>	<b><i>Rosina McGlynn</i></b>
<b><i>Club Fundraising/Donations:</i></b>	<b><i>Bill Powell</i></b>
<b><i>Fifty-Fifty Raffles:</i></b>	<b><i>Nancy Makita</i></b>
<b><i>Vendors:</i></b>	<b><i>Kevin Mathis</i></b>
<b><i>Hospitality/entertainment:</i></b>	<b><i>Anne Mathis</i></b>
<b><i>Banquet seating:</i></b>	<b><i>Rachel Anger</i></b>
<b><i>Banquet:</i></b>	<b><i>Rosina McGlynn</i></b>
<b><i>Rosettes:</i></b>	<b><i>Rosina McGlynn and Jodell Raymond</i></b>
<b><i>Decorations:</i></b>	<b><i>Eve Russell</i></b>
<b><i>Delegate Book:</i></b>	<b><i>Loretta Baugh</i></b>
<b><i>Delegate Bag:</i></b>	<b><i>Eve Russell</i></b>
<b><i>Signs /banners:</i></b>	<b><i>Valerie Smith</i></b>
<b><i>Website/webmaster:</i></b>	<b><i>Bob Mathas and Teresa Keiger</i></b>
<b><i>OTRA:</i></b>	<b><i>Art Graafmans</i></b>
<b><i>Treasurer:</i></b>	<b><i>Teresa Sweeney.</i></b>
<b><i>Other Committee members:</i></b>	<b><i>Ed Raymond, Joel Chaney, Marg Pepler, Diane Wardrop, Christine Arnold, Shirley McCullogh, Ev Russell, Joan DeLaFranier, Connie Wardlaw, Joann Cummings, Doreen Mathas, Candilee Jackson, Heather Goddard, Diane Lukas, Gail Moser, Sandi Douglas, Jim Flanik, Jim McGlynn</i></b>

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**Delegate Bags**

- *Design options have been reviewed, and sample bags are to be made available to the Delegate Bag Committee to ensure satisfaction with their final choice*
- *Items continue to be gathered, with GLR Region Members being particularly generous*
- *Notices will be sent to all other Region Clubs soliciting donations*

**Fundraising**

- **“Annual Pins”** *sold have already netted a profit of \$7,753 with a further 9 Pins still to be paid for, the total profit to-date will increase to \$8,653*
- *Pins will continue to be sold up to the deadline for printing of the Delegate Book. Sponsors will be acknowledged in the Delegate Book, on displays at the Annual, and invited to an extra hospitality event*
- *John Colilla has Pins with him for you to purchase. **Don’t worry, hurry** to John – even if you don’t have your check-book with you!!! John will take your pledge, and give you a Pin. We know where you are, and can catch up with you later to collect on the pledge*

- **50/50 Raffles** continue to held at GLR Shows, and will continue on at all GLR Shows until the end of June. These Raffles have proven to be very popular, and well supported. Their popularity is a “win-win” as the pot increases, so do the proceeds to both the winner and the Annual Fund.
- Incredibly generous winners have on several occasions, chosen to donate either part, or indeed, their entire winnings back.
- Total proceeds from the 50/50 initiative have grown already to \$5,501
- **GLR Club Donations** were sought by asking each Club to donate \$50. Several Clubs chose to donate more, and although not all Clubs have remitted their donations, the total received has already reached \$3,000
- **\$1,000 Raffles** held on two occasions netted a profit of \$2,635
- **Garfield Print Raffle** , realized net proceeds of \$750
- **Future Initiatives** are planned, and include a **Silent Auction** of donated items, and a **Gift Basket Raffle**

### **Website**

- The structure of the Website has been launched, and already includes the Sheraton Hotel information.
- New updates recently added include Passport regulations information
- Further additions will be on-going

### **Hospitality**

- Events are planned for both Thursday and Friday evening
- Themes being considered by the Committee are a “VIP Event”, and an “International Night”. Costs will however determine whether these are in fact feasible. It is expected that the Committee will make a decision before the end of February

### **Sponsorship**

- Sponsorship levels have been extended from 3 to 5, reflecting the 5 Great Lakes, after which they are named
- Levels outlined are \$5000/\$3000/\$1000/\$375/In-kind Donations. These newly added levels will, it is hoped, appeal to the smaller businesses
- Custom and Border Regulations have been reviewed. Direction to the appropriate information source will be given to cross-border Vendors

### **Banquet**

- *Menu items have been selected subject to the “taste test”, which is scheduled to take place at the Hotel*
- *It is hoped that we will offer 4 items – beef, chicken, fish and a vegetarian dish*
- *There will be a party following the Banquet on Saturday night !!*

### **Summary**

*The Sheraton Centre Downtown Toronto, is a first class facility whose staff are excited to welcome CFA. Furthermore, the efforts of a cohesive GLR Annual Team, determined to make Toronto 2015 a success, continue to have wonderful results. Miles of walking through show halls, letters written, and e-mails sent by the Fund-raising Committee, added to the generosity of the Exhibitors, have resulted in monies raised or pledged already exceeding those advanced by the Region.*

*This same type of effort and commitment is evident within each of the other Committees. All Committee Members are determined to proudly offer you a quality product, time and overall experience.*

*The Great Lakes Region invites you to Toronto - all you can expect, and more !!!*

*Rosina McGlynn, Chair*

**Hannon:** 2015 Annual is John. **Colilla:** We have submitted a report. Any questions, talk to Rosina. I do have pins! They are available. **Hannon:** You had a very successful meeting, John. **Colilla:** I'm not complaining, but I have more pins if you want to buy them.



**(18) SHOW SCHEDULING ISSUE.**

***OBJECTION TO CHANGE OF DATE FOR MO-KAN SHOW FROM SECOND WEEKEND IN AUGUST TO THIRD WEEKEND IN JULY.***

*Clubs were notified on December 19, 2014, of MO-KAN Cat Club's request to move their show from the second weekend in August to the third weekend in July with instructions for clubs to notify their Regional Director of any comments. I received objections from several members of Garden State Cat Club. I immediately notified Kathy Calhoun of these objections and asked at that time (December 29) for the format of the proposed show since a very small show might not be as much of a concern but did not receive a response.*

*On December 29, the president of Garden State, Brenda Flahault, sent a letter to Kathy (along with several other club members) voicing concerns of the club including, but not limited to, the fact that Garden State derived approximately 60 entries from the area of the proposed show. A copy of this letter is attached. Brenda never received a response to this letter.*

*Garden State has held this date for well over thirty years.*

*I again asked as late as yesterday for the proposed format of this show but have not received a response.*

*Geri Fellerman*

**Hannon:** Scheduling issue, Geri. **Fellerman:** Yes. We were recently noticed that MoKan was requesting to have a show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of July. Several Garden State Cat Club members voiced their opposition, so I asked the president to check stats and send a letter, which she did, to Kathy. I'll read it quickly, since it appears it just went to Kathy and a few other people [with author's permission]:

*Dear Kathy,*

*As President of the Garden State Cat Club, and representing its members, I wish to tell you that it was with great concern and disbelief that we read that Mo-Kan is petitioning to run their TGIF show on our traditional show date, the third weekend of July 2015, and most likely beyond. This has been our show date for many, many years and a great tradition for the Cat Fanciers Association. People come from all over the country and also from abroad to attend our show, an event that debuts many of the cats who will be campaigning for the year. Others come to enjoy socializing with each other and to shop with the many vendors who depend on this show to cover travel expenses and to make a profit so that they can afford to go to other smaller shows. Still more attend to see our educational seminars and to participate in Feline Agility or to sell kittens or older cats. Many come to adopt some of the 100 plus shelter cats for whom we provide a free adoption area.*

*We have not been given a rationale for this projected change by the TGIF/Mo-Kan Club. We have no idea how large this show would be, how many days, how many rings, etc. I called CFA Dec. 29 AM but was not given any details and was told to contact Geri Fellerman, also an officer in GSCC. She did not have details either. She has learned*

*some information but not the show details we need. I was also told by Central Office to contact Mo-Kan, which seems inappropriate; their projected plans should be made public on the CFA lists.*

*We cannot afford to produce one of CFA's largest shows and lose entries from other sections of the country to Mo-Kan, particularly if it is a large show. Our show depends not just on local exhibitors, but also on fly-ins and those who are willing to travel two or more days by car to attend; this would include exhibitors from Mo-Kan/TGIF's area. Checking last year's GSCC show attendance figures, we note that there were 54 cats from nearby Region 4 and 9 cats from Region 6. We cannot afford to lose those numbers in July 2015 or beyond. Having Mo-Kan on our traditional weekend could cause both shows to lose, and this kind of scheduling could lead to the demise of one, or both shows, the following year. We also understand that they want to make our date a permanent one for their show, again without any rationale being given for changing their date from their traditional August one.*

*We are asking that the Board reject Mo-Kan's request to hold a show on our traditional July weekend and that Mo-Kan find another date for their event that would not produce such tragic outcomes for our show (or both shows) and for our club and its loyal supporters/exhibitors, and gate.*

*There are not that many large shows left so we request that CFA do everything possible to preserve our Garden State Cat Show and its traditional dates.*

*I am writing this to you with Geri Fellerman's knowledge as her computer is in the "hospital".*

*Thank you for your time reading this; please contact us if you have any questions or further information.*

*Sincerely,  
Brenda Flahault, President  
Garden State Cat Club of NJ, Inc.  
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mellowmaines@comcast.net  
908 276 9423*

**Fellerman:** I had asked repeatedly what format this show would take. Was it a one-day show, is it a two-day 6x6, and I have never gotten a response. **Hannon:** First, I want a motion and a second before we go to any discussion on this. Is there a motion? Geri, do you want to make a motion? **Fellerman:** I will move that MoKan's request be denied. **Moser:** Second. **Hannon:** My first comment would be, the normal routine – the policy we have in effect – is, no shows closer than 500 miles and if a club in an adjoining region has a complaint – you are by my calculations 1,200 miles and not an adjoining region. I'm going to go as a courtesy to Kathy, who is the regional director. **Fellerman:** I understand that.

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**MoKan Response:** *Brenda Flahault sent a letter directly to me objecting to the MoKan request I had published in the CFA news. Geri has incorrectly reported that there were several other*

*letters. Letters of protest are supposed to be sent to the individual RD to manage. My response to that email answering the question posted was sent directly to Geri Fellerman on 12/29/2014 describing potential formats and entry limits for the MoKan requested show. I fully expected Geri to communicate as appropriate with Brenda Flahault. That did not occur.*

*Geri also failed to mention in her document submitted to the Board, that it was I who sent her a follow up email on 1/15 asking her if she was adding this topic to the February agenda. I knew the deadline for submission was 1/16 and I wanted this matter resolved. Geri indicated she would never hear the end of it if she did not and requested the item be added to the agenda.*

*I think this board should focus on the issue at hand which is not the size or format of the show. Be it a 225 count show or a 450 count show is not relevant.*

- *MoKan's request has been approved by all of the neighboring Regional Directors as outlined in Show Rule 12.03.*
- *Kansas City is 1194 miles from Somerset, New Jersey*

*In addition, MoKan is requesting a date on the CFA show calendar that was the traditional date of the Mid Indiana Cat Enthusiast which in the past held a show in Auburn Indiana. MICE is a Midwest Region Club. MICE is not having a show in 2015 and therefore the request from MoKan.*

*The MICE show which was traditionally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July, is 635 miles away from Somerset, NJ. Kansas City, the proposed site for the MoKan show is an additional 559 miles to the west. Since the third weekend in July was a traditional date for MICE, it is not logical that a show an additional 559 miles be called into question.*

*Request: The CFA Board approve MoKan's move to the third weekend in July 2015.*

*Email from Cindy Browning forwarded to Geri Fellerman [with author's permission]:*

*MOKAN Cat Club hereby formally requests to change the date of the traditional show from the second Saturday of August to the third weekend of July.*

*For 2015, this would be Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19. We would like to change this permanently. Our August date conflicts with the St Louis show, which is currently a week earlier. This change allows the cats to rest and attendance will be greater and revenues higher for all concerned.*

*The location would be the KCI Expo Center, located at 11728 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153. This is located near KCI airport.*

*Format would be Allbreed, HHP, and probably one specialty ring. A two-day show could be either eight rings both days or four rings/judges each day.*

*Officers of MOKAN are: Brian Pearson, President; Preston Smith, Vice-President; and Cathy Dinesen, Club Secretary. Ed Kempf resigned as Treasurer, and that position is*

*open until January elections. Directors are Bruce Bradshaw, Bob Johnston, and Jim Dinesen.*

*Thank you for your attention to this matter.*

*Cindy*

**Calhoun:** In regard to a response, I did forward an email from Cindy Browning that explained the things that were being debated about how many rings and what the entry was. You mentioned your computer was in the hospital at the time. **Fellerman:** I didn't get that. **Calhoun:** And, the other thing that was not mentioned, on January 15<sup>th</sup> I reached out to you so that you would not miss the January 16<sup>th</sup> deadline to get it on the agenda. **Fellerman:** Yes, you did. **Calhoun:** OK, so, that being said, I don't think that the issue is the size of the show or how many rings. MoKan has made this request to move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of July. The neighboring regional directors have been contacted and have approved the move. Kansas City is 1,194 miles away from Somerset, New Jersey. Also, what has not been mentioned and probably maybe Geri wasn't aware, there was a show on that weekend in the Midwest Region in Auburn, Indiana. That is their traditional weekend. That Auburn, Indiana show is 635 miles away from Somerset. This show is an additional 559 miles to the west of that. I really think that this should have been managed by the regional director, but since it hasn't I cannot support not approving MoKan for that weekend. **Meeker:** I would go back to the 500 mile rule. Garden State is making it sound like only one club in the United States can have a date on a weekend, and that just isn't traditionally what we do. I could not support this motion. **Hannon:** MoKan's traditional date is in August, which is the same weekend as Hidden Peak in Maryland, and I see them pretty much the same distance apart. Now, I don't think MoKan has had an undue influence on the entries in Maryland, so I don't see it's going to have an undue influence on a show in New Jersey. **Eigenhauser:** I would ask as a courtesy when people bring these kinds of matters before the board to tell us the locations of the two shows in the motion, because until you told me how far it was, Mark, and Kathy backed it up, I had no idea how many miles we were talking about. I had no idea where MoKan was going to put on a show. I haven't been to their show, I don't know the tradition. It would be nice as a courtesy when these things come before the board if you gave us the facts first, rather than hearing them in the argument. **Hannon:** Seeing no further discussion, I'm going to call the motion.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Fellerman voting yes. Ganoe abstained.

**Hannon:** Dennis abstained. **Ganoe:** Yes. Sun Kats is on the same weekend. I don't feel comfortable voting either way.

**(19) SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

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

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**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, and negotiating price increases from Texas A&M*

*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*

*Fixing a price increase for CFA DNA testing*

**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.*

*Archived samples are still being tested by Texas A&M to calibrate the new platform.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Roger Brown, DVM, Chair*

**Hannon:** Scientific Advisory Committee. Roger. **Brown:** We're still working on the new platform. I have either called or emailed a number of people to get at least two samples from each of the CFA-recognized breeds. People have been extremely rapid in producing these samples to help speed this process up. The reason for this is, the database that analyzes the material that comes out of the new sequencing equipment needs more information than just the

old archive samples. I don't have a starting date yet. I've had a number of false starts indicating that they would be ready sooner, but this is such an advanced array testing procedure, it's taking more time than they thought it would. The number of markers that they are using are going to be 384. The old one was 64. Dr. Murphy gave Illumina 3,000 markers to use as they need them when they are putting together these chemistries. He has also gotten a rather large grant to continue to map the feline genome and as he does continue with this work, it's going to impact the array testing that we're going to be able to provide to the CFA people, as well as any other registry that wants to use the testing service. Possibly within a year we're going to have a platform that, instead of 384 markers, it could be as high as 2,000 markers. This is an ongoing project. I'm sort of pulling my hair out. There's not much I can do to speed it up, other than try to get everything done as soon as possible that they ask for. I will keep the board updated as things come along. I suspect that the cost is going to be higher than we initially projected, primarily because there have been additional set-up charges that Texas A&M is paying for that they hadn't anticipated. CFA is spending no money up front. Everything is coming out of the budget of the service lab and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M. That ends my report. I will keep you updated as things change. The types of tests will be about the same as the old profile, except that the identity profile is going to be huge. It's going to be so large that it's probably going to give us a breed identity program. That's going to help eliminate all these issues that we've dealt with this weekend, because when these hard questions that we're dealing with arise, we might be able to rely on DNA to answer the questions, rather than having to worry about feelings and facts that are beyond our control. **Hannon:** Thank you, Roger.

(20) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Liaison **Annette Wilson** presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no. Also in attendance were Co-Chairs Carla Bizzell and Melanie Morgan.

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

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**Morgan:** Shall we start at the beginning? **Hannon:** You have some representatives here. Do you think if you start at the beginning, you are going to be able to get those folks dealt with? Are they towards the first half of the alphabet? **Morgan:** It's Colorpoint and Bali, and we don't have anything up for them. **Bizzell:** There's nothing on their ballot. **Hannon:** Alright, go. **Bizzell:** We're going to go fast. **Morgan:** We're going to go rapidly, yes. **Hannon:** We heard that from Keith. **Morgan:** In June this year, Carla and I took over Breeds and Standards from very, very capable hands. Rachel and Annette were doing a wonderful job and, thankfully, they remained very active on the committee. I don't think we could have done what we've done in these last few months without their help and continued support. They are truly superwomen and I think that our first step officially here at the beginning is to thank both Rachel and Annette for doing an absolutely amazing job, both in the past and ongoing. Thank you so much. They have done a fabulous job and we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for their help and the many long years that they have worked on the committee. We have all of the current activities and ongoing future all in the report. I can certainly go through all the details on those if you would like. Does anyone have any questions on those?

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

*This was the year for breed council secretary elections. We would like to thank the outgoing breed council secretaries for their service to CFA. We welcome some new breed council secretaries and welcome back the returning breed council secretaries.*

*The Breed Council balloting process was conducted and the results were tabulated by Kristi Wollam in Central Office. Classmarker was used for the entire process with notification and codes generated by Kristi Wollam via email. Multiple notifications regarding the process were sent to the Yahoo group list as well as the individual emails. Response was favorable, although we did receive one complaint that the notification was not received. Many thanks to Kristi for her continued assistance with this huge annual project!*

*Susan Cook-Henry helped with the huge task of editing the individual breed registration rules (known as the 'breed book') to prepare them for web publication. She also incorporated the 2014 ballot changes which had not been completed by Central Office. All Breed Council Secretaries were given the chance to review the existing rules and their corrections were incorporated. Two versions will be forwarded to Central Office for their maintenance and use: a "historical" version that includes each revision and effective date and a "publication" version that only lists what is currently in effect. We also added the registration prefixes by breed for all*

*the colors. At this point, we should be totally up-to-date and maintaining the integrity of these very important resources should be relatively simple. Many thanks to Susan Cook-Henry for her hard work on this.*

*Color/Pattern project – We have created a sub-committee consisting of Julie Keyer (head), Laurie Coughlan and Sharon Roy to work on creating a standardized set of color/pattern descriptions for CFA. While we can't force Breed Councils to change to a standardized set of colors/patterns, we should have comprehensive color/pattern descriptions available for their use when adding new colors/patterns to their standards and for use by new breeds when applying for acceptance. The ultimate goal is to create more uniform color/pattern descriptions in existing breeds over time. Julie has begun the process by putting together a comprehensive color matrix.*

*The changes in cycle for Breed Council Membership was initiated and corresponding web references updated.*

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

1. *Review color/pattern advancement matrix for new and existing breeds and revise for clarity as necessary.*

*Over the years it seems that our color advancement requirements have been interpreted a number of different ways resulting in inconsistencies as well as some significant confusion regarding the process. This contributes to the perception that our system is arbitrary and creates incomplete breed standards in terms of color descriptions etc. We would like to clarify the process so that we can be objective and fair in our requirements for new and existing breeds.*

2. *Standardized Color/Pattern Project – Ongoing and future (we anticipate that this project will take some time). Flesh out matrix and put together text version for Breed Council Secretary review.*
3. *Status of Miscellaneous breed – Chinese Li Hua statistics and comments compiled for review.*

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

*Solicit input on agenda for the June Breed Council Secretaries meeting with the Board of Directors. Ensure revisions are correctly made to each breed's Rules of Registration and Breed Standard. Continue work on Standardized Color/Pattern Project.*

#### **Miscellaneous Breeds Status:**

*This is the five year mark for the Chinese Li Hua. There has not been any appreciable growth in number of cats or number of breeders for this breed over the past five (5) years. Comments from judges have grown increasingly negative. While the overall total comments maintain a slim percentage for the positive (55%), this is due primarily to the first two years when hopes for this proposed breed were high. Comments over the last two years are far more negative than positive. It is also important to note that while the negative comments came from a wide variety*



*of judges, most of the positive comments received came from the same judges who saw the cats multiple times. There is only one truly active breeder in the U.S. and the driving force in China has expressed their desire to terminate their involvement with the advancement of the breed (see Addendum 1). We have seen between 8 to 14 unique cats shown each year over the five year span. Not all of these cats were unique from year to year, but even if they were we are still looking at a grand total of 50 cats over five years. There were 11 unique cats from three different litters in 2014. There is no indication that we will ever see stronger support for the breed and the examples have not impressed the judges as something unique as a breed. None of the cats seen in recent years have at all resembled the cats presented in the initial breed application and we see no evidence that we will ever see cats of that caliber. We do not often even see them in their home country. Based on this, we recommend dropping the breed from Miscellaneous status.*

**Response from Chinese Li Hua Committee Chair:**

*To whom it may concern:*

*Over the past 5 years, we have worked to expand the population of Chinese Li Hua's into the United States. We did not have female present in the US for the first 3 years.*

*Over the past 2 years we have had 2 females brought in from China and have had 3 litters produced. One of our major contributors passed away last year which has caused a drop in the activity of her sister Esther, but she continues to be dedicated to the Li Haus.*

*As of today we have:*

- *Li Huas' exhibited by people in the Southern Region, Region 3 and Region 5 ranging in age from 4 months to 5 years.*
- *We have a new litter currently 12 weeks old and requests from exhibitors in region 6 to join in efforts to exhibit.*

*The standard has been rewritten to utilize descriptions common throughout other CFA standards.*

*IF CFA will allow the Li Hua's to continue in MISC status, they will continue to be shown as possible, hopefully expanding throughout the 7 US regions.*

# CHINESE LI HUA

<b>Summary of Show Reports</b>			
<i>Breed</i>	<i>LIHUA</i>		
<i>CY</i>	<i>Data</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>2010</i>	<i>Sum of # Pos</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>51%</i>
	<i>Sum of # Neg</i>	<i>39</i>	
<i>2011</i>	<i>Sum of # Pos</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>61%</i>
	<i>Sum of # Neg</i>	<i>63</i>	
<i>2012</i>	<i>Sum of # Pos</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>67%</i>
	<i>Sum of # Neg</i>	<i>11</i>	
<i>2013</i>	<i>Sum of # Pos.</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>36%</i>
	<i>Sum of # Neg.</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>2014</i>	<i>Sum of # Pos</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>48%</i>
	<i>Sum of # Neg</i>	<i>43</i>	
<i>Total Sum of # Pos</i>		<i>211</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Total Sum of # Neg</i>		<i>172</i>	<i>45%</i>

## *Total Number Shown by Region/Breeder (not unique)*

<i>Breed</i>	<i>LIHUA</i>						
<b>Count of Reg. #</b>	<b>Region</b>						
<b>CY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9*</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>2010 - total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>
Unknown						2	2
Haojing						1	1
Liyu Zhang	2	2	4			5	13
Qiukaibiao						1	1
Xiao Peng Sun				3			3
<b>2011 - total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>
Liyu Zhang	2	7	8		10	4	31
Wang Jian Yong		1	1				2
Ziao Peng Sun	1			2			3
<b>2012 - total</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>
Jacqui Bennett					1		1
Liyu Zhang		2				9	11
<b>2013 - total</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>
Jacqui Bennett						2	2
Jian Quon						2	2

Liyu Zhang	1				1	10	12
Unknown						2	2
<b>2014 - total</b>	<b>4</b>				<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>
Dong Fang Nan						1	1
Jacqui Bennett		4			14		18
Li Ye						1	1
Liyu Zhang					1	4	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>111</b>

*\*Note 9 used for ID for consistency*

	<b>CY2010</b>	<b>CY2011</b>	<b>CY2012</b>	<b>CY2013</b>	<b>CY2014</b>
	<b>LIHUA</b>	<b>LIHUA</b>	<b>LIHUA</b>	<b>LIHUA</b>	<b>LIHUA</b>
<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>MISC</b>
<b>ELIGIBLE FOR ADVANCEMENT?</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>APPLIED FOR ADVANCEMENT?</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>RECOMMEND ADVANCEMENT?</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b># OF UNIQUE CATS SHOWN</b>	8	8	9	14	11
<b># OF TOTAL ENTRIES</b>	20	36	12	18	25
<b>% UNIQUE CATS</b>	40%	22%	75%	77%	44%
<b># OF UNIQUE BREEDERS*</b>	4	3	2	1	3
<b># OF REGIONS SHOWN IN</b>	5	6	3	3	3

#### CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON 2014 REPORTS

3- thin, shy 1 - one very close to standard as interpreted, coat color very good.

2- nothing distinctive about these cats that categorizes them as a breed 1 - Very different in type both head and Body, coat texture and density 2 - No consistency between two although same age.

2- Nothing special about this breed 1 - 8 month old and 3 year old cannot compare 1 - We do not see enough 2 - Cats were not consistent in type 1- Disqualified one for broken necklaces.

2 - Not distinctive enough from domestic tabbies. 2 -standard confusing. 2 -Need more examples 1 – shy 2 - Needs more time. 3 - Need to see more 1 - Just young kittens. 2 -Need to see more. 1- Like the proposed standard changes.

3 - Nothing descriptive about this cat or previous cats judged, looks like a nondescript random bred domestic SH. 1 Need to see more

1 - This breed needs to go away - no redeeming virtues 2 - Not enough consistency 1 - the cat had two disqualifying faults as per the standard 1 - There is minimal interest in the "breed" and I fear it was created for the wrong reasons. 1 - Calling them a breed is a stretch of the truth 1 female fine-boned, thin with thin close-lying coat. Head type does not conform to the standard.

1 - although a Mackerel tabby the coat and face of this cat is truly unique

*1- want to see more, we do not see enough to make any determination 1 - Nothing unique. Poor condition*

*1-breed standard needs revamping*

*1- some likeness between the two 1 - kittens lacked substance and boning 2- have seen better mac tabbies with domestic shorthairs 2 - nothing distinctive, type was not unique 1 - need to see more 2 - condition issues - runny nose on one.*

#### **CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON 2013 REPORTS**

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

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

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

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

*than one at a show. 1-cats were very frightened making it difficult to examine them. Had consistent markings but a variety in head type.*

*1-the two older cats were lovely and represented the standard well. However, not ready to advance.*

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

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

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

#### **CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON 2012 REPORTS**

*1-one had hair missing.*

*1-nice girl with proper coat and color contrast.*

*1-need more shown, especially in their native country. 2-not distinctive. 1-need more condition.*

*1-these cats were better than those I've handled in the U.S.*

*1-outstanding!*

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

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

*1-type not consistent with standard. 1-breed may be distinctive, but not this cat; need more consistent type. 1-type not what was expected. 1-looked like any HHP; no distinct breed features.*

*1-this cat not up to the standard of cats seen at board meeting.*

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

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

*1-this cat doesn't fit the standard as written at all; hope to see some that do; see no 'significant traits.' 1 - have seen far better examples in China. 1-standard needs a lot of revising, i.e., hexagonal diamond??. ear set, necklaces. 1-standard needs lots of work.*  
*2-need to see more. 1- this one closer to my expectations. 1-absolutely distinctive, outstanding kitten and breed. 1- one more example of regionally bred cats that we have accepted (Siberian, NFC, MCC); I think they are wonderful. 1-excellent condition.*  
*2-would like to see more. 1-does not appear to be distinctive.*  
*1-does not match standard. 1-needs more weight, have seen same cat 3 times; clings to table. 1-3rd time I've seen this cat, continues to mature and pattern is coming in. 1-still need to see more/different examples.*

#### **CHINESE LI HUA - COMMENTS ON REPORTS CY 2011**

*2 - need to see more. 2-gets better each time I see him.*  
*1-examples in China reflect standard/ US examples not so much.*  
*1-very frightened, flea dirt, standard needs to be clarified re: head shape and gender-based coat differences. 1-need to see more!*  
*1-head description could use some work. 1-standard calls for mackerel pattern; this cat's pattern is broken, looks spotted. Doesn't look anything like the other cat in the US.*  
*1-not ready to advance yet based on the two I've seen. 1- distinctiveness yet to be determined. 1-his beauty as being unique is becoming apparent.*  
*1- at this point, nothing distinctive.*  
*1- definitely unique and different; look forward to seeing more of them. 1-this cat is almost 2 years old and has a spotted pattern, not mackerel. 1- fabulous condition; very shy. 1- need to see more of them.*  
*2- not ready to advance.5- very timid, frightened. 1- most disappointing new MISC breed I've ever seen.*  
*1-breed needs more exposure in US. 1-beautiful cat!! 1- have seen before, maturing nicely. 1- excellent condition. 1-this one meets the standard (looks different from the one on the west coast).*  
*1-excellent muscle tone. 1-needs more weight. 2-very shy. 1-there are only 2 in the US and they are entirely different.*  
*3-we keep seeing the same cat (or the same two)*  
*1-2 of the entries just arrived the day before from Beijing; 2 have excellent type, but the last one has foreign SH body type. 1- coats on the two new arrivals markedly different from the one that has been in the US for a while. 1- need to develop more consistency in type. 1-we need American breeders (currently none). Cats I've seen of this breed in China are superior to what is being sent for our review.*  
*2-one is very thin and in poor condition. 1-the 8 mo. Old comes closest to written standard; they have a long way to go to 'distinctiveness.' 1-yes to distinctive, but we need to see a lot more before advancing.1-a unique breed with a unique story that will add some pizzazz to our PR efforts! 1- not enough consistency yet. 1-these cats are less than ordinary.*  
*2-we need to see a LOT more. 1-happy to see these two looked alike.*  
*1-definite pattern development since last time I saw him. 1 -need to see more, nice markings. 1-I am excited about this breed. 1-needs work on standard.*

**Breed Council Ballots.** *Breed Council/Committee Ballots – copies of ballots/results provided to all Board Members on File Vista, vote on standard changes passed by 60% or more of voting breed council members and consider nonstandard changes, proposals and informational items.*

<b><i>Breed</i></b>	<b><i>Members</i></b>	<b><i>Ballots Returned</i></b>
<i>Abyssinian</i>	63	30
<i>American Bobtail</i>	17	14
<i>American Curl</i>	10	7
<i>American Shorthair</i>	42	25
<i>American Wirehair</i>	15	9
<i>Balinese/Javanese</i>	50	45
<i>Birman</i>	65	34
<i>Bombay</i>	22	11
<i>British Shorthair</i>	34	23
<i>Burmese</i>	47	33
<i>Burmilla</i>	4	4
<i>Chartreux</i>	28	25
<i>Chinese Li Hua</i>	1	1
<i>Colorpoint Shorthair</i>	49	37
<i>Cornish Rex</i>	43	20
<i>Devon Rex</i>	23	11
<i>Egyptian Mau</i>	33	18
<i>European Burmese</i>	29	29
<i>Exotic</i>	49	41
<i>Havana Brown</i>	25	12
<i>Japanese Bobtail</i>	25	12
<i>Korat</i>	8	5
<i>La Perm</i>	6	5
<i>Maine Coon</i>	122	68
<i>Manx</i>	32	23
<i>Norwegian Forest Cat</i>	29	20
<i>Ocicat</i>	18	10
<i>Oriental</i>	68	41
<i>Persian – General</i>	202	179
<i>Persian – Tabby</i>	45	35
<i>Ragamuffin</i>	14	9
<i>Ragdoll</i>	12	8
<i>Russian Blue</i>	30	16
<i>Scottish Fold</i>	24	14
<i>Selkirk Rex</i>	14	12
<i>Siamese</i>	90	54
<i>Siberian</i>	11	9
<i>Singapura</i>	9	7
<i>Somali</i>	21	11
<i>Sphynx</i>	17	13
<i>Tonkinese</i>	47	19
<i>Turkish Angora</i>	37	12
<i>Turkish Van</i>	7	3

### 2014 Breed Council Secretary Election Results

#### **Abyssinian**

Members.....63  
Ballots received.....30  
**Meg Lambert** .....23 **Elected**  
Abstain .....7

#### **American Bobtail**

Members.....17  
Ballots received.....14  
Shelby Friemoth.....7 **Tie**  
Janet Miller.....7 **Tie**  
Abstain .....0

#### **American Bobtail – Tiebreaker Ballot**

Members.....17  
Ballots received.....15  
Shelby Friemoth.....7  
**Janet Miller** .....8  
Abstain .....0

#### **American Curl**

Members.....10  
Ballots received.....7  
**Michael Bull**.....4 **Elected**  
Dianna Clark .....3  
Abstain .....0

#### **American Shorthair**

Members.....42  
Ballots received.....25  
**Bob Zenda** .....23 **Elected**  
Abstain .....2

#### **American Wirehair**

Members.....15  
Ballots received.....9  
Janet Altschul.....2  
**Jan Rogers**.....7 **Elected**  
Abstain .....2

#### **Balinese/Javanese**

Members.....50  
Ballots received.....45  
**Debra Noggle**.....30 **Elected**  
Howard Webster .....15  
Abstain .....0

#### **Birman**

Members.....65  
Ballots received.....34  
**Karen Lane** .....21 **Elected**  
Abstain .....13

#### **Bombay**

Members.....22  
Ballots received.....11  
**Jeri Zottoli** .....10 **Elected**  
Abstain .....1

#### **British Shorthair**

Members.....34  
Ballots received.....23  
**Cynthia Byrd** .....20 **Elected**  
Abstain .....3

#### **Burmese**

Members.....47  
Ballots received.....33  
**Art Graafmans**.....17 **Elected**  
Renee Weinberger.....14  
Abstain .....2

#### **Burmilla**

Members.....4  
Ballots received.....4  
**Keith Kimberlin** .....4 **Elected**  
Abstain .....0

#### **Chartreux**

Members.....28  
Ballots received.....15  
**Orca Starbuck** .....15 **Elected**  
Sherrie Zabriskie.....10  
Abstain .....0

**Colorpoint Shorthair**

Members.....49  
 Ballots received.....37  
**Sandra Douglass** .....24 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....13

**Cornish Rex**

Members.....43  
 Ballots received.....20  
**Thomas Michael Blees** .....19 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....1

**Devon Rex**

Members.....23  
 Ballots received.....11  
**Linda Peterson** .....11 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....0

**Egyptian Mau**

Members.....33  
 Ballots received.....18  
**Melanie Morgan** .....9 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....9

**European Burmese**

Members.....29  
 Ballots received.....29  
**Perry Coleman** .....18 **Elected**  
 Wayne Trevathan .....11  
 Abstain .....0

**Exotic**

Members.....49  
 Ballots received.....41  
**Penni Richter** .....38 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....3

**Havana Brown**

Members.....25  
 Ballots received.....12  
**Kathleen Hoos** .....10 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....2

**Japanese Bobtail**

Members.....25  
 Ballots received.....12  
**Karen Bishop** .....7 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....5

**Korat**

Members.....8  
 Ballots received.....5  
**Cheryl Coleman** .....4 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....1

**La Perm**

Members.....6  
 Ballots received.....5  
**Dennis Gano** .....5 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....0

**Maine Coon**

Members.....122  
 Ballots received.....68  
**Trudie Allen** .....51 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....17

**Manx**

Members.....32  
 Ballots received.....23  
**Susan Murphy** .....15 **Elected**  
 J. Sandra Willen .....7  
 Abstain .....1

**Norwegian Forest Cat**

Members.....29  
 Ballots received.....20  
**Katherine Barie** .....13 **Elected**  
 Cheryl McConnell .....7  
 Abstain .....0

**Ocicat**

Members.....18  
 Ballots received.....10  
**Carolyn Causey** .....7 **Elected**  
 Abstain .....3



### ***Oriental***

*Members*.....68  
*Ballots received*.....41  
***Julie Keyer***.....39 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....2

### ***Persian***

*Members*.....202  
*Ballots received*.....179  
***Carissa Altschul*** .....93 ***Elected***  
*Hope Gonano* .....79  
*Abstain* .....7

### ***Ragamuffin***

*Members*.....14  
*Ballots received*.....0  
***Laura Gregory***.....6 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....3

### ***Ragdoll***

*Members*.....12  
*Ballots received*.....8  
***Isabelle Bellavance*** .....8 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....0

### ***Russian Blue***

*Members*.....30  
*Ballots received*.....16  
***Annette Wilson*** .....16 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....0

### ***Scottish Fold***

*Members*.....24  
*Ballots received*.....14  
***Bruce Russell***.....11 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....3

### ***Selkirk Rex***

*Members*.....14  
*Ballots received*.....12  
***Laura Jo Barber***.....12 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....0

### ***Siamese***

*Members*.....90  
*Ballots received*.....54  
***Virginia Wheeldon*** .....48 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....6

### ***Siberian***

*Members*.....11  
*Ballots received*.....9  
***Pamela Martin***.....7 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....2

### ***Singapura***

*Members*.....9  
*Ballots received*.....7  
***Linda Segar*** .....8 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....0

### ***Somali***

*Members*.....21  
*Ballots received*.....11  
***Tammy Roark*** .....10 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....1

### ***Sphynx***

*Members*.....17  
*Ballots received*.....13  
***Cyndee Gause*** .....11 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....2

### ***Tonkinese***

*Members*.....47  
*Ballots received*.....19  
***Carmen Martino*** .....18 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....1

### ***Turkish Angora***

*Members*.....37  
*Ballots received*.....12  
***Marguerite Epstein*** .....10 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....2

### ***Turkish Van***

*Members*.....7  
*Ballots received*.....3  
***Linda Gorsuch***.....3 ***Elected***  
*Abstain* .....0

### **American Curl Housekeeping Issue:**

*At a recent show, an American Curl entry was listed in a show catalog as an “ebony ticked tabby”. One of the judges thought that sounded odd, so she consulted the American Curl breed standard to confirm that ticked tabbies are an approved pattern (yes) and that the term “ebony” is used (no). The correct color description should have been “brown ticked tabby”.*

*A further investigation of the standard revealed that ticked tabby was never incorporated into the individual color descriptions. For example, last year the American Shorthair approved ticked tabby. Here is how the American Shorthair color description reads for brown tabby (and the other tabby descriptions follow the same convention of calling out classic, mackerel or ticked):*

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

*The American Curl standard currently reads:*

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

*According to the breed book, the American Curl has always had ticked tabby as an approved pattern. The ticked tabbies came in with the breed acceptance in 1993. However, ticked is not an acknowledged pattern in the individual color descriptions. Obviously, if no one has said anything in 21 years, it’s not a big deal, but our standards should be the blueprint for perfection.*

*The American Curl breed council secretary was asked if he wanted to poll this next year, or do an off-cycle ballot, or just ask the board to approve this as housekeeping. He chose the latter. The current Breeds & Standards Co-Chairs agree.*

**Motion:** *Change the American Curl breed standard to indicate that ticked tabby should be included in all tabby color descriptions: (classic, mackerel or ticked).*

**Bizzell:** The next actionable item in the report has to do with a request from the American Curl breed council for a housekeeping correction to their standard. They currently have tabby patterns in classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked, although in their standard besides brown tabby and in parenthesis it says (classic, mackerel) and the spotted/ticked is absent. They approached, asking if we could do this as housekeeping. Those words should have gone in there when those patterns were accepted or when they were documented into the standard. It was not. They could wait and do a ballot on this, but it would be simpler just to do it as housekeeping. Let me mention, the motion in the report actually needs a housekeeping change because it just asks for ticked. They have ticked and spotted which need to be represented. **Eigenhauser:** If it was a typographical error on our part when we compiled our things, that’s a housekeeping thing the board can fix, but constitutionally I don’t think there’s any provision that says we can change the standard if we think it’s just housekeeping. The thing is, a standard is a standard, it’s 60% and we’re stuck with it. **Hannon:** The error is our part. **Eigenhauser:** Do we have minutes to show

that the error is our part? **Anger:** No. The breed was accepted for registration in 1986.

**Eigenhauser:** Then it's not our error. **DelaBar:** The American Curl has a catch-all category that really helps. Color is one point, so there is an *OACC (Other American Curl Colors): All accepted pointed colors with white. Any other color or pattern*. So, it's covered. They don't need it to be really specific, especially on one point. **Wilson:** If you look at your standard, they describe all four tabby patterns in their standard. The only places it's missing – and I agree with George, they should ballot this – is where they describe each tabby color, and in parenthesis it says (*classic, mackerel*). It doesn't mean they don't have a description of their ticked tabby. It truly is housekeeping and it makes no difference how they are shown or judged or whatever. It shouldn't matter to the judge. It should be cleaned up. It should have been done on their ballot last year and if they don't want to put it on their ballot, then the Breeds & Standards Committee can put it on their ballot. **Hannon:** Or they can continue to show them as OACC. **Wilson:** They only have one color class. **Hannon:** Doesn't the judge's book have to say a color? **Wilson:** Yes, and it should say the pattern. They describe all that in there. If you're judging one and it is entered as brown tabby, it defaults to classic. **Hannon:** Do you agree that they need to ballot the question to get it changed, but in the meantime they can continue showing them. **Bizzell:** Correct. **Hannon:** So there is no penalty because it wasn't on the ballot. So, we recommend to the Breed Council Secretary that they put it on the ballot next year to resolve this housekeeping issue. Pam, do you want to make a motion? **DelaBar:** Yes, I make that motion. So moved. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion?

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

### **Action Items:**

*Vote on items passed on various Breed ballots.*

*Vote on removing the Chinese Li Hua from Miscellaneous status.*

**Morgan:** We're going to go straight to Miscellaneous breed status. This is the 5-year mark for the Chinese Li Hua. There hasn't been any appreciable growth in the number of cats or the number of breeders for the breed over the past 5 years. Comments from the judges have grown increasingly negative. There is only one truly active breeder in the United States, and the driving force in China has recently expressed her desire to terminate her involvement with the advancement of the breed. We have seen between 8 and 14 unique cats shown each year over the 5 year span. Not all of the cats were unique from year to year. Even if they were, we're still looking at a grand total over 5 years of about 50 cats. There were 11 unique cats from 3 different litters in 2014, with no indication that we will see stronger support for the breed. Examples have not impressed the judges as something unique as a breed. None of the cats seen in recent years have at all resembled the cats presented in the initial breed application and we see no evidence we will see cats of that caliber. We don't even see them in their home country and we're not even seeing them in Beijing anymore. Based on this, we recommend dropping the breed from Miscellaneous status, and I would refer back to the February 2014 minutes where this discussion came up and I think we talked about whether the Li Hua was indeed a viable breed at the 4 year mark, and the decision was made there – let's give them a year, let them stand on notice that if this doesn't improve and we don't see some marked changes, that they've got one year to turn it around. They haven't turned it around. If anything, I think it's in more dire straits. At this point,

we are recommending that we drop the breed. **Hannon:** Is there a motion? **DelaBar:** I will move, with the right to vote against it. **Meeker:** Second.

**Hannon:** Discussion? **DelaBar:** We just had our one active person with this breed have a litter. I would hate to see her stuck with cats that cannot be registered and, therefore, are essentially Household Pets. Could we put a date on this to allow the registration of those kittens of that litter? Maybe an extension of 6 months out, at which time we disband our recognition of the Li Hua. **Hannon:** She has known for a year now that this was coming, so if she wanted to do a breeding right before this meeting, she took her chances. **DelaBar:** Still, we have a breeding that was done while the cat was recognized, and we should recognize the offspring.

**Eigenhauser:** I don't think it would kill us to make this effective May 1. **Hannon:** Can we make it effective today, with the understanding that any kittens already born would be registerable? In utero. **Eigenhauser:** Or anything that has been conceived. **Hannon:** Are you amending your motion in some way? **DelaBar:** If I may amend the motion. George, I actually like the cut-off of 1 May, that we remove our recognition of the Chinese Li Hua effective 1 May, 2015. **Hannon:** Whoever seconded it, do you agree? **Anger:** It was Meeker. **Hannon:** Do you agree with her? **Meeker:** Yes, I do. We're saying, any kittens born prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> would be registered but after May 1<sup>st</sup> would not be? **Hannon:** No, we will not register anything after May 1<sup>st</sup>, regardless of when they were born. **Meeker:** I thought the question was, if they were doing breedings now, anything in utero now would be born by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Hannon:** But we will not register anything after May 1<sup>st</sup>, so they've got to get their paperwork in before May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Brown:** We have the Li Hua in the data base. Shall I ask Texas A&M to take it out? **Hannon:** I don't see any reason to take it out. There are cats around that are already registered that may want to take advantage of that. **Mastin:** Can I get a clarification on the date? Is it effective May 1? **Hannon:** We stop registering them on May 1. It doesn't matter when they were born. **Eigenhauser:** May 1, 2015, in case anyone is interested. **Hannon:** All those in favor of not registering any Li Hua cats after May 1, 2015.

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

**Mastin:** That's not the right motion. You said "after May 1" and it has to be as of May 1. That's why I asked for a clarification. **DelaBar:** On May 1. **Mastin:** He didn't say on May 1, he said after May 1. **DelaBar:** My motion was "effective 1 May". That's my motion. **Mastin:** That's what I thought you [DelaBar] said. That's not what you [Hannon] said. **DelaBar:** I'm not responsible for what comes out of Mark's mouth. **Meeker:** Mark, that was a motion about the kittens born. Have we done the motion yet that says we are removing the Li Hua from Miscellaneous? **DelaBar:** I said, we will stop our recognition of the Chinese Li Hua effective 1 May. **Hannon:** Isn't it one and the same – registering and Miscellaneous? **Eigenhauser:** Registering is miscellaneous. **Meeker:** Right, and then we did the kitten thing. **DelaBar:** I didn't say kitten. **Hannon:** I said we will not register any Li Hua starting May 1. It could be an adult, it could be a kitten, but by not registering, they are no longer Miscellaneous. That's all Miscellaneous is, is they can register cats. **Anger:** I was going to state the motion as I have it, which will be clarified when I listen to the recording, but the vote was to *remove the Chinese Li Hua from Miscellaneous status effective 1 May 2015*. **Hannon:** OK, so we're all clear what those words mean? The effect of it is that nobody can register a Li Hua after April 30<sup>th</sup>. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to put it in the minutes that if they ever reach a point where they are interested, this is without any prejudice to any future consideration. **Hannon:** They can come back at some

point if they decide to. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to make sure we said that in the minutes.  
**Hannon:** If they've got more people involved. So, that's in the minutes.

*Vote on housekeeping changes in the American Curl standard (see motion above).*

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

*Nothing at this time*

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

**Hannon:** Do we want to do Show Rules, or do we want to jump ahead maybe and do Breeds and Standards, since we've got some Breed Council Secretaries here? I have to tell you that it's almost 3:00 and we have to stop at 5. We have dinner reservations at 6 and it's going to take us from 5 to 6 to get back to the hotel, do whatever we have to do at the hotel and then get to wherever the dinner is, and it's not flexible. They can't change the time. **Meeker:** Could we start with Breeds and Standards, because the people are sitting here waiting, and then put whatever we need to put onto Sunday? **Eigenhauser:** Maybe we should check and see which of the Breed Council Secretaries are here and then make sure we put them on today.

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**CHINESE LI HUA**

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Re-Elected Breed Committee Chair: Jacqui Bennett, Buford, GA

Total Members: 1

Ballots Received: 1

- 1. PROPOSED:** Modify existing Chinese Li Hua Standard to drive consistency of terms between this and other standards. This will allow judges a better understanding of the intent of the standard without changing the look of the cat.

**Current:**

**POINT SCORE**

HEAD .....	25
(including shape, eye shape & size, ear shape & placement)	
BODY .....	25
(including torso, neck, legs and tail)	
COAT .....	15
COLOR (20)	
Color .....	10
Pattern .....	10
PAWS .....	5
EYE COLOR .....	5
BALANCE.....	5

**GENERAL:** the Li Hua cat is one of the earliest known breeds of domestic cats native to China. They have lived in a wide area of China for centuries and they are known as good hunters. They are a sturdy, well-proportioned, natural breed with gentle, even dispositions. They are relatively slow to mature, taking as long as three years. Females are generally smaller than males and allowances should be considered when comparing females and young cats to the standard. No outcrosses are required or permitted.

**HEAD: Shape:** like a hexagonal diamond; longer than it is wide; size in proportion to the body, and rounded between the ears. The nose is the same width for its entire length. **Profile:** the nose is long and straight; there is a slight dip at the bridge of the nose, but no obvious forehead break. The chin is firm with a good bite, but the lower jaw is slightly shorter than the upper jaw. **Eyes:** large, bright, alert, and almond shaped with the outer corner higher than the inner corner. **Ears:** medium in size and wide at the base. The distance between the ears should be one and one half to two times the width of one eye. They should face to the front and tilt no more than 15 degrees to either side. Ear tips are sharp and ear tufts are permitted.

