

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 3/4, 2015**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, October 3, 2015, in the Board Room of the CFA Central Office, 2nd floor, 260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT with the following members present:

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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

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

(1) SATURDAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

Hannon: We're going to call the meeting to order. I want to welcome everybody that's here in Alliance. We have on conference call, unable to attend the meeting, Carol Krzanowski and Kathy Calhoun. Also not with us is Darrell Newkirk. I want to thank the Central Office staff for all they've done to prepare us for this meeting – Brian for picking people up at the airport and his assorted other duties; Verna for the many things she has done, including the gift bags at the hotel for us which are much appreciated, the refreshments this morning, the dinner arrangements;

we want to thank Terri for all she has done; and anybody else on the staff. James, welcome. We thank you for showing up this morning and helping out.

Calhoun: I just wanted to thank the staff and everyone on the board for understanding the situation and allowing me to participate via conference. I really appreciate that. **Hannon:** Well, we're glad you can join us. The same with Carol. Carol is concerned about the storm.

Krzanowski: I also very much appreciate everything that you have done to accommodate us, and everyone's understanding of the situation. **Hannon:** Once upon a time, we were all sitting at home for the October board meetings, so this isn't so different. We're glad you could participate.

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

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1.	Executive Committee 06/17/15	Due to a passport issue encountered by one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the Hong Kong Black Cat Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Barbara Sumner to Pam DelaBar at its 5 AB/1 SP two-day show (250 entry limit) in Hong Kong on June 20/21, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
2.	Anger Meeker 06/19/15	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Cat Fanciers Society of Indonesia to change its show license from a 10 ring show to a 6x6 show at its show in Bandung, Indonesia on August 29/30, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
3.	Executive Committee 06/25/15	Grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 to allow the China Purepet Club to switch Nadejda Rumyantseva and Irina Kharchenko (currently judging on Saturday, June 27) with Carol Fogarty and Diana Rothermel (currently judging on Sunday, June 28) at its 6x6 show in Beijing China on June 27/28, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
4.	Executive Committee 06/25/15	Grant the Felines Asia Exotic Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Hamayasu (AB) and Koizumi (LH/SH) to Koizumi (AB) and Hamayasu (LH/SH) at its 7 AB/3 SP two-day show (225 entry limit) in Shanghai, China on July 11/12, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
5.	Executive Committee 07/01/15	Due to personal reasons causing him to cancel the show, grant the Northeast Cat Fanciers Club of China emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Edward Maeda to Wayne Trevathan at its 4 AB show (225 entry limit) in Dalian China on July 19, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
6.	Executive Committee 07/13/15	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the Northeast Cat Fanciers Club of China emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Yayoi Satoh to Jan Rogers at its one-day four ring show (225 entry limit) in Dalian, China on July 26, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
7.	Anger Calhoun 07/16/15	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing him to cancel the show, grant the Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand emergency permission to change the judging	Motion Carried.

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		assignment from Darrell Newkirk (AB) to Amanda Cheng (LH), and to change the format from 6 AB, 2 LH/SH to 5 AB, 2 LH/SH, 1 LH at its two-day eight ring show (225 entry limit) in Bangkok, Thailand on July 25/26, 2015 (International Division).	
8.	DelaBar McCullough 07/16/15	Ratify Carol Krzanowski as Chair of the CFA Clerking Program.	Motion Carried. Krzanowski abstained.
9.	Anger Newkirk 07/20/15	Grant 44 Gatti Cat Club permission to hold a 4 AB/2 SP in-conjunction show with the World Cat Federation and TICA on January 30/31, 2016 in Chiuduno, Bergamo Area, Italy (Region 9), on the condition that the club be informed they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried.
10.	Anger Krzanowski 07/30/15	Grant Cat-H-Art permission to hold an in-conjunction show with the World Cat Federation on September 26/27, 2015 in Andorra (Region 9), on the condition that the club be informed they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried. Moser did not vote.
11.	Anger Newkirk 08/06/15	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the China Cat Party Club to change its show license from 6 rings to 8 rings at its show in Shenyang, China on September 26/27, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried. Moser voting no. Dugger did not vote.
12.	Anger Newkirk 08/17/15	Allow the UK Cat Fanciers to conduct a one-day, two-ring show, entry limit of 100, and grant relief of the show license fee by charging the UK Cat Fanciers \$100 U.S. due to the minimal costs to CFA at its October 3/4, 2015 show in Manchester, England (Region 9).	Motion Carried.
13.	Krzanowski Wilson	Adopt the following Show Rule amendments, effective September 15, 2015: Article XXXVI, SHOW POINTS, Official Show Counts, No. 2 to be revised to read as follows: "2. The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices, AOVs, and kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master Clerk are not counted in the official show count for their respective categories."	Motion Carried.

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		Show Rule 11.29 to be revised to read as follows: 11.29 b - Third Paragraph - For the purposes of determining the counts listed in a. and b., AOV, Novice, Provisional, Miscellaneous, Veterans, and kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master Clerk will not be counted.	
14.	Executive Committee 08/27/15	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing him to cancel the show, grant the Cat Advocates & Troupers Society emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Guy Pantigny (LH/SH) to Suki Lee (LH) and Toshihiko Tsuchiya (SH/HHP) at its one-day six ring show (225 entry limit) in Selangor, Malaysia on September 12, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
15.	Executive Committee 09/02/15	Grant Ocicats International an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n and allow them to have a split specialty ring with an entry over the number allowed in the rule.	Motion Failed. Anger abstained.
16.	Executive Committee 09/08/15	Due to personal reasons causing her to cancel the show, grant the Cat Advocates & Troupers Society emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Barbara Jaeger (AB/HHP) to Chris Merritt (AB/HHP) at its one-day six ring show (225 entry limit) in Selangor, Malaysia on September 12, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
17.	Executive Committee 09/16/15	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing him to cancel the show, grant the Liao Ning Cat Fanciers Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Kenji Takano (AB) to Carol Fogarty (AB), and replace Carol Fogarty's LH/SH ring with Wakako Nagayama (LH/SH) at its two-day 10 ring show (225 entry limit) in Shenyang, China on October 3/4, 2015 (International Division).	Motion Carried.

Hannon: Secretary's report. **Anger:** We have 17 online motions to ratify. I will move that those motions, as reflected in the report, are ratified. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Krzanowski:** I had one correction to the online motions. That is item #8 where the vote was to appoint me as Clerking Program Chair. I abstained. **Hannon:** OK, thank you. We will make that correction. Any other corrections to the motions that we're ratifying?

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

RATIFICATION OF TELECONFERENCE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
• From August 11, 2015 Teleconference •			
1.	Eigenhauser	Accept the Protest Committee’s recommendations on the protests not in dispute.	Motion Carried.
2.	Wilson Anger	Advance Koji Kanise to 2nd Specialty Approval Pending Longhair status.	Motion Carried. Dugger did not vote.
3.	Kallmeyer Newkirk	Uphold Central Office’s decision not to register two cats with pedigrees known to be inaccurate.	Motion Carried.
4.	Calhoun DelaBar	As to the cost of future duplicate awards, confirm with Central Office as to a reasonable margin, to be attached to the cost of the award, and that margin be held no matter what the cost actually is, to apply to awards for the 2015-2016 (current) show season.	Motion Carried. Schreck voting no.
5.	Brown Krzanowski	As to the leftover \$1,750 from the 2014-2015 rosette sponsorship donations, approve using this amount to pay for the design and customization process for a customized trophy for the 2016 and future breed awards and if possible the 2016 NW trophies.	Motion Carried. Anger, Schreck, , McCullough, Kuta, Moser and Dugger voting no.
6.	Krzanowski DelaBar	Regarding Resolution 14 requiring registration numbers for kittens to be in the count, amend Show Rules 2.07, 5.01f and 6.15 to register kittens (including a novice class), effective September 15, 2015.	Motion Failed. Krzanowski and DelaBar voting yes.
7.	Newkirk Kuta	Amend Show Rules 2.07, 5.01f and 6.15 to register kittens (striking out a novice class), effective September 15, 2015.	Motion Carried. Eigenhauser voting no.
8.	Krzanowski McCullough	Amend Show Rule 14.01 to eliminate the ability to register a kitten and have it scored after the show has been held, effective September 15, 2015.	Motion Carried. Eigenhauser voting no.
9.	Krzanowski Newkirk	Approved the acceptance of BLUE VELVET CAT CLUB, International Division – Xuzhou, China.	Motion Carried.
10.	Krzanowski Newkirk	Approved the acceptance of CHINA CAT PLANET CLUB, International Division – Guangzhou, China.	Motion Carried.

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11.	Krzanowski Newkirk	Approved the acceptance of DALIAN INTERNATIONAL CAT FANCIERS, International Division – Dalian, China.	Motion Carried.
12.	Krzanowski Newkirk	Approved the acceptance of INDONESIA ROYAL FELINE, International Division – Bogor, Indonesia.	Motion Carried.
13.	DelaBar Eigenhauser	Allow the Cleveland Persian Society and Nashville Cat Club to hold their shows on October 10/11, 2015, as they are currently licensed.	Motion Carried. Colilla, Schreck, Mastin and Brown voting no. Anger, Wilson, Calhoun and Newkirk abstained.
14.	Newkirk Calhoun	That an invitation to poll go out to all the breed councils, and the secretaries can decide whether they want to put the following question on their ballot, if they feel like they are affected (or not put it on their ballot): <i>Do you feel the acceptance of the Bengal would be detrimental to the [name of breed]?</i>	Motion Carried. Moser and DelaBar voting no.
15.	Bizzell Krzanowski	That for future breed applications (post-Bengal), to accept as our formal definition of “affected breed”: <i>An affected breed is one that is a) one of the parent breeds of the prospective new breed, b) a breed that the prospective new breed would mimic, or c) a breed that is being asked to be allowed as an outcross.</i>	Withdrawn.
16.	Newkirk	That the CFA Logo cannot be used in combination with any other organization’s logo.	Withdrawn.
17.	Eigenhauser Newkirk	Ratify President Hannon’s appointment of Pam DelaBar as the Strategic Planning Committee Chair.	Motion Carried. DelaBar abstained.

Anger: We have 17 motions that took place during the teleconferences. I move that they be ratified. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? Any corrections?

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

Anger: Thank you. That is all I have.

(3) **BOARD CITATION HEARING.**

15-023` *CFA v. Jean Dugger*

Violation of CFA Show Rule 4.03(c, d & e) and CFA Const. Art. XV Sec. 4(g)

Hannon: Next on the agenda is some executive session stuff, so we would like to invite our guests to depart until we are ready to go back into open session. It will probably be maybe an hour on the schedule. **DelaBar:** Feel free to look around Alliance. **Anger:** There is a farmer's market across the street. **DelaBar:** The last time we had any meeting about a board member, the Central Office was also dismissed. That was back in 2008. **Eigenhauser:** But at this point we're just having the hearing, not the deliberation. I don't know if the hearing is open or closed.

Raymond: That's my first question for Jean. **Dugger:** The hearing can be on the record, as far as I'm concerned. **Eigenhauser:** Then we're in open session for this portion. **DelaBar:** Then they can come back in.

Hannon: This is yours? **Raymond:** This is mine. On FileVista was a packet of material for this hearing. There were numerous letters of support that came in over the past couple of weeks. There's actually, in addition to the initial cite package, two separate documents were put up on FileVista with additional letters. There's a total of 16. I have hard copies here. If anyone wants me to circulate them, I'm happy to send the packet around. Do you need me to read the summary? **Hannon:** Do you want the summary, or are we familiar with the situation? **Raymond:** OK, so we don't need the summary.

Raymond: John, as the complaining witness, do you have any additional statements you want to make? **Colilla:** No, everything is there. **Raymond:** Jean? **Dugger:** I would like to read the brief that was written by me and my attorney, which is a friend of mine actually who was unable to be here because they are doing trial prep this weekend for a trial that's starting this coming week. I'm going to pass around copies of it, just in case anybody – I've made some personal notes, because I don't want it to sound like I'm reading about myself, but I kind of am because I'm not really the one that wrote it. I'm going to just pass these around. It also has a statement from a witness attached to it. I'm just going to read what she wrote, so just kind of bear with me. If it sounds like I'm reading in person, I sort of am. [Secretary's Note: strike-out's and underlines appear where the spoken statement differed from the written statement presented.]

"Background:

This hearing is about a alleged show rule violation of Regional Director Jean Dugger, acting on the behalf of the Southern Region of the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA). Ms. Dugger was elected by the member clubs in her region in June 2014. Although she has bred and shown Persian cats for a number of years exclusively in CFA, she has never held any office until now. She is an UN-PAID VOLUNTEER who donates her time to the CFA organization because of her love and dedication to the cat fancy.

Upon assuming her role as Regional Director, ~~Ms. Dugger received a small handbook~~ she received some information containing the Board's code of ethics, the CFA constitution, and the current show rules. She received no training, and relies on the experience of her member clubs and peers for guidance in the performance of her duties.

Her employment until retirement with a Federal law enforcement agency gleaned her valuable experience with the local, state and Federal criminal and civil law, and its interpretation.

The violation ~~in question~~ centers around the objection of Mr. John Colilla, the Regional Director of the Great Lakes Region, on behalf of their member club, Cleveland Persian Society. Mr. Collila articulates such in his document "Show Scheduling Issue" in paragraph two, where he documents that Mrs. Dugger used the Huntsville Cat Club's traditional date for the Nashville show, moving their show to that date. Neither Mr. Colilla nor Mrs. Fellerman gave an initial objection, but Mr. Colilla thinks that after it was published he realized that Cleveland Persian would object and withdrew his agreement.

Mr. Collila further states in his brief that he discussed this with his scheduler and Linda Murphy, president of Cleveland Persian Society, and advised them to write letters to the Region 7 RD, which would be Mrs. Dugger. The letters submitted as evidence were both addressed to Mr. Collila, with no annotation that even a COPY was sent to Mrs. Dugger. Mrs. Dugger states for the record that she has never seen either of these letters until this issue, nor did she receive any letters addressed to her from either Linda Murphy or the Region 4 scheduler. Mrs. Dugger has lived at the same address since she was elected to this position, and has had the same email address.

Mrs. Dugger was approached by Mr. Jim Flanik in Richmond, VA, on April 19, 2015, asking to discuss the Nashville show. It is noted that this date is AFTER the letter submitted by Mr. Collila, from Cleveland Persian Society, which Mrs. Dugger never received. Mr. Flanik is show manager of the 2015 Cleveland Persian show, as well as an officer in that club. That's what he told me. As Mrs. Dugger stated in previously submitted documents, she felt she was presented with an opportunity to speak directly with Cleveland Persian about the show. Their positive conversation, in the presence of Mrs. Patricia Lichtenberg of Palmetto Persians (see Attachment A), caused Mrs. Dugger to conclude that any objection from the Cleveland Persian club had been resolved.

Dugger: Then it's got the show rules that we know that are in the Show Rules [unread between brackets].

[Laws Governing the Alleged Offense:

The show rules below are extracted directly from Show Rules 2015-2016, from the CFA website:

d. Regional Director (RD) and adjoining Regional Director approval is required for any club to obtain a show license with one exception. Clubs that hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend (also referred to as date) are considered traditional dates and do not need to seek permission from their Regional Director to license their show each year thereafter. Traditional dates come in two types: fixed, i.e., a specific weekend of the month such as the first, second third or fourth (note — the fifth weekend of a month can never be a traditional date as there are at least two consecutive years where the week- end does not exist); or floating, i.e., tied to an event such as Easter, a national holiday, the last weekend in the show season, etc. In cases where a floating traditional date lands on the weekend of a fixed traditional date in the same

region, RD approval is required to license either or both shows. Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on their traditional date will lose the distinction of having a traditional weekend.

For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis, i.e., every other year, their traditional show date will be month, week- end and either odd or even to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction or having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.

CFA's Central Office shall maintain a page on the CFA the name of the club holding the traditional date and the traditional city and state (and where applicable, country) of the last show.

(Attachment Two — extracted page from CFA Website for October traditional dates, showing the Huntsville Cat Club, a Southern Region Club (7) holds the second weekend of October.)

e. Clubs that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let their Regional Director know as soon as possible. The date will be considered 'vacant' for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club(s) for a one-time only show date.

With the permission of the Regional Director, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend. The club that is approved to hold a show on the vacant date will submit with the show license a letter signed by their President and Secretary acknowledging the show as a one-time only show for that weekend. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Regional Director.]

Dugger: Then at the end I said:

Alleged Violation:

Mrs. Dugger attempted to follow both of the above show rules, although they stand independently of each other in the format as they are written. And though Mr. Collila rescinded his initial permission when the show was advertised, his objection was on behalf of Cleveland Persian, which Mrs. Dugger believed was resolved. What reason would a regional director have to object, unless it was on behalf of one of their member clubs?

Mrs. Dugger replaced the Huntsville Cat Club traditional show on the second weekend of October with the Nashville show, exactly as Show Rule 403e states is in her authority to do. Although the Southern Region stretches from Maryland to the tip of Florida, the two clubs (and shows) are approximately 100 miles apart. Common sense dictated to Mrs. Dugger that this was an acceptable replacement.

No show rule currently exists in the continental United States that details the number of miles that concurrent shows must be apart. By “gentlemen's agreement”, clubs attempt to ensure there are at least 500 miles separating their shows. As already established, the distance between the Nashville show and Cleveland Persian in Parma, Ohio, is 517 miles. Also, based on past experience of the Huntsville club, they draw exhibitors mainly

from the Southern Region, with perhaps a few from Region 3. No data is available for the Nashville since this is a new venue, making it a further risk for the Nashville Cat Club. With shows become more and more scarce, the Cleveland Persian show, as a twelve-ring show, is a much more attractive alternative, but the Nashville Cat Club wanted to take the risk.

The fact remains that IF their show hall had been available, the Huntsville Cat Club would have proceeded with their traditional show on the date that they hold, with the very same show format that the Nashville Cat Club is using.

Looking for guidance, Mrs. Dugger discussed the matter with a number of long-time cat fanciers and others and based her decision on all of the show rules and facts as presented. She also waited several more weeks and she received nothing from either Cleveland Persian directly or from Mr. Collila, at which time she approved licensing the Nashville show.

It is noted that the majority of the CFA Board upheld the licensing of the Nashville show.

Based on Show Rule 403e, Mrs. Dugger was acting within her authority as regional director when she utilized the traditional date of the Huntsville Cat Club, for a one-time only show for Nashville. Further, she believed that any issue with Cleveland Persian was resolved, and why would a regional director object unless there was an objection of one of their member clubs? ~~Her additional efforts were in essence over compensating, but unnecessary.~~

As for conduct detrimental to the cats or the Cat Fanciers' Association, Mrs. Dugger has been a CFA registered breeder since 1985. She has exhibited cats to National winning status in numerous show seasons. She maintains a limited breeding program of her Persian cats, and is an advocate for mentoring new exhibitors and breeders, all towards the betterment of CFA as a whole. She continues to work with all of the other regional directors as well as the member clubs in her region. She has received overwhelming support from her member clubs for her efforts. This is evidenced by the numerous letters from Southern Region clubs, which were sent to Mr. Raymond on her behalf.

The CFA Board must adjudicate this case based on the facts at hand and the show rules as they are currently written.”

Dugger: I would like to add, it has been speculated that I'm exhibiting a pattern of disregarding show rules. I want you all to know that I feel nothing is further from the truth. I'm doing everything that I possibly can to learn all the intricacies and details of the Show Rules. Perhaps my interpretation of something that I believe was resolved is something that you all don't believe was resolved, but I believe I did everything that I possibly could to resolve this and make it OK in order for our club to have a show. That's my opening statement. Thank you for listening.

Collila: Can I say something? When I saw the change notice, that's the first time I had seen the show, that they were trying to put on a show. I had never seen an email from her asking permission. Therefore, I did not approve it.

Raymond: I have a couple of questions. Jean, when you told Central Office that it was OK to license the show, were you aware that the show rule required affirmative approval from the adjoining regional directors? **Dugger:** Yes. I mean, I know what it says. The show rules are somewhat conflicted, and it was told to me that, based on 4.03.e., which is what I was really following, and because it was a traditional date that I was replacing, I truly – even though I had asked his permission, I was actually told by several people, “you really don’t need that in this case because you’re replacing one traditional show with another traditional show.” That’s what I was told, and that was what I mostly relied on, in addition to the fact that I felt like that since John had told me his objection was on behalf of Cleveland Persian and I had discussed it with the vice-president of Cleveland Persian, I felt like I was lucky enough to go to the source and actually talk to the other club, which is what I had wanted to do all along, which was try to resolve it, where we could all live happily ever after and hopefully have both shows.

Moser: On the same subject, I just recently received from a club in my region that has asked if – one of the clubs in January is not going to be holding its traditional show date, and they asked if another club could take that show date over, so instead of just saying yes, I sent an email to Central Office instead. *Poppy State is not going to put on their show in January 16th of 2016 and would like to have High Sierra take their date for this year only. Do I need to have that noticed or can I just give permission?* From Central Office, I received back: *Hi Pam. I believe according to show rule 4.03.e. that your approval is fine. Your club should send your approval of the one-time only show, along with a letter from the president and secretary acknowledging the show and a one-time only show for that weekend.* **Hannon:** Who from the Central Office signed it? **Moser:** Kristi. **Hannon:** Kristi was wrong. **Moser:** And I’ve got it right here. **Hannon:** You were given bad information. That’s not true. **Moser:** I don’t think I was given bad information. I think that’s the way the show rule reads. **Hannon:** Anyone changing their date or their location has to have written approval from neighboring regions, and a CFA News notice must go out. **Moser:** Wait a minute. **Fellerman:** Is that true? Because one of the Pittsburgh clubs, and I don’t remember which one, that is the same day as the Matamoros club moved their show something like 40 miles closer to Matamoros and nobody contacted us. **Hannon:** You are correct. **Colilla:** It was within the 50 mile range, from what I gather. **Dugger:** Where does it say 50 miles? **Fellerman:** What is the 50 mile range? **Colilla:** It’s what I heard was the policy. There’s a lot of things not in the rules. [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Hannon:** Anyone else on this before I go to Rich? **Mastin:** I ask that we get order, raise a hand, comment, not people speaking over people. **DelaBar:** I have gone through this show rule over and over again, even though I don’t have another regional director to confer with, if we have shows. It’s not really clearly written. I can definitely go along with what Kristi and Pam had said on the traditional dates. It needs to be clarified, or at least cut this portion down and say, “this is how this happens” and state it very plainly. **Moser:** I think that if you want to include that, then it should be all included as one show rule. It shouldn’t be a., b., c. and d. because it is confusing. I really feel that I have followed the right procedure and Central Office feels I went to the right procedure also, so if you want to put them all as one, OK, but you’ve got different show rules. There it’s a., b., c. and d. **Hannon:** Carol, are you listening to all this? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Hannon:** OK, so you need to give Monte some feedback on this discussion. **Krzanowski:** OK. I can do that. **Schreck:** I thought we had passed something to clarify this in these executive motions that we

had. Rachel, do you recall anything like that, or am I just mis-remembering? **Anger:** I don't remember, specifically.

Eigenhauser: Part of the problem is, this rule has evolved a lot over the last few years. We started out with things like the National Show Scheduling Committee. Then we started coming up with rules, like: a show is being held in a different city but we have adjoining cities and they are only less than 50 miles apart; is that really enough to be a different city? So, we had a gentlemen's agreement that if a club on a traditional date moves it less than 50 miles, that's close enough. There may have been a separate rule at one time for southern California. As long as it was somewhere in the LA basin, it was good enough. So this has been very fluid. I think it's easy to get confused. We have people citing rules that were never actually rules. They were just gentlemen's agreements between the regional directors. So, I think it's important to understand these different agreements, these different rules, these different exceptions that have been created outside the rules, to understand how potential confusion could occur, but I think we need to also stay focused on what the rules actually are. I think the way the rules are written is that, *this is a rule, this is also a rule but it's not an exception to the previous rule*. So, when you have whatever the last part of it is about giving up the traditional date for one year, that's not an exception to the previous rule, that's an additional rule. I think that for purposes of drafting a new one, people need to understand that these aren't different rules, these are cumulative. You must obey all of the rules, not just one of the rules or part of the rules. Part of it is our own fault for making so many changes and having so many under-the-table agreements, like southern California counts as 50 miles no matter what. I think it's reasonable for a person to be confused about this, but the question I think we need to get from our lawyer is, is ignorance of the law an excuse at this point? Is confusion enough of a defense that we should really be debating confusion as part of the evidentiary portion, or is that something we really just need to be aware of and cognizant of when we go into closed deliberations. **Raymond:** I think it's something you need to consider during the deliberations. I don't think it's something we decide now. **Eigenhauser:** I really don't think we need to be discussing the confusion here. I think that's more part of the deliberations. **Moser:** But can we have it so that in the future, on the rule that we put basically at the top that all these have to be put in, because otherwise I read it as it is, a stand-alone. **Eigenhauser:** My comment wasn't that we shouldn't have the discussion, my comment was, we're taking evidence now so what we should do is focus right now on taking evidence so that we can go into closed session and hold deliberations, and then maybe later, even after that, discuss show rule changes, but right now what we're supposed to be doing is taking evidence. So, we should focus our conversation on that.

McCullough: At the April board meeting on page 65 of the minutes, John was supposed to bring that to the June board meeting. This exact topic. [*Secretary's Note: The reference is to the 2015 NAR Regional Awards Show on June 20-21, with Greater Lancaster retaining their T-Date after a one-year break for the awards show.*] Rachel said *we were spending a lot of time on this. It wasn't pre-noticed and no back-up data has been provided. I would really like to see a write-up with the rule quoted so that we can have all the facts and consider this in a fair light to everyone.* **Colilla:** OK. I'll withdraw it. **Hannon:** Why don't you pre-notice it for the June board meeting? OK John? **Colilla:** OK, I can do that. We didn't do it then, either. **Colilla:** I submitted

a whole bunch of stuff. **Hannon:** It came up in August. **Colilla:** Yeah, I submitted a whole bunch of stuff. **Hannon:** I'm confused now.

Dugger: I would just like to say that when I discussed it with my attorney as far as having her look at our show rules as they are written, she interpreted that to be because there's a., b., c., d. and e., and a., b. and c. don't really have anything to do with d. or e. She said, based on those facts, that she felt like they all sort of stood independently of each other. That was her interpretation as an outsider, as an attorney.

Schreck: I just wanted to point out a factual situation that I understand, that Jean spoke with Jim at that show and he said OK, but I think that the conversation there was that it was to be a one-day show. Am I correct, Jean? **Colilla:** It was supposed to be a one-day show. **Hannon:** He said the same thing to me. What was pre-noticed and what his understand was from the discussion with you was that the Nashville show was going to be a one-day show. **Dugger:** And that was what I had told the club to do. **Schreck:** And they did not. **Dugger:** Those chose because they got a better deal to get the two days. **Schreck:** And they did not. **Dugger:** That's correct, but it's the same format that Huntsville would have also had. **Hannon:** Which is 100 miles further away from Cleveland Persian. When Jim Flanik talked to me about it, he felt that what you were referring to in the discussion at the Richmond show with him was not accurately reflected in the minutes, because it was a one-day show that was being discussed, and his response was, I don't think it's going to be a problem. Things change. Anybody else?

DelaBar: Have these shows been held? **Hannon:** No, they are next week. **DelaBar:** Do you have entry information on both shows? **Schreck:** Nobody enters until the night before. **Colilla:** I can let you know. **Hannon:** But it's a week ahead. **Colilla:** I can let you know what it is right now. **Hannon:** You can tell us Cleveland Persian, but you can't tell us what Nashville is, right? You need both. **Kuta:** When do the shows close? Both on Tuesday? **Colilla:** I don't know. I'm not going. **Anger:** I don't think any of the resulting show information has a bearing on whether or not the rules were broken. **Eigenhauser:** It might be vaguely germane to punishment if we got that far. How much damage was done. Kind of an assessment, but it's not about guilt or innocence. **DelaBar:** Except for – George was alluding to, actually, we approved the show, so if either show fails, it falls back on the board because we approved it in August. **Hannon:** Because it had already been licensed, they already had a deposit on the show hall, they already had put out money for air fare on judges, for a show that was – **DelaBar:** That's true, but we still gave the go-ahead. No matter the rationale, the final decision was the board's. **Hannon:** And what is in the minutes and what I told Jean was, had she followed the procedure that we've used in the past and brought it to the board, because a neighboring regional director disagreed, there's a good chance the board would have approved it because it was more than 500 miles and we have a history of that. Jean is aware of that situation because we did it with Garden State and MoKan. They had a conflict when MoKan changed dates, and when Garden State and their regional director objected to approving the change of date for MoKan, it came to the board and the board approved it, because it was more than 500 miles. **Dugger:** I just would like to say that I may have been supposed to have been aware of that. **Hannon:** You told me you even thought about it. **Dugger:** I had intended actually to talk to you at that same Richmond show that I talked to Jim Flanik at, but you were clerking and I knew you were busy and all that, but if you remember,

when I first came in I said, “Mark, there’s something I need to talk to you about after the show.” But as I was packing up to get ready to leave, one of the last things I said to Pat, I said, “I’ve got to go talk to Mark before we leave,” and she said, “OK fine”, and just about that time Jim Flanik walked up and said, “I need to talk to you about the Cleveland and Nashville show.” And I went, “oh, why do you want to talk to me about that?” And then he said, “because I’m show manager and I’m also vice-president of the club.” I also find it interesting that, being vice-president of the club, he was unaware of the letter that was dated before that. You would think that he would have said to me, “you know, we sent a letter objecting,” but he didn’t.

Eigenhauser: Are we getting ready for closing arguments, because it sounds like we are deliberating here. **Raymond:** John? **Colilla:** He was aware of the letter because that was being discussed at the Anthony Wayne show. I talked with the president of the club and also the secretary of the club. **Raymond:** Jean, any closing statement? **Dugger:** I realize innocence and learning is not a defense, but we all have to learn. I thought that I did the right thing, all under the circumstances, and I just want to say lastly is that I never had, nor did Nashville, or does the Southern Region. I’ll say on behalf of the Southern Region as a whole, never had any intention to hurt any other CFA show that’s planned in any other region. We do not want to do that. We are all in this together to try to put on cat shows. Had I thought that we would have been anywhere close to that, I would have never signed off on the licensing, but I thought that I had done everything possible and I waited for any documentation or anything else. I never received anything else by email or in the mail, and I honestly felt like that we were in the clear or I would have never signed off on anything in the first place. It may not be a very good defense, but it’s the one I have.

Hannon: OK, so we’re going to go into deliberations. We’re going to ask John, Jean and the Central Office staff to leave. We’ll call you all back in when we finish with this particular discussion.

[Executive Session]

Hannon: OK, Mr. Raymond. **Raymond:** After due deliberation, the board has come to a finding of not guilty, so this matter is closed.

(4) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

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

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

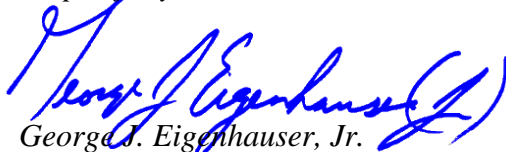
Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on September 8, 2015. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Linda Berg, Norm Auspitz, Betsy Arnold, Pam Huggins, Joel Chaney and Jan Stevens.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

(5) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Special Medical Permission: Yayoi Satoh has offered to accept judging assignments in Japan and Korea only due to her physical abilities. The JPC recommends this limitation.

Action Item: *Grant special medical permission to Yayoi Satoh to accept judging assignments in Japan and Korea only.*

Wilson: We have an action item requesting special medical permission to Yayoi Satoh to accept judging assignments in Japan and Korea only. As you may have seen in some of the Executive Committee motions over the past year, has had to cancel quite a few shows. She is somewhat debilitated and has some issues. She did send in a medical release to judge and then promptly a month later had to cancel another show, so we kind of negotiated with her that she will only judge shows in Japan and Korea, which are easier for her to get to. She has agreed to only judge shows in Japan and Korea at this point. **Hannon:** Are you making a motion? **Wilson:** Yes. I move that we grant special medical permission to Yayoi Satoh to accept judging assignments in Japan and Korea only, and that would go on the roster. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hannon: Is there any discussion on this? **Calhoun:** Does Mr. Maeda have a comment? **Hannon:** We didn't ask him for one. **Wilson:** He nodded his head. He was helpful in negotiating.

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

Request for Medical Leave of Absence: Kenji Takano has requested a medical leave of absence from the Judging Program until December 31, 2015, after which he has offered to accept judging assignments in Japan only through April 30, 2016, at which time he will retire.

Action Item: Grant a medical leave of absence to Kenji Takano until December 31, 2015, after which he will accept judging assignments in Japan only until April 30, 2016.

Wilson: The next action item is to grant a medical leave of absence to Kenji Takano through December 31, 2015, after which he will accept judging assignments in Japan only, until April 30, 2016, and he has written a letter of retirement to take effect on that date. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion. Mr. Maeda, do you have any comments? **Maeda:** I heard from Yaeko two days ago. He wants to retire, effective April 30th. **Hannon:** Thank you.

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

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

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Bizzell, Carla	CCCA	2016 CCCA Nat'l Show	Woodville, So. Australia	07/16/2016
Bizzell, Carla	CCCA	Cats Queensland Inc.	Acacia Ridge, QLD	07/31/2016
DelaBar, Pam	FIFe	URK	Askola, Finland	03/05/2016
Raymond, Allan	WCF	ANCATS	Brisbane, Australia	11/29/2015
Wilson, Annette	CCCA	2016 CCCA Nat'l Show	Woodville, So. Australia	07/16/2016
Wilson, Annette	CCCA	Cats Queensland Inc.	Acacia Ridge, QLD	07/31/2016

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

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Hong Kong Int. CC	Hong Kong	09/25/2016
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	North China ASH CC	Shanghai, China	10/10/2015
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	North China ASH CC	Shanghai, China	10/10/2015
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	Cleopella CF Estonia	Estonia	10/17/2015
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	Cat Fashion	Ram at Hasharon, Israel	11/07/2015
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	German Cat Walk	Erwitte, Germany	01/16/2016
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	Hong Kong Int. CC	Hong Kong	09/25/2016
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Cat Advocates Troopers	Selangor, Malaysia	09/12/2015
Rakitnyh, Olga	RUI	China Pearl CC	Dalian, China	10/24/2015
Reis De Miranda, Inar	WCF	Cat Fanciers of Brazil	Taubate, Brazil	09/12/2015
Rumyantseva, Nadejda	WCF	Hong Kong and Macao CC	Kuching, Malaysia	10/17/2015
U'Ren, Cheryl	CCCA	Passion Feline Fanciers	Kaohsiung, Taiwan	12/12/2015

<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	CCCA	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Zhong Lou, China</i>	<i>09/12/2015</i>
<i>Ustinov, Andrew</i>	RUI	<i>Rolandus CC</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/14/2015</i>

Acceptance: *The following individual is presented to the Board for acceptance:*

Accept as Trainee:

Suki Lee (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

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

Advance to Apprentice:

Kit Fung (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Wendy Heidt (Longhair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Danny Tai (Longhair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Teresa Sweeney (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Toshihiko Tsuchiya (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Teresa Sweeney 19 yes

Eigenhauser: Have we got a count on the advancements? **Hannon:** Do we have results on the Judging Program? Annette, you're on. **Wilson:** I have the ballot results from the voting. All of the judges were advanced or accepted unanimously. **McCullough:** How did they [Calhoun and Krzanowski] vote? **Wilson:** They sent their ballots in by email, just like when we are on a conference call.

Judging Program Rule Changes: *Judging Program Rule changes are being presented in three phases: (a) reformatting and renumbering to more closely match the CFA Show Rules; (b) housekeeping changes to Judging Program Rules; and (c) proposed major changes to Judging Program Rules.*

Action Items:

(a) ***Adopt the reformatting and renumbering of the existing Judging Program Rules.***

Wilson: Next are our extensive Judging Program rule changes. You all received a reference document this morning, printed out. We have renumbered, so they are more like the Show Rules. Carol and Kathy, on FileVista there's a copy of these, so it's the existing rules without changes, but with a numbering process assigned to it, through Rachel's works of magic. This is so we can more easily find things in the Judging Program Rules. The first action item is to adopt the renumbering system, which actually the computer assigned automatically. **Anger:** I just pushed the button. **Hannon:** Alright, so you're not discussing any changes at this point, just the

numbering. **Wilson:** Right. **Hannon:** Are you making a motion? **Wilson:** I move that we adopt the numbering system. **Schreck:** I second. **Hannon:** Any discussion on just the numbering? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor of the new numbering system.

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

Hannon: Now you want to get into the meat of it. **Wilson:** None of the changes are on here. They are in the board report. **Hannon:** You’ve got things in green and lined out. **Anger:** That’s only because they were moved to a subsection. **Wilson:** Yes. It was only the renumbering. This is only as a reference now. So now, when we get into the changes, when it says SECTION 2 on the left hand side, then you will know where SECTION 2 is and so on. So, all the further references to any of our changes refer to the numbers on here. You had a problem with the renumbering? **McCullough:** Yes. Is it i., ii., or is it Roman numerals? **Wilson:** Ask Rachel. Which one are you looking at? **McCullough:** 2.15 on page 4. Is it a. or i.? **Wilson:** It’s a., and then subsections i. and ii. **McCullough:** So, you got rid of the Roman numerals and made them into real numbers. **Anger:** My first point is, those are subsections under section a., and my second point is, does this have a bearing on something we’ve already accepted, or are you just trying to clarify? **McCullough:** I’m just trying to clarify. **Anger:** I’ll talk to you offline then.

