

(60) **2015 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 602

Number of votes for a simple majority: 302

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 402

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Hannon: Next we have the proposed amendments to the constitution and resolutions. The way we're going to work it is, a representative of the sponsoring club is going to present the amendment for resolution and make some opening comments. Others will be allowed to comment and then the originator will then do a closing comment. I'm hoping people will limit themselves to coming up just one time per subject, rather than coming back and back. We've got a lot of these things to get through. First we start with the constitutional amendments. The amendments must pass by 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at this meeting. My understanding is, that means that if they are out in the lobby, they don't count.

Raymond: Correct. **Hannon:** It's 2/3 of the people that are in this room voting, not 2/3 of the registered delegates. Constitutional amendments are effective immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment. They must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended or brought from the floor, and they cannot be changed by the board.

Deleted text is shown with a ~~strikethrough~~ and new text is underscored.

– 1 – Lewis & Clark LH Specialty Cat Club; Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Wenatchee Valley CC; Korats Unlimited; McKenzie River CC; Seattle CC; Rip City Cats; Underground Gourmet CC; Fancy That CC; Grandview CF; Manx Ltd.; Puget Sound CC; Cats Royale; Cymric CC; Idaho CF; International Scottish Fold; Longhair Japanese Bobtail CC; North Pacific Siamese Fanciers; Responsible Cat Fanciers; Spacifically Orientals; Steinbeck Country CC; Valley CF; Vintage Shorthairs; Willamette Valley CC; Illini CC; Emerald CC; New England Meow Outfit; Muskogee Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 4 – Regional Assignment, as follows:

Section 4 – Regional Assignment

New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the mailing address of the Secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of ~~five (5) years~~ one (1) year and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of ~~five (5) years~~, one (1) year shall be reassigned to the region of the current secretary's residence.

RATIONALE:

Example 1: At this time, if clubs are given, sold, or otherwise transferred to another region, do not replace the Secretary, and conduct their business in the new region, they remain a listed member club in their previous region for 5 years. Disputes related to show production are referred to the regional director of the original region for resolution.

Example 2: Secretary of a club retires and moves to a sunny climate in another region, but retains the office of secretary of the club. For 5 years, under the current constitution, this club can vote in the original region's elections, despite having no presence in that region.

There is no valid reason to allow a club to maintain its assignment as a member club in a region in which it does not operate.

Hannon: The first amendment is from the Lewis & Clark club and a bunch of others. I'm assuming there is somebody here representing Lewis & Clark. I see Pam back there. Go Pam.
Pam Moser [Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty Cat Club]: The intent of this amendment is to reduce the number of years a club stays when the secretary moves, from 5 to 1 year. Our rationale, [reads]. I have one other example. I am the Regional Director of Region 2. I did get a call from Central Office asking if a club in region, which is a club that is held in Shanghai China, if they could have a show in Shanghai China. I said, "I don't know, I guess they can." I think they need to move with the secretary. **Hannon:** This one was relatively short. I want to comment that some of these are really long. It's not necessary to read pages after pages of your proposals. George, do you have a comment on this? **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: While I sympathize for not wanting to have carpet baggers in your region, I can't support the resolution. I'll try to be as brief as possible. I have two problems with it. The first is the assumption that when the club secretary moves, the club moves. That's true for paper clubs. That's not true for real clubs. There are many clubs that operate in their region, put on shows and otherwise contribute to that region that may choose to have a secretary that lives out of region for any of a number of regions. That doesn't mean the club moved. So, this casts too broad a net to accomplish what they are trying to accomplish. The second thing is, this encourages paper clubs. Right now there are very few restrictions on paper clubs. If I want to step up the regional elections and I want to put real clubs in that region, there's a lot of work involved to put a real club in that region. You have to go before the board, you have to have a membership list, you have to have a constitution. Clubs get to comment on whether any clubs can be formed in their own region. A paper club is a handshake deal and it goes across the board. The only impediment, the only speed bump in the road to moving paper clubs from region to region is the 5 year rule. By cutting it down from 5 years to 1 year, it makes paper clubs faster, easier and better to transfer between regions. That is a bad idea and I cannot support it. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments on this one? OK, I'll call the vote.

Motion Failed.

- 2 - CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the third paragraph of Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, as follows:

There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to by the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. ~~If no city is selected at the Annual Meeting, then the Executive Board shall be empowered to select a city from within the eligible Region for such meeting.~~ Written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office ~~by first class mail~~ not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting. ~~(Caveat; sites for the 1985, 1986, and 1987 Annual Meetings shall be chosen at the 1982 Annual Meeting.)~~

RATIONALE: Prudent meeting planning practice requires that a city be selected and hotel contract signed before the location of the Annual Meeting is announced. This proposal harmonizes the constitutional language with that practice. It also allows for the use of modern and more economical communication methods to provide the required notice to member clubs. The deletion of the last sentence, referring to an event which occurred in the past, is a housekeeping change.

Hannon: The next one is from the CFA Board. I believe George is going to present it. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: I'm not going to read this to you. I'm actually going to address this in reverse order. There are three changes proposed to the CFA constitution in the same general area. The third change is to move the reference to annuals to be held in 1985, 1986 and 1987. That's obsolete material so we're going to strike that as housekeeping. The second change is the change by which Central Office notifies us of meetings by striking out the requirement that it be done by first class mail. For the younger people here who don't know what first class mail is, that's the method your grandmother uses to send you a birthday card. The big change, however, is it changes the way we select future sites for our annual to correspond with what we actually do. I don't know if you guys realize it, but we just did it this morning. We picked the location of the 2020 annual by looking at a video presentation, smiling and clapping. The truth is, it takes a lot of work to put on an annual, it takes a lot of work to find a facility that's big enough to accommodate us and small enough that we want to stay. We have our annual meetings in June and July, which is a big part of the Summer vacation season. There aren't a lot of facilities that want to work with us. When we do find a facility that wants to work with us, we have to do a lot of negotiating behind the scenes, so the reality of it is, even though it says in the constitution that the delegation picks the location, the reality is that we announce it at the annual meeting. That's the way we've been doing it for a while, that's the way we just did it this morning. So, all this does is give consent to what we actually do. **Hannon:** Are there any comments on this? I'm going to call the vote.

Motion Carried.

- 3 - CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 3 – Eligibility, as follows:

Section 3 – Eligibility

At each Annual or Special Meeting of this Association, each member club that has been in good standing for not less than fifty (50) days immediately prior to such meeting is entitled to cast one vote. For the purpose of determining whether a member is in good standing as required herein, the date of receipt of

each member's dues and list of members and officers by the Central Office of the Association shall govern. Further, to be in good standing, the member must not be under disciplinary suspension. The secretary of each member shall communicate the names of the officers and delegate of such member to the Central Office of this Association no later than May first of each year. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first ~~Paragraph~~ sentence of this Section, members, the delegates from which are not so notified to the Central Office of this Association, are disqualified from voting at the meeting for which no timely notification was made. The Central Office shall establish an electronic method for the ~~club secretary to submit~~ submission of the notification of the club's delegate. For the purpose of determining compliance with this provision, the date on the postmark of the letter of notification or the date marking Central Office's receipt of an electronic notification, if any such notification exists, shall govern. The Central Office shall preserve the container of such notification until after the date of the next Annual Meeting.

RATIONALE: The first change is a housekeeping change to clarify what is being referenced, since the entire Section is composed of a single paragraph. The second change allows for more flexibility in the development of an electronic method for submission of the delegate's name by not requiring that the submission be made by the club secretary. This would allow the required "signatures" to be collected in any order.

Hannon: Next is from the CFA Executive Board. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: This makes two small changes in the constitution. One is a reference to the *first paragraph of this Section*, which only has one paragraph. If we change that to *first sentence*, it makes it a little more useful. The other change is that when we submit our delegate forms, we generally require 3 signatures – the president, the secretary, the delegate themselves. The way it says now is, the secretary has to submit it all. We don't care. If the you want to have the delegate send it, fine. If you want to have the president send it, fine. It doesn't really make a difference, as long as all 3 give their consent. That's all this resolution does.

Hannon: Any comments?

Motion Carried.

– 4 – Lewis & Clark LH Specialty Cat Club; Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Wenatchee Valley CC; Korats Unlimited; McKenzie River CC; Seattle CC; Rip City Cats; Underground Gourmet CC; Fancy That CC; Grandview CF; Manx Ltd. ; Puget Sound CC; Cats Royale; Cymric CC; Idaho CF; International Scottish Fold; Longhair Japanese Bobtail CC; North Pacific Siamese Fanciers; Responsible Cat Fanciers; Spacifically Orientals; Steinbeck Country CC; Valley CF; Vintage Shorthairs; Willamette Valley CC; Illini CC; Emerald CC; Muskogee Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers

RESOLVED: Effective July 2, 2017, amend Article VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, and Section 2 – Elections, and Article VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 – Membership, Section 2 – Meetings, and Section 3 – Quorum, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, ~~and seven Directors at Large.~~

No person may hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

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

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

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

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

d. Candidate Declarations. ...

e. Election procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Said ballots shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. ~~Ballots in elections for Directors at Large selecting less than seven (7) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than seven) shall be considered incomplete.~~ Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote-Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, ~~or for the seventh position in Director at Large elections~~, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidate shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year. Returned ballots must be received

by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualifications, etc.) counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 – Membership

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

Section 2 – Meetings

The board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) members of the Board. The call shall be mailed to each member of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the appropriate agenda, time, and place of the meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

Section 3 – Quorum

The presence of ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

RATIONALE: This proposal removes the Director-at-Large position from the Board, reducing the overall size of the CFA Board from twenty (20) to thirteen (13) seats. For an organization such as The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. thirteen (13) seats at the Board table are sufficient to accomplish the business of the CFA, and is in keeping with many world-wide corporations of similar size.

The need to reduce the size of the CFA Board is especially understandable when the future growth of CFA is considered. It is anticipated that, in the foreseeable future, Asia will be considered for “Region” status, bringing Regional Directors to ten (10), thus the additional cost of another Board member.

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

The effective date of July 2, 2017 will allow those Directors-at-Large elected during the 2015 Annual Meeting to complete their full term of office.

According to one study by the authors of “Decide and Deliver: 5 Steps to Breakthrough Performance in Your Organization” determined that the optimum size for a decision-making group was seven people and that for each person added above this, the group’s decision making effectiveness was reduced by 10%. Another study found that the most effective number was five, but then noted that the effectiveness of the group decision making in groups between five and eight neither increases nor decreases.

In another study conducted by Bain Capital and reported in *The Nonprofit Times* – “every person added after seven decreases decision making ability by 10 percent. So boards with the median of 17 people, would put their decision making ability at zero.”

Sizes of board of directors of organizations much larger than CFA:

- AKC – 13
- Starbuck’s – 12
- CBS – 14
- HSUS – 27
- Proctor and Gamble (manufacturers of IAMS) – 11

Hannon: Proposal 4 is Lewis & Clark. Pam Moser. **Pam Moser** [Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty Cat Club]: This is basically – I’m not going to read it – this resolution is essentially intended to reduce the size of the CFA Board by doing away with the Director-at-Large position. The rationale which I’ll summarize, it reduces the board from 20 to 13, which is a sufficient number for an organization of our size to accomplish our business needs. It brings the cost of board meetings down and helps save CFA money. With fewer board members, decision making becomes more effective. The size of boards of other organizations which are much larger, with millions if not billions in revenue, have smaller boards. **Hannon:** We’ve got 3 different amendments that deal basically with the number of Directors-at-Large, so what I would like to do is have all 3 presented and discussed. We will vote on them separately, but I just don’t want to have to go through the same discussion 3 different times. [transcript goes to Proposal #5]

Monte Phillips [Cat’n On The Fox]: I’m speaking directly to the issue where it goes to zero. The concern I have and the reason I oppose it is, it puts the entire board up for election at the exact same time. Last year, as an example, we held Regional Director elections. We only had one Regional Director that was retained. Just think what it would be like if you had an entire board replaced in one vote, so the meeting on Saturday that’s going to happen tomorrow was done by the current board, and the meeting on Sunday is done by a board where nobody was at the Saturday meeting. **Mary Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That’s My Point Cat Fanciers]: There are currently 7 Directors-at-Large, 4 officers and 9 Regional Directors, for 20 Board Members. Each club has a say in 12 of those seats. There are 8 seats that each club has absolutely no say in. Those 8 people are only answerable to the clubs in their region. You have no input to those people. With any of these decreases in the number of Directors-at-Large seats, that means each club has less of a say in the people on the board. In the case of eliminating all 7, we go down to, each club will have a say in 5 seats of 13. So, instead of 12, which is a majority, you will go to 5 of 13, which is a minority. You will have a say in a minority of the board. It is not the Directors-at-Large that need to go, it’s the Regional Directors. We have too many regions. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: I wasn’t going to speak to the first one because I thought you guys would be tired of me, but I was going to speak to the other two. Let me take the opposite side of that argument. Here in the United States we have 537

elected people who represent this country. We get to vote for the president, the vice president, your senator and your house member. That's it. Two people in the entire United States are elected nationally – the president and the vice president. As long as we have a filibuster rule, the vice president doesn't even get to break tie votes in the senate anymore. So, we're really voting for 1 person nationally, 535 locally. We seem to do just fine. You don't necessarily want the senator from California elected by the people from Texas and vice versa. There's a saying that "all politics is local." As we become bigger and bigger, and our member base becomes more diverse, yes you will have a vote on more seats, but you also have more people voting against you. You may find a time that you're in the minority, and it's a very different thing. If you have a problem with the federal government right now, if you have a problem with the VA, if you have a problem with something else, you don't call the president. You call your congressman, and if you're lucky you call your senator if you live in a smaller state, because all politics is local. It's the locally elected representatives that you have the most influence over, and therefore the ones with the most response to you. Your vote is one of millions for president, but your vote is one of thousands for your congressman. They care. The more we elect people globally in CFA and the bigger CFA gets, the less your vote counts for each of those offices. So, keep in mind that yes, you get to vote for a lot of other representatives, but as we get bigger and we're no longer in the majority ?, that's going to come back to bite you. I think that if we're going to pare down the size of the board, the Directors-at-Large is the place to start the paring down, and keep the Regional Directors to speak for the regions, because every region in this organization is unique. Every region has its own issues and every region needs somebody to speak for their point of view. Thank you. **Jacqui Bennett** [Oicats International; Siouxlant Cat Fanciers]: To reinforce what George said, your Regional Directors are voted for and elected by people who know the Regional Directors. Directors-at-Large are usually judges and are usually known for what they do behind the table. There are some exceptions, of course, but it's very difficult for someone in Georgia to know intimately someone in Europe. Getting rid of Directors-at-Large allows us to have more generally elected officials and 9 locally elected officials. It's a good balance and allows us to compromise and make sure everyone has a voice. **Laurie Coughlan** [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; GEMS]: I would also like to point out, however, with all due respect to anyone who has ever been a Director-at-Large or a Regional Director, the Regional Directors are responsible to the clubs and individuals of their region and what makes them happy, whereas a Director-at-Large has to take a broad scope of CFA and what's good for CFA as a whole into account, in order to get re-elected. I prefer to have people who are trying to keep a global perspective of CFA over someone who is just trying to keep his club happy by making sure they get a good show date. **Norm Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Cat-H-Art]: At the October board meeting, there was some discussion about customer relations management, which is getting a little bit ugly because things are behind and registrations and who do you complain to? As I remember, the President at the time said, "Go to your Regional Director. That should be where you go first, and let them interface with the Central Office for you." So, like I have to call my congressman, as George said, the first place I'm going to go is to talk to my Regional Director. **Hannon**: I see a newly-elected Director-at-Large at the microphone. **Newkirk** [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance]: I think that we need both. This was something I tried to bring up when I sat on the board before. I think the Regional Directors are important, but why can't the Regional Directors meet with the board once a year, like we do with the Breed Council Secretaries and the International Division? They can still function at their

level and bring those points to the board. Actually, each Regional Director could be appointed a liaison. That's my idea.

Hannon: Are there any other comments? As I understand it, Amendment 4 takes us down to zero Directors-at-Large, the next one takes us down to 3 Directors-at-Large and the next one takes us down to 5 Directors-at-Large. The first one we're voting on is to do away completely with the Directors-at-Large. All those in favor of zero Directors-at-Large, which is Amendment #4.

Motion Failed.

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- HSUS – 27
- Proctor and Gamble (manufacturers of IAMS) – 11

Hannon: Let’s have somebody present #5. **Pam Moser** [Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty Cat Club]: Same thing, only this is changing the number of Directors-at-Large from 7 to 3. The rationale is the same as the last one, with the exception that it reduces the board from 20 to 16. [transcript goes to Proposal 8]

Hannon: #5 takes us down to 3 Directors-at-Large. Is that right, Pam? All those in favor of dropping down from 7 Directors-at-Large to 3 Directors-at-Large. I don’t see 2/3, so I’m saying that one fails.

Motion Failed.

– 6 – *Huntsville Cat Club; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Gasparilla Feline Friends; Domesti-katz Cat Club; Cascade Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Effective Sunday of the 2016 Annual, amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph a., and Section 4 – Duties as follows:

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, ~~Secretary~~, ~~Corresponding Secretary~~, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years. The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association. There will be a Recording Secretary for all meetings which shall be a paid position by the Association. This position will not be a voting member of the Board.

Section 4 – Duties

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and managing head of this Association and the Chairman of its Executive Board. He or she shall preside at all meetings of Members and of the Executive Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the meeting shall elect a presiding officer. The presiding officer at any time may request a delegate or proxy to take the chair to permit the presiding officer to take part in the meeting.

The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for disseminating information to CFA clubs, the CFA news blog, etc.

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RATIONALE: By splitting the CFA Secretary into two distinct functions – Recording Secretary, a CFA employee; and Corresponding Secretary, an officer and executive board member – this guarantees a disinterested rendering of all minutes and Board meeting discussions by the Recording Secretary. This separation avoids any real or perceived “adjustments” of the minutes, as the Recording Secretary should have no political ambitions.

Meanwhile the Corresponding Secretary would take over all other CFA Board policy functions currently carried out by the existing Executive Board office of Secretary.

Hannon: I remind you that when you go to the mike, you have to give your name and the club you are representing. That includes the person that’s proposing this. #6, which is the Huntsville Cat Club, has been ruled out of order. They did not make the change in Article VII, Section 1, so it would be in conflict with different sections of the Constitution saying different things. It’s ruled out of order.

Out of Order.

- 7 - Huntsville Cat Club; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Gasparilla Feline Friends; Domesti-katz Cat Club; Cascade Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Beginning Sunday of the 2016 Annual, amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, and Section 2 – Elections, paragraph a. as follows:

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office concurrently. Each officer, Director-at- Large and Regional Director may hold office for no more than 2 consecutive terms. After serving 2 consecutive terms in any office, an Officer, Director- at-Large, or Regional Director must sit out no less than two years before holding any other office again.

Section 2 – Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, -Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years. The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association beginning in 2017.

RATIONALE: It has been the case in years past that Board members running as incumbents tend to get re-elected, often for many two year terms in a row. A term limit of two consecutive two year terms is long enough for many Board members to accomplish many shorter term goals. The advantage of having to sit out for at least one term after serving for two terms is that it gives others a chance to serve and inject new blood into the process of serving on the Board. We have had various Board members serving on the Board for many terms consecutively. This tends to foster a very conservative attitude. Others who may want to serve as Board members tend to be shut out, if they are not current incumbents, and many incumbents are running for Board elections.

Hannon: Proposal #7, which again is Huntsville Cat Club. This is the term limit amendment. **Fry** [Huntsville Cat Club]: Basically, our proposal on the term limits is, we have in our own – as George pointed out – senate a staggered election period which we also have in CFA. The only difference is, they get to stay forever and ever in the senate. Trying to get them to do anything is like getting a herd of cats to go in the same direction. So, what we are talking about on the term limits is basically allowing each person on the board to serve 2 terms; that would be 2 two-year terms, and then have to wait out at least one term and then go back and serve again. With the number of people that we have that have already served on this board, we can still have a number of people that would be re-elected and we would also get new blood coming in at the same time. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: Just in general I'm totally opposed to term limits because I want to be able to vote for the best person for the job whenever they run. I don't want to be told, "Sorry, they're not eligible this time." **Hannon:** Are there any other comments? **Vanadis Crawford** [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat

Fanciers]: The way this – at least the way I was reading it, it says, *After serving 2 consecutive terms in any office, an Officer, Director-at-Large, or Regional Director must sit out no less than two years before holding any other office again.* To me, this reads that someone that is currently an RD could not then subsequently run for president, secretary, another office. So, that’s another thing to keep in mind. **Hannon:** I think with the exception of my predecessor, most of the presidents have been serving on the board when they ran. No other comments? I’m going to call for the vote on term limits.

Motion Failed.

– 8 – Huntsville Cat Club; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Gasparilla Feline Friends; Domesti-katz Cat Club; Cascade Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Beginning with 2017 elections, amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, and Section 2 – Elections, paragraphs e. and f., and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 – Membership, as follows:

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and ~~seven~~five Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

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e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Said ballots shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than ~~seven~~five) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the ~~seventh~~ fifth position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. ...

ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 – Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the nine (9) Regional Directors, and the ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) Directors-at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: The size of the current Board is very unwieldy by almost any measure. As more regions have been added, more regional directors have been added and, so the number of regional directors no longer balances the number of Directors at Large. Furthermore, there is the expectation that, as CFA becomes more and more global, the number of regions will continue to increase. Without some change in the makeup of the CFA board, this Board will grow even more unwieldy than it is now. Reducing the number of Directors at Large by two will not substantially impact the perceived divide between Regional Directors vs. Directors at large. This will bring the Board back to the size it was before adding Region 8 and Region 9. The Sunday of the 2017 Annual occurs only once so no specific date needs to be given.

Hannon: Number 8, which is Huntsville. **Larry Fry** [Huntsville Cat Club]: This is pretty much the same as the other one, except we believe we should bring it more back in line with the original intent of having the board and the number of Regional Directors more in line with what we currently actually have. So, we go from the current number down to 5. [transcript goes to Proposal #4]

Hannon: #8 takes us down to 5 Directors-at-Large. All those in favor raise your hands. Opposed. I'm going to ask for a teller count. **Bob Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: Point of order. **Hannon:** What's the point of Order. **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: You said that all the people in this room count, so we will have to count the yea's and the nay's in order to be correct. **Hannon:** That's what's usually done. Eve, are we ready to start, please? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Point of order. Aren't we supposed to close the doors so people can't leave? **Hannon:** Somebody in back want to close the doors so nobody can escape? <cat loose!> We've got a question for the Huntsville club. Is it your intent this goes into effect immediately? **Raymond:** It goes into effect in 2 years. **Hannon:** Is that the way you wrote it? So all those people we elected today disappears? How do we decide which ones stay, which ones go? **Raymond:** Mark, this goes into effect in 2017. **Fry** [Huntsville Cat Club]: No, we did not intend that. We intended it begin with the next cycle. **Raymond:** They specifically provide that. **Hannon:** So, the people who were elected, they get their 2-year term. **Russell:** But the intention needs to be written down. **Raymond:** It is written down. It's in there.

Hannon: Are you ready, Eve? All those in favor of cutting it from 7 Directors-at-Large to 5 Directors-at-Large in 2017 raise your hands, and keep them raised until the teller tells you to lower them. [teller count is performed] Are you ready for the no votes? All those who are against the resolution changing from 7 to 5 Directors-at-large raise your hands. Keep them raised until the teller tells you to lower them. [teller count is performed] **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Point of order. We're confused about which one we're voting on. **Hannon:** We're voting on Amendment #8, submitted by the Huntsville Cat Club, which takes us from 7 Directors-at-Large down to 5 Directors-at-Large. **Hannon:** All those who are abstaining, please raise your hands and keep them raised. [teller count is performed] Alright, on Amendment

#8, which is to change the Directors-at-Large from 7 down to 5, there were 241 yes, 115 no, 1 abstention. The motion carries.

Motion Carried.

– 9– Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers; Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers; Oakway Cat Fanciers; Paws and Claws CF; Ocicat Society; Southeastern Michigan CF; Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers; Motor City Jazz Club

RESOLVED: Amend Constitution, Article VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph a. as follows:

Section 2 – Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~and Regional Directors, and Directors-at-Large elected prior to March 1, 2016 shall serve for a term of two years. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Directors, and Directors-at-Large elected on or after March 1, 2016 shall serve for a term of three years, except that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer elected in 2016 shall serve for a term of two years, shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors at Large shall be elected in odd numbered years.~~ The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

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RATIONALE: Having each category of board members serve for a slightly longer term provides more time for them to appreciate the functioning of the board and CFA at a different level than that which they may have previously been aware. Further this would provide for more stability and less turnover at the board level on a yearly basis.