**BODY: Torso:** wide, strong, rectangular shape, with a wide chest and well developed muscles. The length should be longer than the height; viewed from the side, the back should

be almost flat. The difference in size between adult males and adult females are significant; males are more than 11 pounds and females should be no less than 8-3/4 pounds. There should be no evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness, or apathy. **Neck:** the neck is short and strong making a smooth transition between the head and body. **Legs:** medium in size, in proportion to the body. They are straight, well muscled and strong. The front legs are the same length or slightly lower than the back legs. When viewed from behind, the distance between the straight legs should be small. **Tail:** slightly shorter than the length of the body, with no sudden tapering at the tip.

**COAT:** short and thick, lying close to the body. There is no thick undercoat so they do not have very great resistance to cold. The hair on the chest is short, flat and close to the skin. The male coat is thick and tough, while the female is softer in comparison.

**COLOR:** hairs on the body are ticked, except for the beige hair on the belly and chin. The lower part of the belly should be brown yellow, with at least two vertical and four horizontal leopard spots. White lips and chin are permitted. The ground color has a black root, the middle is a light yellowish color and the tip is brown – sometimes referred to as “mouse coat.” The black pattern color has a lighter root, a dark brown middle and a black tip. **Nose leather:** brick red, dark brown or black. **Rims of the eyes:** outlined with lighter, primrose yellow. **Pattern:** spectacular contrast and clarity of the brown mackerel tabby pattern. There are lines on the forehead, becoming darker between the ears to the back of the head. There are black lines beginning at the outer corner of the eyes and the bottom of the cheeks that continue back to the neck. There is a small black spot at the upper rear corner of mouth that produces a smiling expression. Starting from the neck, at least one clear black line separates the ground color, equally dividing the markings on both sides of the body. There must be at least one unbroken necklace on the chest. The body and flanks are covered by several complete or incomplete vertical lines. The legs are covered by black rings above the wrist and below the wrist the paws are brown. **Paw pads:** black and the hair between the toes is black – the darker the better. The tail is clearly marked with rings and the tip is black.

**PAWS:** broad, large and oval shape with five toes in front and four behind.

**EYE COLOR:** green, yellow or brown; green preferred.

**PENALIZE:** fat body; ear size not in proportion with the head; too wide or too narrow forehead; outer corner of eyes not higher than inner corner; mixed colors in the coat, detracting from clarity contrast of the pattern.

**DISQUALIFY:** improper bite or tip of canine teeth outside the mouth; eye color other than green, yellow or brown; incorrect number of toes; abnormal tail; long hair on the body or curly hair on the chest; lack of at least one complete necklace on the chest; white paws; white muzzle; tip of tail not black; nose is flesh colored, white or other light colors; any color/pattern other than brown mackerel tabby.

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

**Chinese Li Hua Color Class Number**

<b>Brown Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0510	0511
<b>AOV</b> .....	None	None

**Chinese Li Hua allowable outcross breeds:** none.

**Proposed:**

**POINT SCORE**

HEAD .....	25
(including shape, eye shape & size, ear shape & placement)	
BODY .....	25
(including torso, neck, legs and tail)	
COAT .....	15
COLOR (20)	
Color .....	10
Pattern .....	10
PAWS .....	5
EYE COLOR .....	5
BALANCE.....	5-10

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**HEAD:**

**Shape:** ~~like a hexagonal diamond;~~ broad modified wedge, longer than it is wide; size in proportion to the body, and rounded between the ears. The nose is the same width for its entire length.

**Profile:** ~~the nose is long and straight; there is a slight dip at the bridge of the nose, but a visible, but gentle, rise from the bridge of the nose to the brow with no obvious forehead break. The chin is firm with a good bite, but the~~ The lower jaw is slightly shorter than the upper jaw but a proper bite is evident.

**Eyes:** large, bright, alert, and almond shaped with the outer corner higher than the inner corner.



**Ears:** medium in size and wide at the base. ~~The distance between the ears should be one and one half to two times the width of one eye. They should face to the front and tilt no more than 15 degrees to either side. Ear tips are sharp and ear tufts are permitted., alert and moderately pointed, continuing the planes of the head. Broad at base. Slightly flared with ample width between the ears. Hair on ears short and close lying. May be tufted.~~

**BODY: Torso:** wide, strong, rectangular shape, with a wide chest and well developed muscles. The length should be longer than the height; viewed from the side, the back should be almost flat. The difference in size between adult males and adult females is significant; ~~males are more than 11 pounds and females should be no less than 8 3/4 pounds. There should be no evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness, or apathy. Allowance to be made for muscular necks and shoulders in adult males.~~

**Neck:** the neck is short and strong making a smooth transition between the head and body.

**Legs and Feet:** medium in size, in proportion to the body. ~~They~~ Legs are straight, well-muscled and strong. The front legs are the same length or slightly lower than the back legs. ~~When viewed from behind, the distance between the straight legs should be small. Paws are broad, large and oval shape with five toes in front and four behind.~~

**Tail:** slightly shorter than the length of the body, with no sudden tapering at the tip.

**COAT:** ~~short and thick, lying close to the body. There is no thick undercoat so they do not have very great resistance to cold. The hair on the chest is short, flat and close to the skin. The male coat is thick and tough, while the female is softer in comparison. Short to medium in length. Soft, silky and dense with a downy texture to the roots with no trace of undercoat~~

**TICKING:** all hairs except the tip of the tail are banded. Within the markings, hairs are tipped with a darker color, while hairs in the ground color are tipped with a lighter color.

**COLOR:** hairs on the body are ticked, except for the beige hair on the belly and chin. The lower part of the belly should be brown yellow, with at least two vertical and four horizontal leopard spots. White lips and chin are permitted. The ground color has a black root, the middle is a light yellowish color and the tip is brown – sometimes referred to as “mouse coat.” The black pattern color has a lighter root, a dark brown middle and a black tip.

**Nose leather:** brick red, dark brown or black.

**Rims of the eyes:** outlined with lighter, primrose yellow.

**Pattern:** spectacular contrast and clarity of the brown mackerel tabby pattern. There are lines on the forehead, becoming darker between the ears to the back of the head. ~~There are black lines beginning at the outer corner of the eyes and the bottom of the cheeks that continue back to the neck. Mascara markings are found around the eyes and on cheeks These are known as the “tears of the dragon” .~~ There is a small black spot at the upper rear corner of mouth that produces a smiling expression. Starting from the neck, at least one clear black line separates the ground color, equally dividing the markings on both sides of the body. There must be at least one unbroken necklace on the chest. The body and flanks are covered by

several complete or incomplete vertical lines. The legs are covered by ~~black rings above the wrist and below the wrist the paws are brown.~~ bracelets.

**Paw pads:** black and the hair between the toes is black – the darker the better. The tail is clearly marked with rings and the tip is black.

**PAWS:** broad, large and oval shape with five toes in front and four behind.

**EYE COLOR:** green, yellow or brown; green preferred.

**PENALIZE:** fat body; ear size not in proportion with the head; too wide or too narrow forehead; outer corner of eyes not higher than inner corner; mixed colors in the coat, detracting from clarity contrast of the pattern, evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness, or apathy.

**DISQUALIFY:** improper bite ~~or tip of canine teeth outside the mouth~~; eye color other than green, yellow or brown; incorrect number of toes; kinked or otherwise deformed ~~abnormal~~ tail; long hair ~~on the body or curly hair on the chest~~; lack of at least one complete necklace on the chest; white paws; ~~white muzzle~~; white locket or spotting, or white anywhere other than around eyes, nostrils, chin, and upper throat; tip of tail not black; nose is flesh colored, white or other light colors; any color/pattern other than brown mackerel tabby.

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#### **Chinese Li Hua Color Class Number**

<b>Brown Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0510	0511
<b>AOV</b> .....	None	None

**Chinese Li Hua allowable outcross breeds:** none.

**RATIONALE:** The standard has been reworded to standardize language common in other CFA standards, remove specific angles, geometric requirements and pound annotations which would require judges to have special training or equipment such as a mathematics degree, a protractor or a scale and to clarify descriptions.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

#### **STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

50% of Voting: 1

**No Action.**

**Bizzell:** Next we have the Chinese Li Hua. **Ganoe:** They wanted to change their standard effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Bizzell:** Yes, right. [NOTE: registration of the breed is discontinued as of that date]

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

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**ABYSSINIAN**

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Darrell Newkirk – Fairview Heights, IL

Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Meg Lambert – Attleboro, MA

Total Members: 63

Ballots Received: 30

**1. PROPOSED:** Modify the Coat description to better define ticking.

**Current:**

COAT: soft, silky, fine in texture, but dense and resilient to the touch with a lustrous sheen. Medium in length but long enough to accommodate two or three dark bands of ticking.

**Proposed:**

COAT: soft, silky, fine in texture, but dense and resilient to the touch with a lustrous sheen. Medium in length but long enough to accommodate two or three bands of ticking dark and light color (ticking).

**RATIONALE:** The standard change has been discussed for the last two years. The proposed change more accurately describes ticking in our standard.

YES: 13

NO: 16

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 29

60% of Voting: 17

**No Action.**

**2. PROPOSED:** Modify the Coat Color description to better define ticking.

**Current:**

**Coat color:** warm and glowing. **Ticking:** distinct and even, with dark colored bands contrasting with lighter colored bands on the hair shafts. Undercoat color clear and bright to the skin. Deeper color shades desired, however intensity of ticking not to be sacrificed for depth of color. Darker shading along spine allowed if fully ticked. Preference given to cats UNMARKED on the undersides, chest, and legs; tail without rings. **Facial Markings:** ...

**Proposed:**

**Coat color:** warm and glowing. **Ticking:** distinct and even, with dark colored bands contrasting with lighter colored bands ~~contrasting with light colored bands on the hair shafts of undercoat color on each hair shaft.~~ The Band at the tip of the hair shaft must be the darker color followed by the undercoat color. Two to three sets of alternating color should end with the undercoat color next to the skin. Undercoat color clear and bright to the skin. Deeper color shades desired, however, intensity of ticking not to be sacrificed for depth of color. Darker shading along the spine allowed ~~if fully ticked~~ continuing through the tip of the tail. Preference given to cats UNMARKED on the undersides, chest, and legs; tail without rings. Darker shading up the hocks preferred. **Facial Markings:**.....

**RATIONALE:** This standard change has been discussed for the last two years. The proposed change more accurately describes ticking in our standard and also adds the preferred darker shading on the hocks.

YES: 13

NO: 16

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 29

60% of Voting: 17

**No Action.**

**Bizzell:** I'm just going to go quickly through the breed council ballots – some that we hit yesterday, some that we did not. The Abyssinian ballot items all failed, so there's nothing to consider there.

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**AMERICAN SHORTHAIR**

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Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Bob Zenda – Sierra Vista, AZ

Total Members: 42

Ballots Received: 25

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the eye color description for the Brown Tabby, Brown Tabby & White and Brown Patched Tabby & White from brilliant gold to gold or hazel, shades of gold preferred. The standard would read as follows:

**Current:**

**BROWN TABBY:** ... **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BROWN TABBY AND WHITE:** ... **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE:** ... **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**Proposed:**

**BROWN TABBY:** ... **Eye color:** ~~brilliant gold~~ gold or hazel, shades of gold preferred.

**BROWN TABBY AND WHITE:** ... **Eye color:** ~~brilliant gold~~ gold or hazel, shades of gold preferred.

**BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE:** ... **Eye color:** ~~brilliant gold~~ gold or hazel, shades of gold preferred.

**RATIONALE:** As one of CFA's natural breeds, intermixing of coat colors, patterns and eye colors promotes diversity and naturally produces ranges of eye color in cats of these three color patterns, which should not be penalized. While the existing standard of "brilliant gold" for these three colors sounds and indeed looks wonderful, it simply is rare, if ever seen.

YES: 16

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 25

60% of Voting: 15

**Bizzell:** The American Shorthair did have a ballot item #1 which passed by more than 60% where they are expanding the acceptable eye colors for the brown tabby, brown tabby and white, and brown patched tabby and white. **Ganoe:** I am probably going to make some people in the American Shorthair angry, but I think this is a dumbing down of the standard. They are going from a specific ideal to a broad spectrum. The standard is supposed to describe the perfect cat, and what they are doing is saying, "that's very difficult to get, so we're going to change our standard to be what we can get" and I am opposed to that. **Hannon:** Am I right in assuming there's nobody here representing the breed that wants to talk? **Bizzell:** That's correct. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments? Does somebody want to make a motion? **Eigenhauser:** There's a standing motion. **Hannon:** Second? **Anger:** Standing second. **Hannon:** All those in favor of accepting the change to the standard approved by the breed council.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Fellerman, Meeker, Krzanowski, Mastin, McCullough and Kallmeyer voting yes. Moser abstained.

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## BRITISH SHORTHAIK

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Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Cynthia Byrd – Brea, CA

Total Members: 34

Ballots Received: 23

**Bizzell:** The British Shorthair. All of their items failed, except for the Selkirk item which we have already considered. I noticed Cyndy is here. **Hannon:** She may want to address it. Do you want to come sit up here and chat with us?

**Byrd:** My only interest in coming here was a notification via the list that Ms. DelaBar would bring up overturning our 78% vote. If Ms. DelaBar doesn't wish to do that, I have nothing to say. Please uphold our vote. **Hannon:** Do you have anything you wish to say? **DelaBar:** I wanted the board, since we are a registering body, to consider the registration of cats that may have a color in their pedigree, such as lilac or chocolate, with the caveat that those cats could go in without a unique identifier if they were genetically tested to prove that they did not carry those colors. **Hannon:** So, you want them to be registered and allowed to be used in a breeding program? **DelaBar:** If they are one of our colors that we allow to be on the show bench, then they could be shown. I'm not saying, let's allow the lilacs to be shown or the chocolates or the cinnamon or anything like that. If it's within their pedigree, if they get tested to prove that they don't have those colors, they're not carrying those colors, then they could be registered as a British Shorthair in our registry. If they were shown to carry those colors, then they could be registered with a unique identifier. That's what I was going to bring up to the board. **Hannon:** If they had a unique identifier, they could be shown? **DelaBar:** They could be shown, but then at least the people would know what they were getting into for breeding. **Hannon:** Cyndy, back to you. **Byrd:** That's essentially what our ballot proposed. We proposed testing to exclude colors. The reasoning that we did that – and I do have something written if you want to see it, along with a letter from one of our European judges. **Hannon:** Why don't you do that, and it will get on the record. **DelaBar:** I thought we always went by Pam and Cyndy. **Byrd:** This is a formal meeting, Pam. It's the first time I have ever been. If I can just be Cyndy, I will.

### British Shorthair Breed Council Secretary Statement:

*The British Shorthair Breed Council requests that the CFA Board of Directors uphold the 78% vote against accepting lilac and chocolate colors as AOV. The Breed Council has discussed over several years, and has twice voted overwhelmingly to decline the acceptance of these colors. The colors are not the Council's concern; the health of our breed is our concern. Acceptance of the colors resulting from hybridization will introduce health issues that conscientious British Shorthair breeders are not willing to accept into the genetics of our breed, including heart, kidney, eye and joint diseases. When genetic testing can exclude such diseases, the colors will be welcomed.*

*We understand the desire to welcome more entries into CFA shows in Europe. However, consistent with CFA's Constitution the Breed Council wishes to focus on the welfare of our breed. Brits are generally strong and healthy. We want to maintain the health of our breed.*

*Additionally, the standards and prestige of CFA are an important consideration. My conversations with breeders worldwide indicate that maintaining the integrity of the CFA's standards, including the British Shorthair breed and CFA's dedication to our standards, is important. The established standards for each breed and consistent consideration of breeds in the show ring are important to CFA exhibitors. Exhibitors around the world, and especially in Europe, have many choices of organizations and venues in which to show their cats. They choose CFA because we have these standards.*

*Yes, we can accept whatever cats show up on the judging table, but then – why CFA?*

*The following letter, written by CFA Allbreed Judge Michael Hans Schleissner to Dr. Meeker, as part of a conversation regarding an expected petition requesting the Board of Directors to disregard the British Shorthair Breed Council 2014 vote against accepting lilac and chocolate colors as AOV, is submitted as part of the British Shorthair Breed Council's request that the Board of Directors uphold the Breed Council's 78% vote to decline acceptance of these colors.*

*Dear Ginger,*

*Thank you for talking to me. What I write here is my personal thinking about "movement to ignore BSH vote on colors".*

*First of all I want to introduce myself to those who do not know me. I'm a British shorthair breeder for several years in Europe. I had a best cat win in former international division Europe with a Brit a couple of years ago; up to now I'm owner or breeder of 3 CFA national winning Brits, fourth is actually in the top 25 this season. I'm still breeding, I'm still showing in region 9 and I'm a CFA Allbreed judge.*

*Most of the members of the British Shorthair breed council know me and also know that I'm very open for new ideas and ways to proceed in the future. I was really shocked when I heard that there is a move by one member of the CFA Board of Directors to call for a vote to overturn the most recent ballot outcome. Ms. DelaBar will possibly ask for a vote on an issue which was discussed in the breed council for years and that has appeared on three ballots, I think in the last eight years. Concerning the issue of accepting the colors, chocolate and lilac, there has been a vote of "NO" by a strong majority of breed council members. You see the breed council was not sleeping and trying to avoid changes. We were active and facing this issue. The result, done by very experienced people, most of them longtime breeders and reputable CFA representatives, was always in majority "NO".*

*It is absolutely right, there are sometimes 80 Brits in shows in Europe, most of them owned by people who have never shown an interest in showing CFA. We had all the years the novice class, which was a wonderful possibility to show cats in accepted colors but with wrong colors in the pedigree. I do not remember many who were shown. I talked to breeders and most of them know about the registration regulations for Brits in CFA and none of them were interested or had the interest to breed the CFA direction.*

*When you go into the pedigrees and I have already done this in the past, because I'm searching always for outcrosses, I could not believe what I saw.*

*Where does chocolate and lilac in Brits come from? It comes from Himalayans! Yes, this also brought in the “point factor” and the longhair gene. I personally judged for about 15 years for WCF and independent clubs before I switched over to CFA and believe it or not I handled thousands of Brits during this time. Pointed Brits have the poorest coat you can have on a Brit and doesn’t improve the quality of the breed. Coming now to the longhairs; they appear more often in these cats and the result was, that there were too many pet kittens you cannot sell for good money. So the clubs started to register them and created longhair classes. Can you imagine the confusion in the judges’ panel when they had to judge and handle them? Some questions are always - What breed is this? Old fashioned Persians? When this is a Brit from this line, how can I feel the crisp coat?*

*Let me point out, a British Shorthair is a shorthair cat. It is the shorthair with the most density of hairs we have in a breed per square inch!! For the people who will notice now “there were always longhairs in the past”; yes, you are right, they come from the time after World War II, in the 1940’s of the last century. They did outcross to blue Persians to get back in a larger gene pool, because there were not so many pedigreed cats left at that time, everything was down. Today we are 70 years ahead and we are still fighting against this from time to time. We don’t need this!*

*When you change the registration regulations you open the doors for*

- *pointed Brits*
- *longhair Brits*
- *solid reds, coming from breeding Abyssinians into the Brits, so that they genetically are ticked tabbies and you see no markings.*
- *silver tabbies who got there silver gene from American Shorthairs*
- *silver shaded cats, where you can easily find Persians in the first 5 generations.*
- *Scottish folds straight ears.....*

**BREED COUNCIL MEMBERS KNOW WHAT THEY DO AND WHY MAJORITY OF THEM DON’T WANT THESE COLORS:**

*If you accept, sooner or later you have to accept*

- *Russian blues in black and in white; or the Nebelung (this is the longhair version of this breed)?*
- *Abyssinians in silver pattern (comes from silver Persians) or tortoiseshell (don’t know where this comes from)?*
- *Siamese/Oriental all mixed together and bred together?*
- *Devon Rex longhairs crossed in Persians to get away from bold areas?*

*There are maybe more.....*

*I think most of you remember the discussion with the exotic shorthair longhairs? Do we see now new exhibitors at the shows? No, there was no dramatic rise in entries after this change. Some of the Exotic breeders show their longhairs, but not an additional Exotic in the same show. CFA expected that all Fife Persian/exotic breeders now register their cats in CFA, was it that way? I don’t think so.*

*This is all against the proposal, but I don’t want to finish without telling you some of my ideas. There are also usually around the same amount of Maine Coon cats at the local shows. These cats can easily be registered in CFA, why don’t we work on this? Without*



*changing anything. There are lots of them show in TICA why not in CFA? This same situation exists with the Norwegians and Siberians as well!*

*Some of the people do not register in CFA because of the high fee for registration via pedigree.*

*We lost many exhibitors in the European shows when we changed the champion status. My personal feeling is, this can be 10 to 20 entries a show!! So the champion title is worth nothing anymore, so it's not necessary to show for this title. I started showing in CFA about 15 years ago. I liked the way it was, because it was different to everything else in Europe. If I want my cats to be judged with multiple titles I can go and show in Fife or WCF or independent shows; if I want my cats to be judged without the judges knowing the current title I can show in TICA.*

*I don't want to say keep everything like it was, I want to say stay different!!*

*Once again this is my personal thinking as a breeder, exhibitor and Allbreed judge. I do not want to start an argument with anybody. I hope you read this carefully and have better understanding of Europe from my input into the situation.*

*Thanks, yours  
Michael Hans Schleissner  
CFA Allbreed Judge / Germany*

*On behalf of the British Council Breed Council and the British Shorthair breed of cats, we urge the Board of Directors to affirm the Breed Council's vote NOT to accept lilac and chocolate as AOV.*

*Cynthia Byrd  
British Shorthair Breed Council Secretary*

**DelaBar:** May I speak to that? **Hannon:** OK, but let me just clarify for the record so that people reading these minutes will understand, we require a 60% vote of the breed council to change the standard. This does not change the standard; this is a registration issue. As a registration issue, we are free to accept or reject or not even bother to ask the breed council. OK, go. **DelaBar:** Correct. One, I was not going to ask for AOV status of lilacs and chocolates. That goes into the standard, so that would not be any of my proposals. I guess I'm really sort of amazed at Michael's letter because he was one of the people I talked to about it, along with Scottish Fold breeders who also use the British as an outcross, and Selkirk Rex also, because these cats are part of their gene pool, as well. We all know the Brit had to go to other breeds, as did the Persian after World War II, and that's why we possibly saw some longhairs in one aspect, and some other colors come forward. We can test for pointed. We can test for lilac, we can test for chocolate. We can test for longhair. All those methods are available to us in order to be able to enlarge the gene pool. They say they're having disease problems now? Well, they're having the problems without bringing these cats in. Yes, I want more entries in Europe. More entries in Europe gets us more registrations for CFA. I judged 40 blue Brits at an independent show in Germany – 40, and that was at a two-day show that had 750 cats entered. I want an extra 10% in our shows, too. As I said, it's a registration question. We have the test now to be able to weed out those attributes we do not want, but this never was a question of going to AOV, never. It was all

totally registration and to accept those cats on our show bench that we already accept now.

**Hannon:** If I understand Cyndy, the breed council's position is, they don't want the health issues that come along with registering cats in those colors and patterns, is that right? **Byrd:** That's correct. **Meeker:** We had this on the ballot a couple of years ago and it failed. My personal posture was, I have nothing against those colors. Colors aren't lethal. What's lethal is some of the diseases that are associated with the hybrid breed that's being used to create those colors. I was looking into the future and I'm saying, "OK, if we want to accept these colors, we know that the Himalayans and the Persians were used as outcross. Let's do genetic testing for PKD." If we are looking at the red selfs or the cinnamons and fawns that are coming out of England, they are breeding British to Abyssinians. Now, all of you know that the Abyssinians have some pretty significant health issues within their breed. What we were trying to do was, look at a big picture. If we bring in the lilacs and the chocolates, the next ones down the pike are the cinnamons and fawns. We were trying to create a ballot with a genetic testing component that was forward looking and said, OK, one of the criteria for accepting colors is, there's going to be some genetic testing so we don't import these disease processes into our breed. When this ballot measure was created, there was a misunderstanding of what the genetic testing would be for. Genetic testing for color doesn't tell you a thing about the possible disease behind that cat. We could probably put it on the ballot again, and Leslie Lyons was willing to work with us and say, "OK, if it's these colors that come from these cats, you would want to test for this set of genetic criteria. If they are cinnamons and fawns from the Abyssinians, we have genetic testing for this group of problems." We're simply trying to protect the health of our breed. It has nothing to do with the colors themselves. As I've said before, the "barn" is the health of our cat. The "paint job" is different, but I don't want that paint job to be lead-based paint. We want to protect the health and integrity of our breed, and this was the one way we could do it. The British standard, for many years, has been a 5-generation clear pedigree from these colors. I guess I'm confused. If the breed council is balloting issues that aren't standard issues and can just be randomly overturned, I don't know the point of the balloting system. **Hannon:** What I recommend we do, before any further discussion is that we have a motion on the floor, we have a second, and I would recommend that Ginger make a motion to uphold the breed council. During the discussion, Pam and anyone that agrees with her can make their view on why we should reject this, and then we can follow it up if it is rejected with another proposal. Does that sound like a fair way to handle it? **Meeker:** I move that the British Shorthair standard, as voted on by the British breed council in this last balloting, be upheld by the board. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Ganoe:** Second. **Hannon:** Dennis seconded. OK, what I'm proposing is that we have a discussion on that motion. Those people who don't agree with that position are free to speak up. We will vote on that motion. If you don't agree with it and it fails, we'll follow it up with another motion that deals with the position that Pam is taking. Does that seem like a reasonable way to do this? <yes>

**DelaBar:** I brought this forward, one, as a registration issue with the ability to bring on two colors – no reds, no fawns, no cinnamons – two colors back in the pedigree, which could be there in the 6<sup>th</sup> generation. If they are in the 5<sup>th</sup> generation, we can't have them. I'm bringing it forward with, allow them to test. My breeding programs that I have going have nothing to do with this. This is for our other breeding programs that we have going on – as I said, the Scottish Fold, the Selkirk Rex – plus being able to show more Brits. I have had people from other associations saying, "I would love to come to CFA, but you won't allow my cats on the show bench." These are also good British Shorthair breeders that work with FIFe and some of the large German independent associations. This is something I'm not going to fall on my sword over.

This is something I think could help the association, could help the British Shorthair breeders in the U.S. if they do it smartly, but they're already getting longhairs. If they are worried about the health factor over here, well then, enlarge your gene pool. **Byrd:** We want to enlarge it with healthy cats, Pam. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, I thought I had the floor. What? **Byrd:** Sorry. We want to enlarge our gene pool with healthy cats. **DelaBar:** And that's what I want you to do. I don't want sick cats. I want people's breeding programs to thrive, and that's why I'm trying to say, "we could do this, this and this to ensure that we have healthy cats." Nobody brings in a cat from overseas without at least checking on the background of the cat. They should be line chasing, no matter where they come in from overseas, but I am not going to fight any motion or anything. This is what we were trying to do, and that's it.

**Wilson:** The breed councils are advisory to the board, and then we ignore their advice. They are the guardian of their breed. They voted not to take these. There may be all sorts of reasons why they should consider taking them or registering them only, and they can come back with a proposal for registration only if they want to next year. But, why would someone want to be in a breed council? Why would someone want to be a breed council secretary? After yesterday, I'm like, "what's the point of this?" We should respect their advice. They are the guardians of their breed. I don't understand why we just willy-nilly throw out the advice when it's well over 50% or 60%. Yeah, we can do whatever we want. How is this going to help their breed? **Meeker:** I agree with Annette. I think that if you have standards for registration and we're going to just pot shot them down when we think it's going to benefit our region or our show entries, I think that's a bad precedent to set. I'm not sure I agree with 8-generation pedigrees because scientifically you don't get a whole lot of difference between 5 and 8, and if you want that big difference, you go to 20 which is really unwieldy. So, if that's the rule, then if they want to breed toward getting a CFA-registered cat, get that lilac or chocolate in the 6<sup>th</sup> generation and we'll be happy to register it, but to pot shot and say, "this is a perfectly fine, healthy cat and it needs to be on the show bench", I don't think is a good argument for changing a pedigree requirement.

**Fellerman:** You had brought up the issue with possible PKD with a cat possibly came from the Himalayan Persians or Abys. **Meeker:** Abys have a bunch. They have some eye diseases, joints. **Fellerman:** But, the thing is, if I'm buying a cat from anybody, whether it's overseas or my back yard, I want a PKD test done on that cat and DNA before I purchase that cat. So what is stopping the British Shorthair breeders in such a situation from insisting on this testing before they put a cat into their breeding program? I don't understand. It's easy to do, and if a breeder chooses to not be cognizant of these things that can be tested for, then they deserve what they get. That sounds harsh, but seriously. **Meeker:** Can I answer that? I think when you're talking about an individual breeder bringing in a cat, that's one issue. When you're talking about a breed trying to protect the entire gene pool, it's a separate issue. I agree, let the buyer beware, and I test all of my cats when I get them from anywhere for PKD. When you bring in a cat from out of the country, you're pretty much stuck with what you get, because going back and forth is a real – if you're dealing with a breeder in the United States, that's tough enough. If you're dealing with a breeder in Europe, that's a whole different story and enforcing contracts or anything else becomes an international issue. I agree, the buyer should beware, but the breed council has a responsibility to the breed as a whole to protect it.

**Anger:** While I'm not ready to reject the breed council vote or surprise the breed council, and while I appreciate Michael's statement, a lot of it was inapplicable to the discussion that Pam brought forward. It doesn't directly relate to the issue that we're discussing. For instance, he talks about the pointed cats not having quality – there was a recent Cat of the Year in another association that was a lilac. From a business perspective, which is why we are here, we should at least discuss bringing in those additional cats. If there are 40+ Brits in a class that Pam is judging in Europe, the breed seems to be thriving just fine there with all these allegedly unhealthy cats behind them. I'm not a breeder of this particular breed, but I am a big fan of them. I would love to see our healthy, beautiful cats remain on the show bench. Relying on what I've seen and heard in other associations with Brits that have these cats behind them, the health argument does not seem to be justified. This discussion is not about Abyssinians or PKD or lethal genes, that's not on the table today. It's just a discussion about showing cats of an established color that are specifically tested to not be carrying those things.

**Eigenhauser:** I support the vote of the breed council, but there is another issue I would like to address. When we talk about bringing in new colors, I agree with what Ginger said. We're not really talking about colors. Colors don't kill. We're talking about whatever defects or problems that may come in with those colors. We've gotten better and better about having DNA tests for some of these problems, but I hear all the time from breeds, "yeah, we're inbred, but we can't outcross because that might bring in bad things." Well, we know we need genetic diversity in our breeds. We know genetic diversity is healthy. I don't know a single geneticist that says any gene pool in any breed in CFA is too diverse and too robust. I'm tired of everybody just assuming that any cat that gets brought in that carries the pointed gene or carries the lilac gene or carries something else, that it's automatically a bad cat. I think that's prejudiced on the part of some of these breed councils, and they aren't really looking at the scientific evidence. What I would like to see when we get issues like this is something like Ginger was suggesting; talk to a geneticist, find out what other genes exist in the gene pools that we're talking about that we might be interested in keeping out, ask about testing for those specific problems to keep them out, rather than just saying, "don't allow any of them in because they might have a problem." So, I would encourage breed councils, when they come up with these issues about either bringing in new colors or outcrossing or whatever, that they talk to a geneticist, that they find out what other genes they might bring in that we can test for that we could mitigate, that we could deal with, rather than just saying, "no, we're not going to allow these colors." I think that's throwing out the baby with the bathwater and I would encourage the breeds to stop thinking in terms of "us and them" or "our cats are better than theirs so we should automatically keep those cats out" and start looking at it from a scientific evidence empirical basis – what is it we're trying to keep out, what can we do to keep those things out other than saying absolutely no to imports or 8-generation pedigrees or whatever voodoo they want to do in terms of casting entrails to keep the magic boogeyman away. Let's start making this science based and start putting information with a geneticist and start putting in provisions for genetic testing and start doing this from a rational basis, rather than an emotional one.

**DelaBar:** I support the British Shorthair breed council on their 78% vote against accepting lilac and chocolate as AOV, and I wasn't even going to bring this up until Cyndy did, and then I felt that since she brought it forward, I needed to respond. From what I'm hearing, this board has lost the global mindset. We're more than just North America. We are China, we're the ID, we're Europe, where a lot of healthy cats exist. The things I brought up were things that, for

those breeders who are in North America who are concerned over all of these other factors, that they can test for it, they can line chase, they can decide to bring them in, but at least I wanted the people to have the opportunity to bring in those cats that may have these strange colors within the 5 generations that we require for registration. That's it. I am not going to make a motion that these be accepted for registration. As I said, I wasn't even going to bring it up until Cyndy did.

**Wilson:** Then I think perhaps we can encourage the British Shorthair breed council to put just that on their ballot next time and let them vote on that, for the registration change only. We can get an idea then from the British Shorthair breed council if that's something they would find acceptable. They have a 5 generation pedigree. They're not asking for 8 generations. They are asking that the 5 generations without these colors in them defines their breed. Pretty soon we're going to get down to, "you know, if it's a blue cat and it tests negative for the pointed gene, it can be shown as a Russian Blue." That's where we're headed. When you really get down to this phenotype kind of stuff, if it looks like it and someone is breeding it, they should be able to show it and we should register it in CFA. Why are we breeding pedigreed cats then? **DelaBar:** That's taking it too far, Annette. Nobody would go with that. **Wilson:** Michael Schleissner took it that far, and I tend to agree with him. We fight that all the time in our breed.

**Meeker:** I would point out when, Pam, you were talking about the North American breeders needing diversity in their bloodlines or needing to expand their gene pool, the breeders of British Shorthairs in China – and there are huge numbers of British Shorthairs in China – a very small percent of those British came from the United States. Most of them came from Europe and Australia and Russia, and they met our registration criteria. **DelaBar:** Russia is part of Europe. **Meeker:** Well, OK. Europe, Russia, alright. But there's a lot of British out there in other associations and in other countries that meet our rules for registration. We don't have a shallow little gene pool.

**Hannon:** I'm going to ask Cyndy to wrap it up and then we will vote. **Byrd:** Thank you. Thank you Annette for what you said, and I think that kind of sums it up. Also, the idea of genetic testing. This is what we're working toward in our ballot proposal. It was clumsily done, but what we're interested in is healthy cats. We don't care what color they are. We appreciate our 5 year [sic, generation] requirement to be clear of those colors. I think that sums the British Shorthair breed council idea. We want to continue our breed in a healthy and strong way. We see cats all over the world that match our standard requirements and we want to keep it that way, while still considering our future of introducing other lines with healthy cats behind them. **Hannon:** I'm going to call Ginger's motion, which I believe was to support the vote of the breed council. **Meeker:** Yes, it was.

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

**Hannon:** It carried unanimously. Thank you Cyndy. **Byrd:** Thank you all. **DelaBar:** I hope that made your plane trip worthwhile. **Byrd:** This has been a grand experience.

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The following changes are the beginning steps in allowing the British Shorthair Breed Council the opportunity to accept the colors lilac and chocolate and all color series related to lilac and chocolate including but not limited to lilac tabby, chocolate tabby and these colors with white into our British Shorthair Standard under an AOV color class to be established with this ballot within the existing standard. The colors cinnamon and fawn and those colors exhibiting the pointed pattern are still excluded from registration, the absence of these colors and pattern to be confirmed via genetic testing.

- 1. PROPOSED:** Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept chocolate and lilac, and establish these as AOV Colors for registration. Add cinnamon and fawn as unacceptable colors. Require genetic testing to exclude the pointed pattern and the colors cinnamon and fawn.

**Current:**

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

Pointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Longhair
Ticked tabby			

**Proposed:**

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

Pointed	<u>Chocolate</u>	<u>Lilac</u>	Longhair
Ticked tabby	<u>Cinnamon</u>	<u>Fawn</u>	

**AND**

**Current:**

**REGISTER AS AOV:**

No AOV colors/patterns	

**Proposed:**

**REGISTER AS AOV:**

<del>No</del> AOV colors/patterns <u>Date: Effective May 1, 2015</u>	<u>AOV Colors:</u> <u>Lilac</u> <u>Lilac-Cream</u> <u>Lilac Calico</u> <u>Lilac Tabby</u> <u>Lilac Patched Tabby</u> <u>Lilac Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Cream Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Calico Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate</u> <u>Chocolate Tortoiseshell</u>
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	<u>Chocolate Calico</u> <u>Chocolate Tabby</u> <u>Chocolate Patched Tabby</u> <u>Chocolate Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate Calico Smoke</u> <u>Any of these colors in combination with</u> <u>white</u>
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**AND**

**Current:**

**PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):**

Date: Unknown	5 generations	Date:	
Date:		Date:	

**Proposed:**

**PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):**

Date: Unknown	5 generations*	Date:	
Date:		Date:	

\*Any registration submitted via pedigree must be accompanied by a DNA test showing that the cat to be registered does not carry the pointed (Himalayan) pattern or the color cinnamon or fawn.

**RATIONALE:** The removal of the chocolate and lilac from our rules of registration and establishing the AOV color class will allow the ability to register, breed, and show these colors. This change will also allow for the registration of currently accepted colors with chocolate or lilac colors in the five generation pedigree requirement currently in place for our breed.

YES: 3

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 2

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 23

50% of Voting: 12

**No Action.**

**Please vote on Proposals 2 through 7; however, if Proposal 1 does not pass, then the results for 2 through 8 will not be applicable.**

- 2. PROPOSED:** Remove the language from the DISQUALIFY section of the standard prohibiting hybrid colors from being shown.

**Current:**

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.\*

\*The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

**Proposed:**

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors cinnamon, fawn ~~chocolate, lavender~~, the Himalayan pattern or these combinations with white.\*

\*The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

**RATIONALE:** The removal of chocolate and lavender from the hybridization wording in the disqualification paragraph allows the colors lilac and chocolate and these colors in combination with white to be shown in the AOV class. The addition of cinnamon and fawn to the disqualification paragraph completes the necessary language changes for proper disqualification notice for use in the show hall.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**No Action.**

3. **PROPOSED:** Establish the AOV color class and placement of the accepted colors within the standard. Central Office will define the registration color numbers within the already established numeric series.

Add, after the Currently Accepted British Shorthair Color Descriptions in the current Standards:



AOV Colors:

Lilac

Lilac-Cream

Lilac Calico

Lilac Tabby

Lilac Patched Tabby

Lilac Smoke

Lilac Cream Smoke

Lilac Calico Smoke

Chocolate

Chocolate Tortoiseshell

Chocolate Calico

Chocolate Tabby

Chocolate Patched Tabby

Chocolate Smoke

Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke

Chocolate Calico Smoke

Any of these colors in combination with white

**RATIONALE:** Identifying the AOV colors in our Standard will provide guidance for breeders working towards the advancement of the colors and judges who may see these colors shown in the AOV class.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**No Action.**

- 4. PROPOSED:** Define AOV color descriptions for the solid and solid bi-color colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3:

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

**CHOCOLATE:** Rich dark brown, level in color, sound to the roots. No tabby markings or white anywhere. **Nose leather:** To be same color as coat. **Paw pads:** Cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC:** Rich, warm lavender with a pinkish tone, level in color, sound to the roots. No tabby markings or white anywhere. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**OTHER BI-COLOR: Chocolate and white and lilac and white.** As a preferred minimum, the cat should have some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of these markings, no matter the amount of color vs. white is desired. White blaze desirable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling or tabby markings. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**OTHER VAN BI-COLOR: Chocolate and white and lilac and white.** White cat with color confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors and patterns as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**No Action.**

5. **PROPOSED:** This item defines AOV color descriptions for the smoke colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3:

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

**OTHER SMOKE:** A genetically silver, non-agouti tabby variety of British Shorthair. The top coat may be of any recognized solid color, tortoiseshell or lilac cream colors or bi-colors. The undercoat to be white or pale silver, showing maximum contrast. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To correspond with coat color. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with chocolate. Cat in repose appears chocolate. Face, legs and tail, chocolate with a narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Brown. **Paw pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with chocolate, red and shades of red. Cat in repose appears chocolate tortoiseshell. Face, legs and tail, chocolate tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Brown, brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Brick red, cinnamon-pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with lilac. Cat in repose appears lilac. Face, legs and tail, lilac with a narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Lavender. **Paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC CREAM SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with lilac and cream. Cat in repose appears lilac cream. Face, legs and tail, lilac cream pattern with narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Lavender, lavender-pink and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Lavender-pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red with a white undercoat. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the red patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**LILAC CALICO SMOKE:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream with a white undercoat. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red with white undercoat, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**LILAC CALICO SMOKE VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream with white undercoat, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**No Action.**

6. **PROPOSED:** Defines AOV color descriptions for the tabby and tabby and white colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3.

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

**CHOCOLATE TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Ground color milk chocolate. Markings a deep, dark brown affording sufficient contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** brown and/or brick red. **Paw pads:** brick red to cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Milk chocolate ground color marked with darker chocolate tabby markings and patches or softly intermingled areas of red. Lips and chin the same shade as rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** Brown, brick red and/or cinnamon-pink. **Paw pads:** Brick red, cinnamon-pink and or coral pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Ground color pale, frosty lavender with a pinkish patina, marked with darker lavender tabby markings affording sufficient contrast with ground color. **Nose leather:** lavender-pink. **Paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Ground color pale frosty lavender with pinkish patina, marked with darker lavender tabby markings and patches or softly intermingled areas of cream. Lips and chin the same shade as rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** Lavender and/or pink. **Paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**OTHER TABBY AND WHITE:** (Classic, mackerel and spotted): Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, or Lilac Patched Tabby. Where the tabby pattern is expressed the pattern should conform to the already established tabby pattern requirements, with allowances for the expression of white. As a preferred minimum, there should be some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of these markings, no matter the amount of color vs. white, is desired. White blaze desirable. **Nose leather and paw pads, eye color:** to conform to the already established tabby requirements: nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**CHOCOLATE TABBY AND WHITE** (Classic, mackerel, spotted): Same as for chocolate tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** Brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Black, brick red and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Same as for chocolate patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** Brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Black, brick red and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Same as for lilac tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** Lavender and/or pink. **Paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Same as for lilac patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** Lavender and/or pink. **Paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**OTHER VAN TABBY AND WHITE:** (Classic, mackerel, spotted) **Chocolate tabby and white van, lilac tabby and white van, chocolate patched tabby and white van or lilac patched tabby and white van.** White cat with colored portions confined to the extremities; head tail and legs. The colored portions conform to the currently established classic, mackerel, spotted and patched tabby color definitions. One or two colored patches on body allowable. **Nose leather and paw pads, eye color:** to conform to the already established tabby requirements: nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**No Action.**

7. **PROPOSED:** Define AOV color descriptions for the parti-color colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3.

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

**CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL:** Chocolate and rich red to be softly mingled not patched. **Nose leather and paw pads:** Pink and/or cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Tabby markings in the chocolate, unbroken color on the paws. Large solid patches of color. **Disqualify:** White anywhere.

**LILAC CREAM:** Lilac and cream to be softly mingled not patched. **Nose leather and paw pads:** Pink and/or lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Tabby markings in the lilac, unbroken color on the paws. Large solid patches of color. **Disqualify:** White anywhere.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are

allowed in the red patches. Nose leather and paw pads: To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**LILAC CALICO:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**LILAC CALICO VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**No Action.**

- 8. PROPOSED:** Define the AOV color class within the British Shorthair standard. Note: The registration of these colors will conform to the already established registration numbering system for solid, tabby, parti-color, bi-color and other British Shorthair colors. As these colors achieve the necessary levels of advancement for championship status, applications for advancement will be sent through the designated processes for review and acceptance. After acceptance for championship status the color will be moved from AOV to the correct color classification for showing purposes. The AOV class numbers will only be used to classify these colors for judging purposes when exhibiting.

**Current:**

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

### **British Shorthair Color Class Numbers**

<b>OBSHC</b> (Other British Shorthair Colors) .....	2596	2597
...		
<b>AOV</b> .....	2598	2599

### **Proposed:**

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

### **British Shorthair Color Class Numbers**

<b>OBSHC</b> (Other British Shorthair Colors) .....	2596	2597
...		
<b>AOV</b> .....	2598	2599

(Chocolate, Lilac, Chocolate Calico Smoke, Lilac Calico Smoke, Chocolate Smoke, Lilac Smoke, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke, Lilac Cream Smoke, Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Cream, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico, and any of these colors or patterns in combination with white).

**RATIONALE:** By defining the AOV color class the Breed Council is clearly conveying our preference for the way these new colors are registered and exhibited until such time as they meet the advancement requirements for championship status.

YES: 6

NO: 16

ABSTAIN: 1

### **STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

### **No Action.**

9. The Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** *To indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.*

### **Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.*

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.~~

**Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:** Selkirk Rex breeders have consistently supported outcrossing for the sake of the genetic diversity and improvement of the health and vigor of the breed. Since the Selkirk Rex gene pool is small, outcrossing improves the health of the breed by introducing variability to the existing gene pool. Outcrossing has the ability to strengthen and reinforce desirable traits, while mitigating potential genetic flaws. There is no impact on the breeds being used for outcrossing as these offspring would not be eligible to be shown as British Shorthair, Exotic, or Persian, nor is it the intention to ever do so.

Are you in favor of indefinitely extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 9

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 23

50% of Voting: 12

[see Selkirk Rex ballot]

**The following proposal is to be considered if #9 does not pass:**

- 10.** If Proposal #9 fails, the Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to extend the Selkirk Rex outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic to January 1, 2025. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** To extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to January 1, 2025.

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, ~~2020~~2025 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:** While our preference would be to have outcrosses indefinitely, an extension of the outcross deadline would allow Selkirk Rex breeders additional time to improve the genetic diversity of the breed.

Are you in favor of extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair to January 1, 2025, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?



YES: 14

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 23

50% of Voting: 12

[see Selkirk Rex ballot]

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## BURMESE

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Karen Thomas, DVM – Locust Grove, GA

Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Art Graafmans – Newport Beach, CA

Total Members: 47

Ballots Received: 33

**Burmese Breed Council Secretary Statement:** *In 2013 the Burmese breed council balloted a request by our breeders to reduce the pedigree requirement to import cats from foreign registries from 5 to 3 generations. This proposal was met with broad support. In the face of significant opposition from the European Burmese breeders, Karen Thomas (the Burmese BCS at the time) retracted the proposal at the February board meeting.*

*This past year the Burmese breed council balloted a revised proposal that should remove any possible objections the European Burmese breeders may have. Rather than reduce the number of generations required, we simply acknowledge that the red gene is dominant and therefore always expresses itself. Because of this fact, we wish to allow its presence in the pedigree but not in the actual cat being imported to CFA. As an additional precaution, we also would require the sire and dame to not have the red gene. So as not to affect the European Burmese breed, we also require that the cat to be imported into the CFA Burmese registry not be registerable as a European Burmese. This in essence requires that the cat have at least one CFA Burmese, a Bombay or Tonkinese in its 8-generation pedigree.*

*I spite of our efforts to not affect the European Burmese breed, we have found that there is still much upset amongst the EB breeders regarding our proposal. In speaking with a number of EB breeders, the over-arching issue I hear is that they are concerned that, over time the CFA Burmese and European Burmese will be joined together as a single breed without the breeder's approval. While something like this might have happened in our distant past, and if I read our Constitution correctly, this is not possible without the approval of both breeds in question.*

*I can tell you with great certainty that the CFA Burmese breeders are not interested in combining these two breeds. There is a substantial difference in their type and breed standards which goes well beyond the presence of the red gene and supports them being separate breeds.*

*The primary reason the Burmese breeders want this change is to expand the available pool of cats with which to work. Finding a cat from a foreign registry that does not have a red gene cat in its 5-generation pedigree is proving to be quite restrictive.*

*While we already have a number of options for out-cross, each has its challenges. The SE Asian imports are both difficult to find and import. Few breeders have the resources to travel to SE Asia. The Suphalak cats are in short supply in the area, to the point where Myanmar breeders have gone to Harrods of London to purchase breeding stock to replenish the breed in that country.*

*The Sable Bombay has proven to be an excellent out-cross, but their numbers are quite limited. Recently the Sable Bombay was retracted from AOV status and is generally difficult to find.*

*The Tonkinese, while a valuable out-cross, is also somewhat limited in numbers as Burmese breeders are choosing to mostly work with the solid pattern (vs. mink or pointed) cats. This is because breeding Burmese with mink or pointed cats involve registering some or all offspring in the CATS registry. These registrations have been perceived as problematic as central office works through its computer and procedural issues. It is in fact the singular reason that the Bombay out-cross policy is restricted to only allow the use of sable cats.*

*I spoke with George Eigenhauser regarding the possibility of altering the proposal post ballot and it was his opinion that since this is not a breed standard change, it would not be out of order to make such a request. I would therefore ask you consider the following adjustments to the proposal.*

- 1. Remove the requirement that the cat to be imported not be registerable as a European Burmese. If it is agreed that the Burmese policy does not affect the European Burmese breed, then this requirement should not be necessary.*
- 2. Add the requirement that the imported cat be genetically tested for Hypokalemia and GM2 Ganglioside. These two genetic conditions are present in the EB lines but not in CFA Burmese lines. Although not part of our ballot, I have polled our breeders and there is broad support for this testing and it is consistent with our other import policies. Our previous BC Secretary, who wrote this proposal, appears to be the only breeder opposed to this testing.*

*In closing the CFA Burmese breeders feel that changing our policy for Importing from a Foreign Registry does not affect the European Burmese breed in any way. It does however provide additional access to cats that are suitable in CFA Burmese breeding programs. It is my sincere hope you can support our proposal.*

**Hannon:** Do you want to deal with people that are here? **Morgan:** Yes. Burmese and European Burmese. **Hannon:** I believe the Breed Council Secretaries for both are here. Carla, you want to direct this one? **Bizzell:** It's Melanie. **Hannon:** Alright, Melanie. I'm sorry, I didn't know the division of the labor. **Morgan:** We're doing both the Burmese and the European Burmese together because the Burmese basically copied the European Burmese as an affected breed. Their proposal essentially says that they would like to change their rules of registration to allow cats from other registries with red, cream, blue-cream or tortie in generations 2 through 5, as long as cats are not eligible for registration as European Burmese. It passed the Burmese breed council. It failed the European Burmese breed council. The numbers are 26 yes, 7 no on the Burmese breed council. On the European Burmese breed council 1 yes, 25 against, 3 abstentions. As an affected breed, the European Burmese breed council was polled on the Burmese proposal, as it says, and they object strongly. If you want to look at each one of these individually that's OK, but I'm going to give you the position statement on both. **DelaBar:** Melanie, you've got to speak up. **Ganoe:** And maybe slow down. **Morgan:** They feel primarily that, regardless of how the Burmese breeders couch this, they want to import European Burmese without going through proper channels. **DelaBar:** Melanie, we cannot hear you or understand you. **Morgan:** OK. They point out that in addition to genetic testing that will help guide them, the board recently gave the Burmese a number of options, including sable Bombay and Tonkinese for outcrosses. I'll turn it over to the Burmese breed council first.