(b) Adopt the following proposed Judging Program Rule housekeeping changes:

DelaBar: Under Definitions, Annette, do you want to add in guest judge? **Wilson:** Can I just say one thing? Any other changes to the Judging Program Rules, could we talk about after we through the ones that are already here? **DelaBar:** I thought you might want to go by page. **Wilson:** No, I want to go by what’s in my report, but I’m willing to consider anything else, either in writing or here, but just like the Show Rules, this is prepared ahead of time. I would appreciate if you hold that thought. I tried to divide the rule changes we are requesting into what I would consider housekeeping, which I realize not everybody would consider housekeeping, and then the more major changes which, in my opinion, affect the Judging Program going forward in a more major way. So, we’ll do the housekeeping first, because there’s more of them.

SECTION 2	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 2 REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM	SECTION 2 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS APPLYING TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM
RATIONALE: Change the title of the section – this section includes all of the basic application requirements. We are combining Sections III and IV to more clearly differentiate the requirements for Transfer Judges.	

Wilson: First is Section 2. We are changing the title of the section to *Application Requirements*, because that section has all of the basic application requirements. **Eigenhauser:** Second [standing]. **DelaBar:** Is it supposed to be reflected on here [reformatted rules passed out in paper copy] also? **Wilson:** No. This is just your reference, so what would be on here [paper copy] is what's in the left hand column. **DelaBar:** OK, got it. **Hannon:** Any discussion? We'll assume there is a motion. Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** I did.

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

Rules #2.9-2.11	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.9 An applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty. A minimum of six (6) of these cats must be of their own breeding.</p> <p>2.10 An applicant is required to have bred and/or shown cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated from the table set below. Only one (1) set of points is allowed per cat (example: NW and RW on the same cat would only be counted for the higher of the two wins; being eight (8) points).</p> <p>National Winner (NW) 8 points Regional Winner (RW)..... 5 points Distinguished Merit (DM) 5 points Divisional Winner (DW) 5 points Second Best of Breed (National) 4 points Third Best of Breed (National) 2 points Grand Champion/Grand Premier 1 point</p> <p>2.11 A scorecard comprised of Section A (indicating ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers) and Section B (indicating 15 point accumulation) will be completed and submitted with the initial application to the Judging Program Committee. Cats listed as Grand Champion/Grand Premier in Section A may be included in Section B, provided they have achieved the higher title listed.</p>	<p>2.9 <u>Section A of Exhibiting Requirements:</u> An applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty. A minimum of six (6) of these cats must be of their own breeding.</p> <p>2.10 <u>Section B of Exhibiting Requirements:</u> <u>Additionally, an</u> An applicant is required to have bred and/or shown cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated from the table set below. Only one (1) set of points is allowed per cat (example: NW and RW on the same cat would only be counted for the higher of the two wins; being eight (8) points).</p> <p>National Winner (NW)..... 8 points Regional Winner (RW) 5 points Distinguished Merit (DM) 5 points Divisional Winner (DW)..... 5 points Second Best of Breed (National) 4 points Third Best of Breed (National) 2 points <u>Additional Grand Champion/</u> Grand Premier 1 point</p> <p>2.11 A scorecard comprised of Section A (indicating ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers) and Section B (indicating <u>a minimum 15</u> point accumulation) will be completed and submitted with the initial application to the Judging Program Committee. Cats listed as Grand Champion/Grand Premier in Section A may be included in Section B, provided they have achieved the higher title listed.</p>

Wilson: Rules 2.9 through 2.11, basically we took what is there and made them into Section A of Exhibiting Requirements to match what's on the actual application. It's called

Section A on the scorecard. So, Section A of the Exhibiting Requirements, nothing is changing there. We're labeling those Section A and Section B, and rewording it to add the word "additionally" to clarify. **Hannon:** You're making that motion and George has seconded it. Is there any discussion?

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

Rules #2.12-2.14	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.12 A detailed and specific resume of exhibition experience, including agenting (<i>agenting of various breeds is encouraged as a way to familiarize an applicant with different breeds, however, it will not count towards Custodial Exhibiting</i>) must be submitted as part of the application. An applicant must have experience including exhibiting two (2) or more breeds in the specialty for which they are applying in addition to their major breed. An applicant will be expected to furnish detailed specific information regarding these activities.</p> <p>2.13 Custodial Exhibiting Experience:</p> <p>LONGHAIR: In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the two (2) longhair body types (Persian/Exotic and other body types), i.e. the applicant's primary breed plus a minimum two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary OR one of the additional body types. Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience Custodial Exhibiting of a minimum of three (3) different body types.</p> <p>SHORTHAIR: In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the three (3) shorthair body types (Oriental/Foreign, Intermediate/Semi-Foreign/Moderate and Substantial), i.e. the applicant's primary breed plus a minimum of three (3) additional breeds. Oriental/Foreign must be primary OR be one of the additional body types. Shorthair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience custodial exhibiting of a minimum of</p>	<p>2.12 A detailed and specific resume of exhibition experience, including agenting <u>for first specialty applicants</u> (<i>agenting of various breeds is encouraged as a way to familiarize an a first specialty applicant with different breeds, however, it will not count towards Custodial Exhibiting</i>) must be submitted as part of the application. An applicant must have experience including exhibiting two (2) or more breeds in the specialty for which they are applying in addition to their major breed. An applicant will be expected to furnish detailed specific information regarding these activities.</p> <p><u>The intent of the application process is to show the Board of Directors that the applicant has substantive experience in the breeding and exhibiting of cats in the appropriate specialty; and that the applicant has worked with all body types in their specialty, either through breeding of grand champions or exhibiting cats of others breeding programs.</u></p> <p>2.13 Custodial <u>Ownership and Exhibiting</u> Experience:</p> <p><u>For application purposes, custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership is defined as: housing the kitten/cat in the applicant's home for a minimum of three (3) months, caring for it, and taking the kitten/cat to and from the show hall, grooming the cat at the show, having the cat in the applicant's care throughout the show and taking it to and from the rings. Custodial co-owned kittens/cats MUST reside with the applicant.</u></p> <p><u>Complete care and custody of the cat is required by taking the cat to the show, grooming the cat at the</u></p>

four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types.

Complete care and custody of the cat is required by taking the cat to the show, grooming the cat at the show, having the cat in applicant's care throughout the show, and taking it to and from the rings. The applicant will be expected to furnish detailed specific information regarding these activities. Photos are required in applicant's home and at the show.

2.14 For all cats that are custodial owned or custodial co-owned for the purpose of meeting requirements, the form can be found on the CFA's web site or the link may be provided by the application's administrator. The applicant and breeder must complete all information. Both parties must sign and date the form.

For application purposes, custodial ownership/ custodial co-ownership is defined as: housing the kitten/cat in the applicant's home, taking care of it, grooming, and taking the kitten/cat to and from the show hall. Custodial co-owned kittens/cats MUST reside with the applicant. Custodial experience is defined as; housing the kitten/cat in applicant's home/possession for a minimum of three (3) months.

~~show, having the cat in applicant's care throughout the show, and taking it to and from the rings.~~ The applicant will be expected to furnish detailed specific information regarding these activities. Photos are required in applicant's home and at the show.

LONGHAIR APPLICANT (1st SPECIALTY): In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/ custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the two (2) longhair body types (Persian/Exotic and other body types), i.e. the applicant's primary breed plus a minimum two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary OR one of the additional body types. ~~Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience Custodial Exhibiting of a minimum of three (3) different body types.~~

LONGHAIR APPLICANT (2nd SPECIALTY): Required to experience Custodial Exhibiting of a minimum of three (3) different body types.

SHORTHAIR APPLICANT (1st SPECIALTY): In addition to their primary breed, the applicant must have custodial ownership/custodial co-ownership of, and exhibit each of the three (3) shorthair body types (Oriental/Foreign, Intermediate/Semi-Foreign/ Moderate and Substantial), i.e. the applicant's primary breed plus a minimum of three (3) additional breeds. Oriental/Foreign must be primary OR be one of the additional body types. ~~Shorthair 2nd Specialty Applicants are required to experience custodial exhibiting of a minimum of four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types.~~

SHORTHAIR APPLICANT (2nd SPECIALTY): Required to experience Custodial Exhibiting of a minimum of four (4) different breeds consisting of three (3) different body types.

Applicants may request a list of the breeds that fall into the various body type categories from the Judging Program Application Administrator.

[NOTE: previous paragraph moved to above]

2.14 For all cats that are custodial owned or custodial co-owned for the purpose of meeting

	<p>requirements, the form can be found on the CFA’s web site or the link may be provided by the application’s administrator. The applicant and breeder must complete all information. Both parties must sign and date the form.</p> <p><i>For application purposes, custodial ownership/ custodial co-ownership is defined as: housing the kitten/cat in the applicant’s home, taking care of it, grooming, and taking the kitten/cat to and from the show hall. Custodial co-owned kittens/cats MUST reside with the applicant. Custodial experience is defined as; housing the kitten/cat in applicant’s home/possession for a minimum of three (3) months.</i></p>
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RATIONALE: Clarifies what is required for each specialty, moves explanation of ‘custodial ownership and exhibiting’ to the top of the item and removes repetition. The last paragraph in 2.12 is wording moved there from 2.15 (see below).

Wilson: The next one is Rules 2.12 through 2.14. It clarifies what’s required for each specialty, moves the explanation of “custodial ownership and exhibiting” to the top of the item and removes any repetition. So, we are changing 3.2 to clarify that it’s for first specialty applicants, moving the intent of the application from one place to another and adding requirements for custodial ownership and exhibiting all to one place. **Hannon:** Any comments? You moved and George seconded, right?

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

Rule #2.15	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.15 Additional Experience:</p> <p>a. Cattery Visits: The owner of the visited cattery, must belong to the Breed Council of the breed to be evaluated.</p> <p>i. Longhair applicants must submit a minimum of five (5) longhair cattery visitation reports.</p> <p>ii. Shorthair applicants must submit a minimum of seven (7) shorthair cattery visitation reports. In all cases, a variety of breeds are recommended. Comments on all cats handled are required and one (1) or two (2) photographs</p>	<p>2.15 Additional Experience:</p> <p>————— a. ————— Cattery Visits: The owner of the visited cattery, must belong to the Breed Council of the breed to be evaluated, <u>and must so verify on the Cattery Visit Form. In all cases, a variety of breeds of varying body types are recommended. Comments on all cats handled are required and one (1) or two (2) photographs showing the applicant handling the cats visited.</u></p> <p>i. <u>i.a.</u> Longhair applicants must submit a minimum of five (5) longhair cattery visitation reports.</p> <p>ii. <u>ii.b.</u> Shorthair applicants must submit a minimum of seven (7) shorthair cattery visitation</p>

<p>showing the applicant handling the cats visited.</p> <p>b. Exhibiting/Owning: Custodial Exhibiting forms will be part of the Exhibitor's Resume and must be signed/dated by the Custodial owner and Custodial co-owner of the exhibited cat. The intent of the application process is to show the Board of Directors that the applicant has substantive experience in the breeding and exhibiting of cats in the appropriate specialty; and that the applicant has worked with all body types in their specialty, either through breeding of grand champions or exhibiting cats of others breeding programs.</p>	<p>reports. In all cases, a variety of breeds are recommended. Comments on all cats handled are required and one (1) or two (2) photographs showing the applicant handling the cats visited.</p> <p>b. Exhibiting/Owning: Custodial Exhibiting forms will be part of the Exhibitor's Resume and must be signed/dated by the Custodial owner and Custodial co-owner of the exhibited cat. The intent of the application process is to show the Board of Directors that the applicant has substantive experience in the breeding and exhibiting of cats in the appropriate specialty; and that the applicant has worked with all body types in their specialty, either through breeding of grand champions or exhibiting cats of others breeding programs.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarifies this section by rearranging sentences and removing the Exhibiting/Owning/Custodial information to section 2.12 and 2.13 above.</p>	

Wilson: 2.15. Again, this clarifies the cattery visit section. There was reference to exhibiting here too, which we moved to the other place. So, it takes it out of this place and puts everything where it belongs. **Hannon:** It has been moved and George seconded. Any discussion?

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

Rule #2.16-2.17	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.16 It is required that all initial applicants have a Mentor chosen to assist with the application process to Approved Allbreed status.</p> <p>2.17 All initial applicants must have marked a judge's book; a minimum of the Championship class being required, to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show wherein they sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This Judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their Mentor. Paperwork and a statement from the Approved Allbreed Judge that all was found error free must be submitted with the application. Permission must be given in advance from the club sponsoring the show. It is the responsibility of the applicant, to request from the sponsoring club, the extra judges' book and all forms necessary to meet this</p>	<p>2.16 It is required that all initial applicants have a Mentor chosen to assist with the application process <u>through the training process.</u> to Approved Allbreed status.</p> <p>2.17 All initial applicants must have marked a judge's book; a minimum of the Championship class being required, to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show wherein they sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This Judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their Mentor <u>or the applicant administrator.</u> Paperwork and a statement from the Approved Allbreed Judge that all was found error free must be submitted with the application <u>and will be reviewed by the applicant administrator.</u> Permission must be given in advance from the club sponsoring the show. It is the</p>

requirement.	responsibility of the applicant, to request from the sponsoring club, the extra judges' book and all forms necessary to meet this requirement.
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RATIONALE: 2.16: advancing judges are free to maintain the mentor/mentee relationship but should not be required to do so. 2.17: practically, this happens now.

Wilson: 2.16 and 2.17. There is a little change in here. We had a Mentor Program. It was fairly restrictive. There were actually forms for mentors and protégés to sign and agree to. Some of that has gone by the wayside. Now we're saying that while we want all initial applicants to have a mentor, we feel it should be up to the judge and/or the file administrator to recommend that a relationship be maintained beyond the training process. **Hannon:** You're saying it's optional? **Wilson:** Right. **Hannon:** Once they get into the Program itself. **Wilson:** It's optional, with the input of the file administrator. What we find happens, at different points in someone's career advancing through the Judging Program, a different mentor might be their choice. It may not even be a judge. We're not getting a lot of volunteers for mentors in the Judging Program. We don't want to really force people to have a mentor if they don't need one. **Hannon:** It has been moved and George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rule #2.19		
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.19	It is required to include a statement why you want to be a CFA Judge.	It is required to <u>The initial application must include a statement explaining why you want to be a CFA Judge.</u>
RATIONALE: Awkward sentence structure; no need to include statement on second specialty application.		

Wilson: 2.19 is just rewording. It's awkward sentence structure. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Any discussion?

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

Rule #2.21		
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.21	An applicant from the Continental USA and Canada must have exhibited in at least two (2) regions outside his/her region. Applications from Regions 8 and 9 (Japan and Europe) are not required to exhibit outside of their regions.	2.21 An applicant from the Continental USA and Canada must have exhibited in at least two (2) regions outside his/her region. <u>Applications Applicants from Regions 8 (Japan) and 9 (Japan and Europe) and the International Division</u> are not

	required to exhibit outside of their regions.
RATIONALE: Include the International Division.	

Wilson: 2.21 includes the International Division. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rule #2.25	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.25 Informal Requirements For Initial Application:</p> <p>There are many things over and above knowledge of standards and mechanics which are necessary for the complete judge. A few of these abilities and traits of character are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Knowledge and skill in the handling of the breeds of cats covered by the specialty for which the application is made. There are subtle differentiations between the breeds as to the approach each will respond to most favorably.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">...</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. ...</p> <p>These are some, but by no means all, of the intangible prerequisites for a judge who will credit to CFA. The Executive Board is keenly aware of the responsibility it bears to its member clubs, the exhibitors at its shows, and those who pay admission to attend such shows, to use great care and selectivity in licensing those to be entrusted with the title of CFA Judge.</p> <p>Many of these intangible requirements, which go into the making of a judge of whom CFA can be proud, are innate; others may be acquired. Some require a wide exposure to and a deep interest in all breeds of cats which cannot be acquired in too short a space of time.</p> <p>It is expected that each person wishing to become a CFA Judge will have sufficient dedication to this ambition to survey his/her own potentialities for judging as objectively as he/she would be expected to judge entries in the show ring and the self-</p>	<p>2.25 Informal Requirements For Initial Application:</p> <p>There are many things over and above knowledge of standards and mechanics which are necessary for the complete judge.</p> <p>These <u>Listed below</u> are some, but by no means all, of the intangible prerequisites for a judge who will <u>be a</u> credit to CFA. The Executive Board is keenly aware of the responsibility it bears to its member clubs, the exhibitors at its shows, and those who pay admission to attend such shows, to use great care and selectivity in licensing those to be entrusted with the title of <u>CFA Judge.</u></p> <p>Many of these intangible requirements, which go into the making of a judge of whom CFA can be proud, are innate; others may be acquired. Some require a wide exposure to and a deep interest in all breeds of cats which cannot be acquired in too short a space of time.</p> <p>It is expected that each person wishing to become a CFA Judge will have sufficient dedication to this ambition to survey his/her own potentialities for judging as objectively as he/she would be expected to judge entries in the show ring and the self-discipline to wait until he/she is absolutely certain that he/she is ready for the responsibilities of judging before making application to the Judging Program.</p> <p>Each applicant accepted to the Judging Program becomes the recipient of much time and effort on the part of many people which will be wasted if the application has been made prematurely.</p>

<p>discipline to wait until he/she is absolutely certain that he/she is ready for the responsibilities of judging before making application to the Judging Program.</p> <p>Each applicant accepted to the Judging Program becomes the recipient of much time and effort on the part of many people which will be wasted if the application has been made prematurely.</p>	<p>A few of these abilities and traits of character are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Knowledge and skill in the handling of the breeds of cats covered by the specialty for which the application is made. There are subtle differentiations between the breeds as to the approach each will respond to most favorably.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">...</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. ...</p> <p>[NOTE: paragraphs moved above]</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Moves the last several paragraphs to the beginning of the section for more prominence.</p>	

Wilson: 2.25 moves the paragraphs that were at the end to the beginning of the section, for more prominence. This was about informal requirements for initial application, and we thought that because of our numbering process, the purpose of this is at the beginning, rather than at the end. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Any comments?

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

SECTIONS 3, 4 & 6, Paragraph 6.3	SECTION 3 (combines Sections 3, 4 and Paragraph 6.3)
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED JUDGES WITHOUT GUEST JUDGING EVALUATIONS OR WITH AN INACTIVE JUDGING LICENSE APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM</p> <p>3.1 Judges from other domestic (i.e. North American Continent) associations wishing to apply to CFA must:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Submit a formal application signed by the Regional Director and a resume of cat fancy activities, in CFA and/or their Association(s).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. All requirements for application to the Judging Program must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Judging Program Administrator. It is required that the applicant make two (2) copies of their application; one for the committee and one for their own files.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Meet CFA judging requirements in their Association; example number of grand champions. They must have completed a minimum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED JUDGES APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS WITHOUT GUEST JUDGING EVALUATIONS OR WITH AN INACTIVE JUDGING LICENSE APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM</u></p> <p><u>6.33.1</u> Applications from persons who are, or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the Judging Committee. All such applicants, whatever their background, will be required to prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Executive Board meeting. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an applicant to any preferential treatment, <u>the application requirements outlined in Section 2</u> the requirement for five (5) years CFA club membership, seven (7) years of breeding</p>

of five (5) years judging in their association.

d. Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error free clerking assignment before applying.

e. Have judged a minimum amount of shows in their association prior to their application. This is to insure that their skills are current. The number of shows is to be determined by the Judging Program Committee or the Board of Directors.

f. Attendance at a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School, or a CFA Judges Workshop, before (within two [2] years) or within the first (1st) year of acceptance.

g. Acceptance will be at the Approved Double Specialty level.

h. After acceptance, applicants will be required to have two (2) assistant clerking and two (2) chief ring clerking assignments before beginning training. These clerking assignments must have completed evaluations.

Note: Clerking requirements may be completed prior to application. If that requirement is completed, it must be listed and verified in the initial application.

i. Upon acceptance, a minimum of three (3) training classes in each specialty must be completed. The first shall be a supervised training class. When successfully completed, the next two (2) assignments shall be solo assignments in each specialty. After completion of training, the Judge will be presented at the next scheduled Board meeting and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, will be licensed as an Approved Double Specialty judge.

j. Upon being licensed as an Approved Double Specialty Judge, the Judge will be required to complete eight (8) successfully evaluated assignments in each licensed specialty. Once completed and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the CFA Board, the Judge will be licensed as an Approval Pending Allbreed Judge. Upon being advanced to Approval Pending Allbreed, the Judge will be required to complete eight (8) successfully evaluated AB assignments to be approved by the CFA Board by two-thirds (2/3)

~~experience, exhibiting ten (10) grand champions/grand premiers, of which a minimum of six (6) must be of their own breeding, and breeding and/or showing cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated as outlined in Section II, A & B,~~ may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association.

3.2 [previously 6.3] Consecutive steps from apprentice, approval pending to fully approved, must be met by all applicants accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association.

3.3 [previously 3.1.a. & b., 4.1.b. & l., 4.12] Judges from other associations wishing to apply to the CFA Judging Program must submit

a. a formal application signed by the Regional Director.

b. a detailed resume of cat fancy activities in CFA and/or their association.

c. a statement of why the applicant wants to become a CFA judge.

All requirements must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Judging Program Administrator.

Application should be filed with the JP Administrator electronically and a copy kept by the applicant. See Section V for an outline of the mechanics of application.

3.4 [previously 4.1.a.] Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

3.5 [previously 4.1.b., c., d. etc.] The transfer applicant must meet/have met comparable application requirements to CFA's within their association including, at a minimum:

a. [previously 4.1.c.] Have/had a registered cattery for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive years.

b. [previously 3.1. c., 4.1.d. & 6.3] Have shown/bred cats that attained titles comparable to CFA's of the number and quality required in Section II .

c. [previously 4.1.d. & f.] Have completed a minimum of five (5) years judging in

majority vote to advance to Approved Allbreed Judge.

SECTION 4

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED JUDGES WITH GUEST JUDGING EVALUATIONS APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM

4.1 Depending on an individual's qualifications, the applicant will be accepted no higher than Approval Pending Allbreed.

a. Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

b. All requirements for application to the Judging Program must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Judging Program Administrator. It is required that the applicant make two (2) copies of their application; one for the committee and one for their own files.

c. Applicant must have a registered cattery for seven (7) years.

d. Grand requirement equal to CFA's. They must have completed a minimum of five (5) years judging in their association.

e. Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error free clerking assignment before applying.

f. Approved at the CFA level to which the judge is applying.

g. Attendance at a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School or a CFA Judges Workshop before (within two (2) years) or within their first (1st) year of acceptance.

h. Successfully guest judged a minimum of eight (8) CFA shows. Evaluation forms are provided by the Judging Program and must be on file with the Judging Program Guest Judges File Administrator for the eight (8) shows.

i. Statement of why you want to be a CFA Judge.

4.2 Applicant must complete an application and have it signed by the CFA International Chairperson or Regional Director. The International Chairperson or Regional Director is to sign and send directly to Judging Program

their association, and have achieved the level at which they are applying to CFA.

d. [previously 3.1.d. & 4.1.e.] Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error-free clerking assignment before applying.

e. [previously 3.1.e.] Have judged a minimum number of shows in their association in the two years prior to application, to ensure their skills are current (number to be determined by the JPC or the CFA Board). A list of shows judged during this period (including dates and locations) should be supplied with the application.

3.6 [previously 3.1.g & 4.1] Depending on an individual's qualifications, no applicant will be accepted at a level higher than-Approved Double Specialty (for judges without minimum Guest Judging Evaluations) or Approval Pending Allbreed (for judges that meet the Guest Judging requirements in 3.7).

3.7 [previously 3.1.f. & 4.1.j.] Attendance at a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School ~~or a CFA Judges Workshop~~ is required within two years of ~~acceptance or within the first year of acceptance.~~

3.8 [previously 4.1.k.] Transfer judges that have satisfactorily completed a minimum of eight (8) guest judging assignments in the four (4) years preceding acceptance may, at the discretion of the JPC and the CFA Board, have post-acceptance clerking and training requirements waived in part or in total. All guest judging evaluations must be on file with the JPC. Application should include a list of Guest Judging assignments for CFA in this period.

3.9 [previously 3.1.h.] **Clerking Requirements:** applicants will be required to successfully complete a minimum of two (2) assistant ring clerking and two (2) chief ring clerking assignments before beginning training (either prior to or just after acceptance to the judging program). Completed evaluations must be verifiable by the JPC. If clerking requirements are completed prior to application, they must be listed and verified in the initial application. If a guest judge applicant has a sufficient number of satisfactory guest judging evaluations, the clerking

Administrator. Applicant is to provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for mailing to the Judging Program Administrator.

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SECTION 6

ACCEPTANCE TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM

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6.3 Applications from persons who are, or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the Judging Committee. All such applicants, whatever their background, will be required to prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Executive Board meeting. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an applicant to any preferential treatment, the requirement for five (5) years CFA club membership, seven (7) years of breeding experience, exhibiting ten (10) grand champions/grand premiers, of which a minimum of six (6) must be of their own breeding, and breeding and/or showing cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated as outlined in Section II, A & B, may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association. Consecutive steps from apprentice, approval pending to fully approved, must be met by all applicants accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association.

requirement can be waived.

3.10 [previously 3.1.i.] **Training Classes:** upon acceptance, a minimum of three (3) training classes in each specialty must be completed. The first shall be a supervised training class. When successfully completed, the next two (2) assignments shall be solo assignments in each specialty. After completion of training, the judge will be presented at the next scheduled board meeting and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, will be licensed as an Approved Double Specialty Judge.

3.11 Upon being licensed as an Approved Double Specialty Judge, the Judge will be required to complete eight (8) successfully evaluated assignments in each licensed specialty. Once completed and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the CFA Board, the Judge will be licensed as an Approval Pending Allbreed Judge and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter.

[NOTE: DELETE All of Section 4 (4.1, 4.2) and renumber subsequent sections (as 4.1 and 4.2 requirements now included in Section 3)]-

SECTION 6

ACCEPTANCE TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM

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~~6.3 Applications from persons who are, or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the Judging Committee. All such applicants, whatever their background, will be required to prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Executive Board meeting. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an applicant to any preferential treatment, the requirement for five (5) years CFA club membership, seven (7) years of breeding experience, exhibiting ten (10) grand champions/grand premiers, of which a minimum of six (6) must be of their own breeding, and breeding and/or showing cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated as outlined in Section II, A & B, may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association.~~

	<p>Consecutive steps from apprentice, approval pending to fully approved, must be met by all applicants accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association.</p>
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RATIONALE: Consolidate the application requirements for all judges interested in transferring from another association. List requirements and then note waiver of some or all for those who have satisfactory guest judging assignments (which appears to be the only difference between the two sections). Remove repetition.

For new 3.6, ‘no higher than’ allows the JPC to recommend or the CFA BOD to accept a transfer judge at a lower level if appropriate...providing more flexibility.

(Note, if combining Sectioning III and IV into one section (III) is agreeable, the JPC will renumber the subsequent sections accordingly.)

Wilson: The next one is the most complicated part, and I apologize. All I can tell you is that I did this by taking the renumbered thing and just checking off each section and making sure it was in there once and not more than once. We’re combining Sections 3 and 4, which are requirements for judges coming from other associations, or what I call “transfer judges”. So, we’re renaming Section 3, REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS. Regardless of whether they are from domestic associations – when I say “domestic”, I mean United States – or people who have been guest judging from other associations, we are putting it all in one place and then we are qualifying it by saying, if they have guest judged for us, then based on their evaluations, we may accept them at a higher level. So, all it’s doing is putting the requirements that existed in two full sections and then a paragraph – 6.3 – in one place. It’s long. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Do you have any further explanation, Annette? You think it’s clear enough? **DelaBar:** Now it’s putting in clerking requirements for those who have guest judged over 8 times. **Wilson:** Can you refer to the section? **DelaBar:** 3.9, Clerking Requirements. There is no respite for those that have a multitude of guest judging assignments under their belt. **Wilson:** According to 6.3 which current exists, it says: *Applications from persons who are, or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the Judging Committee. All such applicants, whatever their background, will be required to prove their proficiency ...* **DelaBar:** They have, through their guest judging assignments. **Wilson:** It says, *Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an applicant to any preferential treatment, the requirement for five (5) years CFA club membership, ... may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association.* I think we’re still going to apply to that. **DelaBar:** You split out those that did not have guest judging assignments with those that did. Now you are including everybody under one. The way this reads is that you’re requiring those that have judged several times for CFA to now go through clerking, when they have already been judging. **Hannon:** Is there some other way besides clerking that they can show their proficiency? **Wilson:** We do have a requirement that they: *Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error free clerking assignment before applying.* Do you have a problem with that? **DelaBar:** Yes. Why? **Wilson:** You do? **DelaBar:** Why should they if they have been judging for us 20-some odd times. **Hannon:** Eight. **DelaBar:** Well, we have several of those coming over

that have already judged, who have shown proficiency with their mechanics. **Kuta:** I am not a judge and don't deal with guest judges. This doesn't seem like that big of a hurdle. **DelaBar:** It is. **Kuta:** One clerking assignment and the clerking test? **Hannon:** At best, it's awkward. They have been judging and then all of a sudden they are clerking. **DelaBar:** It's a real slap in the face, is what it is. **Kuta:** It is? OK. **Hannon:** Annette clearly doesn't think it is. **Wilson:** I don't think it is. We're requiring our trainees, who have jumped through every hoop, to be a master clerk. We're not requiring that they be master clerks. **DelaBar:** Because they're judges. These people are judges for many, many years. Yes, I'm thinking of people that have judged for us several different times. If they're not good enough, why are we – I'm sorry, it's a demotion. Then to take a clerking test when they are already showing their proficiency in the ring. **Wilson:** I would be willing to add something in there, saying if someone has a sufficient number of satisfactory guest judging evaluations, that they can waive the clerking requirement. **Hannon:** Are you alright with that? **DelaBar:** Yeah. **Hannon:** Any further discussion on this, as amended? My understanding is, we're going to have an escape clause for those who guest judge at least 8 times.

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

Eigenhauser: Can we ask for the actual wording of this, maybe tomorrow? **Wilson:** Yes.

[from end of Saturday] **Wilson:** Pam had brought up an issue on the Judging Program Rules housekeeping changes about clerking, for people who have guest judging evaluations and asked me to add something. In fact, I did, and it's already there. It says, ... *at the discretion of the JPC and the CFA Board, have post-acceptance clerking and training requirements waived in part or in total ...* for transfer judges. **DelaBar:** Is that what you're adding? **Wilson:** No, it's already there. It's new 3.8 and it's where we are combining. The current rules say they have to complete one clerking assignment and take a clerking test – currently, before we changed anything. That's guest judges that have evaluations. **DelaBar:** That's 3.8? **Wilson:** Right. It says, *Transfer judges that have satisfactorily completed a minimum of eight (8) guest judging assignments in the four (4) years preceding acceptance may, at the discretion of the JPC and the CFA Board, have post-acceptance clerking and training requirements waived in part or in total.* So, that's what gives us the ability to handle those people who have satisfactory judging evaluations a bye on some of this. Actually, the current rules in Section 3 for judges with guest evaluations require the clerking test and one clerking assignment. **DelaBar:** Going back and forth between what was given to us as a reference and – **Wilson:** I know, it's complicated. That's why we did it this way. There was no other good way. Currently, in Section 4 – Requirements for Licensed Judges with Guest Judging Evaluations Applying to the CFA Judging Program – current rules, Section 4, paragraph 5 says: *Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error free clerking assignment before applying.* **DelaBar:** I found it. **Wilson:** So, I would like to pass my housekeeping rule as is, because it gives us the flexibility. **Hannon:** Didn't we already do that? **Wilson:** Pam wanted this one rewritten. She wanted me to add in there an exception, but we've actually already got the exception in there. It's just in a different place. **Eigenhauser:** Where is the exception in your renumbered version? **Wilson:** 3.8. **Hannon:** Are you satisfied, Pam? **Eigenhauser:** I'm asking where the existing rule is. **DelaBar:** It's under 4. **Wilson:** I added it. **Hannon:** Pam is satisfied. So, you've got a motion on the floor. Pam is seconding it? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion? OK, let's vote.

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

Hannon: Are we through with what your concerns were? **DelaBar:** Yes. In your definitions – **Wilson:** You and I will sit down and go over any other things to the Judging Program Guest Judging, but not now.

Rule #5.14 & 5.16	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>5.14 Second Specialty Application: Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, the required application fee (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.) must be mailed to the Judging Program Applications Administrator, along with the hard copy application outlining the applicant's efforts and exposure to breeds in the second specialty. The application must include cattery visitations and custodial exhibiting/experience (as outlined in first specialty requirements; Section 2, Item C. Additional Experience). In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges' workshops, test scores, and attendance at a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on all breeds which make up their second specialty.</p> <p>5.16 Deadlines for receipt of applications by the Judging Program Committee may be found under the heading JUDGING PROGRAM in the Exhibitor index on the CFA Website.</p>	<p>5.14 Second Specialty Application: Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, the required application fee (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.) must be mailed to the Judging Program Applications Administrator, along with the hard copy application outlining the applicant's efforts and exposure to breeds in the second specialty.</p> <p>The application must include cattery visitations <u>visits</u> and custodial exhibiting/experience (as outlined in first specialty requirements; Section 2, <u>Paragraphs 2.13 through 2.15</u>Item C. Additional Experience).</p> <p>In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges' workshops, test scores, and attendance at a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on all breeds which make up their second specialty.</p> <p>5.16 Deadlines for receipt of applications by the Judging Program Committee may be found under the heading JUDGING PROGRAM in the Exhibitor index <u>on the CFA Website on the Judges' Resource web page under Shows/Judges/Judges' Resource.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: The application process is the same for all individuals; qualified by Section 3 requirements for Transfer Judges.</p> <p>Change the word 'visitations' to 'visits' and change the reference to Section II to correct item #.</p> <p>Provide information on where to find deadlines.</p>	

Hannon: Where are we now? **Wilson:** 5.14 through 5.16. **Hannon:** What have you done to us here? **Wilson:** The application process for second specialty is the same for everybody, so it

doesn't need to be repeated. Changing the word "visitation" to "visits", I just have this funeral image in my head. **Hannon:** So, is this housekeeping or is there a significant change in here? **Wilson:** Let me look. **Hannon:** Rachel, is there a significant change? **Anger:** No, just clean-up. **Wilson:** It's clean-up. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion on this housekeeping?

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

Rule #6.3	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
6.3 Applications from persons who are, or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the Judging Committee. All such applicants, whatever their background, will be required to prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Executive Board meeting. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an applicant to any preferential treatment, the requirement for five (5) years CFA club membership, seven (7) years of breeding experience, exhibiting ten (10) grand champions/grand premiers, of which a minimum of six (6) must be of their own breeding, and breeding and/or showing cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated as outlined in Section II, A & B, may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association. Consecutive steps from apprentice, approval pending to fully approved, must be met by all applicants accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association.	6.3—Applications from persons who are, or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the Judging Committee. All such applicants, whatever their background, will be required to prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Executive Board meeting. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an applicant to any preferential treatment, the requirement for five (5) years CFA club membership, seven (7) years of breeding experience, exhibiting ten (10) grand champions/grand premiers, of which a minimum of six (6) must be of their own breeding, and breeding and/or showing cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that fifteen (15) points are accumulated as outlined in Section II, A & B, may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association. Consecutive steps from apprentice, approval pending to fully approved, must be met by all applicants accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association.
RATIONALE: Remove 6.3 from this section; we have added it to Section 3. (note: we will renumber the remaining items in Section 4).	

Wilson: 6.3, remember we added up into 3.4 – **Hannon:** So you're doing away with 6.3. **Wilson:** Right, we're getting rid of 6.3. **Hannon:** It's already been handled above. **Wilson:** Right. **Hannon:** Just housekeeping. You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion on this housekeeping?

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

Rule #7.1.e.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
e. Trainees may not schedule evaluation training on two (2) consecutive weekends (with the exception of conditions outlined in Section 7, 2.c., paragraph 4.	e. Trainees may not schedule evaluation training on two (2) consecutive weekends (with the exception of conditions outlined in Section 7, 2.c., paragraph 4. <u>except in specific situations outlined in this section or when it is considered by the JPC to be advantageous to the trainee's progress. Exceptions will be infrequent.</u>
RATIONALE: In addition to allowing trainees to schedule training on subsequent weekends if they are from Regions 8, 9 and the ID working in the U.S., there are occasions when a file administrator may allow training on two consecutive weekends.	

Wilson: 7.1.e. Right now, the wording references another section. I'm trying to take as many references to sections out, for when we reword things. So basically trainees may not schedule evaluation training on two consecutive weekends, except in specific situations.
Hannon: This isn't a change? It's just housekeeping, moving it someplace else, right? **Wilson:** Yes. **Hannon:** Currently, you allow them to do subsequent weekends. **Wilson:** With exceptions, right. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Any discussion?

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

Rule #7.2.g.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
g. Trainees must attend a CFA Judges' Workshop or complete other types of education following their acceptance to the Judging Program within one (1) year.	g. Trainees must attend a CFA Judges' Workshop <u>or Breed Awareness and Orientation School session</u> or complete other types of education <u>within one (1) year</u> following their acceptance to the Judging Program within one (1) year.
RATIONALE: The phrase "other types of education" is too vague. The two options are the Workshop or a BAOS session. Reword awkward sentence structure.	