The transition would occur as follows:

- 2016 -- Regional Directors elected for the 3 year period; Officers elected for a 2 year period
- 2017 -- Directors at large elected for the 3 year period
- 2018 -- Officers elected for the 3 year period
- 2019 -- Regional Directors elected for the 3 year period and so forth

Hannon: Proposal #9 is Anthony Wayne. Barb Schreck is approaching the mike.
Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]: I won't read this, but basically what it does is to provide an extension from the 2 year term to a 3 year term, beginning with next year's election, so that in one year you will elect Regional Directors, in the next year you will elect the Directors-at-Large, and in the third year you elect the officers. It has become obvious to me from this last year that I've been on the board, being a newbie myself, along with 7 for sure newbies, but 8 people in the Regional Director position, you need some kind of continuity. This still gives you the option to elect or not elect in each year as you choose, but gives more continuity and experience to the board for many, many reasons so that they can operate, know the rules and advise any new person coming in to the board. This would take effect, next year's election would elect Directors-at-Large for 2 years, and then at that point it would become a 3 year term.
Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Cat-H-Art]: Two years does not seem to be enough, except most of the people on the board are going to run again – there are no term limits – and they will be on for another 2 years. While the newbies usually end up on there again, I don't see

that a 3 year – someone we don't like for some reason, that's going to be 3 to 6 years before we can get rid of them, instead of 2 to 4. **Hannon:** Any other comments? Barb, do you want to make a closing comment?

Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]: I would just like to say that the whole idea is, 2 years yes maybe, but by 3 years you should know for sure. If as Norm says the get elected for 2 terms of 2 years or 1 term of 3 years, you get rid of them a year earlier.

Hannon: Alright, I'm going to call for the vote.

Motion Failed.

– 10 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend Article XIII – RULES AND STANDARDS, and Article XVI -- AMENDMENTS as follows:

ARTICLE XIII – RULES AND STANDARDS

[No change to first paragraph]

Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association may change such Show Rules of the Association as have general applicability (but not those affecting specifically any color, breed, or division) by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, provided that any such proposed Show Rules changes are noticed ~~appear in the printed material mailed~~ by the Association's Central Office to all member clubs in good standing at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed changes not included in such ~~mailing notice~~, or included but amended prior to adoption, or adopted by a vote of less than two-thirds (2/3), shall be advisory only. Show Rule changes so adopted shall be effective on May 1 of the year following adoption, unless a different effective date is specifically stated in the adopted change.

[No change to remainder of Article XIII]

ARTICLE XVI – AMENDMENTS

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

RATIONALE: This proposal allows for the use of modern and more economical communication methods to provide the required communications regarding amendments and resolutions to member clubs.

Hannon: Proposal #10 is the Executive Board. George. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: This makes two changes in our constitution, both having to do with how amendments and resolutions are noticed to the clubs. Essentially we are taking out the requirement that it be printed material and mailed, and putting in place that it be noticed. In other words, we're going to kill fewer trees. **Hannon:** Any other comments? **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: I've got a comment. Killing trees is good, because when you cut the trees down and make paper, they plant new trees, but that's not the reason. The reason is, people like me whose email is totally useless most of the time, I need

something in the mail. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Nothing in this prohibits somebody for asking to get their copy in the mail. It simply allows us to use other methods. It does not prohibit mail, it just simply no longer mandates it. **Hannon:** Currently, the constitution prohibits anything other than sending it out by snail mail, which gets very expensive. A lot of people want to share these with their club members, so if they send it to them in an automated way, they can share it much easier. **Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Cat-H-Art]: Mail is good. What I do as secretary of a couple clubs, I'll scan them in and forward them as PDF files to my members. Mail is not totally reliable which anybody that's been on the Credentials Committee knows, email is not totally reliable which anybody in corporate America also knows, so there are methods by which if you use multiple different methods of getting that information out, you might get everybody. **Hannon:** All those in favor, raise your hand.

Motion Carried.

- 11 - CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend Article XIII – RULES AND STANDARDS as follows:

ARTICLE XIII – RULES AND STANDARDS

[No change to first three paragraphs]

A ~~National and Regional~~ CFA-sponsored Awards Program which shall include scoring procedures, policies and awards shall be listed as an official part of the CFA Show Rules. Awards will be based on points accumulated throughout the show season subject to the rules and limitations set forth in the program. No other method of determining the winning cats shall be permitted.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change which will keep the Constitution and Show Rules in harmony.

Hannon: Proposal #11 is the Executive Board. George. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: And speaking on behalf of the Executive Board. A while back we decided to change the name of our national awards to “global awards”. Unfortunately, the constitution says they are national awards. Bottom line is, it doesn't really belong in the constitution. We put our awards system in our Show Rules. That's really where it belongs, so we want to change it to the more generic term “CFA-sponsored”. Then we can call it whatever we want in the future, depending upon how we structure them and how we arrange them. That's all this does. It doesn't do away with awards, it simply gives them a more generic name. You can pick the final name. If you don't like the term “global awards” or whatever, we can work on that in the Show Rules. It doesn't have to be ensconced in the constitution. **Hannon:** Any other comments? All those in favor.

Motion Carried.

RESOLVED: AMEND sixth paragraph of ARTICLE XIV – JUDGES to read as follows:

No judge may be ~~affiliated with an officer, director or judge of~~ any other organization having objects similar to those of this Association.

RATIONALE: We have the potential to have experienced, and very capable, judges apply to our judging program. However, the current paragraph 6 of Article XIV prevents them from applying. In many countries and associations, club membership is a requirement for access to registration services for that association. These judges have upwards of 40 years breeding and registering with their associations. To have to disassociate from these organizations, even as a member of a club, means these judges have no ability to access the registry of the association.

Some of our guest judges live with very restrictive government regulations. These rules require all breeders to be members of the State-affiliated club/federation applicable to the species of the animal they breed/own. If they disassociate with their current clubs/associations, they risk having all their animals, including livestock, confiscated and killed (and this is a supposedly civilized country). Many countries throughout the world have statues mandating both breeders and judging officials maintain a membership in the country's designated federation.

This portion of our CFA constitution was written many years prior to CFA becoming a global organization. We currently allow our delegates to our annual meeting to have membership in “like associations”, delegates that can change the constitution and show rules of CFA. A membership in a “like association” should not be the disqualifier for a judge to join us.

Hannon: Proposal #12, *Sophisto Cat*. Pam DelaBar. **DelaBar** [Havana Brown Fanciers; *Sophisto Cat Club*]: Obviously at all person set up these microphones. Change the constitution that *No judge may be an officer, director or judge of any other organization having objects similar to those of this Association*. I'm asking you to think globally on this. We have 2 situations of judges who have guest judged for CFA in many shows that prohibits them from coming over to our association to be judges. The first case is that we have associations that require everyone who wants to register with that association must be a member. We have judges with 40 years or so breeding experience and registration with these associations – and these are major associations – that if they should come to CFA and have to give up their membership, they are also giving up the access to that 40 years of breeding. They cannot access their information, their breeding, their pedigrees. We have another situation where we have judges that would love to come over to CFA, but their country requires that they be a member of 1 of the 2 organizations within that country. If they are not members, their animals – be they cats, dogs, cattle, sheep or whatever – may be confiscated and destroyed. We have delegates sitting in this room who are members of other associations. We still allow them to make changes to our constitution, and we allow them to make changes to our show rules. Judges have put a lot of heart into their breeding programs before they became judges, and even still with breeding. I am asking to allow this minor change, to allow us to get these phenomenal, well-experienced judges over to CFA.

Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: I promise I will sit down for a while after this one. “Affiliated with” is really kind of a nebulous term. It doesn't accurately describe what it is we're trying to do. We have to understand that we're a different organization. We have club memberships, not individual memberships. That's how we're structured. Other organizations are structured differently. The mere fact of some affiliation with some other

organization doesn't necessarily mean their heart and soul belongs there. This narrows down a rather broad prohibition to give us specific, narrow, measurable, verifiable means of determining what is "affiliated with" and by keeping it narrow, by keeping it well defined, we are encouraging people to come over to CFA and to participate in CFA. This is much better written than it was before and I encourage you to vote yes. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

Motion Carried.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

Hannon: We now move on to the show rule resolutions. Pre-noticed show rule resolutions which pass by 2/3 vote are sent to the board for ratification. That means the board has no choice but to say yes. Pre-noticed show rule resolutions which pass with more than 50% of the vote but less than 2/3 are sent to the board with a favorable recommendation, which means the board can take them or not. Show rule resolutions which are amended before being voted on must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

Deleted text is shown with a ~~strikethrough~~ and new text is underscored.

– 13 – Illini Cat Club; Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers; Packerland Cat Fanciers; Valley View Cat Fanciers; Lakes Country Cat Fanciers; Cat Spring Irregulars; Lewis and Clark LH Specialty; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Ocicats International; Vintage Cat Fanciers; New River Cat Fanciers; CanUsa Cat Club; Cats Incredible, Inc. ; Feline Forum of Greater NY; Make Mine Mink; Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Just Cats N' Us; National Colorpoints & Orientals; Colonial Cat Club; Happy Trails; Long Island Cat Club; Sofistocated Felines; Cochise Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.04, 2.07a-c, 7.02, 8.03, 12.07, 12.11e, 27.01, 27.03b, 28.02, 28.03, 28.07 as follows:

2.04 A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including ~~Opens the first place (blue ribbon) Open in each class competing~~ as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.

2.07 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered "listed" (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. ~~Qualifying rings-Winners' ribbons~~ are awarded in the Novice Class. Upon the cat's registration with CFA, ~~these~~ the winners' ribbons will be posted to the cat's record toward its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for Global/Regional points and are not

included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.

b. The OPEN CLASS is for CFA registered cats with either a temporary or permanent registration number of a color accepted for Championship competition, of either sex, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show, except cats that have completed requirements for Championship confirmation. When a cat has completed requirements for confirmation, it is ineligible for the Open Class in any subsequent show (see 27.05 and 28.01). ~~Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and in the judge's book as champions. For the purpose of judging only, the open class is considered a subset of the champion class. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions.~~ The Open receiving the blue ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon was awarded and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.

c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. ~~The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions.~~ The Open (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) receiving a Blue Ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon was awarded, and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Open, Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. ~~Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions~~ Opens and champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. ~~Premiers and opens competing as premiers~~ Opens and premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championships and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

First Place Winners	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red/white/blue
First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue
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- 12.07** The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog **as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages**, indicating Winners, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/ catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.
- 12.11** ...
- e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV, OPN, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes prior to submitting the sheets to the master clerk.
- 27.01** ~~Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, all opens in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty, can use the ring as a "Qualifying Ring" so long as the judge does not disqualify or otherwise withhold awards (including wrong color) from the open.~~ Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, ONLY the winning (blue ribbon) Open male or neuter and the winning (blue ribbon) female or spay in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty, can use the ring as a "Qualifying Ring."
- 27.03** a. ...
- b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011, or as a Novice, and Qualifying Rings earned between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2016 satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for Championship or Premiership confirmation.
- c. ...
- 28.02** A cat eligible for and shown in the Open, Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championships or Grand Premiership points in any type ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:
- a. Any Blue Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. The highest placing Blue Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier will receive one point for each benched Blue Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier defeated. The second highest placing Blue Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Blue Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In all cases, fractional points .5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number.
- b. Best Champion or Best Premier will receive one point for every Blue Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier defeated.
- c. Second Best Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Champion.

- d. Best Longhair Champion and Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive one point for every benched Blue Ribbon Open and Champion defeated in that specialty.
- e. The Second Best Longhair Champion and Second Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion. The Third Best Longhair Champion and Third Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion.
- f. Best Longhair Premier and Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed rings will receive one point for every benched Blue Ribbon Open and Premier defeated in that specialty.
- g. The Second Best Longhair Premier and Second Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

- a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every benched Blue Ribbon Open or Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division.
- b. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

28.07 After confirmation of title has been received, a cat is ineligible to compete in the Open, Champion or Premier Class and must be transferred and complete in the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class at any subsequent show.

RATIONALE: You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Everybody wants to hold something in their hand that shows their accomplishments. With declining entries and the desire to solicit/keep/encourage new exhibitors to stay with CFA and show their cats, we need to be proactive in providing them an incentive to return. While a winner's ribbon might be meaningless to some, it can be the "prize" that keeps people coming back. They achieve something – a win, a winner's ribbon – and they will strive to do better – it is part of human nature. CFA is made of people and it will be people that sustain the organization into the future. The cost of putting winner's ribbons back into inventory is as little as \$20 per show. Isn't it worth the investment if we introduce the potential to bring people to their 2nd, 3rd and 4th CFA show?

Hannon: The first one is from Illini. **Mary Auth** [Fancy That Cat Club; Illini Cat Club]: Thanks to Mary K for pointing out all the deficiencies in the wording on this. I am withdrawing this resolution, in favor of one that's been corrected with her suggestions that I will present from the floor later on this afternoon. I did pass out the reworded resolution to the delegation earlier today.

Withdrawn.

– 14 – *Crown City; Paul Raines Solid Color Cat Clubs*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.07, 5.01f and 6.15 to register kittens as follows:

2.07 KITTEN AND CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) kittens or cats, of either sex, ~~altered or unaltered, 8~~ from 4 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and ~~who~~ which do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these kittens or cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, these will be posted to the kitten’s or cat’s record towards its kitten award or Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as kittens or as Champions/Premiers. Novice class kittens or cats are not eligible for Global/Regional points and are not included in counts when determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.

5.01 There must be a printed flyer and it must include the following:

...

f. All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), *registered* Kittens (except Novice), recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with ~~an~~ Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA awards.

6.15 Only kittens or cats registered with CFA with either a temporary or permanent registration number are eligible for entry in the Kitten, Championship and Premiership competitive categories and the Veterans, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV classes. The show management is expressly prohibited from accepting a Kitten, Championship, Premiership, Veteran, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV entry unless the official entry form contains a registration number or request for a temporary registration number. (Except those listed cats that are competing as Novices, as provided for in ~~paragraph rule~~ 2.07.a). It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the kitten or cat with its proper registration number as shown on the registration certificate. ~~Any~~ All AOV, Provisional or Miscellaneous kittens must have a registration number in order to be eligible to be shown.

RATIONALE: A kitten currently exhibited without being registered cannot receive points; however, they are considered in the overall count for other exhibited kittens. If a kitten is to provide a point, said kitten should be registered with the ability to earn points. It has been projected that the show season of 2013-2014 had an estimated loss for CFA of \$40,000 due to kittens not being registered, and it is estimated that the income for CFA, this 2014-2015 show season, could be greater than \$65,000 with this amendment to register kittens. The monetary impact of registering kittens for each individual remains very minimal, while the monetary gain for CFA would be extremely beneficial. Exhibitors will be allowed to show their kittens once in the novice class for a judges’ opinion.

Hannon: Proposal 14, Crown City. **Cyndi Byrd** [Las Flores Cat Club; Malibu Cat Club]: Resolution #14 requires that all kittens be registered in order to be counted and compete. You may show as a novice, but a novice kitten would not be counted as part of the show count or for points. **Hannon:** Any discussion on this? All those in favor, raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.

Hannon: It passes but not by 2/3, so it will go with a favorable recommendation.

- 15 –Happy Trails Cat Club; Make Mine Mink; Just Cats ‘N Us; Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Long Island Cat Club; Sofistocated Felines; Colonial Cat Club; National Colorpoints & Orientals

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 3.02 by the addition of a new paragraph f as follows, effective immediately:

f. Judges, including those in the International Division, shall be limited in the number of out-of-[their own]-country shows for which they may be contracted in any show season. They may judge no more than 8 shows per show season on any continent in which CFA is recognized.

RATIONALE: Utilizing a limited amount of the judging panel to repeatedly judge in the same area greatly affects the outcome of competition when the judge appears too often in a set area of competition. Spreading out a judge’s ability to accept foreign assignments will help to balance out the effect of over-exposure to the same group of competitive cats. This still allows US-based judges the opportunity to judge in other countries up to as many as 8 times a year. Given the number of judges in CFA, that seems like a fair number.

Hannon: Next is Happy Trails. **Gary Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: We are withdrawing this proposal, rewording it and bringing it up later from the floor. We didn’t intend to say “country”, we really intended “continent”.

Withdrawn.

- 16 – Crown City; Paul Raines Solid Color Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER by addition of a new Paragraph 5.07 as follows:

5.07 The show entry clerk shall publish an updated breed summary daily of current entries on Cat Shows US or CFAShows.net or various unofficial lists, beginning on the Saturday prior to a show, up to and including the day of closing. The final breed summary shall be promptly posted to the aforementioned websites and lists.

RATIONALE: Publishing the breed summary prior to the show, allows all exhibitors to be informed regarding the entries for each show presented on the coming weekend.

Hannon: Crown City, Cyndi Byrd. **Byrd** [Las Flores Cat Club; Malibu Cat Club]: We would like to withdraw #16.

Withdrawn.

- 17 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Modify Show Rules 11.28, 11.29a and 11.30 to add 4th Best Champion and 3rd Best Premier based on the entered count as follows:

11.28 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115, for Championship entries of 115 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60, for Premiership entries of 60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

In Allbreed rings where the entered count of Longhair Champions plus Opens is 25 or more, the finals awards will include 4th Best Longhair Champion. In Allbreed rings where the entered count of Shorthair Champions plus Opens is 25 or more, the finals awards will include 4th Best Shorthair Champion. The number of Allbreed Champions is limited to 3 regardless of the count.

In Allbreed rings where the entered count of Longhair Premiers plus Opens is 10 or more, the finals awards will include 3rd Best Longhair Premier. In Allbreed rings where the entered count of Shorthair Premiers plus Opens is 10 or more, the finals awards will include 3rd Best Longhair Premier. The number of Allbreed Premiers is limited to 2 regardless of the count.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115, for Championship entries of 115 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60, for Premiership entries of 60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.

In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings where the entered count of that speciality's Champions plus Opens is 25 or more, the finals awards will include 4th Best Champion.

In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings where the entered count of that speciality's Premiers plus Opens is 10 or more, the finals awards will include 3rd Best Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26, 11.28 and 11.29.

a. CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
...				
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd ***, 4 th * Champion	X	X		X
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd ***, 4 th * LH Champion	X			
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd ***, 4 th * SH Champion	X			
...				

b. PREMIERSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
...				
Best & 2 nd & 3 rd * Best Premier	X	X		X
Best & 2 nd & 3 rd * Best LH Premier	X			
Best & 2 nd & 3 rd * Best SH Premier	X			
...				

*Where applicable based on entered count (see 11.28 and 11.29); no 4th Best AB Champion or 3rd Best AB Premier in Allbreed rings.

**For breeds not divided into Divisions.

***No 3rd or 4th Best Champion, 3rd or 4th Best LH Champion or 3rd or 4th Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this resolution is to increase entries in our shows. Some exhibitors feel that at high count shows they have little chance to pick up grand points for their cats. The 6x6 and 10 ring formats can be expensive to enter; exhibitors sometimes decide not to even try if they feel their cat does not have a chance at making finals. Adding champion or premier final spots will help people feel like they have a shot, and thus more likely to enter.

The danger with adding champion or premier spots is that this could make it too easy to grand a cat. To avoid this danger, this resolution limits the extra spot to LH and SH only with no extra AB spot and includes a stipulation that to offer the extra spot, the show must have a high enough entered count in that group. Cats earning these positions in the final will not be getting a lavish number of points and still must defeat a reasonable number of cats. In the future, if we find that count-based spots in the final attract entries, we can reconsider adding an AB spot.

If these changes had been in place in the 2013-2014 season, 132 shows would have included 4th Best LH Champion and 83 shows would have included 4th Best SH Champion. 166 shows would have had at least one extra champion spot, with 100 of those being in the US. There were 331 shows in that season, so half would have had a 4th champion spot in at least one group. Only 29 shows would have a 4th champion spot in both groups.

In premierships in the 2013-2014 season, 41 shows would have included 3rd Best LH Premier and 72 shows would have included 3rd Best SH Premier. 102 shows would have had at least one extra premier spot, with 82 of those being in the US. Less than 1/3rd of the shows in the 2013-2014 season would have been affected. Only 12 shows would have a 3rd premier spot in both groups.

The entry breakout for the 2014-2015 season is not yet available, but based on present counts that are known at the time this resolution was submitted, we can estimate that the number of affected shows will be in the same range as from the 2013-2014 season, possibly a lower number. This data means that we will not be flooding our shows with more champion points since fewer than half of the shows will be able to offer an extra Champion spot.

Showing cats is an expensive endeavor. Adding champion and premier final awards based on the entered count will give exhibitors encouragement and take the sting out of their expenses when they have a productive show.

Hannon: Proposal 17, Lilac Point Fanciers. Mary K, you're going to give us the abridged version, right? It goes on for 3 pages. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Some of the things that I'm going to be presenting today are things that other people suggested. I've kind of gotten this reputation for writing resolutions, so if you don't like

something I present, that was something that someone else wrote. **Hannon:** She doesn't want to ruin her track record. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: So, #17 would create a 4th best shorthair champion or longhair champion, and a 3rd best shorthair or longhair premier spot, based on the entered count. If you get 25 champions entered in shorthair, you get an extra shorthair champion spot; 10 for premiers. If you get 10 shorthair premiers, you get an extra spot. There are no extra allbreed spots, it's just in the specialties. Let's say you get 26 shorthair champions and 10 longhair champions, you only get the extra spot in the shorthair champions. So, the purpose of this is to increase entries by offering more incentive to enter champions and premiers. Since these extra spots are based on counts, these are not going to be gratuitous spots. There's going to have to be a sizeable chunk of cats for people to get points. Statistically, I estimate that about half of our shows would get at least one extra champion spot, about a third will get an extra premier spot. So, when you think about this, think about your thought process for picking a show for grand points. Some of our bigger shows where we've got 50 or more champions, you might think, "my cat doesn't have a chance to get one of three spots or whatever, it's too much money for me to travel to that show for too little possible return." But, if there's a 4th spot, that might pull in that entry because there will be more possible return. So, we want to turn around the "too much money for too little possible return" and make our shows have higher counts, to be more lucrative for our exhibitors. **Hannon:** Are there any comments? Nobody is brave enough? **Leslie Carr** [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: I am in favor of the idea of adding additional champions. I have no issues with that. Where I have a problem with this, it's only effective in a longhair/shorthair specialty ring. It doesn't do anything where, in an allbreed ring you've got 40 longhair champions, you still will only have the top 3, even if there's more than 25 champions in the allbreed ring. So, that is my issue with this particular amendment. **Hannon:** Leslie, could I suggest that if you are interested in going to 4 spots with allbreed, you bring it up as a resolution from the floor? **Carr** [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: Yes, there's that possibility, but you asked if anybody had any issues. **Donna Fuller** [Russian Blue West; San Francisco Revelers]: There was no mention here of the additional time that it will take in shows to select those. Also, are we going to have more cages so we can get 8 champions plus top 10? The space just doesn't justify it. **Fry** [Huntsville Cat Club]: Although I am somewhat sympathetic to what Mary is saying, I believe that this has kind of got a law of unintended consequences with it, in that this increases cost to the club that's doing the show. Over time, it's going to add up. That's my major point. **Bruce Isenberg** [Desert Cats; Grand Canyon Cat Club]: This measure only dilutes the meaning of a grand champion. I am more in favor of making grand champion mean something. **Loretta Baugh** [CanUSA Cat Club; Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers]: It's been over 20 years since we have increased grand points. It has been 200 points for over 20 years. I would be glad to support this if we also raise the number of grand points. We're giving out enough awards as it is. **Crawford** [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: I would just like to comment on the comment that was made about the additional cost to the club. Surely, most of the clubs these days are using single streamers. You could always use just a single streamer that doesn't even have a date on it and keep them from year to year, just like you would with your normal flats. I don't think cost should really be an issue here. As for number of cages that we need to have in rings, how many times have we gone 2, 3 different groups of cats that have to come up to a final now? We're talking about 1 or 2 additional cats here. The more that we have a benefit of getting people into the show hall, that means more people are going to be coming into the show hall. This is not that much to add. I don't believe that it dilutes, not when we're saying it's going to be a higher

number anyway. **Hannon:** Before Mary does closing comments, does anyone else want to speak? **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: Right now, you have the situation where you have the opens brought in as champions, so you've already diluted the grand status because you beat the opens and you get grand points, because in the judges' books, the only thing there are champions. There are no opens. I don't like the idea of reducing the status of the grand champion. That's why I'm going to oppose this.