**Graafmans:** I inherited this proposal and I copied you all on an email. I would like to pre-emptively say, although I checked with George asking if some modifications would be out of order or not, he said he didn't know whether it was a good idea or not, but he didn't think it was out of order. If you feel it is out of order or I haven't gone through the due process correctly, I would retract those two items. I would say quickly that the reason we want to add the genetic testing in there is that if this does pass, I would go ahead and put forward that genetic testing requirement at next year's cycle, but it would give us a year of not doing the genetic testing. The other aspect that I asked for was that the cat in question not be registerable as a European Burmese. That's primarily because I would like to decouple our policy from other breeds' policies. So again, if it's out of order or not good protocol, I would retract those two. **Hannon:** Ed, you can rule on this but I don't see how we can consider it when the other breed council wasn't polled on it. **Raymond:** It's a registration rule. It's not a change to the standard. **Hannon:** But we asked them to vote on a version of it and he wants to change the version without their input. You're saying he can do it. **Raymond:** Yes, he can do it because, really, reaching out to the other breed council is a courtesy. It's not something that is required by the constitution. **Wilson:** The Burmese breed council was not polled on it, either. We don't have their votes on this proposal that Art just came up with. **Graafmans:** I can give you some rationale. **Wilson:** I'm sure you can. That's not the point. It's the breed council that gets to vote on this – your own breed council. **Anger:** At the very least, both breed councils should be balloted. We can accommodate an off-cycle ballot, but to have it decided here today by those of us that don't have a vested interest in one breed or the other, or both, is a disservice to the process. It's not our decision to make. We need to know what the breed council feels, so I think it should wait until next year's cycle or, if you can prove it's a time-sensitive issue, I suppose we could accommodate an off-cycle ballot. **Graafmans:** The rationale behind removing the not being registerable as a European Burmese comes from the fact that the previous year we had put a proposal forward for a 3-generation pedigree that did not have any requirements tied to it about cats being registered as European Burmese. That passed with good margin and our Breed Council Secretary, under pressure from the European Burmese, retracted the proposal at this board table last year. The genetic testing portion of it, I did do an email-based poll and the only individual that responded in a negative form was our previous Breed Council Secretary, which is likely why it never made it to the proposal. That's my rationale for asking. **Wilson:** I think in what you wrote and sent out to the board this week what you would like to consider, there were a number of things we would like to see discussed among your breed council and a chance to discuss among the other breeds that you mentioned; for example, the Bombay and the Tonkinese. I suggest against an off-cycle ballot. We did a lot of off-cycle balloting for the Burmese breed council a couple of years ago and they got a lot of what they asked for and put together very nice import policies and testing policies and so on, and yet they want to keep going back to the European Burmese that have turned them down several times. I really would like to hear and see a ballot that goes out to the entire Burmese breed council perhaps after you have a chance to talk to them at your breed council meeting in June. So, I really think this can go on the regular cycle. I can't imagine that there is such a crisis when you have so many options that have been provided in the last couple of years. I think maybe the energy is best spent trying to work within those options. **Graafmans:** You're correct, there is not a crisis, per se. I think that the European Burmese folks misunderstand what it is that we're after. We're not looking to go to Australia, to England, and pull cats. We're looking to go to TICA. If you go and look at FIFe's breed standards, they parallel European Burmese. If you go to TICA's breed standards, where they do

allow the red gene to be present, their breed standard closely parallels CFA's Burmese standard. Those are the cats that we're looking to have some access to. When we originally did our 8-generation pedigree for the red gene, those of us who are around today didn't quite understand why that was that way, because we knew that the red gene is a dominant gene and is easily identified. I went back and talked to Pat Jacobberger, who was there at the time. She said, flat out, "They didn't understand the red gene. They didn't want the red gene. They went with an 8-generation pedigree." In a practical sense, an 8-generation pedigree just says, don't import cats. Now that we do understand what that red gene does and how it works, we have tried to compromise and say, not only is the cat coming in not red, but it's parent may not be red. Our breed standards are substantially different. These cats don't look alike. I don't think you're going to confuse an American Burmese with a European Burmese. As I try to talk to European Burmese breeders about what it is that they're really concerned about, the overriding, overarching concern is that they're afraid that CFA will, over time, merge these two breeds together. I can assure you, the American Burmese people have no interest in combining with European Burmese, and I think the European Burmese people have made it abundantly clear. I don't believe that, given CFA's constitution, that anybody can put us together unless all parties agree to it. **Anger:** I apologize in advance. I'm going to hold your feet to the fire for something your predecessor said. She specifically said at the June meeting with the Breed Council Secretaries and the board, they want to import cats from New Zealand and Australia. *I have members who have got pictures of cats from New Zealand that would be stunning CFA show Burmese, but we can't bring them in.* Those were her specific words. You talked about the European Burmese people not understanding about the cats from TICA. They understand it intimately; so much so that 7 or 8 years ago they increased the pedigree import requirement for only domestic cats to 8 generations to keep those cats separate. Finally, they are not afraid that CFA will merge the breeds together, they're afraid the breeders will merge the breeds together. Keeping a clear distinction and definition of the breeds is what's important today. **Hannon:** I'm not quite sure how to address this. Do we want to address what was actually polled? <yes> Alright then, Perry, do you want to comment on what was polled? [transcript goes to European Burmese statement]

[from after European Burmese statement] **DelaBar:** I hate to tell you both that in Europe, the European-European Burmese have American Burmese behind them. They are going more towards the American Burmese style. The winning cats in the other associations are going after the American Burmese type because they like it better. If you're going to keep separate identities, then you are going to have to go no longer European Burmese, you're going to have to go Australian or New Zealand Burmese, because the breeds have already been mixed [in Europe]. I don't agree with it. This is what I have seen. I have seen catalogs, I have seen where they are going, I have seen the cats that are winning in the other associations of the Burmese. Those cats have already been mixed with American Burmese. I'm not saying that we want that. I'm stating a fact. This is what has happened in Europe.

**Graafmans:** I would like to address a couple of comments. First of all, we have the head defect test, you're right. We do. The situation between what we used to call "contemporary" breeders and "traditional" breeders – being, contemporary breeders working with lines that carry the head defect and traditional not carrying the head defect – has improved substantially. We don't fight like we used to. There is still a difference of opinion. Do we use head defect to get phenotype and use the test to manage it so that you're breeding carrier to non-carrier and getting

cats that you like, or do you try and just eliminate it from the breed? There's a serious difference of opinion on how to go about that and what we want to do, so there is not the kind of sharing that we could have because there is a philosophical difference in how this problem is approached. It's very unfortunate. I have cats in my house. Everything that I bring into my house is tested. I'm not afraid of cats that are carriers but I don't keep offspring that are carriers. They go out as pets. That's my philosophy. Other people feel differently about it. The head defect is an incomplete closure of the face in its full expression. In its half expression, you end up with cats that have a more pinched nose break, you have some hooding in the eyes. It's a different look. I have, for 15 or more years, selectively bred traditional cats to get a round head on my cats and I am finally starting to do it. I understand a hard-fought battle. So the whole head defect test – as a matter of fact, if the issue is that TICA cats might carry the head defect, I would encourage the European people to take advantage of that test and get rid of that 8-generation pedigree that they have. The Bombays – as you know, they just took the sable Bombay off AOV status. They don't want them. They want only black. They're out there. We can make our own sable Bombay. I can take my sable Burmese, breed it to a black Bombay, take that to another sable Burmese and I can end up with a sable to work with. It's a couple of generations of making a breed that I'm not working with. As far as issues like eye shape and body type, body type in the European Burmese and the Tonkinese is not all that different. Eye shape – the Tonk has a different eye shape. So does the Euro Burm, from us. I have seen cats that were bred Euro Burm to American Burmese. A litter of 4 had 3 with the wrong eye shape and one with the correct eye shape. That kitten was bred, had at least 12 kittens. All of them had the proper eye shape. That's a relatively simple thing to correct. I think the real question here is, what we're asking for, which is just the modification of our import policy. Is it truly going to affect the European Burmese breed or not?

**Wilson:** I have two questions, but a comment I would like to make on the Bombay. I think you're confused when you say that the AOV was taken out. The AOV is for showing. They don't want to show their sable Bombays, but they register them. They still get them. You can still use them. **Graafmans:** They are breeding away from them. They don't want them. They get them, they register them, but they don't want them. **Wilson:** So they can give them to you. Perfect. **Graafmans:** Yes, but at a given point, the sepia goes away. **Wilson:** I guess I still have a question. What are we voting on? **Schreck:** Thank you. That was my question. **Hannon:** The balloted item. **Schreck:** Which is what? **Wilson:** We have to vote on the ballot. **Hannon:** What was actually balloted. Melanie, tell us what was actually on the ballot. **Morgan:** What was actually balloted is, the original request is to change the rules of registration for Burmese cats from other registering organizations to allow the registration of cats for red, cream, tortie or blue-cream in generations 2 through 5, so not the parent or the actual cat itself, provided said cats are not eligible for registration as European Burmese. **Hannon:** And that was on both ballots? **Morgan:** That passed the Burmese breed council by 79%, with 70% of their members voting. **Hannon:** And the European Burmese? **Morgan:** It failed the European Burmese, with 1 yes and 25 no. **Hannon:** Melanie, you had your hand raised. Did you want to make some comments? **Morgan:** Annette covered that the Bombays have indeed removed the AOV provision for the Sable Bombay – they cannot show but they can still register them and they still produce them. They are a black cat, so they breed for black cats but they will still get sable. **Ganoe:** Where are you going to get a cat that has red in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> generation that isn't eligible to be registered as a European Burmese? **Graafmans:** I go to a TICA breeder and they would have mixed in some European Burmese cats but is breeding to a standard that is very similar to ours. They require for 8 generations there not be a single CFA cat in that pedigree. **Ganoe:** So,

basically what you have done with this wording is said, *I want to use a Burmese from another association that doesn't have red in it, or its parents.* **Graafmans:** Or it's parents. Further back it can have red. **Ganoe:** Why didn't you just say that? **Graafmans:** In effect, it does. **DelaBar:** It's convoluted. **Hannon:** He has to translate it. Are there any other questions or comments before we vote on this? Perry, are you finished?

**Coleman:** I don't have a whole lot more to say on it. Going back to the original proposal and rationale, it's a bit misleading. And yes, there is a reason why the European Burmese requires an 8-generation pedigree for North American registries, specifically TICA. It's because their cats are a blend of European and American Burmese. We don't want them getting back into our European Burmese lines. We are trying to maintain our differentiation from the American Burmese, whether traditional or contemporary. **Hannon:** Do I understand Art to say that the TICA Burmese are a blend that are registered and shown as Burmese? **Graafmans:** That's correct. **Hannon:** Now, are you saying that they also have a blend that are registered and shown as European Burmese? **Graafmans:** They do not have a European Burmese. They have a single Burmese breed. **Coleman:** They have a single Burmese and it's a blend. **Hannon:** So, would it be the view of the CFA European Burmese breeders that those cats are not really Burmese, but European Burmese? Why would you object if they're not European Burmese? **Coleman:** Because of the Burmese lines contained within their pedigrees. We are trying to keep the American Burmese lines out of the European Burmese. **Hannon:** OK. Are we all clear on what the actual proposal is? **Schreck:** No. **DelaBar:** No. Perry, I don't understand. You want to keep the American Burmese out of the European Burmese lines for CFA. That I understand, but how does a TICA cat going into the breeding program of the Burmese – as separate from the EB – how does that affect the European Burmese? **Coleman:** The concern is that, in the long run, the potential overall merging and loss of identity of the two breeds. We are trying to avoid that. Now, maybe that doesn't matter on the TICA side of the house, but for 20+ years we have maintained that in CFA. Just knowing the way these things work, once you start crossing that line – OK, the cat doesn't have red in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation but it's got everything else that CFA would define as European Burmese type – are we going to start seeing this blend where the American Burmese and the European Burmese lose that separate identity? **DelaBar:** So, you are basing it on an assumption? **Coleman:** I wouldn't say that. **Schreck:** So, for the European Burmese, you are not able to use the TICA Burmese? **Coleman:** We require an 8-generation pedigree that's clear of CFA Burmese. **Hannon:** So there might be one in the 9<sup>th</sup> generation. **Schreck:** So, you could also use that same cat that they could in their breeding program? **Hannon:** No. **Coleman:** If the cat has an 8-generation pedigree that is not CFA Burmese, we could use it as a European Burmese. However, if it doesn't have red in it, they could use it, as well. **Schreck:** So, the same TICA cat could be used in both programs if we agree to the change? **Coleman:** Yes. **Schreck:** It can't now. Is that correct? **Coleman:** It's not supposed to be able to happen now, but I can't say that it couldn't happen. **Hannon:** They can't be used in Art's breed unless we pass this, right? **DelaBar:** If it has red. **Schreck:** Right now, before this potential change, can you use that same TICA cat in both the CFA European Burmese and the American Burmese? An 8-generation pedigree, no CFA Burmese behind it. Can you both use that same cat? **Hannon:** If there's no red. **Coleman:** This is to allow them to use it. **Ganoe:** We're asking, right now, current situation. I'm a TICA breeder, I've bred sable Burmese for 8 generations and I've never registered one in CFA. Can both of you use that cat now? There's no CFA registered cats on either side and there's no red on either side. **Graafmans:** I can use them. **Coleman:** I don't think we can use them. **Ganoe:** If it has 8 generations of non-CFA registered cats, you can.

**Graafmans:** I would like to know how you go about making sure that one of these cats has CFA behind it – if one of them is registered as a CFA cat. You’ll get a pedigree from TICA. TICA is going to have their registration numbers on it. How do you get that cat identified as also being a CFA cat? **Wilson:** It’s up to the person trying to get that registration to go through and identify with number. They can only look it up by number for the CFA registration number. **Graafmans:** If I find a cat that I like and I go to TICA and get a 5-generation pedigree, it’s going to have TICA numbers scattered through. How do I cross-correlate that to a CFA registration? **Wilson:** I don’t know. Does TICA provide in their database the other numbers? <no> Well, there you go. **Kuta:** It can be registered in both, right? No one has to say it was registered in both. **Wilson:** That happens all the time here. People import a cat from a different pedigree, as I explained earlier this morning, and it has the FIFe number but the person sending it in recognized, “that’s a CFA prefix so it could be a CFA cat, so I’m going to go find out what the number is.” Once you provide the number on that, write it in, then that’s a CFA cat in our database. If not, the cat appears in our database twice. **Hannon:** I’m calling the question.

## Part I – Burmese Rules of Registration Changes

1. **PROPOSED:** Change rules of registration for Burmese cats from other registering organizations to allow registration of cats with red, cream, tortie, or blue cream in generations two through five, provided said cats are not eligible for registration as European Burmese

**Current:**

### FOREIGN-CAT REQUIREMENTS (if different from above):

Date: (02/11) one time acceptance Mod Daeng as sable mink through CAT	All offspring registerable if DNA tested and shown to be one of acceptable Burmese colors
Date:	

**Proposed:**

### FOREIGN-CAT REQUIREMENTS (if different from above):

Date: (02/11) one time acceptance Mod Daeng as sable mink through CAT	All offspring registerable if DNA tested and shown to be one of acceptable Burmese colors
Date: (02/15) <u>Accept cats from other associations with five generation pedigrees as long as they are one of the currently accepted Burmese colors, do not have a parent that is Red, Cream, Tortie, or Blue Cream and are not registerable as European Burmese.</u>	

Per European Burmese rules of registration cats that are eligible to be registered as a European Burmese are those with an eight generation pedigree free of CFA Burmese and also free of Bombay or Tonkinese.



**RATIONALE:** Most non- CFA registries recognize only one Burmese breed with 8 color variants-sable, champagne (aka chocolate), blue, platinum (aka lilac), red, cream, chocolate tortie, dilute tortie (blue cream). Many Burmese cats from other registries are barred from registry as European Burmese due to the presence of sable Bombay or CFA Burmese in their 8 generation pedigree. Thus, they are NOT European Burmese. Yet they are also barred from registry as Burmese because of the presence of the red gene in the pedigree. Since the red gene is dominant its presence in the pedigree is not a hindrance to registration as a CFA Burmese as long as the cat to be registered does not show evidence of the gene. It has been suggested that Burmese from other registries would not be acceptable for breeding in a CFA Burmese breeding program because they do not meet our standard. Many cats are used in a breeding program that do not meet show standards but nevertheless add valuable elements to the program as evidence the number of DMs of all breeds who do not carry a show title. The proposal would not impact the European Burmese breeding program as it specifically prohibits cats that are acceptable for registration as European Burmese.

YES: 26

NO: 7

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 33

50% of Voting: 17

**Hannon:** All those in favor of the proposal, as submitted to the Breed Councils.

**Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser and Kuta voting yes. DelaBar abstained.

**Hannon:** Is there anything else on the Burmese ballot? Is there anything else on the European Burmese ballot? <no> So, we thank these two gentlemen.

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## BURMILLA

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Katherine Barie – Allison Park, PA

Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Keith Kimberlin – Pottstown, PA

Total Members: 4

Ballots Received: 4

**Accept the Golden Colors and Patterns for Championship status.**

**1. PROPOSED:** Add the following under Burmilla Patterns:

**Current:**

### BURMILLA PATTERNS

TIPPED/SHADED: ...

TIPPED: ...

SHADED: ...

**Proposed:**

### BURMILLA PATTERNS

TIPPED/SHADED: ...

SILVER TIPPED: ...

GOLDEN TIPPED: Coat Color: Tipping about 1/8 of the entire hair length. The tipping is to be evenly distributed to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs are shaded, but chin, ear furnishings, belly, chest and underside of tail range from a warm ivory to golden honey. Tabby markings may be visible on the face and forehead. Face and legs may be slightly shaded with very light tipping. In general a Tipped cat appears to be much lighter than a Shaded. Descriptions are valid for all Tipped colors.

SILVER SHADED: ...

GOLDEN SHADED: Coat Color: Tipping about 1/3 of the complete hair length. The shading is to be evenly distributed to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs are shaded with the tipping but chin, ear furnishings, belly, chest and underside of tail range from ivory beige to deep rich honey. Tabby markings are visible on the face and forehead. Broken rings on the legs are permitted. The fur on the underside of the feet is colored with the color of the tipping, on the back of the hind feet the color extends up as far as to the joint. In general a Shaded cat appears to be much darker than a Tipped. Descriptions are valid for all Shaded colors.

**AND:** Add the following under Burmilla Colors:

**Current:**

**BLACK TIPPED: ...**

**BLACK SHADED: ...**

**BROWN TIPPED: ...**

**BROWN SHADED: ...**

**BLUE TIPPED: ...**

**BLUE SHADED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE TIPPED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE SHADED: ...**

**LILAC TIPPED: ...**

**LILAC SHADED: ...**

**CARAMEL TIPPED: ...**

**CARAMEL SHADED: ...**

**CREAM TIPPED: ...**

**CREAM SHADED: ...**

**RED TIPPED: ...**

**RED SHADED: ...**

**BLACK TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**BLACK TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**BROWN TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**BROWN TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**BLUE TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**BLUE TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**LILAC TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**LILAC TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**Proposed:**

**BLACK TIPPED: ...**

**BLACK GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in black. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Black or seal brown.

**BLACK SHADED: ...**

**BLACK GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with black. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in black. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Black or seal brown.

**BROWN TIPPED: ...**

**BROWN GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with seal brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in seal brown. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Seal brown.

**BROWN SHADED: ...**

**BROWN GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with seal brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in seal brown. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Seal brown.

**BLUE TIPPED: ...**

**BLUE GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in blue-grey. **Nose Leather:** Old rose. **Paw Pads:** Blue.

**BLUE SHADED: ...**

**BLUE GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with blue. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in blue-grey. **Nose Leather:** Old rose. **Paw Pads:** Blue.

**CHOCOLATE TIPPED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with chocolate brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in chocolate brown. **Nose Leather:** Pale red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Warm chocolate brown.

**CHOCOLATE SHADED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with chocolate brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in chocolate brown. **Nose Leather:** Pale red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Warm chocolate brown.

**LILAC TIPPED: ...**

**LILAC GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with lilac. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in lavender pink. **Nose Leather:** Pinkish red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Lavender pink.

**LILAC SHADED: ...**

**LILAC GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with lilac. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in lavender pink. **Nose Leather:** Pinkish red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Lavender pink.

**CARAMEL TIPPED: ...**

**CARAMEL SHADED: ...**

**CREAM TIPPED: ...**

**CREAM SHADED: ...**

**RED TIPPED: ...**

**RED SHADED: ...**

**BLACK TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**BLACK TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**BROWN TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**BROWN TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**BLUE TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**BLUE TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**CHOCOLATE TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**LILAC TORTIE TIPPED: ...**

**LILAC TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**GOLDEN TORTIE TIPPED AND GOLDEN TORTIE SHADED:** The appropriate base color (black, brown, blue, chocolate and lilac) mottled or patched with areas of red, shades of red or cream.

**RATIONALE:** Golden Burmillas have been accepted for championship status in many of the organizations that are part of the World Cat Congress. As a breed that exist throughout the world, we would like to keep in line with those colors that are being recognized and shown worldwide. In addition, the use of lines with these colors will provide a larger gene pool and contribute to the health and vigor of the breed.

YES: 4

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 4

60% of Voting: 3

**Hannon:** What breed do you want to deal with next? **Morgan:** Burmilla. **Hannon:** Are you sure? Couldn't we do the British Shorthair first? **Kimberlin:** Mine will be the shortest, I guarantee. **Hannon:** We tend to doubt that with you. You have a history that belies that. **Kimberlin:** Before I pass any of this out, I will wait until after Melanie has put on what was on the ballot and that we vote. **Hannon:** Melanie, it's your turn. **Morgan:** Our first proposal is to accept the golden colors and patterns for championship status. I would like to note that they also have a proposal here to accept them for AOV status. The Burmilla breed council, with outgoing Breed Council Secretary Kitty Barrie and incoming Keith, passed the first item which is the advancement to championship status and failed the second. **Kimberlin:** And it was voted unanimously. **Morgan:** Unanimously for both. There was a lot of debate on this proposal. There are in fact two proposals, one is to add the goldens as AOVs and one is to add them straight to championship status and bypass the color advancement matrix. When the breed was introduced to CFA, the board was told in no uncertain terms it was a silver breed. There were no intentions of adding the goldens. To be fair, the board was also told the Burmilla breeders in CFA were going to follow what other registries are doing. We've reviewed the current status of colors for this breed around the world. GCCF accepted the goldens at the time of application to CFA, so they were already accepted there. FIFe now accepts the goldens. That's fairly new and recent. In Australia CCCA has them in provisional status, which is similar to our AOV, as does the New Zealand Cat Fanciers. ACF I believe has just accepted them. TICA just accepted the Burmillas but does not accept the goldens. **Kimberlin:** No, they do accept the goldens. They did it at the last August board meeting. **Morgan:** That's just a basic little overview. **Kimberlin:** The goal was that we want the Burmilla goldens, which have been produced because our allowable outcross was the shaded silver Persian or chinchilla Persian without the 3000 designation and they are appearing in our litters, and we wanted them to be registered and available for championship. I can tell you I have a golden Burmilla who has kittens right now that are a week old, and there are more goldens in the litter. I also presented to Melanie at the time that a photo from FIFe with over 10 golden Burmillas being handled by FIFe breeders and their introduction and registration for championship in 2010. So, we are asking that since it was unanimously approved by our breed council and I even polled people who have not yet made the requirements for breed council so that they were all in agreement with having the goldens added. We hope to do this, in hopes that it will not limit our gene pool, because we are running into problems

already with gene limit, and we don't want to have to limit it. **Hannon:** I just want to clarify. When you say it passed unanimously, it passed by all 4 people. **Kimberlin:** Correct. Let me just say one other thing about that. We have several people who have the qualifications to be on the breed council but because of this new cycle that we put on, these people that normally would have been able to join the Breed Council in January now have to wait until April. **Hannon:** They still couldn't have voted on this. They had to have been members last August in order to vote on this.

**Meeker:** Again, I'm a little confused here. I thought when a breed brought in a new color, they had to do a color matrix. Has that gone by the wayside? Can they just go straight to championship? **Wilson:** That's what I would like to speak to. We put policies and procedures in place within our committees, and get them accepted by the board, and we really, really like to see those followed. In particular in this case, when this breed was accepted at the 2011 board meeting and they said no, they didn't want the silvers [sic, golden]. I have the quotes from the minutes if anybody is interested. **Hannon:** Yes, what does it say? **Wilson:** I'm actually looking at the TICA website because my understanding was that they just took the silvers in August. February, 2011:

***Mare:** I have seen them at a number of shows, and I think they are extremely attractive cats. I would like to begin by saying that, and I've seen yours and certainly feel that they are worthy of consideration. My question to you would be, of all these associations that you have listed in the back that currently accept them, do they all accept them only in silver colors? **Kimberlin:** All except for GCCF, which is the UK. That's the only association – **Mare:** GCCF, right. **Kimberlin:** It's the only association that accepts other colors, and because of that, because it's not unanimous and because we are an organization which tends to be conservative and tends to not go with what everybody else does – we set our own standards – we have decided to take the approach of what we think will be best for the breed long term to let the cat fancy know that we want them to associate the Burmilla with a silver cat. Have I answered your question? **Mare:** You've answered it, but if I could respond? ... **Mare:** Some of us are very old. I'm one of those people. I sat on this board when we accepted the Tonkinese many years ago. They wanted a particular pattern. ... I'm just wondering if we aren't putting ourselves in a box, or your breed is, if you exclude every other possibility at the outset. **Kimberlin:** OK. I'm going to answer that question. Thank you. First of all, because this is a breed that is already accepted in other countries in other associations, we are trying to follow the guidelines of the majority, and the majority right now does not want to include those colors. We would ask the board to approve what we have presented here today, because this is what we want to start with. We are asking for registration only. We're not asking for anything more than that, so we would like in the future to have the opportunity to open up, but we would not like to do that as the first association. We would like to wait until we get the consensus of the other associations. Let me go one step further. The reason for that is because there is already talk in the associations, GCCF and CCA, which is the Canadian association, which is not a World Cat Congress member, that they are going to change their standard to exclude the other patterns. **Mare:** Colors. **Kimberlin:** It's patterns. It's tabby pattern, it's smoke. **Mare:** What about colors? That's the issue. **Kimberlin:** The colors are all there. The colors come from – **Mare:** What do they do with them in the other associations that only recognize silver? What do they classify those cats as? **Kimberlin:** Smokes, selfs or tabbies. It's other patterns. **Mare:** There are no other colors. **Kimberlin:** No, no. Not that are recognized in all of them.*

*There are experimental ones – **Mare:** What's an Asian? **Kimberlin:** An Asian is the other three patterns. It's not colors, it's patterns, OK?*

**Wilson:** Does everyone understand smokes, selfs and tabbies? OK.

***Miller:** What about the goldens? **Kimberlin:** The goldens are only experimental in FIFe and I know some of you had a question about that because there was a golden in the presentation. That was a golden Persian and the headline at the top said that this cat gets along with other breeds. It was not to imply that this is one of the colors. It's not in the standard and we are not asking for it, so I would ask that everybody stick to what was written. ... **Miller:** He is implying that they are being considered in other associations. **Anger:** No, not at all. **Kimberlin:** From what I've heard from previous silver and golden breeders, they said when we are looking for the outcrosses, avoid the nasties. **Hamza:** I've got a question. What are the other colors that GCCF is – **Kimberlin:** They're not colors. They are smokes – **Hamza:** So, it's just patterns. **Kimberlin:** Patterns. **Hamza:** The differentiation is strictly patterns. **Kimberlin:** Silver ticked tabby, chocolate-silver ticked tabby. They are ticked tabbies, as opposed to shaded silvers. They're ticked. **Hamza:** So, there's no other colors that exist, as far as you know? **Kimberlin:** Not that are recognized. ... **Kimberlin:** Now, if you want me to get into issues, there is one called caramel and we do not want to go there. We don't want it. It is not recognized in any association yet. It's still on the experimental, so we don't want to be part of it. ... **Kimberlin:** Does anybody else have any other questions? **Shelton:** I understand that you're not going to be accepting those other patterns? **Kimberlin:** Right. **Shelton:** If you generate those kittens, where do they go since you don't have an AOV class? Are they just non-registerable? **Kimberlin:** Correct. We want – as CFA, we want to pet those kittens out.*

**Hannon:** I think we've got the gist of it. **Anger:** Last year, this board voted unanimously to accept two of those colors that were mentioned in that discussion. There was absolutely no objection. What is different now? These colors we accepted are two colors that we in this association never heard of before, but we unanimously accepted them. Now, we are getting a proposal to accept a very traditional color – **Kimberlin:** Let me just make one other point to what Annette said. **Hannon:** Wait. Let her finish. **Anger:** I'm trying to help you, Keith. **Hannon:** What it comes across to me is, you applied for this breed, said we don't want these colors, you are now getting them yourself. **Kimberlin:** That's what I want to clarify here, if you give me a moment. We are still sticking with the shaded division, OK? That was where we differentiated the colors. When we asked for the silvers, it was only the shaded division that we wanted. When we refer to all the other colors, and you'll see that I mentioned it, it was tabbies, self and smokes. Those are not in the shaded division. **Hannon:** But didn't they ask you about goldens and didn't you say, "we don't want goldens"? **Kimberlin:** We did not want goldens at that time because we said we were following what the other associations did, and no association had approved it yet, but since that time, in three years' time, they have approved it and they are in great numbers now. **Hannon:** But what's really germane is, you're getting them. **Kimberlin:** We're getting them because we're importing cats. **Hannon:** You only wanted silvers until you started getting goldens. **Kimberlin:** Excuse me. There were four other goldens that tried to be



registered in CFA before I obtained a golden, and when they sent the papers in to CFA, the papers came back as silvers. So, then we had to have the people send the paperwork back to Verna so that she could register them correctly as goldens. **Hannon:** What's your point?

**Kimberlin:** That I was not the first to have goldens, OK? That's my point. **Hannon:** But you weren't fighting for them until you got them. **Kimberlin:** When this was put on the ballot, I did not have a golden. **Hannon:** You told me you did. **Kimberlin:** I had a golden after it was on the ballot.

**Meeker:** I still have the question that if you have the color matrix for bringing in new colors into any breed, do they not have to go through the color matrix? **Kimberlin:** Let me explain that. **Meeker:** Let me finish. You can't just jump into championship. There has to be a certain number on the bench before they're registered and there's this whole line of progression. **Eigenhauser:** I'm kind of at cross purposes here. I'm agreeing with Ginger on some things and with other people on other things. Look, people's vision of what a cat ought to look like within their breed changes. I don't think any breed council is bound by what might have been done a year or two years or three years ago any more than this board is bound by what we decided this morning. We can always change our mind. That's human nature, so when somebody changes their mind, the question is, who does it hurt? If you've got Orientals suddenly coming in Siamese colors, you're affecting another breed. So, I want somebody to tell me what breed is harmed if we give them goldens? But, I do agree that it ought to start out with registration first – AOV up through the process – not the way they're going. Since registration is something this board can do without a breed council poll, my suggestion is, vote this down because it's asking for championship status up front. That's what my understanding is. And then come back with a motion to say, accept for registration so they can go through the matrix. **Ganoe:** What I see in this proposal is a united breed council who wants to get new colors directly into championship. Our rules have always said, if you want new colors, go into AOV, prove you've got them, come back with your color matrix and then we can give you championship status. Breed council votes are advisory. You told us what you wanted. I think, like George, the best thing to do is reverse your vote and give you AOVs so that you can put them in the show and we can see them, because we can't really judge them until we've seen them. I've never seen a golden Burmilla, and you know I'm one of your biggest supporters. I want to see them in AOV first. **Morgan:** My only point was, although they voted it down [proposal #2], we have a second proposal there. So, if you vote #1 down, we can over-ride that. [NOTE: proposal #2 is a standard change, so the board cannot over-ride the breed council vote.] **Fellerman:** What Annette said was, they said back then, "well, we want to follow what other registries are doing. So far, we only have GCCF." But, as things happen, we may want more. Things happened since that time, so they want more, deservedly so. I don't see an issue. **Wilson:** What I would like to comment, as has been brought up at other meetings when we talk about new colors is, they already get it, we should take it. I am asking that they follow the matrix. I would be happy to go past registration directly to AOV. I think that's fine. They were determined not to even put the AOV option on their ballot because they wanted to go right into championship. Where I'm coming from is, when they came in they said they didn't want goldens, "we don't ever plan to go for goldens." When they said that, to me that was taking it off the option of going directly into championship and they should follow the matrix. That's all I would like. **Eigenhauser:** The only problem with jumping straight to adding that language into the AOV section of their breed standard is, it's a breed standard. **Raymond:** They turned it down. **Eigenhauser:** So, we can't jump ahead, putting an AOV into their breed standard because they voted down. All we can give them without a vote of the breed council is

registration. **DelaBar:** Keith, you mentioned a couple different registries that already have this color. I'm looking at the color definitions right now in the FIFe standard. You've got colors that they don't have. **Kimberlin:** In reference to golden, what colors? **DelaBar:** I'm looking at golden. Yes, they have that, but you have other colors listed on your breed council ballot that are not in one of the registries that you talked about. I think we need to go on. We have to get out of here at 5. We've got 12 minutes left. **Kimberlin:** The vote was just for golden. What I wanted to point out was that the discussion with the matrix, the way I understood the matrix was that it was never voted on by the board but it was a guide that would be put to each breed. It could be overridden unless the board comes up and states that they are going to put in stone that the matrix is part of the constitution and must follow that in every instance, I don't understand why the golden couldn't go right directly into championship. **Hannon:** Would you agree that the board has the authority to say we don't want that, we want you to go through the color matrix? **Kimberlin:** I understand that, but that's why we had the option to vote to go into championship.

**Morgan:** I just have a clarification. In our breed standards it says after all the colors and the breed description: *The following information is for reference purposes only and is not an official part of the CFA show standard* after which we list the AOV. It wouldn't include the color description, but you can approve it for AOV, can't you? **Hannon:** How can you have an AOV without a color description? **Wilson:** We have had those for years. We have just most recently been asking the Breed Council Secretaries to put their AOV color descriptions in. **Eigenhauser:** They didn't used to have descriptions at all. AOV meant "anything else". **Kimberlin:** What this is in the Burmilla breed, we have a BCS code for *Other Burmilla Colors*. The goldens can be registered now in Other Burmilla Colors. The thing about it is that Other Burmilla Colors doesn't discriminate and say that we can't show them in championship, so if you deny us the chance to show them – we do not have an AOV – if you deny us the chance to show them as championship because they are in AOV, we'll keep them in Other Burmilla Colors so that we can show them and avoid having to put them in AOV. We do not have an AOV class. **Hannon:** Alright, let's vote on this. All those in favor of allowing the goldens to be shown in championship. That's your proposal, right?

**Motion Failed.** Anger, Fellerman, Moser and McCullough voting yes.

**Should proposal 1 fail, accept the golden colors and patterns for AOV status.**

**2. PROPOSED:** Add the following under Burmilla Patterns for AOV:

**Current:**

**LILAC TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**Proposed:**

**LILAC TORTIE SHADED: ...**

**AOV PATTERNS:**

**GOLDEN TIPPED:** Coat Color: Tipping about 1/8 of the entire hair length. The tipping is to be evenly distributed to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs are

shaded, but chin, ear furnishings, belly, chest and underside of tail range from a warm ivory to golden honey. Tabby markings may be visible on the face and forehead. Face and legs may be slightly shaded with very light tipping. In general a Tipped cat appears to be much lighter than a Shaded. Descriptions are valid for all Tipped colors.

GOLDEN SHADED: Coat Color: Tipping about 1/3 of the complete hair length. The shading is to be evenly distributed to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs are shaded with the tipping but chin, ear furnishings, belly, chest and underside of tail range from ivory beige to deep rich honey. Tabby markings are visible on the face and forehead. Broken rings on the legs are permitted. The fur on the underside of the feet is colored with the color of the tipping, on the back of the hind feet the color extends up as far as to the joint. In general a Shaded cat appears to be much darker than a Tipped. Descriptions are valid for all Shaded colors.

### **AOV COLORS:**

**BLACK GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in black. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Black or seal brown.

**BLACK GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with black. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in black. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Black or seal brown.

**BROWN GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with seal brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in seal brown. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Seal brown.

**BROWN GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with seal brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in seal brown. **Nose Leather:** Brick red. **Paw Pads:** Seal brown.

**BLUE GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in blue-grey. **Nose Leather:** Old rose. **Paw Pads:** Blue.

**BLUE GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with blue. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in blue-grey. **Nose Leather:** Old rose. **Paw Pads:** Blue.

**CHOCOLATE GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with chocolate brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in chocolate brown. **Nose Leather:** Pale red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Warm chocolate brown.

**CHOCOLATE GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with chocolate brown. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in chocolate brown. **Nose Leather:** Pale red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Warm chocolate brown.

**LILAC GOLDEN TIPPED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with lilac. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in lavender pink. **Nose Leather:** Pinkish red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Lavender pink.

**LILAC GOLDEN SHADED:** The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with lilac. **Eye and Nose Rims:** Outlined in lavender pink. **Nose Leather:** Pinkish red/pink. **Paw Pads:** Lavender pink.

**GOLDEN TORTIE TIPPED AND GOLDEN TORTIE SHADED:** The appropriate base color (black, brown, blue, chocolate and lilac) mottled or patched with areas of red, shades of red or cream.

**RATIONALE:** Golden Burmillas have been accepted for championship status in many of the organizations that are part of the World Cat Congress. The use of lines with these colors will provide a larger gene pool and contribute to the health and vigor of the breed.

YES: 0

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

#### **STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 4

60% of Voting: 3

#### **No Action.**

**Hannon:** Is there anything else on the ballot? **Morgan:** No, but they have another issue they would like to bring up. **Kimberlin:** I'm going to pass these out. The first one shows all the existing BCS codes. With the golden not going into there, we do want to address the issue of the present BCS codes, that it does not include the word "silver" and we would like to have the word "silver" added to all those BCS codes because there is a problem with registrations. What I've done is, I've included some breeders have put in registrations where they have already included shaded silver and the registrations have come back with the wrong registration numbers because that list was not on the BCS codes. **Hannon:** What are you saying? This is just for information? **Kimberlin:** What this means is that we need to add the word "silver" to all the BCS codes that exist now, except for the Other Burmilla Color. Are you following me? Where it says *Black Shaded*, it needs to say *Black Shaded Silver*. Where it says *Brown Shaded*, it needs to say *Brown Shaded Silver*, because when the Central Office is getting papers from people that put *Brown Shaded Silver*, they are registering it with the Other Burmilla Color description, with that BCS code, so you are given examples of 6 cats who have wrong registration numbers because the breeders are sending the color with the silver written in and the Central Office is looking on it and seeing it's not on the list of the BCS codes so they are registering it as another Burmilla color, when it actually is one of the ones that already has a BCS code. **Ganoe:** It would have been nice, had the Burmilla breed decided to tell Central Office and the IT Committee that our BCS codes were incorrect, in your opinion, rather than bringing it directly to the board. Don't interrupt me Keith, please. I am rather annoyed that you brought this to the board, rather than to the people who can actually make it change. Why did you bring it to the board, rather than the people who can make the change? **Kimberlin:** What do you mean? Are you talking about Central Office? **Ganoe:** I'm talking about myself. **Kimberlin:** I'm still not following. **Ganoe:**

BCS codes are an integral part of our registration. They're part of the IT system. They are how we identify colors for breeds. If you found in your breed council that there were errors, you never brought them to the IT Committee or anybody at Central Office. **Kimberlin:** Because I found out about this 5 days ago when the person sent me the registration papers, and then I saw it. "Oh my God, these are all wrong." The first thing I did was went to Breeds and Standards and I said, "what should I do? Should we bring this up at the board meeting? Does it need to go on the ballot?" I just questioned it and they said, "Just bring it up. Let the board decide and tell you what they want us to do." **Hannon:** What we want you to do is talk to Dennis later. It's not something the board needs to be involved in. **Ganoe:** Thank you.

**Hannon:** Alright, I'm going to adjourn the meeting for today.

[from Sunday] **Ganoe:** On the Burmilla, the issue that Keith brought up at the end. What he said is not what he meant, but what he wants is, right now it's the same issue we had with the spotted and ticked tabby not showing up in the color descriptions [see earlier American Curl motion]. Someone submitted a shaded silver registration of his Burmilla. It got put into the *Any Other Variety* because the "silver" word is not included, so what we need to do is address the standard issue so that it says "shaded silver" in their color, but that they will have to ballot. Then, we will have to address the registrations to get the registrations correct so that they are back to the shaded or tipped, where they belong. So, I wanted to clarify that it wasn't really a computer issue that he was bringing up. He went to the BCS codes, because the BCS codes reflect what the standards say, and what he really wanted was a wording change of the standard. It actually requires a vote by his council to do that, the same as we directed for the ticked and spotted tabbies [in the American Curl]. I just wanted to clarify that for everybody. **Wilson:** Could we put together a chart for Central Office's use so that they can easily translate the colors to the BCS? **Ganoe:** We will work something out. Verna and I will work something out.

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## DEVON REX

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Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Linda Peterson – Clifton, VA

Total Members: 23

Ballots Received: 11

1. The Sphynx Breed Council has a proposal to allow them to remove the start date of 3/1/2014 for registering kittens from Devon Rex outcrosses and provide registration guidance for coated Sphynx. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed changes.

**Current:**

***Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds:*** American Shorthair, Devon Rex born March 1, 2014 or after, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2018 may have only Sphynx parents.

**Proposed:**

***Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds:*** American Shorthair, Devon Rex ~~born March 1, 2014 or after~~, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2018 may have only Sphynx parents. Coated Sphynx are registered for breeding only.

**Additional Information:**

Approval of this proposal will allow Sphynx that contain Devon Rex within the first 3 generations of their pedigree be allowed to be registered as Sphynx for breeding and exhibition. \*Note we are still keeping the 2018 closing date for outcross at this time.

***Sphynx Breed Council Rationale:*** The purpose of bringing in the Devon Rex as an outcross was to broaden the Sphynx gene pool, and improve stamina and health. Having added the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross for Sphynx last year continues to help with the diversity and bring them in line with other associations' registration rules regarding this breed. By placing the "born after" date, the CFA Board effectively limited many cats that can be used for breeding and be active on the show bench. There are many Sphynx pedigrees with Devon Rex within the first three generations that are allowed to be registered as Sphynx with other associations. Allowing these cats to be registered with CFA will make it easier for Central Office to register them and give breeders access to more diverse pedigrees for the gene pool, which is why we want to eliminate the "born after" date for this outcross at this time.

**Devon Rex Breed Council Rationale:** The Devon Rex Breed Council voted as a majority to allow the Sphynx to use the Devon Rex as an outcross. As a breed that utilizes outcrosses to maintain genetic diversity, I would suggest we support this current proposal.

Are you in favor of removing the start date for registering Sphynx resulting from Devon Rex outcrosses and the registration guidance for coated Sphynx as proposed by the Sphynx Breed Council?

YES: 11

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 11

50% of Voting: 6

[see Sphynx ballot]

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## EUROPEAN BURMESE

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Robin Bryan – Champaign, IL  
Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Perry Coleman – Gaithersburg, MD  
Total Members: 29  
Ballots Received: 29

**Coleman:** I do have a statement. I apologize for apologizing, because while working on my original statement, I received a copy of Art's alternate proposal, so my comments sort of merged the two together, trying to cover my bases. I hope everybody got a copy of it. I was not able to get it out until Thursday afternoon.

**European Burmese Breed Council Secretary Statement:**

*I want to start off by apologizing to the Board for not being able to deliver my statement earlier in the week. Unfortunately, I only received the Burmese Breed Council Secretary revised proposal, through unofficial channels, late Monday evening. I have still not received anything from the Burmese Breed Council Secretary or any other official channels in regards to this matter. I have taken the intervening time to talk with members of the European Burmese Breed Council and Bombay Breed Council as well as other sources of information available to me. I would like to address some of the points that have been made by the Burmese Breed Council Secretary in this proposal.*

*First, and foremost, Burmese breeders have a test available for the head defect. It appears that it is not being used widely by the breeders. The Breed Council Secretary talks about requiring the tests for HK and GM2, but makes no reference to the head defect test. Why is this? By utilizing this DNA test, and identifying carriers of the head defect, they could be using cats within their own breed to broaden their own gene pool. If this test were used for all potential Burmese breeding cats, the defect could be eliminated very quickly. Even if some type is lost in the short term, it can easily be regained with a good breeding program.*

*The Burmese Breed Council Secretary describes difficulties importing approved Southeast Asian cats to be used to outcross. However, Asian lines are available to them. According to at least one active Burmese breeder, Mod Daeng offspring are readily available in North America right now. In addition, according to this breeder, regaining type is relatively quick and easy. One of Mod Daeng's granddaughters achieved CFA's 3rd Best Sable Burmese nationally. Why are Burmese breeders not taking advantage of these lines?*

*The Burmese Breed Council Secretary indicates that finding Sable Bombay breeding stock is difficult. However, in talking with some Bombay breeders, I am informed that it is not at all unusual for litters to have one or two sable kittens. Why are Burmese breeders not aggressively pursuing these cats to use in their breeding programs? Regaining type from this outcross should be fairly straightforward with a good breeding program.*

*Similarly to the discussion about the sable Bombay, suitable Tonkinese cats are available if Burmese breeders are willing to reach out and acquire them. Regaining type might take a little more work than the previously discussed options, but the genetics are there. They are a hybrid,*



*after all. A good breeding program should be able to recover type in a reasonable amount of time.*

*For twenty years, European Burmese breeders have focused on establishing their breed as unique and different from the American Burmese. There is much more to the European Burmese than the red gene. The body style, the head type and eye shape are obvious examples of where the two breeds differ. European Burmese breeders have worked hard to develop the breed and educate our judges and the public as to what differentiates the two breeds. If the Burmese proposal is accepted, we will inevitably see an undesirable blending of the breeds.*

*In closing, it is apparent that Burmese breeders are not taking full advantage of the options available to them. They are not doing the hard work to resolve their problem. They are not willing to invest the time to resolve their problem. They are not working together to eliminate the head defect from their breeding programs and implementing approved outcross options. Instead, they are looking for shortcuts, including poaching the European Burmese. Their proposal, whether the original one voted on by the respective Breed Councils or the new proposal brought forth by the new Burmese Breed Council Secretary, needs to be rejected by this Board.*

*Perry Coleman*

*European Burmese Breed Council Secretary*

1. The Burmese Breed Council has a proposal to allow them to register Burmese from other associations that have the colors “Red, Cream, Tortie or Blue Cream” in the pedigree as long as the parents conform to currently-accepted Burmese colors and are not registerable as European Burmese. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed changes.