Wilson: 7.2.g. currently reads that trainees must attend a Judges' Workshop, which is at the Annual or sometimes there's one throughout the year, or complete other types of education. We thought that was too vague, so we added, *must attend a CFA Judges' Workshop or Breed Awareness and Orientation School session within one (1) year* and it would be their option.
Hannon: You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rule #7.8	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
7.8 Trainees will have two (2) years to complete the required breed/division color class evaluation training. An extension may be granted by the Executive Board for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. Those trainees not completing color classes in two (2) years may re-apply after a two (2) year period. Trainees in the Judging Program, as of October 2006, are grandfathered for up to two (2) years.	7.8 Trainees will have two (2) years to complete the required breed/division color class evaluation training. An extension may be granted by the Executive Board for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. Those trainees not completing color classes in two (2) years may re-apply after a two (2) year period. Trainees in the Judging Program, as of October 2006, are grandfathered for up to two (2) years.
RATIONALE: Remove last sentence as it no longer applies.	

Wilson: 7.8, we removed the last sentence since it goes back to October 2006 being grandfathered for two years, and we're past that. **Hannon:** Housekeeping. You moved, George seconded. Any discussion?

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

SECTION 9 Heading	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 9 REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES	SECTION 9 ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES
RATIONALE: Rename this section (or just name it APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES).	

Wilson: Section 9 changes the heading to just ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES. **Hannon:** Housekeeping? **Wilson:** To me it is. **Hannon:** Annette moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rules #9.1-9.9	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>9.1 The following conditions must be fulfilled as requirements for advancement before any other factors are considered. In no instance will any step of the program be omitted.</p> <p>9.2 A minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of single specialty judges and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</p> <p>9.3 Two shows outside the country of the judge's residence in the International Division will be required by all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories in order to be eligible for advancement.</p> <p>9.4 With the exception of single specialty judges, two (2) shows at least 240 kilometers away from the judge's residence in Japan will be required for all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories before being eligible for advancement consideration by the Executive Board.</p> <p>9.5 Requirements for any specific advancement must be completed within a forty-eight month period. Apprentice judges not fulfilling these requirements will be dropped from the Judging Program; Approval Pending Specialty Judges will be dropped to Apprentice Specialty status. This requirement shall not apply to Approval Pending Allbreed Judges.</p> <p>9.6 Apprentice specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.</p> <p>9.7 Approval pending single specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.</p> <p>9.8 Any judge who is approved in one</p>	<p>9.1 The following conditions must be fulfilled as requirements for advancement before any other factors are considered. In no instance will any step of the program be omitted.</p> <p><u>The minimum number of shows for each advancement level are:</u></p> <p>9.6 a. <u>Apprentice specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.</u></p> <p>9.7 b. <u>Approval pending single specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.</u></p> <p>9.8 c. <u>Any judge who is Judges approved in one specialty and approval pending in the second specialty must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph 1. To satisfy the eight (8) required evaluations, judges may officiate at shows for clubs in which they maintain membership.</u></p> <p>9.9 d. <u>Approval Pending Allbreed judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.</u></p> <p>9.2 <u>Location of shows for each advancement level include:</u></p> <p>a. <u>Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in Regions 1-7: A minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of single specialty judges and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</u></p> <p>9.4 b. <u>Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in Region 8 (Japan): With the exception of</u></p>

<p>specialty and approval pending in the second specialty must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph 1. To satisfy the eight (8) required evaluations, judges may officiate at shows for clubs in which they maintain membership.</p> <p>9.9 Approval Pending Allbreed judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.</p>	<p>single specialty judges, A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged at least 240 kilometers away from the judge's residence in Japan will be required for all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories before being eligible for each advancement consideration by the Executive Board.</p> <p><u>9.3 c. Judges (all) residing in Region 9 (Europe) and the International Division: A minimum of two</u> Two <u>shows must be judged outside the country of the judge's residence</u> in the International Division will be required by all judges in the apprentice and approval pending categories in order to be eligible for each advancement consideration.</p> <p>9.59.3 Requirements for any specific advancement must be completed within a forty-eight month period. Apprentice judges not fulfilling these requirements will be dropped from the Judging Program; Approval Pending Specialty Judges will be dropped to Apprentice Specialty status. This requirement shall not apply to Approval Pending Allbreed Judges.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Rearrange the order of the requirements and reword to make content consistent in structure. Add Region 9 judges to the 'outside the country of residence' requirement (previously none of the requirements applied to Region 9). Another option for Region 9: Add to 9.2.a. (outside region or not less than 500 miles). Renumber remaining items in this section accordingly.</p>	

McCullough: What was the 500 mile rule for? **Hannon:** What did you say?
McCullough: In the rationale. **Wilson:** Are you jumping ahead? **McCullough:** 9.2.a. **Wilson:** We're not on that yet. You're jumping ahead. **Hannon:** Are we on 9.1 to 9.9? **Wilson:** Right. This is changing the order of the requirements. Before, it started out by saying you have to fulfill these conditions, and the first one was *A minimum of one show must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than 500 miles* and then it has a lot of exceptions. So, what I've done is, I first put in how many shows you have to do for each advancement and I worded them all so the sentence structure is the same. Then I addressed the location of shows for each advancement level to judges in Regions 1-7, *A minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge's region of residence ...* and I want to point you to 9.2.a. That last part that's underlined should be struck out. You'll see it again in the housekeeping section and it's struck out there, and that's my mistake for not catching that. Basically, we're simplifying that and we're taking out the International Division, Europe and Japan, and making them all separate sections. **Hannon:** You have not actually changed any of the requirements, you just changed how it's shown. **Wilson:** Yes. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

SECTION 11 heading	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 11 INTERNATIONAL DIVISION	SECTION 11 <u>JUDGING INVITATIONS, GUEST -</u> INTERNATIONAL DIVISION
RATIONALE: Rename this section to reflect the appropriate information.	

Wilson: Section 11, we're changing the heading to *JUDGING INVITATIONS, GUEST - INTERNATIONAL DIVISION*. **Hannon:** You're not changing anything but the heading? **Wilson:** Just the heading. It has more than just International Division. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion? **DelaBar:** I was wondering why you just specified International Division only on this one. There are also lots of guest judges other places. **Wilson:** That's why I changed it. It was just titled International Division. Now we're calling it *JUDGING INVITATIONS, GUEST - INTERNATIONAL DIVISION*. **DelaBar:** Maybe you would want a back slash before International Division, so it would be guest judges and. **Wilson:** I'll take that under consideration. **DelaBar:** No, because then the way it sounds, it's only for the International Division. Of course, Region 9 is not. **Wilson:** Right. I will take a look at that and I will come back with it. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Wilson:** Because we passed combining all this, we're going to have to renumber everything, so I'll take a look at it then. When everything is passed and we re-do it, then I'll look at that and see where things fall, and appropriate rename Section 11. I put it right here, "better name". **Hannon:** Do you want to vote on it now? **Wilson:** How about just voting on changing it? Vote on it, and then I've got a note to come back with a better name. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Wilson: I will run the change by you, Pam. **DelaBar:** Then I will vote yes.

Rule #11.1	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
11.1 Applicant Requirements Applicant requirements to the CFA Judging Program for unlicensed individuals with and without guest evaluations are listed in Sections 2, 3 and 4.	11.1 Applicant Requirements Applicant requirements to the CFA Judging Program for unlicensed individuals with and without guest evaluations are listed in Sections 2, 3 and 4.
RATIONALE: Delete this item and renumber remaining paragraphs, as Section 3 now includes the information.	

Wilson: 11.1 is to delete this item and renumber the remaining paragraphs because we moved this into Section 3. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rule #11.2	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>11.2 Judging Invitations</p> <p>a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with foreign cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved.</p> <p>Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved.</p> <p>Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the CFA Judging Program Committee prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a 500 mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval.</p> <p><i>NOTE: All Judges residing in the International Division (regardless of status) are eligible to judge said shows.</i></p> <p>b. Approval for a Judge to accept a foreign assignment for a CFA club or guest non-CFA affiliated club will be contingent upon the Judge receiving either an airline ticket or payment of such ticket in advance of the show. If payment is made by check, it is the responsibility of the Judge to see that the check clears his/her bank. CFA will not be liable for reimbursing the Judge on bad checks or non-payment of airline tickets.</p> <p>c. CFA clubs in Region 9 and the</p>	<p>11.2 Judging Invitations <u>to CFA judges by Non-CFA Associations</u></p> <p>a. Invitations <u>to CFA judges from</u> clubs affiliated with foreign <u>non-CFA</u> cat associations <u>not domiciled in the U.S.</u> are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved.</p> <p><u>_____</u> b. <u>Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the CFA Judging Program Committee prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a 500 mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval.</u></p> <p><i>NOTE: All Judges residing in the International Division (regardless of status) are eligible to judge said shows.</i></p> <p><u>11.3 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges from International Division CFA Clubs</u></p> <p>Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved Allbreed, <u>or Approval Pending Allbreed</u> or Approved Specialty Judges. <u>judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in Regions 8, 9 or the International Division.</u> A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved.</p> <p>b. Approval for a Judge to accept a</p>

<p>International Division must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each Judge for the period between consecutive weekend shows. If the Judge does not stay at the show hotel and travels to other locations during the period of the contracted shows, no more than the cost of the show hotel may be charged by the Judge, as well as reasonable meals, which will be reimbursed by the club.</p> <p>d. Approval by the Judging Program Committee must be requested by Judges on all non-CFA guest judging invitations prior to acceptance. Such requests must be made through the designated person in charge of International/Japan guest judging assignments.</p>	<p>foreign assignment for a CFA club or guest non-CFA affiliated club will be contingent upon the Judge receiving either an airline ticket or payment of such ticket in advance of the show. If payment is made by check, it is the responsibility of the Judge to see that the check clears his/her bank. CFA will not be liable for reimbursing the Judge on bad checks or non-payment of airline tickets.</p> <p>e. CFA clubs in Region 9 and the International Division must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each Judge for the period between consecutive weekend shows. If the Judge does not stay at the show hotel and travels to other locations during the period of the contracted shows, no more than the cost of the show hotel may be charged by the Judge, as well as reasonable meals, which will be reimbursed by the club.</p> <p>d. Approval by the Judging Program Committee must be requested by Judges on all non-CFA guest judging invitations prior to acceptance. Such requests must be made through the designated person in charge of International/Japan guest judging assignments.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarifying, rearranging and matching up with Show Rule 3.2. Remove duplicate items and items not specific to invitations that are already covered in Show Rules (20.04 e. and 20.05).</p>	

Wilson: 11.2, Judging Invitations to CFA judges by Non-CFA Associations. We clarified, rearranged it and matched up with Show Rule 3.2 removing duplicate items and items not specific to invitations that are already covered in Show Rules. So, we did take out some things here that are in the show rules, rather than just repeat the show rules here. What happened last year is, we changed the show rule, it didn't get changed in the Judging Program Rules and we had a conflict. So, rather than repeat it here, we just took it out. **Hannon:** So that's sort of housekeeping. **Wilson:** Sort of housekeeping. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion on the sort of housekeeping proposal?

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

Rule #11.3	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>11.3 Requirements For Guest Judges To The CFA Judging Program</p> <p>a. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the</p>	<p>11.3 Requirements For Guest Judges To The CFA Judging Program <u>Invitations to Non-CFA Judges to Judge a CFA Show</u></p> <p>a. Invitations from CFA clubs for</p>

<p>CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5)years. Individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club, per show season. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>b. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as guest Judges at CFA shows.</p> <p>c. A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Judging Program Committee within thirty (30) days of the show.</p>	<p>non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5)years. <u>Individuals</u> <u>Approved individuals</u> may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club, per show season. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed.</p> <p>b. CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as guest Judges at CFA shows.</p> <p>c. A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Judging Program Committee within thirty (30) days of the show. <u>No further guest judging requests will be approved for that club until all outstanding evaluations have been submitted by the club.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: Word more clearly and include reminder about evaluations.</p>	

Wilson: 11.3, we're wording it more clearly and including a reminder about evaluations. So, instead of *Requirements For Guest Judges To The CFA Judging Program* we're saying *Invitations to Non-CFA Judges to Judge a CFA Show*. **Eigenhauser:** I have a problem with the last sentence. Why are we putting the burden on the club if the judge is late submitting evaluations? **Wilson:** The burden is on the club. I'm sorry, you're right. It should say *approved for that club*. **Eigenhauser:** *for that club* needs to be in there. **Wilson:** You're right. I will add those words, because that's what it means. **DelaBar:** There's some wording things I can't put my hands on. I was looking at the reference versus what is in here, and I have some questions. **Wilson:** Pam, if you want to go over the guest judging rules with me separately, because maybe the existing rules do need some changing, I don't know. This was kind of housekeeping, but I'm open to other things. **DelaBar:** OK, let's do that. **Wilson:** This here is really changing the name of it, it's changing the word *individuals* to *approved individuals* meaning the ones that are on our approved list. Now, in 11.3.e., I'm clarifying that no further guest judging requests will be approved *for that club* until the evaluations have been submitted. **Hannon:** George, are you alright seconding it? **Eigenhauser:** Yes, I will second it as amended. **Calhoun:** Which one is it? **Wilson:** 11.3.c. The sentence added says, *No further guest judging requests will be approved for that club until all outstanding evaluations have been submitted by the club*. We're not going to grant approval for judges by that club until they get the evaluations in for any outstanding

evaluations. We're not going to not approve the judge, so I will clarify that. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

Rule #12.1.f.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
None.	<u>f. From time to time, the CFA Judging Program will grant Continuing Education credit for other activities related to the judging of the pedigreed cat, such as breed seminars and attendance at other courses.</u>
RATIONALE: Credit should be given for extra work sought out and undertaken by judges.	

Wilson: 12.1.f. is under judges' continuing education and it's an addition. **Hannon:** You've already done it elsewhere? **Wilson:** No. This is an addition. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion? **Wilson:** It's an addition. It should have been in the next section.

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

(c) *Adopt the following proposed major Judging Program Rule changes:*

Hannon: Now for some major changes. **Wilson:** These are more substantive changes.

Rule # 2.9	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.9 An applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty. A minimum of six (6) of these cats must be of their own breeding	2.9 <u>Section A of Exhibiting Requirements: With applications submitted after October 1, 2016, an An applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats of their own breeding to CFA Grand Champion/ Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty. A minimum of six (6) of these cats must be of their own breeding.</u>
RATIONALE: Requires that a minimum of 10 grands be BRED and shown by the applicant. The JPC feels this requirement encourages applicants to develop a consistently successful breeding program and acknowledges that some can do so in a shorter period of time. Last year, we asked to extend the time frame from 7 years to 10 years (prior to application) and board members felt that there were some candidates that were ready to apply after only 7 years of breeding cats. Since we are often relying on MINIMUM requirements, we think that keeping the numbers the same and asking that 10 (instead of 6 of 10) grands be BRED and shown by the applicant will add depth to the program applicants. Even a small breeding program should be able to produce 10 grandable cats in a seven year period. A grandfather	

clause is included, for fairness.

Wilson: The first one is adding – on the right hand side is what we just passed in 2.9 above. *Section A of Exhibiting Requirements: With applications submitted after October 1, 2016, an applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats of their own breeding to CFA Grand Champion/ Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty.* Just as some background, last year I came to you with some straw poll requests about voting on restructuring the Judging Program a little bit, and one was to go back to requiring that someone be breeding cats for at least 10 years and making it 10 grands and so on. The board felt that it is possible for somebody to be ready sooner, and while I don't disagree, I firmly believe that it's in breeding and showing cats that you learn the most in order to become a judge. Currently, we require that they exhibit at least 10 cats to grand or grand premier, and only 6 of those cats have to be of their own breeding. What we're asking is that a minimum of 10 grands be bred and shown by the applicant, and if they can do that within 7 years, to me that is actually proof of having a good breeding program. I don't think it's an excessive amount. I think that showing cats to grand is where you learn about your breed and about other breeds. Since we're often relying on minimum requirements, we think that by keeping the numbers the same and asking that 10 grands be bred and shown adds depth to the applicants. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. **Eigenhauser:** I half way agree with Annette. Yes, showing is where you really learn what the in's and out's are with the fine detail of your standard, but not from birthing babies. That has nothing to do with the cats you see on the table. Whether you're good at doing CPR on a newborn infant or getting a stuck kitten out has absolutely nothing to do with the qualifications to be a judge. We're not birthing babies on the judging table. We're judging kittens that are at least 4 months old. What we're looking for in an exhibitor is not how good they are at breeding, how successfully they take care of their kittens, whether they are good at raising kittens – what we're looking at is whether they have the eye, and you get that eye by exhibiting, not by breeding. Yes, it's true, you've got to pick pretty kitties to put together, to get pretty kitties, but picking from that litter and determining who is pick of the litter and who is a show cat in that litter is more important than picking who the parents are. **Anger:** I agree with that. I consider every kitten I ever lost was Cat of the Year. To me, the number "10" unintentionally sends a message that we don't want you. We are saying, "the bar is too high for you to ever reach, so just let go of that dream and stop thinking you will ever be a judge." The applications that we have been receiving for a number of years either meet the requirements or they don't. They either show potential or they don't. If we make it 100, that element of the application isn't going to change. **Wilson:** Well, I disagree, and the reason I disagree is that someone who comes to the Judging Program should have enough breeding experience, and I don't necessarily mean birthing babies, but I do mean putting cats together, getting the respect of their fellow breeders who are going to be exhibiting under them, and I think that breeding 10 grand champions is just not all that difficult. People have smaller catteries now, it's true, but then they breed smarter. I think that when you are taking people into the Judging Program and nobody knows who they are, including people within their own breed, this is how you establish yourself initially as a breeder. People who come to a CFA show with a cat to show, regardless of whether it's a cat they bred or a cat they bought, and immediately say, "I can't wait to be a judge", in my mind as a breeder, it's a little bit suspect. Not because I think they haven't paid their dues, because I don't think it's about paying their dues, but it's because they haven't done their homework. Your homework comes from breeding and showing, but that's my opinion.

Kuta: Do co-bred litters count, and co-bred cats? Like you are a co-breeder. **Wilson:** If you are breeder, sure. If you showed it, yes it counts. **Kuta:** So, it doesn't matter if it wasn't born at your house, but you are listed as the co-breeder. **Wilson:** Right, yes. **Hannon:** So, if you co-own the dam and never lay eyes on the kitten until it's 2 years old, technically that's your grand. **Wilson:** It is now. **Hannon:** But the whole learning process wasn't there. **Wilson:** You showed it. It's "bred and shown". You have to show it to grand. **Hannon:** But "bred" was technically. You are listed as a co-owner of the dam, it was never in your house, you didn't watch it develop, you could have never even laid eyes on it until it was a fully mature adult, so you learned nothing about the process of the cat maturing. **Wilson:** They learn something about someone who, that's what they list for all their cats, don't we? I mean, I do. **Fellerman:** You could have just as easily bought the cat. **Wilson:** You can do that now. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to respond to one thing Annette said, and that was, when somebody sells you a breeding cat and you earn the respect of your fellow breeders, that's if they sell you a top show cat. **Wilson:** I didn't say anything about selling cats. **Eigenhauser:** I'm just saying, if you're requiring cats from other people to show, that shows that you have at least a good enough reputation to get those other cats from other people, so it still shows that you have respect of your fellow exhibitors and breeders. **McCullough:** What if you're a Scottish Fold breeder and 3 years later you still don't have a folded cat, and you bred 73 litters? There you are. Then you're just washed out of the Judging Program? **Wilson:** No, you can't apply. You need to find another shorthair breed to breed. Right now you have to breed 6, so if you've gotten 6, I guess you're on your way. Over half way. We don't have to have a lot of discussion if you just want to vote. I won't have hurt feelings. **Hannon:** There are a lot of people that want to talk to this. **Colilla:** About breeding, I have a major, major problem on that one. The reason is, those of you who have been around for a long time know that I had a hard time getting shorthairs. I had no problem with the longhairs. As a matter of fact, I talked to our regional director and asked her how I could get shorthairs. She said, "you need to breed and breed and breed more cats." We learned to sell pets really good. **Wilson:** Can I respond to that? This is an initial specialty requirement. This isn't for second specialty. **Calhoun:** I agree with Annette on this. I don't think that the requirements for being in the Judging Program – we really want to have the best of the best – I don't see granding 10 cats of your own breeding is a hurdle that is not attainable if you are going to be a CFA judge. What also this prevents is people that have enough money to buy a quality cat and then show it to grand champion or grand premier. So, this means that you have to do the work, you have to gain the respect. Being a CFA judge is a significant accomplishment. I don't think breeding 10 grands in your first specialty is a hurdle that is too much to ask, in my opinion. I assume this is first specialty. **Wilson:** Yes, first specialty. **Schreck:** I have a difference of opinion between the two. The way it's worded now, you have to have 6 cats of your own breeding and you have to show another four to grand champion, correct? So, thinking of my own cattery – trust me, I am not interested in the Judging Program – but right now I only have Russian Blues, so I could show and grand 10 Russian Blues. How does that expand my experience with other breeds? I prefer to leave it at 6 with the hope that those other 4 cats might be another breed for someone going in the program, so then they would interface and interact with breeders in other breeds, rather than just their own one breed. So, at the risk of walking home, I have to disagree. **Hannon:** It may be a quiet ride home. Annette, do you want to respond to that? **Wilson:** While I appreciate the joke – this is Section A. There is a Section B. There are other requirements for knowledge of other breeds, so you can either breed these cats of other breeds or you can breed these cats of your own

breed. That’s exactly how it is now, it’s just requiring that you breed 10 of the grands. You can certainly breed more grands, you are certainly encouraged to show more grands, because you’re encouraged to get knowledge of breeds in various ways. **DelaBar:** When a great majority of the current Judging Program went through, the requirement was for 3 grands of our own breeding and showing. The current requirement is double that, and then we have of course all of the other requirements on top of that – you know, X number of points for regional wins, etc. With Barb, I can see, you get your 10 grands, and blue kitty bred to blue kitty is hopefully going to bring more blue kitties (and not pointed). **Schreck:** We don’t have those. **DelaBar:** You don’t have those, that’s right. [laughter] I don’t see where 4 more is going to make that big of a difference to raise the bar. There are some things I think we can increase, such as their training, the number of cats that they handle – I love that – but on this, raising it from 6 to 10, I really cannot support that. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Wilson, Calhoun and Moser voting yes.

Rule # 2.24	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.24 An applicant who is a member of, or in any way connected with, an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA, will be expected to furnish proof of severance from same, within fifteen (15) days of his/her admission to the CFA Judging Program. Henceforth, he/she may not join any such organization while a part of the CFA Judging Program.	2.24 An applicant who is <u>an officer, director or judge in a member of, or in any way connected with,</u> an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA, will be expected to furnish proof of severance from same, within fifteen (15) days of his/her admission to the CFA Judging Program. Henceforth, he/she may not join any such organization <u>in any capacity noted above</u> while a part of the CFA Judging Program. <u>Employment with an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA is strongly discouraged as it may be considered a conflict of interest.</u>
RATIONALE: To bring the JP Rules in alignment with new Constitutional Amendment and add discouragement to continued employment with another association.	

Wilson: 2.24 brings the Judging Program rules in alignment with the new constitutional amendment, but we’ve added – I don’t know if we can do that or not, but we tried. Basically, the constitutional amendment that was passed and was in effect immediately at the annual meeting says, *An applicant who is an officer, director or judge in an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA, will be ... may not join any such organization in any capacity noted above.* So, that’s a change from an applicant who is a member or in any way connected with an organization, has to sever their relationship. What we’ve added then is, *Employment with an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA is strongly discouraged as it may be considered a conflict of interest.* The reason that has come up is because there are situations where someone is working for another association, and before, that would not have been allowed.

We would like to continue for it at least to be considered, discouraging it. But the first part of it is basically housekeeping. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

DelaBar: I have no problem with the first part, because it says they cannot join any such organization in any capacity noted above, which is an officer, director or judge, once they are in the Judging Program. I think that’s a good clarification of what we wanted and the intent of the constitutional amendment that I wrote and presented. **Wilson:** This is copied from that. **DelaBar:** Yes, I know, and I said, that’s great. It’s the one below. I have 1) a problem with this because the EU courts would strike this down if it ever came to the court level because of the portion of the European Union Charter which guarantees freedom of association, and to jeopardize somebody’s employment based on being a CFA judge – guys, we don’t have a secret handshake, we don’t have secret passwords. We invite international guest judges or even CCA judges who live in Canada to come to our workshops. We have nothing to hide. We’re a very open organization. I don’t see how it could be a conflict of interest. **Wilson:** I do think it’s a conflict of interest, and actually in addition to RUI, a concern also came to me from Australia, that there could be someone who would apply from Australia who is in a position of some kind of employment, and the person who wrote to me thought that might also be a conflict of interest.

Hannon: Any other comments? All those in favor of accepting it as submitted.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, DelaBar, Eigenhauser, McCullough, Brown, Bizzell and Mastin voting no.

DelaBar: I won’t have to worry about putting in that judging application, then. “Strongly discouraged.” **Wilson:** It is strongly discouraged, but it will come to the board. I’m not going to make the decision. I think in one of those instances, we need to investigate, we need to get more information. **DelaBar:** I don’t think you’re going to have to worry, by putting this in, seeing that judging application. **Anger:** Make a motion. **DelaBar:** What can I move? It passed? **Mastin:** Make a motion, somebody second and we will talk about it. **DelaBar:** No.

Rule #5.11	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
5.11 The Judging Program Applications Administrator will inform the applicant when their application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The Judging Program Committee, as a whole, will make no recommendations, either negative or positive. The Board of Directors will review the application and make a decision as to whether or not the Applicant will be accepted into the Judging Program.	5.11 The Judging Program Applications Administrator will inform the applicant when their application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The Judging Program Committee, as a whole, will make no <u>may make</u> recommendations <u>and comments</u> , either negative or positive, <u>at the request of the Board of Directors</u> . The Board of Directors will review the application and make a decision as to whether or not the Applicant will be accepted into the Judging Program.
RATIONALE: Allows the JPC to provide input about an applicant or application upon the request of the Board.	

Wilson: 5.11, [reads rationale]. Currently, the Judging Program Rules say that the Judging Program Committee will make no recommendations, and yet in actuality we have been asked for our recommendation. This isn't requiring a recommendation, it just says that at the request of the board, we can provide it. **Hannon:** You said earlier today when we were discussing judges, when asked, "does the Program have a recommendation" and you responded, "yes, it's in the report." **Wilson:** It is in the report as the file administrator's recommendation after the status report. **Hannon:** You told us that was the Program's recommendation. **Wilson:** Well, it's the file administrator's recommendation. **Hannon:** You want explicitly information from the Committee to make a recommendation? **Wilson:** If the board requests the committee's recommendation, this would allow us to provide it. **Moser:** But we don't have to. **Wilson:** Right. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any other discussion?

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

Rule # 7.2	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>7.2 Breed/Division Color Class Evaluations</p> <p>a. First specialty trainees are required to perform a minimum of eight (8) breed/division color class evaluations. The first two (2) training sessions will be considered primarily learning. The purpose is to have the trainee learn the mechanical procedures involved in judging, with the last three (3) being solo classes. A total of five (5) shows must be outside their region or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence. It is strongly recommended that these shows be larger, full two (2) day shows.</p> <p>b. Second specialty judges are required to perform a minimum of eight (8) breed/division color class evaluations where the last two (2) shows must be outside their region or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence. It is strongly recommended that these shows be large full two (2) day shows.</p>	<p>7.2 Breed/Division Color Class Evaluations</p> <p>a. First specialty trainees are required to perform a minimum of eight (8) breed/division color class evaluations <u>and handle a minimum of 500 cats.</u></p> <p>The first two (2) training sessions will be considered primarily learning. The purpose is to have the trainee learn the mechanical procedures involved in judging. with <u>The last three (3) being solo classes will be solos.</u></p> <p>A total of five (5) shows must be outside their region or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence. It is strongly recommended that these shows be larger, full two (2) day shows.</p> <p>b. Second specialty judges are required to perform a minimum of eight (8) breed/division color class evaluations <u>and handle a minimum of 500 cats.</u></p> <p>where the last <u>At least two (2) shows that are solo sessions</u> must be outside their region or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence. It is strongly recommended that these shows be large full two (2) day shows.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: We strongly feel that adding a minimum number of cats handled to the training process produces better results, through hopefully larger breed/division classes. It has been apparent that mechanical issues often are identified only when a trainee has depth in classes...and this depth is more likely found at larger shows. This also helps us conserve the resources of training judges and is a more</p>	

effective use of a trainee's investment.

Instead of requiring that the last two training sessions be outside the trainee's region, change to just (any) two solo sessions outside of the region. It is becoming more difficult to find larger, two day shows.

Wilson: The next one is in breed/division color classes – in 7.2, this is trainees – we are adding a minimum number of cats for trainees and we're asking that instead of it requiring that the last 2 training sessions be outside of the trainee's region, changing it to any 2 solo sessions outside of their region, since it's harder. If they are going to do 3 solo sessions, why restrict them to the last 2 being out of region? **Hannon:** So, you're making two changes. One is to add a minimum number of cats to be handled, and the other is to allow the 2 out-of-region assignments to be in any rotation, in any order. **Wilson:** Right, and it's for first and second specialty trainees to handle a minimum of 500 cats. I made a chart and forgot to bring it, but all of the trainees we've had in the last year and a half have handled over 490 cats, either through happenstance or because of mechanical issues of whatever, or by picking larger shows. So, we can't always control it, but it seems to me that if we put that requirement in there, they are going to be more apt to pick larger shows, which is what we want to encourage. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rule # 7.2.c.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
c. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from the United States. These two (2) sessions must be completed in the United States.	c. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from the United States. These two (2) sessions must be completed in the United States <u>or, with the approval of the JPC, in the Asian countries of the International Division.</u>
RATIONALE: While a trainee in Japan may benefit from training at shows in the U.S., as there are more breeds represented, we feel that training at shows in Asia (with U.S. judges) will also provide good experience. We should provide that option when it is warranted (keeping in mind that larger entry shows would be needed to meet this requirement).	

Wilson: 7.2.c. Right now, trainees in Japan must complete 2 sessions working with judges in the United States, and they must be completed in the United States. What we are adding is that they be completed in the United States, or with the approval of the JPC in the Asian countries of the ID. The reason for that is the depth, especially in Exotics and British Shorthairs, but in some of the other breeds, too, there is greater depth of breeds in the ID in some cases, and certainly sometimes bigger shows. What they see by coming to the U.S. is a bigger variety of breeds, but in reality where they're going to be judging is where they are going to be seeing these depths of classes, and we would like to have that flexibility. We think they should have it.

Hannon: You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion? **DelaBar:** I was against the

original portion where they had to come to the U.S. I love the fact that you have added an additional opportunity, so I will vote in favor of this. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

Rule # 9.2	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
9.2 A minimum of one (1) show must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of single specialty judges and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.	9.2 A minimum of one (1) show <u>two (2) shows</u> must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of single specialty judges and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.
<p>RATIONALE: <i>If previous (housekeeping) change to this rule was passed, the rule would now read:</i></p> <p>a. <u>9.2 Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in regions 1 – 7:</u> A minimum of one (1) show <u>two (2) shows</u> must be judged outside the judge’s region of residence or not less than 500 miles from their place of residence for each advancement consideration, with the exception of single specialty judges and those judges residing in the International Division, Europe or Japan. International Division shows judged by domestic Approval Pending Allbreed Judges will count as an out of Region assignment.</p> <p>We are requiring two shows outside country or region for Regions 8, 9 and ID. We should require the same for double specialty judges advancing in regions 1-7. The specialty ring mandate will help advancing judges meet this requirement.</p>	

Wilson: This is the one where I said it should have been struck out instead of underlined when we did it in housekeeping. If you look down in the rationale, it is struck out instead of underlined. I don’t know how I did that, but we currently require two shows outside the country or region, for Regions 8, 9 and the ID. We should require the same for double specialty judges advancing in 1-7 who currently just have to go outside of their region or 500 miles from the place of residence once. We’re adding twice. We’re making it twice, and there’s a lot of good reasons to do that, but we really think that if we’re making that a requirement in the other regions, we should make it the same requirement here. It used to be that requirement. We would like to go back to it. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Is there any discussion?

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

Rule # 9.6	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
9.6 Apprentice specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.	9.6 Apprentice specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) <u>eight (8)</u> complete championship shows <u>and handle a minimum of 500 cats</u> , in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.
<p>RATIONALE: The apprentice level is the first real ‘test’ of a judge’s ability in each specialty. Eight shows and at least 500 cats handled should better prepares an apprentice for the next step. Adding a minimum number of cats will give the apprentice judge better depth and experience, especially in areas where shows have lower count.</p>	

Wilson: Rule 9.6 is apprentice level judges. We are asking that they go from judging a minimum of 6 shows to 8 shows, and handling a minimum of 500 cats. We’re asking to add this because the apprentice level is the first time that they are actually out on their own after being a trainee, and we really feel that that is where the rubber hits the road. This is actually an “and”, so they have to do 8 shows and handle a minimum of 500 cats before advancing. If this doesn’t pass, the next one I’m proposing is 6 shows and 500 cats. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. **Eigenhauser:** I’ll second, reserving the right to vote no. Of the two, I like the second one better. If we want to see if a judge gets enough experience handling cats, I think counting cats is a better way than to count shows. So, I think going from 6 to 8 shows doesn’t do as much good as going up to 500 cats. As long as they reach the 500 cat threshold, I think that shows they have handled enough cats. If we’re trying to make sure they handle a lot of cats, specifying the minimum number of cats does a better job than specifying a minimum number of shows. **Schreck:** This is conjunctive, so they would have to have the 8 shows and 500 cats? **Wilson:** Yes. **Schreck:** I think in order to get the 500 cats, they are probably going to have to have 8 shows anyway. **Hannon:** Or, they may go to 8 shows and not get 500. They might do small shows and not get 500. **Schreck:** The second one says 6 shows and handle 500, so that’s conjunctive, as well. **Wilson:** Right. **Schreck:** “And”, not “or”. **Wilson:** It is “and”. **Schreck:** I can read. **Wilson:** The only reason I was going to mention the 8 shows is, I tend to agree with Barb. That would be hard to get 500 cats, but it could be. When we have trainee judges that are having difficulties with mechanics, what we have put into place is a process, and it’s unofficial but it was actually in the write-up of the recommendations on the judge, is that when they go to apprentice, they be under supervision, which means that their file administrator will actually review their finals for mechanical, so of course obviously at the show their clerk and the master clerk will, too, but make sure things are going well, help provide some additional assistance if necessary, and the thought is that in more shows you’re going to get more exposure as an apprentice to getting used to your mechanical issues and so on. That said, I really think the 500 cats will probably take care of it. **McCullough:** As a known judge, why are you having a show requirement and a number requirement? Why don’t you just have a number requirement? **Wilson:** Because. **McCullough:** Why don’t you just make it 500 cats and leave it, if it’s one show or 44 shows? **Wilson:** Because it is kind of a process, and I really do think you get evaluations at every one of these levels, and I think that’s important. The club is evaluating and

at each one of these levels, you don't know until you get to the show how many cats are going to be there, so you kind of plan out your life according to the minimum number of shows you have to meet. I realize it's going to make it a little more complicated to do that, but I think we should keep a minimum number of shows. **McCullough:** If you hit your 500 mark on your third show and you've got to go to 5 more shows, you're going to be a cranky judge. **Wilson:** No, because right now people are doing shows. We had somebody come up today for advancement that has tons of shows, but you know what? That number is there for a reason, and it's there because practice helps. **Hannon:** No other comments? **Wilson:** This is the 8 shows and 500 cats.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Schreck, Wilson and Calhoun voting yes.

Rule # 9.6	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
9.6 Apprentice specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.	9.6 Apprentice specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows <u>and handle a minimum of 500 cats</u> , in accordance with the provisions in this Section, paragraph a.
RATIONALE: To be considered if the rule above does not pass. A minimum number of cats handled should apply at this level to at least attempt to better prepare the judge for advancement.	

Hannon: Next? **Eigenhauser:** The next is 6 rings, 500 cats. **Hannon:** You moved, George seconded. Discussion?

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

Hannon: This is the end? **Wilson:** This is the end, thank you very much. **Hannon:** Are you through with your report completely? **Wilson:** My report is done, thank you.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(6) **IT COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Tim Schreck

Liaison to Board: Dick Kallmeyer

List of Committee Members: Peg Johnson, Steve Merrit, Dick Kallmeyer

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

NC notification programming completed

Current Happenings of Committee:

Pet Partners programming changes are being tested. Waiting for Pet Partners that the changes they requested are correct. Then we will begin daily transmissions to them again.

Testing new version of Offspring report. Should be completed soon. It will now also be available as an excel or pdf download.

Peg Johnson is working on programming specs for Show licensing, Judges and Club Modules which are all interconnected. Specs to be completed late October for delivery to Computan

Continuing to explore possibilities to improve programming output.

Future Projections for Committee:

Committee will continue to define programming specs for applications to be moved from HP.