Hannon: Any other comments before Mary closes this? I don't see anybody raising their hands. Mary? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: I want to address several points that people brought up. The reason I did not include the allbreed spots was specifically because I knew that there would be some people that thought that by doing this we would be diluting the grands, is it really going to work, etc., so I thought, let's just go slow. Let's do just one spot based on this count. If we see results, we can do more. I am not opposed to adding allbreed spots, I just don't want to do everything at once and then have it not be what we intended it to be, so I thought, let's take a conservative approach. So, space and time – wait, I'll get back to that in a little bit. About the cost of this, there's always paper rosettes. There's some ideas for different things that you can do for rosettes. The North Atlantic Regional Fundraiser had these outstanding printed paper rosettes that were extremely inexpensive, that were beautiful. I would have been happy to walk out of a show with those. You're going to be getting more entries hopefully that will cover that increased cost. That's the intention of this. The points about it counting cats entered instead of present, we can't determine – a judge is not going to be able to determine – how many cats are present until after they are actually present, so people aren't going to know, "hey, I've got a shot at a 4th spot in this show, I'll enter my cat," because they're not going to know until the judge judges the cats, so that defeats the whole purpose of using this to attract entries by making people wait until after they enter to find out if they are going to have a 4th spot. It doesn't work. So, there's something I want to stress, and you're going to see this in a lot of these things that are coming up later, and it's permeating all of these resolutions, is that we are all in a deep funk because of the lack of entries in this country. It's going to come up over and over and over again about the national awards in quite a few of these amendments. If we don't start addressing our entry decline, we're going to continue to have these problems. The purpose of this resolution is to increase counts. If we increased counts in this country, so many other problems would go away. So, while you are worrying about space and time and cost, you are going to worry yourselves right out of having shows at all, if we don't do something about making it lucrative for people to enter our shows. If they think they don't have a chance, they're not going to enter and then you're not going to have enough money to pay for the shows. So, this is just an attempt to try to get more entries for the shows. **Hannon:** All those in favor, raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.

Hannon: It carried but not by 2/3, so it will go to the board with a favorable recommendation.

RESOLVED: Modify Show Rule 28.01a to remove the fake titles NC CH and NC PR.

28.01 Grand points for a cat that has completed requirements for Championship or Premiership will not be posted to a cat's record until the Central Office has received a Championship Claim form, appropriate fees, and confirmed that championship or premiership requirements have been met. In the case of cats that earned points with a temporary registration number, those points also will not be posted to a cat's record until the cat has received a permanent registration number. The following applies to a cat that has earned all of the required qualifying rings for its champion or premier title, but no claim form (champion/premier) has been received in Central Office:

- a. ~~The cat will be noted with the title NC CH or NC PR, as appropriate, indicating that the cat has completed the requirements for the champion or premier title, respectively, but has not yet claimed that title by filing the appropriate claim form with the required fee.~~ The claim form may be filed three ways: 1) by completing an online request and paying the fee online, 2) completing the claim form and mailing it in to Central Office, or 3) by completing the claim form and providing it to the master clerk at a subsequent show to be included with the show package sent to Central Office.

RATIONALE: CFA's database has long denoted an unclaimed CH or PR title with an NC. This was not a real title, but simply a shorthand notation for the database for scoring purposes. This show rule was recently added erroneously defining NC CH and NC PR as titles when in fact these are not titles.

The purpose of the Champion and Premier titles are to signify that a cat has been handled by six judges that did not find a disqualifying fault or other reason to withhold. When we see CH in a pedigree, even though the cat did not grand we can tell that it met the standard in the opinion of six judges. To get the title, the cat must have the necessary number of qualifying rings AND the owner must claim and pay for the title.

By using NC CH and NC PR, this effectively gives the cat the CH or PR title for free. If an owner has NC CH or NC PR on any paper from CFA or any award, the owner can say "my cat meets the requirements for Champion, six judges said it met the standard, but I just didn't pay for it." We can even see this notation in show catalogs in China where people will use NC CH in the sire or dam's name. Herman even includes the notation!

This is not what was ever intended by that shorthand NC notation, nor should anybody be getting any titles without properly fulfilling all of the requirements, including if necessary paying for them. There is no need for this in the show rules.

Hannon: Proposal 18 is Lilac Point Fanciers. Mary K. Since that last one passed, Mary, that must have been one of yours? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Yes. No, actually I can't take credit for that. That was from somebody on the internet. This one is mine though, so it better pass. There was a show rule put in last year that actually creates a new title that none of us ever thought we would be creating. It's the NC/CH and NC/PR title. I don't know if anybody has ever noticed this. The first time I noticed this was when I was working on awards. You would get an award report from Central Office and there would be a list of all the cats in the breed, and some of them would say NC/CH or NC/PR. That's a database notation for cats that have not claimed – in other words, they have gotten the qualifying rings, but they haven't paid for the title, OK? So, by saying NC/CH or NC/PR, if people start using that

as a title, which the show rule now says that's a title, when people use that they are effectively getting the title for free. So, we don't need this in the show rules. It doesn't have to be there. It's for Central Office use only. I will tell you that I've been seeing it used. If any of you have ever looked at one of the catalogs from one of the shows in China, a lot of the sires and dams say NC/CH. They are not paying for the title, but they're getting the advantage of using it. So, by removing this, it's just one step to getting rid of that. I have another one coming up later to request that Central Office stop using that notation outside of their internal use. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Crawford** [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: The only concern that our clubs have with this is that we need to have some sort of notation somewhere, be it keeping it in Herman or something, so that those of us who have slightly pudding-y brain matter and forget that we haven't claimed our championship and premiership, that we know that we need to do so. We're not against it in theory, but there still needs to be somewhere, but outside of any sort of official certificates, etc., that we can still go back and look at that. **Alene Shafnisky** [Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l]: With regard to this title, first of all I don't think it's a title, but I can tell you that in my years that I worked with our region and as Regional Director, every single year when we got that last print-out, we would send the award notifications to people and say, "your cat, NC/CH" and 9 times out of 10 those people would write back and say, "what does that mean?" That was the first reminder they had that they hadn't claimed the title fully. I think if we eliminate this, a lot of people are going to miss out on the chance to confirm in time to get that changed on their awards. **Hannon:** If I can comment Alene, since you were Regional Director, the Board has changed the policy and now there's a rule requiring the Central Office to notify the owners after 45 days that they have not claimed it, and they have another 45 days in which to claim it. If they don't, they lose their winners ribbons or the equivalent rings. They lose all points. If they haven't claimed it and they've got enough points for a regional win, they lose the regional win. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I totally support Mary's proposal here. The reason why the NC/CH and the NC/PR are used is because that's what you will see on certificates. Getting rid of that off the certificates is a good idea, and that's coming up later on, but the idea of it being here was originally a carry-over to make sure that exhibitors knew that they had a champion or premier title and hadn't claimed it, but if you read that rule a little further on, as Mark pointed out, there is now a requirement that Central Office notify these people in writing that they have X number of days to claim the title or lose it, so we really don't need the title. **Ganoe** [Hawai'i Hulacat Club]: The rule that we enacted from the Board is being programmed in the IT system. Right now they are done manually, so we will be notifying title earners that haven't claimed their title within the 45 days, and they actually lose any grand points but they don't lose their qualifying rings. So, they can claim the champion title, but if they don't claim the champion title within the 90 days, they lose any grand points they may have earned during that time frame. I support the amendment to get rid of it in the show rules. It shouldn't have ever been there. **Hannon:** Any other comments before Mary closes? Last chance.

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: I just wanted to address a couple of the comments that were raised. The one about regional scorers getting the notification, that happened before this show rule was enacted. That comes up in a later resolution. We don't need this show rule for anything that was brought up. The person that wrote it said we don't need it and the IT Committee said we don't need it, so we can talk about those other things later and methods of notification. **Hannon:** Alright, all those in favor.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

RESOLVED: Modify Show Rule 28.08 to make cats that have already achieved NW/GW status ineligible for the Grand of Distinction title.

28.08 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.

Cats who have achieved a NW or GW in either Championship or Premiership are not eligible for the Grand of Distinction title, except for those cats that achieve the GCD or GPD prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 show season or prior to achieving the GW title.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2005-2006 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.

RATIONALE: There have been some complaints about the cats with NWs continuing to be shown toward the GCD or GPD titles. The complaint is that it is costing CFA entries when people do not want to compete against these top cats. We do not agree with this sentiment and believe that fear of defeat by a better cat should not drive our show rules. Let the best cat win! All entries should be welcome. However, we can settle this by voting on the issue.

This resolution would make NW/GW cats in championship and premiership ineligible for the Grand of Distinction title. The NW/GWs are our highest awards and the GCD/GPD is a lesser title. We will assume that they have already proven their Distinction and do not need to compete further for the title. However, **this would not guarantee that these cats would not continue to be shown.**

Cats that have already achieved the GCD or GPD would be unaffected. Also, cats that achieve the GCD or GPD prior to achieving a NW/GW would keep their designations. Since this change will not take effect until the 2016-2017 season, cats currently working on their 3rd season for the GD title will not be affected.

Hannon: Proposal 19 is Lilac Point Fanciers. Mary Kolencik. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: I've heard a lot of complaints about prior national winners being shown for the Grand of Distinction. Some people have said, when we created that title – which passed by a huge margin – that they didn't realize this would happen. Well, I always thought it would happen and I didn't have a problem with it, but here's your chance to fix it. I'm tired of hearing the complaints, so let's just deal with it. I wrote the proposal, but I disagree with it. This year only 7 prior national winners earned Grands of Distinction, so if you think about it, you've only got the cat in the 3rd year and the 2nd year. We've got maybe 14 cats with national wins trying for this title. Is that really killing people? If it is, OK, I can be wrong, so let's just put it to a vote. **Bennett** [Ocicats International; Siouxlant Cat Fanciers]: I vehemently oppose this for one very basic reason. We should not have any title and then tell somebody, “oh, but YOU can't have it.” The fact of the matter is, either get rid of the title altogether or realize that clubs are screaming for entries and you don't get to say, “we want your

entries, but please bring your bad cats.” **Karen Thomas** [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]: I’m one of those people going for Grand of Distinction and my 9 year old premiership cat is almost there. She happened to pick up a regional win last year in the process of getting her 30 rings. If this passed, I would lose out on getting my Grand of Distinction because she got a regional win, so I’m opposed to it. **Hannon**: Karen, that’s not true. It’s only national wins that are excluded. Regional wins are allowed. Alright, Mary wants to clarify something. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That’s My Point Cat Fanciers]: This is not effective this season, so anybody that’s still working on the title you would still get it this season. **Cindy Cappa-Madore** [Copper City Cat Club; Salt City Cat Club]: I got my very first regional win this year and I’m working for the Grand of Distinction. If you pass this right now, I’m in my second season. I’m very excited about bringing my boy out and continuing with him. As far as the rings go, 30 rings, I’m going to be in or I’m going to be out. I’m not going to try to prevent anyone from getting a regional win, I’m just working towards supporting my clubs and bringing my boy out. **Hannon**: Can I just stop you there? We’ve already addressed that. It only impacts national wins. If you have a regional win, you are perfectly free to go for the Grand of Distinction. **Cappa-Madore** [Copper City Cat Club; Salt City Cat Club]: But, if you eliminate the Grand of Distinction award – **Hannon**: They’re not. They are not allowing cats that have national wins to go for it. **Cappa-Madore** [Copper City Cat Club; Salt City Cat Club]: I’m sorry. That was my misunderstanding. **Hannon**: They will continue to allow cats to compete for this Grand of Distinction title. We’re not eliminating this Grand of Distinction title. **Cappa-Madore** [Copper City Cat Club; Salt City Cat Club]: Thank you. **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: The Grand of Distinction is one of the few things that brought up the counts in the shows. We run a couple shows a year and we notice that a lot of people are showing cats for 2 years and 3 years instead of 1 year, so it works. The fact that you want to take away somebody’s right to do it I don’t like. I think it’s one of the few things that we have done that’s helped the count.

Hannon: Mary? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That’s My Point Cat Fanciers]: I want to reiterate, this doesn’t take the title away. It only stops national winners from getting the title. It doesn’t mean they can’t be shown. Somebody could still bring out 3rd Best Cat last year to try for POTY this year. You’re still going to see that cat. We’re still going to see those people with those good cats. I want to reiterate that this is one of those things that was a complaint from other people that I wrote. It’s not my idea, so my hands are clean. **Hannon**: I think what she’s saying, if it fails she is not taking the blame. All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: We are sending a clear message to those people that are complaining.

– 20 – *Crown City; Paul Raines Solid Color Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.03, 2.04 and Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **SHOW POINTS** Section, Paragraphs 2 and 3 as follows:

2.03 A BENCHED KITTEN OR CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in at least one ring a ring. ~~Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show.~~ Any kitten or cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified kitten or cat, is considered a benched kitten or cat for scoring purposes in that ring only. A kitten or cat must be present and judged in a ring (ring by ring) for overall scoring purposes.

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION OR PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in ~~one a~~ ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will not be counted as a Champion or Premier in ~~all any rings.~~ on the second day of the show. ~~Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show.~~ Any cat competing in a ring (ring by ring), including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes in that ring.

Article XXXVI
GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM
SCORING PROCEDURES/POLICIES & AWARDS

SHOW POINTS

Official Show Count

1. ...
2. The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category in each ring to establish the official show counts. Novices and AOVs are not counted in the official count.
3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in a ring is counted as competing in ~~all rings~~ that ring only.

RATIONALE: Competition is the act of trying to achieve a win or prize. Phantom points harm the spirit of competition and give a false sense of the competitive environment. If a cat is not present in a ring, there cannot be actual competition; therefore, points which are awarded without competition haven't earning power or merit. In order for competition to occur, a cat must be present in each ring and cannot earn a point or give a point unless they are counted as present in that ring.

Hannon: Proposal 20, Crown City Cyndi Byrd. **Byrd** [Las Flores Cat Club; Malibu Cat Club]: #20 proposes that we go to ring-by-ring scoring so that a cat would only earn the number of points for those cats who are shown in each ring. So, on Saturday when you have 50 kittens show up, a kitten would earn from those 50 points. If only 20 kittens showed up on Sunday, a kitten would only earn from those 20 points. There have been some comments about the difficulty of scoring that. It would be simple enough for the judge to count the number of kittens that showed up in each ring, and the clerk to verify the number of kittens that showed up in his ring, so that kittens, cats or premierships would earn only the number of points against the number of kittens they competed with. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: You just added a concern, because I would hate to have the judge be the one that's doing the count and trying to pick the best cat. Right now that's a task that normally lives with the master clerk and I would like to leave it there, but the main reason I would oppose this proposal is something I'm going to call "reverse stuffing". For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, as soon as you go to something like ring-by-ring scoring, you go to a situation where, let's say me and a friend and a few other friends brought 11 cats to the show. I know which judges like my cat and I know which judges don't like my cat. Guess what? All my friends are going to be only in the ring that my cat is going to do well in and not in anybody else's ring. So, I could be there with my top competitor and my top competitor could get the exact same placements I get, and walk away with 50 fewer points. **Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Cat-H-Art]: I agree with Monte. Having come from an association where they had ring-by-ring scoring, it is so easy to manipulate

that ring-by-ring scoring, so you can stuff what you want and reverse stuff what you don't want. That's going to be a whole lot worse than having ghost entries. **Ganoe** [Hawai'i Hulacat Club]: I did an analysis when I saw this amendment, as it relates to Central Office scoring. Right now, for a 6 ring show, our 2 clerks in Central Office do about 1,700 data point entries to get that show scored. If we went to ring-by-ring scoring, we would have to up that to about 3,300 data points for a 6 ring show. That's one show. Two people can't handle it. We would be looking at adding at least 1 if not 2 staff members. We would also have to change the scoring module of our computer system, as well as how we publish points. I just want the delegate to understand this comes with a very hefty IT cost. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: I completely understand why some people would like to have ring-by-ring scoring. In addition to the reverse stuffing that Monte mentioned, the difficulty with doing this, and I can't even think of trying to get the judges or clerks to do this, and the master clerks are just going to walk. We're going to quit if we have to do a count like this. What I want to point out is, our biggest chunk of entries in the championship class comes from opens and champions. I think it's something like 76% comes from opens and champions – people competing for grand points. If we do this, it makes it harder to grand a cat. I know people don't like to think about cats granding, based on phantom points from cats that pull the first day or whatever, but in honesty this is going to make it harder to grand a cat. We would have to address the number of points to grand a cat. Otherwise, people are going to walk. This is another thing that's going to hit the biggest part of our exhibitor base, is the people trying to grand a cat and it's going to hurt them. **B. Isenberg** [Desert Cats; Grand Canyon Cat Club]: A wake-up call to Monte. There already is reverse stuffing. We were at a show in Mansfield last season, and half of the championship did not show up. As far as the counting of them, the other association who does ring-by-ring, and very successfully, as long as a clerk can count up to the amount of cats being shown, when the judge does his final he says, "I have judged X amount of cats", that number goes to the master clerk and that is sent to Central Office. It is not a big deal. We can do it by hand. In fact, I would volunteer. **Becky Galloway** [Arkansas Feline Fanciers; Houston Cat Club]: I am very much against this proposal. For Houston Cat Club, I have entered as many as 12 cats to help my club with entries. I don't know if you have been to the George R. Brown Convention Center, but after I get all of those cats to one ring, they may or may not go to any other rings, because it's a lot of work. Anyway, every cat gets a bath, they all go to at least one ring, and I also do that for other local clubs. I don't bring 12, but I bring extra cats to help the clubs with their entries. If we start going to ring-by-ring scoring, there's no point. I don't think I can get all 10, 11, 12 of my cats to every single ring. I'm just probably not going to do it. **Donna Hinton** [Brazos Valley Cat Club; Coastal Cat Club]: First, I don't want to see the judges have to count all these cats. They've got to concentrate on judging the cats, but I bet you there are many exhibitors in that show hall that know the count before the master clerk does, because they are up there scoring those cats. It's no big deal for the clerk to count the cats that she or he has marked in their book, and give the total at the end. It's simple. **B. Isenberg** [Desert Cats; Grand Canyon Cat Club]: I find no joy in beating no cat. This association is based on competition, and when you beat a phantom cat, there is no competition. Some of the joy in showing cats is if you have two cats and they are being judged against each other and trade back and forth, that's good competition. **Hannon**: Any other comments? Cyndi, do you want to make any closing comments? **Galloway** [Arkansas Feline Fanciers; Houston Cat Club]: The 10, 11, 12 cats that I bring, many of them are 8, 9, 12 years old. They are helper cats. They are coming to help the club, and I think it's important to allow this to happen. I don't know if you want to call it stuffing; I call it helping the club. The club gets

my entry money, the cats show up, they are beautiful. They are not my current top show cat or my current cat that's competing, but they are there to help the club and they do. The cats are there for spectators to see, they go into as many rings as I can get them to and we all have fun.

Phillips [Cat'n On The Fox]: I just want to add one more comment, speaking now as a master clerk. You don't know how many times people come up to me on Saturday and ask me, "how many points did my cat get today?" I won't have a clue because I'll have to wait for a sheet to come from one judge, and then it will be a matter of, "OK, you got 70% of 30 here, and over here you got 80% of 41, and over here you got 90% of 36." Go for it.

B. Isenberg [Desert Cats; Grand Canyon Cat Club]: If you want to help the club, you can save the club money by just writing them a donation. Then it will save them the cost of the judge, the cats, the stewards and ring clerks.

Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: I've been listening to these arguments with great interest, and I want to share some observations that I've had in the last couple of years as I have observed at various CFA shows. I've seen exhibitors say, "oh, I brought this cat to help but I can't put it in Judge A's ring because they might disqualify the cat or they might throw it" or whatever. Some of these things about trying to help out, how about bring good cats? Help out, like was said, what's the use of beating an absent cat? As for master clerks having an exhibitor come up and saying, "how many points did I earn today?", that's not a master clerk's responsibility. Yes, we want to help out people, but teach people how to do their own points. You're not there to be scoring cats individually for the show, you're there to produce the best, highest quality and most accurate show records for the show. I'm also going to be very honest with you and stand here today and tell you, I do master clerk for associations where they do ring-by-ring scoring, I do clerk for associations that do ring-by-ring scoring. It's not a big deal. You count the cats, you send it to the master clerk, the master clerk verifies the count, the executive office or the Central Office verifies the count. All these should not be reasons for whether you want to go to ring-by-ring scoring or not. That's up to the association and what they want to do. I'm not going to tell you one way or the other. They are two different methodologies. Choose the one that you feel is right and go for it.

Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]: I think all these arguments are interesting, but I would appeal to your higher self, at this time we have finally got the computer system pretty much working, folks. Do you really want to impose another, more complicated – and don't tell me it's not more complicated to count up the counts of 6 individual judgments, or 10 or 12, than it is to take 1 count for the whole show. Why don't you at least give this whole system a year to settle out before you try to break it again.

Donna Isenberg [Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers; Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club]: I look around this room, and I see fewer and fewer people, and I happen to be an exhibitor of 36 years, I have never stuffed a show. If I want to help a club, I will do so and I have, whether it's anybody else's business or not, but competition has been so important for us. I love to win. I'm the same as anybody in this room, but I want to win fairly, I want to walk out of a show hall with my ethics still attached to my body. I really frankly don't care about a computer system, because if we cannot keep up we shouldn't be doing it. I'm so embarrassed that you would not look at the real picture. A lot of you walked in here today unhappy because the United States is not exactly doing the greatest, are we? And, you know, every time we compromise ourselves, we are going to be losers. It makes me ashamed. I have loved this cat fancy for so long, and I want to keep loving it, but I'm finding it really hard.

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: If anybody thinks this is going to help the cats in the U.S. versus another country who shall not be named, those people in that other country can still carry those stuffer cats to every single ring, to still manipulate the points.

This does not stop people from manipulating the count, it just makes it more costly for us to figure it out. I am a master clerk. I've been a master clerk for a very long time. I still screw up the count. I can't imagine trying to make some of our ring clerks who are not required to be licensed figure out the count. How many of them know that a cat that's disqualified still counts? I bet you some of them don't know that. The count's going to be wrong, so Central Office then is going to have to deal with that, and that is going to increase their cost and time significantly, for what gain? **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: I'm excited that the last 3 speakers were so passionate, that they all forgot to introduce themselves and what clubs they represent. It's just indicative of the fact that we all care about this, and that's great. Ring-by-ring scoring is not the answer. I really empathize with Donna, who expressed her concerns and things that this is, but we look at the dog world, as well. In the dog world, they have a thing called "breaking the major" and it is reverse stuffing. So, if you think that ring-by-ring scoring is the answer to your concerns, it's not. **Nancy Gott** [Rex Rattle & Roll Allbreed Cat Club]: I hear a lot of reasons about stuffing and reverse stuffing. To me, the bottom line is when I enter a cat, or if I enter 10 cats to help a club, or if I enter 10 cats because an exhibitor friend of mine had a medical issue and those cats needed to be placed, it's my \$50 or whatever amount of money it costs to enter that cat. What business have you got to make a rule that says I can't? Isn't that point there for everyone? **Hannon**: All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 21 –Happy Trails Cat Club; Make Mine Mink; Just Cats 'N Us; Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Long Island Cat Club; Sofistocated Felines; Colonial Cat Club; National Colorpoints & Orientals

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **SCORING** Section, by addition of two new paragraphs as follows, effective immediately:

...

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgings available to other entries will not be scored for Global/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet show will not be scored for CFA award points.

For purposes of scoring, a judge may appear in only 10 percent of a kitten's top 40 rings (or 10 percent of total rings if less than 40). If a judge appears more than 10 percent of a kitten's top 40 rings (or 10 percent of total rings if less than 40), the lowest rings from that judge will be dropped and the next highest ring valued in points will move into the top 40 rings.

For purposes of scoring, a judge may appear in only 10 percent of a Championship or Premiership cat's top 100 rings (or 10 percent of total rings if less than 100). If a judge appears more than 10 percent of a Championship or Premiership Cat's top 100 rings (or 10 percent of total rings if less than 100), the lowest rings from that judge will be dropped and the next highest ring valued in points will move into the top 100 rings.

Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit or awards/points earned at a show ...

RATIONALE: This would greatly help to reduce the affect that a small group of judges can have over any one cat or kitten's show career in a season, and would be a worldwide benefit to help all cats be more consistent with a broader scope of judges. A judge may contribute 5 rings of a cat's top 100 rings in Championship and Premiership and 4 rings for kittens.

An exhibitor can show to the same judges, but only the highest 5 rings will be counted in the top 100 for a cat or premiership cat, and only the best 4 rings from a single judge for a kitten.

This will also encourage clubs to look for a variety of judges, or the exhibitor to choose shows that offer newer opinions.

Hannon: We're going to continue on with #21, which is Happy Trails, but out in the lobby they do have some snacks available. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: I'm going to make this easy. We are withdrawing this for now, with some rewording later from the floor. **Hannon:** Gary wants his snack.

Withdrawn.

– 22 – *Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS, AWARDS Section, Global Awards paragraph, as follows:

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Best of Breed/Division:** Trophy, Rosette

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

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

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

The title of "Breed Winner (BW)" is limited to Championship cats receiving the BEST of Breed/Division award, the Second Best of Breed/Division and Third Best of Breed/Division awards.

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RATIONALE: Breed awards represent the best shown each year and are something for breeders to strive for. Currently, the title of "Breed Winner (BW)" has only been given to the Best of Breed/Division. The second and third winners are represented by receiving a trophy and rosette, but no title. The second and third best of Breed/Division are the only "top" awards that do not currently receive a title. Much has been said about giving more emphasis to breed awards – expanding this title to include the second and third best will accomplish this.