### ***Part I – Burmese Rules of Registration Changes***

***PROPOSED:*** *Change rules of registration for Burmese cats from other registering organizations to allow registration of cats with red, cream, tortie, or blue cream in generations two through five, provided said cats are not eligible for registration as European Burmese*

***Current:***

#### ***FOREIGN-CAT REQUIREMENTS (if different from above):***

<i>Date: (02/11) one time acceptance Mod Daeng as sable mink through CAT</i>	<i>All offspring registerable if DNA tested and shown to be one of acceptable Burmese colors</i>
<i>Date:</i>	

***Proposed:***

#### ***FOREIGN-CAT REQUIREMENTS (if different from above):***

<i>Date: (02/11) one time acceptance Mod Daeng as sable mink through</i>	<i>All offspring registerable if DNA tested and shown to be one of acceptable</i>
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CAT	Burmese colors
<u>Date: (02/15) Accept cats from other associations with five generation pedigrees as long as they are one of the currently accepted Burmese colors, do not have a parent that is Red, Cream, Tortie, or Blue Cream and are not registerable as European Burmese.</u>	

Per European Burmese rules of registration cats that are eligible to be registered as a European Burmese are those with an eight generation pedigree free of CFA Burmese and also free of Bombay or Tonkinese.

**Burmese Breed Council Rationale:** Most non- CFA registries recognize only one Burmese breed with 8 color variants-sable, champagne (aka chocolate), blue, platinum (aka lilac), red, cream, chocolate tortie, dilute tortie (blue cream). Many Burmese cats from other registries are barred from registry as European Burmese due to the presence of sable Bombay or CFA Burmese in their 8 generation pedigree. Thus, they are NOT European Burmese. Yet they are also barred from registry as Burmese because of the presence of the red gene in the pedigree. Since the red gene is dominant its presence in the pedigree is not a hindrance to registration as a CFA Burmese as long as the cat to be registered does not show evidence of the gene. It has been suggested that Burmese from other registries would not be acceptable for breeding in a CFA Burmese breeding program because they do not meet our standard. Many cats are used in a breeding program that do not meet show standards but nevertheless add valuable elements to the program as evidence the number of DMs of all breeds who do not carry a show title. The proposal would not impact the European Burmese breeding program as it specifically prohibits cats that are acceptable for registration as European Burmese.

**European Burmese Breed Council Rationale:** The Burmese Breed Council is going forth with a ballot item to change the rules of their registration. Basically, they want to import European Burmese into their breeding programs without going through the proper channels of requesting their use as an out-cross. Keep in mind that the Burmese have already been granted the use of the Sable Bombay and the Tonkinese as allowable out-crosses. They have also been granted the ability to import and use cats from Thailand to help broaden their gene pool. They now also have the DNA test to identify carriers of the head defect, which essentially gives them the access to lines within their own breed here in the US that they wouldn't have considered using in the past.

These options have all been granted within the last few years and the ultimate results may take time. They may lose some characteristics with the out-crosses that may take a few generations to regain. This is what a good breeding program is all about. It is selective breeding which takes planning and patience. Instead of giving those options time, they are now looking to our European Burmese for more immediate results.

The Burmese breed council wants to be able to use cats that have European Burmese in (as close as) the second generation. For instance, a Burmese litter born in Europe has a CFA (American) Burmese in the 5th generation, making a kitten from this litter ineligible to be

registered in CFA as a European Burmese. A chocolate kitten (with the red gene showing in the 2nd generation) from this litter is imported to the US by a CFA Burmese breeder and registered in CFA as a Burmese. Another kitten from this litter remains in Europe and is bred, producing a litter in which the CFA (American) Burmese shows up in the 6th generation which is beyond our 5 generation requirement. Offspring from this ensuing litter are now eligible to be registered with CFA as European Burmese. This results in almost identical pedigrees eligible for both the Burmese and European Burmese. Two separate breeds; one semi-identical pedigree for both.

They are focusing on avoiding the red gene however, there is much more to our European Burmese than just the red gene. If allowed, they will be using cats that will introduce OUR eye shape, OUR ear set, OUR head type, OUR body type...essentially, OUR standard into their breeding programs. The implications of what this will do in the show ring are very clear. The two breeds will begin to look more and more alike. We have spent years educating our judges, our fellow exhibitors and the public on the differences between the two breeds and what makes our European Burmese unique. All of that will be thrown out the window with this proposal.

If the Burmese Breed Council were asking to use the European Burmese as an out-cross, they would have to address issues such as how to register offspring and put a time limit on the use of our breed. By changing their registration requirements, they are by-passing those issues and, in essence, poaching our breed.

For all of these reasons, and for the love and preservation of our breed, I urge you to vote no on this proposal.

Are you in favor of allowing these cats from other registries as discussed in the proposal to be registered as Burmese?

YES: 1

NO: 25

ABSTAIN: 3

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 26

50% of Voting: 13

[see Burmese ballot]

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**DelaBar:** I would like to make a motion that we address the elephant in the room first when we're doing Breeds and Standards, and bring the Exotic and Persian question forward first. **Hannon:** Any problem with, instead of doing it alphabetically, if we start with Persians and Exotics, since that seems to be the controversial one? Yes ma'am. Do you object? **Cook-Henry:** I'm just offering a suggestion. I was already planning on staying over tonight and into tomorrow, so I defer to the board. **Morgan:** She drove with me, so she can't get home. **Cook-Henry:** I have to stay here as long as Melanie stays here. **Hannon:** I know. It's not for you, it's for us. **Cook-Henry:** I understand. **Hannon:** We want to get beyond it. **McCullough:** Is that a motion? **DelaBar:** I made a motion. **Hannon:** She made a motion. Is there a second? **Moser:** Second. **Hannon:** Alright. All those in favor of pulling the Exotic and Persian to the front of the line.

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

**Hannon:** OK, we're going to do Persian and Exotics. Since we do this alphabetically, we'll do the Exotics first. There is a question that's on both ballots, but I think there are some questions that are unique to each ballot. I should point out to you that we invited the Breed Council Secretaries to participate. If they could not participate, they got to appoint somebody if they so desired to represent the breed. The Exotics have asked that Geri Fellerman represent them and I had mentioned that to the co-chairs of the Breeds and Standards Committee and to our attorney. They did not have any problem with it, OK? So, I just want to let you know, should somebody ask us, "why did we have a board member who doesn't even breed Exotics representing the Exotics?" It's because the Exotic Breed Council Secretary selected her and there did not seem to be an issue with it, OK?

**Hannon:** Annette, why don't you carry this. You want to take over at this point, for the Breeds and Standards? **Wilson:** Sure, I would be happy to. They can come up to speak, right? Can we give them a place to sit? **Bizzell:** Where should we station ourselves? **Wilson:** Why don't you bring your chairs, and maybe people can squeeze a little bit. Make sure there's a recorder down there so Rachel can hear you. **Hannon:** Verna, maybe you can sit in the first row instead of at the table. Melanie Morgan and Carla Bizzell are co-chairs of the Breeds and Standards Committee. Since they are both here, we don't need to rely on the board liaison. Speaking on behalf of the Persian Breed Council, we have Susan Henry and Nancy Petersen. Representing the Exotics, we've got Geri Fellerman. Go.

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## EXOTIC

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Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Penni Richter – Riverside, CA  
Total Members: 49  
Ballots Received: 41

**Bizzell:** This may sound strange, but it feels different on this side of the board than when I was on the board and, in fact, on this side of the Breeds and Standards Committee than on the other side, just sitting there waiting for the vote. So, here we go. The Exotic breed council had several questions. Are we going to talk just about the ones that affect the Persians this time, or are we going to go through the whole ballot? **Hannon:** We'll go through the whole Exotic ballot

and then we'll go through what's left of the Persian ballot, OK? **Bizzell:** OK. The first question on the Exotic ballot was to create a longhair division of Exotic. It was a standard change, and that failed. The second item was, at the request of the Persian Breed Council, they have on their ballot to remove the longhair Exotic from Persian classes, and that fails. At this point, we need to go to the Persian ballot and it's item #1 on the Persian – General ballot. It passed the Persian – General ballot. **Hannon:** Do you want to turn this over, then, to Geri, and Nancy and Susan, to give their perspective input? **Bizzell:** Yes. Should we go alphabetically, by breed? **Hannon:** Yes. Geri.

**Fellerman:** As far as the Exotics are concerned, they are content at the moment to have things remain the way they are. What more do you want? That's it.

**Exotic Breed Council Secretary Statement:**

*I would like to give you a brief synopsis of my thoughts on the current Exotic/Persian breed conflict for your consideration.*

*It is my wish that the board do nothing at this time and leave things the way they are for now. Both Breed Councils have voted and given you their wishes. We are at an impasse.*

*I feel that we really need to look at this in a different light. History has repeatedly shown that compromises between the two breed councils do not work. I am not interested in making, yet again, a new compromise, which is really never a compromise, only to have future BC secretaries change that compromise, either because they did not know the history, or did not agree with it. It does not work for either side. I feel the board has to give this some serious thought and look at it in a way that will best benefit CFA. We are losing members to other organizations. I have had Exotic breeders tell me they will go to TICA if they cannot show their longhairs, I am sure that the Persian BC has had the same thing said to them. What will keep everyone here? I do not know. Please consider tabling this issue for a year. Give the breed councils time to settle and maybe come up with fresh ideas, or the board possibly coming up with solutions that do not require a breed council vote.*

*Thank you for your time and good luck to you at the meeting.*

*Best regards,  
Penni Richter, Secretary  
Exotic Breed Council*

**The following proposal is being presented at the request of the CFA Board of Directors:**

- 1. PROPOSED:** Divide the Exotic breed into Longhair and Shorthair Divisions. Exotic Longhairs would be registered in the appropriate Exotic color class and be identified by specific registration prefix numbers/letters as Exotic Longhairs (example: 7XXXL prefix numbers, the addition of “L” would indicate “Longhair”).

Create LH/SH Divisions of Exotic. Provide coat descriptions for both the Exotic Shorthair and the Exotic Longhair. Delete any AOV reference to Longhair.

**Current:**

GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

**Proposed:**

GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat of the Exotic Shorthair and the long thick coat of the Exotic Longhair softens soften the lines of the cat and ~~accentuates~~ accentuate the roundness in appearance.

AND

**Current:**

COAT: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat.

**Proposed:**

COAT: Exotic Shorthair: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. Exotic Longhair: Long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.

**RATIONALE:** This proposal is being placed on our ballot by a directive from the CFA board. This is to show the board what the Exotic breeders want to do with their Exotic Longhairs.

We discovered that the Himalayan breed was merged into the Persians in 1984. The Himalayans stopped their outcrossing to Siamese in 1955. They were given 27 years of only crossing with Persians before they became a division of the Persian breed, with their non-colorpoint offspring being registered as Persians in the appropriate color class division with a 3XXX identifying number. The Exotic breed stopped their outcrossing to any shorthair breeds in 1987. This will be a 28 year separation from a SH breed.

Bi-Color Persians had shorthairs behind their pedigrees and were considered hybrids and yet they were accepted to championship in 1970. The Himalayans had Siamese behind their pedigrees and were considered hybrids and yet they were accepted to championship in 1984. Based on this precedent, we feel they are Persians and therefore do not want them placed as a division of the Exotic.

If you want the possibility of the Exotic Longhairs to stay as they are currently (registered as Longhaired Exotics and shown in the appropriate Persian color classes), or perhaps someday merging with the Persians, then you want to vote NO on this proposal.

YES: 7

NO: 34

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 41

60% of Voting: 25

**No Action.**

2. The Persian Breed Council has a proposal to prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Persian color classes, effective May 1, 2015, but agrees to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes, as established by the Exotic breed. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed prohibition.

***PROPOSED:*** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2015. Agree to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes as established by the Exotic breed.

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

- a. *Revise Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out ): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), e~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.*
- b. *Revise Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2015 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).*

***PERSIAN***<sup>‡</sup>

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

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

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

***Persian Breed Council Rationale:*** *This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (138/199). LH Exotics are currently shown as Persians but receive national and regional breed awards as LH Exotics even though the Exotic Standard does not include a description of a LH Exotic. With this proposal, the Persian BC asks the Exotic BC to modify the Exotic Standard and color classes to permit the showing of LH Exotics in a LH Division of the Exotic Breed. The Exotic Breed Council refused to put those questions on their ballot and the Persian BC was told that the question proposed by the Persian BC could not include those changes since the Persian BC cannot vote on changes to the Exotic Standard. Consequently, the two BCs are at a standoff.*

*Given the positive vote of the Persian BC to this question, the Board asked the Persian and Exotic BCs to come to the Board table with a compromise. Both Breed Council Secretaries did discuss the issue and both agreed that they could not come to a compromise, so therefore did not present the two BCs with an alternative. The Persian BC again requests that the Exotic BC be asked to put a question on their ballot modifying the Exotic Standard to include a description of LH Exotics since LH Exotics receive national and regional LH Exotic breed wins. It should not be possible for a LH cat to receive a LH Breed win in a Breed whose Standard only describes a shorthair cat. The Persian BC also requests that the Exotic BC put a question on their ballot that would create a LH Exotic Division with LH Exotic Color Classes in which LH Exotics would be shown.*

*The background for this proposal is as follows. In 2008, the Board required the Exotic and Persian Breed Council Secretaries to reach a compromise that would permit the showing of Longhair Exotics. The Board also informed the two BC secretaries that they did not want a solution that permitted the showing of cats in separate breeds that would look alike to spectators at CFA shows. Consequently, the compromise proposed and approved in 2009 permitted Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions to be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair Division of Exotics was created for scoring purposes only – all national and regional points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes count towards Longhair Exotic Division wins, not towards Persian Division wins.*

*Permitting LH Exotics to be shown should have eliminated the complaint of some CFA Exotic breeders that they could not show their LH Exotics. It also should have enabled Persians not registerable with CFA because they are registered with another association and have Exotics within their five-generation pedigree to be registered and shown in CFA as LH Exotics.*

*In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently, since the*



*Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed as mandated in 2008 to the Persian and Exotic BC secretaries, it is only appropriate Longhair Exotics should be shown in color classes within a Longhair Division of the Exotic breed, not in Persian color classes.*

*This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed since Longhair Exotics can still be shown and receive LH Exotic Breed wins. This change simply requires LH Exotics to be shown in LH Exotic color classes instead of in Persian color classes. Furthermore, this change permits Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.*

**Exotic Breed Council Rationale:** This was on the ballot last year and failed the Exotic Breed Council (Yes: 4 – No: 38). The showing of the Longhair Exotics with Persians was a compromise reached by both the Persian and the Exotic breed councils, by Board Directive in 2008. The Exotic breeders do not wish to alter this compromise at this time.

If the above proposal were to pass, as the breed standards are currently written, the Longhaired Exotic would not have a place on the show bench.

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Are you in favor of the prohibition against the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Persian color classes, effective May 1, 2015, but agreement to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes, as established by the Exotic breed, as proposed by the Persian Breed Council?

YES: 6

NO: 35

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 41

60% of Voting: 25

[see Persian ballot]

3. The Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** *To indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.*

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.*

***Proposed:***

***Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:*** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.~~

***Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:*** Selkirk Rex breeders have consistently supported outcrossing for the sake of the genetic diversity and improvement of the health and vigor of the breed. Since the Selkirk Rex gene pool is small, outcrossing improves the health of the breed by introducing variability to the existing gene pool. Outcrossing has the ability to strengthen and reinforce desirable traits, while mitigating potential genetic flaws. There is no impact on the breeds being used for outcrossing as these offspring would not be eligible to be shown as British Shorthair, Exotic, or Persian, nor is it the intention to ever do so.

Are you in favor of indefinitely extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to Exotic, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 23

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 41

50% of Voting: 21

[see Selkirk Rex ballot]

**Hannon:** Is there anything else on the Exotic ballot? **Bizzell:** Yes. #3 on the Exotic ballot has to do with the Selkirk Rex using Exotics as an outcross. There were two options. They both passed the Exotic breed council. The first one is an unlimited time span for outcrossing Selkirks to Exotics, and the second one is outcross until 2025. **Hannon:** Do you assume that the second one was there in case the first one failed? **Bizzell:** Yes, it says that. **Hannon:** Since the first one passed, that's the one you're going to go with? That's what we're going to vote on? **Bizzell:** That's what they would prefer, yes. **Wilson:** That's what they would prefer, but as the liaison and former chair of the Breeds and Standards Committee, I have a problem with unlimited outcrosses. I think that there should always be a date, and if there's a reason to continue the outcross, they should come back again and ask. **Eigenhauser:** Two things. First, this isn't really an Exotic issue, this is an issue in which the Exotics have an interest. This is a Selkirk Rex issue. I think we should take this up under Selkirk Rex. They asked for multiple outcross breeds. It failed in one of the breeds. That may affect how we would consider – **Hannon:** Carla and Melanie, do you understand what we're going to do? We're going to hold that off until we get to the Selkirks. **Bizzell:** That was my original thought.

**The following proposal is to be considered if #3 does not pass:**

4. If Proposal #3 fails, the Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to extend the Selkirk Rex outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic to January 1, 2025. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

***PROPOSED:*** To extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to January 1, 2025.

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2025 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:** While our preference would be to have outcrosses indefinitely, an extension of the outcross deadline would allow Selkirk Rex breeders additional time to improve the genetic diversity of the breed.

Are you in favor of extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to Exotic to January 1, 2025, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 35

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 1

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 40

50% of Voting: 20

[see Selkirk Rex ballot]

**Hannon:** Is there anything else on the Exotic ballot? **Dugger:** I just want to say one thing. This is just a pet peeve of mine and I just want it on the record. I think that if you want to belong to every breed council in CFA, there's no problem with that but I think you should have one vote, because I think the issue has been with us – and I've been on the Persian breed council as you know for as long as I have been breeding Persians, and I do think that we have people that are on both breed councils, and it negates that vote. I think that's why I think sometimes that the Persian breeders get so upset about this, because I feel like sometimes their vote doesn't count or is not heard because they have the Exotic people on the other side that belong to both, that it discounts their vote. I don't care about the discussion about any of this. I just wanted to say one thing, and that is that I wish that you only have one vote, just like we only have one vote on the board. You have one vote to vote for the breed that you feel like is your primary breed, period. And that's all I wanted to say. I just want it on the record. **Hannon:** I don't want to delve into that because we really didn't pre-notice it. If you want to do that, then we need to pre-notice it and discuss it with preparation. **Dugger:** That's alright. I'm sorry, I had to say that. **Raymond:** And it's probably constitution. **Eigenhauser:** It's constitutional. **Hannon:** Ed is going to check. He thinks it may be in the constitution. If so, then it has to go to the delegates. We can't do it. **Raymond:** Yes, it is. **Hannon:** Is there nothing else on the Exotic ballot? **Bizzell:** Nothing else, except the outcross to Selkirks.

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## MANX

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Sandra Willen – Pikesville, MD  
Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Susan Murphy – Grovetown, GA  
Total Members: 32  
Ballots Received: 23

### Part I – Manx Show Standard Changes

1. **PROPOSED:** In the Manx colors and patterns, replace the individual descriptions for BLACK SMOKE and BLUE SMOKE with the general description for SMOKE.

#### Current:

**BLACK SMOKE:** white undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask black with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather and paw pads: black.

**BLUE SMOKE:** white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

#### Proposed:

~~**BLACK SMOKE:** white undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask black with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather and paw pads: black.~~

~~**BLUE SMOKE:** white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.~~

**SMOKE:** The smoke has a white undercoat deeply tipped with color. The smoke in repose appears solid in color. In motion the white undercoat color is clearly apparent. Extremities are solid in color, and have a narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin, which may be seen only when the fur is parted.

**RATIONALE:** These are descriptions for colors CURRENTLY recognized as allowable in the Manx and which do not currently have descriptions in the show standards. These are descriptions only. They do not add or delete any Manx colors or patterns and they do not affect the color classes in which these cats are currently shown; that is, if they are currently judged as OMC, they continue to be judged as OMC.

YES: 22

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

**Bizzell:** That brings us to Manx. The Manx ballot is fairly long. What they are doing is clarifying and fixing some of their color and pattern descriptions, and they also have a conflict within their standard as to what they will and will not allow on the show bench. We'll go through these quickly one by one. The first one has to do with, they want to realign their smoke definitions. Right now they only have black smoke and blue smoke described in their standard. They want to actually take those out, put a general description of SMOKE and then in the next proposal, #2, they will actually go through the smoke colors. So, #1 passed by more than 60%, again removing black smoke and blue smoke as individual descriptions and including a general definition of SMOKE. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Add Smoke color descriptions in the Show Standards so that all allowable Smoke colors are included.

**Current:**

**SHADED SILVER:** ...

**Proposed:**

**SHADED SILVER:** ...

**BLUE SMOKE:** undercoat white, coat is deeply tipped with blue. **Nose leather and paw pads:** blue.

**RED SMOKE (Cameo Smoke):** undercoat white, coat is deeply tipped with red. **Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads:** rose.

**CREAM SMOKE (Dilute Cameo Smoke):** undercoat white, coat is deeply tipped with cream. **Nose leather, rims of eyes, and paw pads:** pink.

**BLACK SMOKE:** undercoat white, coat is deeply tipped with black. **Nose leather and paw pads:** black.

**TORTOISESHELL/DILUTE TORTOISESHELL SMOKE (Blue Cream Smoke):** undercoat white, coat is deeply tipped with black for the non-dilute or blue for the dilute with patches of red or cream or softly intermingled areas of red for the non-dilute or cream for the dilute. **Nose leather and paw pads:** may be mottled with pink.

**CALICO SMOKE (Smoke Calico, Dilute Smoke Calico):** undercoat white, coat is white with primarily unbrindled patches (minimal brindled color acceptable) of black (non-dilute)

or blue (dilute) and red(non-dilute) or cream (dilute). White predominant on underparts. Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene including the van pattern. **Nose leather and paw pads:** may be mottled with pink.

**TORTOISESHELL & WHITE SMOKE (Smoke Tortoiseshell and White, Smoke Blue-Cream and White):** undercoat white, coat is black( non-dilute) or blue(dilute) and red( non-dilute) or cream(dilute) with minimal white present (white limited to one or more feet, belly, chest, face, and/or small spot of white on back, flank, or neck). Cats with no more than a locket and/or a button do not qualify for this class. Such cats shall be judged as a smoke tortoiseshell/dilute smoke tortoiseshell(blue cream) with no penalty for such locket and/or button. **Nose leather and paw pads:** may be mottled with pink.

**BI-COLOR SMOKE (Black Smoke and White, Blue Smoke and White, Red Smoke and White, Cream Smoke and White):** Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button

**RATIONALE:** These are descriptions for colors CURRENTLY recognized as allowable in the Manx and which do not currently have descriptions in the show standards. These are descriptions only. They do not add or delete any Manx colors or patterns and they do not affect the color classes in which these cats are currently shown; that is, if they are currently judged as OMC, they continue to be judged as OMC.

YES: 22

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**Bizzell:** Proposal #2 is where they are adding the set of smoke color descriptions for all allowable smoke colors. It passed by more than 60%. Just as an example, BLUE SMOKE, RED SMOKE, CREAM SMOKE, etc. So, they listed out all the smoke colors so that we judges will have something to go by. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** Add a definition for the allowed Red Silver Tabby to the Show Standards where it does not currently exist.

**Current:**

**SILVER TABBY: ...**

**Proposed:**

**SILVER TABBY: ...**

**RED SILVER TABBY (Cameo Tabby)** (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin off-white, markings red, undercoat white. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

**RATIONALE:** This is a description for a color CURRENTLY recognized as allowable in the Manx but which does not currently have a description in the show standards. This is a description only. It does not affect the color class in which these cats are currently shown; that is, if they are currently judged as OMC, they continue to be judged as OMC.

YES: 21

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

**Bizzell:** #3, they want to add a description for red silver tabby, currently showable under Other Manx Colors, but they wanted to go ahead and start adding some of these color descriptions and pattern descriptions that weren't in the standard. It passed by more than 60%.

**Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

4. **PROPOSED:** Add a definition for the allowed Cream Silver Tabby to the Show Standards where it does not currently exist.

**Current:**

**RED TABBY: ...**

**Proposed:**

**CREAM SILVER TABBY (Dilute Cameo Tabby)** (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin off-white, markings cream, undercoat white. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink desirable.

**RED TABBY: ...**

**RATIONALE:** This is a description for a color CURRENTLY recognized as allowable in the Manx but which does not currently have a description in the show standards. This is a description only. It does not affect the color class in which these cats are currently shown; that is, if they are currently judged as OMC, they continue to be judged as OMC.

YES: 20

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

**Bizzell:** #4, add a description for cream silver tabby, same rationale as #3. Passed by more than 60%. Standard change. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

5. **PROPOSED:** Add a definition for the allowed Ticked Tabby to the Show Standards where it does not currently exist.

**Current:**

**MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN:** ...

**SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN:** ...

**Proposed:**

**MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN:** ...

**TICKED TABBY PATTERN:** body hairs to be ticked with various shades of marking color and ground color. Body when viewed from-top to be free from noticeable spots, stripes, or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. Lighter underside may show tabby markings. Face, legs, and tail must show distinct tabby striping. White buttons and/or lockets allowed.

**SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN:** ...

**RATIONALE:** This is a description for a pattern CURRENTLY recognized as allowable in the Manx but which does not currently have a description in the show standards. This is a description only. It does not affect the color class in which these cats are currently shown. That is, if they are currently judged as OMC, they continue to be judged as OMC

YES: 16

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

**Bizzell:** #5, add a description for the ticked tabby pattern to the standard. It passed by more than 60%. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion carried.**

6. **PROPOSED:** Clarify whether Smoke and Whites belong in the Bi-Color class or not by specifically naming the colors that do belong.

**Current:**

**BI-COLOR:** All recognized Manx solid colors with the addition of white (with the exception of Calico, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell & White, Blue-Cream & White which are to be shown in the Calico/Tortoiseshell & White class). Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button



do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

**Proposed:**

**BI-COLOR:** Manx solid colors (Blue, Black, Red, Cream, Blue Smoke, Black Smoke, Red Smoke (Cameo Smoke), Cream Smoke (Dilute Cameo Smoke) with the addition of white. Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

**RATIONALE:** This deals with the definition of the Bi-Color class. The way it is written now, a reasonable person could determine that the Smoke and Whites belong in this class or that Smoke and Whites do not belong in this class. These proposals seek to clarify whether or not the Manx Breed Council believes that Smoke and Whites belong in the Bi-Color class or not by specifically mentioning the colors that do. ~~Parts A and B~~ Questions 6 and 7 are pretty much mutually exclusive which is why the proposal says that only if ~~A~~ Question 6-fails should ~~B~~ Question 7 be considered. [Note: strike-through and underline indicate housekeeping changes.]

YES: 18

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 3

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 20

60% of Voting: 12

**Bizzell:** #6. It is currently not clear where the smoke and whites are to be shown – if they are in the Bi-Color Division or if they are in Other Manx Colors. #6 and #7 are mutually exclusive, so if #6 passes, we don't need to consider #7. In #6, they want to add the smoke and whites to the Bi-Color color class for showing. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

**IF ITEM #6 SHOULD FAIL:**

**7. PROPOSED:** Clarify whether Smoke and Whites belong in the Bi-Color class or not by specifically naming the colors that do belong.

**Current:**

**BI-COLOR:** All recognized Manx solid colors with the addition of white (with the exception of Calico, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell & White, Blue-Cream & White which are to be shown in the Calico/Tortoiseshell & White class). Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

**Proposed:**

**BI-COLOR:** Manx solid colors (Blue, Black, Red, Cream) with the addition of white.

Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

**RATIONALE:** This deals with the definition of the Bi-Color class. The way it is written now, a reasonable person could determine that the Smoke and Whites belong in this class or that Smoke and Whites do not belong in this class. These proposals seek to clarify whether or not the Manx Breed Council believes that Smoke and Whites belong in the Bi-Color class or not by specifically mentioning the colors that do. Parts A and B are pretty much mutually exclusive which is why the proposal says that only if A fails should B be considered.

YES: 17

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 3

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 20

60% of Voting: 12

**No Action.**

8. **PROPOSED:** Remove the prohibition on Ticked Tabbies from the general Colors and Markings section since it conflicts with both the definition of Other Manx Colors in the detailed Colors section and with our current Rules for Registration.

**Current:**

COLOR and MARKINGS: Manx colors and tabby patterns are recognized as described under colors. Color/patterns showing evidence of hybridization (chocolate/lavender/ticked tabby/pointed or these combinations with white) are not allowed. ...

**Proposed:**

COLOR and MARKINGS: Manx colors and tabby patterns are recognized as described under colors. Color/patterns showing evidence of hybridization (chocolate/lavender/~~ticked tabby~~/pointed or these combinations with white) are not allowed. ...

**RATIONALE:** This general description of Manx colors and patterns conflicts with both our Rules for Registration and our description of the Other Manx Colors in the Manx Colors section. In the Rules for Registration, the only tabby pattern that was disallowed was the Spotted which the Breed Council voted to accept in 2012. Ticked is not noted as ever being disallowed there. In the OMC description in our show standards, ticked is also not disallowed. The description there is: Any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing hybridization *resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or those combinations with white*. Again, there is no prohibition on ticked tabbies. This show standard change will bring the Colors and Markings general section into compliance with our Rules for Registration and our detailed description of Other Manx Colors.

YES: 15

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 3

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 20

60% of Voting: 12

**Bizzell:** #8, this is where they've got a conflict in their standard. Under the Other Manx Colors, it does not prohibit the ticked tabby, but under Colors and Markings it retained a legacy ticked tabby prohibition. When the Other Manx Colors was changed, they neglected to change the Colors and Markings prohibition of ticked tabby, so they want to remove that from the Color and Markings portion. That passed by more than 60%. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

**Part II – Manx Rules for Registration Changes**

**The following two ballot items affect only the Manx Rules for Registration.**

**9. PROPOSED:** To bring our Rules for Registration in line with our Show Standards regarding the Smoke and Whites, edit the Breed Notes in the Manx Breed Book.

**Current:**

Smoke or shaded and white – bi-color class.

**Proposed:**

If Proposal 6 passes (includes Smoke and Whites as Bi-Colors):

Smoke ~~or shaded~~ and White – Bi-Color class.

**Or:**

If Proposal 7 passes :

~~Smoke or shaded and white – bi color class~~

**RATIONALE:** To bring our Rules for Registration in line with our Show Standards. Whether the Smoke and White belongs in the Bi-Color class will be determined by this year's ballot on the Smoke and Whites. In any event, the Shaded and Whites do not belong in the Bi-Color class.

YES: 18

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 3

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 20

50% of Voting: 10

**Bizzell:** #9 has to do with the Rules for Registration. It passed by more than 50%. This is to update the Rules for Registration to reflect the decision on #6 where the Smoke and Whites are to be shown. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Anger:** So, it's "this or that". Since #6 passed, would that be the one that we adopt? **Bizzell:** Yes. It would go with this instead of that. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

**10. PROPOSED:** To bring our Rules for Registration in line with our Show Standards definition of the Other Manx Colors (OMC) class, edit the Breed Notes in the Manx Breed Book.

**Current:**

OMC Show Class:

Silver tabby and white  
Any patched tabby and white  
Any smoke and white  
Any shaded and white

**Proposed:**

OMC Show Class:

~~Silver tabby and white~~  
~~Any patched tabby and white~~  
~~Any smoke and white~~  
~~Any shaded and white~~

Any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or those combinations with white.

**RATIONALE:** To bring our Rules for Registration in line with our Show Standards. Silver Tabby and White and Patched Tabby and White clearly belong in the Tabby and White class as stated in our show standards. The Smoke and White issue will be resolved by our current Smoke and White ballot item. The Shaded and Whites are currently OMC, however, there are many other colors and patterns that belong in this class. If individual colors and patterns are to be listed, the list should be as complete as possible. For now, the use of the OMC language listed in our Show Standards will bring the Show Standards and Rules for Registration in agreement with each other. At a later date, the Breed Council, if it wishes, can come back with a more inclusive list of the individual OMC colors and patterns.

YES: 20

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 2

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 21

50% of Voting: 11

**Bizzell:** I believe this is the last one for the Manx ballot, #10, to update the Rules for Registration to reflect what is currently in the Other Manx Color Class in the standard. It passed by more than the 50% requirement. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

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## PERSIAN – GENERAL

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Linda Acomb – Fallbrook, CA

Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX

Total Members: 202

Ballots Received: 179

**Hannon:** Are you both going to speak? **Susan Cook-Henry:** We may interchange. I'm going to be the speaker. Nancy [Petersen] is passing out the statement that I'm going to be reading. It's rather long. I ask that you please indulge me, speaking on behalf of Carissa Altschul, our Breed Council Secretary. This is just so you can refer to it. It's going to be exactly what I'm reading here. I'll go ahead and begin.

**Persian Breed Council Secretary Statement (read by Cook-Henry):**

*According to the CFA Constitution, the Breed Councils are advisory to the Board. Advisory has a meaning that members of the Breed Council who take time to establish their credentials and pay their dues will have the opportunity to have their advice listened to by the CFA Board of Directors. For most of the past three decades, the members of the Persian Breed Council have felt their opinions were listened to by the Board as the Board repeatedly voted to support the majority vote of the Persian Breed Council. However, in the last 5 years, that has radically changed to where any time the Persian Breed Council votes conservatively to protect their breed identity, the Board has ignored that vote and refused to support CFA's largest Breed Council.*

*It has become very emotional for many Persian breeders, as they feel that recent actions by the CFA Board of Directors have demeaned the value of their breeding programs. They are questioning why they have devoted years, and in some cases, decades, to preserving and protecting the Persian Breed. The Persian breed has been trying to maintain a fundamental unique identity granted to every other parent breed that has ever been used to create a hybrid breed. Yet the Persian breed has been repeatedly denied the same protection granted to other breeds such as the Siamese and Abyssinian. We feel it is important for members of the CFA Board of Directors to understand the history behind the voting direction of the Persian Breed Council. As such, each Board of Director member was emailed an expansive history on Wednesday evening. Hopefully, each of you took the time to read that history.*

*There are those who have repeatedly expressed they are "tired of the fighting." There are those who put all blame on the Persian Breed Council, using such incendiary language as "greedy," "jealous," and "heads in the sand." While it is perceived as noble and justified that the Siamese Breed Council only accepts the four traditional Siamese colors and forbids any mimics in those colors, the Persian Breed Council is viewed as petty and childish to request the same protection. Quite simply, the Persian Breed Council wants to protect their identity as a breed. Like the British Breed Council that just this year soundly voted against accepting new colors (colors that are accepted in most other organizations), the Persian Breed Council wishes to protect our breed against genes and outcrosses that are not part of our breed history.*

*As Persian Breed Council Secretary, I am asking you to please uphold the vote of the Persian Breed Council and remove the Exotic Longhairs from our breed classes immediately starting in 2015-2016 show season. We had hoped to see some shade of compromise from the Exotic Breed Council in this matter in creating a Longhair division of the Exotic breed, however, that was not forthcoming. However, we would like to offer a solution to the conflicting votes, one that is both in the spirit of real compromise and has precedent in CFA's history. The 2009 compromise has already been altered and essentially rendered invalid as far as what the Persian Breed Council "got" out of the compromise. While the changes might have passed the Persian BC by 60%, it must be noted that many did not renew their memberships for the Persian BC after the 2009 action because they felt their voices meant nothing to the CFA Board of Directors. Indeed, in recent years, it has only been the Exotic BC's voice that has received positive action by the CFA Board of directors in matters concerning both breeds. A true compromise means both sides "give" something they would rather not give. At this point, the Exotic BC has not had to "give" anything in order to "get" what they claimed was the only thing they wanted – to show their Longhair AOVs.*

*Personally, I do not believe I will ever feel satisfied that Exotic Longhairs are granted championship status. As I am also a breeder of American Wirehairs, I know exactly what it is like to produce a cat that meets the standard of the parent breed and to be unable to show that cat beyond the household pet class. However, I also realize that relegating the Exotic Longhairs back to AOV status would just be another round in this ongoing battle, one I am loathe to continue. For the future and security of both breeds, I seek a compromise that both Breed Councils can live with and move forward in the spirit of cooperation and, hopefully, peace. To reiterate, as Persian Breed Council Secretary, I am asking the Board to NOT place the Exotic Longhairs back into AOV status now or ever. During the compromise discussions in the past, the "line in the sand" for the Exotic Breed Council was to be able to show their longhairs, so I wish to honor that line in a new compromise.*

*What is the solution that both satisfies the long-lasting will of the Persian Breed Council but does not cross the Exotic Breed Council's line in the sand? This solution presented itself to me in reading the 1960's Yearbooks and the Board's creation of the Exotic Shorthair breed. This idea was additionally solidified in my conversations with Mark Hannon. A similar dispute occurred between the Burmese Breed Council and breeders of dilute Burmese. After years of trying to get the dilute Burmese accepted for championship in the Burmese breed and failing, a new breed was created exclusively for dilute Burmese – a breed called the Malayan. Over time, the Burmese Breed Council softened their views of the dilute Burmese and accepted them as a division of Burmese, then, finally, completely integrated them in the Burmese breed. With both of these precedents in mind, we are requesting the Board create a new breed, "Exotic Longhairs," and immediately approve them for championship status beginning the 2015-2016 show season. This new breed would be independent of both the Exotic Shorthair and Persian Breed Councils, and thus, would need a Breed Council Secretary. We humbly suggest the standard of the Exotic Longhair be identical to the Exotic Shorthair standard, with appropriate changes to the description of the coat.*

*As Persian Breed Council Secretary, it would be my preference that the only allowable outcross for the breed of Exotic Longhair would be the Exotic Shorthair. However, if the Board finds that provision unpalatable, then we would accept the decision of the Board to make the allowable outcrosses beyond that of the Exotic Shorthair.*

*Why create a separate breed of Exotic Longhair? First, it finally gives these cats a true identity in CFA. Currently, they are born from Exotic Shorthair litters (mostly), shown as Persians, but recognized at the end of season as Exotic Longhairs. As such, they are not truly a breed and therefore not protected by the CFA Constitution, Article XIII. That article only provides protection for entire breeds, not for part of a breed that is not actually recognized by CFA as an independent breed. Once established as a true breed by CFA, the Exotic Longhairs can never be removed from the show bench unless they themselves vote for that change. If some feel that the creation of a new breed violates the last statement of Article XI, "In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment," I submit that both the Persian and Exotic Breed Council secretaries can comment within a few days' time of this board meeting and action can still be taken to bring the Exotic Longhair into fruition for the 2015-2016 show season. Indeed, with this statement, the Board already has comment from the Persian Breed Council Secretary.*

*It is possible in the future, as with the case of the Burmese, the Persian breed might one day wish to accept the Exotic Longhairs as part of the Persian breed for outcross purposes. Or, the breeds of Exotic Longhair and Exotic Shorthair will choose to merge as one breed with two divisions. And maybe further down, in future years, the Persian and Exotic breeds might seek a different solution. But until that day, we believe recent actions by the Board have actually made the conflict worse. Board actions have done nothing but provoke negative feelings and reactions by the majority of the Persian Breed Council. We believe that the Board should allow the Persian Breed Council to protect their identity for as long as they wish to do so. I would like to take a moment to note that the voting percentage of the Persian Breed Council this year was the highest in recent memory – out of 202 members (the largest Breed Council by far), 179 took the time to make their voices heard. 64% requested the removal of the Exotic Longhair from the Persian classes. At the time of the vote, 31 members held dual membership with the Exotic Breed Council. As was once pointed out by the late, great Anna Sadler, someone who breeds both Persians and Exotics can hardly be expected to be anything but biased on the issue. With this assumption in place, one can see that an overwhelming 77% of breeders dedicated only to Persians wish for the Exotic Longhairs to be removed from the Persian classes. It is also of note that this same percentage is accepting of the exhibition of Exotic Longhairs, as long as it is not in the Persian classes. This demonstrates the willingness of the Persian Breed Council to compromise on this issue.*

*Some Board members have questioned why the Persian Breed Council is so insistent that the Exotic Longhairs be removed from our exhibition classes. First, we feel it is not correct for a cat to be born of one breed and shown in another, then awarded in yet another breed. Second, many Persian breeders feel this is just one step in a forced merger of the breeds. This feeling is reinforced by the actions and words of some Exotic breeders who insist their Exotic Longhairs are Persians, using such phrases as "Quack, quack" and "If it walks like a duck..." This behavior does nothing to help improve relations between the two Breed Councils. Finally,*



*Persian breeders simply wish to protect the unique identity of the Persian breed. Exotic Longhairs might mimic the Persians in appearance, but they lack the decades of history and dedication of breeders who have devoted their lives to the continuation of the Persian as a pure breed. While one can argue that no breed is really “pure,” it is the determination of dedicated Persian breeders to make our breed as pure as we can make it. While the topic of breed purity is a hot one on discussion lists, multiple scholarly scientific articles do make references to “purebred” animals.*

*It should also be of note to Board members that the breeding practices of Exotic Shorthair breeders include the absolute need to outcross to the Persian breed. Many Exotic Shorthair breeders have expressed a deep concern that the Persian breed will close the outcross window for their breed. We find these claims to be in conflict with the claims that Exotic Longhairs are genetically identical to Persians. While current science has not found a difference between Exotic Longhairs and Persians, the breeders of Exotic Shorthairs clearly believe there is a difference. Most Exotic Shorthair breeders will bypass available Exotic Longhairs of quality to purchase instead a CFA-registered Persian. Exotic Shorthair breeders themselves repeatedly insist they must outcross to Persians – not use Exotic Longhairs – to maintain the correct coat and head type on their cats. But later, these same breeders insist their Exotic Longhairs are genetically the same as Persians. The only logical conclusion is that the actions of the Exotic Shorthair breeders speak much louder than their words – they acknowledge there is truly a difference between the breeds. We would like to extend that idea to propose it is to the benefit of the Exotic Shorthair breed to maintain a firm dividing line between Persians and Exotics. By maintaining a firm division between the breeds, the Exotic Shorthairs are able to keep accessing the sought-after outcross of Persians. Please note it is not the current intention of the Persian Breed Council to attempt to cut off the Persian outcross for Exotic Shorthairs. We recognize the relationship between the breeds as being beneficial to CFA and the future of the cat fancy at this time. I cannot speak for individual breeders, but I know many would be more willing to share their lines with Exotic Shorthair breeders should they be assured that the breeds will be firmly separated and remain so in the future. By removing Exotic Longhairs from the Persian breed classes and creating a breed for them alone, this will make that line clear and definite.*

*We have also heard some talk about money that CFA might lose if the Exotic Longhairs are removed from the Persian breed classes. Since we are not asking for the Exotic Longhairs to be placed in AOV status, many of those who have claimed they would leave CFA probably will still continue to show CFA since they will still be able to show and title their Exotic Longhairs. Additionally, when it comes to money, we would like to point out that the Persian breed brings in tremendous money to CFA. We have the largest Breed Council, the most entries in shows, and the most registrations. If money talks, then the Persian breed has been the loudest voice in CFA for all of CFA’s history.*

*Our final point is regarding the actions of other associations. Why should it matter how other associations choose to conduct their business? We view CFA as the premier cat fancy association in the world, and I know many others do as well. We see CFA as a leader, not a follower. We do not believe we need to be bound by the rules and standards of other associations; instead, we set the bar high and maintain our high standards. It is the maintenance of high standards in CFA that makes CFA pedigrees some of the most valued and respected in the world. It is also of note that in every association that registers Exotic Longhair as Persians,*

*both the Persian and Exotic breeds are nowhere near the top in popularity. In fact, they are suffering extreme declines in most of these associations. A link between the decline of these breeds and eroding the meaning of their unique identities cannot be ignored.*

*In closing, we ask the Board to uphold the vote of the Persian Breed Council and remove the Exotic Longhairs from our classes (changing show rule 2.04) and create a breed for Exotic Longhairs to be shown in and awarded in separate from Persians. If this action is taken and no other changes are made in attempt to merge the breeds in any manner without approval from both Breed Councils, as long as I remain Persian Breed Council secretary, I give you my promise that no further ballot items will come for the Persian Breed Council to change outcross rules with Exotics or any attempts to remove Exotic Longhairs from the bench. As I have said, I do not believe either of those actions will benefit CFA or the breeds at this time. All the Persian Breed Council wants is a firm line between our breeds so that both can be celebrated and focus on their own unique identities. Thank you for your time.*

*--Carissa Altschul, Persian Breed Council Secretary*

**Hannon:** What I would like to do now is ask Ed for his interpretation of the constitution in regard to some of the options that have been presented to us by the Persian Breed Council for how we should deal with the Exotics. **Raymond:** I don't think the board can make Exotic longhairs a breed, obviously without consulting with the relevant breed councils. **Hannon:** The Persian Breed Council's recommendation is that we create a new breed for the longhair Exotics, to be effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. The constitution says we may not create a new breed without consulting with both of the breed councils. Neither one of them bothered to put it on their ballot this year. The other suggestion they had was to make it a division of the Exotic breed. **Raymond:** That's correct. **Hannon:** And? **Raymond:** The provision in the constitution that provides that you can't move something that's in championship down – change its registration status – I'm really not too sure it applies, because Exotics are currently registered as Exotics. They're not registered as Persians. **Hannon:** That's not my question. My question is, can we create a division of the Exotic breed for the longhairs? I don't see how you can because there's no description in the Exotic breed. **Raymond:** Correct. They have not voted on a standard. **Hannon:** They need to vote by 60% according to the constitution, and that failed. So, the options that are presented to us of creating a new breed for Exotic longhairs, we're constitutionally forbidden. Making it a division of the Exotic breed, we're constitutionally forbidden. So, it seems to me the options we have are, leave the longhair Exotics and have them compete as Persians, or return them possibly to AOV status. In other words, if they are to be shown, they have to be shown as Persians or we throw them out. **Wilson:** Actually, proposal #1 on the Exotic ballot was to create a longhair division of Exotic, and it changes the description, to do that. **Ganoe:** And it failed. **Wilson:** It did, but there's no constitutional issue other than the fact that it failed. **Hannon:** It has to get 60%. **Wilson:** Right, right. I got confused. **Hannon:** The constitution is the one where it says they have to have 60%. **Wilson:** Right, but they did vote on it. **Hannon:** But they didn't vote by the constitutionally-mandated 60%. **Wilson:** I understand. It didn't pass. **Hannon:** So our hands are tied. Because they didn't vote for it by 60%, we cannot change the Exotic standard and we can't create a longhair division of the Exotic standard when there's nothing in their standard. **Wilson:** But I thought I heard they didn't vote on it, but they did. **Hannon:** They didn't vote with sufficient number of votes.

1. **PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2015. Agree to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes as established by the Exotic breed.

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

- a. Revise Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out ): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), e~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.
- b. Revise Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2015 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).

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

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

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

**RATIONALE:** This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (138/199). LH Exotics are currently shown as Persians but receive national and regional breed awards as LH Exotics even though the Exotic Standard does not include a description of a LH Exotic. With this proposal, the Persian BC asks the Exotic BC to modify the Exotic Standard and color classes to permit the showing of LH Exotics in a LH Division of the Exotic Breed. The Exotic Breed Council refused to put those questions on their ballot and the Persian BC was told that the question proposed by the Persian BC could not include those changes since the Persian BC cannot vote on changes to the Exotic Standard. Consequently, the two BCs are at a standoff.

Given the positive vote of the Persian BC to this question, the Board asked the Persian and Exotic BCs to come to the Board table with a compromise. Both Breed Council Secretaries did discuss the issue and both agreed that they could not come to a compromise, so therefore

did not present the two BCs with an alternative. The Persian BC again requests that the Exotic BC be asked to put a question on their ballot modifying the Exotic Standard to include a description of LH Exotics since LH Exotics receive national and regional LH Exotic breed wins. It should not be possible for a LH cat to receive a LH Breed win in a Breed whose Standard only describes a shorthair cat. The Persian BC also requests that the Exotic BC put a question on their ballot that would create a LH Exotic Division with LH Exotic Color Classes in which LH Exotics would be shown.

The background for this proposal is as follows. In 2008, the Board required the Exotic and Persian Breed Council Secretaries to reach a compromise that would permit the showing of Longhair Exotics. The Board also informed the two BC secretaries that they did not want a solution that permitted the showing of cats in separate breeds that would look alike to spectators at CFA shows. Consequently, the compromise proposed and approved in 2009 permitted Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions to be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair Division of Exotics was created for scoring purposes only – all national and regional points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes count towards Longhair Exotic Division wins, not towards Persian Division wins.

Permitting LH Exotics to be shown should have eliminated the complaint of some CFA Exotic breeders that they could not show their LH Exotics. It also should have enabled Persians not registerable with CFA because they are registered with another association and have Exotics within their five-generation pedigree to be registered and shown in CFA as LH Exotics.

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently, since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed as mandated in 2008 to the Persian and Exotic BC secretaries, it is only appropriate Longhair Exotics should be shown in color classes within a Longhair Division of the Exotic breed, not in Persian color classes.

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed since Longhair Exotics can still be shown and receive LH Exotic Breed wins. This change simply requires LH Exotics to be shown in LH Exotic color classes instead of in Persian color classes. Furthermore, this change permits Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

YES: 114

NO: 64

ABSTAIN: 1

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 178

50% of Voting: 89

**Hannon:** What I'm going to do is, first ask for a straw vote of the board, because if it's overwhelmingly on one side or the other, then there's really no need for us to waste a lot of time arguing about this. Alright? So, all those in favor of the proposal to remove the Exotic longhairs from the Persian breed, indicate by saying "aye". [no response] All those opposed to removing the longhair Exotic from the Persian breed say "aye". [unanimous] All those who abstain. Based on that straw vote, I don't see any need for us to have a lengthy discussion on this, because not a single member of this board is in favor of removing the longhair Exotics from the Persian breed, OK? So, I'm going to call for the official vote. All those in favor of removing the Exotic longhair from the Persian breed.