These will include Breed Council and Cattery of Distinction

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Progress on programming projects

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Schreck , Chair*

Hannon: Before we go to lunch, I want to do two things. The first thing is, we're going to let Tim go ahead and do his IT report because he wants to go home. He can do a quick lunch and not have to spend as long as we're going to spend at lunch. The second thing is to introduce Michelle Ferguson. She is CFA's latest employee. [welcome!] What Michelle is handling is of importance to all of us. She is handling show licensing and clubs. She has taken this over from Kristi. **DelaBar:** Michelle is multi-lingual. **Hannon:** She is recently with us from the Sorbonne (Université Paris-Sorbonne) in Paris. **DelaBar:** I would like her working with Region 9 as much

as possible. **Hannon:** She specializes in languages and customer service. **Anger:** Please stay. **Hannon:** She recently moved back to Alliance and found us. Do you want to say anything? **Ferguson:** I just want to say, I greatly respect the Association and its history, and everybody's passion behind it all. I'm learning about it every day on all levels. I'm very, very happy to be able to experience something entirely different from what I would ever expect to. It's fascinating, and I'm really glad to be part of the team. **Hannon:** Thank you, Michelle. We're thrilled to have you.

Hannon: We're going to fast forward to the IT Committee. Go. **T. Schreck:** Do you want me to read the whole thing? **Anger:** No, please. **McCullough:** Check with Barb. **T. Schreck:** All we really wanted to highlight is that the Pet Partners Program is back up and operational, after being down for about a year. So, Pet Partners is now getting notifications of our new registrations. That is also an item that may bring in revenue, because we get something back every time they sell an insurance policy from the people that we have provided to them. Along with that, we are doing the final testing on the offspring report, which is mostly what you call a cattery report. We hope to have that final testing done, and this may be available to be sold within about a week. They are also now available in an Excel download, not just a paper print-out. **Wilson:** What is? **Kuta:** The cattery report. **T. Schreck:** Peg Johnson is working on specs for moving the show licensing, judging and club modules from the HP to the CompuTan system. We have changed to a system of spec'ing what we want CompuTan to do and getting quotes, rather than just giving them – **Hannon:** – a project and saying, “do it”. **T. Schreck:** Yeah, giving them their head and letting them go wherever they want to go. **Hannon:** So now, before we give the go-ahead, we want them to tell us how much it's going to cost us. We have invested additional money. **T. Schreck:** Yes. **Hannon:** We were paying a certain figure a month, and we have decided to invest a little bit more in that because of a 3 month trial program for this particular project. Depending upon the outcome of that, we may devote more money to special projects. We're trying to get things moving along quicker. **T. Schreck:** These additional hours are to be used specifically for the new application, not fixes and other things that they have been doing. That's why we are looking for the additional time to dedicate to something, to hopefully get better results. **Hannon:** The current contract gives them a certain amount of money for 120 hours a month, so we're adding additional hours at the same hourly rate, in order to get more work out of them. We want to get things done. When we move this from the HP, it's going to enhance our ability to license the shows and deal with the clubs, etc. **T. Schreck:** One of the reasons for picking this particular item is, right now this is causing double entry in Central Office. **Hannon:** When they license a show, they have to enter it into the HP and the new system. **T. Schreck:** We figured that's one of the first places we should work, to eliminate any double work that's still going on. **Hannon:** So, this will affect the shows. Anything else?

Krzanowski: I had wanted to bring this up with Jim and Dick, but I also want to get the board's feeling on this. With the club applicants, now that we're looking at club applications and accepting some in December, currently there's no way to roll their club dues that are included with their application over to the new year. It doesn't seem fair for clubs just accepted in December to have to pay dues again in January. **Hannon:** The Treasurer disagrees with you. **Krzanowski:** The HP has no capability for us to roll-over those dues from December into the new year. **Hannon:** Are you going to make a motion, Carol? **Krzanowski:** Or for allowing that sort of thing. **Hannon:** Carol. Carol. **Krzanowski:** It was never a problem before when we –

Hannon: Carol. Carol, stop. Make a motion. Make a motion. **Schreck:** Can she not hear you?
Krzanowski: OK. I move that clubs accepted in December be allowed to roll their club dues over to the next calendar year. **Calhoun:** Second. **Hannon:** Is that legal? **Raymond:** Or just make their effective date of acceptance January 2nd. **Schreck:** I have a counter-argument to that, not only for just the money that's coming in. So, I'm a November club. Do I get a proration? Where is your cut-off? **Hannon:** We don't have November meetings. It would be October. **Schreck:** Alright, October then. I think you're opening up a can of worms. If you do that, where do you cut the line? If I got in in June, I should only pay 6 months. **Krzanowski:** I don't think that's true. I think we have always had a standing policy with clubs accepted through October of a calendar year, that they are required to pay new fees with the next calendar year, but it just doesn't seem fair to me if a club is accepted the second week in December, that they are also being required to pay another complete set of dues for the next year. It just doesn't seem fair, but I'll go with whatever the board says. **Hannon:** Rachel's solution was to accept the December club's application effective January 2nd. That means that they wouldn't be a member for the last 2 weeks of December and wouldn't owe any dues until January, right? **Krzanowski:** That would be a way around it. **Hannon:** Yes, that would be a way around it. **Eigenhauser:** I prefer that solution, especially because under our current rules we actually bill clubs for their dues in December and they are due January 1, so it would be consistent. I think rolling over the membership to January is a better solution. **Anger:** An October club still has the opportunity to put on a show in that year. They would have to scramble, but they have done it before. If you are accepted the second week of December, you're not going to put on a show in that year, so they are not going to get any value from their membership until the next year. The more graceful way to do it is, accept the club as of January 2, like Ed said. **Krzanowski:** I will withdraw my motion then. What I will do, when I present clubs for the December teleconference, I will include a motion at that time that it be effective January 1st. I think that's the best way around it. That works for me. **Colilla:** If you accept them the second week of December and you roll it over to January 1st, are they allowed to vote for the board of directors? **Eigenhauser:** As long as they are in good standing in February. February is the cut-off. **Colilla:** I just want to make sure.

(7) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Central Office I.T. update: Submitted by Tim Schreck, Chair, I.T. Committee, report presented by Dick Kallmeyer, I.T. liaison with the Board.

The N.C. CH/PR notifications are now tracked by the system and no longer need to be handled manually.

The 2014 audit was completed and submitted.

A new associate was hired to handle Show Licensing and Clubs.

Staff continues to follow-up on Registration short pays due to the new fee structure. Time involved does continue to decrease.

In order to improve the implementation of Show Rule 13.09 it is now required that in order for Central Office to process any registration request, the owner must submit a complete address. This includes: street address, city, state, zip code and country. Computan updated eCat to make this a mandatory information field required for submission. If this is not completed, the system will not allow the registration request to be submitted. The implementation date was August 15th and both Dick Kallmeyer and Tim Schreck assisted with this.

Jodell and Teresa have revised the sponsorship portfolio presentation. The 2016 CFA sponsorship proposal was submitted to Dr. Elsey for consideration.

Central Office continues to assist the International show committee and to develop sponsorships for the upcoming CFA International Show. An Advertising Plan and Marketing Plan were developed.

Discussed with staff how best to be proactive in the implementation of the TRN and show scoring process set to take effect September 15th. It was determined to combine the TRN form and the registration-via-pedigree form.

With the assistance of Carol Krzanowski and Karen Lawrence, now included in show boxes is information on the CFA Foundation. An ad slick for download has been added to the CFA website. We will shortly be including the same for CFA's Mentoring/NewBee program.

In August, four Central Office staff and I attended a show in Medina, Ohio. I attended the National Capital Show held in September.

Barry: You have my board report. I have one item for discussion, for opinion of the board, but I need Verna. I have two addendums. One Dick will present, another one Rachel will present, and then a board action. The first one I would like to present, we're looking into changing the quality, improving the quality, enhancing the quality of the CFA pedigree, so we have a couple of suggestions. We would like your input. It doesn't have to be final. We're just kind of looking for directions of what you-all think the fancy would appreciate. **Dobbins:** I'm going to pass around 3 different grades of paper. We did do an embossed seal on them. The embossed seal, we can either leave this on the paper or we can put a gold label and emboss the gold label to make it look even better. We've turned it into a cream colored paper and what we're going to do in the center, in our corporate colors we will put our corporate logo. Instead of our old ones which were gray, this will be the brown and gold. There's 3 different types of paper to see which one you would prefer. **Kuta:** Have you guys tried photocopying them to see what they look like? I make photocopies of my originals. Also, how they look when they scan. **Dobbins:** We can do color scans with this. **Kuta:** When I scan it at home, what is it going to look like? If somebody could just see what it looks like if you scan it. **Dobbins:** When we get a test one, we can try that. **Kuta:** Make sure it's legible. **Hannon:** The logo, when you put it on, it's going to be like a watermark? It's going to be real pale? **Dobbins:** Yes, real pale.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Central Office is tracking the number of kittens/cats registered from a TRN. Central Office is in the process of updating and combining the registration via TRN and registration-via-pedigree form into one. We have now implemented Article 36 in the show point section.

Central Office continues to work with the I.T. Committee to assist with the implementation of new modules by Computan and make corrections as necessary with current modules.

Central Office continues to develop sponsors for the 2015 International Show. Central Office will handle the packing of the exhibitors' bags for the show. Central Office is pulling together all necessary equipment and materials and will handle transportation of that to the 2015 International Show. To date a total of 527 companies or individuals have been contacted for sponsorship for the CFA International Show. Pioneer Pet, Solid Gold, BreathFree, La Quinta and G.B.S. have all committed for sponsorship or a catalog ad with samples from Goop, Zukes and Crystal Remembrance secured. PR and promotional efforts for the International Show are underway. Jodell is working with the Show Committee on purchasing advertising and several public relations tactical elements to draw spectators, especially families, to the show.

In addition to the usual social media, blog and web site posts, Jodell has been working with the Paws UP committee to identify possible revenue generating opportunities. Public Relations inquiries are at their highest to date. Recently Jodell has been fielding between 4-6 inquiries per month on various topics. Inquiries are forwarded on to Joan Miller, Jacqui Bennett and others who can provide assistance.

Jodell has also been working with Pat Zollman to close out the 2015 Annual, working with Region 4 on Regional Show venue and hotels, and reviewing possible sites for the 2021 Annual. Regional Directors or clubs who may be having a hard time securing a venue, may wish to

utilize Helms-Briscoe's free services and can contact Jodell. It is best to give preferred cities to Jodell so that she and Pat can work with the convention and visitors bureau and look into the venue and hotels at the same time.

Central Office continues work on the revisions and updates to the Annual Manual.

Central Office has noticed an improvement with at least one complete address submitted with an eCat request for Registration. So far we have not noticed a change with the snail mail registrations.

The new associate for Show licenses and Clubs started September 14th. Once trained in these areas she will be trained to assist with Registration. The associate who handled Show Licensing and Clubs was transferred to the open eCat registration position.

I was interested in statistics for both planning purposes and benchmarking productivity. To do so, I was comparing specific administrative functions handled by Central Office's between 2014 and 2015. A few statistics that maybe of general interest are as follows:

Registrations:

Jan. 1, 2014 thru Aug. 31, 2014

<i>eCat</i>	<i>In House</i>	<i>Total</i>
2,011	16,610	18,621

Jan. 1, 2015 thru Aug. 31, 2015

<i>eCat</i>	<i>In House</i>	<i>Total</i>
14,165	10,077	24,242

Registration experienced a 30% increase over this time last year. The eCat system was implemented the end of June, 2014. H.H.P registrations as of August were 754 with 331 of H.H.P.'s registered in the first three months using the new H.H.P. modular. Since the start of the show season and the end of August we have had 23 H.H.P.'s Grand.

***Staff Overtime:**

	<u>May-August 2014</u>	<u>May- August 2015</u>
<i>Payroll Impact:</i>	\$6,325.85	\$1,269.84
<i>Total Overtime Hours:</i>	333.25	58.75
<i>Contract Labor Payroll Impact:</i>	\$7,691.37	0
<i>Contract Labor Hours:</i>	744.50	0

May 2014-April, 2015

Total Payroll Impact:	\$17,606.89
Total Overtime Hours:	956
Total Contract Labor Payroll Impact:	\$19,266.50
Total Contract Labor Hours:	1696.50

Total Impact on the 2014/2015

Total Budget Impact:	\$36,873.50
Total Overtime Hours:	2,652.50

***Error Rate:** Central Office's current error rate in the processing of registrations, TRN's and changes is currently 2%. This was determined based on the number of paid changes vs nonpaid changes. Error rates are not available for comparison for 2014. Two reasons specify for this review was; the number of comments made concerning the quality of work produced by Central Office staff and R.O.I. for the development of a review screen by Computan.

***N.C. C.H. /P.R. Notifications:** Once Central Office was no longer manually handling this process we have notified 84 owners, 30 of which have claimed their titles.

Central Office has been working on improving the quality of CFA's pedigree certificate and would like Board input. Input from the Board on the proposed revised CFA pedigree (will be available at the Board meeting to facilitate with the discussion) is requested by Central Office.

Central Office has/is now working with Gina on the proposed 2016 Dr. Elsey's CFA sponsorship package that was previously submitted for her review. Additional conference calls and followed up will be necessary in order to address additional information she has requested.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to assist with the upcoming International Show where needed. Continue to develop and contact new sponsorship possibilities for the CFA International Show and CFA overall. Staff will continue to concentrate on the PR and Marketing of this event. Central Office staff plans to attend and assist with the November show. Assist with any necessary follow up after the CFA International Show.

Continue with the development of the 2016 Annual.

Prepare for the year-end trial run for close of season reports and awards.

Continue the development of the Computan system.

Board Action Items:

Requested of Central Office was to submit a proposal for the Board's consideration at the October meeting a new suggested cost for additional awards (here out referred to as duplicate awards) when requested.

PROPOSED: *That Central Office develops a procedure to work with Regional Directors to determine what awards will attempt to be picked up at the upcoming Annual. Only those awards will be transported to the upcoming Annual. This should assist in eliminating the additional costs incurred transporting awards to and back from the Annual, only for Central Office to have to mail it to the winner. If the Board does not wish to use this as a small revenue source the over-all cost of a duplicate award would be the cost of the award, plus \$1.25 (packaging materials) the number of awards to be mailed divided by \$18.00 per hour (handling) and \$10.00 for mailing in the U.S. or \$20.00 internationally.*

RATIONALE: *The proposal was based on the actual number of duplicate Top Winners awards returned to Central Office which were 23, 11 duplicate for Breed Winners and 28 Rosettes that were then mailed from Central Office Of these, a total of 34 were U.S. with 14 International. Also factored in was actual number of additional employee hours, times the lowest hourly wage, divided by the number of awards mailed, supplies and current average mailing cost from the 2015 Annual. Should any of the factored costs increase, that item would be adjusted and reflected in the over-all costs of the award.*

Request Board action on the above submitted proposal for the cost of duplicated awards starting with the current show season and presented at the 2016 Annual.

Action Item: *Adopt proposal.*

Barry: I was asked at the October board meeting to bring together a proposal to deal with duplicate awards and the cost of those. I have included that in here. You may want to take a look at it, and choose to vote on it or not. I do want to amend it. After one of my many meetings yesterday, I proposed that CO develop a procedure to work with the regional directors to determine what awards will be picked up at the upcoming annual. I would like to amend that to, we attempt to do that. Since this first year will be a trial and error on this and, in a meeting I had yesterday, there was discussion where some signed if they picked up other people's awards when others didn't sign when they picked up awards. I think there's a larger issue. **Hannon:** You want to be able to have a trail of where that award went. When the owner says, "where is my award?", we can say, "Jane Smith picked it up." **Kuta:** For our regional awards banquet this year, I had every recipient fill out a Google form that went to a Google document – essentially a spreadsheet – and that was like, "I will not be attending the regional awards, but here is who can pick it up for me," with a name. Before the show, I had little baggies made up for every person receiving awards, so those I knew were going home with somebody else, I attached them to those. **Barry:** Could you send that over to me and I'll take a look at it? Maybe there is a way for us to adapt something like that for the annual. I'm just trying to cut back on costs, without being exorbitant to those that are interested in receiving duplicate awards. **Fellerman:** Did you have 100% awards picked up? **Kuta:** No. There were awards I mailed out, but because I knew who I was mailing

out to, I didn't put them in a gift bag, I didn't label them. I had them all set out and had the pre-package shipping done, too. But, it took me hours to do. That was the cost. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

Time Frame:

Central Office assistance with the 2015 International Show is scheduled to be completed mid-January 2016. Central Office staff will attend the show in November.

Central Office plans to have the Annual Manual revision and update completed by mid-November.

Dr. Elsey's sponsorship presentation and commitment completed by December.

All other sponsorship presentations sent by November 1, 2015.

Items will be reported out when completed.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

To be determined.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Barry, Chair*

Kallmeyer: I would like to congratulate Central Office. I looked at the registration processing time since May 1st. 57.4% of registrations are processed now in 3 days . [Secretary's Note: the median is 3 days, which includes all registrations – snail mail, eCats, foreign; average processing time is 5.5 days, skewed due to foreign registrations]. 74.6% are less than a week (5 business days), and 89.9% are less than 2 weeks (10 business days). Great job. **Hannon:** Question. When is the starting point? **Kallmeyer:** May 1st. **Hannon:** No, after it is scanned and entered into the computer? **Kallmeyer:** From the paperwork receipt date until the processed date. **Hannon:** That's not right then, because paperwork received is before it's scanned. It takes 2 days to scan and get to them, and you have a certain number for zero days. That's not possible. **Kallmeyer:** eCats. **Hannon:** It says paperwork. **Kallmeyer:** But eCats has a paperwork receipt date. **Hannon:** I thought "paperwork" meant – **Kallmeyer:** No, no. **Mastin:** Dick, is it possible to get a 10 day result? **Kallmeyer:** I can give it right here. **Mastin:** Because that's what our target goal is. **Hannon:** Turn-around in 10 days. **Kallmeyer:** 83%. [Secretary's Note: these statistics are based on "calendar day", not "business day" and they include foreign registrations, which take additional time.]

Kallmeyer: We have a situation in Hong Kong that is really influenced more by Malaysia. Malaysia discovered rabies. Now, the only place Hong Kong can go in the ID Division has been Malaysia, but because of the rabies in Malaysia, there's now a 4 month quarantine in Hong Kong, due to the Malaysia situation. To exacerbate the problem is that there is a large quantity of longhairs versus shorthairs. So, I would like to bring a motion, not only for Hong Kong but for Kuwait. Kuwait had at their last show 66 longhairs in championship, 6 shorthairs.

In kittens, they had 12 longhair kittens and 1 shorthair kitten, so the specialty rule is really a hardship to both of these places. I'm making a motion that there be relief from the specialty ring requirement for Kuwait and Hong Kong until the quarantine situation is lifted. **DelaBar:** I'll second it. They found it in Borneo, which is actually separate from the main area, from Kuala Lumpur. **Kallmeyer:** Actually they just found it in Penang, the bridge. But still, Hong Kong has locked it out. **DelaBar:** Hong Kong never gets any bats. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? You want to quickly tell them what we're voting on? **Kallmeyer:** We have a motion to eliminate the specialty ring for Hong Kong and Kuwait; Hong Kong due to a new restriction that they cannot go to Malaysia due to rabies, Kuwait because they had only very few shorthair cats in their last show. **Hannon:** There is a motion on the floor, it has been seconded. Any other discussion about this motion? Kathy and Carol, do you understand what we're talking about? [yes]

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

ADDENDUM TO CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

BACKGROUND: A customer registered an Oriental Shorthair by pedigree from another association. See Attachment A. The pedigree contained several CFA cats. These cats were not particularly called out as being CFA cats, but I recognize them as being from well-known CFA Oriental Shorthair catteries of long standing. There was no color or registration information provided in the 4th generation of the pedigree submitted with the registration request. CFA's pedigree requirement for the Oriental Shorthair is 3 generations. CFA registered the cat, which was correct according to our registration rules. See below.

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1974	5 generations	Date: 2/13	3 generations
Date:		Date:	

A generation later, the customer requested and paid \$50 for a 5-generation certified pedigree from CFA, as required by her association (FIFe). Because CFA does not have the information for anything beyond the 3 required in CFA, the cats were entered by hand and listed with an UNKNOWN designation for the registration information, despite the fact that some of them are CFA cats. See Attachment B. Our computer system is not user friendly for searching by name or cross-reference to determine if a cat is in the CFA database.

ISSUE #1: How can CFA "certify" a 5-generation pedigree when we have only 3 generations of information? CFA needs to revamp our policy – at the very least, inform customers that CFA can only certify the number of generations that we require. Charging for something that we cannot provide does not seem to be fair. A certified pedigree should reflect information in our database.

Certified Pedigree - 3 generations.....	\$20.00
4 generations.....	\$30.00
5 generations.....	\$45.00
6 generations.....	\$60.00

ISSUE #2: How can CFA develop a procedure for searching the database to determine if cats on the pedigree are CFA registered? Our employee responded, “Those are not CFA cats and we do not have that information in our files.” However, the customer knew these WERE CFA cats. Therefore, a customer had more knowledge than a CFA registration specialist who had access to the database, which is essentially our core business.

CONCLUSION: The customer had a point – the cat’s ancestors could be of any breed and color, yet CFA is certifying that he is a purebred Oriental Shorthair of 5 generations, as required by other associations around the world.

Barry: Rachel has an addendum. **Hannon:** Rachel has an addendum. Go. **Anger:** This is the addendum that I passed out. It has a couple of pedigrees attached to it. The issue came in from an unhappy customer. Basically, she paid for a certified pedigree on a cat that we had registered by pedigree. So, we were certifying in our pedigree back to her that 5 generations were Oriental, although we did not have the information to back it up. Her complaint was that she could not register the cat with her association without 5 generations. We did not have that information, so rather than saying “information unavailable” or “go back to original registering body for information on this cat”, it just listed the name of the cat and UNKNOWN, because we had no information. You can see on the original pedigree for the cat named [omitted] that is on the Hungarian pedigree, the information was not listed there. So, Central Office put the information by hand on the certified pedigree that went to the customer. There is a disconnect between the pedigree that CFA is certifying, and cats that we can’t certify – although we took her money for a 5 generation pedigree. What we need to do is, develop a procedure to search the database to see if those cats are CFA cats. Some of them were. As a former Oriental breed council secretary, I recognized some of those names and knew that they were likely in our registry, although the customer was told, “Those are not CFA cats and we do not have that information in our files.” So, the customer had more knowledge than one of our registration specialists who had access to the database. Unfortunately, at this time we don’t have a way to type in the names and have the computer auto-fill, if we own that information. That was the first problem I have identified here.

Anger: The second issue is, we took someone’s money for a service that we can’t provide because we don’t have that information. Rather than just providing a pedigree with names and saying UNKNOWN as was done, I think we need to come up with another procedure to inform the customer that CFA can certify only the information we have on our database, and offer to charge them for that or pay for 5 generations showing that we don’t have that information. This is the procedure that I understand Central Office has always used, so I’m not knocking the procedure. I just think that, due to customer demand, we should identify a solution.

Hannon: This is something dear to Annette’s heart. She has discussed it before. **Wilson:** I brought this up at the board meeting with the breed council secretaries in July, and I brought it up in two, maybe three, February board meetings when we discussed Breeds and Standards. It’s not the policy and procedure that Central Office has always followed. In New Jersey, the process that was followed was not to input any non-registered CFA cats into our database. The only way you could put in cats anywhere would be in the Cat Ancestral Tracking Service if they were not CFA registered. When I imported a cat that had maybe 2 CFA cats in its background – they came

from SVERAK, which does a really good job of recording things, so they were noted as CFA cats. When I got a certified pedigree back, those were the only two cats listed on that and attached to it was the SVERAK pedigree that I had submitted. So, basically they are saying, we are certifying we are registering this cat based on what you provided to us, but we are not putting all of its descendants into our database. That changed with the move here. That policy changed. I don't know why it changed, I don't know who authorized it to change, but it changed. Now we have a bunch of duplicate cats, because what happens when these CFA cats go in more than once with maybe different spellings, different titles or whatever, and a different association's registry, it is now appearing in our database more than once because someone isn't identifying the CFA cats. The problem with trying to find an alpha way to come up with how many cats are named Zelda that might actually match "the" Zelda – one, it's time consuming; two, who's going to determine if it's the same cat or not? It's not always clear from what comes in those pedigrees that are coming, to register by pedigree. That's all. **DelaBar:** When we discussed this before, the thing is that when we accept a cat for registration, we accept that cat's history. We are registering, based on that pedigree. That history does not change for that cat, so we should be accepting the history with that cat. **Hannon:** Should we annotate it in some way? **DelaBar:** We have in the past. It was "Import" bla, bla, bla. **Hannon:** And wouldn't the registration number indicate it's not a CFA number? **DelaBar:** Correct.

Anger: There is nothing in this addendum that refers to entering cats into the database that aren't CFA cats. That's another issue. This is an issue of identifying at some point that we don't have that information. **Wilson:** But we are putting it in, so we might have it sometimes, but not all the time. It did change. It changed a few years ago, so now we are entering all those cats in there, but based on a different pedigree each time, it could go in there multiple times. **Dobbins:** The ones in here that say UNKNOWN, they are hand typed on the pedigree but they are not entered into our database. **Wilson:** But some are. **Hannon:** She's saying, these cats were actually CFA cats that you are referring to, right? **Wilson:** That who is referring to? **Hannon:** Annette, with your situation with the Russian Blue you were talking about. **Wilson:** There were several cats that were CFA cats, but I have a subsequent one where the person actually got a CFA certified pedigree that included CFA cats – that they didn't identify because they didn't know they need to – from the registration by pedigree and they are in the certified pedigree that they ordered back, but they're in there with another association's number and another associations title, but they are CFA registered. So, they are basically in the database more than once. **Hannon:** They didn't tell you they were also CFA registered cats, so nobody on your staff was able to do that. **Dobbins:** Right. **Hannon:** What they've done is request that somehow we would be able to search and realize that they were CFA cats, right? **Anger:** That's issue #1, and then issue #2 (or the other way around) was how to inform the customer that this information is not on the CFA database. I had a Maine Coon with Swedish cats in the pedigree, and when I requested a certified pedigree so someone could register one of my kittens somewhere else, the Central Office actually sent me a copy of the pedigree they used to register my cat – **Wilson:** Exactly. **Anger:** – and on the certified pedigree it said, "see attached information from a foreign registry."

Hannon: Verna, I'm assuming you want to make a comment about this. **Dobbins:** No, I'm looking for options as to which way to change it and how to make it better. **DelaBar:** Our core business is as a registry. As a registry, we provide a history of cats. When we register a cat,

by not providing that history that has been provided us by pedigree, then we are not completing our core business. So, we need to include that information. **Wilson:** My point is, and this has come up before. I remember people at this board table – George in particular – saying, we are certifying that this other association’s pedigree was correct. By putting this information in, the problem has become – and it’s going to become more and more of a problem by entering these cats in our database – we’re duplicating them, so what happens now? I have a cat 3 generations down, and this cat is in there with a FIFe number, a SVERAK number, a Swedish number. It’s also there somewhere with a CFA number. Depending on which pedigree I’m using or which cat I’m registering, it could be two different cats in the database, the same cat on my pedigree. I don’t think that’s right. **Hannon:** How are they going to know that in the office? **Wilson:** They don’t know. That’s why we shouldn’t be putting them in there. And maybe we use the Cat Ancestral Tracking Service to enter cats in some database so we can print something off, but when we start garbaging up our own registry database, that’s where I have a problem.

Eigenhauser: I think we just need to be honest about it. When we produce a certified pedigree that we can’t vouch for some part of it, just put some sort of a disclaimer on there, “generations 1 through 4 or whatever we are certifying as correct; the other generations came from another registry” and if they want to guarantee that that’s correct, they are going to have to go back to that other registry. **Hannon:** Why can’t we key in the cat and the foreign registration number with IMP after it, and that’s a warning to the people that that’s not a CFA cat and we can’t stand behind it. **DelaBar:** If we can’t stand behind it, we shouldn’t be registering the cat and its pedigree into our database. I do want to warn people – other associations are reading our minutes. We don’t call their pedigrees and their registration systems “garbage”. If you want to get along with the rest of the world, most of these registries that we deal with, especially within the World Cat Congress, are very organized registries. **Hannon:** How do they deal with a pedigree that’s got a CFA number on it? **DelaBar:** When they accept the cat for registration, they put it in as CFA. I’ve got a FIFe pedigree right here because I just submitted a cat for registration by pedigree. What it says on here – it’s a Finnish one, but when it gets back here for FIFe Brazil, it’s got the Brazil number there, Brazil number there, CFA number here, and then it’s Brazil number. **Hannon:** The other associations are putting our numbers in their databases. **DelaBar:** Along with their Brazilian FIFe registration number. They’ve got a more complete registry than we do. **Wilson:** It’s true, and I think that some associations are putting it in, in a way that’s easily put back in for us. I use SVERAK as an example, because they have very accurate looking things, but I’ve also seen pedigrees from other associations that have the cat spelled wrong, they have the name spelled wrong, they have the cattery spelled wrong. They have the same cat in the same pedigree with the same number, and the cat’s spelled wrong. Those are registries that we are accepting to register by pedigree. I am fearful. I think the way we used to do it – when we attach the incoming pedigree to the back, make it clear to people when they are requesting a CFA certified pedigree that we are only certifying CFA registered cats. I agree that we need to tell people. We shouldn’t be taking their money for that. It was clear to me when I imported that cat that the only cats that would be on the certified CFA pedigree after the cat was registered would be cats with CFA registration numbers – **Hannon:** If they knew it. **Wilson:** I’m sorry? **Hannon:** If the staff knew it was a CFA registered cat. **Wilson:** Right. In this case, it did have the CFA number. It was noted on there. **Hannon:** Any cats back there, as you pointed out, that are CFA registered are also registered with this association, and it came back to us with the other association’s number and we didn’t realize it was a CFA cat. **Wilson:** Right, and that happens

probably more often than not, because people don't know they have to identify them, that they can't be looked up by name. **DelaBar:** I don't agree, when other associations are able. I know there are some exceptions. The ones that have been brought to my attention are people taking CFA pedigrees to register in another association – basically FIFe Brazil, for example, a Persian – and they put it in their system, out pops “this couldn't possibly be the cat, because you don't get this color from these two parents.” So, again I go back to our main statement, which is, when we accept a cat from another association, we're accepting that cat's history along with it, so either we put in a special field that says IMP and their other number, because that's the history. A pedigree is a history. It's not a marriage license, it's not anything else. It's a history of that particular cat. By not accepting that cat's history, then we should not be accepting that cat for registration. **Wilson:** I disagree that we shouldn't accept it for registration. We are accepting their history. What I have an issue with is putting cats that don't have CFA registration numbers in our database and coming up with over time (and not so much time) duplicate cats, not just necessarily that they are duplicate because they are a CFA registered cat in one place and on another one it wasn't notified, but non-CFA registered cats spelled different ways on different pedigrees, or registered with different associations. I have a problem with registering cats by pedigree with associations that will accept a handwritten pedigree as opposed to a registration pedigree, and then because we accept that association's pedigrees, we take that in. That may be our policy, but you can see that handwritten changes over time. We're going to have spelling errors. We're going to have errors in our database and even, can we get them fixed? I don't know that we can fix them.

Anger: My idea is to set up a core group of people that can work with Central Office and Monique and maybe Breeds and Standards, to come up with an intake form and procedure. I don't know if there is an intake form. I can imagine that when these pedigrees are submitted, it's like a giant puzzle. [**DelaBar** passes over her CFA intake form] That's our intake form? Does it ask to identify the CFA cats? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Wilson:** But the people may not know it's a CFA cat. **Eigenhauser:** Two comments, and I'm not sure which side of the debate this is even on. When I first started breeding, it was very common among Maine Coon people to name their cats differently in different associations. My first breeding boy had 4 different names in 4 different associations. My first breeding girl had 2 different names because people couldn't get the same cattery name in CFA as in TICA, so we're always going to have problems with names and confusion when we try to go by names. Within our own records, we don't even care about names. We go by registration number, so there's always going to be this issue when trying to incorporate other associations where we're bringing them in by name. It may not even be the same name in CFA as it is in the other association. On the other hand, when we're talking about the integrity of our registry and the importance of being accurate, one thing to remember is, we don't go to people's houses when these kittens are born. All the data we have in our registry came because somebody told us. It's all hearsay, it's all second-hand information, it's all based on us trusting others. So, to some extent, our registry has a certain amount of integrity but on the other hand, our registration process is based, to a large degree, on trust. I'm not sure how pure we can be in terms of certifying the accuracy of our pedigrees anyway, because we're all doing this based on what people told us. **Hannon:** What Rachel is asking is for a group to be pulled together to come back to us with a recommendation. **Anger:** If the board agrees that that is a viable solution. **Hannon:** Do you want to make that motion? **Anger:** I'll make that motion. **Eigenhauser:** I'll

second that motion. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion on creating a group to come back.

Krzanowski: Can someone repeat that motion? **Anger:** That we form a committee to work with Central Office and Monique, and Breeds and Standards, to refine the intake process for cats registered by pedigree and/or to produce certified pedigrees, and come up with recommendations.

Hannon: Do you understand that, Carol? **Krzanowski:** Thank you. **Hannon:** All it is, is a committee to come back with recommendations. There was a motion and a second. Is there any more discussion on creating a committee?

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

(8) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were presented to the Board for consideration.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Five clubs were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment A). They are:

- *China Brilliant Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China East Cat Fanciers, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Feline Fanciers of Singapore, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Shen Yang Feng Tian Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Xijing Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*

Club Statistics – Club and Show Analysis

Dick Kallmeyer put together a very interesting analysis of clubs and shows, which is included with this report as a separate Excel document. The summary analysis indicates the number of clubs per region and division along with the number of shows per club for the 2014-15 show season, as well as the numbers for the current show season through July 31. The number of registrations for each region and division is also included. The data for the International Division is further broken down showing the same information for the various countries within that division. The number of clubs and shows per region/division for the 2014-15 show season, additionally separating out China, is as follows:

Region 1 – 64 Clubs, 30 Shows
Region 2 – 60 Clubs, 19 Shows
Region 3 – 54 Clubs, 16 Shows
Region 4 – 64 Clubs, 31 Shows
Region 5 – 51 Clubs, 21 Shows
Region 6 – 54 Clubs, 19 Shows
Region 7 – 90 Clubs, 39 Shows
Region 8 – 77 Clubs, 23 Shows
Region 9 – 27 Clubs, 29 Shows
International Division (including China) – 59 Clubs, 75 Shows
China – 34 Clubs, 34 Shows

It is interesting to note that China has fewer clubs than any of CFA's Regions except Region 9, yet there are more shows in China than in any of CFA's Regions except Region 7. Looking at the ratio of shows per club within a region/division, Europe Region and the International Division are both producing 2.5-3 times as many shows as our regions in North America. Taking the number of registrations divided by the number of clubs in a region/division, Europe Region has

six times the number of those in North American and the International Division has almost eight times those in North America. These statistics clearly indicate that our current growth is occurring in these two areas.

Hannon: Carol, Club Applications. You're on. **Krzanowski:** The statistics provided with this report are definitely an eye opener regarding the number of CFA clubs versus the number of shows. With the exception of Region 9 and the International Division, the number of clubs is disproportionately high compared with the number of shows currently being produced. While some clubs may be breed clubs or non-show producing for some other valid reason, the data indicates that we have far too many inactive clubs to encourage positive CFA growth, particularly in our US regions. This is a concern. Is there any discussion on that before I move on to applications? **Hannon:** There's reasons other than holding shows for a club to exist. You're making the assumption that every club should produce a show. **Krzanowski:** If you look at the numbers, it's pretty indicative that there are a lot of clubs inactive at this point. **Hannon:** Inactive in the sense that they're not producing a show, but not necessarily inactive in CFA. There are clubs that have applied for membership in the past in this country – very few are applying now, but in the past – who stated in their application they were not planning on putting on a show, and we accepted them on that premise. There are others obviously that put on shows, and for a variety of reasons, have ceased putting on shows but maintain their CFA membership. **Krzanowski:** Right. It would be nice if some of these clubs would co-sponsor shows or maybe sponsor rings. I just wanted to mention that it would be great if some of them would step up and help the other clubs that are trying to produce shows. **Hannon:** Carol, from the data you presented us, we don't know that that's not happening. I know of clubs that aren't producing shows that are sponsoring rings at the International Show or sponsoring regional awards. They are participating in CFA financially in a variety of ways. They're just not putting on a show, and that's not reflected here. You're just making the assumption that in Region 1, 34 of the clubs in that region aren't putting on a show, so they are inactive and they need to do something. Some of them may be doing something. **Krzanowski:** That may be true. I just think that if we're trying to grow CFA here in the U.S., we need to start looking at some of these issues. That's just my opinion. **DelaBar:** One thing, Carol, that the board needs to look at is strategic placement of clubs. We need to look where we don't have clubs and don't have activity, and start targeting those areas and see what we can do to grow clubs there. **Krzanowski:** You're right. **Hannon:** Is there a way for you to work with Dick and figure out where the existing clubs are and the existing shows are, so we can identify areas that are potential areas for adding clubs and shows? **Krzanowski:** I would need Dick's help with that. That's not my area of expertise. **Hannon:** Dick is agreeing to work with you on that. **Dugger:** Another thing I think would be interesting would be to know the clubs – because I know we have some in our region – that used to put on shows, but are no longer putting on shows for whatever reason. I know in our region, people have gotten older and things like that and maybe couldn't, but maybe there was some way we could help them make some compensation or ring clubs together, you know, like we tried to do before like with the 6x6's. That kind of information might be helpful to us as regional directors. We can help to facilitate getting clubs together. **Hannon:** When I was a regional director, I was able to find clubs that were still on the books that no longer put on shows. There's a group here that wanted to form a new club to put on shows, and I put them together. "Why don't you take over this club that already exists and help them put on a show?" **Kuta:** I've done that recently, too. But then there

are some paper clubs that don't even want me to know who their club secretary is. I can get that, but I just did a call-out to the list saying, "hey, send me your club secretary's email address so I don't have to ask Central Office for it." They are like, "no".