Hannon: Proposal 22, Coastal Empire. Who is here from Coastal Empire? **Carr** [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: What this proposal does is expand the BW title to encompass the 2nd and 3rd best of breed, so that we would now be recognizing all 3 of our breed winners that are already recognized at the banquet. Currently, we give out a RW title, a GW title for 1-25 and there is no distinction between 1 to 25. This puts the breed winners into the same category. It also helps by increasing the prominence of breed winners. There has been a lot of talk about, "let's give more importance to our breed winners." This is an attempt. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: As somebody who has had a BW and a 3rd

BW, I am very familiar with trying for this award. I want to ask, if I'm in for 3rd or 2nd BW, why should I bother trying for first? If I've got 3rd in a lock, why should I bother showing the cat anymore for 2nd or first? In a lot of our breeds, you know when you're locked in. They are small enough that you know. This is going to cost us entries. I also think that, while we need to improve our awards – I'm one of the first people who will say I'm always open to improving our awards. One thing I don't think we need is more of the same kind of awards. This is just more year-end awards that people already are not competing for. **Coughlan** [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; GEMS]: As someone who has a slew of 2nd and 3rd, and would dearly love to have the first, I do favor expanding the recognition, but I think it's important that the person who got number 1 has something on that cat's title that indicates they were number 1. I would be perfectly happy with a BW2 or a BW3, as long as there is BW on the cat that actually got first place. **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: I kind of agree with Laurie. We should differentiate between the two. This doesn't bring that up, because a regional winner you are defined by the number of points you get in the first 25 cats. This BW1 and BW2 would help a lot.

Hannon: Before I call on Leslie for closing comments, are there any other comments? Alright, Leslie has the final word. **Carr** [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: To address the comments that were made, as far as continuing to show, why do people who already have enough points to get a regional win or a national win continue to show their cats? They get the same title. There's no changes between that, so this is not going to do anything to make people pull their cats because they have enough. As far as more awards, the awards are already given. Tomorrow night, you will see slides of the top 3 breed winners. Those top 3 breed winners will be receiving plaques. This is not adding any new awards. It's adding titles to existing awards. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 23 – *Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum*

(To be considered only if above proposal does not pass)

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS, AWARDS Section, Global Awards paragraph, as follows:

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Best of Breed/Division:** Trophy, Rosette

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

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

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

The title of “Breed Winner (BW)” is limited to Championship cats receiving the BEST of Breed/Division award.

The Title of “Breed Award” (BA)” is limited to Championship cats receiving the Second Best of Breed/Division and Third Best of Breed/Division awards.

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RATIONALE: Recognition by way of titles for Breed/Division Winners at the Global level has been limited to the BW title for Best of Breed/Division. No change is suggested to this title – it will still be given to only the Best of Breed/Division. Second and Third Best of Breed/Division are awards already presented however currently are not recognized by titles. This will add titles and prominence to the existing awards and encourage exhibitors to continue showing cats in order to earn this title.

Hannon: Proposal 23 is Coastal Empire. Leslie. Carr [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: 23 addresses the points that several people made where they wanted to keep the BW for best and have another title for 2nd or 3rd. This brings out a breed award title to be given to the 2nd or 3rd best of breed – again, existing awards. **Hannon:** Any comments? All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

– 24 – Felinus International; Paper Tigers; All Chiefs No Indians; Ocicats International; Kittyhawk Felines Inc.; Just Cat-in Around Cat Fanciers; Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers; Cochise Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Grand Points Available Online and Via Phone, TRADITIONAL TABLE OF CONTENTS, CLASSICAL TABLE OF CONTENTS, 2.07.a, 10.17, 11.27, 24.01.c, 28.01.b, 28.01.c, 28.01.d, 28.01.e, 28.01.f, Article XXX – CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS/DIVISIONS & COLORS: EXOTIC* and PERSIAN*, and Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM as follows, to repeal the new and unused Global Awards and Global Winner (GW) title and reinstate back to the National Awards and National Winner (NW) title by changing all occurrences of “Global” back to “National” and “GW” back to “NW” for scoring, awards, and titles in the CFA Show Rules 2015-2016, effective for the 2015-2016 show season:

**Grand Points
Available Online and Via Phone**

Check grand points at hol.cfa.org/herman.asp. ~~Global~~ National/Regional points from past show seasons are also available using this feature. Grand point info can also be accessed by calling 330-680-4617. Be sure to have your cat’s registration number available in either case. Grand points from the previous weekend will be posted no later than the Thursday night following the show.

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2.07 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class

cats are not eligible for ~~Global National~~/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.

10.17 Exhibitors will be allowed to display CFA ribbons or rosettes, foreign ribbons or rosettes and unaffiliated breed club ribbons or rosettes only on/in exhibition cages. Such ribbons or rosettes not won at a current show, with the exception of CFA ~~Global National~~ or Regional Award rosettes, must be confined to the inside of the exhibit's cage. Awards won on any day at a show-format licensed according to paragraph 4.07.a.3, or any similar format on one weekend at the same location, may be displayed on the outside of the cage on any subsequent day at that location.

11.27 Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or ~~global national~~ awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.

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c. The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/~~Global National~~) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.

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b. In situations where the cat has completed the requirements for the champion or premier title, but has not yet filed a claim form to claim the appropriate title, any grand points or regional/~~global national~~ award points earned will be held in abeyance and not counted toward granding the cat or obtaining a regional/divisional/~~global national~~ award until the claim form and appropriate fees have been received for the cat by Central Office.

c. At the end of 45 days after the last day of the show at which the cat earned its last qualifying ring, Central Office will send a notice to the owner of record for that show by both regular mail and e-mail noting that the cat has not yet been confirmed as a champion or premier. The notice will also include a statement that a late filing fee, as specified in the CFA list of fees, must also be submitted in addition to the normal claim form fee; and that if the appropriate claim form is not filed within 45 days of the date of that notice, any grand points the cat may have earned or regional/~~global national~~ awards points earned since the show where it got its last qualifying ring will be forfeited.

d. The owner will have 45 days from the date the notice is sent by Central Office to file a completed claim form with payment of both the claim form fee and the late filing fee. If that is completed within the 45 days, all points earned by the cat (grand points and regional/~~global national~~ award points) since the day the cat earned its last qualifying ring, including any grand points earned while showing as an Open, will be credited to the cat.

e. If 45 days passes from the date Central Office sent the notice to the owner and no claim form is filed for that cat, Central Office will void all wins and all grand points earned by the cat will be forfeited and all regional/~~global national~~ award points earned at any show entered after the cat obtained the final qualifying ring will also be forfeited.

f. The cat will retain its qualifying rings and the owner can subsequently pay the claim fee, late filing fee, and submit a completed claim form to confirm the champion or premier title. The cat may then begin earning grand points and regional/~~global~~ national award points at any show after the claim form has been filed; however, previously-forfeited grand points and regional/~~global~~ national award points will not be reinstated.

Article XXX
CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS/DIVISIONS & COLORS

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EXOTIC*
(See Note at End of Exotic listing)

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Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. Refer to the Persian section for a complete list of colors. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and ~~Global~~ 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.

PERSIAN*
(See Note at End of Persian listing)

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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 ~~Global~~ 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.

Article XXXVI
~~GLOBAL~~ NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL
AWARDS PROGRAM

Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards
INTRODUCTION

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.® provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens and household pets compete for awards on a ~~global~~ national /divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.

SCORING

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Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for ~~Global~~ National/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet show will not be scored for CFA award points.

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

Global National Awards

Best-25th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-25th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

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

Best-10th Best Cat in Agility+: Rosette

*The title of “~~Global~~ National Winner (~~GW~~ NW)” is limited to cats receiving the above * awards.

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

Best of Breed/Division**: Trophy, Rosette

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

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

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

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

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

***200 point minimum required for this award.

Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the ~~Global~~ National and Regional awards. A cat/kitten is credited for all ~~global~~ national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record for the last show in **which a cat earns points** within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.

Regional Awards

The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:

Best-25th Best Cat*

Best-25th Best Kitten*

Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*

*The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

Best-10th Best Household Pet**

The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW) is limited to cats receiving the above awards. A minimum of 100 points is required to win these awards.

Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division.

Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the ~~Global~~ National and Regional awards.

RATIONALE: Approval and ratification of this proposal would change the new and unused Global Awards and Global Winner (GW) back to National Awards and National Winner (NW), in order to maintain award title continuity for CFA’s past and future cats. In the cat fancy worldwide, the title of National Winner (NW) is clearly understood as CFA’s highest awarded title in both pedigrees as well as socially. Reinstating the National Winner (NW) title effective immediately in the CFA Show Rules 2015-2016 for the 2015-2016 show season would ensure that no Global Winner (GW) titles are awarded, in order to avoid any title confusion and title inconsistencies for awards and within CFA’s records and pedigrees.

Hannon: Proposal 24, Felinus International. **Peter Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: This is not a European resolution, it's a result of discussion with many people in the United States. We would like to move back from the Global Winner to National Winner. The rationale is very simple. "National Winner" is our most prestigious title that we have in CFA. It's a brand. We should not change it. Everybody knows it. It's not just the people in CFA that know about National Winner, it's everybody. Everybody is looking for it on pedigrees. In order to guarantee continuity and avoid confusion, we would like to reinstate the "National Winner" title. **Hannon:** Any comments? All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Hannon: Congratulations Peter, it wins.

– 25 – Felinus International; Paper Tigers; All Chiefs No Indians; Ocats International; Kittyhawk Felines Inc.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **SCORING** and **AWARDS** Sections Paragraphs as follows:

Article XXXVI

~~GLOBAL~~NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

SCORING

At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. A kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.

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

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

National Award Winning Areas (NAWA) will award the title of "National Winner (NW)". Only points accumulated in the NAWA of residence of a cat/kitten will count towards a NW title. If a cat/kitten moves from one NAWA to another NAWA during the show season, it will keep its points for a possible win in its first NAWA, but it starts from zero in its new NAWA. Points gathered at an officially sanctioned CFA International Show or CFA World Show will count toward a NW title in the NAWA of residence, based upon the current region/division of residence as listed in the show catalog.

In order to be eligible for a national award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the NAWA of residence (see NAWA assignment section). An officially sanctioned CFA International Show or CFA World Show is not eligible to meet this minimum qualification.

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

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for ~~Global~~ National/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet show will not be scored for CFA award points.

Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration or recording number or the lack of a registration or recording number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration or recording number application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a recording number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration or recording number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register or record the cat is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

~~Global~~ National Awards National Award Winning Areas (NAWA)

The following NAWA (National Award Winning Areas) have been defined:

NAWA 1: Region 1 – 7 (North America)

NAWA 2: Region 8 (Japan)

NAWA 3: Region 9 (Europe)

NAWA 4: China

NAWA 5: International Division (Excluding China)

The number of "National Winner (NW)" titles that will be awarded in a show season for each NAWA depends upon the number of rings sponsored and completed in the previous show season. The rings sponsored and completed at an officially sanctioned CFA International Show or CFA World Show will not be included in the total number of qualifying rings for any NAWA.

Every NAWA has a guaranteed minimum number of NW titles that will be awarded each year:

NAWA 1: Minimum Awarded for Each Qualifying Class: 25 NW

Best-25th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-25th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

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

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

NAWA 2: Minimum Awarded for Each Qualifying Class: 4 NW

Best-4th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-4th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-4th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette

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

NAWA 3: Minimum Awarded for Each Qualifying Class: 4 NW

Best-4th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-4th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-4th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette

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

NAWA 4: Minimum Awarded for Each Qualifying Class: 5 NW

Best-5th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-5th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-5th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette

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

NAWA 5: Minimum Awarded for Each Qualifying Class: 3 NW

Best-3rd Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-3rd Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

Best-3rd Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy, Rosette

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

For every additional 40 judging rings sponsored and completed over the number of rings as stated below in show season X (note that rings scheduled and canceled do not qualify), one (1) additional NW title will be awarded in the next show season X+1:

NAWA 1: 1000 rings sponsored and completed

NAWA 2: 160 rings sponsored and completed

NAWA 3: 160 rings sponsored and completed

NAWA 4: 200 rings sponsored and completed

NAWA 5: 120 rings sponsored and completed

Each additional NW title awarded will receive a Trophy and Rosette.

A minimum of points is required for the NW award in any of the NAWA: 1000 points for Cats in Championship, 750 points for Kittens, and 750 points for Cats in Premiership.

National Agility Awards

~~Best-25th Best Cat*~~: Trophy, Rosette

~~Best-25th Best Kitten*~~: Trophy, Rosette

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

~~Best -10th Best Cat in Agility+~~: Rosette

~~*The title of "Global Winner (GW)" is limited to cats receiving the above * awards.~~

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

Breed Awards

Best of Breed/Division:** Trophy, Rosette

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

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

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

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

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

***200 point minimum required for this award.

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

~~A cat/kitten is credited for all global points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record for the last show in which a cat earns points within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.~~

RATIONALE: The current Global or National Award system is outdated and is not keeping pace with our rapid expansion in some areas of the world. The globalization process we have been going through for a number of years now, first into Europe and now more recently into Asia, presents us with many opportunities but also with some serious challenges.

One of these challenges is how cats are scored for the highest possible title in CFA: that of National Winner (or Global Winner as changed in the 2015-2016 CFA Show Rules).

We have all noticed how big differences in entry counts between one area and another caused a remarkable shift. An unprecedented number of NW cats in the 2014-2015 show season are from China.

As we suggest this show rule change, we in no way imply that the quality of cats in one area or another is inferior or superior. We find top quality examples of most CFA recognized breeds in all corners of the world.

The suggested show rule change is important for a simple reason: the cats that compete with each other for the top 25 spots in Championship, Kitten, and Premiership are not in the position to compete directly with each other in the same shows for various reasons: quarantine restrictions, geographically isolated areas, travel restrictions, cost restrictions.

In no way do we want to isolate the different areas from each other. Initiatives as the Annual, International Show or World Show, and other CFA licensed events can offer the required platforms where breeders and exhibitors from all over the world come together.

This suggested show rule change does away with the concept of 1 Best Cat in CFA per show season, but in return it offers a system that will celebrate all the top show cats from the different areas where CFA is active. It offers the clubs and the exhibitors an incentive for growth.

The minimum number of NW awards per NAWA (National Award Winning Area) is determined by the number of sponsored rings. Per 40 sponsored rings, a NAWA can award 1 NW title with the guaranteed minimum as documented in the proposal.

One example: NAWA 1 has a guaranteed minimum of 25 NW awards. This corresponds with 1000 sponsored rings (25 x 40). If NAWA 1 has 1040 sponsored rings in show season X, then they can award 26 NW awards in the next show season X+1.

This proposal started with the assumption that in an earlier proposal, the delegates have agreed to change the title of “Global Winner, GW” back to “National Winner, NW” (and “Global Awards” back to “National Awards”). If that is not the case, the sponsoring clubs of this proposal agree to stay with the current terminology.

A compromise is always “take a little, give a little”. We are well aware that it is impossible to make 100% of our delegates and our exhibitors happy. We do feel however that this show rule change is a healthy compromise, which will make the competition for the top spots in CFA fair to all participants.

Hannon: Proposal 25, Felinus International. **Vanwonderghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: Again, this is not a European resolution. You want me to read this, Mark? **Hannon:** Say what you feel is necessary about it, so they have a general idea of what you are doing. **Vanwonderghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: This is a very long one. I was very impressed with Dick’s presentation today. It’s very obvious that CFA globally is changing. I don’t think it’s something we can stop. We initiated this a number of years ago, it’s going faster and faster, and the United States is losing control. The national award system that we have today is outdated. If we want to work with this without blocking any of the other regions, then we need to come up with a new structure. What we do in this proposal is create national award-winning areas. There’s a couple of details that I’ll bring forward. Only the points accumulated in the NAWA of residence will count for a national-winning title. If you move from one NAWA to the next, you keep your points but you start from scratch in the new NAWA. Points gathered at the International Show will count towards your national-winning title. By looking at a couple of criteria, like quarantine, isolated areas, geographic issues, travel restrictions like visa, cost restrictions, not everybody can pay for a trip to the other side of the world to compete in a show. We separated the world in 5 different NAWAs. NAWA 1 is Regions 1 to 7, being North America. NAWA 2 is Region 8, Japan. NAWA 3 is Europe, Region 9. NAWA 4 is China and NAWA 5 is the International Division excluding China. The number of national-winning titles for each NAWA are being calculated, based upon the number of rings sponsored and completed in the previous show season. For every 40 rings, a NAWA can grant a national-winning title. Based on the number of rings in this show season, we established that NAWA 1, being North America, will have 25 national-winning titles for next year, NAWA 2 will have 4, NAWA 3, being Europe (Region 9) will have 4 national winners, NAWA 4, being China, will have 5 national winners, NAWA 5, being the International Division, will have 3 national winners. Again, for next year, for every addition 40 rings sponsored and completed, there will be 1 additional national-winning title. Basically, what we say is that we need to take CFA in this new era of globalization, and that we need to do it without losing the authenticity. What is important is that not only the United States is protected, but that growth that we are realizing in any of the other NAWAs is being rewarded accordingly, and that there is a lot of incentive and no division to grow CFA in all the different NAWAs. Today, cats from different areas cannot compete directly with each other and still compete for the same title. By installing this structure, we can solve a large part of these issues.

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; That’s My Point Cat Fanciers]: I’m the Chair of the Awards Committee. It has become painfully aware to me how much our awards actually cost. I

want to improve them, because I think if you get a national win or a breed win, I think you should get something nice. Finding the money to do that has been next to impossible to do. We almost had a budget shortfall, so the board raised our registration rates. To implement this resolution – and I’m going to talk about this resolution and the next one, because it doesn’t make sense to me to do this and not #26 as well – if we did both of these, we would increase the cost of our national awards by a minimum of \$30,000. If we did just this and not the breed wins, it’s a little bit better. It’s like \$3,000 but I still don’t know where we would come up with that money. So, on a cost basis, this is really going to be exorbitant. You can’t just say, “we’re going to stick a surcharge on these cats to raise \$30,000.” Later on, there’s one the I wrote that comes up as a non-binding resolution where I propose more awards, but it’s a much smaller number and it is something that could be increased by a surcharge just on the country getting those awards. So, I think if somebody is going to present an increase to awards like this, they need to come up with some money to fund it. Another point that I wanted to raise is, right now cats in these other areas – so like if you have a cat in Europe, you have access to 25 spots. You have a possibility of getting 25 spots. If we pass this, that would cut it drastically. Europe would only have access to 4 unless they have more shows. There have been seasons where Europe has produced more than 4 national winners in a single season, so this is a drastic cut in the available spots to each of these areas. I would like to know, what did we expect when U.S. breeders sold people in other countries great cats. Did we really expect them not to take off with those cats and win? I understand the concerns about how they are managing their shows, but they are winning with our cats. What did we expect? I’m concerned about the equivalence of these other areas. The purpose of the letters in our titles is for our pedigrees. Now, there’s going to be 5 different sets and you’re not going to know where the cat came from. If we pass #26, there will be 5 breed winners in a season from some very disparate areas. Where somebody in this country might have to get 6,000 points for a breed win, another country might only have to get 201. So, this is creating a great deal of disparity and too many of the same awards. And, it’s too costly. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I have two questions I need to ask. First of all, in what country is Hong Kong and Macaw? Because they can’t go to China any more than we can. Are they in the International Division, even though they are part of China. That’s the first question, because it’s not defined here. **Hannon**: Monte, let Peter answer that. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: International Division. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: OK, and then the second one is, it does create what I call “two super-national award areas”; namely, Europe and Japan. You can get a national award title in Japan with a lot fewer points – and I mean a LOT fewer points – than what you could get in the U.S. So, what’s to keep a cat from national award shopping, just like we have cats now that regionally award shop? **Bob Zenda** [Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club; Cochise Cat Fanciers]: I like Peter’s argument on the previous resolution about the importance of the national award and what it means to everyone. It means that the top 25 cats in the world in championship, premiership and kittens are just that. When we start breaking this out all over the place, it starts an inequity and it’s not “one CFA”. The top 25 cats may still be in maybe the U.S., maybe China, maybe someplace else. They should be recognized as CFA’s top cats. **Sophia Staples** [William Penn Cat Club]: The point brought up that it would be a minimum of \$30,000 for the awards I think is not a very good arguing point, being that we had 60,000 supposedly registered in 2 years. Even if you did tack a dollar surcharge, like Mary was suggesting for her award, that that should cover your \$30,000. As well, why don’t we look for sponsors anymore to sponsor said awards? I don’t think that cost is something to be looked at, when we’re supposed to be expanding globally and bringing in more money by expanding

globally. **Thomas** [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]: I just want to also point out that the issues of moving cats around and quarantines may change drastically in the next few years, because some countries have already eliminated or drastically reduced quarantines, due to being able to get rabies titers on cats. So, we could be making a major and expensive changes that in maybe 5 years would be obsolete, because people will be able to move their cats around much more easily. It's not a guarantee, but there already have been some changes and I think it's going to keep changing. **Vicki Nye** [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: Peter's proposal here for 16 additional awards I think is a very good solution and compromise. There's been a lot of hard feelings this last season, people talking about leveling the playing field, inability to compete head on with cats in other areas. I think this is a fabulous solution for CFA to address our global growth, and for CFA to embrace each other again instead of some of the hate and ugliness that we've seen last year. I fully support 16 additional wins. I'm only speaking to 25 and not the next one – just the 5 areas that Peter discussed here. **Hannon**: Before I have Peter do a closing are there any other comments?

Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]: We're talking about the 5,000 gorilla in the room, which is China. Like it or not, China has 1/4 of the world's population. They have the disposable income in certain segments, just as in certain segments in the United States we have disposable income. We may feel that there is an inequity because presently – and we don't know how this may or may not change down the road – there is some difficulty in getting to mainland China because of quarantine regulations. This is just the reality check. You know, it's never going to be 100% fair, and I think by offering too many additional titles of the same weight, we are devaluing our much-treasured and much-prized national win. One national winner, we know what it means. 18 national winners for one year or however many segments of national wins devalues the meaning of the best in the world. Whether or not we like how it may have been achieved that year, that cat has earned that title in competition against X number of cats, which is what we have always stood for. For that reason, I do not support this proposal, but I think we need to see what it's really about and say what it's really about. Thank you. **Newkirk** [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance]: I'm a little taller than she is. I appreciate all the hard work that's gone into this, but I almost feel like I'm in an episode of *Star Wars*. "What NAWA are you? Are you from NAWA 1, 2 or 3?" I think that we have to look at what the overall picture is here. We're growing. Our organization is financially stable right now because of the income that we've brought in from China. I agree with her that the elephant in the room is China. I've judged over there I think 3 or 4 times. I've not been over there as much as some of our judges have. They have absolutely beautiful cats. If you look at those cats, a lot of them – most of them – have come from here. Why are we not celebrating those wins of those cats, when they are CFA cats? That's what we ought to be celebrating. It bothers me to say, "I'm best cat from the United States" or "I'm best cat from China." We're all one big, happy family – we're supposed to be, anyway. So, let's celebrate our wins. That's what we're here for this weekend, is to celebrate all of last year's winners. I hope we don't have some of the negative things that happened in a few of our past annuals with cookies in the toilets and stuff like that. We've got some absolutely beautiful cats to celebrate this weekend. Let's all be one big, happy family. **Allen Shi** [Last Chance Cat Fanciers]: For these new rules, I want to say some points. The first one is, CFA right now in China, we are the whole family. The second one is, some people said, national winner is very famous in CFA. So, many very old breeders in China are like a star. We love your cats, so we start our breeding from them. So, that's why we enter the CFA cat shows. Third, 25 national winners, that's

enough. If you give too many additional national wins, that will make a national win very low. That's not a national winner then. That's all. **Sandi Douglass** [International Havana Brown Society]: I'm hearing a lot of passion on both sides of this. Personally, I want to thank Peter for bring up the ideas, because I think at this point in time, in the United States, I'm hearing a lot of hope being lost over any wins at this point. I think we need to be thinking about the future and how we might change things, because we are in a mode of change. Maybe doing things the old way isn't necessarily the right way for the future. This may not pass this weekend, but I thank Peter for bringing up the ideas and maybe we can discuss how we can change this, so we bring hope back into the show halls in the United States and bring our exhibitors back. We have lost a lot of exhibitors because they feel they have no hope for any wins that are achievable with their cats.

Hannon: I'm going to let Peter make the final comments, then I'm going to call for the vote. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: We are going global and we want to go global. It brings extra money to CFA and a country like China is absolutely good for the growth of CFA and the world. But, we need to face the facts. The fact is that the cat fancy in the United States is not the same as the cat fancy in Europe, it's not the same as the cat fancy in China or in Asia. In the United States, our exhibitors are older. In the United States, you have been beaten by legislation like PETA. If you compare that to the cat fancy in China where the public is young, and the product – the cat in general and cat shows – is a sexy item, people pay enormous amounts of money to buy cats to set up breeding programs, they have access to help in their catteries that is very cheap. These two areas cannot compete with each other. As long as you leave them in one and the same area, they will compete and the majority of the wins will go to that area that has most of the money, it has most of the cats, it has most of the exhibitors, and the other part of the world will lose. **Hannon:** Thank you. I'm going to call for the vote.

Motion Failed.