### **Motion Failed.**

**Hannon:** So, the board's vote is, we will not remove the Exotic longhair from the Persian breed.

**Cook-Henry:** For the record, I have some comments to make, because what has happened in this room today is a symbol of the general disease, as I perceive it and as many of the Persian breed council members perceive it. The problem is that the tail has wagged the cat, so to speak. We have the representative – and I know you have already cleared that it's OK for Geri to speak for the Exotic, a former Persian Breed Council Secretary here. **Fellerman:** [inaudible] **Cook-Henry:** No, no, no. I'm saying that they determined that it was OK for you to be here representing the Exotic breed, a breed council of which you are not a member. This is just from our perspective. This is how the Persian breed is perceived to be treated by the CFA Board of Directors. That's one thing. Define a "compromise". What does compromise mean? **Petersen:** We were not given options. **Cook-Henry:** There's no options. It's called "gun to your head, do this or else" and that's what happened in 2009. "You will compromise." The compromise was, define your line in the sand. Those lines were defined. One of the tenets of that compromise was the inability to register offspring from Exotic longhair x Exotic longhair, and Persian x Exotic longhair offspring. What are the Exotic breeders breeding for? They are breeding for a shorthaired cat. Therefore, the longhair Exotics, which can now be shown – that was part of the compromise – that was the only option that we were given at the time. So, we were stuck with that, but it was OK. The longhairs get to be shown, but their registrations are not permitted from ELH to ELH, or ELH to Persian. Fast forward two years to the 2011 ballot, with Geri Fellerman as Breed Council Secretary, and the question appears on the Breed Council ballot to reverse that. **Hannon:** And the Persian Breed Council passed it. **Petersen:** And our compromise went away. **Hannon:** But with the support of the Persian Breed Council. They voted in favor of that. **Petersen:** We had no idea the question was coming. **DelaBar:** Don't you read the ballot? **Petersen:** It was before the ballot came out. **Fellerman:** It wasn't like they had to reply by tomorrow. **Petersen:** It has to do with membership, Geri. **Cook-Henry:** The membership dropped off after the 2009 ballot. **Petersen:** Because we thought it was fixed. We thought it was firm, the compromise was firm. We had no idea. **Cook-Henry:** It was a last and final compromise. What was final about it? It wasn't final. **Petersen:** And it still isn't final. **Cook-Henry:** That's what we're putting out to you.

**DelaBar:** In 2008 – I can address 2008 and the February 2009 board meetings. I was the President then. I cannot address what happened in 2011. In 2008, the Persian breed council and the Exotic breed council were told to settle this. This would be the final – because the board was

tired of getting just what we got. It came back. Peter Vanwonderghem was the Exotic Breed Council Secretary at the time. I forget who was the Persian Breed Council Secretary. **Petersen:** I was. **DelaBar:** You were, OK Nancy. It came to the board. The board voted, and that was to be it. I had hoped that that was going to be settled. We had the compromise. Now, what I am trying to understand is, by showing and us judges judging phenotypically, how does it hurt the Persian pedigree? How does it hurt the Persian breed council, or how does it hurt the Persian breeder who is supposed to be breeding according to pedigree, according to what they want? Where is the problem? I want to know where the problem is. **Petersen:** The problem is not the showing of them in our classes. That is not the problem. The problem is that they keep eroding the compromise, ever since '86 when they first put on the ballot. The same year that they asked to have American Shorthairs eliminated as an outcross, they asked to merge with the Persians. They are wanting to merge all Exotics as part of the Persian breed. That we do not want, so we would like to see a clean line in the sand, so this erosion of the compromise is less likely to continue to occur. **DelaBar:** That's not even on the table. That is not on the table. **Hannon:** The only thing that was on the table was removing them from the Persian classes. **Cook-Henry:** But your question was, how does it impact? **DelaBar:** Yeah. I'm saying, how is it impacting the breeding of Persians? **Cook-Henry:** We are told, "you don't have to breed to that 7000 prefix cat." **DelaBar:** Susan, let's say you were still breeding. How would that affect your breeding program? **Cook-Henry:** That means that my options are declining as days go by for pedigrees that include the original 100 series Persian cats, to find cats that don't have 7000 or 3000 prefixes. I know we're going to Himalayan right now. That is definitely water under the bridge. What I'm saying is that over time, there are not going to be any pedigrees available with 100 series Persians. **DelaBar:** You just said the Himalayan was now water under the bridge as time goes by, and we're talking 50 years ago. **Cook-Henry:** That's not on the table. That's what I'm telling you. You asked the question, how it would impact my breeding program. Because we're told, "you don't have to use 7000 or 3000 by extension in your pedigrees." **Hannon:** One of the issues that a lot of board members have is, there was a final compromise. Then we diluted that compromise, with the approval of both breed councils. In this case, we've only got one breed council approving the change. You've got the other party to the compromise saying, "we don't agree to this." **Cook-Henry:** When we were asked the first time, we were told to make a compromise. **Petersen:** And we were only given one option. **Cook-Henry:** Our Breed Council Secretary Linda Acomb was working with Penni because the same thing happened again. "Make it work." So, the Exotic Breed Council Secretary refused to entertain any conversation regarding the subject. It was one sided, by virtue of the fact that the Exotic Breed Council Secretary refused to discuss it any further. We had to. She did not. It's not a level playing field. **DelaBar:** Not after 2009, it was not supposed to be discussed anymore. **Petersen:** How did the question get on our ballot in '11? We didn't think something like that was possible. **DelaBar:** Because it got put on, and you as Persian breed council members are supposed to be voting and reading your ballot. **Hannon:** She's saying that a lot of the former members didn't rejoin. **Petersen:** Because they thought the conflict had been settled. **DelaBar:** Was that the only thing they were ever concerned with, with their breed? **Petersen:** Any more. **Fellerman:** I'm not sure what you said. They dropped off because they felt there wasn't anything important to vote on anymore? I don't get that, but that's not what I was going to say. OK, there was a compromise. I always felt personally that it was a horrible thing to do, to not permit registrations, even on these cats not only to make them AOV but not even permit registrations, but the longhair Exotics spent a month on the show bench. One month later, in June of that year, at the Annual – your club was

one of them – there were at least four resolutions brought up that would have removed longhair Exotics from the show bench. Mary K will attest to that because she was sitting behind me.

**Kolencik:** No. **Fellerman:** Were there not resolutions brought up to that effect? **Hannon:** She wants to stay out of this. Mary K will not be dragged into this one. **Fellerman:** Susan, you presented them. You were very unhappy at the subsequent breed council meeting because you felt people boo'ed you. I remember you being upset, and you had every right to be upset. **Cook-Henry:** That was 2010. **Fellerman:** OK, yeah, 2010. So, at that point, I figured, well, all bets were off. You had made the compromise to allow them on the judging bench and then were trying everything you could to get them off, so I revisited the registration issue. I found out that CFA was losing money hand over fist, not mainly even from U.S. breeders but from European breeders who couldn't register their cats anymore. **Hannon:** Geri, what I'm going to do is cut you off. We voted on this deliberately to avoid this. [transcript goes to Exotic ballot]

**Persian Breed Council Secretary Statement Regarding the 8-Generation Request (read by Cook-Henry):**

*Persian Breed Council has voted 70% in favor to reinstate the 8-generation pedigree requirement for the importation of Persians into CFA. In fact, every time the Persian Breed Council has voted to request an 8-generation pedigree requirement, it has passed. The Persian Breed Council has been denied, granted, taken away, and denied again the 8 generation importation rule. The justifications for denying the Persian Breed Council have included "it is too much of a financial hardship" or "too hard" for those who wish to register their Persians with CFA from other registries. It is difficult to understand these justifications when other breeds, including the Abyssinian, the European Burmese, the Russian Blue, and Siamese have all asked for and received 8 generation importation rules for their respective breeds. The Persian Breed Council is simply asking for fairness in importation rules granted to four other breeds in CFA. I ask the Board how is it any more difficult to get 8 generations for an Abyssinian or Russian Blue than it is for a Persian? I do not believe there is any difference. Please restore the 8 generation pedigree requirement as the Persian Breed Council has requested year after year.*

*Carissa Altschul, Persian Breed Council Secretary*

2. **PROPOSED:** That CFA increase the requirement for registration of a Persian cat or kitten in CFA from another registering association via certified pedigree from five (5) to eight (8) generations.

**RATIONALE:** The Persian Breed Council respectfully asks the Board to reconsider its prior actions and allow this request which has previously been granted to the Siamese, Burmese, Abyssinian, and Russian Blue breeds. Despite overwhelming approval by the Persian breed council members in prior votes (2005 ballot – 71%, 2002 ballot – 78%, 2001 ballot - 70%), the Persian has been held to a different standard and has not been given equal treatment in such an important ballot item which ultimately affects the future of the breed as a whole. In addition to Exotics, the Selkirk Rex and now Burmilla, are allowed to outcross to Persians which could potentially create problems for our breed in the future. As the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats, CFA takes pride in offering the recorded history of individual cats that a pedigree provides. We are an organization of breeders, and as such, Persian breeders

should also have our voice recognized and expect to be given the same tools and level of respect as other CFA Breed Councils.

YES: 124

NO: 53

ABSTAIN: 2

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 177

50% of Voting: 89

**Bizzell:** On the Persian ballot, we have the item on the 8-generation pedigree, item 2, and it did pass by more than 50% of the Persian breed council to require an 8-generation pedigree to register a Persian via pedigree. **Hannon:** Susan, do you or Nancy have something to say about that one? **Cook-Henry:** Yes, the Breed Council statement is:

*The Persian Breed Council has voted 70% in favor to reinstate the 8-generation pedigree requirement for the importation of Persians into CFA. In fact, every time the Persian Breed Council has voted to request an 8-generation pedigree requirement, it has passed. The Persian Breed Council has been denied, granted, taken away, and denied again the 8 generation importation rule. The justifications for denying the Persian Breed Council have included, "it is too much of a financial hardship" or "too hard" for those who wish to register their Persians with CFA from other registries. It is difficult to understand these justifications when other breeds, including the Abyssinian, some European Burmese, the Russian Blue, and Siamese have all asked for and received 8 generation importation rules for their respective breeds. The Persian Breed Council is simply asking for fairness in importation rules granted to four other breeds in CFA. I ask the Board how is it any more difficult to get 8 generations for an Abyssinian or Russian Blue than it is for a Persian? I do not believe there is any difference. Please restore the 8 generation pedigree requirement as the Persian Breed Council has requested year after year.*

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**Cook-Henry:** I want to quote something from the 2004 minutes of the February meeting:

*Dear Board Members:*

*At the February, 2003, meeting of the CFA Executive Board, the Board agreed to the request from the Persian Breed Council to require an 8-generation pedigree when importing cats from other registries. This was in keeping with similar requests from the Abyssinians, Burmese, Russian Blues, and Siamese. The implementation of this proposal was delayed until February, 2004, in order to insure the "Cat Ancestry Tracking Service (CATS)" was up and running. It was suggested that those cats who cannot provide the required 8-generation pedigree could participate in CATS until they achieve the required number of generations to meet CFA's registration criteria. It has been mentioned that CFA will suffer a financial loss with the implementation of this policy since many Persians in Europe will not be able to meet our new registration requirement. I do not believe that the Persians should be singled out simply because it is such a popular breed in Europe. As stated on our ballot last year, "It is little enough to ask in order to maintain the integrity of the Persian breed in CFA. The Persian breeders should be allowed the same protection that other breeds have." I encourage the Board to implement this*



*new policy and to give the CATS a chance to work. Those who cannot provide the required 8-generation pedigree do not have to be turned away; they can be brought into CFA via the CATS. Breeders in Europe have had a full 12-month warning that this policy was coming and have had ample opportunity to register their cats before this policy was adopted and those who did not do so can now make use of the CATS to work toward eventual registration in CFA. Do not single out Persians simply because they are so popular. Treat us as you would any other breed requesting this registration policy.*

*I write as the immediate past CFA Persian Breed Council Secretary in the absence of the current secretary who is hospitalized and cannot speak on behalf of the breed council. I know Anna Sadler shares my views on this subject. We both ask to follow through with your with your commitment to our breed at your meeting last February.*

*Sincerely, MARK HANNON*

**Cook-Henry:** All I'm saying is, it points to the fact that things change. People have changed minds on the Exotic side, in favor of the Exotic. The rationale for the 2011 ballot for allowing ELH x ELH and ELH x Persian kittens to be registered was because it was just easier. Because CFA had misregistered longhair Exotics as Persians, it was just too hard to go back and re-register them. So, here we are, stuck with this, with the current software system that I understand is really having a hard time coming up to speed, with ancestral registry which would have made things a lot easier. I'm not sure where that stands right now. This is what has gotten us here today with a very, very large breed – the Persian. It is affected by the Exotic, which is a gorgeous breed of cat. There is no doubt or question there, OK? That's not what we're talking about. We're talking about the integrity of pedigrees. **Hannon:** If I can address that. Since that's been in several emails that have been sent to the entire board, I supported the 8-generation pedigree, I've never changed my mind. I continue to support the 8-generation pedigree.

**DelaBar:** I voted against the Siamese getting 8 generations. I was a Siamese breeder. I voted against the Abyssinians getting the 8 generation pedigree. I cannot support the Persian one, either. One, as a registry, we should have a definitive number of generations required for all of our breeds, because at a certain point there is no statistical difference genetically between 5 or 6 generations and that 8 generation pedigree. I have seen the paperwork it takes to make 8 generations. If we think we're having problems now with registration by pedigree – and I've done 3 of them – if we think we have problems now, by requiring 8 generations it's going to be unbelievable. Secondly, I have seen a complete drop in the number of cats imported into CFA from Siamese, Abyssinian. I know you've done one Russian Blue. **Wilson:** There's lots of Russian Blues coming in. **DelaBar:** They've got CFA behind them, too. But, we're not seeing the importation. What that affects is the overall genetic health of the breed. When you put more and more requirements, as a registry I don't see how we can afford to keep these 8 generations going. If the breeders want to do it themselves for their own breeding programs, that is fine, but as a registry I don't see how we can continue to support this.

**Wilson:** Regarding the 8-generation pedigree and not being able to produce it, first of all I thought this computer system would eventually be able to do anything, but secondly, when I get a foreign pedigree on a Russian Blue, I get 4 generations behind the cat, and then I go to the 4<sup>th</sup> generation and I have to get the 4 generations behind each of those cats. So, they can't either. I

don't see that as a valid point. **DelaBar:** So, why are we asking it at all? **Wilson:** Because it's what defines the breed. **DelaBar:** It's not what defines the breed. **Wilson:** A Russian Blue is 8 generations blue shorthair to blue shorthair. That's what it means to me in CFA. **DelaBar:** The CFA standard defines the breed in CFA. **Wilson:** No, to a breeder, the registration defines the breed.

**Schreck:** I was just going to say that I think the Russians do have an 8-generation pedigree, and we do it. I personally would support this. They may not look 5 generations now different, but there may be one of these shorthairs back in the 7<sup>th</sup> generation. Just like with the Russians, we wanted to make sure there wasn't one of these Nebelungs or something else sitting back there when we imported a cat. The more generations that you have to look at, the more comfortable you feel with that pedigree. So, I would support this.

**Eigenhauser:** Let me first start by saying that I agree that it's unfair to have some breeds at 5 and some breeds at 8, but the solution is to roll everybody back to 5. Two wrongs don't make a right. When a breed council comes before us and says, "we want to change our breed standard," I give them great deference, because all that matters is, if you think round eyes are pretty and I think oval eyes are pretty, your opinion matters when it's your breed, but when a breed council goes beyond their breed standard and goes to issues like registrations or goes to issues like show rules, it affects other parts of CFA. As a member of the board, I have to look not at what the breed council wants, but what's in the best interest of CFA. I don't see how it's in the best interest of CFA to exclude these cats from registration. CFA's constitution has essentially three main objectives. Our objective is the welfare of all cats, the registration of cats and the promotion of our shows. This does not improve the health of the Persian breed. I have yet to hear a geneticist say that the Persian breed, and especially with the population in the United States, is so big that they would be better off if they never got any fresh bloodlines. I've never heard a geneticist say that. It doesn't improve our bottom line, because it impedes registration in Europe and the International Division, and other places where we're poised to grow. It doesn't improve our shows for the same reasons. So, the standard I have to apply, when you go beyond your show standard and start saying, "we want to have a voice in CFA's core business" is, I have to look at it and say, "does this help our core business or does this hurt our core business?" I do not see anything in your rationale. I do not have any experience that leads me to believe that adopting this would improve CFA's core business.

**Ganoe:** I have a question, because as I understand the need for a pedigree is for importing a foreign registry cat, I want to know – and I tried to find it in the system but I can't really find it – how many Persians do we register from a foreign pedigree now, even if it's only 5 generations, in a year? I'm trying to put a size on the issue so that we know how much the Persian breed is affected by foreign registries, and I just don't have an answer to that question. I'm hoping we can get one. **Cook-Henry:** Can that be broken out from the registrations? **Hannon:** Is Verna here? **Barry:** She is upstairs making some changes. **Cook-Henry:** How many Exotic longhairs in Europe that are called Persians are out there that could be registered as Exotic longhairs that aren't coming into CFA right now? We don't know that. That's a number that's probably quite large, but why aren't they registering? **Ganoe:** The reason I bring that up is that I'm on the fence really with this 8 generations because I don't know the impact to CFA or the Persian breed of these – we call them "foreign registry" cats when they come into our system. **Hannon:** "Foreign" meaning outside CFA. **Ganoe:** Outside CFA. **Hannon:** It could be TICA, it

could be overseas. **Ganoe:** In the system we call them foreign. I have a search going right now on the word “foreign”. **Hannon:** I don’t think we have an answer for your question, and I don’t think we’re going to put this off until we get an answer.

**Wilson:** As the Breed Council Secretary for the Russian Blue, I can tell you it is kind of complicated to get an 8 generation pedigree. The Persian would be more complicated because some of the foreign pedigrees actually call them Persians when they are Exotic longhairs, so there’s an issue right there that I see as a problem. For the person who said that the 6<sup>th</sup> generation and beyond isn’t a genetic influence, that’s true if there’s only one cat in the 6 generations that’s a different breed or color or coat length, but if a whole bunch of them are, then there’s a much bigger genetic influence. I think what Susan said that rings true to me, and I’ve always brought this up when George brings up we should roll everybody back to a 5-generation pedigree requirement is that it is what defines that breed for that breed council and those breeders. Five generations of Russian Blue shorthair blue cat to blue cat for us does not mean a CFA Russian Blue. It’s important to us to have those 8 generations. That is a Russian Blue to us, and I think if the Persian folks have decided and voted favorably that that’s what it means to be a CFA Persian to them, that they should at least be given the benefit of the doubt and be allowed to do that. However, my caveat is, I’m not sure it’s going to actually help you with your genetic diversity or ability to go out and find cats that meet that. I think as more and more people get Exotic longhairs or breed Exotic longhairs to Persian, Exotic longhair to Exotic longhair, you’re going to decimate the number of – and I’m going to say “pure Persian” and please people, don’t start with the pure thing. Pure Persians. I think it’s going to become more difficult. However, I think you should be the driver of your destiny, and you are one of the largest breed councils we have. I think it would be interesting to actually get some stats and how many Persians by pedigree are we registering now. I don’t know that we could extrapolate that to how many we might get less, but I’m inclined to support the Persian breed council on this. We do have breed councils, they are advisory, we can do what we want in registration issues, but this is one of our main breeds. If it seems to be working for the Abyss and for the Russian Blues and the Siamese, I can’t imagine that the Persians can’t make it work.

**Brown:** In addressing the concern about shorthair cats being somewhere in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> generation, we’ve got DNA tests that either rule it in or rule it out. They are either carriers or they’re not, so this is something that’s easy to check scientifically. The second point I wanted to make is, the pedigree is only as good as the integrity of every single person from every single generation that’s on that pedigree. You and I all know, there are some pedigrees that are not accurate. The third thing is that if we do things to reduce our gene pool in our breed, we get genetic drift. That genetic drift is a reversion of the cat back to the original type that we saw 2,000 years ago – not exactly to that cat, but toward that cat. We don’t help the breed, we diminish it in value and quality. I think that we’re going to have genetic tools to answer all these questions sometime not very far down the road. As identity profiles are being refined, I think that we’re going to be able to scientifically look at our cat and know exactly what it’s made of and use that for our breeding decisions, rather than pedigrees. **Petersen:** I want to make one comment in reference to what Roger said in terms of DNA testing to look and see if there is a shorthair back there, but shorthair is dominant and the cat you are testing is a longhair when it’s a Persian, so it will never show whether or not there was or was not a shorthair back there in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> generation. **Meeker:** I just have a question, and maybe I have just totally lost my genetics, but if you’re bringing in a longhair cat and shorthair is dominant, if it’s not expressed in

your cat, it's not carrying it. **Petersen:** That's what I commented on to Roger. Roger said you could test if there was a shorthair in the 6<sup>th</sup> generation. I'm saying, no you can't. **Meeker:** So, why do you need 8 generations? **Petersen:** Because I'm trying to keep out ones I can't see, and that's my option. **Meeker:** You can't see a shorthair and you've got a longhair, it can't be there in that cat. Your longhair can't carry it. **Petersen:** It can carry lots of other modifier genes that came from that cat. It just doesn't have the short coat.

**Krzanowski:** I understand what Roger said and I have to agree to a certain point. However, we are not yet at the stage where we're registering by DNA testing. The Persian has requested the 8 generation multiple times and it's the only breed that has been denied multiple times. We see it as a tool for those of us who wish to not have longhair Exotics or colorpoint carriers in our pedigrees, to try to keep our pedigrees free of those numbers. If this is the way to do it right now, then that's the way we're going to do it until there's a better system in place. I think we should approve it.

**Wilson:** I want to use the example, as I often do, of a blue point Russian Blue. We have a genetic test for a point carrier. We choose not to necessarily take our point carriers out of our breeding program. We don't breed to the colorpoints (the blue points), we don't register them and we don't show them, because a blue point is not a Russian Blue. Yes, it's born of Russian Blue parents, so our breed definition is based on this. I understand the implications for increasing the number of generations or changing those registration requirements, but the point – and I'm not doing a very good job of getting it across, but I think Susan understands it – is what defines our breed. Otherwise, why would I even bother registering my cats? Why should I bother registering them?

**DelaBar:** So, what you're saying is that the Persians that have been registered with 5 generations weren't defined Persians. **Wilson:** They were defined that way at the time, and they want to refine their definition of the Persian. What's wrong with that? Do I think it might get them in some issues? It might, but maybe it won't. Shouldn't they be able to drive the future of their breed? If they need an outcross or they need a change, they do just like every other breed council – it comes back to us and said, "here's what we would like to do and here's our plan to do it." **DelaBar:** It will not hurt the breeders in my region because they are bringing cats in from the States. And, as we found out, there are a whole bunch of, we know Exotics, coming out of Region 9 going into the U.S. My concern is that if we put this in – and you know as well as I do that we have not rescinded a single one at 8 generations. It becomes something that's very hard to deal with. We have problems right now with getting 5-generation registries by pedigree. In our largest breed, now we are going to compound that. **Wilson:** But we don't know by how much, because we don't know how many we are doing now with 5 generations. I really would like to see some stats on that, but maybe we need to address the process, as opposed to denying a breed, what they want to do to define their breed, and it's one of the oldest breeds in CFA and one of the largest breeds in CFA.

**Schreck:** The only thing I would like to add to the discussion is that with computer bases and modern tools available to us, it's easier now to go back to those cats that are 8 generations removed than it was some years ago, so from that standpoint it should be easier. Maybe the answer is, speaking as the Treasurer, that we charge more for an 8-generation pedigree than a 5-generation pedigree. That makes sense to me. There's more work involved. That's a different

issue. **DelaBar:** We don't issue an 8-generation pedigree. My final concern, and something I stated with the Siamese and with the Abyssinians is, we're requiring something that we ourselves cannot produce, which is an 8-generation pedigree. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to respond to the notion that we should charge more for these daisy chain, multi-generational pedigrees. The people that are asking for it aren't the people that are presenting it. It's the people already in that say we want to pull up the gang plank, it's not the people we're leaving on the dock. So, to say that we should charge these people more because they're being burdened more is burdening them twice. They didn't ask to have the CFA registration policy changed to 8 generations, they're simply the victims of it.

**Hannon:** I'm going to call the question. All those in favor of requiring an 8 generation pedigree for Persians imported from other associations.

**Motion Failed.** Schreck, Dugger, Krzanowski, Wilson, Calhoun and Ganoe voting yes. Kuta abstained.

3. The Exotic Breed Council has a proposal to divide the Exotic breed into longhair and shorthair divisions. Exotic Longhairs would be registered in the appropriate Exotic color class and be identified by specific registration prefix numbers/letters as Exotic Longhairs (example: 7XXXL prefix numbers, the addition of "L" would indicate "Longhair:"). Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed divisions.

**PROPOSED:** *Create LH/SH Divisions of Exotic. Provide coat descriptions for both the Exotic Shorthair and the Exotic Longhair. Delete any AOV reference to Longhair.*

**Current:**

*GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.*

**Proposed:**

*GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat of the Exotic Shorthair and the long thick coat of the Exotic Longhair ~~softens~~ soften the lines of the cat and ~~accentuates~~ accentuate the roundness in appearance.*

AND

**Current:**

*COAT: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat.*

**Proposed:**

*COAT: Exotic Shorthair: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. Exotic Longhair: Long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.*

**Exotic Breed Council Rationale:** *This proposal is being placed on our ballot by a directive from the CFA board. This is to show the board what the Exotic breeders want to do with their Exotic Longhairs.*

*We discovered that the Himalayan breed was merged into the Persians in 1984. The Himalayans' stopped their outcrossing to Siamese in 1955. They were given 27 years of only crossing with Persians before they became a division of the Persian breed, with their non-colorpoint offspring being registered as Persians in the appropriate color class division with a 3XXX identifying number. The Exotic breed stopped their outcrossing to any shorthair breeds in 1987. This will be a 28 year separation from a SH breed.*

*Bi-Color Persians had shorthairs behind their pedigrees and were considered hybrids and yet they were accepted to championship in 1970. The Himalayans had Siamese behind their pedigrees and were considered hybrids and yet they were accepted to championship in 1984. Based on this precedent, we feel they are Persians and therefore do not want them placed as a division of the Exotic.*

*If you want the possibility of the Exotic Longhairs to stay as they are currently (registered as Long Haired Exotics and shown in the appropriate Persian color classes), or perhaps someday merging with the Persians, then you want to vote NO on this proposal.*

**Persian Breed Council Rationale:** Regardless of whether Longhair Exotics are shown in Persian Color Classes or in a Longhair Exotic division, they receive Longhair Exotic National and Regional Breed awards and thus there should be a description of the Longhair coat in the Exotic Standard.

Are you in favor of the Longhair and Shorthair Divisions as proposed by the Exotic Breed Council?

YES: 114

NO: 62

ABSTAIN: 3

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 176

50% of Voting: 88

**No Action.**

4. The Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** *To indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.*

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.*

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.~~*

**Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:** *Selkirk Rex breeders have consistently supported outcrossing for the sake of the genetic diversity and improvement of the health and vigor of the breed. Since the Selkirk Rex gene pool is small, outcrossing improves the health of the breed by introducing variability to the existing gene pool. Outcrossing has the ability to strengthen and reinforce desirable traits, while mitigating potential genetic flaws. There is no impact on the breeds being used for outcrossing as these offspring would not be eligible to be shown as British Shorthair, Exotic, or Persian, nor is it the intention to ever do so.*

**Persian Breed Council Rationale:** While the Selkirk Rex breeders feel there is no impact to the breeds with which they are allowed to outcross, the Persian breed has seen with the Exotics that the situation and impact may change over time. The Selkirk Rex breeders knew they had a fixed number of years that they would be permitted to outcross to Persians when they were accepted as a breed and they should concentrate on using the remaining time they have to outcross to Persians wisely to enhance the diversity of their gene pool rather than asking to indefinitely extend their ability to outcross to Persians.

Are you in favor of indefinitely extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to Persian, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 46

NO: 128

ABSTAIN: 5

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 174

50% of Voting: 87

[see Selkirk Rex ballot]

**The following proposal is to be considered if #4 does not pass:**

5. If Proposal #4 fails, the Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to extend the Selkirk Rex outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic to January 1, 2025. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** *To extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to January 1, 2025.*

***Current:***

***Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:*** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

***Proposed:***

***Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:*** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2025 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

***Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:*** While our preference would be to have outcrosses indefinitely, an extension of the outcross deadline would allow Selkirk Rex breeders additional time to improve the genetic diversity of the breed.

**Persian Breed Council Rationale:** While the Selkirk Rex breeders feel there is no impact to the breeds with which they are allowed to outcross, the Persian breed has seen with the Exotics that the situation and impact may change over time. The Selkirk Rex breeders knew they had a fixed number of years that they would be permitted to outcross to Persians when they were accepted as a breed and they should concentrate on using the remaining time they have to outcross to Persians wisely to enhance the diversity of their gene pool rather than asking to extend their ability to outcross to Persians for an additional 5 years.

Are you in favor of extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to Persian to January 1, 2025, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 83

NO: 89

ABSTAIN: 7

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 172

50% of Voting: 86

[see Selkirk Rex ballot]

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**PERSIAN – TABBY DIVISION**

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Linda Acomb – Fallbrook, CA

Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX

Total Members: 45

Ballots Received: 35

**Regarding the Tabby division proposal:**

*I fully support the majority vote of the Persian Tabby Division.*

*Carissa Altschul, Persian Breed Council Secretary*

**1. PROPOSED:** Add the following paragraph to the start of the section Tabby Division Colors:



**Current:**

### **Tabby Division Colors**

**CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...**

**Proposed:**

### **Tabby Division Colors**

Color is worth 20 points for Persians. For cats in the tabby division, the quality of the pattern is an essential part of the color of the cat and is worth 10 points. The pattern should match the description for the particular tabby pattern and be well defined. The pattern should be viewed while the cat is in a natural standing position. The remaining 10 points are allotted to the correctness of the color, the extent to which it matches the particular tabby color description. Penalize cats for indistinguishable pattern or lack of pattern.

**CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...**

**RATIONALE:** Judges should penalize cats in the Tabby Division for failure to fit an accepted tabby pattern (classic or mackerel) or indiscernible pattern.

YES: 26

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 0

### **STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 35

60% of Voting: 21

**Hannon:** Is there anything else on the Persian ballot? **Bizzell:** We have the Selkirk and we also have the Tabby question. **Hannon:** We're going to postpone the Selkirk until we get to the Selkirk, right? Don't you agree that's logical, since we just did that for the Exotic? So, let's do the Tabby. **Bizzell:** What we're doing here is to define better what's required for a tabby Persian pattern. It's a standard question and it passed by more than the required 60%. **Hannon:** Susan, do you want to talk to it? **Cook-Henry:** There is full support. The majority of the Persian Tabby Division voted for it. **DelaBar:** I just want it on the record that I support this wholeheartedly. **Hannon:** Mr. Polcaro will be thrilled. **Cook-Henry:** It's a matter of making sure that judges recognize equally that a cat should not just have color, but have a pattern as well. That's something very simple to ask. There have been plenty of examples where cats with very little, if any pattern are awarded. **Hannon:** Is there any other discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

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## SELKIRK REX

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Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Laura Jo Barber – Sevierville, TN  
Total Members: 14  
Ballots Received: 12

1. **PROPOSED:** To indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.~~

**RATIONALE:** Selkirk Rex breeders have consistently supported outcrossing for the sake of the genetic diversity and improvement of the health and vigor of the breed. Since the Selkirk Rex gene pool is small, outcrossing improves the health of the breed by introducing variability to the existing gene pool. Outcrossing has the ability to strengthen and reinforce desirable traits, while mitigating potential genetic flaws. There is no impact on the breeds being used for outcrossing as these offspring would not be eligible to be shown as British Shorthair, Exotic, or Persian, nor is it the intention to ever do so.

YES: 12

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 12

50% of Voting: 6

[see voting action below]

**The following proposal is to be considered if #1 does not pass:**

2. **PROPOSED:** To extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to January 1, 2025.

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2025 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**RATIONALE:** While our preference would be to have outcrosses indefinitely, an extension of the outcross deadline would allow Selkirk Rex breeders additional time to improve the genetic diversity of the breed.

YES: 12

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 12

50% of Voting: 6

**McCullough:** Can we move the Selkirk Rex up right behind this so they can all leave together? **Hannon:** OK. Do you want to do that? Is there anything else on the ballot for the Selkirk besides this? **Bizzell:** No. The British Shorthair also has a question on their ballot. **Eigenhauser:** Is there a breed representative here? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Bizzell:** The British Shorthair also has a question on their ballot. All their other ballot items failed. Only one passed and it had to do with the Selkirk Rex. **Hannon:** Since the Selkirk representative is here, do you want to read the question and then let her speak to it? **Bizzell:** OK, certainly. We have three breeds involved in asking for the outcross – Exotic, Persian and British Shorthair. The Exotic passed in favor of either an indefinite outcross potential or outcross until 2025. I assume we need to take these one breed at a time? **Hannon:** We should just take the Selkirk ballot one at a time. What was the vote from the other two breed councils? **Bizzell:** The Persian Breed Council denied them both. **Hannon:** They denied them both? **Bizzell:** Yes. They failed both. **Hannon:** And the British? **Bizzell:** The British Shorthair voted in favor of the 2025, but not indefinite. **Hannon:** My suggestion is, we let Laura talk to it first.

**Barber:** These two ladies researched the Selkirk Rex breed definition for me this year and we found that actually we have some discrepancies and we needed some housekeeping issues, and that's why I approached for the extension of deadline of breeding. Even though in our show standard it says, *Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds are British, Persian and Exotic until 2020*, when they actually did their research, they found out that we may not even have the Exotic after 2015. We were losing two breeds, so we petitioned the three breeds. We are able to have the extension until 2025 for British Shorthair. The Persians have said no, so we at least have Persians until 2020. The Exotic is what is open in case there is an allowable outcross indefinitely or until 2025. This still gives us genetic diversity since there's so few of us nationally and internationally, as far as cats. I have 14 breed council members. One is in Asia, one is in Japan, the rest are in the United States. **Hannon:** For clarification, the fact that a breed council turned down one or both of those is not tying our hands. We can still vote to override the breed council. So, shall we take this a breed at a time then? Would you recommend that?

**Hannon:** The Exotics approved both. Let's take 2025. All in favor of allowing the Selkirk Rex to outcross to the Exotic until 2025. Vote against it if you want to do the indefinite, I guess. **Mastin:** Do you want to call it and then discuss it? **Raymond:** Indefinite is what they asked for first. The other is the fallback. **Eigenhauser:** Shouldn't we do a straight up or down vote on how it's presented and, if that fails, then try to parse it out into individual breeds. **Hannon:** Alright, let's do that then. We're going to vote on the Selkirk request to continue outcrossing to all three for how long? Indefinite or 2025? What do you want to say? **Eigenhauser:** Indefinite was the first one, so let's vote on that. **Hannon:** Alright, indefinite. If

you don't want to allow all three to outcross, or you don't want them to outcross indefinitely, you have to vote no. All those in favor of an indefinite outcross for the Selkirks to the Exotics, the Persians and the British.

**Motion Failed.**

**Hannon:** All those in favor of an outcross until 2025 for all three breeds.

**Motion Carried.** Kallmeyer, Schreck, Krzanowski, Dugger, Wilson, Calhoun and Meeker voting no.

**Hannon:** OK, so the motion carried. You can outcross to all three breeds until 2025. **Meeker:** I have a real problem with this. We have two breeds that said yes, one was 2025 and one was indefinite. The third one said flatly no. **Hannon:** And we overruled them. We said we don't agree with you. **Meeker:** If they can breed to Exotics, they can use their longhairs. **Eigenhauser:** And that's why you voted no. **Meeker:** That's why I voted no. I think if the Persian folks say no, we don't want to do that, we need to respect that. **Wilson:** We haven't respected most of everything else they have asked for. **Barber:** She has a very valid point because I did ask these ladies, what about the Exotic longhair? We need to put that wording in our standard, that should it ever be that the Exotic longhair is separated from Persian and Exotic, we need to be proactive and ask for that that wording be put in there. **Hannon:** At this point, you can outcross to both Exotic longhair and shorthair, right? It just said *Exotic*. **Eigenhauser:** Because Exotic is one breed. **Hannon:** Is there anything else on the Selkirk ballot?

[from Sunday] **Hannon:** First on the agenda, Rich wants to bring up a proposal from yesterday, right? **Mastin:** I want to ask the board if you would consider reopening the Selkirk Rex proposal on the three breeds. **Hannon:** On the outcross. **Mastin:** On the outcross. I would ask if you would consider doing it one breed at a time, rather than lumping it together. **Anger:** I will move to reconsider. **Krzanowski:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on the reconsidering? This is not voting on the subject; it's just on whether we open it back up. All those in favor of re-discussing the issue.

**Motion Carried.** Ganoë, Eigenhauser and McCullough voting no.

**Hannon:** The three breeds yesterday, the Exotics voted in favor of both extending it to 2025 and indefinitely. The British Shorthairs voted in favor of extending it to 2025, which is what we did. I talked to the Breed Council Secretary who is here, and she does not wish to address the issue. The Persian people do wish to address the issue. Susan Henry is here to discuss the vote on their breed council on whether or not they should extend the outcross. They voted no on both 2025 and indefinite. **Cook-Henry:** The Persian ballot did vote no on both options. The second option voting no to extend it to 2025 when there is already an outcross in place until 2020. That is already in place. The feeling yesterday was that, when all three were considered at once in a lump sum, that really wasn't fair to the integrity of each breed council to be considered on their own merits. Therefore, I asked if there were a way to have it reopened to consider the Persian vote as a stand-alone. Even the Selkirk Breed Council Secretary turned to me and was in shock. She didn't expect that the Persian would be included. She was only hoping to get the approval of the Exotic breed council, as well as the British breed council, which she got. They do

have the ability with the Exotics to use Exotic longhairs as a longhair outcross. They have 5 more years the way it stands right now to outcross to the Persian breed. As the representative of the Persian breed council, I humbly ask that you reconsider the vote of yesterday and take into consideration the majority vote of the Persian breed council and allow the motion to stand as it is with our breed council and vote in favor of the breed council's wishes. **DelaBar:** Basically, what we're asking is that the Selkirk Rex can outcross to the Persian until 2020, and outcross to the British and to the Exotic until 2025. That would be the new motion. **Hannon:** I would take it in three steps. I would vote on each individually, but that's basically what's going to happen. **Meeker:** I'm glad we're reconsidering this, because I misunderstood. I thought you said yesterday that the Persian breed council had voted no. I thought we were voting only on the British and the – **Hannon:** We lumped them together – all three – and we ended up voting against the wishes of the Persian breed council. We discussed the fact that we didn't have to follow their wishes. **Meeker:** I thought you said the Persian breed council had voted no so they weren't a part of it, so thank you for reconsidering. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

**Hannon:** I'm going to take it in three steps. I need a motion to allow the Exotics to be an outcross for the Selkirks until 2025. **Meeker:** So moved. **Krzanowski:** Second.

**Motion Carried.**

**Hannon:** I need a motion to allow the outcross for the Selkirks to the British Shorthairs until 2025. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

**Motion Carried.**

**Hannon:** I need a motion to allow the Selkirk Rex to outcross to Persians until 2025, with the right to vote against it. **Calhoun:** So moved, with the right to vote no. **Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? All those in favor of allowing the Persians as an outcross to the Selkirk until 2025.

**Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, Fellerman and McCullough voting yes. Ganoe abstained.

**Hannon:** The result of that would be that the Selkirks can continue outcrossing to the Persians until 2020. **DelaBar:** Do we need a motion to clarify that? I move that the Selkirk Rex be allowed to outcross to the Persian, as is currently written, until 2020. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **McCullough:** What was the motion? **DelaBar:** Just to clarify that the Selkirk Rex can outcross to the Persian until 2020. **Hannon:** The current status is until 2020 and she wants us to support the current status.

**Motion Carried.**

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## SIBERIAN

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Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Pamela Martin – Royse City, TX

Total Members: 11

Ballots Received: 9

1. **PROPOSED:** Addition of golden and blue golden tabby pattern descriptions to the standard.

**Current:**

**CAMEO TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): markings red. Undercoat white. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

**TORTOISESHELL:** black with patches of red or softly intermingled area of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.

**Proposed:**

**CAMEO TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): markings red. Undercoat white. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

**GOLDEN TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): ground color rich golden. Undercoat pale honey to bright apricot. Markings dense black affording a good contrast with ground color. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** black.

**BLUE GOLDEN TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): ground color rich golden. Undercoat pale honey to bright apricot. Markings dense blue affording a good contrast with ground color. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose.

**TORTOISESHELL:** black with patches of red or softly intermingled area of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.

**RATIONALE:** Golden tabbies and blue golden tabbies are allowed for registration and showing under other colors. The proposed changes only add descriptions for colors already allowed for championship competition.

YES: 8

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 9

60% of Voting: 6

**Bizzell:** Siberian is next up with a passed motion. It is a standard change to add a description for golden tabby and blue golden tabby to the standard. They are currently registerable and showable under Other Siberian Colors. However, it would be good to have that description in the standard, and it passed by more than the 60% requirement. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** How did we accept that without a description in the standard? You said it would be good to have. **Bizzell:** Right. They wrote a description. I'm saying there's not currently a

description in their standard, although we've got grands that are golden tabbies. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

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## SPHYNX

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Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Dee Dee Cantley – Rowland Heights, CA

Breed Council Secretary: Cyndee Gause – Newnan, GA

Total Members: 17

Ballots Received: 13

*On behalf of the Sphynx breed council, I hope you will approve the change in our standard to remove the “born March 1, 2014 or after” date from our standard. This has passed both the Sphynx and Devon Rex ballots.*

*This will allow more genetic diversity as well as the registration and exhibition of Sphynx in CFA that already have Devon Rex outcrossing within their first 3 generations and brings us in line with other feline associations around the world.*

*Please note we are still striving to achieve the Sphynx type that is already set forth in our current standard. We hope those cats that exhibit these traits continue to be awarded on the show bench and those that do not, to have awards withheld.*

*In the passing of the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross, I would like to propose that at one of the future CFA Annuals (possibly 2016) that another Breed Presentation be presented as a refresher course to what the current Sphynx standard represents. With the addition of the Devon Rex into our gene pool, I feel it would be beneficial to remind everyone of the Sphynx standard and how it relates to our cats. Since the Devon Rex has not been an allowable outcross in the past, it would be good for judges to see what an F1, F2 and F3 may look like. Our breed has come a long way since being reinstated within CFA and our standard has been amended to represent that.*

*Thank you again for your consideration and I look forward to helping the CFA Sphynx breed council during the coming term.*

*Sincerely,*

*Cyndee Hill*

*Sphynx Breed Council Secretary*

- 1. PROPOSED:** Remove the current start date of March 1, 2014 for registering kittens from Devon Rex outcross and provide registration guidance for coated Sphynx.

**Current:**

**Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds:** American Shorthair, Devon Rex born March 1, 2014 or after, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2018 may have only Sphynx parents.



**Proposed:**

**Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds:** American Shorthair, Devon Rex ~~born March 1, 2014 or after~~, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2018 may have only Sphynx parents. Coated Sphynx are registered for breeding only.

**Additional Information:**

Approval of this proposal will allow Sphynx that contain Devon Rex within the first 3 generations of their pedigree be allowed to be registered as Sphynx for breeding and exhibition. \*Note we are still keeping the 2018 closing date for outcross at this time.

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of bringing in the Devon Rex as an outcross was to broaden the Sphynx gene pool, and improve stamina and health. Having added the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross for Sphynx last year continues to help with the diversity and bring them in line with other associations' registration rules regarding this breed. By placing the "born after" date, the CFA Board effectively limited many cats that can be used for breeding and be active on the show bench. There are many Sphynx pedigrees with Devon Rex within the first three generations that are allowed to be registered as Sphynx with other associations. Allowing these cats to be registered with CFA will make it easier for Central Office to register them and give breeders access to more diverse pedigrees for the gene pool, which is why we want to eliminate the "born after" date for this outcross at this time.

YES: 11

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 11

50% of Voting: 6

**Bizzell:** Next up is the Devon Rex. The only question on the Devon Rex was the request from the Sphynx breed council to remove the start date for outcrossing to Devon Rex. Currently the start date is March 1, 2014. What's happening is they are being presented with pedigrees that have a Devon as a parent or grandparent of the Sphynx that needs to be registered and the cross was done prior to the March 1, 2014 start date. Now, the Devon Rex passed this allowance to change this by 100%. I think that is pretty conclusive. If we want to do this now, I will have to bring forward the Sphynx ballot. **Hannon:** We have gone out of order alphabetically. Why don't we just deal with it now? That's what we did yesterday. **Bizzell:** The Sphynx ballot, as its first item, is the same item. It of course passed their breed council, as well, where they wanted to remove the start date of March 1<sup>st</sup> to allow Devon Rex in any generation to be registered as a Sphynx. **Hannon:** Do we have a motion to support the breed council? **Krzanowski:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Update Sphynx Rules of Registration to allow the registration and exhibition of Sphynx whose pedigree contains Devon Rex in any generation.

**Current:**

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

Devon in grandparents (2 <sup>nd</sup> gen)	
Devon in great grandparent OK for breeding-only cat (submitted after 1/1/00)	

**Proposed:**

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

<del>Devon in grandparents (2<sup>nd</sup> gen)</del>	
<del>Devon in great grandparent OK for breeding-only cat (submitted after 1/1/00)</del>	

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of outcrossing to Devon Rex and bringing Sphynx in from other registering bodies is to increase the Sphynx gene pool and thus the health and vigor of the breed. This change will allow the registration via pedigree of Sphynx for breeding and exhibition that have Devon Rex in any generation of their pedigree.

YES: 11

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 11

50% of Voting: 6

**Hannon:** Anything else on the Sphynx ballot? **Bizzell:** There is a second item. It has to do with their rules of registration. It passed by more than 50%. Right now it reads that cats not to be registered, *Devon in grandparents (2<sup>nd</sup> gen)*. We need to update that to reflect what we just passed in proposal #1 to allow Devon in any generation. Of course, if the cat is coated, it will not be shown. Usually the first generation they have hair. That is in there as well. **Hannon:** Is that your motion? **Eigenhauser:** Isn't there a standing motion? **Bizzell:** I can't make a standing motion. **Eigenhauser:** Usually the liaison makes a standing motion. **Wilson:** I have a standing motion. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

**Motion Carried.**

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**Bizzell:** I think we're done. **Hannon:** We appreciate the tremendous amount of work that you did. It was baptism by fire, I am sure. **Morgan:** We have no other Breed Council Secretaries out there that need to speak on anything, right? OK, good. **Hannon:** Thank you ladies.

**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. reconvened on Sunday, February 9, 2015, in the CFA Foundation Museum, 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:

**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:**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**  
**Teresa Barry, Executive Director**  
**Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services**  
**Jodell Raymond, Communication/Special Events**  
**Brian Buetel, Central Office**  
**Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter**

**Hannon:** I'm going to bring the meeting to order. I want to start by thanking Central Office staff for the arrangements they made for our lovely dinner last night, as well as the night before. [applause] I'm going to first start with John. You have an announcement to make?

**Colilla:** Yes. You are all aware that the Annual is in Toronto next year. I have pins for sale and everybody owes me \$100. It's to help us raise money for the Annual. If anyone wants to buy one, it would be really appreciated. **Wilson:** I will personally donate \$5 to everybody who is ready to buy one today. **McCullough:** I already did. I want my \$5. **Wilson:** Only if you haven't ponied up. **Anger:** I'll be your first taker. It will go with my outfit.