China Brilliant Cat Club
International Division, Guiyang, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are nineteen members. No member is a member of another club. One member has some clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold one or more shows a year in Guiyang. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to an animal shelter or animal rescue. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair approves of this club.

Krzanowski: The first application is China Brilliant Cat Club. This club is located in Guiyang, the capital city of Guizhou Province of southwest China with a population of over 4 million. Guizhou Province is bordered to the east by Hunan Province and to the south by Guangxi Province. Guiyang is the economic and commercial hub of the province and a center for the operations of major domestic and international retailers including Wal-Mart. Several club members have CFA registered cattery names, and most members appear to be actively exhibiting pedigreed cats at CFA shows. I move that we accept this club. **Kallmeyer:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Dick, do you want to talk about it? **Kallmeyer:** I support this and all the clubs on the list, to eliminate some conversation. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

Hannon: We would like to welcome the China Brilliant Cat Club to CFA.

China East Cat Fanciers
International Division, Changchun, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. One member is a member of another club in China. One member is a licensed certified clerk. This is an allbreed club that wishes to hold shows twice a year in Changchun, and they are also interested in working with another club to co-sponsor a show. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will donated to CFA. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is China East Cat Fanciers. This club is based in Changchun, the capital and largest city of Jilin Province in northeast China. Jilin Province is bordered to the north by Heilongjiang Province and to the south by Liaoning Province. Changchun has a population of over 7.5 million and is an important industrial base with a particular focus on the automotive sector. All the members have CFA registered cattery names and most are actively exhibiting at CFA shows. One member is a licensed Certified Clerk. This club wants to produce shows in Changchun and also work with other clubs to sponsor shows. I

move that we accept this club. **Hannon:** Dick has already said he supports it. Is there any other discussion on China East Cat Fanciers?

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

Hannon: Welcome China East Cat Fanciers.

***Feline Fanciers of Singapore
International Division, Singapore; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are ten members. No member is a member of another club. One member has been the ID show scheduler since 2010 and has clerking experience. This is an allbreed club that plans to hold a show once a year in Singapore. They also wish to offer the Youth Feline Education Program and participate in local pet related events. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to a local feline charity. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is Feline Fanciers of Singapore. Singapore is an island country with a population of about 5.5 million that lies at the southernmost tip of continental Asia between Malaysia and Indonesia. It is known worldwide as a global commerce, transportation and financial center in Southeast Asia. Several members are exhibiting pedigreed cats, and one member was previously a licensed master clerk who we will encourage to become licensed again. This group was a previous CFA club that is reapplying for membership. There is currently only one other club in Singapore at this time. I move that we accept this club. **Hannon:** Dick seconded and already showed his support. Is there any other discussion?

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

Hannon: Welcome back, Feline Fanciers of Singapore.

***Shen Yang Feng Tian Club
International Division, Shen Yang City, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wants to hold a show once a year in Shenyang. They wish to promote the cat fancy in China and also get involved in legislative issues that would affect small animals. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to the China small animal protection association. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is Shen Yang Feng Tian Club. This club is located in Shenyang, the capital and largest city of Liaoning Province, which is bordered by Jilin Province to the north and Hebei Province to the south. With a population of over 8 million, Shenyang is the largest city in northeast China and one of the top ten largest cities in China. It is an important industrial center and serves as the transportation and commercial hub of China's northeast. The club looks forward to holding an annual show in Shenyang and promoting CFA as well as

general small animal welfare in the area. I move that we accept this club. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Colilla:** How many clubs do we have in Shenyang? They put on a show almost every week. **Kallmeyer:** Quite a bit. If you look at registrations since May 1st, 37% of all registrations are now coming from China, and about half of them from Shenyang. So, there's a reason why they are putting on shows – that's where the cats are. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

Hannon: Welcome Shen Yang Feng Tian Club.

Xijing Cat Club
International Division, Xi'an, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twelve members. Two members are officers of another club in China, and several members have show production experience with another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to hold a one or more shows a year in Xi'an. They also wish to promote CFA and improve the welfare of cats in their region. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to a local animal shelter. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The last application is Xijing Cat Club. This club is based in Xi'an, the capital of Shaanxi Province in northwest China and one of the oldest cities in China. With a population of over 8.5 million, Xi'an is now an important cultural, industrial and educational center. Shaanxi Province is bordered to the east by Shanxi and Henan Provinces and to the west by Gansu Province. The members are dedicated breeders and exhibitors, several of whom have experience helping other clubs produce shows. This club wishes to hold shows in Xi'an, as well as work to improve the welfare of all cats in that region. I move that we accept this club.

Kallmeyer: Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Kallmeyer:** I point out that no clubs in this area have shows.

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

Hannon: Welcome Xijing Cat Club to CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

October 2015 to December 2015 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Hannon: Is that the end of your report? **Krzanowski:** Just one thing. I hope everyone likes the little geography lesson I am including on the clubs. For myself, it helps me determine if the location and population help to determine the potential activity. If you guys like it, I will keep doing it; otherwise, just let me know and I will cut that out of the report. **Hannon:** Carol, you can't hear but there are a lot of heads nodding up and down. They appreciate it and they would like it to continue. **Krzanowski:** OK, that's great. **Hannon:** Thank you, Carol.

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

Treasurer Barbara Schreck gave the following report:

Overall Performance

The year has started off on a fairly even keel. Unfortunately due to the extraordinary delay in processing registrations and other items last year, the year to date comparisons for actual results are not good measures of results.

The change in hotels resulted in the need for complicated analysis before the bill was approved for payment. There were a myriad of credits and other allowances that required careful review to assure that we received all that were agreed to. That took some time and therefore it was not possible to post the Annual results with any kind of certainty for the July close. Many thanks to Rich Mastin, Jodell Raymond, Pat Zollman and others for their fine tooth review to get us every possible credit.

Hannon: Treasurer's Report, Barb. **Schreck:** We are having a fairly good year and are off to a good start. The annual is not yet posted because we have a lot of push-backs, thanks to Rich Mastin and Jodell and Pat Zollman, to make sure we got every dime – or Canadian dime – back that we were entitled to, due to their negotiations. We now have that and I posted and we reviewed this weekend the spread of those items to different accounts. It has already been paid by American Express, and we got a conversion rate of 1.32%, so delaying a bit helped keep that among us, so that is to our benefit. Yet to be resolved is the spread between us and the region. Once I get the spreadsheet totally finalized, which after the questions I had this weekend I think I can do, then we translate that into U.S. dollars and parcel it out to the region. Still open, and we have no time frame for this so it will just be out there until it comes in, is the HST refund, and this is basically the Canadian sales tax charged on anything that moves or doesn't move in Canada. The rate is 15%. Since our function had more than I think 70% non-Canadian attendees, under their rules we are able to get a refund of some of that. Pat Zollman is handling that on our behalf. Once we get that, we will spread that back as a credit against the other amounts. That may take some time because, as we well know, getting any kind of a refund from a governmental agency is not the quickest thing that they attend to. So, as we get that, we will report. **Hannon:** John, she will be getting to the Annual treasurer an accounting on the hotel bill, so the region knows what is their responsibility, as opposed to what is CFA's responsibility, and then Teresa can finalize the report for the region on what the region's financial status was – how much was made or lost. **Schreck:** We have positives in terms of the region, because we have collected the money for the banquet, for example, but we also have the payment for the region. **Hannon:** We also have the delegate fees. **Schreck:** We have many items. **Hannon:** We owe the region some money, and the region has to pay for some of the expenses. **Colilla:** Our region is not paying you. **Schreck:** Good, then we're not paying you either. Easy enough. **Hannon:** I just want you to know that it's at a point now where we're getting ready to share the information. **Schreck:** We're getting close. As soon as I get that all put together, then I will send it to both you and Teresa, and we can finish our haggling process. **Hannon:** Haggling? **Schreck:** Our reconciliation process. As I said, so far we are shaping up pretty well. You can read my report. I have highlighted some of the major items.

Key Financial Factors

Balance Sheet Items

The balance sheet continues to be strong. No major outlays have been required this fiscal year.

Ordinary Income

Year to date litter registrations are up by about \$ 2,300, from budget, but individual registrations are down by about \$ 13,600. Household pet recording is up over budget by about \$2,800. Cattery registrations show the largest single increase of \$ 25,300 favorable to budget. Total ordinary income is \$ 30,700 favorable to budget.

Schreck: Cattery registrations are up by a lot. I find that encouraging, because if people are registering catteries, then that should spill over into more litter registrations, cat and kitten registrations, and show entries, hopefully. So, that was one highlighted item that I just mention. The other expenses of lesser importance I have laid out. The bottom line – don't get too excited about that – because it does not include the Annual expenses at this point. **Hannon:** Our core business is registrations. Registrations are up this year, which means income is up. **Schreck:** Correct.

Other Income and Expense

This category includes Interest and Rental Income and is very close to prior year and budget.

We have a plan in place to take advantage of some slightly higher interest rates available, while at the same time protecting our principle.

Events

The International Show is the only planned event for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Responses for sponsorships and other support are shaping up nicely. More details will be provided in that report

Yearbook

No information at this time.

Almanac

Income year to date is almost equal to the budget amount of \$ 19,100.

Marketing Area

Marketing income is slightly under budget by about \$ 260.

Central Office

Total Central Office expenses were favorable to budget by about \$ 5,300. Items of note were audit fees increased by about \$ 5,000 due to the necessity of more in-depth review of the new system. This should not be a recurring expense. Credit card fees were favorable to budget by about \$ 5,500. Software amortization is favorable to budget by \$6,000 due to the change in write of period as projected vs. actual as determined from the audit. Postage is up by about \$ 10,000 over budget due principally to the shipping cost for the annual.

Computer

The Computer Expense is unfavorable to budget by about \$ 3,300. The programing for HHP and the NC changes was the biggest contributors to the higher than the budgeted expense.

CFA Programs

The CFA Programs were under budget by \$ 5,000, but the annual expenses for this category are not yet posted.

Corporate Expense

Still pending due to the Annual being outstanding

Outreach and Education

This category again was favorable to budget by about \$ 3,400. This is due partly to the timing of events.

Legislative Expense

Legislative Expense was favorable to budget by about \$ 2,600.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Treasurer

Schreck: That's it for the Treasurer's report. **Hannon:** Any questions or comments on the Treasurer's Report? **Colilla:** I have one question. The increase in cattery registrations. Is that in the States or overseas? **Kallmeyer:** I haven't looked at them yet by country. **Hannon:** Can we make an assumption? **Kallmeyer:** I don't know. **Hannon:** A lot of it is probably China. The increase in registrations is primarily China. **Schreck:** Based on the number of new clubs we have approved there, I would maybe extrapolate that to say that's new catteries, too, but I don't have that. **Kallmeyer:** The last numbers I have are from the Annual. **Hannon:** Terri, can you provide to Dick information on the new catteries, so that he can determine how many of them are from Asia, how many are from here, etc.? **Schreck:** From what time frame? May 1st to current? **Hannon:** Starting with May 1st. Any other questions or comments on the Treasurer's Report?

(10) **AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Committee Chair: Barb Schreck
List of Committee Members: Karen Boyce, Karen Godwin, Carla Bizzell, Ed Raymond

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The audit has been concluded and the various governmental filings timely submitted.

Current Happenings of Committee:

None .

Future Projections for Committee:

None

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

N/A

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: Audit Report. **Schreck:** The audit has been completed. The audited financials were issued, which were changed for the reasons set forth in that report. The 990 – the income tax equivalent for our tax-exempt organization – has been filed. The unrelated business income form has also been filed, and the Ohio filing. So, all of that has been completed and acknowledged by the taxing authorities. There’s nothing else to report for the Audit Committee until next year.

(11) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Barbara Schreck
List of Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Carla Bizzell

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

None.

Current Happenings of Committee:

None

Future Projections for Committee:

None

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

N/A

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: On the budget, you don't have anything? **Schreck:** On the budget, no. The budget is static. Once it's set, we don't – as many corporations do – adjust it every 5 seconds, so once the budget is set, it's set for the year. **Hannon:** It hasn't been verbalized, but I think it was in the written report, that we're going to be investing a big chunk of money. **Schreck:** That's under Finance Committee. As the Finance Committee will report, we have finally agreed and found some places to get a little higher interest rate, but I'll leave that discussion to the Finance Committee.

(12) **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Finalized 2020 Annual Hotel Agreement (this was prior to our July Board meeting, however, after submitting July's Committee report to Rachel for Board Review).*
- *Reviewed and approved 2015 Annual Hotel Invoices; found a few expense items that needed to be changed/credited to our account.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Accessible to Central Office Management Team, Treasurer, Budget and Audit Committee Chair.*
- *Weekly review of bank account balances.*
- *Review monthly financial profit & loss statements and commentaries to previous year's performance.*
- *Review and advise as needed on contractual agreements/arrangements and capital improvement needs:*
- *Investment Plan to purchase \$600,000.00 in CD's at Synchrony Bank:*

<i>CD rates per web site 9-17-15</i>	<u>Synchrony</u> <u>Bank</u>	<i>Penalty for early withdrawal</i>
<i>6 Month</i>	<i>0.60%</i>	<i>3 month's interest</i>
<i>12 Month</i>	<i>1.25%</i>	<i>3 month's interest</i>
<i>18 Month</i>	<i>1.25%</i>	<i>6 month's interest</i>
<i>24 Month</i>	<i>1.45%</i>	<i>6 month's interest</i>
<i>36 Month</i>	<i>1.60%</i>	<i>6 month's interest</i>
<i>48 Month</i>	<i>1.75%</i>	<i>6 month's interest</i>
<i>Suggested CD's</i>		
<i>From NJ account</i>	<i>657,258</i>	
<i>To Synchrony Bank CD's</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>12 Month CD @ 1.25 %</i>
	<i>150,000</i>	<i>48 Month CD @ 1.75 %</i>
	<i>150,000</i>	<i>48 Month CD @ 1.75 %</i>

	150,000	48 Month CD @ 1.75 %
	600,000	Total
Other monies committed	260,233	Huntington Savings need for reduced fees
	50,000	PNC needed for reduced fees
	175,000	PNC current CD matures mid-February
Total other committed	485,233	
Total Committed Funds	1,085,233	
Balance available as of 9-11-15	351,815	Liquid Funds

Combined annual interest earned on Synchrony CD's is \$9,750.00.

Current short term PNC \$175,000.00 CD investment is earning 1.0%, expires mid-February, will look to reinvest at that time.

All new investments combined should net about \$11,500.00 annually, roughly \$8,500.00 more than we have been earning.

Current Interest earned on NJ account is about .50%, / \$3,000.00 annually on \$600,000.00.

Future Projections for Committee:

- Follow through on tasks and projects in process.

Board Action Items:

- Approve Investment Outline and Signature from each Board Member on approving our \$600,000.00 in CD's at Synchrony Bank.

Time Frame:

- Signatures for CD approvals with Synchrony is immediate in order to transfer funds, asking everyone to sign off at this board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- Committee's progress and updates.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair

Mastin: The Current Happenings is the investment of the CDs that we have outlined there. The action item is requesting everybody's signatures to go ahead and make these deposits. We would like to do that this weekend. **Hannon:** Which means Carol and Kathy, we're going to need your signatures. Barbara is sending you something so you can return it with signatures,

since you're not here to sign today. **Anger:** And Darrell? **Schreck:** I have Darrell. I didn't know they weren't going to be here. This bank is very fussy and they need original signatures, so what I will do is, I will email you the form on Monday and then if you would sign it in blue ink and mail it back to me so I can put the whole, entire package back together. At the same time I will pass around for the folks who are here, if they would sign next to their name and date it. Then we can open this account. **Hannon:** I'm real enthused about the fact that we're finally going to put this money someplace where we get at least some small amount of interest without jeopardizing the money.

Eigenhauser: On the subject of jeopardizing the money, I agree with the approach – long-term CD, short-term CD, staggered over time so we can pull them out as needed. I've lost track under the various mechanizations they have done over the last few years of what the FDIC limit is on insurance. They raised it for a while during the financial crisis. They dropped it back down. I'm not comfortable that it's safe to put \$600,000 in any one bank. I believe that exceeds the FDIC insurance. **Schreck:** It does. The limit right now is \$250,000, as far as I know, but the thought process was that, in truth, are they really going to let these banks not meet their obligations? We looked at a number of banks. Ally was one. As Carla pointed out to me after I had it all set up, they only take individuals because they are an online bank. I have one of my clients who has his business in there, but how we did it I don't know. At any rate, Synchrony Bank is the old GE Capital, so yes, there is some risk but the Finance Committee felt that it was minimal, George. **Hannon:** So, it would be the total amount invested? We couldn't break it out and say per CD? **Schreck:** No, I believe it's per owner. **Raymond:** We already have that kind of money invested in a single bank now. **Eigenhauser:** And I've complained about it several times over the last few years. As a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization, we have the fiduciary obligation to protect the principle of each of these investments, and putting it in an essentially uninsured account is what we're doing when we exceed the insurance limit, is not prudent investing. **Moser:** George, you are saying to put it in separate accounts of \$250,000 each, what we're insured for, right? **Bizzell:** It's institutions. **Moser:** Isn't it per account? **Bizzell:** It's institutions. **Hannon:** So, you are suggesting we move the money. **Eigenhauser:** We split it between three banks. **Schreck:** You will get no interest. The most that you can get anywhere else is what we have in the New Jersey bank sweep account, which right now has \$650,000 in it, right Rich? **Mastin:** \$657,000. **Schreck:** And that's at .5% interest rate. It's a money market. You have the schedule of the not-so-great but still over 1% rate in CDs. The thought process was to put them in different CDs, so in the unlikely event that we might have to cash one in early, we don't have to cash in the whole thing. Again, the Finance Committee's thought process was that it is unlikely, even if for some reason this bank would go under, that the Federal government wouldn't step in and guarantee it. **Hannon:** With the past administration, he was encouraging us to invest in real estate, and we thought that was risky. Barb looked at mutual funds. **Schreck:** There were two broker accounts. One Terri had identified, and the other Rich and Ed had identified. **Hannon:** She wasn't comfortable with that and she felt we were more at risk there. This gave us a smaller amount of return, but also a greater security. The risk was less. **Kuta:** The risk is probably almost infinitesimal. **Hannon:** To do what she's proposing here? **Kuta:** As far as the banks going under and not paying. If we're willing to take zero risk, then I think that would be a concern but we're already very, very conservative on this by going with a CD with low interest rates. I wouldn't have any problem with that.

Hannon: At one point Annette was in charge of a committee to look into this. **Wilson:** And this is what we recommended, so we're now getting around to it. To speak to George's issue, yes, there is a slight concern. I do think it would be fiduciary of us to consider spreading this money among banks. However, why don't we try this. Why don't we do this. Give them the money. The money has all been sitting in one bank right now. And then as the CDs roll, maybe have some other banks in mind and open the new CD at another bank, just as an option, so at least we can start earning some money. **Hannon:** But we're not going to get the return, right Barb? **Wilson:** It's hard to find banks that will take a corporate account like this. It really is. It's not easy. So, that's my suggestion. **Hannon:** Barb's input was, if we do that, we're putting smaller amounts in the individual institutions and we're going to get a smaller return, right? **Schreck:** It isn't the amount that you're investing that necessarily gives you the smaller return, although the jumbo CDs, which are over \$100,000, would be a little more, it's what that particular bank offers. Trust me, I've looked at them all. I've looked at Huntington, PNC where we have current banking relationships, I've looked at Key Bank which is another major one here, the New Jersey account who has nothing better to offer than the sweep account, so rolling them to another bank would give you the protection that George is concerned about, but it won't give you anything other than the miniscule rate you are getting from Huntington and PNC right now. **Hannon:** This lady takes a very conservative approach to things, so I'm impressed that she is recommending this. **Wilson:** So, you're saying these CD rates aren't available anywhere else? **Schreck:** No, they're not. The only place I found them is Ally, which won't take us, or Synchrony. **Wilson:** Maybe when they roll we look and see if there's another one. **Schreck:** Precisely. When they roll or if interest rates were to go sky high, we can cash them in early with a not-too-onerous early withdrawal penalty, and we can move them elsewhere. **Moser:** Did you look at credit unions? They usually give higher rates. **Schreck:** I did not look at credit unions. I'm not sure which credit unions we could look at to do that. **Calhoun:** I couldn't hear all the banks that Barb said that she had reviewed. I know at one point in time we had this discussion based on a club to look at Chase Bank, but I don't know that you have access to Chase or if it's in the area. **Schreck:** We did look at Chase. In fact, Teresa Sweeney works at Chase, doesn't she, John? **Colilla:** Yes. **Schreck:** So we chatted with them. **Mastin:** So, one of the things with the other banks is, they want us to do business with them, so in addition to giving them \$100,000 or \$150,000 with an extended period of time for the CD or the money market, they want us to open up a checking account. We don't need 5 or 6 different checking accounts for the investment purpose, so that was one of the issues we were running into, be it credit unions or the banks. **Moser:** Well, that's my background. I haven't been in banking in forever, so it could have changed but I know my credit union takes that. They would take \$250,000. **Mastin:** Pam, there's a lot of credit unions. We didn't check them all. You're probably right. **Hannon:** Why don't you do some homework and when the things start rolling over, we could take advantage maybe of a credit union. **Bizzell:** I'm with you George. That's one of the things I always look to when, at the end of my treasurer term, I started looking at some of the more local institutions so that we would have access to signatures when we needed to, and it was darn hard to parcel out \$200,000 here and \$200,000 here and \$200,000 there. I'll just say that I feel your pain because I went through it. Secondly, our auditors have always passed on this. They examine how much you have in each institution, they recognize it's over the FDIC limit and so far they have looked at the institutions where we have our money and passed on it audit-wise and have not been concerned about it. So, if that gives you any comfort, there's that. **Eigenhauser:** I just Googled "jumbo CD rates" and

immediately came up with 10 institutions that are over 2% on 5 year jumbo CDs. **Hannon:** But they may require us to have an account. **Eigenhauser:** I would rather get 2.25% at Barclays and have a useless checking account there, than get a 1.75% rate at a bank we already have a relationship with. **Schreck:** Annette kindly researched Synchrony Bank and they have a 5 star rating. **Mastin:** One of the other things we looked at was the penalty process and if we wanted to or needed to take the money out. The interesting point about Synchrony Bank was anything beyond the 18 month period upwards of 48 months, it was only a 6 month penalty on interest only. They do offer a 2.20% interest on 5 years. We thought 5 years is too long and I believe the penalty at the time we looked was 12 months. So, we looked at both sides of it. We looked at very long term, if we needed the money, what the penalties were associated with them, and that's how we came up with this. Ally had a better program but we couldn't qualify. **Schreck:** I even called them to see if there's a way and they said no. The difference is, Ally is an online bank only, so they can only take, by the regulations, individuals. Synchrony actually has a brick and mortar building, so they can get around it. **Eigenhauser:** When we're talking about maybe moving to a different bank as it rolls over, the way this is structured, we're putting \$450,000 into 48 month CDs at Synchrony Bank. It will be 4 years before we can take that money out without penalty. So, if we restructured this so there was more short term that we could roll over into another bank, maybe longer term when we roll it over, rather than have so much locked up long term in the bank, when we're saying for 4 years we're going to be almost double the FDIC limit in the same bank, that's not rolling it over quickly. So, I would prefer if there were more short-term front loaded that we could roll over, because we're tying our hands on rolling over this way. **Mastin:** Not necessarily. It all depends on what you're rolling it over into. If something changes with the interest rates, which is not likely based on the recently history, but if something drastic changes and all of a sudden we see a large increase in interest rates and there's returns out there in excess of 4% or 5%, it's well worth taking a penalty. **Eigenhauser:** I'm not talking about higher rates of returns, I'm talking about being FDIC insured. **Mastin:** I thought you were talking about keeping it tied up for 48 months with a 6 month penalty when we would go after short-term at a lower interest rate. **Eigenhauser:** I'm going after the thing that we could spread it out as it rolls over, then we have \$450,000 not rolling over for 4 years.

Hannon: Is there a need for a motion? **Mastin:** I think there is, because we require signatures. **Hannon:** Who wants to make a motion? Barb, you want to make a motion? **Schreck:** I just want to make one other comment. Opening this account has been [inaudible]. Probably the next thing they will want our underwear size, but every time you have something else to keep track of in another bank – I'm sensitive to the risk, but I think it's very minimal. You've got another piece of paper, another account to keep track of and more paperwork, so if we open 5 more accounts, we've got 5 more things to track. I don't think it's worth it. **Kuta:** There's probably more risk in mucking things up having it spread across banks and having something fall through the cracks than the risk of a bank going under. **Hannon:** Is that a second to her motion? **Kuta:** Yes. **Moser:** Just a clarification. Why do you need everybody's signatures? I just need to understand that. **Schreck:** The bank requires it. This bank requires all – count them all, and I called them – all directors to sign. **Hannon:** Where we have our other ones, they haven't asked. **Eigenhauser:** I hate to say this, but what happens if one director feels they have a fiduciary obligation not to sign? **Schreck:** Then we can't open the account. There you go. **Eigenhauser:** I can't sign putting \$450,000 in one bank for 4 years. **Moser:** Me neither. **Wilson:** Even though

it's already in one bank. **Schreck:** We'll just get our .05 interest rate, then. **Mastin:** No, let's keep this in discussion. **Hannon:** We can't do that because aren't you already over the limit there? **Schreck:** We are. **Bizzell:** We are already at risk. **Mastin:** OK, so let's vote on that motion and then bring something back so we can at least move on a minimum of \$250,000 to make everybody comfortable, and we will go back to work and work on the remaining \$350,000. Fair enough? **Hannon:** Are you OK with that, George? Are you amending the motion to \$250,000? **Schreck:** We will limit the investment to \$250,000 and then continue looking. **Kuta:** But if it's at \$250,000, as soon as you get interest you are over. **Wilson:** No, interest doesn't count towards it. **Kuta:** You would still risk the interest though. **Bizzell:** Yes, you could risk the interest only. **Wilson:** That's not what it says. I'll look it back up. **Hannon:** Any further discussion on investing \$250,000?

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

Schreck: I will now be passing around the signature pages. If you see your name on here, please sign. If for some reason you don't see your name, let me know. **Hannon:** Does it say how much on there? **Schreck:** No, it doesn't say that at all. It just has your name, your title, a place for you to sign and the date. **Mastin:** I just want to thank the group for giving us some suggestions and thoughts on the direction we need to go, and we'll go back to work with the remaining portion and try to find something to make everybody happy. Thank you. **Calhoun:** Question. So, given the fact that all the directors have to sign to open this account, do we all have to sign to move the money? If the directors on the board have changed, what is the procedure? **Schreck:** There are 3 signatory authorities, just like usual, so they would have collectively the right to move them in any way. What the directors are authorizing is basically the signatory people on the account, so after that is established and in place, then we don't have to bother everybody again, is my understanding. **Mastin:** Currently in the New Jersey account we have \$657,000. We're going to take \$250,000 out, which brings us to \$407,000, so we are still going to be over the limit. **Bizzell:** That's backed by government instruments. That's not even FDIC insured, it's backed by government instruments, so that is somewhat safe. **Mastin:** I just wanted everybody to know that.

(13) **INTERNATIONAL SHOW UPDATE.**

Committee Chair: *Rich Mastin*
List of Committee Members: *Rachel Anger, Mark Hannon, Mary Kolencik, Debbie Kusy, Barb Schreck, Teresa Sweeney & Rich Mastin*

Guy Pantigny is not able to attend, Michael Schleissner is Region 9's alternate to replace Guy. Michael is available to judge and has submitted a judging contract.

First alternate for the seven At-Large judges, based on the votes of clubs, was Gary Veach. Gary opted out. Peter Vanwonterghem and Diana Doernberg were tied and next in line. A coin toss took place in front of an audience at National Capital to break the tie. Peter Vanwonterghem is first alternate and Diana Doernberg is second alternate to all At-Large Judges not able to attend.

At time of this report we still have the following sponsorships available:

~~*—three (3) misc. ring sponsorships available in Red Show—*~~

~~*—will continue to offer sponsorships for Education Ring and Agility Ring Sponsorships, and acknowledge them at the show and on the Blog.*~~

Corporate sponsorship funds are above last year.

Vender booth requests are coming in slow.

Breed Booth within vendor space/area is being provided to Bengal Breed for information Q&A only, no cats present.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin*

Hannon: Moving on to the International Show. **Mastin:** I have nothing other than the report. **Hannon:** It needs to be updated because it talks about some sponsorships that are still available. **Mastin:** They have all been covered now. At the time of the submission of this, we had some miscellaneous ring sponsorships. **Hannon:** So, every ring has been sponsored, every breed has been sponsored. You still have a couple miscellaneous breed sponsorships available. We have 3 diamond sponsors at \$1,500 each. **Mastin:** Vendors are up from when I originally wrote this. I didn't put a number on this. They are still coming in slow. They're not at the same rate as last year. **Kuta:** With our sponsors – **Hannon:** The corporate sponsors? **Kuta:** Corporate sponsors. Are they sponsoring this in lieu of, or in addition to normal sponsorship? **Hannon:** It was part of the package that we presented. At the beginning of the year we got commitments that included money for the CFA International Show. They got some additional sponsorship from people that weren't otherwise sponsoring us. **McCullough:** Did we take individuals sponsoring rings this year? Individual sponsorships? **Mastin:** Yes. **McCullough:** Since it's against the show rules, and we seem to be very hypersensitive about show rules today. So, do I need to file a

protest? Because individuals can't sponsor rings. That's in the show rules, so how did we do that for the International? **Hannon:** We have a cattery in Kuwait that is sponsoring I believe 5 rings and she's not even coming to the show, so she is obviously not going to benefit by having her cattery name on that sign. **McCullough:** But it's still against show rules. **Fellerman:** Yeah. **Hannon:** Is it? **McCullough:** Yes. **Fellerman:** It sure is. **Hannon:** She doesn't benefit. **Fellerman:** It doesn't matter. **Anger:** What show rule? **Moser:** My question is to you, Rich. If individuals are sponsoring, are you making sure to collect the money prior to the show, because I think there were some sponsors that didn't pay last year, I don't know, but I think it would be a good idea that all of the sponsors pay prior to the show, or they shouldn't have their names on the rings. **Mastin:** We did have some late payments last year. **Hannon:** We collected everything last year. **Mastin:** We did collect it, but it came in late. This year we are doing something slightly different. **Schreck:** This year, thanks to Lorna, we have on the Google document login that she enters all of the pledges, if you can call them that, and then Anna sends to me every Friday what the payments are and who they are from. I post them to that sheet, so it's a live document. We're not trying to backtrack as we had to last year with the horrible PayPal system we had, which gave me almost no information. It was really a struggle to try and identify. We don't use the PayPal for our credit card processing, so the PayPal volume is smaller and so more identifiable. I get that from her every Friday. Over the weekend I post it, so we know exactly who has and who hasn't paid. That's for everybody to have their payments in by November 1st, and they have been coming in pretty good. **Hannon:** Last year we had a problem figuring out who it was that made the commitment. We knew the ABC club was sponsoring a ring, but when we contacted somebody in that club, they said, "I didn't make the commitment. I don't know what you are talking about." This year, we have a very clear identification of who made the commitment on behalf of the club. We also had a problem when payments came in from an individual when we didn't know what club they were associated with or what sponsorship they were paying for. **Schreck:** This spreadsheet is really great and when the payments come in we can track them very closely. For those who are a little slow in paying, we can send them a general reminder.

DelaBar: I have a question. When can they expect to get the confirmations? **Mastin:** Right now, it's just a notification. **Hannon:** They get an automatic notification that it has been received, not that he has entered it into the computer. **DelaBar:** Not even that. **Hannon:** I know. There has been a problem. **Mastin:** It just happened yesterday. **Hannon:** Monte is working with Kathy Durdick on it, right? **Anger:** Right. The last I heard was, if they are not able to do it by Monday, he is going to print it to a PDF and send a PDF as an attachment to an email.

Anger: We have a follow-up on the allegation of the show rule violation about an individual sponsoring a ring. What the rules refer to is the show license. We can't find a rule prohibiting an individual from sponsoring a ring. **McCullough:** 4.05. **Anger:** That addresses the show license. **McCullough:** No. **Wilson:** And it doesn't say an individual can't, it just says a club or a regional director can. **McCullough:** This just came up in my show not too long ago. Half the place went ballistic and the other half said – you were there. **Hannon:** Are we through? **Mastin:** Any other questions on the International Show?

(14) **CLUB MARKETING.**

Committee Chair: Rich Mastin

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

- *Reminders:*
 - o *CFA sponsorship awards are paid out in two parts, 1st half pre-show (shortly after approval), 2nd half after all post-show requirements are received at CO.*
 - o *Submit request ASAP, 30 days prior to show date is preferred, anything less than seven days prior to show will be denied.*
 - o *If person submitting request needs help they can email Verna Dobbins at VDobbins@cfa.org or myself at rmastin1@rochester.rr.com*
- *Post-show requirements are slow coming in from clubs, resulting in slow payments to clubs.*

Updated sponsorship tracking report available on File Vista (this is a confidential report, should not be shared outside the board meeting; some corporate sponsors may not want their level of support available to the public).

Q&A.

- *Are you aware of any issues or concerns that need to be addressed?*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin*

Hannon: Club Marketing. **Mastin:** There is a correction on this. It was my mistake and I apologize. It's in the first bullet under Reminders. *Awards are paid out in two parts.* Those are for the CFA sponsorship awards. Corporate – Sturdi and Dr. Elsey's – are paid all at one time. **Hannon:** They get that up front. **Moser:** Just curious. How come a couple shows got a lot more money than anybody else? **Mastin:** The same as last year. Those two shows are very high-profile shows. We had budgeted that for those two shows the previous year. They also received more money in prior years and we continued with the pattern. That's the only reason. **Hannon:** CFA gets more bang for the buck with those two particular shows. **Mastin:** Any other questions? **Kuta:** Is the form that we need to fill out on the website? **Dobbins:** Yes. **Kuta:** Do you know what section it's under? **Dobbins:** It's under the Exhibitor section. **Mastin:** My question to the group is, any other issues or concerns with the program? **DelaBar:** Just one. The one that we use for our regional show, the club paid into the overall sponsor as part of a pet fair. They are not giving out receipts. What do we do for the after action report? I can show the signage and all this other good stuff. I can't show a bill. **Mastin:** Can you just hand write one for what it was – **DelaBar:** I can, yes. **Mastin:** Just so we have some documentation. We'll take that. That's good. Just so everyone knows, there are slow payments on the second one, and that's because stuff

coming in is slow or we don't have it, so I don't want you to think that we're delaying on our end. We have the money, we're willing to pay it, we just need the post-show requirements.

Hannon: Any other comments or questions on show sponsorship? **Colilla:** Who do we talk to, to make sure you get everything that you need to get the whole show payment? **Mastin:** Verna.

(15) **CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Federal legislators are now returning to Washington, DC at the end of their summer recess. Most states have ended their legislative sessions for this year. However, 2015 marks the start of two year legislative sessions in several states, so many of the bills introduced this year which appear "dead" may be carried over into 2016. We continue to monitor the remaining bills around the country along with new local legislation being introduced and hearings on "hot" matters.

Local (city and county) government activity continues to be a problem. Ordinances are being introduced on a variety of subjects, often with very short notice. Breeder bans, mandatory spay/neuter and burdensome breeder regulations are being proposed in many cities and counties. Once breeders are regulated, the terms can be made more onerous in each successive year (such as in Los Angeles) until a "regulation" becomes, for all intents and purposes, a ban in every respect except in name.

Bans on pet sales from pet stores, a national campaign driven by a small group and supported by the larger players as it fits into their "puppy mill" campaign, continues to be a very hot topic at the local level. While there is no official list, it is estimated that over the past few years at least 81 local jurisdictions have adopted a ban on the sales of pets at pet stores and the number continues to rise. Some of these ordinances are specifically targeted to pet stores, some are dogs only, but others are broad enough to include cats and other species and ban sales by home, hobby breeders. Even when the ordinances purport to exempt "hobby breeders" it can be problematic for responsible breeders. There are a number of other localities known to be considering a ban on pet sales at the present time. Similar proposals have been defeated in a few jurisdictions.

Our state and federal bill tracking begins with help from the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC), who provide us with a list of state and federal bill introductions based on animal-related parameters we provide. In recent years PIJAC has improved their ability to identify and track for us local ordinances being proposed which would impact pets. We review the bills and local ordinances being proposed to select the most relevant for CFA tracking. In some instances we are tracking bills which may not affect us directly, such as bills restricting breeding of dogs, but which could easily be amended at any time to become a problem for cats.

*For the most recent list of state and federal bills CFA is tracking please use the following link:
<http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/legislative/bill-tracking.pdf>*

For local legislation (city/county) the CFA Legislative Group actively monitors several dozen pet law lists online, FaceBook and other social media. In many instances we rely on our "grassroots" network of fanciers to report proposed pet-related legislation in their area. When appropriate we work with other animal groups including many non-traditional allies and monitor their alerts. We monitor major Animal Rights groups, their web sites and public events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

Federal

Most legislative activity directly affecting hobby breeders occurs at the state and local level. However, we are tracking a few bills in congress which could affect cat fanciers or cat owners. The "Fairness to Pet Owners Act of 2015" would require prescribers of animal drugs (veterinarians) to provide copies of prescriptions to pet owners, designees, and pharmacies, without charge or restrictions. This bill is facing serious opposition, not just from veterinarians, but from others in the animal care industry.