– 26 – Felinus International; Paper Tigers; All Chiefs No Indians; Ocicats International; Kittyhawk Felines Inc.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **AWARDS** Section, as follows:

Article XXXVI

**~~GLOBAL~~ NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL
AWARDS PROGRAM**

...

AWARDS

Breed Awards

National Award Winning Areas (NAWA)

The following NAWA (National Award Winning Areas) have been defined:

NAWA 1: Region 1 – 7 (North America)

NAWA 2: Region 8 (Japan)

NAWA 3: Region 9 (Europe)

NAWA 4: China

NAWA 5: International Division (Excluding China)

Awarded in a show season for each NAWA:

Best of Breed/Division:** Trophy, Rosette

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

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

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

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

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

***200 point minimum required for this award.

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

~~A cat/kitten is credited for all global points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record for the last show in which a cat earns points within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.~~

RATIONALE: This Breed Awards proposal is only to be voted on if the previously proposed National Awards Show Rules change, where we suggest to amend Scoring and Awards for National Award Winning Areas (NAWA), Part 1: National Winners, was accepted by a majority of the delegates.

The Rationale is pretty much the same: The current Global or National Award system is outdated and is not keeping pace with our rapid expansion in some areas of the world. The globalization process we have been going through for a number of years now, first into Europe and now more recently into Asia, presents us with many opportunities but also with some serious challenges.

The cats that compete with each other for the “Breed Winner” titles in Championship are not in the position to compete directly with each other in the same shows for various reasons: quarantine restrictions, geographically isolated areas, travel restrictions, cost restrictions.

Some areas show a clear domination for certain breeds compared to other areas. This would mean that cats in (hypothetical) area “A”, who may be better than cats in (hypothetical) area “B”, have no chance to take the BW title, simply because more cats of this breed are being shown in area “B” and the cats from area “A” cannot freely enter and exhibit in the same shows as the cats from area “B”.

If no direct competition between these cats is possible, they should not have to compete with each other for the “Breed Winner” titles. Therefore, this change allows for a “Breed Winner” to be awarded for each breed within each NAWA, so there will be multiple cats within each breed who will receive the title of BW based upon their NAWA of residence.

This proposal started with the assumption that in an earlier proposal, the delegates have agreed to change the title of “Global Winner, GW” back to “National Winner, NW” (and “Global Awards” back to “National Awards”). If that is not the case, the sponsoring clubs of this proposal agree to stay with the current terminology.

A compromise is always “take a little, give a little”. We are well aware that it is impossible to make 100% of our delegates and our exhibitors happy. We do feel however that this show rule change is a healthy compromise, which will make the competition for the “Breed Winner” spots in CFA fair to all participants.

Hannon: Peter, are you going to withdraw 26, based on 25 failing? **Vanwongerhem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: Yes, we do.

Withdrawn.

– 27 – *Felinus International; Paper Tigers; All Chiefs No Indians; Ocicats International; Kittyhawk Felines Inc.*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS Section, **International Division Awards** and **Regional Awards** Paragraphs as follows:

Article XXXVI

**~~GLOBAL~~-NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL
AWARDS PROGRAM**

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

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International Division Awards

International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements: Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.); China; Hong Kong; Indonesia; South Korea; Israel; Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam/Brunei; Singapore; South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; Thailand; and Taiwan.

International Division

In addition to any “National Winner (NW)” titles that are awarded to cats in the International Division, there will also be “International Division Winner (DW)” titles awarded in the above-mentioned geographical areas. The number of these DW titles are based on the following formula (note that rings scheduled and canceled do not qualify):

~~For the above geographical areas, numbers of awards in each area are based on the following formula:~~

5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 DW title award;
10-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 DW titles awards;
31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 DW titles awards;
45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 DW titles awards;
71-160 rings sponsored in an area = 15 DW titles awards*; and
>160 rings sponsored in an area = 25 DW titles awards**.

* - this does not apply to household pet awards

** - These DW titles awards only apply to Championship and Kittens.

To be eligible for an “International Division Winner (DW)” title, ~~award in the International Division~~, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 50 points in championship, 30 points in kitten, 25 points in premiership, and household pet competition.

International Division Awards are as follows:

Best Cat in the International Division ~~Best Cat~~*: Highest scoring Cat: Trophy

Total Number of International Division Awards: Number of NW Ranked Cats in the International Division + appropriate number of DW, as indicated above, based on the number of rings sponsored in an area*: ~~2nd-25th Best Cat, as appropriate~~*: Certificate

Best Kitten in the International Division ~~Best Kitten~~*: Highest scoring Kitten: Trophy

Total Number of International Division Awards: Number of NW Ranked Kittens in the International Division + appropriate number of DW, as indicated above, based on the number of rings sponsored in an area*: ~~2nd-25th Best Cat, as appropriate~~*: Certificate

Best Cat in Premiership in the International Division ~~Best Cat in Premiership~~*: Highest scoring Cat in Premiership: Trophy

Total Number of International Division Awards: Number of NW Ranked Cats in Premiership in the International Division + appropriate number of DW, as indicated above, based on the number of rings sponsored in an area*: ~~2nd-15th Best Cat, as appropriate~~*: Certificate

Best-10th Best Household Pet, as appropriate**

*The title of “International Division Winner (DW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.

**The title of “Household Pet Divisional Winner (HDW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.

Hawaii Division Awards

Best Cat: Trophy

Best Kitten: Trophy

Best Cat in Premiership: Trophy

Regional Awards

In addition to any “National Winner (NW)” titles that are awarded to cats in Regions 1-9, twenty five (25) “Regional Winner (RW)” titles will be awarded within each region.

The Regional awards presented each year in each of the regions 1-9 are:

~~Best-25th Best Cat~~*

Best Cat in the Region: Highest scoring Cat

Total Number of Regional Awards: Number of NW ranked Cats in the region + the next 25 regionally ranked Cats*

~~Best-25th Best Kitten~~*

Best Kitten in the Region: Highest scoring Kitten

Total Number of Regional Awards: Number of NW ranked Kittens in the region + the next 25 regionally ranked Kittens*

Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*

Best Cat in Premiership in the Region: Highest scoring Cat in Premiership

Total Number of Regional Awards: Number of NW ranked Cats in Premiership in the region + the next 25 regionally ranked Cats in Premiership*

*The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

Best-10th Best Household Pet**

The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW) is limited to cats receiving the above awards. A minimum of 100 points is required to win these awards.

Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division.

Best of Color; Second Best of Color Note: The breed/division and color awards are awarded to only the Championship classes for the ~~Global~~ National and Regional awards.

Note: Regional/Divisional/Hawaii Agility Awards are at the discretion of the Regional Director, but will go no further than 10 deep and any cat earning the award must earn a minimum of 150 agility points for such award.

Regional Definition: ...

RATIONALE: There is a difference between the title “Regional Winner (RW)” and the term “Regional Awards”.

In any of the 9 regions of CFA, there are (or there have been) top winning cats that gather enough points to become a National Winner at the end of the show season. These cats use the NW title in combination with their names. They NEVER use the Regional Winner (RW) title as soon as they become a NW.

You could compare it with a military rank. Once a person gets promoted to a higher military rank, he/she no longer uses the previous lower rank.

This proposal suggests that a cat that attains a NW level placement in that show season will make a place for another cat (an extra cat) on the RW level.

For Example: Region X has 4 National Winners ranked in the top 25 nationally at the end of the show season. In the current system, in addition to these 4 NW, only 21 additional cats get the RW title. If the delegates chose to accept this proposal, that will change as follows: In addition to the 4 NW ranked cats that are registered in Region X, 25 additional cats get the RW title (instead of 21). In this hypothetical Region X, there will be 29 cats that get a “Regional Award” for that show season:

- BEST Cat in the Region: the highest scoring cat earning NW
- 2nd Best Cat in the Region: the 2nd highest scoring cat earning NW
- 3rd Best Cat in the Region: the 3rd highest scoring cat earning NW
- 4th Best Cat in the Region: the 4th highest scoring cat earning NW
- 5th Best Cat in the Region: the 5th highest scoring cat earning RW
- 6th Best Cat in the Region: the 6th highest scoring cat earning RW
- Etc., Etc... Until...
- 29th Best Cat in the Region: the 29th highest scoring cat earning RW

At this point, the 25 National Winners (in Championship, Kittens and in Premiership) do not make any use of their RW or DW title. With this new proposal we offer new incentive for 25 deserving cats to

compete and earn the title of RW, as well as the formula based number of cats to compete and earn the title of DW.

Hannon: Proposal 27, Peter. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: Basically, what we do with 27, no matter if you speak about the United States, Europe or the International Division, we have a number of regional winners and we have a number of divisional winners. It's very clear in the show rules how many regional wins and divisional wins are being awarded. What 27 does is that, for every national win in a region, an additional regional win or divisional win will be awarded. So, where you have a region with 25 regional winners, now you have let's say 2 or 3 national wins. In addition to the national wins, you will have 25 regional wins. It's in addition to. **Hannon:** So, basically what you're saying is, every region will have 25 cats who have only achieved a regional win. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: That's correct. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: This resolution pulls out the top cats to create more spots for regional winners. My comment is, if you compare the bottoms of every region's regional standings as I did, it's very sobering. There are some regions where you can get a regional win in premiership in 2 shows. We don't need more spots at the bottom. The competition is very weak down there because people are not trying for those bottom spots. I live in the Southern Region and every year the Southern Region requires the most number of points for regional wins. We usually have the highest bottom. Even our region doesn't need more spots. This year, I co-owned and co-showed to 25th best cat in championship in the region. We quit showing the cat in January. He stayed in for 25th, even though there were cats that could have passed him because they just didn't try. They didn't want to go for it. They didn't care. We have too many spots. In some regions, it's just a couple of shows. This resolution just creates more of the same awards that people already are not competing enough for. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I wanted to point out two things. First of all, to correct Mary's last term, it gets rid of awards. It just gives titles. There won't be any 2nd best cat in the region, it will be a "regional winner" period. That's the way this proposal is written. No more numbers, just titles. **Hannon:** Peter, you want to address that? **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: Basically, you have regional awards and regional winners. The number of regional winners will always be 25. The number of regional awards will be your national winners, plus your 25 regional winners. Best cat in the region will have a national winning title. If there are 3 national winners in that region, your 4th best cat will be your highest scoring regional winner. **Hannon:** According to Monte, that may be your intention but not what you wrote. Monte is speaking as the Show Rules Chairman. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: I have a different interpretation than Monte. The word "ranked" is in here. If you are ranking them, you have to have some order, and that order only comes from ranking. So, 1 through 25 would be ranked. **Coughlan** [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; GEMS]: I am concerned that if the highest scoring cat in championship in the region has a national win, but they are not considered the highest regional win, then that cat would not be considered the highest scoring cat in the region, they would not be the region's #1 cat with the armload of flowers and all that kind of stuff. If that's the case, I oppose it. **Hannon:** Any other comments before Peter gives his closing comments? **Robbins** [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]: Like Laurie, I also oppose this because it deprives the owners of the best cat in that region to get the flowers and put on the pretty dress or the tuxedo, and stand up there with their best cat in each region. If they have a national winner and it's 24th best national winner – which is nothing to sneeze at – they still may be the best cat in their region and they have the privilege of getting that armload of flowers and getting all the

brouhaha in the region where they reside and where they have made an impact. So, I'm not in favor of it for that reason. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: The best cat in the region will still get the flowers. The title will be a national winning title and not a regional winning title. **Hannon**: So Peter, are you saying if there are 5 national winners in the region, they would be handing out 30 awards, the best cat would be the highest scoring cat – in this case a national winner – but you would also have a 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th best cats in the region. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: That's exactly how the proposal is written. **Hannon**: So fear not. If you've got a national win, you're still going to get your region win of best cat or wherever it placed within the region. OK, I'm going to call for the vote.

Motion Failed.

– 28 – *Felinus International; Kittyhawk Felines Inc.*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **AWARDS** Section, as follows:

Article XXXVI

**~~GLOBAL~~-NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL
AWARDS PROGRAM**

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

...

International Division Awards

International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements: Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.); China; Hong Kong; Indonesia; South Korea; Israel; Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam/Brunei; Singapore; South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; Thailand; and Taiwan.

International Division

For the above geographical areas, numbers of awards in each area are based on the following formula:

5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 award;
10-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 awards;
31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 awards;
45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 awards;
71-160 rings sponsored in an area = 15 awards*; and
>160 rings sponsored in an area = 25 awards**.

* - this does not apply to household pet awards

** - These awards only apply to Championship and Kittens.

To be eligible for an award, in the International Division, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 50 points in championship, 30 points in kitten, 25 points in premiership, and household pet competition.

Awards are as follows:

Best Cat*: Trophy

2nd-25th Best Cat, as appropriate*: Certificate

Best Kitten*: Trophy

2nd-25th Best Kitten, as appropriate*: Certificate

Best Cat in Premiership*: Trophy

2nd-15th Best Cat in Premiership, as appropriate*: Certificate

Best-10th Best Household Pet, as appropriate**

*The title of “International Division Winner (DW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.

The title of “Household Pet Divisional Winner (HDW) is given to cats receiving these awards.

The International Division Awards are to be managed by the International Division and awarded at the International Division banquet.

Hawaii Division Awards

Best Cat: Trophy

Best Kitten: Trophy

Best Cat in Premiership: Trophy

The Hawaii Division Awards are to be managed by Region 5 and awarded at the Region 5 banquet.

RATIONALE: The International Division Awards and Hawaii Division Awards are awarded at the CFA Annual banquet. However, the dynamics have changed within CFA where more cats from the International Division are receiving higher titles, so it may be an appropriate time to address realigning the management responsibility for the International Division Awards, as well as the Hawaii Division Awards.

As these awards are more comparable to a Regional Win (RW), these awards should be handled appropriately the same. The International Division should be responsible for managing, recognizing, and awarding the Division Win (DW) awards at the International Division banquet. Hawaii is a state within Region 5, so the Hawaii Division Awards should be managed, recognized, and awarded at the Region 5 Regional Banquet.

As these awards are not Global or National Awards or Best of Breed Wins, it now seems more appropriate for these awards to be recognized divisionally or regionally and these awards should no longer be awarded by CFA at the Annual Banquet.

Hannon: I’m told #28 has been withdrawn. **Vanwongerghem** [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: That’s correct.

Withdrawn.

– 29 – *Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS, AWARDS Section, **Regional Awards** paragraph, as follows:

...

Best of Breed/Division; Second Best of Breed/Division; Third Best of Breed/Division.

The Title of “Regional Breed” (RB)” is limited to Championship cats receiving Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division and Third Best of Breed/Division.

RATIONALE: Recognition by way of titles for Breed/Division Winners at the Regional level does not currently exist. The awards are currently presented to the top 3 of each Breed/Division – this new title will increase the importance of these wins and encourage exhibitors to continue showing cats in order to earn this title.

Hannon: Proposal 29, Coastal Empire. Leslie. **Carr** [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: This adds a new title to our regional breed winners, so that those cats that have earned a breed win of 1 through 3 within their region would be represented with a title. **Hannon:** Any comments? Seeing none, I’m going to call for the vote. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I do have one comment, and that’s the fact that there are no minimum point requirements specified here, so you could be giving out a title to a cat that got 5.7 points for being 2nd best of breed in a ring when it went to one show, was in 6 rings with 2 cats present and it was second. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 30 – *Happy Trails Cat Club; Make Mine Mink; Just Cats ‘N Us; Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Long Island Cat Club; Sofistocated Felines; Colonial Cat Club; National Colorpoints & Orientals*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Subsection **Regional Definition**, by addition of a new paragraph as follows, effective immediately:

Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s constitution. To the extent not already provided in the constitution, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.

All shows held in a country or location with a quarantine are only eligible to be scored for Regional or Divisional wins.

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii ...

RATIONALE: Shows held in a country with a quarantine are only available to the exhibitors who live in the country where the quarantine exists. It is not in the best interest of the cats’ welfare to try to meet quarantine regulations in order to compete. Manipulating to avoid the quarantine regulations puts the animal, and the owner, at risk of violating local government laws, and should not be encouraged. Only those shows where any exhibitor may freely enter and compete should be scored for Global or National wins.

Hannon: Proposal 30, Happy Trails. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: Resolved, that all shows held in a country or location with a quarantine are only eligible to be scored for Regional or Divisional wins. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I call this the cancellation of the national awards program. There is only 3 countries, according to my research, that do not have a quarantine; they are Sierra Leone, Ghana and Uganda. I don't believe we have any cat shows in any of those 3 countries, so that would abolish the national award program. The United States has quarantine requirements, Japan has quarantine requirements, every European country has quarantine requirements, most of the International Division and China have quarantine requirements, so no cat competing in any of those countries, including the U.S., would be eligible for any national award if this passes. **Hannon:** The problem is that Hawaii has a quarantine, which is part of the United States, so you have eliminated the United States by the way this is written. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: No, contrary. The way this is written, it says "quarantine requirements". It doesn't say "cat quarantine requirements", it says "quarantine requirements". No bird may be imported into the United States unless it goes through at least a 7 day quarantine, period. **Hannon:** Gary, do you want to address this? **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: We will be happy to add the word "cat" for Monte. I thought we were all here at the Cat Fanciers Association. **Hannon:** The problem still exists that we have a cat quarantine in Hawaii, which is a part of the United States. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: It's an area of the United States, it's not the entire country. As we read this, it says "country or area", so in that location of Hawaii, yes they would not be eligible for national awards, but they already have their own division awards that we award to Hawaii. **Hannon:** Our parliamentarian disagrees with you. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: We can withdraw it and bring it back later on without the word "country. Withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

Gavin Cao [Great West China Cat Fanciers]: I just want to clarify one rumor. It is possible to get into China with your cat without going through the quarantine procedure, and it's 100% legal. If any of you need this kind of help, you can just ask us or we can actually provide instruction on how to do this to CFA, so United States fanciers can actually bring your cats into China. I am not sure if you guys are aware, but last season we already had quite a few European exhibitors and United States exhibitors enter shows in Chengdu. They get in and get out just fine. So, that's one point I want to raise because I have been hearing a lot about quarantine in China, but it's not true. Thank you.

- 31 - Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Modify Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM by adding the following section at the end of the article to create Grand Achievement Levels:

GRAND ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL SCORING

Grand Champions, Grand Premiers and Grand Household Pets may compete for Grand Achievement Levels based on Global/Regional/Divisional points. These levels are Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum with designators B, S, G and P to be affixed after the grand title (e.g. GCB for Grand Champion Bronze level). The following table lists the points necessary for each level:

	<u>GC</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GH</u>
<u>Bronze</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>400</u>
<u>Silver</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>600</u>
<u>Gold</u>	<u>1600</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1000</u>
<u>Platinum</u>	<u>3200</u>	<u>1600</u>	<u>1800</u>

All Scoring rules for Global, Regional and Divisional Scoring listed earlier in this article apply to Grand Achievement Level Scoring except as follows:

1. Points are cumulative through the levels.
2. Points for these levels accumulate within each class across season boundaries. However each season is limited to a cat's top 100 rings in the class. Points earned in one class may not be transferred to another.
3. There is no regional or divisional exhibition requirement for these levels.
4. The designator for each level will be replaced when a higher level is achieved such that only the highest level designator is retained. The B/S/G/P notation will not be replaced in the cat's title by the D for Grand of Distinction nor by any other title.
5. Global/Regional/Divisional points earned while in open, champion or premier classes will count for these levels; however, the cat must complete the requirements for Grand before claiming the levels.
6. Cats who have achieved these levels will compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.
7. This award must be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee listed in CFA's current price list. Central Office will mail a certificate of confirmation to the owner of record when the claim is verified. The owner may claim each level, or only the highest level achieved.
8. For the Championship and Premiership classes, Central Office will establish a procedure for recovering points from seasons prior to the 2016-2017 season. The seasons that can be recovered will be limited by the data available in either archived epoints or in the scoring database.

RATIONALE: The purpose of adding these achievement levels is to encourage competition and increase entries in our shows. These levels are based on the AKC levels, which some believe have had some success in slowing their decline in entries. Other associations have additional titles beyond grand that do give people an incentive to continue showing their grands regardless of year-end awards.

Exhibitors who grand a cat often ask "What's next?" Unless the exhibitor wants to campaign for an RW, DW, BW, GW, or Grand of Distinction, there are no further exhibition titles to achieve. What's next is most often nothing, and the exhibitor has little incentive to continue showing the new grand. This resolution would create an incentive to continue showing grands when the exhibitor does not want the limitations involved in a campaign for a year-end title.

Points would accumulate across seasonal boundaries. When an exhibitor grands a cat in February or March, the shows remaining in the season are usually not useful. There is too little time to catch up for the year-end awards. But with this proposal, late season grands would have a reason to continue through the end of the season, keeping those points into the next for these levels. A common issue for breeders is when a female has to be pulled from her show career to raise a litter. The points that such cat has would be retained, and the female could return after the litter and continue the path to the levels without a loss of points. Exhibitors who only want to go to local shows could do so and keep the points across multiple seasons. All-specialty shows would be useful to people pursuing these levels. These levels would open up new opportunities for people who do not want to campaign on year-end boundaries and would make specialty rings desirable.

In the 2012-2014 seasons, there were 2784 GCs. Between those two seasons there were 620 year-end titles available to those cats. That left nearly 2200 grands with the “what’s next” dilemma. Many of those cats stayed home after granding. We cannot keep all of those cats in the show halls but if we could just get some of them to continue we could increase our counts.

While there have been some complaints about the Grand of Distinction when past National Winners are shown in repeated seasons, this scheme prevents the same thing from happening. All past NWs have already scored more points than required for the platinum level, so all their owners have to do is claim the level; no additional points are necessary.

The reason HHPs need 400 points for the bronze is that the first 200 points will be counted toward the GH title. After the first level, the HHP levels increase the same as the GP levels.

The effective date of this resolution will be with the 2016-2017 season. Seasons prior to the switch to the new computer system may be difficult to retrieve. Old scoring data is archived, but right now there is no way to easily access that data. Epoints archives may be one source to recover points. And the point data may be imported eventually. CO will need to define which seasons can be recovered for those who wish to claim levels or points for cats that they have shown in past seasons. There may be an additional cost for recovering some seasons which can be offset with a fee for the claim.

This proposal has been criticized as being all about money. Actually, it is all about entries and increasing the competition at our shows. CFA has suffered a huge decline in entries and we need to do something to turn it around. Yes, we need new people in the hobby, but we also need to retain the people we already have. We need incentives that are attractive to people who do not want to spend most of their weekends at shows campaigning a cat. These levels are targeted for the occasional exhibitor, the one that doesn’t want to campaign but would like to continue showing their grand. If we can keep some of these non-campaigned grands in the show hall, we might be able to change that decline.

People have many reasons to stop showing their cats. We need to give them positive and affordable incentives to continue. These levels can be achieved without showing every weekend or spending the money necessary for some of the year-end titles.

Hannon: Proposal 31. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: I spoke earlier about entries, and we heard a lot about China and everything. There are not any problems that cannot be solved by increasing the cats that come to our shows. That’s what this resolution is an attempt to do. If we had counts at our shows, what would we care what the counts were in another country? We could compete with those other counts. So, this resolution would create multiple levels for the grand title, in hopes of increasing entries for people with grands who are not trying for end-of-year awards. There are a lot of people who, once they grand a cat, they don’t want to go for a regional win, they don’t want to go for a national win, and they stop showing their grand. These titles would give them an incentive that would be easy enough for them to achieve and still be meaningful titles. So, the points for these bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels would accumulate over multiple seasons. So, if you grand your cat late in the year, like I did last year – you grand a cat in March – and you’ve got a couple shows coming up and you think, “Why should I bother showing this cat? There’s nothing I can do with her. All the regional breed wins are taken, all the regional wins are taken, all of the color wins are taken. What is the point of me wasting money on entries in that show in April?” With these, I have a point. There’s a reason for me to take that cat to that show. If you don’t want to commit to what it takes for an end-of-season title, you can still have these levels to shoot for. So, this is

something that hopefully will increase competition by keeping more grands in the show halls.

Hannon: Mary, does Lucy [Mary's adorable dog] have anything to add? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: She doesn't say much, does she? She says yes, vote for this.

Phillips [Cat'n On The Fox]: Two points I want to make. First point is, there are 3 reasons why we've lost counts. The first reason the board has already addressed. By having clubs put on virtually nothing but allbreed shows, we've lost over 10,000 final placements in the last 10 years. Those are spots nobody can get because they don't exist anymore. That's one reason. As Mary pointed out, you don't have places for cats to place because they are just gone. The second reason we're losing counts, especially in the United States, if you look at the demographics of the people who show cats in the U.S., you are going to find the largest group is the over 55 group, whereas in China it would be the 25 to 30 group. Unfortunately, the over 55 group has a bad habit of doing two things – going decrepit or dying – and both of those cause them not to show cats anymore. I'm in the decrepit category. Unfortunately, my wife is in the other category. Now, the third reason we lose counts unfortunately, and this is a case where we just flat out haven't done the right thing, when new exhibitors come to the shows, often we treat them like crap. Sorry for my English, but that's just a fact. That's the reason why Dick's graph shows that the number of cats that show up at one show has gone awry, is because they don't want to come back and be treated like that again. The most important thing we can do is to treat people nicely and encourage them to come back.