**(21) 2013 ANNUAL RESOLUTION 17 – WILD-DOMESTIC ISSUE.**

*At the CFA Annual meeting in Vancouver, WA 2013, the Executive Board put the following proposal before the delegation.*

***– 17 –CFA Executive Board***

***RESOLVED:*** *Revise the CFA policy regarding “The Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats” as follows:*

*The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.*

***RATIONALE:*** *Current CFA policy prohibits registration of any cats produced by breeding domestic cats with any wild cat species. Some wild-domestic hybrid breeds, such as the Bengal, have become popular throughout the world. This resolution would **not** require acceptance of any particular breed in CFA nor change show rules prohibiting their entry. Rather, this will allow the Board of Directors to consider under what conditions, if any, these cats could be eligible for registration in CFA.*

*Proposal #17 was discussed and passed the delegation by greater than 50% but has not been brought to the Board for action. The Board should consider rescinding the current policy against accepting wild-domestic hybrid breeds or the offspring of such a breeding.*

**Action Item:** *Change the Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats policy as follows (deleted text in strikeout):*

*“The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated Cats. ~~The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.~~”*

*Rationale: The CFA Executive Board requested the delegation to the Annual Meeting discuss the option for the organization to remove the policy against registering wild-domestic hybrids. The delegation, after debate, indicated the Board could reconsider the policy.*

*As a registering body, our business is the registering of cats. As a business, we should not limit our potential sources of revenue by disallowing such hybrids. The removal of the final sentence of the policy would allow such hybrids to petition CFA for registration. This by no means guarantees acceptance of such petitions, but without this change, these hybrids cannot even ask to be registered.*

**Hannon:** I’m going to move to Dennis. **Ganoe:** This is an issue that came up in our phone meeting in December when it failed, but part of that failure may have been that people wanted to review it during the Breeds and Standards section. I brought it back on the agenda to revisit what happened at the 2013 Annual. There was a proposal put on in front of the delegates to remove the restriction for wild/hybrid blood in our policy on breeding of domestic and non-domestic cats. We have reproduced the resolution, the rationale, and I am hoping to get action on

this one way or the other. As I said in December, I hate having unfinished business and this truly is unfinished business. **Hannon:** Alright. Are you going to make a motion? **Ganoe:** I make a motion that we change the policy to read: *The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated Cats.* Striking the sentence: *The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.* **Hannon:** Is there a second? **DelaBar:** Second.

**DelaBar:** The way it is written now is that we will not permit the registration of the offspring, which would be the next generation of that domestic to wild cat breeding. Actually, it does not say that we would not register X number of generations beyond that. It's just talking offspring, which is considered that next generation. **Raymond:** This has been the policy for quite a while. The interpretation has been generation 1 and beyond. **DelaBar:** Ed, I was one of the people that wrote it. **Raymond:** I'm sure you were. **Hannon:** But since then we have been consistently saying we're not going to register them because of this policy. **Raymond:** Correct. **Eigenhauser:** Several years ago, we got feelers on whether we would accept an application from a hybrid breed. The message we told Central Office was, don't even let them put in an application. It would be a waste of their time. So, our interpretation has not only been that this includes all descendants until the end of time, but we actually acted on that policy in such a way as to discourage people from even having the conversation. I just want to say that I do not approve of CFA registering any number of generations down. I think it's a wrong decision to make, but when it says *will not consider*, that's the part that bothers me, because we're not only saying we won't do it, we're saying, "we won't even think about it, we won't even talk about it, we won't listen to any facts or evidence any side might want to submit on the issue, we've already made up our mind." I think that's the wrong policy to take. By adopting this, we can still say we don't like this, we discourage it, we don't promote it, but this allows us to have an intelligent conversation if anybody does want to come forward with a proposal. That doesn't mean I would ever vote in favor of one of those proposals, but I think we ought to at least be able to have the conversation. **Hannon:** Anybody else? OK, I'm going to call the question. All those in favor of rescinding the prohibition against considering.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Schreck, Brown, McCullough, Calhoun and Wilson voting no.

(22) **2015 WORLD SHOW INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

**Colilla:** I have one question. Can we get rid of the allbreed kitten finals and make it all specialty? **Hannon:** That's for 2015. John's got a suggestion on the format, that we go to all specialties you're saying? **Colilla:** Only for kittens. **Hannon:** We certainly can write that down and come back to you with a proposal.

**Hannon:** Pam, did you want to talk about 2015? **Moser:** My concern as a whole with the World Show is that CFA as an organization, the function of a cat show is usually the function of a cat club. So, CFA is putting on the function of a cat club. As most of our – I'm not saying all, but at most of the World Show functions we've taken a loss. I think that's a concern. I think this year it was approximately \$23,000 to \$25,000 and I know that was approved by the board. I realize that, but wouldn't it be further ahead for us, instead of putting on a world show and take a loss, to not put it on? Like I said, it is a cat club function and we are not a cat club. We are an organization and our primary thing is to do registrations for cats. Instead, we're putting on that and losing money. Of course, I'm a money person and so I don't think that we should. I would like to make a motion. Also, I know that you have a contract on a building, but you can buy that contract out. There's always a fee that you can go on, and the longer you wait the bigger it gets, but if you're taking a \$25,000 loss already, if you buy out that contract it's not going to be that much, likely. So, I would like to make a motion that we don't do the world show. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **McCullough:** Second.

**Hannon:** So now we do discussion. **DelaBar:** We're still talking about 2015. **Hannon:** Right, that's what she's talking about. **DelaBar:** One of the reasons, if you go back to when we originally started with the Invitational Shows, it was not really the cat show portion of it, it was actually to bring attention to CFA, which I think that we talked about just recently on how to bring out CFA to the public eye. You have here how many impressions that we got, the public awareness hits that we got. That is hard to quantify in a dollar amount. We have awareness-producing advertisement and we have direct-producing advertisement, which is bring people in. **Hannon:** As one example, we had Vogue Online there. There were there filming for 2 days, taking pictures, and we got national media attention from that. We couldn't have paid \$25,000 for that. **DelaBar:** I consider any loss that we get to be advertising cost.

**Kuta:** I think there's definite opportunity cost. I helped out with a show not all that long ago that a video from it ended up on the front page of Yahoo which got way more impressions than the Vogue impressions. I just want to say, there's other ways. That opportunity cost for \$25,000 could do way more viral things. The Vogue thing was great, but I didn't see it circulate in as many places as something like that could have or should have, with what was in it. Given \$25,000 and some cat stuff at a big, hallmark shows, I think you could come up. I loved those split regions shows that we had that one year. I can say the one we did, I think that was a great time for spectators, and it was very exhibitor friendly. I think the World Show has gotten too focused on points and I think that's one of the things that's driven more of the nastiness, too. **Hannon:** John's got a proposal that will address the points, by going to all specialty.

**Eigenhauser:** I'm going to agree with what Pam DelaBar said. Essentially, our core business is registrations. What drives registrations is the shows. People wouldn't register cats if they didn't want to show them. This is part of our advertising. This is how we promote ourselves,

this is how we bring in business, but on another note, there's a lot of negativity in CFA these days. We were talking about that yesterday and we talked about it a little bit this morning. The World Show is one of those things that brings us all together as a family, from all parts of CFA, from all parts of the world. It's the one time we all come together, meet people from our breed that we haven't seen in a while or that we haven't had a chance to work with. It is a positive repercussion throughout all of CFA that I really think is hard to quantify. If we were losing \$100,000 a year, I would be the first one to say we've got to get rid of it, but if we lose a little bit of money but make a whole lot of people happy and help promote CFA and help bring in new business, it just gives the whole thing a more positive feel. I think it's worth a small, modest loss. To deal with some of the nastiness, I agree that we need to downplay the scoring and build up the pageantry of this event, rather than the points you take home for your regional/national, and the comradery it brings. Those are the things we need to build up more.

**Schreck:** As an exhibitor, we go to the World Show not only to try and get points – sometimes we have gone and didn't get any at all – because the Russian Blue breeders and American Shorthair breeders, we get to see them all. Two Russian Blue breeders came from Italy without a cat. Furthermore, our constitution says that we're not just a registry, but we are to promote the welfare of cats, and awareness of cats. I think that this venue is probably one of the best that we have to do that. Maybe we need to do a little more YouTube or have the cats follow a feather or whatever. But I think that it's one of the premier events that we have, and I really think that our exhibitors would not welcome the fact that we don't have this event available to them.

**Moser:** On the amount that we pay, for advertising we paid \$20,000. We returned \$14,000 in gate. For a marketing person, they would say, when you're spending \$20,000, you should be getting 4 times what you spend. You should make 4 times in gate. That's what they would tell you. But, on the other side, what George was saying about people coming together, that is a good point and I think that people do enjoy that. But still, it's at an expense. Why couldn't we think of maybe redoing it some other way. For instance, you get a lot more exhibitors at a National Capital or a Garden State show. Start focusing around the people that put on cat shows. Let them do it and give them a bigger entry. Make it a 500 entry show and then they can – they've already got that established. They get huge gates. **Hannon:** To address that, giving them a larger ability to take more entries isn't the answer. They can take 450 now. Garden State didn't get 450, National Capital didn't get 450, San Diego didn't get 450. **Moser:** Right, but what I'm saying is, if you're promoting that as your premier show in place of a world show, that could work. **Hannon:** Aren't you going to get a lot of flak from clubs that weren't selected to do it? *Why did you pick that club to emphasize them and push entries to them?* **Moser:** You can't please everybody all the time. I understand that, but I'm thinking outside the box. That's all I'm doing, because CFA I feel is taking some losses and I think that that could be averted. That's all I'm saying.

**DelaBar:** I still think we need *the* event to showcase CFA at a national level, and we need that national exposure. It has proven in the past. We have gotten the advertising hits. People in Hawaii are finding out what was going on in New York because we got that national exposure. We were getting lots of sponsorship at the time. We need to build that up. I think this is workable and I still think that we can't really buy national exposure as well as what we get when we put on this huge main event. **Schreck:** I want to point out also that in the previous year we actually

made a few dollars. **Hannon:** Pam admitted that. She said that some years you make money but, more often than not, you lose. **Schreck:** This was our first venture into this venue, and so I know Rich is working diligently to try and mitigate some of the costs. The other thing I wanted to comment on, you are talking about National Capital and Garden State. Those are things that people know are there every year and go back to every year, so maybe with a second year in the same location, people say, “oh, we went last year. Come on, let’s go.” That may increase the gate.

**Mastin:** We have to remember, this is not just about the finances. There’s a lot more that goes on with this World Show. We have the education ring, which we don’t normally have at many of the other shows. We have the BAOS come in and they do their school and their teaching. So, there’s value there. We bring in some vendors from different parts of the country that come in and want to participate. They don’t know how the gate is going to turn out. If we broke even, we may not even be having this discussion. I will say this; for the people that are involved – the people that are on the show committee – the show managers, Jodell has been on the show committee, Rachel – it’s a lot of work. **Hannon:** We would be delighted to turn it over to Garden State. **Mastin:** Absolutely. Because we’re working for something that we’re doing for a good cause, rather than a financial gain. The gains are, Pam, what you were saying. It’s the premier event of CFA. We all have to get behind it and come up with ideas. Maybe we lost \$22,000. We’re hoping it’s more like \$15,000 or \$17,000 when the numbers are settled. How do we get it to break even and maybe next year we make money. My last comment, how many exhibitor friends that you know walked out of there going to the largest show, with a rosette? It’s not all about the rosette, but for them they’re pretty happy. **Hannon:** Dick told us yesterday, 55% of the kittens made a final. **Schreck:** That’s pretty high. **Hannon:** Over half the people with kittens walked out of there with at least a rosette.

**McCullough:** My concern with the World Show is the point situation. We just made everybody have mandatory specialty rings to level out the playing field. If you go to the World Show, you can walk away with a half year’s points and never be seen again, and it’s not fair to the people who don’t want to go to the World Show to be penalized. They could be best in their region and be 8,000 points ahead the next one that went to the World Show, so those points must stay only for the World Show and not be scored nationally.

**Dugger:** I just wanted to give you all two comments that I heard. One was from a couple of the vendors that were from our region. They kind of wish that it wasn’t like the vendor area was over here. They said, some of the spectators came in and they didn’t even realize there was a vendor area. **Hannon:** We heard that too, and we’re going to resolve that. **Dugger:** Another thing that I heard from some of the exhibitors was that, I know you guys remember that in the past when we did the International Shows, we would have not just the education ring, but I remember when Iams used to actually do a breeders’ seminar for us, and we would go in and learn things about breeding and you could ask questions about your breeding programs or whatever. I just thought that might help. **Hannon:** We did that. Royal Canin had a veterinarian speaking. **Dugger:** I know they had that going on, but it was also at the same time that the show was going on, so they didn’t have an opportunity to go to both. **Hannon:** You’re right. **Dugger:** We used to break and then that would be at lunchtime. I just remember it from Houston. **Hannon:** So, your suggesting that we take a break, stop judging. **Dugger:** Just to give the exhibitors a chance to take advantage of some of the things that were available that Royal Canin



and the other vendors were providing, because they didn't get to see it. I know I didn't get to see much of it.

**Kuta:** I think there's a way that we can probably optimize. If it's in an area where we know we're never going to be able to get more than 4,000 or 6,000 people in gate, first we have to figure out what that is. We can't just bang our heads against the wall in advertising, advertising, advertising and the gate never comes in. Maybe that can be used to instead, put it in a less premier spot but still have it as big, and the vendors are just going to be selling to the exhibitors. I think probably most of the vendors were doing that, I don't know. **Moser:** To Lisa's point, what if you just don't spend any money on advertising? **Kuta:** That's what I was thinking. **Moser:** You would still be ahead. You got \$14,000 in gate and you spent \$20,000 in advertising. **Hannon:** That's not true, because you've got vendors who came there for gate, you've got corporate sponsors that are there because of gate. If you're not going to advertise for gate, you're also going to lose them. So, you're not just losing the money that you would have spent advertising the show, you're going to lose a lot of vendors and you're potentially going to lose your sponsors. **Moser:** I understand that, but I'm just saying that that is kind of that.

**Calhoun:** Two things. To go back to the discussion around scoring. One of the things that we found out over the years is that shows that aren't scored, it's a double-edged sword. If you're not scoring, people will start to lose interest because they don't have disposable income to spend that much money, go to a show where they're not going to get scored. Your better cats will stay home because they want to rest because they're not going to get scored, so there's a double-edged sword there. To the going to a location that may not be so premier, you are not going to get the media to follow you there to the same degree. Now, granted, it's a new day and a lot of things on social media and YouTube. That's not hitting everybody. There is a generation that's into that and there are generations that are not, so we have to think about that, as well. **Moser:** To what Kathy is saying, as far as the points, I remember we used to do the show and we didn't have points. It was just, you came. That goes back to people talking with people and having a good time and all that. So, there's another way you could go, but you're not going to get the entries. It's basically based on points, so people come because they're going to get a lot of points. So, that kind of kicks that out of everybody having a great time sometimes, because if you don't have the points, a lot of them aren't going to show up. **McCullough:** That's what I was going to address. If we're all there for the camaraderie as George said and not for the points, it wouldn't matter if it was scored or not. I know a lot of people in my region aren't going to drive to Philadelphia to show year after year. They would rather sit home.

**DelaBar:** We could make a compromise and say, OK, if we're going to have 9 rings, you get to keep the points from your 5 highest rings. **Raymond:** We kind of do that now with specialty rings. **Kallmeyer:** It's magic. We can do it all on the computer. **Hannon:** He did the scoring for one of the shows this year, and he did not use the CFA computer. **Kallmeyer:** Pointing out on points, for the kitten study I did, the top 5 kittens in the rankings now got from the World Show 15%, 17%, 26%, 10% and 22% of their 40 rings. But guess what? Four of those kittens actually had higher scoring shows outside the World Show. Only one, that was her highest scoring show. So, it was kind of an interesting result that came out of it. **Hannon:** Was that an American cat? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **McCullough:** Did you average that across regions? **Kallmeyer:** I just looked at the top 25. I was studying something else – the China kitten issue – but it was kind of interesting to see that on the top 25 kittens, they were actually getting more

points from other shows than from this World Show. It did well. I mean, you get 20%, but there were other higher-point shows, too. **McCullough:** Do you have a statistic of how many make it in the top 25 that don't go to the World Show? **Kallmeyer:** I think there were only 4 or 5. Some of them had aged out before the World Show. **McCullough:** How many across premierships, championship? **Kallmeyer:** I just looked at kittens for this one. It took long enough to figure that out. **Hannon:** Any other comments on 2015? **Moser:** We have a motion on the floor. **Schreck:** State it again, please. **Hannon:** All those in favor of no longer holding a CFA-sponsored event. **Moser:** In 2015. **Hannon:** Oh, just for 2015? **Moser:** Give it a break. I didn't say going forward. **Hannon:** I misunderstood you. **Mastin:** Can I at least find out what the penalties are? You guys can vote on it. It may not pass, it may pass. **Moser:** Sure. That's what I was saying. **Mastin:** What I'm saying is, our loss may come in a lot less than what we think it is. If it broke even, you may not be making this motion. You may say, "yeah, OK, it's a lot of work and we're not making any money," but our penalties could be \$25,000. I don't know that they are. **Moser:** We can do that, as long as we vote on it this weekend, that's all. **Hannon:** Why don't we postpone voting on yours until after lunch, so you can look at the contract. **Mastin:** We'll look at the contract. **Moser:** Alright, that's fine. I have to table it. **Hannon:** We're going to table it because he's got it on his laptop right now. Rich, do you want to do Club Sponsorship report and we'll come back to Pam's motion after Ed finds the answer?

[from after Agenda Item #12] **Hannon:** Find anything, Ed? **Raymond:** No, there's no buy-out. **Hannon:** Which means maybe we can't buy out. **Raymond:** Which means you're liable for the full amount. **Hannon:** There's nothing in the contract about a buy-out, so Ed's interpreting that as meaning we're responsible for the full amount. **Moser:** I would have to look at that. I haven't seen a contract that doesn't have a buy-out. **Hannon:** You can look at it during lunch. After lunch we'll discuss your motion. Is that alright with you, Pam? **Moser:** Yes. Yes, of course.

[from after lunch break] **Hannon:** We're going to go back to Mrs. Moser. She has a motion on the floor, which was to not to produce a 2015 World Show. **Moser:** To buy out the contract on the show hall. After further looking at the show contract with Rich and Ed, we do not have a buy-out clause. From what we can tell, we would have to pay the \$44,000 which is not cost effective, so I am going to withdraw my motion for the 2015 show, but when we talk about the 2016, then I will probably bring up another one, but I will withdraw the 2015.

**Withdrawn.**

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**Hannon:** I received a request that we change the name, that we call it the CFA International Cat Show. Do we want to entertain changing the name and returning to "CFA International Cat Show"? That's basically what it is. Jerry had a problem with that, and so he changed the name to the National Show. **DelaBar:** The previous administration. **Hannon:** No, it wasn't the previous administration, it was one person. He had a problem and he changed it to the National Show and then it changed to the World Show. It has been suggested that we consider returning to the old name. **Schreck:** Which is? Say it again. **Hannon:** CFA International Cat Show. And there could be a named sponsor in there. It could be the CFA-Iams International Cat Show or whatever. **Colilla:** It used to be the Purina show. **Hannon:** It used to be Purina, it was

Iams. It's been a number of things, but we have the option of throwing a sponsor's name in there. The basic name would no longer be the World Show. I'm looking for someone to make such a motion. **DelaBar:** I will move. **Anger:** I will second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on changing the name of the show? **McCullough:** Why don't we change it to Global? That's what our awards are called now. **Hannon:** You don't want to tie the show into the awards. You were just complaining about that. **Anger:** I think "International Show" is our name. It has always been our name. Nobody else has taken our name and used it. The "World Show" is not our name. It's someone else's name. We took it and used it. I think that devalues us. For our premier event, I think we should go back to our name and I would encourage everyone to support that motion. **Hannon:** Any other comments? All those in favor of changing the name and re-calling it the CFA International Cat Show, assuming we have a show.

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

**Hannon:** Do you have anything else you want to say about 2015? **Moser:** Yes. Also, we were talking about how when we do the judges for 2015, my question is that you changed the way you picked judges last year. I think – this is just my opinion – I thought it was fair when we picked the two judges out of each region and had it rotated, it gave everybody more of a fair chance. That's just me. I know there is going to be some discussion, but I would like to go back to that. **Hannon:** The problem with that is, we're talking about cutting it back to a 16 ring show, which is 8 rings per show, and we have 9 regions. **Moser:** Well, then we just cut somebody out. **McCullough:** Let's start with your region. [laughter] **Moser:** I'm just saying, maybe there is a better way to do it than just popular vote. **Hannon:** What we did last year, and I agree it caused confusion if nothing else was, we guaranteed each region would have a judge. They thought we were going to do it the same way we did before, and that only the clubs in that region would get to pick that judge. That's not what we did. We went down the popular vote until we hit a judge from that region. It happened that in the top 18 judges, we had judges from 8 of the 9 regions. Japan was the only one that didn't have judge there, and we ended up with a tie when we went down far enough for Japan, and it worked out well because we flipped a coin, picked a judge and she later had to cancel so the other judge got to come. What I would propose is that we again guarantee each region a judge, but let them pick their judge. **Moser:** Let the region pick their judge. **Hannon:** One judge. **Moser:** Yes. I agree with that. **Hannon:** And the other judge would be based on popular vote. You subtract 9 regions (9 rings) from 16, so there would be 7 rings left. **Schreck:** 7 at large judges. **Moser:** Wait a minute. You're cutting the rings down this year, is that correct? **Hannon:** We're going to suggest cutting it down by one ring per show, so that instead of having 9 rings in each show, we only have 8 rings in each show. That saves us a significant amount of money and it's still as much of a draw. **Moser:** I personally just do not like that popular vote. I think that becomes a popularity contest. It gives the regional people a little bit more – and I'm not speaking for myself. I take my name off the list. **Wilson:** I also take my name off the list but I think that, as an exhibitor, I like the fact that there's a popular vote, but I also like the regional representation. So, I'm OK with how they did it last year or what the proposal is for this year, but I think when it was 2 judges from every region and just the regional clubs voted on it, I don't know that I would drive to Philadelphia again. **Hannon:** My experience was when we did that, those judges tended to use the cats from their region. **Moser:** But wait a minute. To Annette, what you just said, you're saying that you don't know that you would go to it if it was just from the regions; I just want to make a point that when they were picking the regional judges from the regions, the show count was higher than what it was last year. **Wilson:** I

don't care about the count. It has nothing to do with the count. **Hannon:** The count at all of our shows were higher. **Wilson:** I know I was lucky to have a cat that did well this year, but I've always had a good time at that show. It's meeting other Russian Blue breeders and talking to them and hospitality, just the excitement of the whole show and seeing everybody. I just think that by popular vote, it's usually the judges that are more experienced, get around more, are seen more, see more cats – their opinion may be more valuable to me overall. **Hannon:** Their opinions are more valued. **Wilson:** Yes. That's as an exhibitor. **Eigenhauser:** As an exhibitor, I can say that when you go by popular vote, it means what the regions with the most clubs think is the best judge, which means nothing to me. **Hannon:** I don't agree with you. I think it's the judges that are seen the most often – **Eigenhauser:** But you're in the most populous region. **Hannon:** I think, around the world, those judges that get selected tend to be seen more throughout the country. I can give you a good example. [Name omitted] would never be selected as a Region [omitted] judge. [Name omitted] is a much more popular judge. He judges all over the world. It's not because the Region [omitted] clubs are selecting him. They don't pick him. **McCullough:** Wouldn't that tell you something if your own region won't pick you? **Hannon:** If the rest of the world does, yeah that tells me something. **Schreck:** I personally like the idea, back to each region picking one judge and then having a second vote from the general population because everybody was confused last year. I was confused, many other people were confused. We just finally did what we thought it was, and it was still confusing after we did it. So, I think that if you let each region vote for one judge from their region, that gives you 9, from 18 is – **Hannon:** 7. This is our treasurer. She's a CPA for God's sake. **Schreck:** I don't have my calculator. 2+2 I have to reach for the machine. That way, you have one from each region and then you have 7 that are at large. I like that. Can I make a motion? **Hannon:** OK. **Schreck:** Or do we want to discuss other options? **Hannon:** Make a motion, we'll get it seconded and we'll talk. **Schreck:** OK. I make a motion that we have a 16 ring show and we select one judge from each region, with the remaining 7 judges from the general population, everybody votes on. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

**Hannon:** Conversation? **DelaBar:** I want to bring up, I have judges in my region who will not put their name in the pool. **Hannon:** Because? **DelaBar:** Because of immigration, passport control into the country. When they are asked to come in – they are very honest people. "We're here to go to a cat show." "What are you doing at the cat show?" "We are judging it." I have had one of my judges stopped and almost didn't get into the country. We have got to be able to address this. This is no longer just a "we're an independent contractor" thing, this is an organizational event. We're going to keep losing the services of these people just because if they are deported out of the country because they're here without a work permit or whatever, they can never come back in. **Raymond:** We'll look into it. **Schreck:** That's a different issue than my motion. **DelaBar:** I know it is, but I had my hand up to bring up that point. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on Barb's motion? OK, let's call for the vote. All those in favor of Barb's motion, which was the composite where regions get to pick a judge and we have 7 at-large judges, making up the 16 judges.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser and McCullough voting no.

**Hannon:** Now that we've done that, do we want to go backwards and vote on having 18 rings? **DelaBar:** I will so move. **Raymond:** We just did. **Mastin:** That was the motion. She said 16 rings. **Hannon:** Alright. Was that in her motion? **Anger:** Yes, it was. **DelaBar:** Never mind.

**Hannon:** Any other conversation about the show? Does somebody want to do format – specialties versus allbreeds? John, you want to make a motion? **Colilla:** Make it all specialty. More people will be happy. There's enough count there. **Hannon:** Is there a second on John's motion? **Meeker:** I second. **Hannon:** OK, conversation. **DelaBar:** Is this all classes? **Hannon:** All classes? **Colilla:** Yes. **DelaBar:** It's a killer to do that show all specialty. The first time I did the show I did all specialty. We need more time if we're going to do 500 cats. I would say that, with the allbreed, I'm for people getting as much recognition as possible. I would love for everybody to be able to earn a rosette, but in the past we used to have some judges doing championship/premiership, and others doing the kittens to divide up the numbers, so cats actually got judged. I would rather have this being a judging exercise, rather than an Olympic event in massive judging. **Hannon:** Did you want to amend your motion? **Colilla:** Yes, just kittens specialty. The rest allbreed. How's that? **Hannon:** Kittens specialty. Premiership and Championship all allbreed, or split it up? The last couple years we have had 4 allbreeds, 5 specialties. **Colilla:** I want kittens all specialty. **Hannon:** I'm trying to get a motion. What do you want to do with the adults? Do you want them to be 8 allbreeds? **Colilla:** Any way you want. **Hannon:** Mix it up. Put that in your motion. How do you want to split it up. **Colilla:** How did we do it last year? **Hannon:** Last year was 9 rings. We did 5 and 4. You want to 4 and 4, since it's 8 rings? **Eigenhauser:** He doesn't have to make a motion for championship and premiership. He can make a motion just for kittens, then we can discuss the others separately. **Raymond:** We did 4 and 5. 4 allbreed, 5 specialty. **Krzanowski:** Can we do a separate motion for the kittens? **Hannon:** Alright. The motion on the floor is 8 kitten rings. We'll address the adults next. 8 per show. **Meeker:** All specialty? **Colilla:** Kittens are all specialty. **Hannon:** All specialty. Discussion? **Mastin:** The only thing we want to keep in mind is what Pam mentioned – the schedule. I think Kathy might have mentioned earlier, this could be a double-edged sword where if it's not attractive enough, we may not pull the entries. I don't know that that's true or not, but we've got a schedule we've got to worry about. **DelaBar:** The kittens are much easier than adults. **Mastin:** True. **Hannon:** Keep in mind that we gave out 20 kitten awards. **Mastin:** That's right. **Eigenhauser:** Kittens has always been the class that concerned me most about this show being a thumb on the scale of scoring, because you've only got 40 rings. **Wilson:** In 4 months. **Eigenhauser:** If somebody gets their line-up or has a good day, you don't have much time to catch up. **Hannon:** You also have the disadvantage that certain kittens that aren't 4 to 8 months at that show. **Eigenhauser:** Exactly, whereas in championship and premiership, you've got all season, you've got 100 rings. I'm less concerned about this one show being a spike. **Hannon:** Are you OK with 8 specialties, or not? **Eigenhauser:** I'm supporting it for kittens only. Any other discussion on kittens? **Schreck:** I just asked the great scorer here [Kallmeyer] what was the longhair/shorthair kitten split last year. Almost identical. **Kallmeyer:** It was 74/77 Purple, and 77/67 Red. **Hannon:** Is that present or entered? **Kallmeyer:** That's present. **Hannon:** 70-some present, you've got other shows with far more than that, so that's not going to skew it as bad as when they were allbreeds and you had 140. **Schreck:** That takes away the argument, "the shorthairs have an advantage" or "the longhairs have an advantage" because it was almost equal. Close. **Calhoun:** Are you talking about double specialty kittens? **Hannon:** Yes. A longhair and a shorthair specialty in each ring. **Calhoun:** In every ring. **Eigenhauser:** In both shows. **Schreck:** For kittens only. **Hannon:** Are you suggesting we just have finals for the shorthairs, and the longhairs just get judged? [laughter] OK, let's vote on this one. The motion is, 8 specialty rings for kittens per show.

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

**Hannon:** No kitten campaigners here. Now, the next logical step, how deep do you want to go in those finals? Do you want to do top 20 again? **Wilson:** Can it depend on the count? **Hannon:** She is saying, why don't you vary it, depending on the count; top 15 if you get *this* number of entries, top 20 if you get *that* number. Then you've got to come up with a number. **Raymond:** We need to also come up with the ribbons. **Wilson:** We have a number that we already do it with. **Hannon:** Not for top 20. **Dugger:** If we did 75, that's what our number was last year. **Hannon:** What are you saying? 75 we do top 15, over 75 we do top 20? **Dugger:** Yes. **Hannon:** And it's based on entered. **Dugger:** Based on entered; not shown up, entered. **Moser:** I'm just going to make a motion for top 15. **Hannon:** Regardless of how many are entered. **Moser:** I'm just talking about kittens. **Hannon:** We're talking over here about if you have 75 kittens entered, you do top 15; if you have more than 75, you go to top 20. **Schreck:** The problem that I have is if you tie it to how many are entered, what do you do about ordering rosettes? **Hannon:** The motion is top 15 across the board, regardless of entry. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second it so we can vote on it. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion? All those in favor of top 15 kittens.

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

**Hannon:** See, there's no campaigners here. Now John, what do you want to do about adults? **Colilla:** I have to decide the whole show? **Hannon:** No, but somebody has to come up with a motion. **Moser:** I'll make a motion. I think that it should be split 50/50. Yes. **Hannon:** 4 allbreed/4 specialty for championship and premiership? **Moser:** Yes. **Colilla:** 4 and 4 is alright with me. **Hannon:** You're OK? **Anger:** Yes, I was seconding. **Hannon:** Any discussion on 4 allbreed/4 specialty for championship and premiership?

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

**Hannon:** Is there anything else about the 2015 show? **McCullough:** What about premiership? **Hannon:** We just did that. It was part of the motion. **McCullough:** What about Household Pets? **Raymond:** We want to go for top 15 in premiership? **Hannon:** That was part of the motion. We need a motion how deep we want to go in the finals. **Moser:** What do you mean, how deep? **Hannon:** Do you want to do top 15, top 10, top 13? **Moser:** In what? **Hannon:** Adults – championship and premiership. We decided with kittens to do 15. **Moser:** You're right, OK. **Raymond:** We've done top 15 for the last few years. **Hannon:** Somebody needs to make a motion about how deep do you want to go in those finals. **McCullough:** I make a motion, 15 deep. **Hannon:** 15 deep, is there a second? **Moser:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on 15? **Schreck:** I have discussion. I'm waiting for the scorer to give us how many were there last year as an information point. My comment would be, we generally have more in championship than premiership. Do you want to have 15 in each, or do you want to take those two separately? **Moser:** You can make a motion. **Schreck:** There is a motion on the floor. I'm making a comment on it. **McCullough:** I'll amend my motion to be for premiership and championship, and be done with it, to 15. **Anger:** That was the motion. **Schreck:** What was the motion again? **Hannon:** Top 15, regardless. **McCullough:** Premiership and championship. **Raymond:** For the last 3 shows, we've done top 15, and it applied to specialty and allbreed. **Hannon:** Dick's got the magic numbers. **Kallmeyer:** For championship it was 48/68 for 116, 46/75 for 111. So, more shorthairs in championship. The same for premiership: 30/45 for 75,

26/40 for 66. **Hannon:** The motion on the floor is top 15 for championship and premiership. Any more discussion?

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

**Hannon:** What about Household Pets? **Fellerman:** How many were there? **DelaBar:** We had 28. **Hannon:** We had 28 last year. We had fewer than 10 the previous 2 years. **Ganoe:** One thing we have to realize for 2015 is, Household Pets will now be scored. Do we need to address the idea that they need to have a recording number or something like that? Are we just going to do it in one show or are we going to do it in both shows? All the same caveats apply to which show you enter now with Household Pets than we had with championship and premiership.

**Hannon:** We don't know that the 28 we had last year is going to repeat itself or whether it was an anomaly. What if we go back to only having 10? Do you want to split them between 2 shows and they are going to score them? **Kuta:** I'm going to move for top 15 and have them in one show. I would like to give them the extra finals, as we're going to be looking at Household Pets and they are going to have to have the recording numbers. I think they should have the same extra spots in the finals as the others, even if the count isn't as high. **Meeker:** I agree with Lisa, after thinking about it. I think we really need to focus and showcase the Household Pets if we want them to get involved. **Eigenhauser:** There is a motion and I'll second it. **Hannon:** We have a motion and a second for top 15 Household Pets, hoping we get 15. **Schreck:** Did we decide if they are going to be in one show or both? **Hannon:** They are going to be in one show, right? **Colilla:** One show. **Hannon:** The show committee, like last year, will figure out which show. Any other discussion? All those in favor of top 15 Household Pets in one show.

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

**Hannon:** Is there any other discussion about 2015? **Anger:** What about ring assignments – selecting who does what ring? Is that going to be a committee decision again? **Hannon:** What we did last year was, the odd rings were Red Show, the even rings were Purple Show, and we assigned them alphabetically. So, which show you got assigned to just happened to be where you fell alphabetically. **Anger:** I meant as far as who is doing allbreed or specialty in championship and premiership. **Wilson:** We don't need to micromanage it. Can't the show committee handle it? **Anger:** Right, that was my question. I wanted to clarify who was going to do it. **Wilson:** That's what I thought. Thank you. **Hannon:** The show committee is going to decide who is doing allbreed, who is doing specialties. Except for the kittens. **Raymond:** We are going to have four judges in each show that are going to be doing specialty kittens, premiership and championship. **Hannon:** Yes. You're going to have 4 judges in each show that are going to be doing specialty kittens, premiership and championship. **DelaBar:** That should go to the youngest judges. **Hannon:** What we tried to do in the past is to give the rings with the most finals to the faster judges. That's how Pam got stuck with it. Speedy DelaBar here. Anything else?

## **(23) SUPER SPECIALTY ANALYSIS.**

**Committee Chair:** Sharon Roy  
**Liaison to Board:** Ginger Meeker  
**List of Committee Members:** Sharon Roy, Ginger Meeker, Jean Dugger

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### **Brief History:**

*The super specialty experimental format was created in an attempt to provide both allbreed and specialty rings at a show, allowing the clubs the benefit of having allbreed rings as well as specialty rings, in order to attract more entries, and as a benefit to exhibitors.*

*This format has been used this entire show season, and Sharon Roy requested feedback forms from clubs, judges, clerks and exhibitors participating in this format. All completed forms were provided to Jean Dugger, who has created a spreadsheet in order to analyze the feedback and conceptualize the results to present to the CFA Board.*

*In addition, with the show rule change projected for next show season requiring specialty rings at all CFA licensed shows, some clubs have expressed opposition to this change. Their views were considered as a part of the analysis portion of this report.*

### **Statistics:**

*For purposes of this analysis, the first part of the question “like or dislike” the format was used to tally the positive/negative views. In most cases, comments made were incorporated into the remarks portion of the spreadsheet in order to further support the analysis.*

<u>Feedback Provided by</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Judges	14	2
Clubs	3	0
Clerks	12	1
Master Clerks	5	0
Exhibitors	143	17

### **Analysis:**

*For the most part, the judges’ comments were positive. Many judges, who are also exhibitors, recognize the positive impact that a “specialty also” ring can make on a campaign show. In addition, judges also made comments such as, “gave me an opportunity to recognize more deserving cats”. In general, the judges seemed to find value in utilizing this format.*

*Although the clubs using the format did incur additional expense for rosettes/awards, several clubs created innovative ways of issuing an additional streamer or sticker for one rosette, thereby minimizing expense. Several clubs expressed that the format created additional excitement and enjoyment by exhibitors at the show, which they felt would benefit them in the*



*long run. Although I do not have statistics to confirm or deny this, several clubs stated they felt this format attracted more entries.*

*The clerks and master clerks all felt there is a learning curve with the additional paperwork involved. However, no one documented that their ring scheduling was adversely impacted, or that the additional finals could not be accommodated efficiently. A master clerk recommended that possibly an assistant master clerk would be beneficial to complete and verify the additional paperwork at a large show.*

*As initially reported by Sharon Roy, the exhibitor feedback was overwhelmingly positive. On many forms, statements were made such as, “gave me an opportunity to get points I would have missed otherwise”. Some negative feedback was such that it lengthened the show too much, or caused chaos with the schedule. These issues were somewhat corrected as the show season progressed, and those comments were not noticed as much on forms turned in at more recent shows.*

*Notably, feedback from known campaigners was also very positive for the most part. One long-time campaigner stated that the atmosphere in the show hall was positive and “refreshing” and that everyone seemed to enjoy the show.*

### **Conclusion:**

*Although it is not my purpose to provide my opinion, the overwhelming support by our exhibitors compels me to offer some final thoughts. Comments from “nay- say ers” that by using such a format, we should just “final everyone and make everyone happy” is not supported by judges’ comments, who routinely stated that they always had more cats selected than their finals would accommodate. One of the most important concepts that the CFA Board should take away from this analysis is that our exhibitor base is largely comprised of experienced breeders, the grassroots exhibitors who have consistently supported CFA. “Campaigners” come and go, and are only a small piece of this puzzle. As exhibitors translate to ‘customers’, both of CFA clubs and our Central Office in registrations, litters, and other documents, I think it is imperative that the Board listen to their input. Our hobby has faced major economic challenges in recent years, and from a financial standpoint, not pleasing our customers will simply result in their finding other outlets.*

*Obviously the super specialty format has merit, as revealed by the overwhelming positive responses submitted. Perhaps rather than concluding that specialty rings should always be required, this format could be the answer where markets will only support all-breed shows.*

*The Board should consider presenting these findings to our voting body and allow the clubs to determine the best financial solution for their show(s). An option such as the super specialty format remains a win-win possibility for the clubs and our exhibitor base, as well as our campaigners.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean B. Dugger, Regional Director, CFA Southern Region*

**Hannon:** Jean, you're on. We're going to the Super Specialty survey. **Dugger:** Yes. As you all know, Sharon Roy has been in charge of this last year for the experimental format, handing out the forms to the clubs, judges, clerks and master clerks, as well as exhibitors, and then Sharon had collected all the forms to a committee of Ginger, Sharon and myself. Sharon asked me to do the analysis, I guess because I have experience in that from work and I kind of offered. Mainly, it's disappointing the number of forms we got back, considering the number of shows that we have had, but I think that's just a typical representation of the fact that people don't always want to fill things out. I thought about doing charts and all that, but the response is so overwhelming that it's really not worth making a chart. 89% of our exhibitors were positive about it. So, basically my conclusion, and what I wanted the board to take away from this, is that we're all fighting trying to keep shows and trying to get people to put shows on. I heard overwhelmingly from this survey, as well as a survey I conducted in my own region. It's not that everybody just wants to make a final, but we want our grass roots exhibitors that are there to grand cats and all that to feel positive about being at the shows. I think that's the big thing. Basically, everyone was positive about the Super Specialty format. The exhibitors overwhelmingly liked it. The clerks and master clerks say it needed some tweaking. We did some tweaking with it as the show season has progressed and we tried doing championship in one ring and premiership in one ring and kittens in another ring. That seemed to work better for the judges and we could work the show schedules around a little bit better. We've had a few problems with it here and there, but like I told people before, we're always going to have problems with things when we try it and if you make a final, don't complain. That's just me saying that, but like I said, I think the most important thing that the board needs to take away from this is to realize that our exhibitor base, that is who we were really asking about this, 89% of them positively supported a format like this. I think this might be something we want to continue into the next show season – at least some of our specialty rings we could consider this. **Hannon:** The current policy is that we're allowing such shows to the end of this show season. **Dugger:** Right. **Hannon:** So, if we're going to extend it, then somebody is going to need to make a motion. Let's have a motion and then we can discuss. **DelaBar:** I make a motion that we extend the opportunity to have the Super Specialty rings under such criteria as the board may determine. **Hannon:** For what period? **DelaBar:** For the next show season. **Calhoun:** Second. **Hannon:** Alright. Now, let's have discussion.

**Ganoe:** I have changed my mind about the Super Specialty format as to whether or not it's good for CFA. It obviously seems to be good for CFA. I'm still on the fence when it comes to whether I'm going to do it myself, but I would like to see more guidelines issued when a club wants to do this format, because we've had to work out the mechanics as we go. We need to provide what we've learned to clubs that want to do this in the future. **Hannon:** Jean, can we charge you with working with Sharon and coming back at the April board meeting with some guidelines or tightening this up? **Dugger:** I would be glad to. **Eigenhauser:** When we first started doing this, the one negative comment I got from exhibitors – universally now they seem to like it – was, they were concerned about the extra time it would take in shows running long and things like that. I've seen clubs do Super Specialty where this judge does kittens, this judge does premiership, and they have spread it around, spread the load, and it hasn't really affected timing. I think having the experimental period was good because it gave clubs the opportunities of seeing other ways of handling it. I think we're definitely working the bugs out on it. **Colilla:** I see no reason for it, because it costs more money. It's not bringing additional entries. I lost 20 entries, with 3 Super Specialty rings. **Hannon:** OK, so you're losing entries. You don't think it's

attracting. **Colilla:** No. **Fellerman:** I agree with what John just said. If we have to have specialty rings mandatory at each show, I don't see a point in having Super Specialties as well. **Moser:** My region hasn't even had the Super Specialty rings because they don't like them. I have had numerous judges who have told me that they are going to start refusing to judge them. We have the mandated specialty rings. I see no need for the Super Specialty rings. **Meeker:** I see a compromise here. I think that this has been a good thing. I went to two shows in Region 4 where two judges did complete Super Specialty. They did all 3 classes and finished on time. It was remarkable to watch and everybody enjoyed themselves. I think that we need to accept this as an accepted format, rather than trying it for another season, but also put in the option of this being something that a club could use for up to 50% of the mandated specialty rings, because you've still got a specialty ring. This could be a win/win for clubs that want to attract those campaigners but they want the Super Specialty. **DelaBar:** Part of the motion was, "for the criteria that CFA set", so that was already stated in the motion. **Krzanowski:** I don't see the harm in continuing to offer this as an option. It's not mandated, it's an option only and if clubs find it works for them, I don't see the harm in allowing it. **Wilson:** I wouldn't mind seeing it with some limitations. I agree with everybody that said the mandated specialty rings should suffice, but I think if a club wanted to have in addition one of these, I think the best way to do it is spread out and having 3 judges do 3 different categories, but maybe that could be up to the club. I would really hate to see more than one of these in a day, but I could be convinced of more. I think we should put a limit on it, since some of the mandated specialty rings are just one ring, 50% of one wouldn't work very well. **Kuta:** So, these would count towards the specialty requirements? **Hannon:** We haven't voted that yet. Somebody just tossed that out. **Ganoe:** To me, the purpose of the specialty ring mandate was not so much exhibitors as, I always took it as a necessary option at a show for our advancing judges. **Hannon:** No. I brought it up and that's not why I brought it up. That's a side benefit. **Ganoe:** The point I wanted to make was, extending this another year – we've had it for about a year and a half, and we're still finding issues with how it's run. When we want to put this into our show rules, we need to have it tight enough that the show rules say how to run it, so we need another year of experiment to say what works, what doesn't work, and how we want to word it in the show rules. **Schreck:** The comment was made to perhaps allow one of these Super Specialties to qualify for the specialty rule. I would be against that. I think that the specialty was put there to keep the playing field level. Now, if you're going to let the Super Specialty take the place of that, you're back to allbreed for everything again, so I would be adamantly opposed to that. **DelaBar:** Could it possibly be that we approve the concept first – whether we're going to go forward with the Super Specialty? **Hannon:** And then the implementation of it. **DelaBar:** There's no reason to go into the criteria and spend time doing that if we're not going to approve the Super Specialty. **Meeker:** The comment I made about a possible compromise was to allow the Super Specialty format to be used for up to 50% of the required specialty rings, so then there would still be specialty rings for the up and coming judges, and there would be this format. If the clubs felt that it would help them, they could utilize it. As far as learning how to run shows, I've seen this format when it worked perfectly with two judges doing all three and they finished before some other judges, and I've seen 6 ring allbreed that went until 8:00 at night, so I think you can write all the guidelines in the world you want, but much of what our show management revolves around is how efficiently the judges are judging the cats, and how efficiently the judges are working together to accomplish their goals. **Eigenhauser:** We may have had different reasons why we voted for the mandate on the specialty rings, but the reason I supported it and the reason I continue to support it is to give single

specialty judges the ability to get assignments and move forward, and if it doesn't accomplish that purpose, there's no reason to have the mandate. **Hannon:** If it's a Super Specialty, you can't use a single specialty judge. You have to use an allbreed judge. **Eigenhauser:** That's what I'm saying. Using Super Specialty as a subject for specialty does not accomplish that purpose to me in any way. My vote, even keeping the specialty mandate, is to encourage clubs to use single specialty judges. Any attempt to water that down by encouraging them to use allbreed judges to meet their specialty requirement defeats the purpose, in my mind. **Hannon:** But would you be open if they brought in a single specialty judge and the other half of the ring was a allbreed judge? Sometimes they have a local single specialty judge and they get an allbreed judge to do the other half. **Eigenhauser:** If they have an allbreed doing one specialty and a single specialty doing the other, that's wholly different than a Super Specialty, which is only an allbreed judge. **Calhoun:** I think quite often the judges who are put in specialty rings are also a factor what the club can afford. Some clubs can afford to have a longhair and a shorthair, some can't. My opinion on the Super Specialty, and I like what Ginger spoke to about limiting the number and it still be specialty rings is, that's just an option. It's an option for a judge to take it, it's an option for a club to use it. It's not mandated. We're not saying they would have to do it. I judged a Super Specialty at Lucky Tom in January. We had 178 entered. I think it was probably in the 150's that were present. I had everything and I finished right behind the last allbreed judge. So, it can be done and it's an option. Some judges will do it, some judges won't, but I don't think we should limit the options. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the question. The question was to extend the experiment for another year and we can go into all the details later, but all it is, is a broad concept of extending the Super Specialty for the next show season. Currently, you can't hold a Super Specialty beyond May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Meeker:** Didn't I make that motion? **DelaBar:** I did. **Meeker:** You did? OK. **Hannon:** All those in favor of extending the experiment for one more year.

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

**Hannon:** What I would suggest is to work with Jean and she will come back to us in April if you want to put certain things in there like we have been discussing, like perhaps we could use it for 50% of the required specialty rings, or we could do some of the other things – require that no judge be able to do all three but we spread it around or whatever. Work with Jean, who in turn will be working with Sharon, whose got a lot of experience with this. **DelaBar:** Jean, I'll volunteer to give you input because we've had a lot of these in Region 9 and what has worked, but I want to give the clubs leeway on how they want to tweak some of this. **Dugger:** I would love that Pam, thank you. **Moser:** I just want to make it clear. So, we still have mandated specialty rings, and you cannot substitute a Super Specialty ring for one of those specialty rings. Is that correct? **Eigenhauser:** Not yet. **Hannon:** That's not correct. We haven't addressed it. We will address it in April. **Schreck:** I think it does require some additional time, but addressing it in April for those shows that are in May, what do they do? **Hannon:** I think we already approved on in May, did we not, for Memphis? **DelaBar:** I think the U.K. Cat Fanciers came in for one, too. **Hannon:** I don't want to do it today. We've still got stuff from yesterday that we've got to get through and I would rather that Jean spend some time working with the various suggestions. **Eigenhauser:** My suggestion is, to any club, you have to deal with the show rules as they exist today. Don't get your crystal ball out and say, "maybe the board is going to change a format here or a format there." If you're planning ahead, plan on the rules as they are written. **Schreck:** That penalizes, perhaps, those shows that are early in the season. **Hannon:** Yes. The shows early in the season are definitely going to be penalized. We accept that. **Meeker:** I was going to suggest

that maybe this is something we could do online as a board in March so that if the show rules were changed, they could make the May revision. **Hannon:** I suspect if you change something in March, it's not going to make the show rules. My understanding from last year was, it was like the first week of March. Donna Jean, do you remember when we sent the show rules? **Donna Jean Thompson:** I'm pretty sure it was in March, because it takes a while. **Hannon:** I remember the year before that we had an issue where we did not get the show rules out by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We deliberately tried to avoid that last year by cutting off changes that got into print.