The "Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act" relates to the creation and distribution of animal crush videos. The "Animal Emergency Planning Act of 2015" provides that each covered person shall develop, document, and follow a contingency plan to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing, and care of its animals in the event of an emergency or disaster. Federal legislation has been proposed to allow cats and dogs on Amtrak trains. Another bill seeks to protect the pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

Recent Local Issues

Since the beginning of 2015 local jurisdictions across the country have been considering ordinances which could impact cat breeders or owners. A Board of Representatives member from Stamford, CT contacted the CFA Legislative Group about an ordinance that was under consideration. While we know of no cat breeders currently in the area who would that would have been impacted, other communities may look to Stamford's ordinance in the future when reconsidering their own animal ordinances. We advised the Board of Representative member and the current revision of the proposed ordinance has removed: the guardian term, eliminated cats from the breeding permit, and eliminated the provision to seize litters.

Clark County, NV considered changes to their animal ordinance regarding breeder permits. Palm Beach County, FL discussed numerous changes to their breeder regulation including a requirement that hobby breeders report when no animals are sold. Ulster County, NY proposed a "Pet Seller Law" which would apply to anyone who sells more than 9 dogs or cats per year or more than one litter per year. Long Beach, CA; Garden Grove, CA; North Miami, FL; Lauderhill, FL; Fernandina Beach, FL; Encinitas, CA; Jacksonville Beach, FL; Eastpointe, MI; have considered or are considering proposals to ban the sales of pets in any pet shops and other retail businesses, except for shelter/rescue pets.

Joliet, IL considered a complete ban on the sale of pets within the city limit. San Marcos, CA proposed an urgency ordinance temporarily prohibiting the establishment of pet stores in the city. In Macomb County, MI a proposal was presented to the Board of Commissioners to prohibit the retail sale of pets in the county. Coral Springs, FL considered a proposal to prohibit the sale of cats and dogs from “puppy mills.” Hempstead, NY considered a proposal to prohibit pet stores with certain exceptions. Dutchess County, NY sought to prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens bred in “puppy and kitten mills.” Tempe, AZ is being asked to draft an ordinance to ban the retail sale of cats and dogs within the city. Manatee County, FL has a proposal to draft an ordinance to ban the retail sale of cats and dogs within the county. Vista, CA has been asked to discuss a ban on the retail sale of cats and dogs in pet stores.

Erie County, NY; Niagara County, NY; are considering proposals to establish and maintain an animal abuse registry. The County of Los Angeles, CA is considering revisions to their MSN ordinance. San Antonio, TX passed the ordinance substituting mandatory microchipping for licensing. New York, NY considered mandating the installation of fire sprinklers in veterinary clinics and pet shops. The list goes on.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on lobbying in general. Articles since the July 2015 Board meeting:

- * CFA e-Newsletter, July 2015, "**The problem with pet store bans...**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Bans on sales of pets at pet stores is a national movement that has been gaining ground. They are touted as the solution to substandard facilities, derisively referred to as “puppy mills.” But is there really a problem with substandard facilities and are these bans an effective means of reducing the problems? The article discussed this trend and offered some insight into the reality of these efforts.*
- * CFA e-Newsletter, August 2015, "**Cleburne and other Texas towns are considering their animal ordinances**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article looks at several local jurisdictions in Texas considering revisions to their animal control ordinances. The changes being debated could have a negative impact on peoples’ rights to keep and breed their animals.*
- * CFA e-Newsletter, September 2015 “**Will Los Angeles County cat breeders be going the way of the dogs?**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Previously the County of Los Angeles enacted mandatory spay neuter for dogs, breeder permits and other restrictions on dog breeders. The county is now considering a similar ordinance for cats. However, modeled on the dog ordinance the drafted revision is a poor fit for responsible cat breeders. Cat fanciers would need to belong to a breed club with a strong disciplinary system, something common in the dog world but not catteries. Absent*

membership in an approved club, an owner would only be able to breed cats that had been recently shown or with show titles could be bred, eliminating the use of non-show cats (such as straight-eared Scottish Folds) to improve the health and genetic diversity of cats. Existing breeder permits already make maintaining a breeding program difficult and expensive.

- * *Cat Talk Almanac, August 2015, "Writing, emailing, and calling legislators, Deconstructed!" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article is part of the "advocacy in action" series. This articles are formatted to be easily copied and saved in a binder or folder for use when needed. This installment is subtitled "Tips for effective communication with your legislators". It contains helpful hints for writing persuasive letters, e-mails and making telephone calls to your elected representatives.*
- * *Cat Talk Almanac, October 2015, "What's In a Term! Understanding Word Usage in the World of Animal Activism – Part 2" by Joan Miller, retired CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article is the second in a three part series which updates the glossary of terms used by animal advocates. Part 1 was published in February 2015 was devoted to general concepts in animal advocacy. This installment, part two in this series, is devoted to some of the terms used in the animal protection profession. Some terms, such as "no-kill" or "adoptable" have been part of an ongoing debate. New terms, like "shelter, neuter and return" are often driven by new programs or ideas for dealing with animal issues. Part three, the final installment in the series, will discuss terms more specific to cats and cat issues.*

Meetings and Conferences:

Animal Health Institute (AHI) Pet Night on Capitol Hill, was held in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Pet Night is a rare opportunity to maintain contact with members of congress, their aides, federal regulators, top representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, veterinary organizations and other sponsors. CFA co-sponsored this event as we have done for 18 years. George Eigenhauser represented CFA at Pet Night as well as at the coalition meeting the following day. The day following Pet Night there is a coalition meeting including AHI members and Pet Night sponsors to discuss joint legislative strategy on matters ranging from non-economic damages, pet shop bans, and other issues. Coalition participants provide us with legislative information, access to inside opinions of their lobbyists, and other help throughout the year.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

SAWA Annual Conference, November 2015, FL. The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators are leading animal control and shelter professionals. SAWA partners with the National Council on Pet Population to present a cat research day symposium in conjunction with their Annual Conference. SAWA members tend to be pragmatic professionals in the sheltering community and amenable to discussion. George Eigenhauser and Joan Miller are both SAWA members on

behalf of CFA but will not be attending this year.

***National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) Conference, October 31-November 1, 2015, Orlando, Florida.** The NAIA is the one national group directly confronting the extreme animal rights positions that threaten pet ownership and breeding of dogs/cats. CFA used to be a participant in this event but we have been unable to participate in recent years due to budget constraints. We are hoping for some presence at the 2015 Annual Conference if budget and scheduling permits.*

***HSUS Humane Care Expo** will take place May 10-13, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. Our continuing CFA presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA's goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. This is by far the largest animal rights conference of the year and is often used to showcase upcoming HSUS legislative and public relations activity. Our ongoing presence at Expo helps us anticipate their legislative initiatives for the coming year. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend this year.*

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items: *None at this time.*

Time Frame: *Ongoing.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Hannon: Legislation, George. **Eigenhauser:** When I wrote the report, I used my psychic abilities to tell you how well Pet Night went. Since it was this last Tuesday, let me give you an update on how it actually went. The Pet Night itself actually went very well. It was very rainy in Washington, which helps trap congressional staffers in the building with us. We had really good foot traffic in terms of staffers and government people. Estimates are anywhere from 4 to 6 members actually showed up, as well. That's normal for us. We usually get mostly staffers. There were very few families this year. I didn't see a lot of kids, but it was pretty crowded the whole way through. I thought it went very well. A couple of the things they have been doing over the past couple of years, they do little tie-in events. They do Cutest Pet on Capitol Hill, and now it has expanded to Cutest Dog, Cutest Cat and Cutest Other. Cutest Other this year was a horse, so that was interesting. The number of people participating has gone from dozens to hundreds. We had a twitter wall up there going live, so people were tweeting out the things going on. I thought the event itself went very well. The after-meeting was a little sparsely attended compared to some other years, but the people we work with most were there. AKC had somebody there, PIJAC had somebody there and other groups we work with most closely. So, overall, I thought it went well. I didn't like the rain but it always seems to help. That's my addition to the report. Other than that, I have nothing further.

(16) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison **George Eigenhauser** presented the following report:



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>President:</i>	<i>Dr. Glenn Olah</i>
<i>Executive Director:</i>	<i>Dr. Vicki Thayer</i>
<i>Winn Office Staff:</i>	<i>Alisa Salvaggio</i>
<i>President Elect:</i>	<i>Eric Bruner</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Janet Wolf</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Vickie Fisher</i>
<i>Liaison to CFA Board:</i>	<i>George Eigenhauser</i>
<i>Winn Legal Advisor:</i>	<i>Fred Jacobberger</i>
<i>Board Members:</i>	<i>Eric Bruner, Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Vickie Fisher, Dr. Brian Holub, Glenn Olah, Lorraine Shelton, Dr. Drew Weigner, Janet Wolf</i>
<i>Board Emeritus:</i>	<i>Fred Jacobberger, Dr. Susan Little</i>
<i>Veterinary Consultants:</i>	<i>Dr. Shila Nordone (NC State, College of Vet Med); Dr. Joe Hauptman (Michigan State, College of Vet Med)</i>
<i>Veterinary Advisors:</i>	<i>Dr. Melissa Kennedy (U. of Tenn., College of Vet Med); Dr. Margie Scherk (International speaker, and editor J Feline Med Surg, DABVP (feline)); Dr. Susan Little (International speaker, DABVP (feline))</i>

Winn Feline Foundation's outline of major accomplishments and ongoing projects from the past 3 months:

Grants Program

- *Seventeen proposals have been received for funding consideration during the 2015 Miller Trust grant cycle. Teleconference grant review session has been scheduled for October 15, 2015 at 2pm ET. An amount of \$118,478.66 will be available for funding.*

Purfect Partners:

- *In collaboration with AVMF council on Research, a researcher is selected annual to receive the Winn/AVMF Excellence in Feline Research Award. The 2015 recipient is Dr. Urs Giger of the Veterinary School at University of Pennsylvania. Winn board member George Eigenhauser presented the award to Dr. Giger at the NIH-Merial Scholarship conference, which was held on July 2 – Aug. 2 at UC-Davis. Winn board member George Eigenhauser*
- *In collaboration with AVMF veterinary scholarship program, Winn selects and provides a scholarship of \$2500 to a veterinary student that shows leadership qualities, academic excellence, and interest in feline medicine. Ms. Emily Pearce is this year's scholarship recipient. The Winn Board of Directors at their annual meeting in Toronto on July 1 selected Ms. Pearce, a 3rd year DVM student from Mississippi State University, for the \$2500 award.*

Financial Highlights (Calendar year 2013 to 2015)

- *Overall Income for 2013: \$494,897.00; for 2014: \$575,145.01, and for 2015: \$588,021.59.*

Organizational Structure

- *Eric Bruner (president-elect) is chair of Winn's Development Committee. This committee continues to work closely with the Executive Director, Winn President, Communications (Marketing) and Finance Committees to establish, implement, and oversee the Board's fundraising strategies. In addition, strategic planning is in progress for determining the organization's strengths and weaknesses and possibly restructuring the board of directors.*
- *Fred Jacobberger is the first person to become a Board Emeritus member. Fred has served as a Winn Board member for many years and has provided the organization with legal counsel. He will continue to advise on legal matters as needed.*
- *Susan Little has also resigned from the Winn Board and is now a Board Emeritus member. Susan will continue to be involved in grant proposal review sessions and contributing to Winn social media.*
- *Ms. Susan Gingrich has been solicited as a potential Winn board member. Susan established the Bria Fund with Winn Feline Foundation 10 years ago to raise funds to support FIP research after her cat, Bria, succumbed to the disease. Susan has tremendous amount of experience in fund raising, marketing, communication, publicity, and has been a strong advocate for Winn. With restructuring of the Winn Board based on recent Strategic Planning, persons with Susan attributes are sought and she would make a good fit with Winn's board of directors.*

- *Dr. Dean Vicksman has also been solicited as a potential Winn board member. Dean is co-owner of Evans East Animal Hospital in Denver, CO, is currently President of the American Society of Veterinary Journalists Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board at PetAid Colorado, served as the Chairman of the Board for the Denver Dumb Friends League and contributor to local Denver ABC TV affiliate (KMGH) and local Fox TV affiliate (KDVR). He has outstanding leadership skills pertaining to non-profit financial growth and he would fit well with the Winn's board of directors.*

Infrastructure and Systems

- *Winn's website has been up and running for the past year. The website is dynamic and mobile responsive. Winn's Cat Health blog content continues to be frequently updated to help cat lovers keep apprised of important advances in feline medicine research.*
- *Winn also provides a cat library on the website, in which various feline medically related topics are covered. The library articles are in the process of being updated. New articles on feline hyperthyroidism, FIP, diabetes, feline vestibular disease, abscesses/wounds, and lung cancer have recently been updated.*
- *Dr. Olah, Dr. Thayer and Ms. Salvaggio are continuing to call and thank donors who have contributed \$100 or more to Winn. While in most instances a thank you message is left by voicemail, we have spoken to a number of donors who all have appreciated the personal thank you.*

Promotion and Brand Building:

- *Vicki Thayer has maintained our monthly Winn newsletter and content for the CFA newsletter. The Winn mascot, Winnie, continues to share Winn news and engage readers. Betty also provides content about Winn for the CFA newsletter.*
- *Vicki Thayer and Alisa Salvaggio keep the Winn Facebook website up-to-date.*
- *Glenn Olah was a guest symposium speaker at the TICA 2015 Annual Award Show, September 5-6, 2015, Salzburg, Austria. The title of his talk was, "FIP research - Progress in understanding FIP: In search for a treatment". Winn's contribution to FIP research was highlighted.*
- *Winn will have a booth at the 2015 World Feline Veterinary Conference, Diagnostic Imaging and Oncology, Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA on October 1-4, 2015.*
- *Glenn Olah provided AAFP a list of suggested Winn-funded researchers to speak at the 2015 World Feline Veterinary Conference. Dr. Annette Smith, Distinguished Lowder Professor in Oncology, Auburn University, was chosen to give two Winn-sponsored CE track lectures at the conference. Lecture titles are: "Oral Tumors in Cats: Hope for the Future" and "Management of Feline Large-Cell Lymphoma Updates".*

- *Winn has launched a new program to promote and enhance the relationship between cat owners and their veterinary health team by setting up a veterinarian technician honor roll. A technician's role in providing care can be essential to the overall satisfaction of a client's pet health care experience. This program will allow clients to express their heartfelt appreciation with more than a "Thank You". For a donation as low as \$100, Winn will send a framed certificate to the honored technician, and the technician's name will be listed on the "Technician Honor Roll" page on Winn's website.*
- *Some employers (e.g., Starbucks, Boeing, Microsoft, Johnson & Johnson to name a few) have non-profit matching gift programs for their employees. Winn has made it easier for donors to check if their employer has a matching gift program. Donors can check their eligibility for matching donations at Winn's website: www.winnfelinefoundation.org/giving/matching-gifts.*
- *Glenn Olah has created a bicycle club, Winn Riders for Feline Health, as part of a larger Winn Bike Campaign. Bike jerseys and decals promoting Winn and feline health are now available for \$125 for Winn donors interested in joining the club. More information regarding the Winn Bike Campaign can be found at www.facebook.com/winnridersforfelinehealth. Also, at this website site, information can be found on upcoming biking events and postings on Winn's role in various feline health issues as well as a discussion of those health issues.*
- *Videos are being developed for Winn with Steve Dale and his producer to highlight our currently funded research and researchers. Recent videos added to the collection include "Jackson Galaxy from Animal Planet on Winn Feline Foundation" and "Steve Dale with Dr. David Maggs". The videos are uploaded to Winn's YouTube channel and can be accessed from Winn's new website.*

Events

- *Glenn Olah will initiate the Winn Bike Campaign by riding for Winn charity from Taos, NM to Denver, CO in coordination with 2015 TICA Rocky Mountain Spooktacular Cat Show to be held at the Crowne Hotel, Denver International Airport on Oct 30 – Nov 1, 2015. Glenn plans on riding the 330 miles, 12,000 feet ascent over the Rocky Mountains in 2 days on Oct 29-30, 2015. He will also present a talk at the cat show on feline heart disease and highlight Winn's contributions toward feline heart disease.*
- *Winn is sponsoring two CE tracks presented by Dr. Annette Smith, Auburn Univ., at the 2015 World Feline Veterinary Conference, Diagnostic Imaging and Oncology, Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA on October 1-4, 2015.*
- *The Miller Trust grant review is scheduled for October 15, 2015 and the Fall Board Meeting by teleconference on October 22, 2015. Both will start at 2pm ET.*

- *The 2016 Winn Grant Review and Spring Board Meeting location will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Las Vegas, NV on March 10-11, 2016 at the end of the Western Veterinary Conference, also convening in Las Vegas.*

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn A Olah DVM, PhD, DABVP (feline)

Winn Feline Foundation, President

<http://www.winnfelinehealth.org>

<http://www.winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com>

Hannon: Winn Foundation. **Eigenhauser:** We've got our meeting coming up, we've got our Winn grant review coming up in 2 weeks and our meeting in 3 weeks, or vice versa. It's in the report. We have gotten another donation that I'm not supposed to talk about in great detail, but it's somebody who wants to be anonymous and wants to make a donation and have a special fund set up for their cat. We're going to use that as an experiment to do a tie-in with social media and crowd funding. Winn is doing a matching with that, but I can't really go into a lot of details on that until we actually do it. Our meeting is in a couple of weeks, so I'll have more to report after then. Other than that, unless you have questions I'm done. **Hannon:** Questions? **Anger:** Can you send our regards to Dr. Olah? He broke his ankle recently. Please tell him we wish him a speedy recovery. **Eigenhauser:** I will.

(17) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Coordination with the Texas A&M Genetics lab service director.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Troubleshooting and answering client questions.

Future Projections for Committee:

Working with new technology for CFA's DNA program.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on the new DNA program

*Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM, Chair*

Hannon: Scientific Advisory, Roger. **Brown:** Things are still very slow at Texas A&M. They are still working on their database. They are extremely conservative about this database and he still feels that he needs several runs before he can comfortably read the reports, with minimum problems. I talked to Mark and I feel that we need to look somewhere for a backup lab. This is dragging on. I just pulled my hair out for other a year while they have been going from one type of machine to another, and this new platform has been extremely difficult in terms of getting the database together, because it deals with thousands of markers, rather than 64. So, that's kind of where we are. I have had difficulty getting in touch with the director of the lab because his father has health concerns and he has been gone. I finally got ahold of him while I was at the airport Friday morning and he is telling me 2 months before he has a platform ready. I've had a lot of dates that have not been right. I am very uncomfortable, so I will keep you updated but I think a search needs to start ,and then we'll take it from there. I'm going to start with AKC and then we'll move on from there. **Hannon:** Thank you Roger. Any questions? **DelaBar:** Are you

looking for a lab in the U.S. or would you consider one either in Australia or Europe? **Brown:** I would, except I'm wondering about – yes, yes I would. Since the beginning of this program back with your administration, most of my questions have revolved around, how timely is the report going to be issued. I spend hours checking on people's samples to be sure they have arrived, checking to see when they are going to run the next batch of cheek swabs, and I hate to have to get into several hours a day again, simply because things may not be timely. **Hannon:** My experience with Australia is, their turn-around time is very good. **Brown:** Close? Yes, I would be. If you could send me some information, I will certainly get in touch with them. **DelaBar:** The other thing that I wanted to bring up is, Leslie Lyons is working very closely with a veterinarian out of Helsinki that's all part of this worldwide cat DNA database, so a lot of stuff is going on in Finland, as well, with DNA testing, so I can put you in touch with those people, too. They speak English very well. That's no problem. **Brown:** OK, that would be great. The thing I worry about is making a long-term commitment that sticks us right in the environment of one lab. If we feel we need to move on, we're stuck. **DelaBar:** I can get you the info on both places. Australia, as well. **Bizzell:** Why don't we look at having one on each major continent? **Eigenhauser:** And let me say, I share Roger's concern but I also have a worse concern. I don't want to tie us up in something long term. On the other hand, I want stability. I want to be able to say that this is going to go on for several years. We're not going to find somebody and then years later we're going to be looking for somebody else because they raised their rates too much or whatever. **Brown:** I think there's a happy medium. **Schreck:** I just wanted to comment. Roger and I have chatted offline about this. Depending on what the dollar amount is that they intend to charge, what they did before my time is, they paid CFA and then we paid them and took a piece of the action off the top. But depending on how much this is going to cost, I'm not sure that we're going to be able to mark this up and I don't think that they are going to be willing to just give us a refund, so this may in the end just be something that we're going to offer our constituents as a service and they will deal directly with them. **Brown:** I think if we mark this up, we have to consider possibly having the sample sent to CFA, have the Central Office accumulate them – 3 weeks or a month's supply of swabs – and then ship them on to a lab. The problem with Texas A&M was that there was a billing discrepancy between what Texas A&M bills CFA for, and what CFA had in their records. I think it left hard feelings. I don't know how we get around that. **DelaBar:** The way we did it when we first started out with the original lab is that we got the paperwork from CFA. We got the kits, and that was sent directly to the lab. **Kuta:** Right now, one of the reasons why I use the lab I do, because you print out the form online, they tell you how to tape on your things. I send it there and I get my results. From the day I send it until the day I have the results, it's less than 4 days. For \$100 I can have like 5 tests run. That is going to be a hard barrier to jump over. **DelaBar:** Make sure you share your lab with Roger. **Kuta:** You probably know which one it is. **Brown:** As I told George, there's a happy medium but I think our days of having part of the funds go to CFA – **Hannon:** Why are we involved in this? Why don't we tell people to just pick their own lab? **Brown:** I'm wondering if we can broker a deal that we will recommend them and maybe they will give us an annual stipend based on the number of samples they get. Anything is possible. **Hannon:** OK, you're going to look into this and come back to us. **Schreck:** Maybe they could advertise on our website and – **Wilson:** A click-thru. **Brown:** That would work and we could maybe have a deal that would allow them to give an annual – like Dr. Elsey or Sturdi or any of our other corporate sponsors. For recommending their labs, they might consider a sponsorship. **Eigenhauser:** Not to sound like a broken record, but for the Maine Coon

people, if they don't do Maine Coon HCM, we don't need them. **DelaBar:** But nobody does good Maine Coon HCM. There's too many genes involved. **Eigenhauser:** They should at least do the one, and CFA didn't even do that. **Hannon:** Let's move on.

(18) **CLERKING REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

In mid-July a conference call was held with Central Office staff to discuss a plan of action for getting the Clerking Program records back in order. Shirley Michaud-Dent temporarily resumed the clerking program administrator duties there and began training Kristi Wollam for that position. Much has been accomplished since that change, and many thanks are due to both Shirley and Kristi for their efforts.

As the clerking records were still on the HP but were outdated, those records were brought up to date using the Excel file obtained from the previous administrator. The HP records were then used to create a current list of licensed clerks for the Online Almanac. This list had not been updated since October 14, 2014.

A number of issues had been on hold for quite some time. Most of these were questions about clerking status or license cards. All pending emails were answered and license cards printed and mailed.

All clerks received advance notification of the Show Rule changes regarding kitten counts and scoring that took effect on September 15, 2015.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Several individuals are working their way through the program at this time. Most inquiries being received are from clerks wanting to know their current status and if they meet the requirements for advancement to the next level. All pending issues are being handled promptly.

The Classmarker clerking test link is now being sent directly to prospective clerks from Central Office, with the test results going directly back to the clerking program administrator. This allows for more efficient follow-up and licensing of new clerks.

Future Projections for Committee:

Individuals will be licensed as they complete the requirements for advancement in the Clerking Program. Up-to-date records will be maintained so that all inquiries can be handled promptly and efficiently.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

The list of clerks for the Online Almanac will be updated monthly to maintain current online resources.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The Board will be kept advised of any significant changes or updates in the Clerking Program.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Hannon: Carol, Clerking Report. **Krzanowski:** I really don't have anything to add unless someone has questions.

(19) **MENTOR/NEWBEE PROGRAM.**

Committee Co-Chairs: Carol Krzanowski & Teresa Keiger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Mentor Program

Mentor Program activity continues at a steady pace and has increased significantly compared to the same reporting period in 2014. We received 36 mentor inquiries and/or applications since our last report, an increase of approximately 33 percent over the same period last year. While our June report indicated 37 total inquiries and/or applications, the current reporting period includes an additional month of activity over that reported in June. This seems to be an indicator of consistent growth. Inquiries came from the following geographical areas: four from Region 1, four from Region 2, seven from Region 3, three from Region 4, three from Region 6, four from Region 7, and eleven from the International Division. As a reminder, all new breeders should be referred to the Mentor website (www.cfamentor.org) for complete program information.

NewBee Program

The CFA NewBee Program continues to be active, although a bit slower through the summer months. New exhibitors primarily have questions about figuring points, colors/patterns, and grooming, and the experienced exhibitors there are always ready with an answer for them.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are pleased to see that more clubs have begun including the announcement about the Mentor/NewBee Programs in their show catalog, and that this same announcement will now be sent along with all like materials in the show package.

Inquiries from the CFA 866 number are being processed in a timely manner by the committee members working with it. Most inquiries are about how to find a specific breed. There are still some (inappropriate) registration questions.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Mentor/NewBee Committee will continue working hard to attract and retain new breeders and exhibitors. Work to review, update and add to website resources is ongoing.

Board Action Items:

None.

Time Frame:

New resources and articles will be added to the websites as available.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will present an update on the activities of the Mentor and NewBee Programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Krzanowski & Teresa Keiger, Co-Chairs

Hannon: Carol, Mentor and NewBee Program. I thought you resigned. **Krzanowski:** I'm still doing it until we find a replacement. We're looking for a volunteer. **Hannon:** Jean volunteered at one point. **Dugger:** I did. I had talked to Carol briefly. I was going to actually talk to her some more at this meeting, because I was hoping to see her face to face, but I have talked to the lady that runs the PandEcats.com website, and she is very much a proponent of mentoring. She was very agreeable that I could write an article about mentoring and maybe develop some interest in it. I was going to try to get some time to talk to Carla this weekend about seeing what she thought about maybe approaching the breed councils and seeing if they would be somewhat interested in mentoring. I've gotten some information back from a few people that are mentor coordinators in different areas saying that they are interested in us approaching it maybe from more of a breed-specific – **Hannon:** Would you be willing to take on the chairmanship on an interim basis or a temporary basis. You're doing all this but you don't want to make a firm commitment? **Dugger:** I don't mind making a firm commitment if Carol doesn't want to do it any longer, which is what my understanding was. **Hannon:** I'm trying to get Carol out because she has taken over the Clerking Program. **Dugger:** Right. I understand that. I'll take it over if you guys are amenable to some of the ideas I was thinking about. If that's what we're looking for, I'll be happy to try to see what I can put together. **Hannon:** Pull something together and come back to us. Go ahead, Carol, with your report knowing that hopefully this will be your last one. **Krzanowski:** I really don't have anything to add to this report, either. It pretty much speaks for itself, but I would still like to encourage everyone to please tell as many people as possible about our programs, both the Mentor and NewBee, and promote them as much as possible. We would really appreciate that. Thank you. **Dugger:** Carol, if it would be possible, I was going to talk to you about, if you have a list or a database or something that has all the people that are coordinators in the different regions, I would like to get that from you and see if can go about contacting them. Teresa and I are going to work together, as well, to coordinate the Mentor Program with the NewBee Program, so people understand when they come in as newbees, that they will have that availability. **Krzanowski:** I have lots of files I can forward to you, so be prepared. **Dugger:** OK, thank you.

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

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Breed Council ballots were prepared, reviewed, formatted and submitted to Central Office prior to the September 15 deadline. Many thanks to Rachel Anger for all her work in providing the final review and formatting of the Ballots prior to submission.

Revised the Breed Committee Standing Rules for Board review and approval.

Bizzell: Just real briefly, we've got all the ballots prepared for this next cycle actually ahead of schedule and, thanks to Rachel, all nicely formatted and sent into Central Office. They have been put into ClassMarker, ClassMarker has been reviewed and they are ready to launch. They are not due to be launched until the 26th, so we are ahead of schedule there. We had a total of 18 ballots.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continue to work with the Bengal Breed applicant to refine their proposed standard. Continue to work with Central Office to troubleshoot registration issues.

Bizzell: The Current Happenings are, we continue to work with the Bengal breed application. We're getting some revisions to the standard to bring it more in line with the WCC mainstream standards, so that's progress.

Future Projections for Committee:

Final review of Ballots after conversion into Class Marker in preparation for final Ballot issuance near the end of October. Continue to work with the Bengal Breed applicant. Ensure posting of revised Breed Committee Standing Rules as approved by the Board.

Bizzell: Future Projections, it says we are continuing to review the ballots and that has already been done. We are continuing to work with the Bengal breed applicant.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the updated Breed Committee Standing Rules provided in Attachment 1.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on any issues that arise requiring Board action.

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

ATTACHMENT 1

Miscellaneous/Provisional Breed Committee Standing Rules

CFA Breed Committees will be established to serve as advisory bodies on Breed Standards to the CFA Board. The Breed Committees will channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the Breed Committee Chair elected by each specific breed.

1. Eligibility Requirements for Individual Breed Committee Membership

Requirements for the initial year for a New Breed (Beginning May 1 after February acceptance):

- 1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.*
- 2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.*
- 3. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.*
- 4. Have registered at least one cat of the appropriate breed.*

Requirements for the second and subsequent years for a New Breed:

- 1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.*
- 2. Are at least 18 years of age or older*
- 3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed.*
- 4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.*
- 5. Registered one litter of the appropriate breed within the previous calendar year.*
- 6. Exhibited a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed within the previous calendar year.*

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

2. Membership

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from ~~January 1 to December 31~~ May 1 to April 30. Upon receipt of the membership application and fee(s), the Central Office will place the member's name on the mailing list for ~~the member editions of the CFA Almanac, and, when available for distribution,~~

the Show Rules and Show Standards. ~~will be sent to each member.~~ Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

3. Fees

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

Forms

A Breed Committee Group membership application will be available online in a PDF format. In order to use this form you will need to download a free copy of [Acrobat Reader](#), which is available for use with all major computer platforms. The form is an interactive one, so you can type your information directly on the form and print it as a completed copy to send in to Central Office. A printed form will also be available.

4. Procedure for Submission of Proposals

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected/appointed committee chair of the specific breed committee. The breed committee chair will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The breed committee chair will send requested changes to the breed standard to the CFA Central Office and CFA Breeds and Standards Chair by the published breed change deadline. Miscellaneous and Provisional breed ballots will be sent to Breed Committee members. Ballot results will be presented to the CFA Board for review at the February CFA Board meeting when breed standard revisions are considered.

*(Continued on reverse) **Breed Committee Chair***

5. Eligibility Requirements

- 1. Current CFA membership in specific breed committee. ~~except for initial election as indicated below.~~*
- 2. A breed representative may not be a CFA Breed Council Secretary for any other breed.*

*~~Initial Election Process~~ **Initial Breed Committee Chair***

Upon acceptance as Miscellaneous Breed, the President will appoint the initial Breed Committee Chair. The appointed Chair will serve until May 1 of the following year, at which time an elected Breed Committee Chair will have been elected during a regular ballot cycle. ~~following process will be used to elect CFA Breed Committee Chair to serve as breed representative to the CFA Board until the next scheduled Breed Committee election.~~

- ~~1. CFA Central Office will accept declarations for Breed Committee Chair for 30 days after February Board meeting. Eligibility for Breed Committee Chair is limited to those breeders~~*

~~listed on breed acceptance application. A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for chair of the breed committee by submitting his/her declaration in writing to the Central Office.~~

~~2. CFA Central Office will send ballots only to those breeders listed on the breed acceptance application to vote on declared Breed Committee Chair candidates, giving breeders at least 21 days to respond.~~

~~3. CFA Central Office will tabulate votes. The new Breed Committee Chair will be notified. Election results will be published on the CFA website. ÷~~

Normal Election:

1. A representative for each breed committee will be elected FROM the membership and BY the membership of that breed committee.

2. Upon the approval of a breed for miscellaneous status, the breed committee chair will be ~~elected~~ appointed as above and hold this position until the next breed committee election is scheduled.

3. Elections will be held every two years in even numbered years during the month of December.

4. A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for chair of a breed committee of a breed council by submitting his/her declaration in writing to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held.

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

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

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

Vacancies:

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

Bizzell: The Attachment has to do with the Breed Committee Standing Rules, which has apparently been on our website forever. We went in to review that and to correct the dates, because we have changed the cycle for our breed council start to finish – it's no longer calendar year, it's now show year – and realized it referred to the members' edition of the Almanac. I

thought that was kind of old and that we needed to review this. I went through and reviewed the Standing Rules, and realized we haven't been following the Standing Rules for at least the last two breeds, maybe more. The Standing Rules call for an immediate election of the Breed Committee Chair. We have appointed the Breed Committee Chair for at least the last two breeds. It also calls for the initial Breed Committee to be made up of only those people on the list when the breed applies, which if you have other participants who want to participate, why would you restrict it to just those people? As an aside, those people on the list may or may not even be eligible to be on the Breed Committee. For instance, if they are a judge in another organization with similar interests, they are not eligible but this would call for us to put them in the Breed Committee, even though they don't follow the rules.

Bizzell: I have revised the Breed Committee Standing Rules. It's only for the Miscellaneous and Provisional breeds. You have that to look at. Any comments, revisions, concerns? Essentially asking for some investment for that first year. For instance, if we should accept a breed at the February board meeting, the beginning of the next year would be May 1st for the Breed Committee, so they have May 1st through August 1st to join. It may or may not be reasonable to expect them to have registered 3 litters, have exhibited, etc., in those 3 months, so I provided a minimum investment to have a CFA registered cattery name, be 18 years or older, the prohibition of being a judge or officer in another cat registering association, and have registered at least one cat. Currently, you don't even have to have a cat registered to be in the initial Breed Committee. I'm also calling for the initial Breed Committee Chair to be appointed and not subject to, in 30 days, we have an election. That's a lot of administrative work. **Hannon:** So, if we accept somebody in February, you're saying the President would appoint a Breed Committee Chair and they would stay in place for a year and some months? **Bizzell:** Right. Just that first full year, and then they could be elected in the next regular cycle. **DelaBar:** You're talking about Breed Committees – those breeds that are just accepted. **Bizzell:** Correct. Miscellaneous and Provisional. **DelaBar:** Then if the breed was just accepted, how could you find somebody that had a cat registered if we were just accepting them? **Bizzell:** Exactly. That's the problem. How it's written right now, it says here's the requirements, and then we have an election, but wait. No one could have met those requirements because we don't have the opportunity to exhibit those cats yet. **Hannon:** She is saying that would no longer be a requirement, to be the Breed Committee Chair. **Bizzell:** Correct, for that first year. After that first year, then all the requirements go back into play – the 3 litters, exhibiting a cat, 18 years or older and not a judge in another association, etc. **Hannon:** Are you making that motion? **Bizzell:** Yes. I have a motion in my report to accept. **DelaBar:** Second.

Hannon: Is there any discussion of the motion? **Wilson:** I agree that someone wouldn't have time to have litters registered, and I don't have a problem with this, but the mention of registrations, part of the application process are a bunch of registrations, so if a breed is accepted, those registrations then go through, so they will have cats that are registered. **Bizzell:** Correct, but it's not required that all the people on that list have submitted a registration. **Wilson:** Right, but are you saying that only the ones that have submitted registrations or will register them are members of the Committee, or not? **Bizzell:** That would make them eligible to apply. **Wilson:** OK, I get it. Thank you. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments?

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

Hannon: Are we through with you? **Bizzell:** That's pretty much it. **Eigenhauser:** Can I say one thing before we leave that? Assuming we're going to take up the Bengals in February, we're going to have to change the show rules in some manner to say that F5's aren't allowed in the show hall but F6's are. What I would like to do is ask Monte to have a stand-by show rule ready for February. **Hannon:** Do you hear that, Carol? **Krzanowski:** Can you please repeat that? **Eigenhauser:** We're going to have to change the show rules if we accept the Bengals, so we should have Monte prepare a stand-by show rule to discuss in February. **Hannon:** To allow them in the show hall, because right now they're not allowed in the show hall. It would be kind of absurd to accept the Bengal breed and we still have show rules prohibiting them from being in the show hall, so if we accept the breed in February, we would like Monte to have stand-by proposed show rule changes to permit them in the show hall. **Krzanowski:** I'll mention that to Monte, for sure. **Hannon:** OK, thanks. **Bizzell:** I had actually mentioned that to Monte before. We had a long discussion, and this may all hinge on the definition of 'domestic'. I think that's where there is going to be a rub, is making sure we have sufficient evidence to prove that F5 and above is a domestic cat. **Eigenhauser:** Right. 2.05 is where I would put it, where it says *A DOMESTIC feline is ... and then say, For purposes of this rule, F6 and above Bengals count. Other hybrids don't.* **Bizzell:** And I have mentioned it, but please Carol remind him. **Eigenhauser:** It also appears in Rule 5.02. Maybe we should have Monte take a look at them to make sure we don't miss any. I looked in the index, and wild/domestic hybrid is not in the index. **Hannon:** Carol, if you missed any of this, you can read it in the minutes, OK? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion on Breeds and Standards and/or Bengals? **Wilson:** Do we know when we might be able to look at the Bengal package? Is that something we would be able to look at in January? **Bizzell:** It would be at least a full month before the meeting. We'll have it out in plenty of time.