Hannon: I don't see anybody else at the mike, so I'm going to call the vote.

Motion Failed.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 32 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: The board shall establish the China National Awards program for mainland China that mirrors the Global Wins of the current show rules, and will remove mainland China from the International Division Awards. Hong Kong and Macao will remain in the International Division Awards. The program should have the following characteristics:

- Points earned in mainland China will not count toward Global Wins or Global Breed Wins.
- Points earned by mainland China cats competing outside of China will not count toward the China National Awards. The board will make exceptions from time to time for special events, such as the CFA International Cat Show. The board will determine whether to allow cats from mainland China to use points earned in Hong Kong and Macao.
- The titles of the China National Awards will be unique to China. There are a number of possible title names, and one suggested set is China Winner (CW), China Breed Winner (CBW), and China Household Pet Winner (CHW).
- The board should set the number of awards based on the level of competition in mainland China using the number of shows, points and rings available, increasing the number of awards when the competition merits an increase. At first, there should be at least top 20 in Kittens and

Championship, top 10 in Premiership and Household Pets. There should be one CBW per breed/division in championship with top 3 recognized for awards. Best and Second best of color should also receive recognition.

- Any other details necessary to implement this program are left to the board's discretion.

RATIONALE: ID-China has exceptional growth potential. The sheer size of the population of China, as well as the size of the mainland, puts China on a path to dominate the rest of the world in show counts as well as registrations. Yet China presents extreme accessibility restrictions. This proposal will solve several accessibility problems and encourage growth in China.

The suggested awards mirror the program of the National Awards in the US prior to the additions of Japan and Europe. Eventually, the participation in mainland China may grow to the point where it could be divided into region-like areas with RWs, mirroring the RW-NW program in the US and Europe.

If the clubs change the name of Global Wins back to National Wins, this would enhance this proposal since the Chinese would not be excluded from "Global Wins." CFA could one day re-establish global wins when accessibility problems are resolved for mainland China.

The differences between the awards in this proposal and the current International Division Awards for China are the point restrictions, the names of the titles, and the number of available wins.

Hong Kong and Macao are excluded from this program and should remain in the International Division because they are accessible to all cats. Non-Chinese exhibitors have been traveling there for many years. Since this is a non-show rule resolution, the board can tailor it to fit the needs of the exhibitors and clubs in mainland China.

Hannon: Now moving into non-show rule resolutions. Mary. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Lucy is so disappointed, she took to her crate. After hearing about some of the other proposals that people were thinking about presenting to deal with the situation in China, I was talking to somebody, and again this is something that came out of a suggestion with other people, so don't anybody kill me over this. The idea is basically, if the problem that people are having is the count and the manipulation of counts in China, then that's where the solution should be focused, so this would create a national awards program for China. The national wins would not be called the same national win as ours, it would have a different letter designation; for example, CNW for China National Win. They would get a certain number based on their counts, there would be restrictions on being able to move out of China to earn points and us being able to go to China to earn points. I'm kind of ambivalent about this, because to me I think that we need to increase the counts in our country, and those are the things that we need to focus on is increasing counts in our country. Then we won't have this problem, but I thought I would present this so people could think about it. It's not a major show rule change, because I put that task to the board. Let them figure out the show rules. **Galloway** [Arkansas Feline Fanciers; Houston Cat Club]: I want to focus on the comment about increasing counts. China has one show per weekend. Am I right? **Hannon:** No ma'am. You're wrong. **Galloway** [Arkansas Feline Fanciers; Houston Cat Club]: OK, how many shows per weekend does China have? **Hannon:** In the past, there has been a policy of one show per weekend but that has been changed. They are allowed to have as many as they want. Dick told us at the board meeting Thursday that there is a weekend in September where they've already got 3 scheduled. **Galloway** [Arkansas Feline Fanciers; Houston Cat Club]: OK. Well, that's great. One of the issues has been that they are focusing all their efforts on one show and now they are going to change that. They

had really good counts and they had one show a weekend. The CFA International Show or World Show has fabulous cats. It's the only show on the weekend, so maybe we need to think about limiting the number of shows per weekend so that we can increase our counts in the U.S.

Allen Shi [Last Chance Cat Fanciers]: I think a CFA cat show is a global cat show, so if this removes China from the International Division, just think back. Many big associations, they want their game to be global, just like NBA – you know, basketball – very famous and very successful. They want to do global things, and I think this rule will just put us back. It's not good for CFA. **Hannon**: For those who don't know Allen, he has best and second best kitten for the past show season. **Kenny Curre** [Chatte Noir Club; European Shorthair Club]: We're losing big focus on one thing in our fancy; that is, we're breeders. We show our cats not just for points. We went for the same situation in Europe when they quote-unquote "took points" from our USA breeders. Let's not harm China. I've never judged there so I have no horse in the game, but I can tell you this – being part of the International Division, they are very important to this association, just as we are here in the United States. **Hinton** [Brazos Valley Cat Club; Coastal Cat Club]: Going down to one show in the States is not the answer. Monte gave you a list of reasons why we're losing our counts. Just this year, and I know there was another weekend last year, we had 2 shows in May this year, Conroe and Lebanon. Neither one filled. We do have a large country. The northeast will fill more. They have a more dense population. Let's see what happens with mainland China now that they are having 3 shows in a weekend. That's going to spread your cats around. Also, your best cat this year and your best kitten this year, from what I understand, they were at the World Show. They competed with the world's best cats and they are wonderful examples of the breed. They are no schlumps. We send over good cats, they are developing an eye and they are producing great cats now. Thank you. **Robbins** [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]: This proposal I believe is nothing but discriminatory to China. I think that is morally wrong. **Don Williams** [Ocala Cat Club]: Do we want to be an organization that reaches out and is known to be reaching out to new people and say, "please show your cats, but DON'T WIN"? **Bobbie Irie** [Devon Rex Breed Club; Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers]: This is probably something that's very personal for me, because for the first time in Devon history we have 2 Devon national winners. Both cats happen to be mine. One of them is a national winner from China, one is a national winner from the USA. I am proud of both of them. Now, the China kitty is the #1 breed winner, I have #2. This is something that I'm very happy with. One of the things that I see is that this is a movement towards globalization and it kind of feels very sad to be in this position and to have this kind of disparity when I should be just so elated. This is making history. There's going to be a lot of changes now and in the future. I'm not saying, can't we all get along; what I'm saying is, we really need to look at the bigger picture and be proud of all the national winners or global winners this time around. Thank you. **Hannon**: If I could just clarify the last thing that Bobbie said. We don't have global winners this year. That wasn't to go into effect until the current show season. Based on what we passed, it is unlikely we are going to have any global winners.

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Am I last? I want to be last. It's occurring to me that this is going to fail and I'm kind of glad it's going to fail because I really didn't like it, but what I want to come from this and all of our discussion so far is, can we all please stop complaining about China? The delegates are speaking. Let's just stop complaining and get the counts up. **Hannon**: Mary, you should make that as a motion from the floor. All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

– 33 – Ocicats International; Siouxland Cat Club; Rip City Cats; Grandview Cat Fanciers; Valley Cat Fanciers and Steinbeck Country Cat Club; Oriental Shorthairs of America; Paper Tigers; All Chiefs No Indians; Cat-H-Art Club; Jardin des Korats; Cats Incredible, Inc.; Feline Forum of Greater NY; New England Meow Outfit; Midlantic Persian Himalayan Fanciers; Metropolitan Cat Fanciers; Manx Ltd.; Willamette Valley; Cymric Cat Club; Moorestown Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: The Cat Fanciers Association (CFA) Board of Directors reach out to The International Cat Association (TICA) governing body prior to the TICA 2015 Annual in September to establish a judging reciprocity agreement for guest judging under the same guidelines and limitations for all other guest judges participating in CFA shows regions 1-9.

RATIONALE: The CFA Guest Judging Program currently accepts guest judges who qualify per the rules and are approved by the Judging Program Committee from 13 Cat Fancier organizations including all WCC (World Cat Congress) members with the exceptions of TICA only.

The TICA Judging program requirements are equivalently stringent to CFAs requiring experience, training and continuing education as CFA and many of the standards between CFA and TICA are actually more similar than the standards of other associations which we currently maintain reciprocity with.

At this time throughout the cat fancy, several associations are experiencing issues related to increased show production cost, and lower levels of participation while maintaining completely separate and distinct pools of trained and licensed judges.

Previously CFA has chosen to exclude TICA as a possible resource via the guest judging program which currently allows judges from all other members of the World Cat Conference as well as several other approved organizations.

To qualify as a guest judge these candidates must be currently Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges (or equivalent within their organization) with 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 to participate.

This change is simply adding TICA to our list of approved organizations.

There is no suggestion of any changes to the Guest Judging program in relation to judge experience as required by the judging program rules, the number of guest judging rings allowed per show per show rules 25.13, or number of times an individual judge may serve as a guest judge either in a single season (5) or for a single club in a given season (2) per show rule 25.02 (d).

Recognizing TICA as an approved organization and giving them equal standing with the other WCC organizations already recognized as acceptable for guest judging assignments within the outlines of the current guest judge system (Judging Program Rules Section XI Subsection 3) will allow CFA shows to utilize the Guest Judging Program more cost effectively than some of the other approved organizations which can help encourage cross pollination of exhibitors between the 2 associations, reduce costs associated with travel if the judge approved is actually in closer proximity, and help break down the existing perceived animosity between the 2 associations by celebrating and accentuating those things each association has in common without devaluing the uniqueness of either association. A rising tide floats all boats and someone needs to reach out first. We propose that CFA do so.

Hannon: Jacqui. **Bennett** [Ocicats International; Siouxland Cat Fanciers]: Ladies and gentlemen, CFA is a proud member of the World Cat Congress, an organization that represents some of the most prestigious cat fancy organizations in the world. We have what we call a reciprocity agreement for guest judging with every one of those associations – oops, except one, TICA. Ladies and gentlemen, what this resolution does is nothing more than reach out to the one organization in the World Cat Congress that has the same love of cats that we do, and reach out to them and say, “we would like a reciprocity agreement with you so that your judges can guest judge our shows, and if our judges want to accept an assignment, they can guest judge your shows.” Now, let me tell you what this is not, because I’ve heard all the rumors. This is not going to cause CFA national winners to be chosen by TICA judges. This is not going to cause CFA shows to be overrun by TICA judges. This is not going to cause us to catch wild genes. This is not going to cause anything except to open the door to another association that also loves cats. It doesn’t require a CFA judge to accept a TICA assignment, it doesn’t require a CFA club to offer a TICA judge an association. It simply opens the conversation. Now, I like statistics. Monte likes statistics. So, here’s some statistics. We have had several shows in the United States in the past 3 years that have used guest judges. Every one of them had a higher count than the average count that weekend than any other show. Now, I’m saying “in the U.S.,” because if I say “worldwide”, you’re going to say, “oh, China and Europe are skewing the numbers because they use guest judges a lot more than we do.” No, these are U.S. shows. We have an agreement with another North American association, so that’s not the reason. Whatever the reason was that we didn’t have this agreement, let it die. Let’s reach out and have a rising tide float all boats, and at the end of the season in March and April, maybe a club has a judge that an exhibitor hasn’t seen before, and even though they know what those CFA judges are doing, maybe they will come to that show and get a different opinion. Maybe we’ll make new friends. Maybe, just maybe, everybody’s count will come up just a little bit. **Phillips** [Cat’n On The Fox]: Two points. Point #1, there’s already a rule that limits the number of assignments a guest judge can do in the United States and by one particular club, and the percentage of guest judges a club can use at a show is 25%. So, that addresses the issue floating around out there about TICA basically selecting a cat of the year. It won’t happen. Point #2, by adding the TICA judge pool, clubs will be able to save money. If they choose to use a guest judge that’s just down the street that’s in the TICA group, as opposed to having to hire somebody and fly them in from God knows where. **Newkirk** [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance]: I think as most of you know I was a judge in another organization before I became a licensed judge in CFA. I made the decision to leave the other organization because I thought CFA had better cats, better opportunities. I can understand guest judging assignments when you’re in a foreign country because air fares over there are very expensive. It’s very hard on clubs to fly 6 or 8 American judges over there. We have really brought in, from Europe especially, some really, really good judges to become CFA judges. We have a system in our Judging Program Rules where they can do that. We get to evaluate them, see how they do, they apply to the board and the board accepts them, they come over and they become judges here. I’m against this. We have under-utilization of the judges we have right now except for maybe 5 weekends in the total year, so why do we want to add double the number of judges on our judging panel? We have highly-trained judges here who assess your cats, give those cats awards and we get our national wins from that – not that it would devalue any national win because they got a point from a TICA judge. I don’t have a thing against TICA. I’ve never been to a TICA show myself, but I do know some TICA people. I know a lot of people have transferred and gone to TICA. I just hope that we will continue to

maintain a higher registration than TICA does. The last registration stats that I saw, they weren't that far behind us. With our registrations going up, let's just keep our judges CFA judges and our guest overseas. **Schreck** [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]: I went to a TICA show because it was close by and we were curious. We didn't enter, we just looked around. There were several judges there who left CFA not under great circumstances. We all know them if you've been around a while. I won't name names, but we all know who they are. I would not be in favor of having those judges who left our association under questionable circumstances – or maybe were even booted out – to be now available to come back through the back door and judge our cats. **Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Cat-H-Art]: Pursuant to what Barb is saying, I have the same feeling. Some of these people left under not very good circumstances. Unless there are some strings attached to this, I don't think we want some of those people back judging our cats. **Coughlan** [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; GEMS]: With all respect to both associations and to both judging corps, CFA has an outstanding corps of judges. They have been trained in the standards that we have and the procedures that we have, and we have enough of them to do what needs to be done in the United States. I would much prefer to have a judge that uses the standard for my breed in CFA than the one that uses the same standard in TICA. We don't need to use the TICA judges, and I do not want to see guest judging used just to save money. I think we need to use our own judges. **DelaBar** [Havana Brown Fanciers; Sophisto Cat Club]: We have a situation, and again I'm asking you to think globally. We have a situation and I caused it. I was supposed to judge in England the last weekend of May. Due to an emergency situation, on Thursday evening I had to cancel the show. What happened was, we could not get another allbreed judge to fill. We had one guest judge already from GCCF. They were able to get a longhair judge from GCCF, but not another shorthair judge. There was a TICA judge available but we could not extend an invitation to that person, even on an emergency basis. Our Judging Program has the ability to say yes or no to guest judges. I would like to see us at least have the ability to have a core of people – we're talking overseas – that we could draw on and say, "yes, this allbreed judge could guest judge for us on an emergency basis." Again, we just could not. We only have 9 CFA judges in Europe and couldn't get a guest judge from another association because everybody was having shows that weekend. **Cappa-Madore** [Copper City Cat Club; Salt City Cat Club]: I was put in the position as a show manager of a 6x6 show when a judge cancelled, like Pam just said, on a Thursday. I was put in the position to get a hold of [Guest Judge Administrator] Larry [Adkison] and try to find somebody who could fill in for this judge. That weekend that we had in September of last year, there were no judges available. Thanks to people like Iris Zinck, who assisted me in finding a judge, we had to go to CCA. There is a TICA judge in my town that was available that I could not use. Thank you CCA for allowing their judge to come to my show. For someone who entered that show for their championship or whatever for 6 rings and thought that they were getting 6 rings, it makes a big difference. This ability to allow for TICA, who isn't allowed now, would be a great advantage for the shows that have booked and the option. **Harold Bourgeois** [Tonkinese Breed Association; Wildcatters Cat Club]: Let me tell you what this does not say. It does not say that anyone has to use a TICA judge. So, if your club or your region doesn't want to use those judges, you don't have to. It just gives one more option. I have the utmost respect for CFA judges and I probably won't ask a TICA judge to judge at one of my shows, but I want to be able to have more options.

Hannon: Jacqui is going to have the last word. **Bennett** [Ocicats International; Siouxlant Cat Fanciers]: Ladies and gentlemen, the fact of the matter is that all guest judges have to be approved through the Judging Program already from any association. Therefore, if a CFA judge

left CFA and went to another association under less-than-admirable circumstances, it is highly unlikely our Judging Program would go, “oh yeah, they’re good”. That’s not a valid concern. The second statement – yes, every association has different standards. We have 14 organizations we have reciprocity agreements with that have 14 different sets of standards already. TICA’s are actually closer to ours than most of the others, as well as the judging methods and the mechanics. This does not require you to use a TICA judge. It simply opens the door for a conversation. They still have to be qualified, they still have to be licensed, they still have to be approved, they still have to judge by the CFA standard, and they have to be invited. It doesn’t force anybody to do anything, but what it does do is open the conversation and allow some cross-pollination for two organizations that are fighting for the exact same market group. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.

Hannon: Motion carries, but not by 2/3. Ed says it’s just advisory.

– 34 – *Half Moon Cat Club; Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers; Midlantic Persian & Himalayan Fanciers; Metropolitan Cat Fanciers; Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers; Moorestown Cat Fanciers; New England Meow Outfit; New River Cat Fanciers; NOVA Cat Fanciers Inc.; Seacoast Cat Club; Sign of the Cat Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: That the fees to appeal a protest do not exceed the fees to file a protest, and that in most cases a fee be required to file a protest.

Specific changes: changes sections of “PROCEDURE TO FILE A PROTEST” (<http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/forms/protest-procedure.pdf>) to read with the following two changes. Sections of the document indicated by ellipses (...) to remain unchanged.

CHANGE 1:

CFA Protest Procedure: ~~There is no fee to file a protest.~~ There is a [\$150 or TBD] fee to file a protest.
...

Note: Filing fee given is a recommendation but proposal can be accepted if a different fee is desired by the delegates.

CHANGE 2:

The process begins by filing the official protest form ...

~~The Respondent(s) have 30 days to pay a \$250.00 “Appeal Fee” to request a full hearing ...~~ The Respondent(s) have 30 days to request a full hearing ...

Note: This removes the requirement for an “Appeal Fee”. If the delegates feel an “Appeal Fee” is appropriate, the “Appeal Fee” is NOT to exceed the filing fee.

RATIONALE:

The current protest procedure allows anyone, or group, to file a protest for any reason with “no skin in the game.” Likewise, the person/group protested against has to pay for the right to defend themselves. This

is backwards to the idea of “innocent until proven guilty” and leaves the door open to frivolous and unsubstantiated protests where the person/group being accused has to pay for the right for their story to be heard in person. (The procedure allows the presentation of defense materials in WRITTEN form, but the accused can only present ORAL defense after being convicted and paying an appeal fee.)

By putting the cost of protest on the initiator of the protest, protests would be done more thoughtfully and with real reason, thus reducing the number of frivolous protests having to be handled by the Board.

This proposal simply moves the requirements to pay a fee from the protest respondent to the protest originator. Additional consideration might be needed for the exact dollar amounts to file and respond to a protest. However, no matter what, the respondent should not have to pay more to appeal than the originator has to pay to file.

Some might be concerned that charging a fee to file a protest would impact those raising animal welfare issues. This can be mitigated by having a different filing fee based on the protest type.

For example:

Animal welfare issues: Filing fee = \$0
Show rule violation: Filing fee = \$150
Other: Filing fee = \$150

But again, the key is that any appeal fee shall not exceed the filing fee.

Hannon: Half Moon. **Crawford** [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: I am speaking for Half Moon because we put these in alphabetical order. Anyway, the summation of #34, it relates to the procedures when filing a protest. Currently, any individual group, etc., can file a protest with no fee. However, after the protest is reviewed and if that group that has been protested against wants to come forward and speak on their behalf to the board or a representation of the board, they are required to pay \$250 to appeal their fee. Our group of proposers feel that it should not be that you have to pay more to defend yourself than to file a protest. We are not saying what the fees should be, but we feel that you shouldn't pay more to defend yourself than somebody else protesting against you would pay. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Also the Chair of the CFA Protest Committee. I hope most of you don't understand this resolution because you've never had to deal with the protest process. The protest is our way of enforcing our rules and our values and our ideals against people who have broken those rules or those values or those ideals. We enforce our show rules because nobody else will. You can't go into a court of law and say, “this person brought a sick kitten in or had 3 kittens in a cage.” Only CFA enforces our rules. Yes, there may be some overlap. If I murder somebody in the middle of a cat show, I would probably get kicked out of CFA too, but most of the time they are independent things. This notion that you have to pay to defend yourself in CFA is bogus. The word “appeal” is actually a mistranslation of a different term I use, but I'll come back to that later. If you see something wrong in a CFA show hall, we want you to report it to CFA. We don't have a police force to go through the aisle in cat show making sure everybody is following the rules. We count on you to bring it forward. It's like if you see your neighbor's house being burglarized, we expect you to call the police. If you see a problem at a cat show, we expect you to report it to CFA. If you report it and file a protest, the other side gets to see everything you submitted – every word, every syllable, every document that you submitted. They can submit anything they want in their defense. They can have

statements from themselves, they can have statements from their witnesses, they can have statements from their third grade teacher saying what a good child they were, they can submit documents, they can submit all the evidence they want. It then goes before the CFA board. The CFA board reviews all the evidence and makes a determination if that person is guilty or innocent, and if they are guilty, what the punishment should be. After that's over, after the board has reviewed all the evidence they submitted in their defense, we give them a bonus. We give them a do-over. There's no appeal here. That's a mistranslation of a phrase, *trial de novo*, but people don't like my Latin so everybody calls it an appeal. What it is, is a do-over. We give them an opportunity to say, "maybe I didn't explain myself well, maybe you just didn't understand me, I want a second hearing on the same matter and I want to do it live before the board." I don't know if you guys realize how much a board meeting costs, but a live board meeting costs anywhere from \$12,000 to \$15,000. That means for every hour the board is in session, that's about \$1,000. So, we really prefer you not ask for a do-over. That's why we have a do-over fee, in order to encourage you to submit all your evidence, all of your documents, all of your witnesses the first time. That's all. There's a complaint in the rationale that says disinterested people are filing protests. That's exactly what we want. If you are arrested, you want a disinterested policeman arresting you, not your worst enemy. You want an honest, disinterested witness to submit this. That's what we want. That isn't a bad thing. There was a brief period of time where we actually had a fee for filing protests, and you know what happened? Legitimate protests didn't get filed. The ones that did get filed were pissing contests between people who had a problem with each other. Imagine it this way. You're in a cat show. The cage next to you has a bunch of underage kittens in it covered with fleas, covered with fungus, snot coming out of their nose, and you call CFA and say, "I want to report this" and they say, "\$150 please." How would you feel, seriously? It would be like the police saying, "we won't investigate your neighbor's house being burglarized unless you send us \$150 first." So, this does not prevent anybody from defending themselves, this does not prevent anybody from submitting all the evidence they want. All it does is say, if you want a do-over and if you want to take up the board's time for a second hearing after you've already had your best chance to defend yourself and you failed, there ought to be a fee involved. That's all this does, but front loading the fee is the wrong thing to do because people ought to be able to report to CFA when there are violations of our rules without charging somebody simply for being a witness. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: What I'm going to say is going to sound weird, because I'm going to agree with George and I'm going to disagree with George. I agree that we shouldn't have to charge a fee for somebody to file a protest for all of the reasons that he said. However, I still can't support this amendment. I support part of it, but I can't support all of it because of that fee. I do not believe that we should be requiring a fee for a hearing. I pulled up the constitution. It's on page 7 of your delegate book. If you go to Article XV – Discipline, Section 1 – Powers of the Board, *Disciplinary power may be exercised only after due notice and opportunity to be heard is first given the party charged*. If you're going to charge us a fee to be heard when the constitution says that we have the right to be heard, that's wrong. I would support this amendment if you didn't charge the fee for the protest to be filed, but I can't support it the way you have it written. **Byrd** [Las Flores Cat Club; Malibu Cat Club]: Mary, I think you misunderstood George. George says you get the opportunity to be heard as the one complaint against. If you want to be heard again by the board, you need to pay. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: That's not true. You have to file papers. The first thing you do is file all these papers. You are not heard, you do not have the chance to testify and be

heard verbally until you pay a fee, so perhaps George would like to clarify that. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Clarification. “Heard” does not say “oral”. Heard covers written or oral. The first time around, you submit your testimony in writing. At the do-over hearing, you can submit your testimony live. That’s the difference. Our previous attorney gave the opinion that under our constitution, “heard” means a meaningful opportunity to present testimony in your defense. It does not necessarily mean it has to be oral. **Mary-Margaret Richardson** [Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]: I have to step back from this for just a moment. In the rationale it says, *The current protest procedure allows anyone, or group, to file a protest for any reason...* Does that mean if I don’t like somebody’s hair style or what they say to me, if they don’t say good morning, don’t smile at me or whatever, I can file a protest? Is that what it means? **Hannon**: Yes, it means that. However, the Protest Committee may recommend that the Board take no action.