(24) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.**

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

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

*The Taiwan Grand Champion and Grand Premier point requirements were set too high this show season based on cats graded during the show season (Action Item 1). The requirements for China Division Winner (DW) rewards are to be adjusted (Action Item 2).*

*An analysis of the top 25 Global Award Kittens, based on the January 10-11, 2015 epoints is attached as a separate report.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Planning for the 2014-2015 has begun with site selection and dates to be determined.*

**Board Action Items:**

1. *Adjust the Grand requirements for Taiwan by lowering the current points via a show rule change to 28.04b. In addition, Action Item 2 will remove allowing Taiwan exhibitors to include Region 8 (Japan) shows for point accrual for Taiwan DW country awards.*

28.04b	International Division Board Liaison	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
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	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. <u>In</u>	

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<b>RATIONALE:</b> At the request of the International Division chair, the point requirements for granding in Taiwan have been lowered from 125 to 90 for Grand Champion and from 50 to 40 for Grand Premier. With the new computer system, we can have a more granular point structure. As it stands now, 125 points for Grand Champion and 50 points for Grand Premier are too high for Taiwan. Taiwan has the same requirements as Hong Kong and Thailand for Grand Champions with 20% of the shows and less than 8% of the cats being exhibited.	

**Kallmeyer:** In Taiwan, there was a show last year where all 11 premiers became one-show grands, and 8 championship cats. Part of the reason was that the championship points were set at 75, premiership at 25. Well, we increased it to 125 and 50 because that's the granularity of the HP system. I think it's too much. They've had 3 shows so far this year and I don't think anybody has granded. We set the bar too high. We set the bar equivalent to Hong Kong or Thailand or Malaysia where there's more cats. I think we need an intermediate point that can be done on our new system, thank God, of 90 grand champion points and 40 grand premier points.

**Hannon:** For what, China? **Kallmeyer:** No, Taiwan. China is the same as the U.S., so this is just for Taiwan. We don't want to make it hopeless for them. If it was this year, it would have meant probably about 3 grands between premiership and championship. **Hannon:** Are you making a motion? **Kallmeyer:** I'm making a motion. The show rule change is in the report. **Anger:** Second. **Ganoe:** Effective when? **Kallmeyer:** New show season. **Schreck:** Can you repeat the motion? **Kallmeyer:** Basically it's to decrease the championship points to 90 for grand and then for grand premier to 40. **Anger:** In Taiwan. **Kallmeyer:** In Taiwan only. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments?

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

2. *Change the requirements for scoring International Division country winners by only allowing Chinese cats to accrue points earned at China shows. Currently, cats from Malaysia and Thailand may attend Chinese shows and earn points at those shows. However, only a few exhibitors are doing so because of travel restrictions. The effect is to skew the standings in Malaysia and Thailand for the top Cats and Kittens. Note that Malaysia and Thailand exhibitors may still attend Chinese shows for accrual of Global Winner awards.*

Article XXXVI - Regional Definitions, Items 2 and 4	International Division Board Liaison
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2. 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.</p> <p>4. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the exception that cats/kittens/household pets whose residences are in Taiwan or Singapore may earn points in Region 8 as well.</p>	<p>2. All regional awards given in region 8 are based on points earned <del>either in region 8, Taiwan, or Singapore by exhibitors residing in region 8.</del></p> <p>4. Awards given in the International Division (<u>DW</u>) are based only on points earned in the International Division with the exception that cats/kittens/household pets <del>whose residences are in Taiwan or Singapore may earn points in Region 8 as well,</del> <u>from outside of China may NOT earn points at shows in China.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> At the request of the International Division chair, the requirements for earning points toward a DW outside of China are revised to be limited to shows outside of China and within the International Division only. Cats from other countries may show in China, but the points will only go to a Global win, NOT a DW win in their country. This also eliminates the provision that had been in place that allowed cats from Region 8, Singapore, and Taiwan to earn points at shows in any of those areas and count them toward a DW or RW (Region 8).</p>	

**Kallmeyer:** The second point is, in China because they have so many shows, a few exhibitors are going there from other countries, like from Malaysia or Thailand. It's really two exhibitors, one from each country. The net effect is that that person has probably 10 times the points as the local people. So, what we would like to do, the China show points only apply to China cats and kittens. **Ganoe:** For divisional wins. **Kallmeyer:** For divisional win only. They get the national points. Those are accrued as normal. So, it's only really restricting the points to that country. **Hannon:** Are you making a motion? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Ganoe:** I'll second it, but I have a comment. Just so that we know, this is opening that door that allows them to get a national or global win higher than their divisional win, because if they show in China and the U.S. and that kind of stuff, I just want to point out that this opens that door. **Kallmeyer:** It could happen in Japan, too. **Hannon:** We have the same situation elsewhere. **DelaBar:** And Region 9. **Hannon:** If they pick up a lot of points here, they can't carry it back. **DelaBar:** Right. I don't think that's exactly fair. **Hannon:** Any other comments or questions?

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

**Hannon:** Do you have anything else? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. One point, too, I think the way the division wins are set up in the International Division is by country, so our regional win is basically a country win. China will have as many rings, or probably more rings and shows than every region except 7. Right now it's limited to 15 DWs for China. I'm asking that that be increased to 25, corresponding to a region. Let me put it, 25 for kittens and championship, and 15 for premiership. **Ganoe:** Effective which season? **Kallmeyer:** Next show season. Not this show season. I make a motion. **Ganoe:** Second. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments?



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

Respectfully Submitted,  
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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.  
**Analysis of CFA Top Kittens as of 01/10/15**



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## Summary

*There is a large amount of concern about the number of Kittens from China that are in the top 25 CFA Kittens for the 2014-2015 show season. The purpose of this report is to present statistics regarding the top CFA kittens (as of January 10-11, 2015), both in China and Regions 1 through 7.*

*No conclusions are drawn.*

## Analysis

*Figure 1 shows the top 25 kittens standing as of the January 10-11, 2015 epoints. Note that 10 of the kittens are from China (International Division), and 15 from North America (4-Region 1, 1-Region 2, 2-Region 4, 5-Region 5, 3-Region 7).*

CFA Top 200 Kittens					
Rank	Kitten	Reg	Class	Points	Rings
1	KITTIES LAND MAIN EVENT	(D)	BSH 2501	3,833.20	40
2	COUPARI DUSTIN	(D)	SFLH 8492	3,110.10	40
3	BRIAR-MAR'S OH HAPPY DEY!	(1)	MXSH 0601	3,081.55	40
4	EMAUGE DE BEERS	(7)	EMAU 0842	2,927.00	40
5	CINEMA'S ARMANI OF WISHES	(5)	PSOL 0104	2,902.25	40
6	FREEDOM'S PENJO	(D)	EXSH 7992	2,801.70	40
7	CHELSEA ROSE PIPER	(4)	BSH 2547	2,706.55	40
8	CINEMA'S LIBERACE OF WISHES	(2)	PSOL 0102	2,685.30	40
9	TOXICATE BUCKING AWESOME	(5)	EXLH 7944	2,559.60	40
10	DE BEARS STORMY	(5)	BUR 0401	2,540.45	40
11	SHOU SHOU TAPA Y CANA	(D)	EXLH 7740	2,533.65	40
12	QING TIAN ANTONY	(D)	MC 1778	2,531.20	40
13	L'CLOVER'S QUEEN LUST	(D)	RAGD 0481	2,511.85	40
14	SHUBACOONS HERSHEY BEAR	(1)	MC 1778	2,433.85	40
15	CATSAFRATS VIVA DOLCE	(5)	PTAB 0141	2,425.55	40
16	HANSONPALACE GLORY OF MOUNTCASCADE	(1)	ASH 7072	2,419.75	40
17	CATSAFRATS VIVA SOAVE	(5)	PSOL 0110	2,417.85	40
18	MABUHAY JUSTIN TIME	(7)	CHAR 0550	2,414.80	40
19	JOYCAT EX SUPER DIVA	(D)	EXSH 7945	2,411.95	40
20	MEOW MY NO HOLDS BARRED	(4)	PTAB 0144M	2,378.10	40
21	FOREVERSTAR CAESER	(D)	SFSH 8837	2,337.75	40
22	STEDAM AMERICAN DREAM OF CRISP	(7)	ASH 7072	2,313.50	40
23	*LUSHELL'S YOU'LL THINK-OF-ME	(1)	PTAB 0144	2,296.40	40
24	SHINY STAR'S SNOWBALL	(D)	EXLH 7702	2,295.80	40
25	LIXIANG'S WANG DAYAN	(D)	ASH 0744	2,289.00	40

**Figure 1: CFA top kittens as of January 10-11, 2015 epoints**

**Hannon:** Next is the International Division. **Kallmeyer:** This will be in two parts. The first part will be, I want to talk about the results of the kitten study. I'll just explain what's going on. Obviously, one of the big concerns was that, of the top 25 kittens so far, 10 are from China. It turns out that the other 15 are from the U.S. So, what are we seeing on the statistics here? What's going on as part of it? It's related both to the shows and to the number of judges being involved.

## Shows

*The CFA Purple and Red shows were significant contributors towards the top 40 wins for kittens. The Purple Show kitten count was 151 (74 LH/77 SH) and the Red Show kitten count was 144 (77 LH/67 SH). The top 5 kittens received 15%, 17%, 26%, 10% and 22% respectively of their 40-ring points from these 2 shows. Of the top 25 kittens, 3 from China and 12 from R1-7 received points at the World shows; 7 China and 3 from R1-R7 did not receive points.*

**Kallmeyer:** Looking at all the shows that we've seen in CFA this year greater than 70. Not too many, like we used to have. The two key drivers of the kitten points that we see in the top 25 are really the World Shows. If you look at the top 5 kittens, anywhere from about 10% to 20% of their points are from that one show. So, it was really a significant driver as part of it. The top kitten from the Red and the Purple shows are actually cats from China that are #1 and #2. The Scottish Fold that's second was bred in the U.S., actually. The next show was National Capital, 99 in attendance. Then, there's two China clubs, Cotton States, Santa Monica, another China show, the Phoenix show, and several China Shows, then the Burma Fanciers. These are kittens in attendance. **Kuta:** I don't want to get off topic, but I just want to raise one thing. Was there any difference in the number of rings that the kittens were attending in? **Kallmeyer:** I'm going to show you that. It's an interesting statistic. **Kuta:** At the show? Like say, did all kittens go to all 6 rings? **Kallmeyer:** You really can't tell from CFA statistics. You have to look at the catalog. To give you an example, I've seen patterns at some of the Chinese shows where they are in 1 or 2 or 3 rings, but then you look at one of the Region 5 shows – the large one a couple weeks ago – and there are probably 25 kittens that were in 1 or 2 rings, too. **Kuta:** Exactly. That's what I was wondering, if that's a level playing field. **Kallmeyer:** There's no real pattern that I see. There was one rumor going around that the Chinese were putting one British Shorthair in one ring and putting it under a different name in another ring. We don't see that pattern. We might have seen that at a show 5 years ago, but it's not the same. If you look at the China shows that had a large count – and I was master clerk at a couple of them – all the kittens were usually dumped on one judge, and so everybody was in that ring, but then they might have fallen off in other rings. You see the same pattern in China that you see in the U.S. on a two-day show. A lot of people are there on Saturday, and they either go to church or do something else on Sunday, or give up. So, it's not unique. It's balanced across, but I didn't see a case of fraud. I was looking for cases of same color that may have appeared magically on Sunday that wasn't there Saturday. I don't see that. One thing about CFA statistics is that we really only keep a record if a cat scores, so we know the present count but on the computer if they got a qualifying ring or a final or a breed win, then we would have it. But, if you were a grand champion and you didn't get any breed wins, you would be on the show disk and you might be embedded in the count, but we don't know if it was there [in all rings] or not. **Kuta:** You would have to go to the master clerk's catalog. **Kallmeyer:** You would have to go to the master clerk. It's kind of ugly, but we can do it. We keep all the catalogs. So, it's not a unique thing that we're starting to see.

*Figure 2 tabulates the distribution of CFA shows by counts and geographic region. In addition, show kitten counts for Region 1-7 and China are tabulated. Not including the World show, Regions 1-7 had 22 shows with kitten counts greater than 60 kittens (12 > 70 kittens) and China had 7 shows with counts > 60 kittens (all 7 > 70). China had 21 shows, compared to 25 shows in R7, 19 shows in R1 and 17 shows in R4.*

*Figure 3 shows the total number of rings for the shows in Figure 2. Examining the high kitten count shows (> 71), Regions 1-7 12 shows with total rings of 95; China had 7 shows with total rings of 62. For counts greater than 90 kittens, Regions 1-7 had 3 shows with 22 rings, while China had 2 shows with 20 rings. At 81 to 90 kittens, Regions 1-7 had 1 show with 10 rings, while China had 4 shows with 34 rings.*

Region	Shows	Rings	Number of Shows by Total Kitten Counts								
			< 31	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	100+
1	19	130	3	6	4	2	1	3			
2	13	94	3	4	1	3	2				
3	8	60	2	2	1	3					
4	18	124		2	8	3	3	2			
5	14	97	3		1	2	3	3	1	1	
6	11	92	3	3	4		1				
7	25	172	4	6	8	5				2	
8	13	96	11	1	1						
9	17	121	10	3	2	1	1				
Intl Div.	47	288	20	11	7	2		1	4	2	
World Show	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
All	187	1292	59	38	37	21	11	9	5	5	2
Regions 1-7	108	769	18	23	27	18	10	8	1	3	
China	21	165	2	5	5	2		1	4	2	

Figure 2: Number of Shows by Region and Total Kitten Counts

**Kallmeyer:** If we look at shows by kitten count, this is 60 or less. There was one Europe show with 71-80, but these are the counts – really, I started looking at towards a campaign, 71-100. We had the two World Shows over 100. If we look at 91 to 100, I broke it out by Regions 1 to 7 consolidated, because that's where the kittens are versus China. They had 3 shows, China had 2. So, if you look at number of shows, that's pretty consistent. If we look at 81-90, this is where China kind of outperformed. There was one show in the U.S. – there were four in China. The next chart shows the number of rings comparatively. If you look at 71-80 though, there's 8 shows in Regions 1-7 and 2 shows in China. So, they had really a lot of shows kind of centered in here that's different. 61-70, there were 10 shows in Regions 1-7. What I don't like are all the shows here [in the first column] – 18 shows less than 31 kittens and 23 here [in the 31-40 column], so we can definitely see the kitten count falling off. We talked about the kittens not being as much in Europe and definitely shows as part of the statistics.

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			< 31	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	100+
1	19	130	18	42	24	14	6	26			
2	13	94	20	28	10	20	16				
3	8	60	14	16	10	20					
4	18	124		12	52	24	20	16			
5	14	97	14	0	6	18	22	21	10	6	
6	11	92	18	28	36		10				
7	25	172	24	42	60	30				16	
8	13	96	82	6	8						
9	17	121	68	20	17	8	8				
Intl Div.	47	288	99	57	53	17		8	34	20	
World Show	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
All	187	1292	357	251	276	151	82	71	44	42	18
Regions 1-7	108	769	108	168	198	126	74	63	10	22	
China	21	165	15	30	41	17		8	34	20	

*Figure 3: Number of Show Rings by Region and Total Kitten Counts*

*Figure 4 lists all 22 CFA shows with kitten counts greater than or equal to 70. All shows are in the USA or China.*

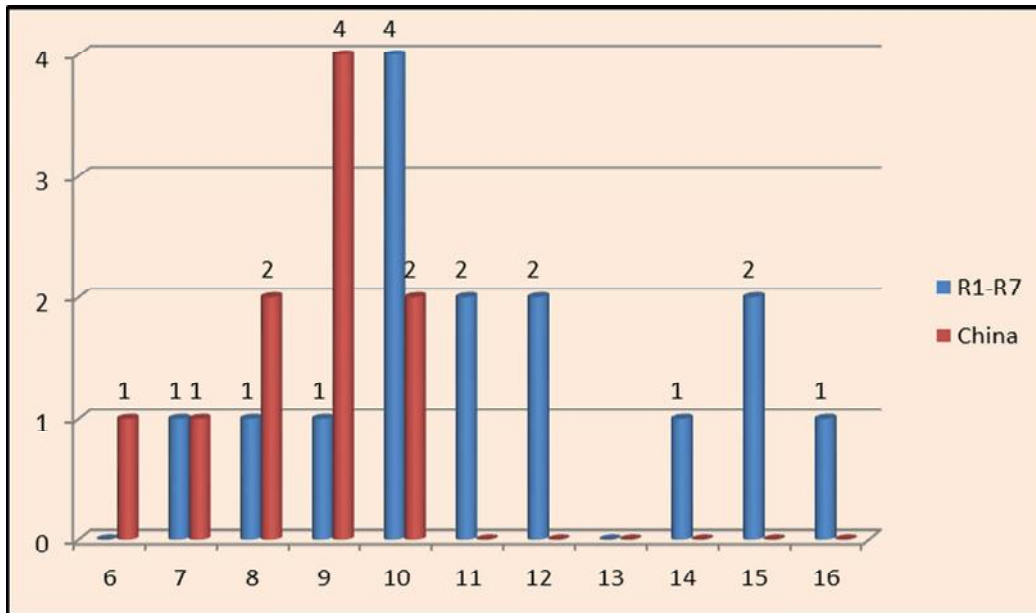
**Kallmeyer:** If we look by rings, and this is where you start getting into the points. On 91-100, the U.S. had 3 shows but 22 rings; China had 2 shows but 20 rings. So, China was putting on a lot of 10 ring shows at this time. Now, a 6 ring show [6x6] is going to appear in the statistics as really two shows, just so you know. If you look at 81-90, again there were a lot of China shows; there was one show in the U.S. – 10 rings versus 34 rings. So, they are putting on larger shows in China. They are going for 10 ring shows, basically. If we look at 71-80, the difference in rings is 63 versus 8, so the U.S. definitely had an advantage.

Show	Date	Region	Location	Rings	Kittens
CFA WORLD SHOW PURPLE	11/22/14	W	Oaks, PA, USA	9	151
CFA WORLD SHOW RED	11/22/14	W	Oaks, PA, USA	9	144
NATIONAL CAPITAL CAT SHOW	09/06/14	7	Chantilly, VA, USA	8	99
CHINA AMERICAN SHORTHAIR FANCIER CLUB	11/08/14	D	Beijing, China	10	97
CHINA INTERNATIONAL PEDIGREE CF CLUB	10/11/14	D	Shanghai, China	10	97
COTTON STATES CAT CLUB	11/01/14	7	Duluth, GA, USA	8	96
SANTA MONICA CAT CLUB	11/15/14	5	Ontario, CA, USA	6	94
CHINA TAO YUAN FANCIERS CLUB	11/29/14	D	Shenyang, China	10	89
PHOENIX FELINE FANCIERS	12/13/14	5	Mesa, AZ, USA	10	87
LIAO NING CAT FANCIERS CLUB	11/01/14	D	Shenyang, China	8	86
CHINA TAO YUAN FANCIERS CLUB	12/27/14	D	Beijing, China	10	84
LIAO NING CAT FANCIERS CLUB	09/06/14	D	Shenyang, China	6	83
SACRED CAT OF BURMA FANCIERS	08/23/14	4	Medina, OH, USA	10	79
NATIONAL BIRMAN FANCIERS	10/18/14	1	Hatfield, PA, USA	10	78
SANTA MONICA CAT CLUB	08/23/14	5	Costa Mesa, CA, USA	9	77
ICE CITY CAT FANS CLUB	12/06/14	D	Shenyang, China	8	75
GOLDEN WEST CAT CLUB	10/04/14	5	Palm Springs, CA, USA	6	73
CLEVELAND PERSIAN SOCIETY	10/11/14	4	Parma, OH, USA	6	73
STRAIGHT AND CURL CAT CLUB	12/20/14	1	Lebanon, PA, USA	6	72
POINSETTIA CITY CAT CLUB	11/29/14	5	Glendale, CA, USA	6	71
GARDEN STATE CAT CLUB OF NEW JERSEY	07/19/14	1	Somerset, NJ, USA	10	71
OHIO STATE PERSIAN CLUB	12/06/14	4	Columbus, OH, USA	6	70

**Figure 4: CFA shows with total kitten counts greater than or equal to 70 kittens.**

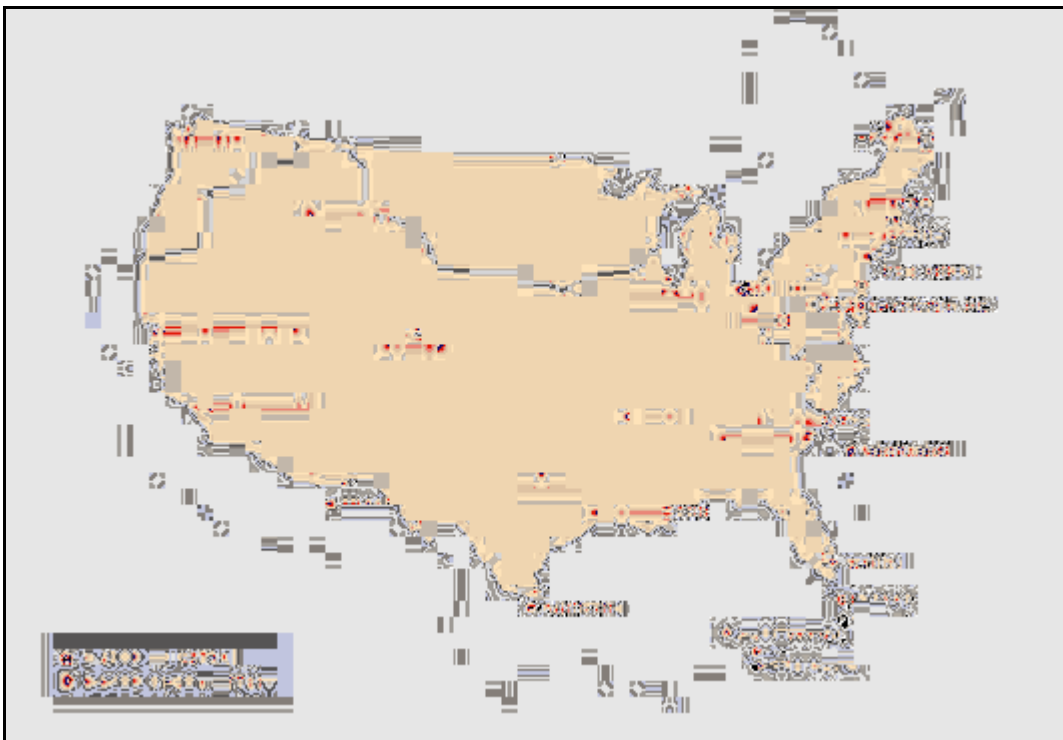
All of the top 25 kittens have 40 rings contributing to their score (“Scored Rings”). Figure 5 depicts the number of shows that contributed to the kitten points. Between 6 and 10 shows determined the points for the 10 Chinese kittens. The 15 R1-R7 kittens had between 7 and 16 show. (Best and 2nd best kittens used 6 and 7 rings, respectively). The 3rd best kitten (from the US) used 7 shows. Note: a 6x6 is considered as 2 separate shows.





**Figure 5: Number of shows contributing to scored rings for Top 25 kittens**

*It's instructive to compare the geographies of the US and China. The five major CFA show-producing cities in China are Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Chengdu. All CFA shows during the time period occurred in an area comparable to Chicago on the west, Boston on the north and Atlanta to the south. China has one show per weekend in an area less than Regions 1, 4 and 7 combined.*



**Figure 6: China and US geographies compared**

Figure 7 shows the population densities for the US and China. The area where the China shows were held is highly populated. The Shanghai metropolitan area is home to over 24 million people, Beijing home to over 18.4 million and Shenyang home to 8.2 million. Figure 8 shows the distances between the major show producing cities in China.

**Kallmeyer:** Looking at where things fit in the world, this is a map of China overlaid on the U.S. The significant cities that we're looking at are Shanghai which is kind of around Atlanta, Beijing which is probably closer to Chicago, and then Shenyang, which is Manchuria, kind of above North Korea. The shows in China are really kind of centered around those three areas. So, you're looking at the same area as Boston, Chicago, Atlanta. So, that's pretty consolidated. You have one show in there – one show, while the U.S. shows might be spread out or you might have multiple shows. In the U.S., you might have a Region 1 show and a second show at the same time where you're pulling kittens away from it, so you're not getting a concentration of the kittens.

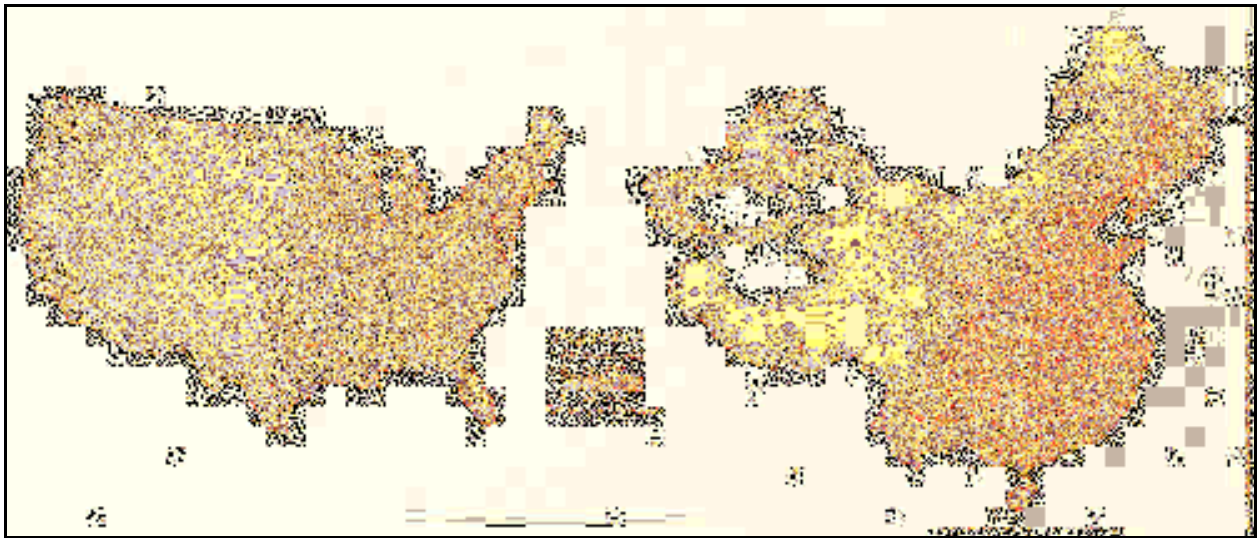


Figure 7: US and China population densities compared

City	Beijing	Chengdu	Guangzhou	Shanghai	Shenyang
Beijing		1,136	1,340	803	428
Chengdu	1,136		1,078	1,226	1,558
Guangzhou	1,340	1,078		957	1,745
Shanghai	803	1,226	957		1,079
Shenyang	428	1,558	1,745	1,079	

Figure 8: Distances between major China show producing cities

**Kallmeyer:** This is population, so darker is higher. What you're looking at, there's probably 5 times the China population in that same area that we have Chicago, etc. Cats are becoming more popular in China. Very significant. So, you have more people, small area, one show – guess what's going to happen? You're going to get intense concentration. The new clubs that we got, Wuhan would be in this area and Nanjing would be in this area, going up to Beijing. We do have shows in Chengdu where the pandas are. Really, there's a concentration of shows.

## Judges

Figure 9 shows the frequency of the number of judges whose finals contributed to the scored rings for the top 25 kittens. For instance, 26 judges awarded the scored rings for 3 kittens in R1-7 and 1 kitten in China; 19 judges awarded the scored rings for 1 kitten. Figure 10 provides some statistical measures on judges. In general, US kittens have an average of 26.2 judges contributing towards the 40 rings; Chinese judges have an average of 23.8 judges. Part of this reason is the greater number of US shows providing choices of judges. Both R1-7 and China exhibit under the same number of judges on average: 38.0 for R1-7, 38.2 for China. R1-R7 kittens are exhibited in more rings, 96.1 rings on average, due to the opportunity of more shows; Chinese kittens are exhibited in an average of 80.7 rings. Looking at the ratio of rings scored vs. rings exhibited, R1-R7 is 45.1% vs. China at 51.6%. A large part of this is difference is due to the kittens being shown a greater number of times in R1-R7 to try for a higher win.

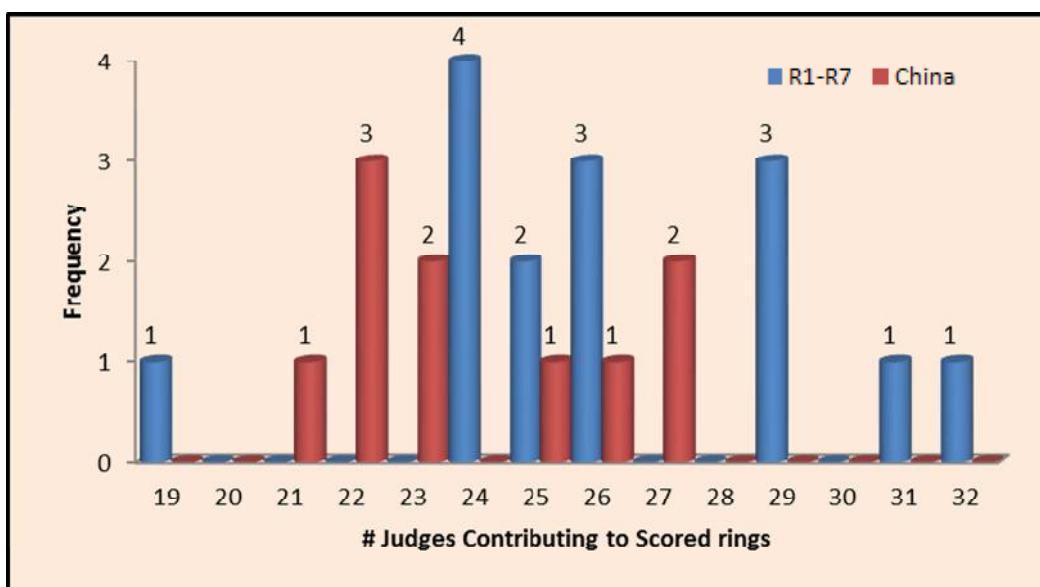


Figure 9: Frequency of number of judges contributing to scored rings

**Kallmeyer:** Let's look at what happens with judges and rings influencing the top 40 rings. These are the number of judges contributing to the 40 rings – the kept ring points. The blue is the U.S. We have one outlier here, a very efficient exhibitor. It took him 19 judges to get the 40 rings, to get their points. The red are the Chinese. So, what you see in the U.S., it's spread out more. Why do we see that? In the U.S., there's a lot of shows and you get the diehards that are going to go to a lot of shows. If you go to a lot of shows, you will pick up more judges, but the concentration is that if you look at Regions 1-7, the average number of judges going into my 40 rings, influencing my points, is about 26. In China, the average number is about 23.8. They are not too far off, so the same amount of judges are influencing the top points.

	# Scored Ring Judges			# Judges Exhibited Under			Total Rings Exhibited			Rings Scored/Exhibited		
	Average	Min	Max	Average	Min	Max	Average	Min	Max	Average	Min	Max
R1-R7	26.2	19	32	38.0	34	62	96.1	43	133	45.1%	30.1%	93.0%
ID	23.8	21	27	38.2	27	47	80.7	53	108	51.6%	37.0%	75.5%

Figure 10: Statistics on Judges influence on Top 25 kittens

Figure 11 shows the % of judges (of the total judges making top 40 awards) vs. the number of times an individual judge makes an award in the top 40 rings. For instance, 18.9% of China show judges gave two top 40 awards to R1-7 kittens, while 20.6% of judges did so for R1-R7 kittens. For R1-R7, one judge was responsible for 6 top awards for a kitten; in China, one judge was responsible for 7 out of the 40 rings.

**Kallmeyer:** If you look at the number of judges I exhibit under, Regions 1-7 is 38 and China is 38.2. So, I'm seeing the same number of judges to get my points. The total rings exhibited, here's where you see the difference. In the U.S., I'm probably going to go 96 rings; in China, I am probably going to go to 80, so I'm not going to go to as many shows as I would in the U.S. because they don't have them. If you look at the rings scored versus the rings I go to – exhibit under – in the U.S. the ratio is about 45%, in China it's about 52%. They're not too far off, if you look at it. The China kittens are seeing the same number of judges. They are different judges than we might see here.

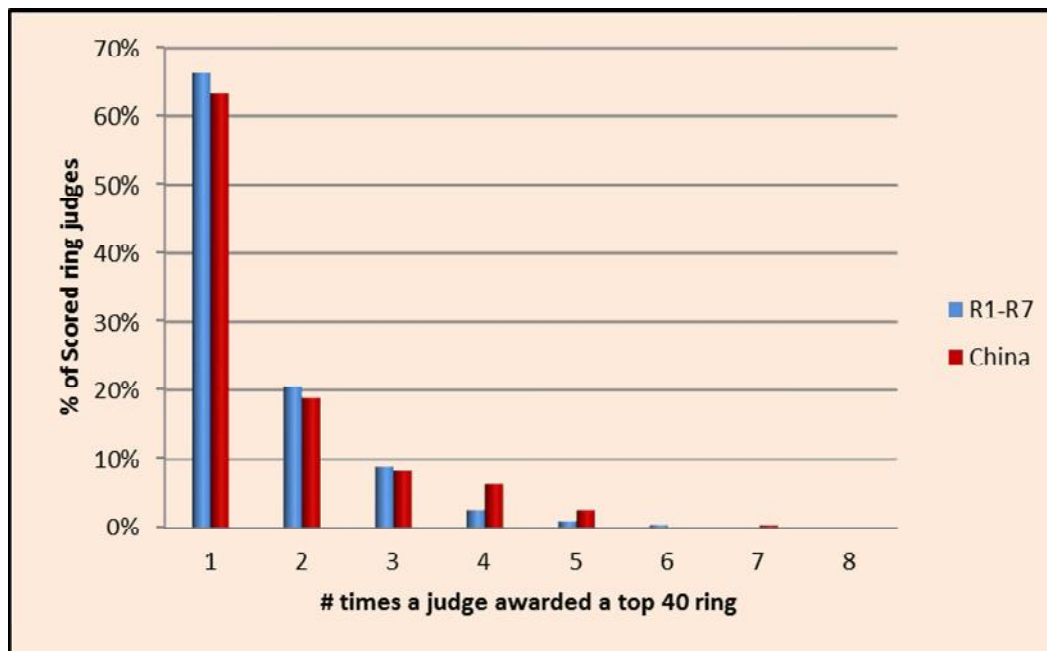


Figure 11: % of judges contributing to scored rings vs. the number of times a judge awards a top 40 ring

**Kallmeyer:** This chart is a little complicated, but this bottom part is the number of times a judge awarded a top 40 ring. So, I go to a show, Annette finals me once, twice, three times.

**Wilson:** I finaled your cat. **Kallmeyer:** You finaled my kitten, sorry. I picked on the judging person and she set me up to explain that to you. In this case, it's a percent of my scored rings. You see a high percent of the top 40 rings are really due to one judge. I'm going to see 26 judges or whatever, which is kind of interesting, and you see almost the same curve for China as you do for the U.S. – blue U.S., red China – so it's about the same. We heard that some judges go to China a lot of times and they're showing favoritism in order to get back to China. We don't see that. Obviously, there are some outliers. There was one case in China, one judge really liked a kitten, used it 7 times. Guess what? There was one judge in the U.S. that liked a kitten and used it 6 times. If you're an exhibitor, you go to the show where judges like your cat. Unfortunately, shows aren't always set up that way. But, it's not too far off. In China, you probably see more on

the outlier, but you look at the major point where the majority of your points are coming from and we don't see that indication. **DelaBar:** Wasn't that one of the considerations we used when we changed the guest judging rule? **Hannon:** To get a greater variety of judges, instead of seeing the same judge over and over. **Kallmeyer:** It could be, but what advantage does a guest judge provide to Asia? What advantage does a guest judge provide that our judges cannot provide? None. **DelaBar:** An opinion. **Kallmeyer:** Right. Well, none. What can you provide that we don't provide with our judges? **DelaBar:** I was saying, that was one of the points of consideration when we changed the rule on guest judging. **Kallmeyer:** We probably should not have guest judges at all in Asia. We don't have any advantage for guest judges, right? **DelaBar:** I will remember that. **Kallmeyer:** Well, we don't. Our judges provide the CFA culture. What do guest judges provide? **DelaBar:** Yes, but that was not part of the rationale when we changed the rule. We changed the rule based on the consideration that guest judges were unduly influencing the wins. **Kallmeyer:** Those could be guest judges on the chart. **DelaBar:** They could be.

**Hannon:** What's your bottom line? The bottom line is that the Chinese kittens don't really have an advantage? **Kallmeyer:** No, there's no real advantage. That's part of it. What their advantage is from a competitive viewpoint, is whether U.S. exhibitors can go there and compete, or whether we can get outside competition in there. You can get to China. **Hannon:** The point you made though is, it's not going to matter because you've got just as much of an advantage showing in this country. **Kallmeyer:** Exactly. **Hannon:** So, why spend the money even if you could get into China to compete for those points when you've got the same points available to you here? **Kallmeyer:** The problem is, people are complaining that they cannot compete against those kittens and influence the results. **Hannon:** They are complaining that they can't go over there and take advantage of the points. They seem to think – erroneously – that there are a lot of points over there that are unavailable to them. They are only available to the domestic cats, and you're saying that's not true. You've got just as much of an advantage showing in this country. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Kuta:** Do we know what the curve is? Like in China, are there only like 5 great cats, so they know they're always going to have a spot in the final, versus here where there may be more competition? **Kallmeyer:** It's hard to say. The only thing that we saw is, I think there were 3 Chinese kittens competed at the World Show. Two of them were #1 in both shows, so you don't really have a statistic where you're going one on one. I think that's definitely a concern. **Ganoe:** Anecdotal, not scientific, but over the 5 years I've gone to China, when I first went over there, there was one or two examples that were great structurally and they were wonderfully presented. You would have some others that were OK structurally, but their grooming and their presentation wasn't there. That changed over the 5 years to where now we've got great presentation on virtually every example that comes in. There are a couple out there that you really want to introduce them to a faucet and sink, but most of the time their cats are wonderfully groomed now and they are presenting wonderful examples of each of the breeds. One thing you have to realize is, the Chinese are fanatical about their breed. They are not fanatical about all of them. So, we get a whole lot of Exotics, a whole lot of bi-colors, a whole lot of Ragdolls, Brits and Americans. Outside of that, there's one or two outliers for all the other breeds. **Moser:** I have a couple people in my region that are just having melt-downs, so if I could maybe present this to them – **Kallmeyer:** It will be in the minutes. **Moser:** That would help. I don't necessarily agree with them. **Kallmeyer:** Here's what it comes down to. You have a diversity. It's not only our association fighting this, but Europe is TICA's China, basically. How do you arrive at a formula to compete across when you're not really competing? This becomes really difficult. You could set up a rule that maybe 50% of the points that contribute to what we

call a national or global win come from Regions 1-9, so you force them into competition. Can U.S. exhibitors go to China? It's pretty difficult. **Moser:** That's the main thing. **Kallmeyer:** You can, but the kind of hotels we go to, there's not a lot of English speakers so it would be difficult.

**Meeker:** I see a couple correlations in Dick's report as to what we discussed in our strategic planning on Friday. I remember these same arguments being made when Europe started coming over and taking a goodly percentage of the national wins. I think this is something that we just have to get used to. Dick's statistics bring home that there really isn't this unfair advantage. Our job, I think, is to educate the people away from this perception. The other point I would like to make is – I've heard in the show halls too – it gets back to how we view competition. Everything we do is based on competition. Competition is fine until you don't place as high as you think you should, and then it becomes an unlevel playing field. I think that's really what we need to work on within our association, is that culture of competitiveness and get these facts out there so people understand better. **Hannon:** One other thing, too, we found in Europe was that people from this country went to Europe and found that there really were some good cats over there and there was some competition. They weren't going to walk away with the points. I suspect the same would be true in China. For those who went to China, they would find some pretty stiff competition over there and they may not walk away with all the points they thought they would. **Kallmeyer:** Pointing out, too, it's more difficult for China to come to the U.S. to exhibit. It requires an embassy interview to get a visa. It's not like coming from Europe or going to Europe, where it's relatively easy. **Schreck:** I think what Dick's report shows is important. Having been a campaigner once or twice, you don't have to beat the other cat. You only have to get more points than they do, so you don't have to go head to head with that Chinese kitten or that French kitten or whatever; all you have to do is to get more points than they do, to accomplish what it is you're trying to do. I think Dick's report is very valuable in showing that you can do it here. You don't have to go there. Now, maybe you want to take on that cat because you don't like somebody. That's a different story, but it's not that you ever have to beat the other cat that's the same division or whatever that you are, you've just got to get more points.

**(25) YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Cathy Dunham, Karen Lane  
**Liaison to Board:** Kathy Calhoun  
**List of Committee Members:** Aubrey Anderson, Maureen Clark, Lorna Friemoth,  
Marguerite Epstein, Donna Trusler, Debbie Gomez

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

*The program has had two new youth join in the fun. The program has a total of 40 youth participating in the four age divisions.*

*YFEP participated in the World Show. This we had the booth on the benching area and was to be manned by youth participating in the program. Due to health and transportation issues the youth was unable to attend, however, the booth was well represented at the show. We handed out brochures and toys to exhibitors and spectators visiting the booth. The programs thanks President Mark Hannon and the benching committee for the World Show for all their help in making this happen.*

*The program's new brochure was used at the world show and seemed well received.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The basic Logo has not yet been updated. The person who originally designed the logo is no longer working with the program and cannot find the files to give me or update for us. The program is currently looking working to find a way to correct the current logo or to redesign the logo for board approval.*

*YFEP is working with the IT committee chair to move our website under the CFA umbrella and to have the site updated and maintained by the CFA webmistress, Kathy Durdick. Again, we thank President Mark Hannon, Dennis Ganoë and Kathy Durdick for all their help and suggestions during this process.*

**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.*

**Time Frame:**

*None.*

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

*Program update.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Dunham and Karen Lane, Co-Chair*

**Hannon:** Kathy has the Youth Program report for us. **Calhoun:** There's no action items. I hope you have read the report. Are there any questions? **Hannon:** Thank you Kathy.



**(26) IT REPORT.**

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

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

*A number of additional reports have been published and processes restarted since the last report.*

- *ePoints*  
*This information was reformatted to more closely match that which we published before the new system went online. The data available is expanded to include all cats earning points however we also have a link to show just the top 200 for each category.*
- *Scoreboards*  
*The scoreboard was improved as well as publishing year-to-date data*
- *Grand Report*  
*The list of Grands was published to the web. Unfortunately, a problem found with the data and the file was temporarily removed pending correction. The data was incomplete, not incorrect.*
- *Grand Certificates*  
*The list of Grands that is posted to the web is to be used to generate the Grand Champion/Premier certificates to be mailed to owners*
- *Champion/Premier certificates*  
*The confirmation certificates for Champions and Premiers are now being produced and mailed.*
- *DM Titles*  
*Previously, we had no method to confer the DM title to cats in the new system. This has been rectified and is being used to confer the title to those cats who have qualified.*
- *DM Certificates*  
*Since the DM Titles can now be conferred, we are able to begin printing DM Certificates*
- *DM Report*  
*The DM Report will soon be published to the web.*
- *Direct Database access*  
*We achieved access to our database (SQL) via direct connection with our provider. This will improve our understanding of what we need to do for future expansion as well as allow ad hoc queries of data. This requires VPN access to CFA to connect in order to protect our data.*
- *Reverse Pedigrees are now available from the new system.*
- *Year End Statistics are to be printed and are available for 2014. This is a repeatable report that we do not have to program each year.*
- *Year End Awards reports have been created and are under test for accuracy.*

*Due to numerous issues we've experienced with our I.T. in general we determined a review of our I.T. system was warranted. GBS, a local company that focuses on print management, marking and IT solutions was requested to conduct such a review. In general that review consisted of:*

- *Asset Management: Device, Servers and Network Warranty and Workstation, Laptop and Mobile Warranty*
- *Security Monitoring: Antivirus, Window Patching, Third Party Patching and Hardware Firewall*
- *Data Protection*
- *Network Reliability*
- *Performance: Servers*

*A detailed report was submitted by GBS. The report concluded a number of problems existed as well security issues with the system. We prioritize the initial issues and identified nine critical issues that needed to be handled immediately as well as identifying who best at C.O. would be able to affect the changes within the system and office. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled with GBS as well with Terri, James and Verna working on the priority list. A number of issues have been handled and corrected already with the rest scheduled.*

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

- *Genetics Module*  
*A reputable geneticist has agreed to write the basic screening rules for CFA. These rules will be used to develop a prototype module to ascertain suitability for CO. When that is determined, we will write specifications to get the module programmed.*
- *Ring Reports*  
*This is the ring report for individual cats*
- *Grand of Distinction Report and title confirmation process*  
*Similar to the DM title, the GoD confirmation and title acquisition process had not been programmed but is underway.*
- *HHP Registration programming and process*  
*The process is understood what needs to happen. We are writing requirements for changes to the system to allow recording, certificates, scoring and reporting of HHP starting April 1, 2015.*

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

- *Show Schedule from the New System*
- *Club Module*
- *Judges Module*
- *Unclaimed Title Report and Notification process*
- *Cattery Report*
- *Clerking Module*

**Board Action Items:**

- None

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

*We will report on the progress for ongoing projects in the order of priority.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Dennis Ganoë, Chair*

**Hannon:** Next, and it's going to be just as quick, is the IT Report. **Ganoë:** The IT Report is there. I have no action items, although I have a couple things I would like to update you on. Let me get it up here. **Hannon:** Excuse me? Is that in the minutes? **Anger:** Got it. **Hannon:** Now that we've got all that in the minutes, go ahead. **Ganoë:** The grand report and the grand certificates. I know we are looking for those. We are still running into problems with getting the May and June grands identified. They were awarded their titles, but because we didn't have a system that awarded them systemically, they don't show up on our report so we can't get them into the batch printing. Do you have any update on that, Verna? **Dobbins:** As of right now, they are still double checking them. **Hannon:** I have a question. If we're having a problem with May and June, what's happened to July through today? **Dobbins:** As far as I know, they were still not printed. **Ganoë:** Do we know why? **Dobbins:** James has not gotten to that yet. **Hannon:** Terri, can you follow up and send me a note, and I'll let the board know what the status is on getting the grand certificates printed and sent out for July through January? **Ganoë:** Yes. **Barry:** What kind of time frame do you want on it? What's reasonable? **Hannon:** We've gone beyond reasonable. It should have already been out a long time ago. It doesn't matter for us to say what's reasonable. You need to come back and tell us what's going to happen. If we say reasonable is 2 months and he says it's not going to be for 5 months, what's the sense of saying 2? **Barry:** Incentive, because it came from the board. **Meeker:** Ten days. **DelaBar:** Two weeks. **Barry:** OK.

**Ganoë:** I'm not going to steal any thunder from Ginger. She's got a Management Report, but the IT Committee has been working very closely with Management to make sure our projects are on a list and people are assigned to them. You'll see that list reflected in what Ginger has in her presentation. I did want to mention the GBS survey. They found a number of items and when I got their report, I took their findings into a spreadsheet and identified what I felt were the highest priorities, shared that with Terri and Verna, and as far as I know they are working through that list. **Hannon:** Just for the people who are reading the minutes, who is GBS and what did they do? **Ganoë:** GBS was a local company that did an IT review of the entire system. They focused on print management, marketing and IT solutions. They surveyed our asset management, which are devices, servers, network warranty, work stations, laptops and our mobile warranty, as well as our security monitoring for our firewalls, data protection, network reliability and the overall performance of the system. So, they did a complete survey and

reported a detailed report submitted by them, and it highlighted a number of issues that we had to correct. We prioritized those issues, we assigned someone to work on them, and we're working through them. **Hannon:** Thank you.

**Hannon:** What else have you got? **Ganoe:** The only other thing that I wanted to highlight is, we are highlighting the Household Pet recording process so that we are ready for May 1<sup>st</sup>. They can be recorded in the new system. We need a redesigned certificate so they can go to the batch printing. We made some decisions on how to take the 600 we've already got recorded, that were recorded independently, and get them into the system so we can actually use those to test our printing. We have a meeting coming up where we're going to discuss how we're going to process the forms that come in for recording the cats. They are going to come either via email – I don't think we have email yet. **Dobbins:** Not yet. **Ganoe:** Not yet, so they're going to come by paper like a regular registration would, it would go to the Registration Department with some form of payment, and the plan was to also be able for the Household Pet exhibitor to register/record their cat at the show, which means that would come in the show package. That gets opened by Shirley and Linda, so we have to work out the procedures because they don't usually handle money. They have to work out the procedures for getting that cat recorded so that it can be scored. So, we have some internal procedures that the system has to be designed to work with. **Hannon:** Don't they also handle money for championship and premiership claims? **Mastin:** And the regional surcharge. **Ganoe:** I have to refer to Terri and Verna on that. **Hannon:** It comes in a package that gets opened by whom? The scoring people? **Dobbins:** Linda opens all show packages. Anything that has money gets sent to the finance department. **Hannon:** Alright, so this shouldn't be handled any different than that – the Household Pet money that may come in with the package? **Dobbins:** The only thing we're going to have to do is speed up the process so that the show can be scored. **Kuta:** Could this be similar to the temporary registration number process? Isn't that similar? **Ganoe:** It was not discussed by the board to do that, so I don't know if we want to go that way. **Kuta:** I mean, give them their recording number, but it's a similar thing where they give a form and some money, right, to get scored? **Ganoe:** This is an idea we can talk about with Verna and Terri, but we haven't really come up with that whole process yet. We told them that's what we need to do. We've got the system that will do it. Now, we've got to get the processes that use that system. **Meeker:** Dennis, I thought we also discussed the feasibility of recording the Household Pets through eCats. **Ganoe:** That is a separate part of this project. Right now, part of our brainstorming session is, do we make it a drop down on the regular eCats, which would mean a Household Pet exhibitor would need an eCat account, or do we set something up like the old secure.cfa blue slip or green slip registration where they don't need an account, but they can fill in all the information, put their credit card and it gets sent off. We're still brainstorming which way we want to go with that. **Meeker:** We were also talking about having the possibility of, somebody brings a Household Pet to the show and they want to get their recorded number at the show, having maybe a portal for a master clerk to go in and register this cat on the spot. **Ganoe:** That is also on the table. I'm not optimistic of having that by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Meeker:** Not by May 1<sup>st</sup>? **Ganoe:** This actually kicks in May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Hannon:** Do you have something else for IT? **Ganoe:** I have nothing else for IT.