Bizzell: I'm sorry, I forgot one thing. It was brought to my attention just this week that it would be a great idea for us to go through all the BCS codes and review them for accuracy. So, that is a project that Breeds and Standards is going to take on. There are over 6,800 breed codes, so it will take a little while to do this. **Kallmeyer:** Part of the reason it came up is that we found some unique codes from the old HP system, like 101M. 101 is a white Persian, mackerel. The color description was silver mackerel tabby, and it turns out that somebody found that first before the other code. Things like 110M. 110 is solid red, but 110M is red mackerel tabby, same as 140M. Time to clean up the mess. **Schreck:** I just wanted to comment on the BCS codes. My understanding is that when that was pulled over by CompuTan from the HP, that they pulled it over from entries. So, if I entered a cat in error as a 501M female Russian Blue, they picked that up. That's why so many of these are nonexistent. Rather than picking it up from our registrations, they put all of these files together from show entries, so they got all of the codes, and they over-did it. **Kallmeyer:** There were actually tables on the old system with those codes before CompuTan got it. It goes back to the HP days – 1970's. **Hannon:** Alright, so we're going to blame Tom Dent? **Bizzell:** Let's do that. However they got in there, they are still in there. In some cases, it was once a valid code but is no longer, and those just need to be identified and deactivated. **Hannon:** It would be wonderful if you would go through that and clean it up for us.

Wilson: Carla, we talked about this in the car over here. My question is, several times the board has approved putting the individual breed-specific registration rules on the individual breed profile areas on the website so that breeders know what the registration rules are. I have yet to see those. Can you give me an update, Carla? I know that you guys have updated them multiple times. **Bizzell:** I thought they were up there. **Dobbins:** We thought they were up there. **Wilson:** Could you find them for me? Then we should tell people – the Breed Council Secretaries – where they are. So, if I look under Breeds, is that where they are?

Hannon: Anything else on Breeds and Standards? **Bizzell:** That's it, I'm done.

(21) **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: Candilee Jackson
Liaison to the Board: Pam DelaBar
Committee Members: Ken Cribbs, Art Graafmans

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

2014-2015

1. *Re-wrote/published Ambassador Handbook, adding sections on grief counseling and Pet Me Cats*
2. *Re-wrote/published Ambassador flyers (What's Going On in the Show Hall?)*
3. *Re-designed "Ask Me" buttons and stickers; created a clip-on button as well as the pin*
4. *Created/prepared new 3 x 6' vinyl "Ask Me" banner for higher visibility*
5. *Updated ambassador list by region; emailed same to region coordinators*
6. *Created a recording tool for use to track interventions in the show hall*
7. *Selected two new regional coordinators with the help of regional directors*
8. *Staffed an ambassador booth for the November 2014 International Show*
9. *Participated/reported in monthly CFA online newsletters*
10. *Wrote and provided pictures to represent the Ambassador Program in the current yearbook*

Current Happenings of Committee:

2015-2016

1. *Re-designing "Pet Me Cat" pennant so that it more durable*
2. *Created an outreach to individual clubs where pet expos are occurring (supplies to regions 2 and 6)*
3. *Continuing monthly reporting to the CFA online newsletter*
4. *Reaching out to individual Ambassadors to encourage individual reporting and pictures*
5. *Reinforcing region coordinator job descriptions*
6. *Created an online "in-service" to help develop journalistic style in reporting practices*

7. *Continuing updating and recruiting of ambassadors by region, and emailing of same to region coordinators*
8. *Encouraging the brain-storming of ideas among ambassadors for better ways to create and encourage interventions with the show hall visitors*
9. *Reviewed reporting tool and discovered ambassadors had little interest or time to use it*
10. *Centralized ambassador materials at the Central Office for ease of mailing and inventory*
11. *Mailing out new supplies and banners to regions as needed*

Future Projections of Committee Activity:

1. *Brain-storm ways to encourage and assists new exhibitors in their show hall experiences*
2. *Encourage broader participation in the Ambassador program, with emphasis on monthly reporting practices. including the use of translator programs to ease reporting stress*
3. *Institute ambassador “quickie” meetings at the beginning of shows where ambassador coordinators are participating to encourage intervention, use of flyers (What’s Going On” and use of region “Ask Me” banners and buttons*
4. *Continue monthly reporting to CFA online newsletter*

Board Action Items: *None at this time*

What will be presented at the next meeting: *An update of activities listed above*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Candine Lee Jackson, BA MPH
Chair, Ambassador Program*

DelaBar: As you can tell, there are no action items, but you can also see that the Committee of Candilee, Art and Ken have done an extensive job in revamping the Ambassador Program. We will have tours and a booth at the International Show. I personally am signed up to do one of the tours for the Ambassador Program. Any questions? Then that’s the report.

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

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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

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

(22) SUNDAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

Hannon: I'm going to call the meeting to order. The first thing on the agenda is Show Rules. We want to welcome Monte Phillips, who took the train and actually got here this year.

(23) **SHOW RULES.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has reviewed and prepared show rule changes for issues identified during both the annual meeting of the delegates, concerns identified by various members of the board concerning certain issues, and a review of the current rules.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee has prepared this report in four parts – the first part deals with rule changes that were voted on by the delegates and passed by 2/3. These are rules forwarded to the Board for ratification. There were two of these. The second part deals with the rules that passed by majority or passed from the floor. There were four of these. The third part is made up of rule proposals requested by the Board or individual Board members from either the July or August board meetings. These include such things as providing an alternative to Proposal 14 that essentially accomplishes the same goal, requiring a regional director to certify to Central Office that adjoining regional directors have approved show date or location changes, etc. Each rule proposal includes a description in the analysis of the basis for the change. Finally, the fourth part of this report deals with non-show resolutions passed by the delegates. Normally, we don't present these, but have been requested to do so. There are two of these – one dealing with Central Office's use of the NC designation on cats, and the other with reaching out to TICA to allow their judges to judge at CFA licensed shows.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will be incorporating those rules adopted at this meeting into the version taking effect for the 2015-2016 season, and updating that, if necessary, with any rule proposals that come out of the December board meeting. [NOTE: There are none anticipated at this time.] That version will be proofed to ensure it is accurate and ready to go (except for the page numbering of the table of contents – that will await the print version proof in March), but will not be forwarded to printing until after we have read the complete minutes from the February Board meeting so that we can verify there are no rules requiring changes (such as color class descriptions/additions/deletions, breed listings, etc.) as a result of that meeting. The final version for printing will then be sent to Central Office before the first of March.

Action Items:

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

Ratify the following rule proposals at this time:

1a – Revise Rule 28.01 to Delete Reference to Non-Existent NC CH or NC PR Titles

Rule # 28.01a	Passed by greater than 2/3 at annual – Resolution 18	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>At the annual meeting, this rule passed the delegation by greater than a 2/3 margin.</p>		

Phillips: The first one on the list is Resolution 18 from the annual meeting, which is Show Rule 28.01, and it has to do with deleting the NC/CH and NC/PR sentence from the very first sentence of the existing show rule, because those aren’t really titles. That was passed by the delegates with a 2/3 majority. **Eigenhauser:** I make a standing motion. **Anger:** I’ll make a standing second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on this particular motion?

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

1b – Change Back Global Award Title to National Award [NOTE: This proposal contains ALL of the locations where the awards are referred to as Global, not just those included in the

proposal passed at the annual. That is to ensure we don't have some rules still referring to Global while others refer to National.]

Table of Contents & Introduction to Rules		Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
Check grand points at hol.cfa.org/herman.asp. Global/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.		Check grand points at hol.cfa.org/herman.asp. Global <u>National</u> /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.	
Global/Divisional/Regional Awards – Article XXXVI.....		Global <u>National</u> /Divisional/Regional Awards – Article XXXVI	
Rule 2.07a		Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
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/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.		The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat's registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat's record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for <u>National</u> 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.	
Rule 5.01f		Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
All Championship, Premiership, and <i>registered</i> Kitten entries will be scored for CFA Global and		All Championship, Premiership, and <i>registered</i> Kitten entries will be scored for CFA	

Regional awards.		Global National and Regional awards.
Rule 7.09d	Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries and all <i>registered</i> Kittens (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA Global awards and Regional awards; and		a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries and all <i>registered</i> Kittens (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA <u>National</u> Global awards and Regional awards; and
Rule 10.17	Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
Exhibitors will be allowed to display CFA ribbons or rosettes, foreign ribbons or rosettes and unaffiliated breed club ribbons or rosettes only on/in exhibition cages. Such ribbons or rosettes not won at a current show, with the exception of CFA Global or Regional Award rosettes, must be confined to the inside of the exhibit's cage. Awards won on any day at a show-format licensed according to paragraph 4.07.a.3, or any similar format on one weekend at the same location, may be displayed on the outside of the cage on any subsequent day at that location.		Exhibitors will be allowed to display CFA ribbons or rosettes, foreign ribbons or rosettes and unaffiliated breed club ribbons or rosettes only on/in exhibition cages. Such ribbons or rosettes not won at a current show, with the exception of CFA <u>National</u> Global or Regional Award rosettes, must be confined to the inside of the exhibit's cage. Awards won on any day at a show-format licensed according to paragraph 4.07.a.3, or any similar format on one weekend at the same location, may be displayed on the outside of the cage on any subsequent day at that location.
Rule 11.27	Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is, 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or global awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.		Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang up to three breed/division awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office, that is, 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th Best of Breed or Division. These additional awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or global <u>national</u> awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board to ask judges to hang up to three additional non-scored breed/division awards.
Rule 24.01c	Passed by greater than 2/3	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for		The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for

Regional/ Global) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.	Regional/ Global National) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.
Article XXIX – Exotic & Persian Standards	Passed by greater than 2/3
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>End of Exotic Color Classes</p> <p>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/Regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p> <p>End of Persian Color Classes</p> <p>Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and Global/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p>	<p>End of Exotic Color Classes</p> <p>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 <u>National</u>Global/Regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards Longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p> <p>End of Persian Color Classes</p> <p>Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and <u>National</u>Global/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.</p>
Article XXXVI – only those parts affected by this proposal are shown	Passed by greater than 2/3
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Article XXXVI</p> <p>GLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM</p> <p>Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.® provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens</p>	<p>Article XXXVI</p> <p>NATIONALGLOBAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM</p> <p>Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.® provides a program through which pedigreed cats/kittens</p>

compete for awards on a global/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.

SCORING

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.

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

Global 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 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 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) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.

Regional Awards

compete for awards on a ~~national~~global/divisional/regional level. All eligible cats competing in CFA sanctioned shows throughout the world are automatically included in the program.

SCORING

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National~~Global~~/Division/Regional 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 “National~~Global~~ Winner (NGW)” is limited to cats receiving the above * awards.
- +A minimum of 150 agility points are required for this award and there is no title associated with a national~~global~~ 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 National~~Global~~ and Regional awards.

A cat/kitten is credited for all national~~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) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards.

<p>The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are: Best-25th Best Cat* Best-25th Best Kitten* Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership* *The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards. Best-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 and Regional awards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Regional Awards</p> <p>The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are: Best-25th Best Cat* Best-25th Best Kitten* Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership* *The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards. Best-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 <u>National</u> Global and Regional awards.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Passed as Resolution 24 by greater than 2/3.</p>	

Phillips: 1b is the next one that passed by greater than 2/3. The thing I want to point out here is that we probably want to put this into effect immediately, so that we don’t have to buy a different set of awards. This is the transfer back from Global to National. We gave out National awards at the end of the 2014-2015 show season. Rather than go to Global for when we hand out the awards – **Hannon:** My understanding is, when the delegates pass a show rule change, it is effective with the following show season unless they have a different date. This one had, “effective 2015-2016 show season”, so it’s my understanding that for the current show season, we’re going to give out NWs, not GWs. Do you agree with me on that, since it said that? Ed? **Raymond:** Yes. **Bizzell:** If I may comment. As I was going through these, I realized that in many cases we are saying National/Regional and some places we say National/Divisional/Regional. I think we should be consistent and always include Divisional, as long as we have Divisional awards. **Hannon:** So what are you saying? Monte needs to make sure that we’re consistent. Can we just direct him to do that without having to go back and vote on each one of those, wherever they may appear? **Bizzell:** I think we can just do it, for consistency. **Phillips:** So, we will say National/Divisional/Regional instead of what we’re saying right now, which is sometimes national/regional, sometimes national/divisional/regional. We will make it all consistent. **Eigenhauser:** We should probably do those as two separate motions. We have the one from the

delegation and then our separate one. **Bizzell:** Yeah, it should be separate from the show rule. **Hannon:** The motion that we have on the floor is this particular show rule change. **Eigenhauser:** To ratify what the delegation did. **Hannon:** Which was passed by greater than 2/3, which means we don't have a choice. Any discussion?

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

Hannon: Do you want to make a motion? **Bizzell:** Yes. I would like to move that, in all cases in the Show Rules where we are changing it back to National/Regional, that we also include Divisional. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion carried.**

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

2a – Revise How Kitten Counts Are Determined [NOTE: This is the “just” of Resolution 14, but not the actual wording for Resolution 14, which was voted on by the Board at its August meeting and the Resolution FAILED with Instructions provided to the Show Rules Committee to fix the proposal, but accomplish the same goal.]

ARTICLE XXXVI – Show Points, Official Show Counts, Item 2	Sort of passed by majority at annual – Resolution 14
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2. The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices and AOVs are not counted in the official count.</p>	<p>2. The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. <u>Kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master Clerk, Novices, and AOVs are not counted in the official show count for their respective categories.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: There are two rules where the show count determination is discussed, the first is rule 11.29b, third paragraph, and the second is Item 2 in Article XXXVI, Show Points, Official Show Counts. The Show Rules Committee is proposing that no changes be made to the current wording of rule 11.29b, which specifies which cats the entry clerk should be counting to determine if a show will have a top 15 final versus top 10. It may be presumptuous of the entry clerk to assume that in this case, unregistered kittens will ultimately never be given registration numbers and thus never end up in the eventual count. We believe that kittens without registration numbers here should be treated like any other entry in championship or premiership that ultimately may not come to the show. They should still be utilized by the club to determine if there should ultimately be a top 15 final award for kittens. Therefore, we are proposing no change to the third paragraph of rule 11.29b. [NOTE: This is different from what was passed by the Board at the August 27 conference call. On that call, the Board revised that paragraph to require kittens to have a permanent or temporary registration number to be included in this count (to</p>	

determine if a class should have a top 15 final instead of top 10). On the other hand, if the Board feels that unregistered entered kittens should not be counted when determining if there are sufficient entries to award a top 15 kitten final, then the proposed wording added and provided to you shortly after the August Board meeting and approved by you on August 27th can be left as approved. That wording would revise the third paragraph to read as follows: “For the purposes of determining the counts listed in a. and b., kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number, AOV, Novice, Provisional, Miscellaneous, and Veterans, will not be counted.”]

The wording in Article XXXVI accomplishes the goal of the board to only include kittens with permanent or temporary registration numbers in the official kitten count. It is significantly less complicated than the approach taken by the delegates with the passage or resolution 14. Specifically, no changes are required to any entry process, no change is required for any judges book (kittens vs novice kittens), and no changes to the current catalog correction process to add registration numbers. This simplified approach defines what cats are to be included in the counts, and does not create any new or different classes for competition from those that currently exist.

The intent passed by the delegates with their vote on resolution 14, which passed by a majority. [NOTE: At the August Board Meeting the Board approved a resolution that this proposal would go into effect as of any show held on or after September 15, 2015.]

Phillips: This is an issue that had to do with the kittens requiring registration numbers. This was Resolution 14. There is a clean-up here, and let me explain what that clean-up is. It has to do with Show Rule 11.29.b. We also changed that rule, and I don't think we should have changed that rule. Let me explain why. **DelaBar:** Where are you? **Phillips:** I am on 2.a. **Hannon:** 2.07.a., which deals with Novice class. We just passed the global/national, which is 1.b. **Phillips:** It's a big piece. There's lots of rules to that one. **DelaBar:** The next one in the report is 2.07.a. **Eigenhauser:** No. 2.07.a. is still the global/national motion. **Phillips:** When you hit Section 2 – Resolutions that Passed by Majority or from the Floor at the Annual Meeting, we're there already. **Eigenhauser:** I thought we voted on the global/national globally, not each section at a time. **Phillips:** Right, we did. [continued irrelevant discussion locating correct passage] Actually, there's two issues here. The first one – the one where you see the strike-out text and the new word text is the one that you guys passed in August. So, you jumped the gun, so to speak, on the annual meeting, but at the same time that you passed that in August, you also passed a change to 11.29.b., and I don't think that we should have done that. 11.29.b. talks about how you determine whether you're going to have a top 15 final, so what we just passed back in August was that you don't count kittens that don't have registration numbers in determining whether you're going to have 100 kittens for a top 15 finals. **Eigenhauser:** I don't have the proposal to amend 11.29.b. in front of me. I have 11.29.a., and then it goes to 11.30, but there's no proposed changes to 11.29.b. **Phillips:** You guys passed it already. **Eigenhauser:** But if you're asking us to unpass it, there's nothing in the report saying what we're unpassing. **Phillips:** Then I didn't write it right. **Schreck:** So, you lost me altogether. Start over Monte, please. **Phillips:** I'm saying this is what you should have passed for Resolution 14, not what we did pass. **Schreck:** I'm totally lost, Monte. We passed saying what? **Hannon:** For a top 15, you need a certain number of cats. You're saying what we said was based on the count. So, if there's an unregistered kitten – **Phillips:** We took them out of the count in that rule, as well. We should not have. **Hannon:** There may have been 100 kittens, but if one of them wasn't registered and had a TRN, we're down to 99 so you no longer qualify for top 15. What we wanted to do was base it

on entered. **Schreck:** I've got it now. **Phillips:** When they passed Resolution 14, it picked that up. If anybody mentioned that at the annual, I'm sure that would have been taken out. So, what we're doing basically is putting 11.29.b. just the way it is in the current rules, no change.

Eigenhauser: So moved. **Hannon:** So it's based on entry. **Schreck:** I think it would be way too difficult to do it any other way. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

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

2b – Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29a, and 11.30 to provide for a 4th Best Champion Award and a 3rd Best Premier Award in Specialty Rings Where the Entry Meets Specific Criteria

Rule 11.28	Passed by Majority – Resolution 17	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>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.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p>	

		limited to 2 regardless of the count. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5 th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.																																																																																	
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Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X		3
Best & 2 nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
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Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6th-10th Best Cat	X	X		X
11th-15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best & 2nd Best Premier	X	X		X
Best & 2nd Best LH Premier	X			
Best & 2nd Best SH Premier	X			
Best of Division	X	X		1
2nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X		3
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
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Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6th-10th Best Cat	X	X		X
11th-15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best of Division	X	X		1
2nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
		LH/SH	Best of	Color/Breed
d. VETERAN WINS	AB	Specialty	Bests	Specialty
Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6th-10th Best Cat	X*	X*	X*	X*

*Where applicable

**For breeds not divided into Divisions.

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

NOTES:

- 1) Same as Best Cat.
- 2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.
- 3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.
- 4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.
- 5) Provisional Breeds complete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.

Best, 2nd, 3rd***, 4 th SH Champion	X			
Best of Division	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X		3
Best & 2 nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
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Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6th-10th Best Cat	X	X		X
11th-15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best, 2 nd & 3 rd & 2nd-Best Premier	X	X		X
Best, 2 nd & 3 rd & 2nd-Best LH Premier	X			
Best, 2 nd & 3 rd & 2nd-Best SH Premier	X			
Best of Division	X	X		1
2nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X		3
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
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Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
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11th-15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*
Best of Division	X	X		1
2nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X		X
First-Third	X	X		X
AOV	4	4		4
Provisional Breed	5	5		5
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6		6
		LH/SH	Best of	Color/Breed
d. VETERAN WINS	AB	Specialty	Bests	Specialty
Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X
6th-10th Best Cat	X*	X*	X*	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.

NOTES:

- 1) Same as Best Cat.
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Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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Rule 28.02g	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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.	g. The Second Best Longhair Premier and Second Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed <u>or Specialty</u> rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier. <u>The Third Best Longhair Premier and Third Best Shorthair Premier, if awarded, will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier.</u>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

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 premiership 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. 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.

[NOTE: Rules 28.02 e & g were not changed in the original proposal, but have been added here so that the points associated with the new placements would be counted.]

Passed at annual with favorable recommendation.

Phillips: We are on 2.b., which is Resolution 17, which was passed by a majority at the Annual. This creates a 4th best champion award and a 3rd best premier award in specialty rings, where the premier or champion count meets a certain number; in this case, it's 25 or more opens and champions, longhair/shorthair, and it's 10 or more opens and premiers. It creates an extra spot in the specialty final. It does not create an extra spot in the allbreed final. **Hannon:** If it's an allbreed final, when they are giving out best, 2nd and 3rd best longhair champion, are they handing out a 4th best champion at that point in the allbreed ring? **Phillips:** Yes. **Hannon:** So, when you're calling it a specialty, you're not referring to longhair/shorthair specialty rings, you are talking about the longhair and the shorthair wins, regardless of whether it is an allbreed ring. **Phillips:** Right. Here's what you would be handing out. You would be handing out 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th best longhair, but only best, 2nd and 3rd best allbreed. **Hannon:** Just so we understand, it's not just in specialty rings. **Phillips:** No, it's in all the rings. **Kuta:** Could this get messy? Say, in a judge's top 10 final, they put 8 champions and then some of them would get 4th best allbreed too, right? **Phillips:** You wouldn't be handing them an award, but you would be giving them the points. We do that now. **Kuta:** Right. So, that wouldn't change. **Phillips:** No, but you wouldn't give them a rosette that said that. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

Anger: I just want to say for the record, I'm not going to support it because we're not raising the grand points. For me, this goes beyond my level of tolerance. I am just not comfortable with it. **Schreck:** I agree with Rachel. I can't support it either. Our counts are down, so why would we give points when we don't have as many cats to start off with? I can't support this. **Colilla:** It's costing the club more money. You have to have the ribbons, just in case you have the count. **Wilson:** I think we're seeing more opportunities for champions to be in top 10 finals with the specialty rings. **DelaBar:** And also with the Super Specialty, they are getting recognition there, too. **Hannon:** You're probably the only one seeing Super Specialties. They're not happening here. **DelaBar:** That's too bad. It's something the clubs could be using to entice exhibitors. **Hannon:** That's not our decision. It's the clubs' decision. Any other discussion? **Krzanowski:** I see this as an opportunity to kind of encourage the new people that are just starting out and maybe don't have the top cats to go for regional awards, but maybe are trying to grand a cat. I think it might be a little bit of encouragement for them. **Dugger:** Are we required to

give out those – like John mentioned the expense to the clubs. I know we usually try to buy rosettes for the top 10 and top 15, but are we required to give out even those flat ribbons to the premiers or champions? **Phillips:** Yes. **Wilson:** It’s in the show rules. **Raymond:** You can use a cardboard streamer. **Phillips:** I’ve seen clubs do everything from one streamer to a piece of paper that was printed. **Dugger:** Really, I don’t see a lot of value in them at all. They are almost the value of permanent flats. We could give them to new people, maybe. **Wilson:** We’re talking on the one hand about encouraging new people by giving additional awards, but now we’re talking about taking away the one award that they might get. I think it is important to some people, and it is important to newer people, but they don’t have to be elaborate. On the other hand, maybe it’s more important and maybe those should be the elaborate ribbons, and not the top 10. **Dugger:** That’s true. You’re right. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Krzanowski voting yes. Dugger abstained.

2c – Create a New Rule Imposing a Mandatory Closing Time for All Licensed CFA Shows and Requiring Submittal of Data Disks and Breed Summaries to Central Office Within 24 Hours of the Mandatory Closing Time for CFA Posting on the CFA Website

Rule 15.01	Passed - Show Rules Resolution 38	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	Responsibilities of the show entry clerk can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, 5.06, 6.09, 6.15-16, 6.24, 6.30–33, 7.02-21, 9.02, 10.04, 10.07, 10.11, 10.22, and 10.27.	Responsibilities of the show entry clerk can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, 5.06, 6.09, 6.15-16, 6.24, 6.30–33, <u>6.35</u> , 7.02-21, 9.02, 10.04, 10.07, 10.11, 10.22, and 10.27.
Rule 25.02	Passed - Show Rules Resolution 38v	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of central office staff can be found in the following rules: 4.03-04, 4.06-08, 6.16, 6.23, 11.23-24, 12.06, 12.15, 13.10-11, 26.01, Articles XXVII to XXIX, 35.01, 35.02, and Article XXXVI.	In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of central office staff can be found in the following rules: 4.03-04, 4.06-08, 6.16, 6.23, <u>6.35</u> , 11.23-24, 12.06, 12.15, 13.10-11, 26.01, Articles XXVII to XXIX, 35.01, 35.02, and Article XXXVI.
NEW Rule 6.35	Passed - Show Rules Resolution 38	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	None	<u>All CFA Shows licensed pursuant to rule 4.07 shall close to all entries other than Agility no later than 2000 (8:00 pm) Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) the Tuesday prior to the opening date of the show. Entry Clerks or a designated representative for said shows shall submit a breed summary for all entries and the show data file required by rule 7.03 to the</u>

CFA Central Office within 24 hours of this mandatory closing time. Central Office will post those breed summaries to the CFA Website. Clubs failing to submit the breed summary as required may be required to pay the penalty specified for late show package submittals specified in Rule 13.09. It is recommended that online entry forms made available to exhibitors become unavailable for that week's entries at the specified universal closing time.

RATIONALE: This resolution is a request for the board to establish a standard closing time. The resolution requested a rule be developed that accomplished the following objectives:

1. The ideal global closing time that the board establishes will be the Tuesday before the opening day of the show.
2. Shows may close earlier than this closing time.
3. The time will be based on Central Office time. (3pm CT is 8PM UT)
4. There will be one standard time for all CFA shows around the world.
5. The entry clerk must submit a breed summary and the data file to Central Office within 24 hours of the global closing time.
6. 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.
7. Central Office will post all breed summaries to a CFA-owned website.
8. The CFA online entry form will stop processing entries for closed shows at the global closing time.
9. This closing time will not apply to agility.

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.

SHOW RULES COMMITTEE APPROACH – SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

While this proposed rule accomplishes what is requested by items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9; it does not quite match item 3, disagrees that item 6 should be allowed, and leaves it up to the Board on how item 8 would be implemented, as it is an activity carried out by various regional webmasters. Regarding Item 3, the proposal requests that we use the time at the Central Office to establish a universal closing time worldwide. There is a problem with that in that Ohio is a State that goes to Daylight Savings Time in the Summer. While all States that use Daylight Savings time currently subscribe to the dates and times for such a change specified by Congress, no State is required to actually go to Daylight Savings Time. As such, a time in Ohio moves compared to the rest of the world depending on the date that the show entries would close, and Ohio would be free to abolish Daylight Savings Time at any time if they so choose. For example, while there is an 8 hour time difference between Ohio and most of Europe in the Winter that difference changes to 7 hours when Daylight Savings Time is in effect in Ohio but not in Europe, and then back again to 8 hours when both are on Daylight Savings (Summer) Time. Complicating matters are that the two areas (Europe and Ohio) don't switch to the different time at the same time of the year, or go back to Standard time at the same time of year. This would even more complicate the closing time requirements throughout the year, and we've just discussed Europe. We would also need to address the switching of time in all of the other parts of the world where CFA shows are licensed. As such, we would be expecting the entry clerks outside of North America to know the rules for Daylight Savings time in Ohio compared to those inside their own countries. The Show Rules Committee believes this is not the correct approach. Rather, Universal Time (it's called that for a reason) should be used. This time never changes, no matter what time of year, or where you are located. Anyone can easily look up the difference between the time zone in which they are located for their country and Universal Time. On the other hand, to make that same look up for a time specified in Ohio, they would have to first look up the comparison between Ohio and Universal Time, then their spot and Universal time, and then add or subtract the two numbers to come up with the correct difference. We believe this approach is extremely complicated. As such, we have opted to go with a Universal Time specified closing date and time of 2000 (8:00 PM the Tuesday before the show). This chosen time is during working hours in Ohio, and correlates to 4:00 PM EDT or 3:00 PM EST. The Committee chose Tuesday, as that is about the latest shows close in the United States. However, this time actually equates to 4:00 AM on Wednesday in China, and 5:00 AM Wednesday in Japan. The committee does not consider this a problem as these shows are all free to close early if they so choose. Breed summaries are to be provided to Central Office by the exact same time the following day, and Central Office is given another 20 hours to have them posted to the website. The Committee did not opt to provide the exemption allowed by item 6. Rather, the committee opted to use the same approach that is currently in place for clubs that fail to submit their show packages in a timely manner. Item 8 is outside the scope of the show rules as it is addressed to individuals who technically are not bound by the show rules associated with the production of a show. As such, the rule only contains a recommendation that these groups shutdown their online entry at the universal closing time for that week's shows.

Passed at annual with favorable recommendation.

Phillips: The next one is an interesting one. At the annual meeting, one of the issues that came up – this is 2.c., which is creating a new rule that would actually be 6.35. [continued irrelevant discussion locating correct passage] This is the rule that would set up a universal closing time throughout the world that would basically be set on a Tuesday, and then all the clubs would have 24 hours after that closing time to submit their breed summaries to the CFA, to be put on the CFA website. This was passed at the annual from the floor. I have no idea what the percentage was, because it's a floor resolution. **Hannon:** Then it's not required. It doesn't matter,

if it's a floor resolution. **Eigenhauser:** Just yesterday we were talking about giving clubs more choices, more opportunities, more flexibility to tailor their shows, and then we come up with something like this, which is exactly the opposite. I used to know a couple of entry clerks in the Southwest Region who could stay open until noon on Thursday and still get their show done on time. Would I want to do that? No. Should they be allowed to do it? Why not? Why can't a club pick its own closing date. If a couple of entry clerks feel pressured by a couple of show committees, deal with it. Choose not to entry clerk for that club if you don't like the way they are handling it, but to me, this is a solution in search of a problem. I want to remind people that every time we pass a "thou shall" or "thou shall not" show rule, we're also creating a new protest. Are we going to be filing protests against an entry clerk because they closed a little bit too late or somebody wanted to keep open a little bit longer? **Phillips:** Or fail to submit the breed summary on time? **Eigenhauser:** Is that really what we want to do the clubs? Do we really want to be hearing protests about this. Is having a uniform closing date so important that we want to hear protests about it? I don't. I can't support this at all. I like Monte's suggestion that if we do it, we go by international time because it's easier to calculate, but the whole concept is wrong to me. **Hannon:** You said "we" and it's not we. It's the delegates that passed this. It's the clubs that wanted this. The majority of the clubs support this. **Eigenhauser:** First of all, the chair shouldn't get involved in debates unless they pass off the gavel, but when you have a resolution from the floor, I've seen the clubs do improvident things. The global awards were passed from the floor, and bang, immediately reversed because they got better sense. When this stuff comes up from the floor, we're all tired, we're all punchy, people are trying to get out of there, people don't want to debate them anymore, they haven't had time to think about them or consult with their clubs. I don't know if this is what CFA really wants. All I know is, I don't think this is a good rule. I don't think it does good for the clubs. I don't think it improves clubs' ability to put on shows, and that's what we should be encouraging, is clubs to do what they can to have better shows, and I don't think this accomplishes that. **Phillips:** This was actually a show resolution – Resolution 38. It wasn't from the floor. **Eigenhauser:** Still, it was the end of the day and we were punchy. **Phillips:** You aren't kidding. **DelaBar:** What George said, plus the confusion over UTC ("Coordinated Universal Time"). I deal with so many time zones in my region to begin with, and then we're going to play with UTC. We're dealing enough with all these different time zones for entering the show. For my show, Eastern Standard Time is 11:00 at night, and I decided I'm not staying up to do this. I waited until the next day, and that's the way we are hitting in the middle of the night on these things in my region. I'm not going to support this at all. **Phillips:** It's all over the place worldwide, and you can find out what UTC is. In the lower right corner, you have clock on your computer. You can click on the clock and change the date and time setting, and change the time zone. You will have a drop down menu. UTC plus or minus will come up right behind that. **Kuta:** As one who entry clerks a lot of shows, I see the spirit of this, but honestly what this moves us towards is centralized entry clerking. That's what it does. Does CFA want to move in that direction or not? I see plusses and minuses of that. I love having that power of entry clerking, but this really does move us toward centralized entry clerking. Logistically, I would have a very hard time with this as an entry clerk. I read through the catalog multiple times at different times before I officially close the show and send my documentation to CFA. I have found things on Wednesday. I have entered my own cat in the wrong class. I entered him as a champion instead of a premier, and that was on Thursday before taking the book to the printer. Is somebody going to notice that that breed summary changed? Yes. I like to fix errors and things

like that up until that time. I really understand what they're going for, but honestly I don't think it's going to solve that problem of the show closing creep. If we just had more transparency in more clubs showing their breed summary as it happens and clubs offering more incentive to enter earlier or enter before Tuesday night, then that would be a better way to achieve the goal, but for now, as an entry clerk, I would have problems with this. I don't have problems with UTC because I deal with UTC every day. It would be tough, as an entry clerk, to really follow this and not be subject to protest. **Colilla:** How are you going to police this? I have 5 entries coming in after the cut-off time. I'm sitting at 100 entries. You mean I am not allowed to accept those entries? **Hannon:** That's right, you're not allowed. **Colilla:** Which is not good. **McCullough:** I asked a person in my region about this and he came up with some great ideas, that the clock, as Monte referred to, can be adjusted on the computer to accommodate whatever comes in later, so that the time is actually stamped correctly and they can close Friday morning if they wanted to, and backdate it to Tuesday at noon. You can make the time anything you want to on the computer, so what would you accomplish if Central Office wasn't doing all the work? **Schreck:** I think we need to articulate why they put this in. If I can speak for the delegation or whoever proposed this, there is a concern about the last-minute creep for entries. A number of our clubs will not publish any kind of a breed summary until they are closed, so publishing it every day or whatever is fine and interesting. It's not required, so maybe we've gone the other way, to giving out too much information too early. You enter the show, you take your chances. That's all. You kind of know where the big shows are. If you want to see who the classic silver tabby American is and then decide where you're going to go, I don't think we need to do that. I don't think we should even publish the breed summaries until the show is closed, which is not part of this resolution. I cannot support this. **Moser:** I talked to a number of entry clerks in my area and they liked it. That's why I think this came up and they passed it at the annual, correct? The clubs that are waiting until Thursday to see if they're going to make it or not – this way, you know at a certain time where you're at. I myself, I like it. The delegation seemed to, too. **Colilla:** The only advantage of giving out the breed summary and the count ahead of time is for the advantage of campaigners, because they save money. In the old days, they entered every show there is. Now they don't need to. The clubs need all the money they can get. **Kuta:** Pam, I do like the idea of this, but I don't know logistically how this is going to work, because we can't police it at all. It is going to move to, everybody has to use the CFA-hosted form and that's the time stamp we're going by. I don't know how it's going to be policed. **Moser:** But doesn't it have to be in to Central Office by a certain time? **Kuta:** I could keep the show open, so if it has to be 24 hours after the closing date, I still have that 24 hours to add in extra stuff. **Moser:** If you want to do that, I guess that's your prerogative. **Kuta:** Right. That's not going to stop shenanigans. **Moser:** Nothing will probably ever stop shenanigans. **Phillips:** I'm with Pam on that one. You can't legislate morals. **Wilson:** I actually think having one day that is the day of closing is fine. I don't like that these are bundled together. They passed both of these in one resolution. While I would be in favor of having a common closing date and time, I'm not in favor of requiring people to post a breed summary. I also think that we need to be careful of unfunded mandates here. Everything that is passed that involves Central Office has a cost – whether it's a programming cost or a staffing cost – and really I think in the future that's something to look at when the proposals come out. I think maybe we should look at it and say, "if this passes, let's put a number around it." Didn't we suck up a lot of our programming cost with the NC change? It didn't occur to anybody at the time we blew past those rules. I think we need to get some numbers around that

before we even – and the delegation should know when there’s a cost involved. Going back to this one, I have a problem voting for it or supporting it, even though the delegation passed it, because two things are bundled together. **Hannon:** Do you want to break them out? **Wilson:** No. We can, but we didn’t. **Hannon:** He did this for convenience, because they both end up in the same show rule. **Kuta:** I’ve seen a lot of non-campaigners, local exhibitors, wait until the very last second and keep checking that breed summary because they want to make sure the campaigners aren’t going to be there, so it kind of snowballs and it becomes where everybody is waiting for the other person to fire the first show. I’ve had success in closing Tuesday nights and doing my clean-up work on Wednesdays and taking my catalog to print on Thursdays. I would make this work as an entry clerk. I just don’t know if all the moving pieces are going to come together. **Schreck:** Just to expand a little on what Annette is saying, if you are going to require the breed summary to go to Central Office, then somebody is going to have to check and make sure that breed summary agrees with the breed summary that is published in the catalog, and if it doesn’t, then as George said, we have a protest situation here. Somebody will say, “oh, I made a mistake, I entered mine as a champion instead of a premier”, it’s a quagmire. **Moser:** Another thing I think is unfair, to a point, is that in some places you have entry clerks that can get their books printed on Thursday or Friday, and others that have to have it printed on Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest, so those clubs that can go ahead and have theirs printed on Thursday, they’ve still got 2 more days extra to get entries in that club that had to close on that date because they don’t have the facilities to get their book done. That doesn’t seem to be fair to that club because they can’t continue to take entries, where you’re cut off, you tell your show count, and they say, “I’m glad we didn’t go there”, and they just keep racking them up the other places, so it’s really not fair to other clubs. **McCullough:** Going back to what Annette said, when we have to re-do all the software for the entry clerking program, and who is going to pay for all that expense? Is that going to be the club? It will all have to be reformatted so you can have a secure cut-off. **Phillips:** Nothing has to be done except you have to push the old close button. **McCullough:** The one who wrote the program says it all has to be done. **Hannon:** What program? **McCullough:** The software will have to be changed to have cut-off dates, as opposed to closing times, which you can open and close, correct? **Kuta:** You could re-open a show. I re-open them all the time before I close them, before I transmit. **McCullough:** And if you don’t meet the 24 hour deadline, they’re going to let you have the show, you just get a penalty. **DelaBar:** Back on the concept of fairness, some clubs get show halls for \$500, others get them for \$3,000. We cannot legislate what’s fair by area. We need to give the clubs every little bit of advantage that we can. Back on Annette’s point, when Terri and I talked on Friday, we have got to have financial impact on all of these. What’s it going to cost in personnel for somebody to do this? Can poor Michelle sit there every week and go through these things, and check them before they are added – Michelle, or whoever now is in charge of that. It’s a nightmare. It’s a total personnel nightmare at Central Office. I think really unfair on clubs that are not situated within the U.S. **Hannon:** OK, I’m going to call the question.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Moser voting yes.