Hannon: Anybody else have a comment? Alright Vanadis, you’ve got closing comments. **Crawford** [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers]: I would just like to make a comment on something Mary K said, and that was about the fee. If you really read through what we are proposing, we are not proposing that there be a fee for initiating a protest. In fact, at the very end it says, for example, perhaps a filing fee would be zero. Obviously, we don’t want to have animal welfare issues being glossed over because somebody has to pay a fee. All this proposal is saying is that, to file a protest and to be able to defend yourself orally should not once exceed the other. That’s all this is saying. Right now, to be able to defend yourself orally, as George was saying this do-over, you have to pay \$250. Now yes, you can write reams and reams of information to go against the protest. Some people are very good at writing clear and distinct information. Others, not so much. Some express themselves better orally. We have the right to be able to defend ourselves in whatever methodology works best for our personal personalities. All I’m saying is, make the filing and the defense equal, zero, but not one higher than the other. **Hannon**: All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 35 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Develop a resolution for the 2016 annual meeting to separate the competition in Championship and Premiership such that Opens and Champions compete in the Champion class for Champion points, Grand Champions compete in the Grand class for Global/Regional/ Divisional points, Opens and Premiers compete in the Premier class for Premier points, and Grand Premiers compete in the Grand class for Global/Regional/Divisional points. Each class will have its own final. None of these four classes will compete against each other for Global/Regional/Divisional points, however there could be Best in Show competition. The number of placements in finals in each class will have a set minimum with additional placements based on count.

RATIONALE: This is a straw poll to determine interest in making this change to our competition. It is non-binding on the board. The changes are very complicated. Before tackling these changes, we need to see the true level of interest among the clubs. If there is enough interest in this idea, the result will be that we will develop a solid proposal and present it at next year’s annual meeting.

There are pros and cons of this approach. One advantage is that stuffing will be much more difficult in the Championship and Premiership classes since it would require entering and exhibiting Grands to inflate the G/R/D points. Another advantage is that people entering Opens, Champions and Premiers would not

feel like “points” or “fodder” for the Grands. This could result in a more positive attitude among exhibitors toward “campaigners.”

A disadvantage is that a club would not know how many finals spots there would be to plan awards. We will have to carefully set the placements in finals such that clubs can have a reasonable guess as to how many awards will be needed. Another disadvantage is that Opens, Champions and Premiers would not start earning G/R/D points until they Grand. The average count of the Champion class is three times that of the Grand Class, which means if we score the Champion class for G/R/D points, those cats that are granding during the season will have a few very large rings that cats already in the Grand class cannot get. It will be a thumb on the scale in favor of cats that start the season as Opens. But that can be tweaked if it is more desirable to have Opens start earning G/R/D points right away.

We need to consider all pros and cons carefully of such a dramatic change. However, it will do no harm to support this idea now because the clubs will get another chance to weigh in next year. Nothing will change by supporting this idea now.

Hannon: Alright Mary. Lilac Point Fanciers, #35. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: A couple of people have floated the idea of separating the classes so that we would have grands competing with grands, opens and champions competing with champions, so that you would no longer be able to stuff a bunch of opens in to get points for your grand. Your grand would only get global or regional points from other grands, so there would be 4 classes of competition – champions, grand champions, premiers, grand premiers. Now, before everybody starts throwing darts at me, this is just a straw poll to measure the interest in this. Nothing will happen with this except if it passes I'll spend a lot of time working on show rules, talking to Monte about the show rules, and we'll bring it back next year and everybody can throw darts at us then. But, if you tell me that there's no interest, then I won't waste my time. So, it's just to garner interest in something that's been a suggestion from multiple people. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I don't know if this is appropriate, but I would love to add a question. How about a champion point requirement for the champion title? **Hannon:** That's a separate issue, Monte. We would be happy to entertain it if you want to bring it up. Not seeing any other comments, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: They're not interested, Mary. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: You guys saved me so much work. OK.

– 36 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Develop a resolution for the 2016 annual meeting to split the show season into two halves for purposes of the Global Awards. There would be a set of season-end winners for the first six months, and another set for the season-end winners for the second six months. There would not necessarily be top 25 in all categories in both seasons. The number of awards in each season would be adjusted to fit the level of competition during those time periods. Kittens would be split such that they still get all four months to compete. All awards would still be presented at one time at the annual.

RATIONALE: This is a straw poll to determine interest in making this change to our competition. It is non-binding on the board. The changes are very complicated. Before tackling these changes, we need to see the true level of interest among the clubs. If there is enough interest in this idea, the result will be that we will develop a solid proposal and present it at next year's annual meeting.

There are other hobbies that have multiple seasons in one calendar year. The environment of competition is easier or more difficult depending on different weather conditions during the seasons, as we know in the cat fancy. So other competitive hobbies have developed split year seasons. There are pros and cons of this approach.

One advantage is that people would not have to commit to a full year of competition to achieve our season-end titles. Females would be advantaged by this idea since so many are lost to breeding if they compete for a whole season.

A disadvantage is the additional cost of awards. We would not be doubling the top 25 awards since we don't have to offer top 25 in both seasons, but we would be increasing the number of awards significantly.

There are some options to consider, such as keeping the breed awards as full season awards, splitting just the breed award season, splitting the regional awards instead of the global awards, etc.

We need to consider all pros and cons carefully of such a dramatic change. However, it will do no harm to support this idea now because the clubs will get another chance to weigh in next year. Nothing will change by supporting this idea now.

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: The next one, same thing. I got a suggestion, I thought it had merit, so I thought I would bring it here. Again, nothing will change, OK? If you guys like this idea, I'll spend the next year working on show rule changes with Monte, we'll bring them back here, you can throw darts at us next year. If you don't like the idea, you'll save us some work. It's just a straw poll on splitting the show season into two halves. So, the first 6 months would have one set of winners, the second 6 months would have another set of winners. There are some advantages and disadvantages to this. The advantage is, let's say your cat doesn't have coat until a certain time of year, or you don't have kittens at a certain time of year, you have kittens at a different time of year, or the weather is bad in your area at a certain time of year and better at a different time of year. Weather does affect titles. Other associations do this. The disadvantage is cost. I see some other people complaining, so there's probably other reasons. Again, this is just a straw poll to measure interest so I don't waste my time writing something that people aren't interested in. **Hannon:** I don't see anybody else so I'm going to call the vote. All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: Mary, you have the message. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Thank you. Less work.

– 37 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: While cats can be noted as NC CH or NC PR in the CFA database for scoring purposes, these letters shall not appear in front of any cat's name outside of that database, including year-end award reports and Herman. NC CH and NC PR shall be for Central Office's internal use only.

RATIONALE: By using this notation outside of the database, CFA is giving away the CH and PR titles for free. NC is a database notation, NC CH and NC PR are not titles and should not ever appear in front of a cat's name on any CFA document, file, website, etc.

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Proposal #37 gets back to the NC/CH and NC/PR problem. We removed the show rule, but we still have the problem that Central Office sometimes releases that title. If you go on Herman and look up a cat's registration number, you might see a NC/CH or an NC/PR. The title is a database artifact. It should be for Central Office use only. It should not be in awards reports. I had a cat that I had not yet claimed at the end of the season, and I got a little rosette that said NC/CH Mary K's whatever. That's a horrible thing to put on an award. I didn't pay for the title, so why am I getting it? This gives the title away for free, and there are people who are taking advantage of that, to use this title without paying for it. So, this resolution is to request that the Central Office stop releasing the notation. They can use it internally, they can use it to notify people to track it, but let's stop putting it in Herman and the awards reports and in other things. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I just wanted to add on to Mary's point that at our last awards dinner for the Midwest Region, we had a cat up there with the wonderful title GC/NC/PR Whatchamacallit. That's what was displayed with the picture of the cat. **Coughlan** [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; GEMS]: I agree with this for the most part, but I think it belongs in Herman. That's where people look up to see if they were scored correctly and they actually got the qualifying rings and the points. CFA should not release the NC on anything that goes out to the public or to awards, but it should be in Herman where we're checking the status of our cats' accomplishments. **Hannon**: Anybody else before Mary closes it? **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I was just going to add one point. If you do go to Herman, it will tell you how many qualifying rings you have, whether it has a title or not.

Hannon: Mary's got the final word. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Yeah, it tells you exactly how many qualifying rings, whether you have an NC in front of that or not. There is absolutely zero need for this to be released outside of Central Office's internal use. Let's stop giving this title away for free. **Hannon**: This just to clarify is not a straw poll. All those in favor.

Motion Carried.

Hannon: Mary, it passed.

– 38 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: The board shall establish a single global closing time after which no shows may accept entries for the following weekend, with the following parameters:

- The ideal global closing time that the board establishes will be either the Monday or the Tuesday before the opening day of the show.
- Shows may close earlier than this closing time.
- The time will be based on Central Office time. There will be one standard time for all CFA shows around the world.
- The entry clerk must submit a breed summary and the data file to Central Office within 24 hours of the global closing time. If an entry clerk cannot meet the 24 hour deadline, they must notify CO and explain why, and explain when they will submit the files.
- Central Office will post all breed summaries to a CFA-owned website.

- The CFA online entry form will stop processing entries for closed shows at the global closing time.
- This closing time will not apply to agility.

RATIONALE: This resolution is a request for the board to establish a standard closing time. There was some discussion among a small group of entry clerks about potential times, but no clear consensus, and we did not have input from entry clerks in the International Division. The board is in a better position to set an appropriate time that incorporates feedback from the clubs and entry clerks in all areas of CFA. Suggested times are Monday noon, Monday 4pm, Tuesday noon, or Tuesday 4pm. CO will have to define a procedure for submitting breed summaries, and the closing time should be set such that someone will be available to receive them 24 hours later and post them, meaning the global closing time should be during the day in Ohio.

Some clubs are pushing entry clerks to stay open later and later. This causes much hassle for entry clerks while gaining very few if any entries. It just enables people to wait until the last minute. If everyone has to close at the same time, then all exhibitors will have to remember one standard time and will know they have to get their entries in by that time. This will make things much easier for entry clerks. The time is a “no later than” time for accepting entries, but the entry clerk will have 24 hours to continue processing the entries before submitting the breed summary and data file. Entry clerks will be free to close earlier.

A standard closing time will prevent some count manipulation. By requiring the breed summary to be posted within 24 hours of close, this will allow everyone to verify that the show has stopped taking entries. In the event an entry clerk has a problem submitting the breed summary within 24 hours, such as a computer crash, they can contact CO to explain why and make other arrangements. This need not be a punitive thing as long as entry clerks work with CO when they cannot meet the 24 hour deadline.

Hannon: Proposal #38, Lilac Point Fanciers and I guess That’s My Point. Mary Kolencik. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: This one is also not a straw poll. There was some discussion among entry clerks about getting a uniform closing time. However, we all couldn’t agree on the time, so I decided to punt and let the board pick a time. I thought that they would be in a better position to pick a time that would fit globally, whereas I was only hearing from people within the country. So, what this would direct the board to do would be to establish the rules so that there is one closing time by which every show must be closed. A show can close earlier than that time, but they cannot close later than that time. The way that we would know that they would be closed is that within 24 hours from the closing, they have to submit the breed summary and the data file to Central Office. Central Office would then post the breed summary somewhere. So, there are many benefits of this. There would be no more count manipulation. The entry clerks would be so relieved. Clubs are pressuring entry clerks to stay open later and later, and we’re having a hard time getting entry clerks to want to do their job. Like what if their computer crashes on Wednesday night and they have to get everything printed by Friday? They don’t have any time, because the club forced them to stay open so long. This helps our entry clerks a lot, and it doesn’t hurt anybody. We’ll all get used to this uniform time. **Hannon:** I don’t see anybody at the microphone, so I’m going to call the vote. **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: I’m right here. I don’t think that the Central Office should have that kind of power. I’m running the show, I’m financing the show and if the entry clerk is going to give me a hard time, I’ll get another entry clerk. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: This doesn’t give Central Office any power, this gives us the power to say to these clubs to stop doing this to us. Let’s all close at one time so that we

all know what the counts are. I was last, so we're supposed to call the question. **Belfatto** [Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Space Coast Cat Club]: Mary, I never put the count out. Ever. **Hannon:** We know that, Bob. And Bob, you've lost a lot of entries because of it. All those in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried.

– 39 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: In addition to the recognizing the top 3 cats in Championship in each breed/division at the annual banquet, CFA will include the highest scoring Kitten and Premiership cat in each breed/division.

RATIONALE: Since many people believe CFA should be emphasizing breed competition more than the top 25s, this would be one way to do that. The pros of doing this are that most people enjoy breed competition more than for RWs or NWs. This would not include titles for these cats, but a simple honor that people can enjoy. The cons are the cost of awards, which could be close to \$5000, and the added time for the banquet, which might be as much as an hour.

Hannon: Before she starts, #39 is the last pre-noticed. After that, I have to take a break. So, we're going to take a 10 minute break before we come back and do the resolutions from the floor. So Mary, I would appreciate it if we get through this one quickly. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: This is easy. This is just another straw poll. A few people suggested that in addition to honoring the breed winners in championship at the annual, we also honor the best of breed kitten and premiership cats in each breed and division. This isn't anything set in stone. We might do one, we might do three. It depends on what your interest is in it. There are pro's and con's. The pro's are that it could encourage competition in kitten and premiership because right now there's no incentive for you to try to be best kitten in your breed or best premiership in your breed. You get no honor except at the regional level. Perhaps this might encourage you to get something at the national level. There are con's, too. This is going to cost money – significant money – and it's going to cost time at the annual. I'm serious, it's going to cost significant money, so we would have to find a way to fund it. But, saying that you like the idea now doesn't mean that it's going to happen because we have to come up with the parameters. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: Mary just brought up the most important part as far as I'm concerned – time at the annual. At our regional dinner, which started at the nice, reasonable time of 6:30, we got one at 11:20. We do breed awards, although we go 3 deep in kittens and premiership. I have visions of going to an annual and being here until after 1 in the morning. That is my concern – time. **Hannon:** Am I missing anybody? All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: We are taking a 10 minute break.

(61) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

Hannon: If you're going to make a floor resolution, make sure you have written out a copy so you can hand it to the Secretary. Again, if you're making a resolution from the floor, our Secretary does need a copy of it. The only people who are allowed to speak, to address this annual, are registered delegates. If you are not a registered delegate, please do not go to the

microphone. You have no authority to speak, alright? [**Secretary's Note:** three speakers were found to be unregistered delegates, their statements have been deleted and they have been notified of this action.]

– 40 – Illini Cat Club; Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers; Packerland Cat Fanciers; Valley View Cat Fanciers; Lakes Country Cat Fanciers; Cat Spring Irregulars; Lewis and Clark LH Specialty; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Ocicats International; Vintage Cat Fanciers; New River Cat Fanciers; CanUsa Cat Club; Cats Incredible, Inc. ; Feline Forum of Greater NY; Make Mine Mink; Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Just Cats N' Us; National Colorpoints & Orientals; Colonial Cat Club; Happy Trails; Long Island Cat Club; Sofistocated Felines; Cochise Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.04, 2.07c, 7.02. 8.03, 12.07, 12.11e, 27.01, 27.03b, 28.02, 28.03, 28.07 as follows:

2.04 A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including ~~Opens the first place (blue ribbon) Open in each class competing as Champions or Premiers,~~ transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.

2.07 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. ~~Qualifying rings-Winners’ ribbons~~ are awarded in the Novice Class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, ~~these the winners’ ribbons~~ will be posted to the cat’s record toward its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for Global/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.

b. The OPEN CLASS is for CFA registered cats with either a temporary or permanent registration number of a color accepted for Championship competition, of either sex, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show, except cats that have completed requirements for Championship confirmation. When a cat has completed requirements for confirmation, it is ineligible for the Open Class in any subsequent show (see 27.05 and 28.01). ~~Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and in the judge’s book as champions. For the purpose of judging only, the open class is considered a subset of the champion class. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. Winners’ ribbons are awarded in the Open Class. The Open receiving the blue ribbon and the winner’s ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon were awarded and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.~~

c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central

Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. ~~The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Open (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) receiving a Blue Ribbon and a Winner's Ribbon competes against the Champions in the ring under the judge where the Blue Ribbon and Winner's Robbin were awarded, and is eligible to earn the purple Best Champion of Breed/Division ribbon.~~

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Open, Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. ~~Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions~~ Opens and champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. ~~Premiers and opens competing as premiers~~ Opens and premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championships and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

First Place Winners	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red/white/blue
First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue

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12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog **as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages**, indicating **Winners**, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/ catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.

12.11 ...

e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV, OPN, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes prior to submitting the sheets to the master clerk.

- 27.01** ~~Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, all opens in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty, can use the ring as a “Qualifying Ring” so long as the judge does not disqualify or otherwise withhold awards (including wrong color) from the open.~~ Of each color class recognized as entitled to Championship or Premiership, ONLY the winning (blue ribbon/winners ribbon) Open male or neuter and the winning (blue ribbon/winners ribbon) female or spay in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty, can use the ring as a “Qualifying Ring.”
- 27.03** a. ...
- b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011, or as a Novice, and Qualifying Rings earned between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2016 satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for Championship or Premiership confirmation.
- c. ...
- 28.02** A cat eligible for and shown in the Open, Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championships or Grand Premiership points in any type ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:
- a. Any Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. The highest placing Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier will receive one point for each benched Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier defeated. The second highest placing Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In all cases, fractional points .5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number.
- b. Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Champion or Best Premier will receive one point for every Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier defeated.
- c. Second Best Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open or Best Champion.
- d. Best Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Longhair Champion and Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive one point for every benched Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open and Champion defeated in that specialty.
- e. The Second Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Longhair Champion and Second Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion. The Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Third Best Longhair Champion and Third Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed rings will receive 80% of the points received by the Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion.

f. Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Longhair Premier and Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed rings will receive one point for every benched Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open and Premier defeated in that specialty.

g. The Second Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Longhair Premier and Second Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open, Best Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every benched Blue Ribbon/Winners Ribbon Open or Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division.

b. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

28.07 After confirmation of title has been received, a cat is ineligible to compete in the Open, Champion or Premier Class and must be transferred and complete in the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class at any subsequent show.

REVISED RATIONALE: This show rule resolution is brought to the delegation to accomplish two primary goals. 1) to reinstate the winners ribbon – not as a punishment show as has been suggested – but rather as a way to be recognized in competition once again – as a starting point toward championship and grand championship; and 2) to provide new comers an incentive to return. While a winner’s ribbon might be meaningless to some, it can be the “prize” that keeps people coming back. They achieve something – a win, a winner’s ribbon – and they will strive to do better and learn more.

Yes, red ribbon and yellow ribbon opens will not earn grand points, nor with [sic] they contribute points toward other cats, unless they receive a blue ribbon in one ring.

We spend far too little time encouraging people to return to a CFA show, and our lower entries are a partial reflection of that.

Hannon: The first one is from Illini. **Auth** [Fancy That Cat Club; Illini Cat Club]: This is Resolution 13 that has been cleaned up, thanks to Mary. First of all, most of you got a copy of it, but what it does is, it brings back to the delegation to accomplish two primary goals – to reinstate the winner’s ribbons, not as a punishment show as has been suggested, but rather as a way to be recognized in competition once again as a starting point towards championship and grand championship, and two, to provide newcomers an incentive to return. That underscored with some of the statistics that Mr. Kallmeyer shared with us earlier today, relative to the number of times a cat is shown, that that number has dipped noticeably at the particular time of taking the winner’s ribbons away, so I feel that this particular resolution actually does encourage people to show their cats more than once. Yes, unfortunately if you get a yellow ribbon or a red ribbon, you do not get grand points, but the blue ribbon cat that gets the winner’s ribbon contributes grand points to the rest of the show, as well as being treated as a champion itself. **Hannon:** I have a question, Mary. What you’re saying is that if the red ribbon cat is 2nd best allbreed champion, it doesn’t get any points? **Auth** [Fancy That Cat Club; Illini Cat Club]: The red ribbon cat is not eligible to be getting a champion win. It’s an open. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers;

That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Thank you Mary for taking my suggestions. Unfortunately you didn't take all of them. Yes, this still is punishment because it reinstates the winner's ribbons and creates a disparity where most cats in most color classes will get them by default. I will never compete for winner's ribbons. We will be able to arrange our shows to get them by default, but cats in, for example, the brown tabby and white Maine Coon color class or the brown tabby Maine Coon color class, those people are going to have to compete for them. They will be in a situation where it will be possible to go to a one day, 6 ring show, get well over 200 points from 5 judges, and one judge doesn't give them the blue ribbon, they can't grand. So, it reverses what we changed. We go back to the "punishment show". There are still some other things. This still does not allow red ribbon opens to count as champions if they get red ribbons in the show. So, if your open gets a red ribbon in every ring and it's defeated by the champions, it doesn't count as a champion, so there goes those points. Wait a minute. I wrote these down so long ago today.

Phillips [Cat'n On The Fox]: If you haven't got it, I do. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Judges will know which cats are opens because that title will now be in the catalog. One of the benefits of what we did was, judges don't know who the opens and champions are and now they are going to know. It says that the blue ribbon open can compete for the purple ribbon, but nowhere can I find where it says – wait a minute, this is about the original one. **Auth** [Fancy That Cat Club; Illini Cat Club]: I fixed that, Mary. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: You fixed it and made it much more complicated. If you turn to 28.02.b, this is so confusing I cannot figure out who gets what. You have the blue ribbon winner open, the best champion and best premier, so the opens are not competing for the best champion or best premier title, so now judges are not only going to give best champion titles and best premier titles, they are going to give 3 best open titles. That's what it reads. And then, I had a real problem with another one. **Hannon**: You want to think about it while Monte talks? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: No. 28.02.c is a misplaced comma. *The second blue ribbon winner's ribbon open, the best longhair champion or second best shorthair champion will receive 90% of the points.* So, it just changed best longhair champion instead of saying second best longhair champion, and the comma makes it best longhair champion. We've just now reduced best longhair champion to 90% of the points. I think that would make this out of order. **Hannon**: Does anybody have a clue what she's talking about? **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: Yeah. There are 3 points Mary hasn't made that I want to make. You can have a situation where the judge decides he's got 2 fabulous bi-colors, decides to make one of them best cat, the other one second best cat. Only the one that got best cat is going to get any grand points. Second best cat won't get any grand points. It will get a ton of national and regional award points, but it won't get any grand points. Zip, zero, nada, period. It doesn't matter. That's the way that one goes. The second issue that I have with this is, the master clerk is having to figure out which opens are in the count and which opens aren't in the count, because it opens the door for master clerks to really screw up the count. A lot of people rely on us to give them the right number, because believe it or not there is a whole lot of people out there that transfer their cat to grand on Sunday with only 200 points. Well, if we blew it, they're not going to be grands and that means everything that they get in the ring on Sunday is all going to be voided at Central Office. Boy, will they not be happy about that. Anyway, those are the two points I wanted to make on this one. **Hannon**: I don't know about you guys, but I love it when Mary and Monte disagree. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: We are agreeing. We agree. **Hannon**: Thank you Jesus. Anybody else have comments on this before Mary Auth gets to do closing comments? **Coughlan** [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; GEMS]:

The “M Squad” pretty much covered it, but I would like to point out that our presentation on statistics said that there was an increase in cats shown one time, but there was a corresponding increase in more cats being shown one time, so they kind of cancelled each other out. We’re not losing entries necessarily with this open thing.

Hannon: Mary, you get the final word. **Auth** [Fancy That Cat Club; Illini Cat Club]: I do get the final word. Two comments I want to make. This is a resolution that has been highly supported by the judges and I find a certain amount of resentment that it’s implied that judges can’t possibly see an open to put into a top 10 final. Opens are considered just as equal to any other cat in the show, except that it has been in fewer shows than a grand champion. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 41 – *Siamese Fanciers; Titledown Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Mrs. Crosby Doe and I are carrying two votes each. We were approached by several clubs to carry several votes. We could have carried at least a minimum of 6 votes each. So, I’m asking the delegation to consider the idea of allowing a delegate to carry more than 2 votes. You might ask, how can that be done, because we only have two hands? One suggestion might be to use the auction method by holding up paddles. For example, a pink paddle can be 3 votes and a green paddle can be 4 votes, or something like that.:

Hannon: Sibyl. **Sibyl Zaden** [Siamese Fanciers; Titledown Cat Fanciers]: [reads]. **Hannon:** Sibyl, according to our parliamentarian, the constitution stipulates that we’re limited to 2. We cannot change the constitution based from floor resolutions. They have to be pre-noticed, so we can’t do that. **Zaden** [Siamese Fanciers; Titledown Cat Fanciers]: So, we can just pre-notice it for next season. **Hannon:** Next season you can pre-notice it as a change to the constitution, OK? **Zaden** [Siamese Fanciers; Titledown Cat Fanciers]: OK, thank you.

Out of Order.

– 42 – *Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club*

RESOLVED: That nothing other than the cat or kitten that is being judged shall be allowed on the judge’s table. “Table” meaning the area or stand where the entries are to be judged.