(27) **WEB OVERSIGHT.**

*Committee Chair: Dennis Ganoë*  
*List of Committee Members: Kathy Durdick*

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

*Since the last board meeting in December, significant changes to the website have occurred. This is in addition to the regular stuff like show updates, new banners/stories on the homepage.*

- *Spay/neuter article changes for Joan Miller*
- *Expanded the HHP page to include info on the upcoming titles, as well as adding a new page of “tips for first timers” (which Kendall Smith graciously shared)*
- *Final breed council ballot results posted for all breeds*
- *Revised show rules posted*
- *New clerking schools*
- *Multiple Ambassador pages updated*
- *CFA timetable updated for 2015*
- *New Persian breed article from 2007 yearbook*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

- *Arabic pages are being coded after translations received*
- *Chartreux breed article updates*
- *Prototype of the home page calendar idea, waiting on export files from the new system to proceed much further.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*There will probably be a number of other breed articles added in the next few weeks, as well, as Mark put out a call on the BCS list for them to take a look and see what we already have online, and what they'd like to have added.*

**Board Action Items:**

*None*

**Time Frame:**

*N/A*

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

*We will report on the progress for ongoing maintenance and updates.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Dennis Ganoë, Chair*  
*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Kathy Durdick, Chair*

**Hannon:** Are you ready for Web Oversight? **Ganoë:** I am ready. On the web, we have done a lot of updates with various people, and I thank you all for copying me on your requests to Kathy for what you want updated on the web. We have the translations for Arabic. We are currently waiting for graphics. Teresa Keiger was in Kuwait this last weekend. She was going to get us a bunch of pictures from the show so that we can use them as our graphics on that page. Kathy is undertaking some experimental programming. One of the things we wanted to do was to come up with a mobile app for CFA, but a survey of the industry shows that mobile apps connected to websites are not the thing that the industry is doing. Right now, they are going to dynamic device programming, which means you will go to the same website but the website will be smart enough to know what device you're actually looking at it on, and it will format it for you that way. **Kuta:** If CFA wants to add a monetizable element to this? **Ganoë:** I am always interested. **Kuta:** Let me know. **Kuta:** A free app with advertising inside of it always works better than a paid. **Ganoë:** Let us talk. That's what's going on in web oversight.

(28) **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.**

**Committee Chair:** Ginger Meeker  
**List of Committee Members:** Dick Kallmeyer, Jodell Raymond, Pam DelaBar, Jean Dugger

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

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

**Record Retention Project** – *The record retention document was completed earlier this year and continues to be updated as new documents are added or information is updated per best practice criteria. The full document for Record Retention criteria is available to the Central Office.*

**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. Software and hardware is in place and being used on a daily basis for greater speed and record security and retention in cloud storage.*

*Scanning will begin to include old documents for archiving and offsite storage soon after the February BOD meeting. We will be starting with the >1 million 3x5 cards that will provide security and access for our historical registration information. A new scanner will be purchased out of the monies in the Business Management account to facilitate this process. The current scanner is in use full time for daily work flow and this makes it difficult to schedule scanning time for the archival processes. Terri Barry will be researching and purchasing the hardware, with input from IT, and will at that same time determine if larger card trays are available. At this time, the card tray only will hold 20-30 cards. With the amount of data input, a larger tray would be much more efficient. Ginger Meeker will do the initial work on this system so further training and times criteria can be determined. At a point when the system is fully operational, we will then discuss how to bring someone in to continue the process. It is thought at this time that a student or intern might be used for this process. As we see the process at this point, a team of 2 would be the best way to do all the steps involved and keep the process flowing.*

**Strategic Planning** – *The Classmarker survey was completed by all members of the BOD and management personnel at the CO. The data will be assessed and presented as part of the planning exercises that took place the Friday before this BOD meeting. Facilitator Dick Pettite lead our process for the second year in a row.*

**Customer Service Solutions** – *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. These*

*issues continue to occur and if the person is an active exhibitor, the RD for the person's region will be notified of the problem.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*We continue to work in conjunction with the Central Office to help in any way possible. This Chair and the ED meet on a regular basis to determine solutions for problems and outline new ideas and projects for the Central Office. We have a very talented ED and I have appreciated working with her and Verna to accomplish many projects and processes.*

**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*

**Hannon:** Business Management. **Meeker:** You have all read the report. There are no action items in the report, so are there any questions about that particular report?



**(29) AWARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

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

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The awards committee is currently working on two issues – improvements to the National Awards trophies, and a new title series.*

***National Awards Trophies***

*At the October meeting, we discussed corporate sponsorship for awards. Unfortunately, we have been unable to attract participation yet. There are still some potential avenues, but it will be too late to use the income to pick out different awards for 2015. We recommend using the same trophies as last year for 2015 and will work to improve the 2016 awards.*

*In our survey of award recipients, we asked about the possibility of individual sponsors similar to what some of the regions do for their awards. There was very little support for this for the National Winner trophies, but some responses indicated it might be acceptable for breed awards. We would like to experiment this year with the rosettes. The rosettes add over \$2000 to the trophy bill. We propose allowing breed councils and clubs to sponsor a breed or division's rosettes for \$50. The name of the sponsor would be on a streamer on the rosette. If this is successful, we could expand the club/breed council sponsorships next year to include all of the rosettes and possibly the breed trophies. This has the potential to raise \$2000 and income from these sponsorships would allow us to improve at least the breed trophies and contribute to emphasizing breed competition in CFA.*

***New Title Series – Multi-level Grands***

*The awards committee received a suggestion to create a multi-level series of titles. AKC offers four titles beyond Champion and Grand Champion – the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels. The suggestion was to create similar levels for our Grand titles.*

*The theory behind the multi-level titles is that when a new person is showing their first cat and achieves the grand title, they often wonder “what’s next?” If they do not wish to compete for a year-end award such as an RW, they have little reason to continue to show their grand. This is not limited to new people; more experienced exhibitors have grands that they are unwilling to campaign for a year-end award but that they would like to show occasionally toward some goal.*

*This was the reasoning behind the Grand of Distinction award; it was the awards committee's first attempt at a “what’s next” title, but not meant to be the only such title. The Grand of Distinction is a three season award; the owner must continue to compete in a handful of shows for each of three seasons. Not all owners of a grand will want to make that kind of commitment towards a title. We need a simpler and quicker “what’s next” title. We believe the following multi-level title proposal will attract entries from those people who have a grand that they would*

*like to show occasionally but that do not want to make the financial and time commitment that is necessary for a year-end or Grand of Distinction award.*

*We discussed this with some exhibitors and asking for feedback on CFA-list, and this idea has strong support and was enthusiastically received. We received numerous emails from people who said they do not now compete for RW/GWs but would compete for these multi-level titles, especially from new exhibitors or exhibitors with family that do not want to have to travel for many weekends. The concern expressed in some of the feedback is that Grand of Distinction has met with negativity because people are unhappy to see so many former NWs continuing to compete. To address that concern, we suggest that the multi-level grand designations would be replaced by a DW, RW or GW, and thus those cats would not need to continue to compete for the multi-level grand titles. It will be assumed that a cat good enough to finish a season in the top 25 in its region, division (top 10), or globally is good enough to be considered the highest of the multi-level titles in that class. In other words, if a cat has an RW or GW, it will by default be a Platinum Grand in that class and will not need to continue to compete for that title.*

*We propose offering Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels for the GC, GP and GH titles based on points accumulated over **multiple** seasons. These titles would be designated as GCB, GCS, GCG and GCP with similar notation for the GP and GH titles. The D designation for Grand of Distinction would come after the B/S/G/P notation, it would not replace it. However, if a cat earns a regional or global win in the same class as the B/S/G/P, the DW, RW or GW designation would replace the B/S/G/P. A cat would retain the B/S/G/P notation if the DW/RW/GW is earned in a different class. We suggest allowing the Household Pets to retain both the B/S/G/P designation and the HRW/HDW title at this time until there is more participation in the HHP class.*

*For example, suppose a cat has the title GCP, GP, RW. That means the cat is a Grand Champion at the Platinum level and the RW was earned in either the kitten or premiership classes. Had the cat earned the RW in championship, it would have replaced the P designation. Another example, a cat has the title GC, GPB RW. This cat is a Grand Champion and a Grand Premier at the Bronze level with a RW earned in either the kitten or Grand Champion classes.*

*We suggest introducing the concept of a major for these levels. One of the flaws in our scoring system is that we have ghost points. Since we figure the count for each show based on cats present in at least one ring, we have ghost points where cats earn points in finals from cats that were not actually handled in that ring. To address this, we suggest considering AKC's concept of a major. In AKC, a dog must achieve 15 points for its championship. But the dog must also have two major wins where a major is a win that is worth three or more points. Each major must be won under a different judge, and some of the rest of the points must be earned under at least one more judge. The major is a way to ensure that each dog defeats a significant number of other dogs and has the approval of at least three judges. We can use this concept to lessen the impact of ghost points by ensuring that cats earn at least a few finals by defeating a significant number of other cats.*

*We already have criteria built into the Grand titles that require points from multiple judges, and we do require that each cat earn at least one final. For our multi-level titles, we suggest defining a major as a final that is worth a certain number of points and that each major must be from a*

*different judge. Since the average class size of HHP across CFA is currently under 12, we do not suggest introducing the concept of a major for HHPs yet since it may be too difficult to achieve.*

*Ideally, we would like the major to be defined as a cat having to finish in the top five spots in a big final, but this might be harder to track and certainly finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in a class of over 100 is significant enough to be a major. A cat that can finish in the top 5 of what was the average count last season in CFA has defeated a significant number of cats in a big final, it is achievable at the average show, and thus that is what we suggest count as a major. In championship the average count was 56, 5<sup>th</sup> best would be 44. In premiership the average count was 26, 5<sup>th</sup> best would 20. Based on these average values, we suggest that a major be defined as a top 10/15 final that is worth at least 40 points in championship and at least 20 points in premiership. We should revisit these values every two or three seasons to adjust as CFA's average counts go up or down.*

*Here are the suggested points and majors for each level in each class, remember these are earned over multiple seasons:*

	<b>GC</b>		<b>GP</b>		<b>GH</b>	
<i>Bronze</i>	<i>400 pts</i>	<i>1 major</i>	<i>200 pts</i>	<i>1 major</i>	<i>200 pts</i>	<i>no majors</i>
<i>Silver</i>	<i>800 pts</i>	<i>2 majors</i>	<i>400 pts</i>	<i>2 majors</i>	<i>400 pts</i>	<i>no majors</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>1600 pts</i>	<i>4 majors</i>	<i>800 pts</i>	<i>4 majors</i>	<i>800 pts</i>	<i>no majors</i>
<i>Platinum</i>	<i>3200 pts</i>	<i>8 majors</i>	<i>1600 pts</i>	<i>8 majors</i>	<i>1600 pts</i>	<i>no majors</i>

*Each major must be earned from a different judge. The suggested values are progressive with each level being double the prior level. Points for the multi-level titles are Global/Regional points earned **after** achieving the title Grand and are accumulated over multiple seasons. Global/Regional points or majors earned while competing in open, champion or premier status will not count for the levels.*

*The points that a cat earns are cumulative toward the levels. In other words, the points and majors from one level count for the requirement in later years. A cat does not start fresh in either points or majors for each level and may earn points before majors or vice versa. However, each level is not awarded until the cat achieves both the correct number of points and majors for that level.*

*While the points required for a B/S/G/P award may sometimes be higher than what was required for the 25<sup>th</sup> RW title in some regions, the B/S/G/P awards are based on points accrued over multiple seasons and only after a cat grands, and thus the multi-level awards are calculated differently and the points should not be compared to what is necessary for RWs.*

*Points earned in championship would not be transferred to premiership. This means a cat could earn multi-level titles in both classes. For example, a cat could have the title GCB, GPP. RW/GW earned in the kitten class would not be superseded, nor would the BW title. If a cat*

*earns a RW/GW in championship then goes on to earn a multi-level grand title in premiership, the championship RW/GW would not be superseded.*

*The multi-level titles will not be automatic. The owner will claim the titles for fees to be set by the board. CFA will provide certificates for each level claimed, the fee should be set to include the cost of these certificates. We can add optional awards later, such as medallions, also for a fee. The claim fees should be set in such a way that the owner has the option to either claim each level or wait to claim the top-most level achieved; the fees should not be cumulative if the owner does not want to claim each level. Regions may assist in promoting these titles by including them in their year-end celebrations, so a list of each region's multi-level titles earned in a season should be provided to the regions with the other year-end data.*

*We ask that the board approve this title scheme to begin with points and majors earned in the 2015-2016 season. Points or majors earned prior to that season should not count. If the concept of the major is not liked, that can easily be removed and the levels can be based solely on regional/global points. The board also has the option to adjust the points if those that are suggested are thought to be too difficult or easy. Another option is to submit this to the delegation for approval at the 2015 annual.*

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

*Continue to work on improving the trophies. Call for nominations for Star Awards.*

#### **Board Action Items:**

- *Approve club and breed council sponsorship of breed rosettes for the annual awards for \$50 per breed/division, to include the sponsor's name on the rosettes.*

[from after conclusion of Breeds and Standards] **Hannon:** What I'm going to do now, I've been asked to juggle some of these issues around. Some board members have flights, etc., or a committee chair doesn't want to stay until midnight, so I'm going to first, let's go to the Awards Committee. If Mary would come all the way up front and sit at the table. Mary Kolencik is here as the committee chair. **Kolencik:** Last October we discussed exploring corporate sponsorship for the trophies. Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful in that, so we plan on keeping the same budget as last year and continuing those efforts for next year. The national awards. However, we would like to experiment with rosettes, and we would like to allow the clubs and breed councils to sponsor their breed rosettes for \$50 and their name would be on a streamer. When we discussed individual sponsors, similar to how the regions do their awards, when we discussed that with people they were kind of like, "not for our national trophies." They thought CFA should be giving the trophies for the top 25s, but there were some people that were kind of OK with the breed concept, so we thought we would experiment with this with the rosettes, kind of test the waters to see what kind of input we get, what kind of support we get for it, and then maybe we can expand that next year to the breed trophies. That way, that would allow us to improve the breed trophies and put more emphasis on the breeds. So, we need your permission to do that for this year. I want to remind everybody, this is limited to clubs and breed councils – no individuals, just clubs and breed councils. **Meeker:** So moved. **Ganoe:** Second.

**Eigenhauser:** As long as it's on a separate streamer, if somebody is seriously offended, just cut it off. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? **Meeker:** So, they are going to take home a damaged rosette? **Dugger:** My only issue – it's not an issue, but I just thought I would bring it up on behalf of the Persian breed council. We have a lot of divisions within the Persian Breed Council and that's going to create a little bit more expense for our breed council than others. I know we're the largest one, but we're probably going to have to collect some funds in order to be able to do that. **McCullough:** You have more contributors. **Kolencik:** Somebody mentioned if somebody doesn't like the streamer, they can cut it off. We can order some extra streamers from the company, so they can staple a replacement streamer in there. We can order extra blank streamers. **Kuta:** You said clubs. Is it open to any club, or just one of the breed clubs? **Kolencik:** Any club. **Hannon:** She's just trying to avoid individuals doing this. **Kuta:** Perfect. So, that would solve your Persian breed council thing. Clubs, like the Himalayan Clubs or whatever. **Mastin:** Why do we need to order the extra streamer? Why not just take it off? **Kolencik:** Because then you're out of balance. You can't have an out-of-balance rosette. **Hannon:** Where is your feng shui? **Raymond:** It's the individual's choice to take it off. Why are we rewarding them? **Kolencik:** We'll tell them where they can go buy extra streamers to replace. **Raymond:** They can cut it off and turn it around. **Krzanowski:** When would this be effective? **Hannon:** This year. **Kolencik:** I'm going to have to work with Jodell and Central Office on setting up how we're going to get the money in. I'm assuming we'll just have it come in by credit card or PayPal through the CFA site, so I'll put out an announcement as soon as you approve this and we'll start taking names and figuring it out. **Calhoun:** So, in general, what's the proposed revenue for every breed? **Hannon:** Do you have a price in mind? **Kolencik:** \$50. **Calhoun:** No, how much income in total do you think this is going to cost? **Kolencik:** We have 50 breeds/divisions, so if we do this for each divisions, we're figuring \$2,500 max. **Calhoun:** So, the administrative and printing seems to me to be a nightmare. Is it warranted, for that amount of money? **Hannon:** She is doing it as an experiment she said, to see what kind of support there is so that they could expand it if there is a lot of support, or abandon it if there isn't. **Kuta:** Is it extra effort to print the name of a sponsor on it? Does that add administrative cost? If it does, does the sponsor really need to be on the rosette? **Hannon:** Right now we're printing the rosettes and incurring a cost without that printing, so if we're getting \$50 and all the additional increase in expense is printing on one streamer, don't you think the \$50 more than covers it? **Kuta:** Yeah, but the administrative – like just keeping track of that will take a lot of time. **Kolencik:** I'm going to be the one keeping track of the names. **Hannon:** And she's a volunteer. **Kolencik:** I'm going to be the one making the list and submitting it to the rosette company, or I'll give it to Jodell and Jodell will submit it. Whatever. I'm going to keep track of the names. There won't be any cost for the administrative stuff, except for the person who has to collect the money in CFA. The cost of adding a name to a streamer, I haven't priced this out yet, but when I did it for breed councils it was minimal. **Hannon:** Pennies. **Kolencik:** We're talking about three rosettes for \$50. **J. Raymond:** Just to clarify, Mary, the cost for the rosettes looks like it's nominal on the bids that we have been receiving. The only concern that I think we're coming up with is the administrative cost as to how we're going to keep track of who is going on what streamer. Is that something that your committee is going to do? **Hannon:** She is doing it and she's dealing with the company. The only expense to CFA is collecting the money. **Eigenhauser:** Depositing the money in the bank. **J. Raymond:** OK, so you're going to take that list and turn that over to us so we can place that order? **Kolencik:** Yes. **Krzanowski:** I have one additional question. Is the sponsor's name going to be included in the program for the Annual? **Kolencik:** I have no plans to do that. I don't want

to affect the printing at this point. Maybe next year we could do something like that. **Hannon:** Next year CFA is in charge. **Kolencik:** Next year CFA is in charge so it might be a little easier, but right now I don't want to get into that. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments? Do we have a motion? **Anger:** We have her action item, Ginger moved and it was seconded. **Eigenhauser:** We just need the President to call it.

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

**Hannon:** Mary, it was unanimous. Congratulations. **Kolencik:** Thank you.

- *Approve the multi-level grand titles to begin with points and majors earned during the 2015-2016 season, or send the proposal to the delegates for approval at the 2015 annual to begin with the 2016-2017 season.*

### ***Grand Achievement Levels***

*Establish the Grand Achievement Levels, which are multiple levels for the Grand titles - Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. These will apply to GC, GP and GH and will be designated with the letters B, S, G & P after the grand title. Example - GCB, GCS, GCG, GCP, similarly with GP & GH.*

*Points for these levels are Global/Regional points earned in any type of ring or show that can accrue over multiple seasons.*

*Points proposed for each level are as follows:*

	<b><i>Grand Championship</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Premiership</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Household Pet</i></b>
<i>Bronze</i>	<i>400 points</i>	<i>200 points</i>	<i>400 points**</i>
<i>Silver</i>	<i>800 points</i>	<i>400 points</i>	<i>600 points</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>1600 points</i>	<i>800 points</i>	<i>1000 points</i>
<i>Platinum</i>	<i>3200 points</i>	<i>1600 points</i>	<i>1800 points</i>

*\*\* since the first 200 points earned by an HHP apply to the GH title, the bronze level for the HHP is inflated to include those first 200 points*

*The B/S/G/P notation will not be replaced in the cat's title by the D for Grand of Distinction nor by RW, BW, or HRW.*

*Championship and Premiership cats that achieve an NW or GW will not receive or keep the B/S/G/P notation. These cats will be considered Platinum Grands by default.*

*Global/regional points earned while in open, champion or premier status will count towards these levels, however a cat must be a grand to claim any level. Ring replacement – all points count for the levels, no rings replaced.*

*The points are cumulative through the levels. That is, a cat does not start out back at 0 after achieving a level. However, points earned in one class are not transferrable to another.*

*Titles are not automatic and must be claimed by the exhibitor. It will not be necessary to claim all of the levels below to claim a higher level. Suggested claim fee for each level is \$20 which will include a certificate.*

*Scoring will begin with the 2015-2016 season. Titles and certificates will be awarded as soon as the capability has been added to the CFA computer and all of the necessary processes, forms and procedures have been defined, which will likely be some time after the start of the 2015-2016 season.*

*Points from prior seasons may be used, however owners must apply for retroactive titles and point restoration for seasons prior to 2015-2016. There can be a fee to restore points from prior seasons, suggested fee is \$5 per season in addition to any necessary claim fees for the level title.*

*Exhibitors will receive a certificate for each level claimed. Other awards (e.g. engraved medallions or coins) may be added in the future for the exhibitor to purchase.*

*Marketing - newsletter, news announcement, Cat Talk article, direct mailing with grand certificates, website.*

*There will be no changes to the catalog or judging sheets.*

**Kolencik:** On to the next topic, and this is the handout that I passed out. Every year, Monte Phillips writes a very sobering statistics article. Looking at the most recent article, over the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Entries are critical to the success of our shows, and the successful shows are critical to CFA. A 43% decline in 12 years is dramatic, but how do we reverse it? You have already tried some things. For example, the mandatory specialty rings we are hoping is going to generate entries. We're also hoping the club sponsorships and things like that will help the clubs. Last fall, my committee received a suggestion which we believe has the potential to generate some entries, and we are bringing it up today to ask for your feedback. The suggestion is to create additional levels for the grand title similar to what AKC has – they have the bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels – to encourage increased showing of grand champions and grand premiers. So, here's the thinking behind this. A large problem for exhibitors is that once we grand a cat, we all ask, "what's next" for that cat. For a small percentage of us, the answer is the regional or global win. For most people though, what's next is often nothing. If the owner of a grand does not want to make the financial or time commitment necessary for an end-of-year win, or the three-year commitment for the Grand of Distinction, there really are no other titles to attain through showing that cat. So, what kind of numbers are we talking about? According to Monte's article, there were almost 2,000 grands last season, so adding up the year-end titles, there are 470 spots for global winner and regional winner in championship and premiership, so if we subtract 470 from the number of grands, we are left with roughly 1,500 grands that have no further title in the prime of their career. So, that's the kind of pool that we're talking about that we would like to attract as more entries. I'm going to give you one more statistic to consider. I tabulated the counts so far this season. It really is interesting to see that 24% of our championship classes are grands, 76% of the entries in the class are opens

and champions. So, we already have pretty good competition for the grand champion title, but we could gain some entries from those cats and keep them in the shows as grands, and that's the purpose of this proposal.

**Kolencik:** The proposal is to establish 4 grand achievement levels – bronze, silver, gold and platinum – similar to AKC. These will apply to Grand Champion, Grand Premier and Grand Household Pet, and be designated with the letters B, S, G and P after the grand title. I'm not going to go through everything that's on that sheet I gave you, I'll just hit the highlights. Points for these levels are global/regional points and they can accrue over multiple seasons. So, if you grand your cat in February and you want to show it from March until June, you would keep the points from March and April, along with your May and June points. The points proposed for each level are listed for you. The letter notation for the level will not be replaced by the cat's title for the G for Grand of Distinction, nor for Regional Win, Breed Win or Household Pet Regional Win, but we are proposing that for the championship and premierships cats that achieve a national win or global win, that those classes will not receive these titles. The reason for that is, there was some negativity with the Grand of Distinction title. One of the objections is, they don't like seeing those national winners coming back out for three seasons. While I do not share that objection, that would not be a concern with this because those cats are all going to be over these point levels, so there is no reason for us to have them competing for these titles. They have already achieved this. **Hannon:** It would be similar to what we have now. When your cat grands, you lose the Champion title because you have achieved a higher award. The concept is that this is a lower award than a national/global award. **Kolencik:** Right. Those cats will already be presumed to be platinum winners, so we won't have that residual negativity that we have there. The titles are not automatic. They would have to be claimed by the exhibitor for a fee. We are suggesting \$20, and the exhibitors will receive a certificate for each level claimed. It's possible that in the future we can add additional awards. This kind of concept lends itself to several possibilities. For example, medallions or coins or something that the person who gets one of these levels can actually buy themselves. So, there are a couple of ways to go with this proposal. The first is to pass it as is, the second is to tweak it, third we could try it experimentally for a few seasons to see how many people actually participate in this, whether or not it's worth continuing, or in the spirit of having passed the Football Hall of Fame last night (twice), you can "punt" this to the delegates. What we are basically trying to do is just "kick" start a discussion on using titles to incentivize entries and we just want your feedback on where to go next with this. **Hannon:** I was so successful yesterday with a straw ballot. I'm going to try that and see if we can pass something with a straw ballot which will avoid a lengthy discussion. I'm going to look for a motion to send this to the delegates. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second. **Hannon:** As a straw ballot. If this fails, then we will open it up for discussion. Let the record show that it passed unanimously.

**Eigenhauser:** I move that we send it to the delegates, officially. **Meeker:** Second.

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

**Moser:** I just want to make a suggestion. By sending it to the delegation, we've got to make sure that the computer can even do this. We can send it there, but somebody needs to talk at the delegation that this might not be feasible. **Hannon:** Or say that it may take a couple months before we're ready to implement it. **Ganoe:** Let me address that. Mary's proposal was



not to make this effective in 2015 anyway, it was 2016-2017. That gave an extra year and a half to get this to work. We can add the columns, we can make the program do it. There will be a cost associated with it. I can't give you that cost right now. **Kolencik:** One of the reasons why we brought this up now is to kind of get your feedback like that on it and what are the concerns that we need to think about, because to me it's not worth pursuing this further if it has absolutely no chance. If there is any interest in this, I am willing to do the work necessary to find out those details, to present it to the delegates to pursue it further, but if you think that this is way out in left field, then we need to get off the field. **Colilla:** I just have one question. Like right now, at the regional awards show we present a rosette or trophy to all the regional winners. Do we have to present ribbons or something like that to the cats earning these titles? **Kolencik:** It's up to you. **Hannon:** It would be similar to the Grand of Distinction. If you do anything special for the Grands of Distinction, it's up to you as to what you do.

**DelaBar:** I was really happy when Mary came up with this. This to me was really a good brainstorm and some heavy thinking went in to come up with this. This is an idea I had but never fleshed anything out like she did. I would also like to go forward with maybe a more simple progression to start, and that would be a title between champion and grand, and one title beyond grand, so we have a fall-back if this in totality is not accepted. **Hannon:** People who have been reading the CFA List have seen in the past couple weeks lots of suggestions. What I plan to do is appoint a committee to try and flesh out a lot of those, and that was one of the suggestions. **Eigenhauser:** When it comes to awards, there are people out there that say, "we don't want more awards" and other people say, "no, we need more awards to encourage people." I don't know where the Goldilocks zone is, where it's just the right number of awards – not too many and not too few – so I would encourage Mary, regardless. If the delegation does turn this down, don't give up on the concept. It may just be the implementation they were against. I think there is room for more awards in CFA to encourage people. I'm not a good predictor of exactly how many is exactly the right number of awards, so I really encourage you to test the waters and if you get a little push-back, don't give up. **Meeker:** I would suggest, Mary, that when this goes to the delegation, you really need to do a tight feasibility study with the computer issues, with all the cost issues, who is going to do what, and really lay out a full proposal because I see like with the scoring and the computer and with the costs and what that's going to mean to Central Office – we really need to look at all those things so the delegates can really give an informed consent. **Schreck:** I have two comments. One, I think we struggle with the dichotomy or the tension between getting more entries and getting more new exhibitors. Just like with the Grand of Distinction, and I don't expect any answer, but in my mind I wonder whether this would dampen the enthusiasm in some way of new people who are trying to accomplish what they are trying to do. The other thing I would like to encourage is different alternatives. This is a nice alternative. I'm not sure I would vote for it as a delegate, depending on what my clubs direct me to do, but maybe there are other permutations of this idea that are maybe, as has been suggested, no so dramatic. So, maybe there's two or three – I know you have nothing else to do – different alternatives that you could present to see how palatable, maybe a little lesser thing to start off with. I don't know what the answer is. That would be my suggestion. **Dugger:** In my region, as I'm sure everybody knows, it takes a lot of points to be even at the bottom of the Southern Region in the regional awards, and so this concept is really a good thing as far as, for people in our region that don't even get to the point that they get a regional award, but they can get something which I think would really be a positive thing and I would be for us doing something at the regional level to award them, that they made an achievement beyond grand championship

or however we wanted to do it, but the question I have, and this is I guess the eternal question, is that I don't know if there's any way to make that fair, you know, and I hear it all the time in my region, "in our region, you've got 2500 points and your like 12<sup>th</sup> best cat right now and if I was in Region 2 or Region 3 or whatever, I would be best cat." That's a frustrating thing, and I just wanted to say that out loud to Mary because I think that's something I don't know how we could ever balance that out, because I mean there's just a number of exhibitors in each region and that's just how it comes out, but I know for our region and I'm sure for the North Atlantic that it just requires more points to make it into the bottom of the region than it does in other regions. I just wanted to throw that out because you may have some ideas about that. I don't know what the answer is. **Kuta:** I'm kind of with Barb on this, in that some of the feedback also that I got from members of my region is that this really felt kind of like it's more like a cash grab than something that's good for cats and exhibitors. In looking through it, you just kind of go, this is just to get people to enter more, not to do stuff with their cat. I would love to figure out a way. I don't have a solution to balance that idea of, we want to do something good for exhibitors and cats, and get something to work towards, versus, "oh, we're just looking for ways to increase entries." Like, the entry part of it, if it's successful, that should be a benefit of it but I think we're looking at it in the wrong way if we're just looking for ways to make more money. **DelaBar:** One of the things this board has to do is project positivity. We need to look at this as, we're looking at ways to grow us, and to have more camaraderie and more recognition of people's efforts within our hobby. When we take something like this and we say, "wow, we've got some decent ideas, this is a possible way to grow us", that's what our job is – to get out there with our pom-poms and cheerlead and stuff like that to present these things in a positive manner. Maybe we don't buy off on all these different levels, but let's try to find things that people can work toward if they can't do a regional, national, whatever. **Calhoun:** I really applaud Mary K for trying to come up with new ideas. This is great. The only watch-out I would have is the same thing that Barb said at the beginning. That was the first thing that came to mind. Points that carry over from year to year have a double-edged sword, like the Grand of Distinction. You have people that continue to come back with their older, more mature breeds that get better with maturity coming back for these levels, they are also maybe a deterrent for the "little guys" to compete with the old grands. So, that's just something to think about. **Hannon:** To counter that, how is that any different than people bringing out champions trying to grand the cats and they overlap seasons, and theirs is getting older and more mature, and somebody else is bringing out an 8 month old open that's competing for the same grand points? **Calhoun:** This is true, but you are encouraging more of it. **Anger:** Yes, exactly. **DelaBar:** Good. **Calhoun:** I'm just saying, it's a double-edged sword. It's something to think about as you are putting together the program. **Kuta:** As a spin on positivity, this is something where people came to me with that thought. I set up cage curtains for every new exhibitor that walks into the show hall. That's something we can do to bring in new people, but it's just more about figuring out what the goal is and if there's a way to do it. I probably would have shown when I was new, or I have had pet people who have shown their cats in premierships who would have brought it back to go for some of this stuff, but when it seems kind of too transparent, I think that's where it doesn't feel as sincere. **Anger:** To me, this is an award about competition. Our shows are set up for competition. That's the entire philosophy of showing. In our culture, as was mentioned in our Friday strategic planning discussion, when my kids competed in softball they all got a trophy. To them, the trophy had no meaning. They didn't really compete for it, because even the kid that never played got one. Perhaps we could come up with a participation award like that, too. For example, Annette and I

judged a show in Japan a while ago, and they were trying to encourage the exhibitors to get their cats more used to the pole, so any cat that went up the pole, we gave them a pink ribbon. They didn't automatically get it, but most of them did. It was an 8 ring show, and at the end of the show you could take your 8 ribbons and cash them in. If you only got 3, then you cash them in for a little package of candy. If you got all 8, they had beautiful leather purses and electronics. **Hannon:** What? **Anger:** Yes, they had lavish things that you could turn these in for. **Kuta:** Exactly. That was a fun thing. **Wilson:** It was fun. **Anger:** That's just one idea, but in CFA we have a place for everybody. When I started showing, the concept of winning a rosette was just mind boggling. That's not why we went. Finally, one of us would get a rosette. I would just like to see some happy medium where all of our exhibitors and their reasons for showing in our association are satisfied. **DelaBar:** Going back to not being totally constricted by paradigms and all the other things, we've got to start thinking out of the box and coming up with new and innovative ideas. I've been around just as long as you all, and probably many more years than many of you, and if anybody is going to be thinking in the box it might be me, but we've got to expand. We've got to at least open our minds to consider the new ideas. If what's presented doesn't work, then let's see how we can make it work. So often we hear, "no, we can't do that." Instead of saying why we can't do things, let's find ways that we can do things and start looking at things from that mindset. That's what grows us. **Schreck:** The only additional comment I want to make is that there was a discussion about trying it for a couple years and see how it goes. Once you get this in, you can't take it back. So, that's why I would encourage maybe trying one of these for the first year, see how it's received.

**Kolencik:** I just want address a few things because if this passes the delegates, it is going to come back to you. I want to address a few things that were said. First of all, I did get a lot of feedback on this. I know that there was some traffic on the CFA List. That traffic was generated by a few people. I got positive feedback 3 to 1 in favor of doing something. I'm sure that in your regions you all got your own feedback, but from what I got it was very much in favor of doing something. As for this looking like a cash grab, well, kind of. That's what it is, yeah. That's what any titles are going to be, so anything we do with the titles, somebody can twist it and say we're just doing that to make money. Well, yeah. That's what we're doing. I don't know how to make it not look like that. The last thing I wanted to say was, we're doing this to encourage competition. If this works, if we did increase the number of cats going for this, it's going to be harder to get it because we're going to have more cats out there trying to get it. Our titles today, the way that we have everything today, is based on a time when we had fewer breeds, fewer color classes, we had fewer shows, less rings, more cats. You could spend an entire year getting 6 winners ribbons on your cat, so getting the champion title was competition. You had several steps to do. We don't have that anymore. Our title paradigm today does not match the entries that we have, so we need to change that paradigm, and that's what this is – to try to encourage people to show the same cat for a whole year or whatever. Right now, you don't want to campaign a cat if there's no reason for you to show the cat. That's costing us. It's costing us entries. It does cost us money, so if we want our entries to increase, it's going to look like a cash grab. I don't know any other way to do this. I can't say anything else about that. **Kuta:** You said that it's not entirely a cash grab, it's to encourage competition. That's the spin, to encourage the cats that are really good that didn't want to compete, to stay out and compete. **Hannon:** Another positive way to look at it is, we're hoping the shows are going to make more money – or make money – and continue producing shows. How many shows have we lost because the clubs keep losing money? So, getting more cash is not a bad thing. It provides more shows for you. **Kuta:** I know, and that

should be the benefit of it, is getting the cash, but if it's the naked "we're doing this for more cash".

**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.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

**(30) MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.**

**Jodell Raymond, Communications/Special Events** gave a PowerPoint presentation on Marketing the CFA Brand.

**(31) CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

*Committee Chair: Candilee Jackson*  
*Liaison to Board: Pam DelaBar*  
*List of Committee Members: Art Graafmans, Ken Cribbs*

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

*Since the last reporting period the following has been accomplished*

- 1. Regional coordinators have received lists of registered ambassadors for their region*
- 2. An Ambassador banner has been designed, and one has been printed. There is much interest in the regions to have these banners on hand.*
- 3. A data collection tool was field tested by 1 Ambassador and the result was positive.*

*The following activities are currently ongoing*

- 1. The Ambassador handbook is currently in revision and is 50% complete.*
- 2. The webinar voice overs have been selected; music underscore is a work in progress, pictures have been collected, and a design is currently in research*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Data collection tool will be disseminated to all Ambassadors for use in upcoming shows, with all data forwarded to Ambassador chair following a show.*

*Handbook completion slated for February 1, 2015.*

*Webinar work is ongoing,*

*Regional Coordinator Donna Isenberg has resigned, citing a very busy schedule. She will be greatly missed.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Data collection to enable tracking of show hall interventions and types of interventions*

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

- 1. Completion of handbook*
- 2. Data collection results for show hall interventions*
- 3. Webinar update*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Candilee Jackson, Ambassador Chair, MWR Secretary*

**Hannon:** Pam, do you want to take up the Ambassador Program? **DelaBar:** Yeah. You've got the report. It's short and sweet. I think that a lot has been accomplished since we were given the go-ahead in August. We've had one resignation. Donna Isenberg is very busy. No board actions. Any questions, let us know. We had a fairly good showing at the World Show, now known as the International Show, and people are interested in signing up to be Ambassadors, which will be trained. Nobody is going to go out there and spout that the Cornish Rex and the Devon Rex resulted after the first atomic explosion. We will make sure that people are trained before they are going out to interact with the public so we can promote CFA.

(32) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE.**

*Committee Chair: Eve Russell*

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*At the upcoming Annual Meeting, the Credentials Committee will have two new faces.*

*Leaving the Committee is Doug Von Aswege (Region 7). Thank you for your service, Doug! We wish you the best.*

*Our committee regrets the untimely death of member Donna Hetherington over the July 4th weekend. Donna first served as an alternate, followed by full membership. Her expertise, positive involvement and charming personality were all assets to our Committee. She will be missed. RiP, dear friend.*

*It is anticipated that our 2015 membership will include the following persons:*

*Eve Russell, chairperson*

*Region 1: Jill Archibald and Marilyn Conte*  
*Region 2: Ann Segrest, Erin Cutchen and Kendall Smith*  
*Region 3: Cheryl Peck and Chris Willingham*  
*Region 4: Norman Auspitz, Paul Meeker and Bruce Russell*  
*Region 5: Nancy Dodds and Hilary Helmrich*  
*Region 6: Mark McKenzie and Nancy Petersen*  
*Region 7: Yvonne Griffin and Pat Lichtenberg*

*C.O.: Kristi Wollam*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eve Russell, Credentials Chair*

**Hannon:** Next is Credentials Committee Update, and we have a report from Eve. I don't know that we need to spend any more time on it. Does anybody have any questions or comments about Eve's report? **Anger:** She has additional updates that will appear in the minutes.



(33) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

**Hannon:** Clerking Program, Carol. **Krzanowski:** Cheryl did not submit a report, so I have nothing to report.

**(34) MENTOR/NEWBEE COMMITTEE.**

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Carol Krzanowski, Teresa Keiger

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

***Mentor Program***

*Mentor Program activity has increased significantly since our last report. We received 37 mentor inquiries and/or applications during this time period, an increase of approximately 37 percent since the October report and about 141 percent over the same time period last year. Inquiries came from the following geographical areas: three from Region 1, three from Region 2, five from Region 3, three from Region 4, two from Region 5, five from Region 6, nine from Region 7, one from Region 9, and six from the International Division. We hope this increase is a sign of growth and renewed interest in the cat fancy. All new breeders should be referred to the Mentor website ([www.cfammentor.org](http://www.cfammentor.org)) for complete program information.*

***NewBee Program***

*The NewBee Program continues to quietly act as a space for new exhibitors. We will note that although we have continued to gain interest and new members, it is at a much slower rate of growth than previously. Part of this trend might be attributed to the fact that the program is not as much at the forefront of individuals' and clubs' minds as it had been previously. So DO remember to send any new exhibitors that you encounter or who enter your club's show to the NewBee website ([www.cfanewbee.org](http://www.cfanewbee.org)).*

**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 have noticed that the ad for the CFA Mentor/NewBee Programs is not appearing in show catalog. One reason for this could be the tendency to reuse existing files from the last show catalog, thereby missing new ads. Another and more likely reason is that clubs try to keep printing costs as low as possible and do not wish to add another page for extra ads. However, we are missing an excellent opportunity to reach out to these new exhibitors and get them involved in CFA. A small investment by clubs to print the ad has the potential to benefit CFA beyond measure. The ad is available in two sizes (half and full page) and is emailed with the rest of the forms that the entry clerk or designated person receives from CFA. The ads are also available for download on the CFA website at <http://www.cfa.org/AboutCFA/CFAForms.aspx> - scroll down to the bottom of the page to locate the ad files. Please ask whoever is printing your catalog to be sure to include this ad.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*The Mentor/NewBee Committee will continue working hard to attract and retain new breeders and exhibitors. Work to review, update and add to website resources is ongoing.*

**Board Action Items:**

*None.*

**Time Frame:**

*New resources and articles will be added to the websites as available.*

**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:** Mentor/NewBee, Carol. **Krzanowski:** I did submit a report for Mentor/NewBee. It was fairly short and sweet. Basically the crux of it is, I want to please implore people to use our ad in the show catalog. Please ask your clubs to do so, please ask your entry clerks to do so. It would help us get the word out that we're available – the NewBee group and the Mentor group – to help new people in the cat fancy. We can only be successful at this with your help.

**DelaBar:** Are we allowed to have somebody change the verbiage into the language of the country? Like if we could have it in German, do we have the permission to do that?

**Krzanowski:** Absolutely, yes. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments for Carol on that report?

**(35) CFA COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EDUCATION.**

**Committee Chair:** *Joan Miller*  
**Liaison to Board:** *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*

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**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:**

***Education at the San Diego Cat Fanciers Show January 24-25.*** This was a successful program with 12 speakers, including four committee members, Dee Dee Cantley, Karen Lawrence, Lisa-Maria Padilla and myself. Carolyn Osier handled cats and presented two topics. Hope Gonano was a presenter along with Lauren Gonano-Metz, Judy Friedman, Dottie Olsen, Carolyn Withers, and Isabel Pomphrey. Peter Keys was the Stuffed Animal “judge” this year on Saturday and Sunday. The talks were designed to be both entertaining and educational for many visitors who had never been to a cat show and knew little about pedigreed cats or Household Pet judging. The stuffed animal contest each year draws numerous youngsters and parents to the show and exposes them to the cat fancy and the fun of showing cats. For coverage of the show go to YouTube to see club member, Alain Lescart's, photo montage:  
<http://tinyurl.com/SDCFshow2015>

***www.Pet360.com Projects*** – We continue to work with this website on features that promote the pedigreed breeds to the public. Jodell Raymond has provided photos and I have provided information recently for “The Rarest Pedigreed Breeds” and “The Smartest Pedigreed Breeds”. In the works is the topic - “The Most Beautiful Pedigreed Breeds”.

**Future Projections for Committee:**

***"Fix Felines by Five Months" project to launch in mid-February*** – Continued assistance with marketing to encourage veterinarians and pet owners to alter kittens before five months to cut

*down on the numbers of accidental litters and kittens that flood the shelters every spring and summer.*

**Webinar project** - The Committee is discussing topics related to health interests of the pet owner, novice breeder information, and show production for fanciers. Identify speakers for 1 hour online presentations.

**Shelter staff and volunteer training on handling cats**- Two pending requests received

- Prince William County Shelter in Virginia – arrange a time to travel. Work with Tracy Petty and Lisa Maria Padilla
- Lee County Animal Services LCAS, Florida – arrange a time to travel. Work with Charlene Campbell and Linda Alexander

**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".

*Joan Miller, Chair*

**Hannon:** Lisa, do you have anything to report? **Kuta:** The report was submitted. There aren't any action items. I just wanted to highlight two things. This was the first time at the San Diego show in a long time where I wasn't clerking and I wasn't running around. I really enjoyed watching the education ring and the Pet Me cats and all that. I think that's something if we can start figuring out ways to do at smaller shows that isn't too much of a burden to a club. If we could do that, that would be great. Also, a lot of the spectators I talked to were there because they either had pets from breeders or we very, very knowledgeable about pedigreed cats, so that was great just seeing the caliber of spectator has really gone up, at least in that area. The second thing, the Pet 360, I just wanted to give them kudos, because I actually clicked on a link on a story that I didn't even realize was from this program about smart cats. If Cornish isn't in there, I'm going to be mad. I just wanted to give kudos to that.

**(36) AMBASSADOR CAT PROGRAM.**

*Committee Chair: Karen Lane*

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

*We had several of our “A-Cats” at the World Show, and they were a big hit with the spectators. A-Cat Hope was at the front entrance to greet spectators, and A-Cat Jaded spent some time in the CFA Booth and (along with Hope) touring the show hall in their strollers. Other A-Cats were on display throughout the benching area.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*This program continues to grow as we have added another two new members, Shelly DuCharme (Havana Brown) & Donna Ensor (Maine Coon). Both of the new members are from Region 7.*

*Our A-Cat members still exhibit and they show a great dedication to this program. The only weak area has been in region 3 due to the dwindling number of shows in that region.*

*In order to improve our A-Cat show display we now have purple pads for inside our Sturdi Cages and on the display area. This coordinates our display to the orange and purple program colors. The fabric was purchased with committee funding and each member has been asked to provide the cost needed to construct the cushions. The cushions come from Bonnie Searles, in Ft. Myers, Florida. Bonnie also provides the harnesses used by our A-Cats.*

*All A-Cats have trading cards, excluding our newest members. The members without cards are a work in progress. Teresa Keiger continues to be our resource for all media printing and internet presence.*

*We are using the CFA newsletter to introduce our members to our CFA family and each month a member will be spotlighted with photos and their bio.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Our plans for next season, if funding allows, is to provide each active A-Cat member with a table top breed banner. The trading cards are very popular at the shows and the printing of these cards is an on-going expenditure for the committee. The members in the areas with many shows and lots of spectators need a greater of cards. With future plans in mind the committee will be presenting CFA with a budget that reflects our plans.*

**Board Action Items:**

*None*

**Time Frame:**

*None*

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

*Ongoing report on the committee's progress*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Lane, Chair*

**Hannon:** We have a report from Karen Lane on the A-Cat Program, which was part of the consolidate report that was sent out to us. I don't have any comments, other than that.

(37) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

**Hannon:** Are there any other committees that anyone may want to say?



(38) **OLD BUSINESS.**

**Hannon:** Do we have any old business that anyone knows about that we didn't cover and we need to bring up?

(39) **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Hannon:** Any new business somebody has that we didn't pre-notice that you would like to bring up? **Calhoun:** I do. It's not really new business. I was at a show in Malaysia. I'm not as close to show production and clubs having problems with getting silks nowadays and plastic flats are expensive, but this is an idea that a club in Malaysia uses, and there's a source there for them, just for ribbons and those sorts of things to be made out of paper. Folks can actually instead of having silks, the judge can sign it, they can put the club name on it, whether they want. So, it's just another opportunity. I don't know how many folks are active in show production, if this would be something interesting for you to have or take back to your clubs. I have more. **Meeker:** Do they fold them? **Calhoun:** They fold them over and put them on the cage. Just a thought.

**Anger:** I have a comment. We had several new items passed out during the meeting and several statements that were read during the meeting. Anytime there's a statement that's read, I would ask you to submit it to the CFA Secretary, whoever that might be at the time, so I can get it into the minutes verbatim. **Hannon:** At the moment. **Anger:** I have received several, and if I have acknowledged it then you know I have it. It's a service to the reader for me to get it right. This has always been tradition, but in recent years it has gone by the wayside, but it is important.

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**Hannon:** I want to once again thank the CFA Foundation for hosting us down here in the Museum for our meeting this month. Our thanks to Karen, to Dave Mare and the others on the Foundation. I want to thank the Central Office staff for all they've done to help make this meeting as comfortable as possible for us and keep us entertained and refreshed. If there's nothing else, I'm going to adjourn the meeting. **Colilla:** I've got pins for sale. Last chance!

**Hannon:** I thank you all and wish you a safe journey home.

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:

**14-018      CFA v. Barsalona, Giuseppe and Rossini, Cristiano**

***Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV, Section 4 (g)***

***(Any act or conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or CFA)***

***GUILTY. Sentence of restitution of €5,050.***

**Motion Carried** (vote sealed).

**Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions:** Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following cases were heard, tentative decisions were rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

[to be provided after 30 day appeal period expires]