RATIONALE: As we in CFA are committed to placing the welfare of the cat at the forefront of our actions, we need to protect the cat from unexpected objects place on the judge’s stand. Examples include spray bottles, papers, judges’ books, ribbons (both permanent and fabric), noise-producing objects, battery operated toys, stuffed animals, etc. The focus of any ring should be the cat being judged. Placing items other than the cat distracts from that focus and limits the cat’s ability to show itself to its full potential.

Hannon: Gary. **Gary Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: The first one I have is something that we discussed at the JA. [reads]. **Hannon:** Anybody else want to address this one? OK, I’m going to call for the vote. All those in favor.

Motion Carried.

Hannon: That's close. Since they only go to the board for consideration, I'll say it passed.

– 43 – *Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 3.02 by the addition of a new paragraph f as follows, effective immediately:

f. Judges, including those in the International Division, shall be limited in the number of out-of-[their own]-continent shows for which they may be contracted in any show season. They may judge no more than 8 shows per show season on any continent in which CFA is recognized.

RATIONALE: Utilizing a limited amount of the judging panel to repeatedly judge in the same area greatly affects the outcome of competition when the judge appears too often in a set area of competition. Spreading out a judge's ability to accept foreign assignments will help to balance out the effect of over-exposure to the same group of competitive cats. This still allows US-based judges the opportunity to judge in other countries up to as many as 8 times a year. Given the number of judges in CFA, that seems like a fair number.

Hannon: Gary. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: [reads]. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Can we get the parliamentarian to rule on that, because I think the way it's written, they can only judge 8 shows on any continent that CFA is recognized. That means you can only judge 8 times in the United States, Gary. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: No, 8 other than your own continent, Mary. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Can you read it again, then? **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: Sure. [reads]. On any other continent. It starts out "other than their own". **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: You said it in the first sentence, but it's the second sentence that says they are only allowed 8 judgments in any continent. **Hannon:** Do you want to edit that quickly, Gary? **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: The second sentence. You have to edit the second sentence. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: So done. **Hannon:** What she said. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: Exactly. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? All those in favor. Wait a minute. Patty wants to make a comment. **Pat Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: There actually is a club named that. So, what's the rationale behind this motion? **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: The rationale behind this motion is – let me find it for you Patty. Hold on. **Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: Is it what was printed in the first one? **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: Basically, yes. **Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: So, if I'm available to judge wherever I want to, anywhere in the world, you're going to tell me I can't go there if I've been there 8 times before? **Hannon:** Correct. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: In a show season, yes. **Hannon:** Is the purpose of this, Gary, so that a limited number of judges don't have undue influence on the awards or the wins in a particular area? **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: I leave that open to your own interpretation, Mark. **Hannon:** I see. **Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: You know, when I read these notices that came out, I sat down with Fred and we tried to remember how many times – we had 2 national winners, something we're very proud of. The first national winner we had, we only showed in North America. I said to Fred, "you know, Margot Mellies and Diana Doernberg were 2 judges that we saw all the time that year with Pepin. How many times do you think we exhibited under those 2 judges?" We figure we probably exhibited maybe

10 times under each one. So, that's the way it is. **Hannon:** But that's in this country. They're saying you can't go to another continent. **Jacobberger** [No Dogs Allowed]: I know, but if you're a judge and you're being invited to go somewhere, I think it's restrictive to a CFA judge, to limit how many times we can go anywhere. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: It is restrictive. **Thomas** [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]: I know some of our judges judge in Australia, and that's like a 2-day trip just to get there. I would not like to see them limited to the number of shows they could judge. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: This is only CFA shows. It does not affect Australia or any other foreign association. **Hannon:** For CFA shows, and we don't have CFA shows in Australia yet. We have a CFA judge in Australia. **Thomas** [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]: I would like to see us have CFA judges in Australia. If they had to import judges and then they couldn't judge but X number of shows, it might interfere. **DelaBar** [Havana Brown Fanciers; Sophisto Cat Club]: One, this limits the growth of CFA. We had catteries registered in Australia. We had catteries registered in South Africa, and Africa total. I can honestly say, first of all, when I came out of this country, I live in Finland. We have 2, maybe 3 shows a year. As I said, 9 judges in Europe. If we are only allowed 8 times out of our European group, I can almost guarantee you that you are going to see the number of judges in Europe drop. I'm an independent contractor. Believe it or not, we are so good other associations are asking for us, and they don't put limits on their judges. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments on this resolution? **Wilson** [Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club]: I'm speaking for the CFA Judging Program Committee. We are against limiting CFA clubs from inviting CFA judges to judge CFA shows, regardless on what continent. Thank you. **Staples** [William Penn Cat Club]: When you're saying that it actually limits our growth in other areas, I actually find the opposite to be true. I think that by limiting and realizing that you don't have enough judges within your area to work with, that would actually encourage the JP within those areas to start building up more, in my opinion. **Cao** [Great West China Cat Fanciers]: I have two comments regarding this motion. First of all, I am against it. Reason #1 is that in China we don't have a lot of local judges. Our selections are already limited. Also, on top of that, starting this season we get to have more than one show in one location. That's going to make us have higher demand for judges. Right now, not all U.S. judges want to come to China to judge. Some of them don't want to, some of them can't, so I think this will restrict our selection of judges and it's not good for CFA in China. That's reason #1. Reason #2, I think this is unfair to put this restriction. This will only restrict clubs that are outside of the United States, because the majority of judges are from the United States. So, if we do not allow United States judges to go to other continents to judge more than 8 times, that is unfair to other continents. Thank you. **Hannon:** For those who don't know Gavin, he lives in China but he spent a lot of time living here in Canada. That's why he speaks English so well.

Hannon: Any other comments before Gary has his closing remarks? Gary. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: To address what Pam said as a concern, the way it's written says, *They may judge no more than 8 shows per show season on any continent other than their own*, but that doesn't preclude her from judging 8 shows in the U.S., 8 shows in Asia, 8 shows anywhere else that CFA is recognized, other than her own continent. So, it doesn't limit how many times she can leave the continent to just 8; it's 8 on any single continent. The other concern I heard was something about Australia and prohibiting growth there. This is not for any non-CFA show. These are only for CFA shows, so if you are invited to Australia for a 4-weekend run, this would not count as 4 of your 8. **Hannon:** OK. All those in favor raise your hand.

Motion Failed.

– 44 – *Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **SCORING** Section, by addition of two new paragraphs as follows, effective immediately:

...

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for Global/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet show will not be scored for CFA award points.

For purposes of scoring, a judge may appear in only 10 rings of the cat's total scored rings. A judge may appear in only 4 of a kitten's top 40 rings. If a judge appears more than 10 times for a Championship or Premiership Cat's top 100 rings, the lowest rings from that judge will be dropped and the next highest ring valued in points will move into the top 100 rings. For a kitten, if a judge appears more than 4 times in a kitten's top 40 rings, then the lowest rings from that judge will be dropped and the next rings according to ring value move into the scoring to create a new top 40 rings.

Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit or awards/points earned at a show ...

RATIONALE: This would greatly help to reduce the affect that a small group of judges can have over any one cat or kitten's show career in a season, and would be a worldwide benefit to help all cats be more consistent with a broader scope of judges. A judge may contribute 5 rings of a cat's top 100 rings in Championship and Premiership and 4 rings for kittens.

An exhibitor can show to the same judges, but only the highest 5 rings will be counted in the top 100 for a cat or premiership cat, and only the best 4 rings from a single judge for a kitten.

This will also encourage clubs to look for a variety of judges, or the exhibitor to choose shows that offer newer opinions.

Hannon: Gary. Veach [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: [reads]. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: You're not picking on Monte enough. Many cats – many – if you line up all of the top 25 cats in every region and the International Division and all the breed winners, many of these cats do not have 100 or 40 rings. What they do have (some of them), what they are, are cats that people have shown locally and they got points from when they graded, they've got a couple ring points, and they got a significant number of points from some judges. So Gary, I will have to stop going to shows where you judge because I won't be able to use your points. You judge so many times in my area, as do a lot of the other judges here. So, I'll get to a point at the end of the season where there will be 6 judges, and I know 3 of them don't use my cat but I might go to that show because of the other 3 that I can count. But, if they are cats that I've already gotten too many points from, I can't use those rings so I'm not going to go to that show. It's going to cost us entries, and it's going to cost us entries for the people that don't get to 100 rings or 40 rings. So, this is an entry killer. **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: Not only do I agree with Mary that it's an entry killer, it's also a region killer, because what it does is, the regions that have to bring in judges from a long distance to basically

supplement their own judges in that area won't be able to use the judges in that area anymore because they've maxed out. The parts of the country that are going to be severely affected are the Northwest and Florida. **Ganoe** [Hawai'i Hulacat Club]: I know you probably don't care, but it's fairly easy on a spreadsheet for one cat to keep track of how many judges and what they've done for your cat. Try to do that for the 2,700 cats we had competing in championship last year. That's what the Central Office system has to be able to do. We would have to go through every cat, figure out their top 100 or top 40 rings, then take those 40 rings and figure out, were there any judges that appeared more than 10 or 4 times depending on class, and then go find another ring for that cat. That is not easy to do programmatically for running end-of-year reports. It is relatively easy on a spreadsheet for your cat. It just doesn't scale up to the massive amount of data we've got to process at the end of the year. **Bennett** [Ociats International; Siouxlant Cat Fanciers]: I understand the intent behind this proposal. However, I would like to point out a few issues and unintended consequences. This will kill shows in areas such as Florida and the Pacific Northwest, as Monte suggested, because either the Florida clubs, which have limited local judges, will run out of time where their local exhibitors will use those judges, so they won't enter the shows, which will kill the shows, which then they won't have anywhere to go to, or the Florida clubs will have to bring in very expensive fly-in judges, ignoring the less-expensive local judges, and they'll run out of money, and there will be no shows, and the exhibitors will have no shows to go to. It also kills Florida, people in Region 3, people in the Pacific Northwest. Don't bother campaigning. Don't worry about if the only shows you've got near you have the same 6 judges. You don't deserve those regional/national win titles because you can't go far enough away for non-local judges. It's a good idea in theory that's got terrible unintended consequences. I can't support it. **Schreck** [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]: I think this almost reminds me of the old ring point averaging, doesn't it? You were supposed to not be able to use the points that you got from that one or two judges wherever you were going who gave you those national wins. It's just not feasible. What Dennis said, he echoed some of the comments that were in my head. The computation, I can't even believe how you would do this. Also, we know that because of the cost of travel and the constraints of air travel these days, we can't go as far as we used to, comfortably and cheaply. So, not only are we constrained, the judges that we contract with are also a constraint because we have the same additional cost for them. I cannot support this. **Carr** [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]: I'm also from Florida, so just to bring a little personal to this, Pat Lichtenberg and I showed a kitten last year. He was in 24 rings. According to this, we couldn't keep more than 2 rings from any one judge. We saw Bob Goltzer 4 times and Don Williams 4 times. So, I would only be able to keep 20 of the 24 rings in which he appeared in finals. In addition, I went ahead and did my own little statistics of those cats that had less than 40 rings for kittens, or 100 for championship or premiership, throughout all of our awards for all 9 regions, it works out to an overall average of 57%. Based on region, it goes from a high of 85% for Region 3, down to a low of 33% for Region 7. You are penalizing cats and taking away points before they hit their maximum rings. We have never had a scoring system that says, throw away rings before you hit the maximum number. I can't support this.

Hannon: Any other comments? Gary gets some closing comments. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: To address a couple of them, I think Barbara made a very good point. It is kind of a hybridized idea of how to bring back a little bit more consistency in how a cat is judged over a wide variety of judges without doing the ring point averaging that we all moved away from. What I was hoping to accomplish with this is to see that we're not utilizing the same judges within our top 100 rings for an adult, 40 for a kitten. To Leslie's concern, she

misinterpreted the rule. She was saying that she would see Bob Goltzer 4 times and only be able to keep 2 of his rings. That's inaccurate. She would keep all 4 of his rings and only have to replace, once she moved beyond the 4. That would still only be from that one judge and his lowest ring. Another concern that was brought up was that this would be an entry killer. What I'm finding now is that people are saying that since we have a limited number of judges that are available within a localized area, the same judges are utilized over and over again within that same area, and if that set group of judges don't look upon a cat favorably, that exhibitor doesn't come back. So, I was hoping to create some stimulation to bring some other judges in, have a wider variety of opinions about a cat, not have it be so centrally located, and hopefully increase entries. **Hannon:** OK. I'm going to call the vote. All those in favor, raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

- 45 - Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Subsection **Regional Definition**, by addition of a new paragraph as follows, effective immediately:

Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA's constitution. To the extent not already provided in the constitution, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.

All shows held in a country or location with a cat quarantine are only eligible to be scored for Regional or Divisional wins.

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii ...

Hannon: Gary. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: I've got one last one. I should have quit when I was ahead, right? **Hannon:** Maybe you'll end on a bang. **Veach** [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]: I hope so. OK, the last one is, [reads]. **Hannon:** Any discussion? We've pretty much made up our minds on this, haven't we? All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

- 46 - Turkish Angora Fanciers, International

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Subsection **Regional Definition**, by addition of a new paragraph as follows, effective immediately:

Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA's constitution. To the extent not already provided in the constitution, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.

All shows held in a state or province subject to a cat quarantine limitation longer than 24 hours are only eligible to be scored for Regional or Divisional wins.

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii ...

Hannon: Alene, are you bringing something to us? **Shafnisky** [Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l]: Yes. The first one, to follow up on Gary's, but let's vote on it. [reads] **Hannon:** Let's skip the discussion. All those in favor.

Motion Failed.

- 47 - Turkish Angora Fanciers, International

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.04, 2.07c, 2.08, 2.23b, 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15e, 10.23c, 12.17, 12.19, and 28.04f, and create Show Rule 27.06 in order to create new tiered Gold, Silver and Bronze level Champion titles.

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Champions or Premiers of any title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.
- 2.07 c.** The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Champion class also includes Champions of any CH title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), who compete in the champion class and count as champions.
- 2.08** CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.
- 2.23 b.** The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier), Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champion), Grand Champion, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier) or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

7.10 All entries must appear in numerical order (but not necessarily consecutive) in the printed catalog that is required at shows held under these rules. No addendum to the catalog is permitted except as provided by rule 12.06.

The catalog shall list entries in their correct breed, color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), and competitive category. It is recognized that occasional transfers will be necessary due to entry error or late change in status; flagrant disregard of this show rule will be subject to disciplinary action. Transfers of competitive status, from Open to Champion or Premier, Champion or Premier to Grand Champion or Grand Premier, filed in accordance with rules 27.05 and 28.06 are valid catalog changes. No catalog changes are required for transfers within the tiered Champion or Premier titles (i.e. Bronze to Silver, etc.).

7.15 e. the competitive class is not included in the group headings, but is noted below each catalog entry number as in the following example. The following abbreviations should be used: "MISC" for Miscellaneous; "PROV" for Provisional; "AOV" for Any Other Variety; "KIT" for Kitten; "NOV" for Novice; "OPN" for Open; "CH" for Champion; "CHB" for Bronze Champion; "CHS" for Silver Champion; "CHG" for Gold Champion; "GRC" for Grand Champion; "PR" for Premier (including all Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers); "GRP" for Grand Premier; "PRB" for Bronze Premier; "PRS" for Silver Premier; "PRG" for Gold Premier; "HHP" for Household Pet; "VET" for Veteran Class; "EXH" for Exhibition Only. Example: (omitted for brevity)

10.23c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number or household pet recording number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration or recording number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration or recording number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or

competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Bronze/Silver/Gold tiers of Champions and Premiers are not required.

12.17 The master clerk is responsible for counting the number of cats and kittens present and competing in the Kitten, Championship, Veterans, Household Pets, and Premiership Classes, as well as the number of Champions and Premiers (including Opens and all Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers) present and competing. He shall have these numbers available for the exhibitors.

12.19 The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms and Household Pet Recording Number applications. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/ agent. Correction slips are not required for transfer between tiers of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions and Premiers. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.

27.06 A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier.

a. A cat can earn points toward the Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03 (e.g., point percentage scales for competition in certain geographical areas) .

b. To qualify for any the Bronze, Silver or Gold Champion/Premier title, a cat must have at least one final; this would include Best AB, LH or SH Champion/Premier, Second Best AB, LH or SH Champion/Premier or Third Best AB, LH or SH Champion; or any finals award of Best through Fifteenth Best Cat (in any ring, whether AB or Specialty).

c. Fifty (50) Grand Championship points are required for Bronze Champion; One hundred (100) for Silver Champion; and one hundred and fifty (150) for Gold Champion. Twenty (20) Grand Premiership points are required for Bronze Premier; forty (40) for Silver Premier; and sixty (60) for Gold Premier.

28.04f. An Open must complete the requirements for the Champion/Premier class in order to qualify for the titles of Bronze/Silver/Gold or Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Opens may not compete as Grand Champions or Grand Premiers until all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim have been met, including the filing of the claim form.

RATIONALE: This proposal would add multiple tiers to the Champion/Premier title. In doing so, more people will be encouraged to show cats that they are not sure will be easy Grands, past the six qualifying rings. We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to

Grand; others are in breeds that do not always have time to Grand before they need to be bred. We see a need for this title for added meaning to the Champion title, but also to meet the need of an exhibitor who must now only use the phrase “Grand pointed.” A Grand pointed cat could mean a cat with 1 point, or with 199 points. Other breeders reviewing pedigrees have no way of knowing anything about a cat with a CH title other than it has obtained six qualifying rings.

This would only apply to cats earning points toward Grand Championship/Premiership. Points would be earned ONLY in Champion/Premier finals or in breed/division Champion/Premier points (purple ribbon). This would accrue in every ring or show over multiple seasons. The levels would be:

Champion (CH)– six qualifying rings

Bronze Champion (CHB) – six qualifying rings; one final; 50 Grand points toward GC

Silver Champion (CHS) – six qualifying rings; one final; 100 Grand points toward GC

Gold Champion (CHG) – Six qualifying rings; one final; 150 Grand points toward GC

Premier (PR) – six qualifying rings

Bronze Premier (PRB) – six qualifying rings; one final; 20 Grand points toward GP

Silver Premier (PRS) – six qualifying rings, one final; 40 Grand points toward GP

Gold Premier (PRG) – six qualifying rings; one final; 60 Grand points toward GP

Once the Grand title is achieved the initial titles related to Champion/Premier will drop off. As each title is obtained the old one is replaced (I.e. rather than a CH, CHB, CHS, the cat would be a CHS upon earning 100 Grand points). The points are cumulative through the levels. That is, a cat does not start out back at 0 after achieving any level.

We believe this tiered Champion strategy is the best method for CFA to encourage more participation in shows. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2014, 1,338 cats became Grand Champions – out of 18,578 cats shown in Championship. If even a small percentage of those 18,000+ cats can be persuaded to return to show halls to obtain a new level title, it will be a boon to our member clubs. Similarly, only 623 of 8,686 cats showed to Grand Premiership. The recapture of even a small number of these entries can easily be the difference between a club folding or continuing show production.

Hannon: Do you have another one? **Shafnisky** [Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int’l]: Yes. We have put forward, and I have distributed it around the room. This is a rule that would put in a tiered champion title. What this would do is basically create bronze, silver and gold levels for the champions. It’s a title that would be replaced on the way, so the pertinent language is that basically we are going to give a reward for cats to keep coming out in championship. So, even if an owner can’t make it all the way to grand, they want to keep showing the cat and keep bringing in more entries. Generally, it’s a cat eligible to be shown in the champion or premier class, will compete for the grand champion or grand premier title, along with bronze, silver or gold level champion or premier. They would earn grand points the same way, so nothing would be added on. To qualify, they have to make at least one final at any level – that means champion final or a

top 10/top 15 in order to qualify. Bronze level champions would need 50 points, silver level champions 100, and gold level champions would be 150. The bronze premier is 20 points, silver 40 and gold 60. Right now, we think that if you look at the numbers from last year, in 2014 1,338 cats became grand champions out of 18,578 shown in championship. So, you can see where we might grab a little bit more money back from these cats coming in. If these cats come in in a large class, we always see people who bring a litter of opens. They might pack up and leave in the middle of a show or they might pack up and leave for the second day of a 6x6. We think by offering them these titles, it gives them value added to their pedigrees and it will encourage increased entries for CFA. **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: Unfortunately, I didn't get a copy of this. I saw it on the internet and I remember reading it there and having multiple problems with it. OK, so the way it works is, if you get 50 points, you get the bronze title if you stop showing your cat. At 100 points, you get the silver title if you stop showing your cat. At 150 points, you get the gold title if you stop showing your cat. Is that how it works? **Shafnisky** [Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l]: No. I don't know where you're getting that from. As the cat is shown in championship as a champion it accumulates points. When it passes 50 points it becomes a bronze champion, and it just keeps going and those titles will drop off and get replaced. So, you can show this cat and instead of just saying "grand pointed" which could mean 1 point, it could mean 199 points, this way you can say, "OK, I'm going to go for a couple of finals and at least get some title beyond saying 6 judges said my cat wasn't disqualified." **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]: OK, I get that. So, the only way that your cat is going to keep the bronze title after 50 points is if you stop showing the cat, because if you go to 100 points, the bronze is going to be replaced by the silver. If you go to 150 points, the silver is going to be replaced by the gold. If you grand the cat and get 200, gold is going to be replaced by grand. So, the only way you get these titles is if you stop showing the cat. We're rewarding people with titles who stop showing their cats. I don't see the point in doing that. My other problem with it was, why do these titles have to appear in the catalog? That was in the version that I saw on the internet. The judges aren't going to be judging these cats according to these classes, so I didn't understand why the show rules needed to change, to put these titles into the catalog. They're not competing as these things, so they don't need to be there. But, the most important thing I want everybody to understand is, the only people benefitting from this and the only people getting these titles are the ones who stop showing their cat. Anybody in here, if you can get 100 points on a cat, are you going to stop? You're going to keep going until you grand the cat. If you can get 150 points on a cat, you can go and grand the cat. What do you need these titles for? **Phillips** [Cat'n On The Fox]: I wanted to add to that, that there are some places where you're not even going to be able to get some of these titles. While most people think that the grand requirement is 200 points, it's as low as 75 in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, which is where we are – Canada, not the Maritime Provinces – so, theoretically, there, the next title they get after bronze champion is grand champion, and they only need 25 more to do it. Premiership is even better. 25 points for a grand premier, so after you get your bronze premier 5 points later you're a grand. **Jeff Janzen** [Muskogee Cat Club]: I have one thing to say about Mary's comment. Some people aren't lucky enough to get to 200 or 75 points to become a grand champion or a grand premier, so if you stop before then because for some reason you don't get any higher, these awards would be great. But, those people that want to go on and lose those awards will want the grand title much more. **Jill Archibald** [Nova Cat Fanciers Inc.]: Call the question please.

Hannon: Closing comments from Alene. **Shafnisky** [Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int’l]: First of all, the way it’s written, these titles will not appear in the catalog. These cats will all appear as champions and premiers. There are no requirements that way. Nothing needs to be printed. Obviously, I agree with Jeff. This is a good incentive for people who maybe you have a breed that tends to pyo, you may not have time to grand the cat. So, this is a real incentive for you, for your pedigrees. As to Monte’s concern, that is actually addressed inside this. If you look at 27.06.a, it specifically states that the percentages will be the same as they are in 28.02 and 28.03, which means anyone who shows in those areas gets scored by the same percentages, so everything again is exactly the same as you would follow to grand a cat. **Hannon:** OK, I’m going to call the question. All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 48 – *Miami Florida Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: That all CFA clubs, exhibitors and delegates sincerely congratulate – as one CFA – all of our beautiful and deserving national winners.

Hannon: Jody, did you have something? **Jody Garrison** [Miami Florida Cat Fanciers; Ozark Cat Fanciers]: Basically housekeeping. [reads]. The second part of the proposal is that we request we adjourn. [transcript goes to Proposal 49]

Hannon: Are there any other proposals from the floor? Is there any other business? **Jody Garrison** [Miami Florida Cat Fanciers; Ozark Cat Fanciers]: Mark, we didn’t vote on that.

Hannon: All those in favor of Jody’s motion.

Motion Carried.

– 49 – *Queen City Cat Club*

Hannon: Diane. **Diane Curfiss** [Cincinnati Cat Club; Queen City Cat Club]: This is very minimal, but I broke a show rule. As a show manager for a show recently, we had so many Household Pets – thank you God – that it almost made our show worthwhile. But, I didn’t have enough flats because they are not designated as a permanent flat for Household Pets. Could the board please put down Household Pet ribbons as a permanent flat, so I don’t have to have 572 flats for the next show. **Hannon:** You need to talk to Monte. Monte is the Show Rules Chairman. I am sure he will accommodate you. **Diane Curfiss** [Cincinnati Cat Club; Queen City Cat Club]: Thank you, Monte. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Having been a Household Pet exhibitor, not taking those flats home would be a problem. I could support this if there were permanent flats, with the understanding that the club would still give the silk ribbons on request. As long as it has that addendum, that’s fine. **Hannon:** With Diane’s, let’s say it was not a motion, but that it was a suggestion which should be passed on to the Show Rules Committee Chair and he will bring it to the board.

Hannon: Any other business. Meeting is adjourned.