2d – Revise Handling Requirements to Specify That Nothing Shall be on the Judges Table While a Cat is Being Judged

Rule 11.19b		Passed by Majority as Resolution 42	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
b. All cats and kittens must be judged in the judging ring.		b. All cats and kittens must be judged in the judging ring. <u>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.</u>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Passed at the Annual with a favorable recommendation as a resolution from the Floor.</p>			

Phillips: The next one, which is 2.d., is another resolution from the floor, Resolution 42, which actually is a floor resolution. This one came as a proposal, that whenever a cat or a kitten is on the judging table, that there be nothing else on that judging table except the cat or kitten.

Eigenhauser: I understand where this is coming from. I know judges out there who have so much crap on their judging table, there's not even room for the cat. I understand what they mean. A lot of the things they point out in the rationale are things I don't want to see on the judging table either, but that's not what the rule says. The rationale says, don't have battery operated toys. The rule says nothing – nothing. So, if a judge leaves their pen on the table, they have committed a show rule violation. If they have a favorite toy they like to use to calm down the cats that they leave on the judging table, that's a show rule violation. I understand there's a problem, I see there's a problem, I agree with the problem. This is using a nuclear weapon to swat a fly. **Bizzell:** I'll have to agree with you, George. In fact, all season this season as I'm judging cats, I have this little squeaky toy that I put down to get the cats' attention when I put them on the table in case they are having a bad day. I put them down and they look at the little pig. You know, next season, little pig can't be on the table. Next season, my feather can't be on the table. The audience goes, "why not?" I said, "because it was passed at the annual." **Wilson:** I agree with this. At the judges' workshop, we had an example of what only should be on the table – the cat, and certainly a toy or a pen, as long as it's not a scary toy. I try to, when I see judges putting a lot of stuff on the table, encourage them not to. I send out notices every once in a while to the judges' list, but really, it's the clubs that could help with this. The clubs hire the judges. They should ask the judges where they see this happening to take the stuff off the table and just leave it for the cat. There are judges that leave the spray bottle right where the post is. I've seen cats fall and hurt themselves, or scare themselves. There are judges with wind-up toys. Not every kitty likes a wind-up toy. There are judges that have all their flats on the table. We even have examples now and a link to where you can buy a table to take with you, to set up on the side. So, at this point I really think it's up to the clubs. If an exhibitor is unhappy with it, ask the show management at the show to ask the judges not to put all their things on the table. That's what I would ask.

DelaBar: Just go ahead and start writing me up, because my little rat heads have saved my hands

and fingers so many times, because the cats go directly for that. The problem that we have in some places is the fact that the tables are so small – Dick, I basically have this problem in China – and the clerks need enough room for everything else that they have to do with their cards and the catalog and everything, that at times I have either tried to get a chair over to where I have to bend over and write in my book on a chair, or pick a portion of the table and write my book up on the table. So, sometimes it is not the judge’s fault. I agree with the spirit of this. We just cannot totally always agree to it. If I can’t have my rat head and Carla can’t have her pig, then we’re going to have to quit judging. **Bizzell:** In shows either that have very small space or it’s a larger space but then there’s no other piece of table to put your book on – the last show I judged, and it was in China, there was no other place to put anything else. So over here I put my book and my toys, but I still had room for the cats. I agree that there are some people who really push the limit on ribbons, book, toys, everything on the table, and there’s no space for the cat. I think that can be dealt with on an individual basis – not the nuclear weapon and the fly analogy. **Schreck:** By virtue of the fact that this was passed at the annual, this may bring to the judges’ awareness the perception some people have. I, too, have seen some judges – where’s the space for the cat? So, perhaps just having this put forth to the delegation might bring this to awareness. I agree, I think this is a little over the line for resolution of the problem. **Hannon:** I can tell you what was the genesis of this. A judge had portable fan on her stand and it upset a cat. The exhibitor that owned the very next cat went up and said, “take that fan off your stand before you bring out any more cats.” He didn’t want his cat upset. Maybe he needs to rephrase this to say “no battery operated items on the table.” I’m going to call the question.

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

3 – Rules proposed based on Board discussions or Requests to Show Rules Committee

3a – Allow Use of Permanent Flats for Household Pet Merit Awards

Rule 8.03	Referred to Show Rule Committee as Resolution 49					
Existing Wording			Proposed Wording			
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.			Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.			
First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue	First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue	
Second Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red	Second Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red	
Third Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Yellow	Third Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Yellow	
Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Black	Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Black	
2 nd Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	White	2 nd Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	White	
Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Brown	Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Brown	
2 nd Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Orange	2 nd Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Orange	
Best CH/PR of Breed/Div	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Purple	Best CH/PR of Breed/Div	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Purple	
Household Pet Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Red & White	Household Pet Merit Award	Perm/r Ribbon/rosette	Red & White	
Veteran Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Silver or Gray	Veteran Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Silver or Gray	
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd AB Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	Best, 2 nd , 3 rd AB Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd LH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	Best, 2 nd , 3 rd LH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best, 2 nd , 3 rd SH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	Best, 2 nd , 3 rd SH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2 nd AB Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	Best & 2 nd AB Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	

Best & 2 nd LH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	Best & 2 nd LH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
Best & 2 nd SH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	Best & 2 nd SH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color
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11 th -15 th Best Cat (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	11 th -15 th Best Cat (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-10 th Best Kitten	Rosette/award	Any Color	Best-10 th Best Kitten	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best Kitten (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	11 th -15 th Best Kitten (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-10 th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color	Best-10 th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color	11 th -15 th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-5 th Best HHP	Rosette/award	Any Color	Best-5 th Best HHP	Rosette/award	Any Color
6 th -10 th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	6 th -10 th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
11 th -15 th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	11 th -15 th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
Best-5 th Best Veteran	Rosette/award	Any Color	Best-5 th Best Veteran	Rosette/award	Any Color
6 th -10 th Best Veterans (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	6 th -10 th Best Veterans (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color

RATIONALE: 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. However, 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. This amendment would allow clubs to use permanent flats for the Household Pet merit awards. Even so, Rule 8.06c continues to require that clubs provide each ring or a central location with available ribbons to be available to be taken by the exhibitor if they so request.

Phillips: 3.a. This was brought up shortly after the annual meeting was over, and it was a request to allow the use of permanent flats for the Household Pet merit award. That’s basically what this is – a rule change to allow the use of permanent flats for the Household Pet merit award. **Eigenhauser:** I think this is penny wise and pound foolish. Yeah, we do it for the breed ribbons. We have permanent flats, and then we have the silks available to them on request, but some clubs, you have to go through so many hoops to find out where they are. Some of the clubs do leave them on the judging table, some of them leave them all at the master clerk and you have to go up and ask them. Some, they don’t know where they are. You have to ask the show manager and they don’t know who was in charge of the silks, and then they have to ask somebody else. Household Pet people aren’t going to know, to hunt them down. These are generally newbies in CFA. These are people not familiar with our way of doing things. If you’ve got a decent size Household Pet class, that ribbon may be the only thing they get out of the show. San Diego, for many years, what we used to do in the last ring of the day, we would do rosettes for the merit award so that everybody got to go home with something they could hang on their cage. Yeah, this is going to save you 10¢ or 15¢ a silk or whatever the current cost is, but the PR value in not having the ones right on the cage where the Household Pet exhibitor who doesn’t know how to hunt it down, can just take it off their cage and take it to their benching area and hang it up, I think we lose more than we gain with this, and I can’t support it. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

3.b – Revise Rule 4.03 – Revise Certification Requirement to require RD with show to Certify to Central Office they have Adjacent RD Approvals

4.03c & d	Board Request from August Board Meeting	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>c. Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of either the Regional Director for the region (region 1-9) in which the show is planning to be held or from the International Division Chair for International Division shows. Written permission must accompany the show license application. Before granting permission, the Regional Director shall notify all subscribers of the CFA News announcements or a similar CFA-managed email list of such a license request. Clubs wishing to provide comment may do so to their Regional Director within 7 days of the announcement. While the Regional Directors will consider all input, they are not bound by it. This is in addition to any other policy used by the CFA Executive Board to manage the show schedule. This does not apply to shows licensed within the State of Hawaii.</p> <p>d. Regional Director (RD) and adjoining Regional Director approval is required for any club to obtain a show license with one exception. Clubs holding a show on their traditional date do not require RD approval to hold a show on that date in any subsequent year. In cases where a floating traditional date lands on the weekend of a fixed traditional date in the same region, RD approval is required to license either or both shows.</p>	<p>c. Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of either the Regional Director for the region (region 1-9) in which the show is planning to be held or from the International Division Chair for International Division shows. Written permission must accompany the show license application <u>and for shows in regions 1-7, must include certification that any approvals required from adjoining regional directors, if applicable, have been obtained.</u> Before granting permission, the <u>associated Regional Director for regions 1-7</u> shall notify all subscribers of the CFA News announcements or a similar CFA-managed email list of such a license request. Clubs wishing to provide comment may do so to their Regional Director within 7 days of the announcement. While the Regional Directors will consider all input, they are not bound by it. This is in addition to any other policy used by the CFA Executive Board to manage the show schedule. This does not apply to shows licensed within the State of Hawaii.</p> <p>d. Regional Director (RD) and adjoining Regional Director approval is required for any club <u>in regions 1-7</u> to obtain a show license with one exception. <u>Similarly, only RD approval is required for clubs in regions 8 or 9, and only the International Division Chair approval is required for clubs in the International Division. The exception is for cClubs holding a show on their traditional date. They</u> do not require RD approval to hold a show on that date in any subsequent year. In cases where a floating traditional date lands on the weekend of a fixed traditional date in the same region, RD approval is required to license either or both shows.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: At the August board meeting, the Show Rules Committee was requested to revise show rule 4.03c to ensure that the following two changes were made. First, the written approval for a show where the show weekend or location had been changed would include a statement from the associated Regional Director that they had obtained the required approvals from the neighboring Regional Directors. Second, this process would only apply to regions 1-7, and not to region 8, 9, or the International Division.</p>		

The above proposals accomplish that request.

Phillips: The next one is the request I had from the last meeting to modify 4.03.c. and d., regarding making it clear that the regional director sending in the approval for a show license has obtained the required approvals from the adjacent regional directors, and that only applies for Regions 1 through 8. It did not apply in Region 8 and 9. Similarly, the requirement to notify the CFA Newsletter for show date changes or show location changes only applied again to Regions 1-7 and did not apply to Regions 8 or 9, or the International Division. With that being said, what I really would like to do, even if you do pass this, is I would like to go back and re-do all of 4.03. 4.03 can be very confusing. That I won't have ready for this meeting – maybe February at the earliest, but not this meeting. **Hannon:** I have a question. Why are we limiting the CFA News notice to Regions 1 through 7? I understand not asking neighbors when you're in Europe or Brazil or wherever, but within the region people may want to have that information in Europe or Asia or whatever. **DelaBar:** We do tell them. We send out revised show schedules as soon as there is a new show or any change. It goes out to all the clubs and all the exhibitors. **Hannon:** You do that, but that's not to say your successor will do that, or that they do that in the ID or Japan. **Schreck:** You were saying it's sent out, but would it be sent out before it's licensed? It goes in the CFA News when it's requested, not after it's licensed, so this may be a pre-notice situation or kind of a head's up; whereas, after it's on the show schedule, generally what I've seen in the CFA News is Club A in Timbuktu wants to change to this, there's no other shows in the region, and so this is the change. I think that it should go in the CFA News. **Phillips:** Your board minutes from August said not to. That's all I can tell you. **Hannon:** What do we want to do? **DelaBar:** So many times, like with the shows in Finland, we may move a show 80 kilometers, which is 50 miles, or a little over that. Then, we've got to post it in the CFA News. Well, the Finns don't care that it's going from this city to this city. The majority of ours are things like that – "I've got to move this location because I found a cheaper show hall" type of thing. **Hannon:** Most of them are dates, as opposed to location changes, right? **Kuta:** In general, yes. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to ask how Japan does it right now, in terms of letting clubs know when there's a proposed change in a regional show date or location. **Maeda:** Whenever changes happen, they have a show scheduler in Japan. They adjust them and make sure everything is OK with the related or affected club. If it's approved, they put it on the website for that change. **Eigenhauser:** How do they let people know of the proposed change in advance? **Maeda:** There is no pre-notice process in Japan. It's only being adjusted or scheduled between the affected parties. **Kallmeyer:** In the ID, actually there's very few traditional dates because they are heavily dependent on when they get the sponsorship. It's more a function of the country that you're in. Places like Hong Kong go to the regional scheduler and notify them. Other countries, it could be any date. It's not really affecting anybody in the world. **Hannon:** So, if Brazil changed a date, it doesn't matter in Shanghai. **Kallmeyer:** It doesn't matter if Singapore. Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan could put on shows and not affect anyone else. **Schreck:** After thinking about this, this show rule would remove the requirement to put it out in the CFA News, but they would still be able to if they want to. There's no prohibition. So, I amend my thought process for that, because if they want to they can, but they don't have to. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

3.c – Revise Rule 28.01b – Specify Date by Which Claim Form must be Filed to Get Credit for Points toward any RW/BW/DW/NW title in the prior season

28.01b	Central Office Request	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>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 award points earned will be held in abeyance and not counted toward granding the cat or obtaining a regional/divisional/global award until the claim form and appropriate fees have been received for the cat by Central Office.</p>		<p>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 award points earned will be held in abeyance and not counted toward granding the cat or obtaining a regional/divisional/global award until the claim form and appropriate fees have been received for the cat by Central Office. <u>At the end of the show season, the claim form and fee must be received no later than one week after the last show weekend of the season in order for regional/divisional/national points to be credited to the cat’s record for that season.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: As was recently brought to the Show Rules Committee’s attention, there is the potential for a floating target in determining regional, divisional, breed, and national awards. Specifically, since the points for a cat that has not confirmed its championship are not awarded until the date when that confirmation is received, there is the potential for a cat to confirm its championship well into May (or even June) such that all of its award points for the prior season would then be credited to that cat, and it then may qualify for an award in the previous show season. However, those awards may have already have been handed out (erroneously). This revision specifies that for those points to count in that previous season, the confirmation must be made to the Central Office by the Monday following the end of the show season. This is the same deadline provided in Article XXXVI for point reinstatement due to missing or erroneous data.</p>		

Phillips: The next one, 3.c., is an issue that Central Office brought up. It’s a good point. Basically, what it has to do with is filing the championship claim form to make sure you can count those points you earn. When you’re doing that, right at the cusp of a show season, the issue we don’t want to have happen is that the points are not applied to the cat until the claim form is filed. If they file a claim form in June, when you apply the points to the cat, now it’s eligible for a divisional or regional win in the previous show season that ended back in April, but you don’t have it on the list yet because, of course, those points didn’t get claimed until June. So, this is a change basically to make it tighter on that claim form. It has to be filed within one week after the last show of the show season, so that at that point in time Central Office can put together the final data and say, this is it. **Wilson:** Doesn’t this then, though, supersede the rule that we passed last year about having 45 days to claim your NC? **Hannon:** Do you understand his problem? If you wait 45 days, then how are you going to determine the regional awards? **Wilson:** I do understand the problem. We’re getting into another situation where we have all these rules in a row, and one

conflicts with another one. **Schreck:** Tim had gone through this scenario with the group, to give some illustrations about how this 45 day rule crosses over the year end. I have two comments about this. It's a quagmire. We've already spent 100 hours programming the NC. Those hours could have been used for something more valuable. This show rule here – I believe when we pass show rules, they come into effect the following show season. So, what do we do about this year? We're still hung out to dry with the 45 days, unless we make this effective for the current year. **Phillips:** We can do that. **Schreck:** Can you? And then what I guess they could still do then, if they miss the week, they are out of the regional/national awards, but if they still get the claim form within the time period allowed – basically 90 days – they would get their grand points. **Phillips:** Correct. **Schreck:** So, I think that this needs to be altered to say that it would apply to the current year, or you are going to have that situation. Also, it needs to say that it trumps – I don't know what word you would use – the other provisions about the 90 days. **Phillips:** This just talks about national/regional/divisional points, not grand points. **Schreck:** Right, I understand that. **Phillips:** It doesn't talk about grand points at all. **Schreck:** I'm not worried about the grand points. What I am worried about is the effective date of this, and to make sure people understand that this overrides – as Annette said – the 90 days, because you have a conflict. **Kallmeyer:** Don't forget this also affects Catteries of Distinction and the Grands of Distinction, too. So, extending that period would be painful to go back and do it. **McCullough:** I talked to Shirley and there's some buried show rule down here that they have the first Monday after the end of the show season to have that all done. After that Monday, you can't go back, so there's not a carry-over from season to season. She asked that that be put in at the beginning of the TRNs when they first came out way back when, so you wouldn't have the 60 day overlap into the season. **Hannon:** There's a number of quizzical looks around, who don't know what you're talking about. **Phillips:** That's a different issue. **Kuta:** I might be really wrong here. We had 2 regional winners – maybe one was a kitten, but we had one championship regional winner that was an NC this past season. Should that not have happened? **Kallmeyer:** Last season it was OK. **Kuta:** Oh, got it. **Eigenhauser:** My one request is, if we're going to do a special starting date, I would like to vote on that separately. I support this rule, but I'm generally more hesitant to change a show rule in the middle of a season, so I would vote separately on the date. **Hannon:** Do I understand correctly, Monte, that if somebody champions or premiers their cat at the end of March, they still have until one week into the new season to do that claim? So, those people will have more than a week. They will have probably the 45 days. **Phillips:** Right. For example, someone who does that at the last show of the show season, they're only going to have a week. **Hannon:** Right, but not everybody is going to have a week. **Phillips:** No. **Hannon:** Some people will have 2 or 3 or 4 weeks. **Phillips:** It could be anything from 45 days down to a week, depending. **Hannon:** We're going to vote on this as presented, and then we can have a second motion dealing with whether it is retroactive to the current show season, OK?

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

Hannon: Someone want to make a motion to make it effective this show season?
Schreck: So moved. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion on making it effective for the current show season? **Schreck:** I just want to point out what I said before. If we don't make it effective for the current show season, then you're going to have the same problem you had last year. You're going to have NC's getting regional awards, possibly.

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

3d – Rule Change Requests from the Feline Agility Coordinator [Note: There are several of these, most related to adding clarifications concerning agility cats in the show, and some revising the rules to match the way agility is now conducted.]

Rule 2.19g		At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring.		The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. <u>Agility only entries are not Exhibition Only and should be listed in the catalog as competing in agility.</u>	

Phillips: The next set of rules has to do with requests from the Feline Agility Report, and I am going to turn this over to Rachel, because you're the one who said to put this in this group, so I did. Basically, these are all requests from Jill Archibald to make some minor changes to the rules affecting Agility. **Anger:** Right, although I didn't know you wanted me to present them. She has no individual rationales for any of them. **Phillips:** OK, I'll cover them. The first one has to do with the Exhibition Only class. Apparently, some people are putting Agility entries into Exhibition Only. They should be entered in Agility, not Exhibition Only. The second is to add a word that when it comes to entries – **Eigenhauser:** Monte, can we vote on these one at a time? **Phillips:** OK, we'll do them one at a time. **Hannon:** Are there any comments on putting them in the catalog separate from Exhibition Only? **Kuta:** Does the software support this? I haven't talked to Steve [Thieler] about it. **McCullough:** I have. **Kuta:** You have? Great. **Phillips:** Software supports it. **Kuta:** Wait. It does or it doesn't? **McCullough:** Currently it can't. **Phillips:** Steve Thieler's software supports it. Trust me, that's how I'm doing the World Show. It's called FAC – Feline Agility. You just check the box and tell them how many agility spots you've got, and away you go. **Kuta:** OK, thank you. **Phillips:** I have 5 entries so far, by the way. **Fellerman:** I don't know that I've ever seen Agility entries in a catalog anywhere, and I was wondering if this would make it some sort of requirement. The few times I have run Agility – my cats just sort of lay there on the platform – it's been, I've got some extra time and let's go over and run Agility. I fill out the form and give them my \$10 or whatever it costs these days. It's never been anything before the show that's entered. I'm wondering if this would make it some sort of requirement. **Hannon:** I don't understand the point of this, because if you can bring a cat and enter it that day – **Phillips:** Yes, you can. **Hannon:** So, why have two classes – one that entered in advance and one that entered that day? For purposes of Agility, they are all the same, right? **Phillips:** But if you enter in advance, they're not Exhibition Only. That's the key. **Hannon:** I don't think this was worded that way, because it's going to give people the impression that they should put it in the catalog. What you really want to say is, if you are going to put it in the catalog, don't put it in as Exhibition Only, right? **Kuta:** If the cat is not entered in another class already. **Phillips:** That would be a separate entry. **Kuta:** Right. That's what I mean.

You don't want the cat listed twice in the catalog. **Phillips:** You would have it in twice. **Kuta:** As this is written. **Fellerman:** This is kind of confusing. **Hannon:** I don't think this accomplishes what Jill wants. **Phillips:** That's the way Jill worded it. **Hannon:** What Jill wants is, don't put it in Exhibition Only if you're going to put it in the catalog, put it in as a separate class for Agility if you're going to put it in the catalog. **Wilson:** In the part of the Show Rules that she's referring to, maybe "Agility Cat" should be added as a definition under 2.19, Non-Championship Classes. That's where Exhibition Only is, and also Household Pet and Miscellaneous. Maybe that needs to be added, and then it will be clear that there's a place to do it. **Hannon:** Seeing no further comments, I'm going to call the question.

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

Rule 5.01f	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), <i>registered</i> Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA awards.	All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), <u>Agility (if offered)</u> , <i>registered</i> Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA awards.	

Phillips: 5.01.f. basically says that Agility cats are going to be scored. Right now, there's no reference to them being scored at all. **Eigenhauser:** I think what it says is that Agility cats will be scored if they are entered in the catalog, and the walk-in's won't be. **Phillips:** No, it just says *All entries*. They still consider it an entry if they are entered at the show. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments?

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

Rule 5.01o	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
New Rule	o. The CFA Agility logo when a show is offering CFA Feline Agility Competition.	

Phillips: 5.01.o. is that you get to use the CFA Agility logo if your show is going to have Agility. That's all 5.01.o. is about. **Hannon:** Why do we need that? **Wilson:** 5.01 is regarding announcing the show and the show flyer, so I think she wants to put in there that you can put the logo on the show flyer. **Eigenhauser:** I don't think it's "can", I think when you add this to the list, you "must". **Wilson:** That's true. The rule will say it must. **Eigenhauser:** Then it has to be on the show flyer. I have no problem with it being optional, but it's optional now. I don't see why it has to be mandated. We don't mandate things for other CFA functions, other than the CFA logo itself. **Wilson:** I agree it shouldn't be mandated. Maybe, Monte, when you are putting in one

of these subrules, you can include the part of the rule at the top that actually refers to what we're voting on. **Phillips:** Actually, all I did was cut and paste from Jill. **Wilson:** That would be helpful, I think. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

6.12h	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
New Rule		h. Cats or kittens competing in Agility.

Phillips: 6.12.h. has to do with cats entered at the show. **Hannon:** What is 6.12? **Phillips:** 6.12 talks about a cat or kitten not having all of its physical properties, except the following examples. **Wilson:** A blind, 3-legged cat. **Phillips:** This puts Agility cats on the exception list. So a 3-legged cat could run the Agility course. **McCullough:** I don't see 6.12.h. **Wilson:** We're adding it. See, "New Rule"? **Hannon:** Any other comments?

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

6.24c	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
c. Cats entered during the show by coming to the ring, must sign the sign-in sheet and fill out the entry form.		c. Cats entered during the show by coming to the ring, must sign the sign-in sheet and fill out <u>and sign an Agility the entry form and give it and the entry fee to the Ringmaster. The cat's correct full registered name and registration number, and all CFA titles must be entered on the Agility entry form.</u>

Phillips: 6.24.c. basically is a rewording of what is actually happening at shows that are currently being held, as opposed to what the rule says. **Hannon:** Any comments on 6.24.c.? **Eigenhauser:** Why are we mandating the cat's title be on an Agility entry? **Hannon:** Do you know why? **Anger:** No, I don't. **Bizzell:** I think when they publish the standings, they actually have the cats' titles in there. **Hannon:** Wouldn't she know that from CFA's records? **Bizzell:** When you enter Agility, unless you put down the registration number, how are they going to know who Fluffy is? **Phillips:** Just a comment. What is here is exactly what Jill proposed, but when it comes to real entries for everything else, titles are not allowed. **Hannon:** I guess what she is talking about is for the end of the season. When she announces awards for the regions, she wants to have the title. **DelaBar:** When we enter a cat in a show, we put down what class it's competing in, which is essentially its title. **Phillips:** There are at least 4 Agility titles I'm aware of, but we don't enter it as a Grand Master. **Schreck:** I disagree with Pam. We don't put all those titles down. If we have a Premier that we're trying to get the 30 rings on, that Premier might be a Grand Champion, Grand Premier, D.M., National Winner, so we don't put all those titles on. I

agree that the entry form has the class that they're in, but it doesn't have all of those other titles. **Hannon:** What you are saying is, it may be entered as an open in Premiership, but it may also be a Grand Champion. **Schreck:** It may be a Grand Champion, it may be a D.M., who knows. **DelaBar:** What does it hurt? **Wilson:** If it's required and it's not on there, are they not going to give out a title? I sound like George now, but whenever you put in a requirement, then it allows someone to do something if you don't meet the requirement, or not do something. I get the spirit of this, but I'm not so sure it should be a requirement. **Hannon:** Any other comments?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar and Anger voting yes.

Phillips: Can I back up to the one we just failed and say, how about if we took out the word "and" between "registered name and registration number" and lined out "and all CFA titles"? **Schreck:** Say it again, Monte. **Hannon:** Take out all CFA titles. **Phillips:** The revised sentence would say, *The cat's correct full registered name and registration number must be entered on the Agility entry form.* **Hannon:** He just wants to take out the three words, *all CFA titles.* Any other discussion?

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

8.03	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator		
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording		
See above rule text for 3.a – The full table is not repeated again here.	Add the following line in the table after the Veterans listings: Best-5th Best Agility Rosette/award Any Color		

Phillips: 8.03 just adds to the list of awards Best-5th Best Agility. Right now, there is no award at all for Agility. **Hannon:** What do they do now? It's up to the club. **Phillips:** I have no idea what they do now. **Hannon:** Let's see, Northwest Regional Director. What do they do now? You're probably one of the areas that has Veterans. **Moser:** Are we on Veterans? **Anger:** This is after Veterans. **DelaBar:** It's part of the Show Rules where it lists the different awards, and it doesn't list Agility. **Phillips:** Right. There's no Agility award now. This adds the award that doesn't currently exist. **Bizzell:** It's my understanding that the Agility Ring Master has provided those awards, and those have been subsidized by a sponsor, but it's not in our rules that they are required to give them out. **Wilson:** By putting this in the rules, does it require the club then to provide the awards? **Phillips:** If they have Agility. **McCullough:** Isn't Agility a sponsored ring? Don't we have a sponsor for them? **Phillips:** We haven't had Agility in my region as far back as I can remember. **Hannon:** We have it a lot in my region, and it's not sponsored. The club just provides it. It's Dr. Elsey's sponsored. **Moser:** Somebody sponsors it usually, though. **Hannon:** What Dr. Elsey's provides is up to \$300 to cover your expenses. In my area, it costs over \$300 just to have the ring set up. On top of that, you've got to pay the Agility Ring Master and the steward, so it costs you more. **Wilson:** I would like to see the clubs' input on whether they think this is something they want mandated. If they're going to offer an Agility ring, they should know that they have to pay for the rosettes. I realize that's not a lot. **Moser:** I think they should, too.

Our clubs never sponsor Agility because we don't have room in our show halls, so somebody came up and we did one at our regional fundraiser. I didn't realize that you had to pay the Ringmaster and all this stuff, so it would be nice if we knew that, because I didn't even know that. It's confusing. **Hannon:** That doesn't address whether or not they should be required to hand out rosettes. **Eigenhauser:** This says *rosette/award*. "Award" is something you could drive a truck through. Award can mean anything you want it to mean. **Hannon:** So what are you saying? You have no problem with this? **Eigenhauser:** I'm saying, this isn't that big a burden. It could be a little stuffed toy with an emblem on it saying *Best Agility Winner*. It doesn't have to be a rosette. I can be some kind of award or designation. It doesn't have to be anything expensive or burdensome. **Hannon:** Anything else?

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

9.12b		At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
b. The enclosure consists of panels of fence that shall be at least 6 feet high with a slanted top (slanted inward) or a covered top. The mesh shall be strong enough to keep cats in and still be easy to look through.		b. The enclosure consists of panels of <u>see through fencing or netting</u> fence that shall be at least 6 feet high with a slanted top (slanted inward) or a covered top. The mesh shall be strong enough to keep cats in and still be easy to look through.	

Phillips: 9.12.b. changes the word from "fence" to "see through fencing or netting".

Hannon: Any comments or questions? **McCullough:** Has anybody seen a wooden fence put up?

Hannon: No. **McCullough:** So, why was this a problem? **Hannon:** "See through" might mean like chain link or something. **McCullough:** Have you carried a chain link fence that big?

Hannon: Seeing no further discussion.

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

12.19		At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
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. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.		The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership <u>and agility</u> claim forms, <u>Agility Ringmaster's Scoresheet</u> , 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. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.	

<p>The master clerk will prepare Championship and Premiership confirmation forms and Household Pet Recording Number applications by securely stapling or clipping checks to the claim form or application, as appropriate. The master clerk is not required to accept cash payment for the confirmation fee.</p> <p>All confirmations, applications, and transfers must be submitted to the Central Office with the show records.</p>	<p>The master clerk will prepare Championship and Premiership confirmation forms and Household Pet Recording Number applications by securely stapling or clipping checks to the claim form or application, as appropriate. The master clerk is not required to accept cash payment for the confirmation fee.</p> <p>All confirmations, applications, and transfers must be submitted to the Central Office with the show records.</p>
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Phillips: 12.19 adds the Agility claim forms and the score sheets to the things that go into the package that goes to Central Office, that the master clerk puts in the package. **Hannon:** Any comments or questions? **McCullough:** I would like to see the cut-off timing put in here, before the end of the show closes. At noon. **Phillips:** No, this is after Agility is over. This is the score sheet. **McCullough:** Right. If Agility closes out after your show ends – it can still go on, your judges are rushing out the door, you can still have Agility going on. In order to get into the master clerk’s package, they’re going to have to wait until Agility is over, so if you can have a cut-off 4 hours before the end of the show or something like that, that Agility has to end before the show. **Phillips:** I’ve never been to a show where Agility was still going on after everybody else was leaving. **Eigenhauser:** We currently wait until the last ring is done, regardless. This is just treated like any other ring. That’s all we’re doing. **Dugger:** In the shows we’ve had in the Southern Region when we use Agility, they usually make an announcement something like about 2:00, about the same time we do the end of our raffle or something like that, that says, “the last timed run of Agility is going to be at 2:30. If you want to get your kitty over there and do it, be over there by that time.” **Hannon:** We don’t want it to be beyond the end of the show. **Dugger:** No, but I’m just saying that they usually make an announcement when it’s going to happen. **Anger:** Even so, this has no effect on judges being checked out. If a show has Agility, it affects the master clerk, and the master clerk is generally your last person out of the show hall anyway. **Hannon:** No further comments?

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

24.01g	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
g. The CRM must complete the Agility Sign-In & Score Sheet and deliver it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package.	g. The CRM must complete the Agility Sign-In & Score Sheet <u>Ringmaster’s Scoresheet</u> and deliver <u>the first copy of</u> it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package. <u>The Ringmaster should retain the second copy of the scoresheet and deliver the third copy of the Scoresheet to the Show Manager along with any fees collected.</u>	

Phillips: 24.01.g. is basically the paperwork that the Ringmaster completes and how it's distributed. **Hannon:** Comments or questions?

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

[from later in Show Rules Report] **McCullough:** I have a question before we go any further. Back on Agility where the Ringmaster has to give the paperwork to the show manager? Why can't they give it to the master clerk? Can we change that, so they don't have to hunt down a show manager at the end of the show? **DelaBar:** It says master clerk. **Phillips:** What you're looking at there is how the scoresheets get distributed. **McCullough:** 24.01.g. **Phillips:** Yes. That's how the sheets get distributed. For example, right now the entire show package, one copy of the show package goes to the show secretary. **McCullough:** That's not mentioned. **Phillips:** This is how you break up the 3 parts. **McCullough:** *The Ringmaster should retain the second copy of the scoresheet and deliver the third copy of the Scoresheet to the Show Manager along with any fees collected.* **Phillips:** Yes. **McCullough:** Why not to the master clerk. **Wilson:** Because the show manager is collecting the money. **Phillips:** So the master clerk can give it to the show manager? **McCullough:** The show manager is collecting the money? **Wilson:** The master clerk doesn't take the money. It says *with any fees*. It's an entry fee. **Phillips:** That's the Agility fee. The entry clerk is not normally sitting over at the Agility ring all day for the show. **McCullough:** OK.

Registration Rules	At Request of Feline Agility Coordinator	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
Championship or Premiership Confirmation.....\$15.00	Championship_ or Premiership or Agility Confirmation	\$15.00
RATIONALE: These changes were requested by the Feline Agility Coordinator to clarify current practices.		

Phillips: This has to do with the Championship or Premiership confirmation, or Agility confirmation. This would not normally go in the Show Rules anyway. **Anger:** It's in the Registration Rules. **Bizzell:** It would be in our fees section. **Phillips:** That's where it should be, in fees. I'm going to turn that one over to Rachel, because this is definitely out of my realm. **Anger:** Since this one came in separately by itself, I know a little bit more about it. It's adding to the list of fees that is currently in the Registration Rules. If you want to add it somewhere else, you can bring that up, but this is her request. If you look at the Registration Rules on the CFA website, there are all kinds of different fees on the document. **Hannon:** Didn't we take that out? **Phillips:** We took all the fees out of the rules completely. **Bizzell:** We have a separate fee schedule. It should refer to the fee schedule. **Phillips:** That's what we did in the rules. We put everything in the rules where a fee would be, it says *See fee schedule*. **Hannon:** Rachel, why don't you make a motion that we add the Agility confirmation fee of \$15 to the fee schedule? **Anger:** So moved. **Hannon:** Any discussion on adding this? **Schreck:** Do they pay for this now? Is it something they can click on and pay for online, or is this another programming change we have to do? **Anger:** Not sure. I think they turn the fee in with their form at the show. **Hannon:** Doesn't the money go to the club, as opposed to CFA? **Phillips:** This is the confirmation, so I

would assume it goes to CFA. This is for the very first Agility title. It requires a confirmation fee, just like the champion title or premier title. **Schreck:** Online, of course, as we know, you can go in and do your champion and premier claim. Can you do the agility claim online? If not, would the intention be that you would add that? I think before – **Hannon:** Go ahead. **Schreck:** I'm waiting for the over conversations to conclude. I think before we pass something like this, I want to reiterate what Annette alluded to and emphasize that, on behalf of the IT Chair, that before you do any of these changes you have to ask what changes, either Central Office staff by hand or your programming, has to be done in order to accommodate this. Is it on there already? **Bizzell:** I pulled up the online form and it's \$15. It's a claim form. **Schreck:** Can we pay it online, Carla? **Bizzell:** I didn't go to the online payment area, but it's an established fee and an established form, whether or not it is electronic. **Schreck:** You can pay for it with a check, just as you can with a champion or premier claim, with your show package. **Bizzell:** At least that. **Hannon:** There's no programming change for that, but if you're doing it online, you're saying there's a programming change. **Schreck:** I don't recall seeing it there myself. **Kallmeyer:** It says you must mail it in. **Schreck:** Just so I'm clear, this is already being charged. All you're asking is for it to be put on the list of fees? **Hannon:** No, they want to be able to do the confirmation online. Right now, the form says it's required to do it snail mail. **Schreck:** This doesn't say that. **Phillips:** All this does is add it to the list of fees. Right now, it's a giant guess how much it is. **Schreck:** What I'm reading right here in front of me is to add the proposed wording to the list of fees. It doesn't say anything about online or whatever. **Hannon:** I said that and got corrected. That's the way I initially understood it. **Anger:** On the CFA website, effective June 1, 2015, Rules for Registration, Article I – Fees. There's approximately 25 or 30 lines of fees, so the earlier discussion said that was all taken out, I am not understanding. **Bizzell:** We voted to take it out. **Anger:** It's still there, and that's what Jill based the rule on. **Hannon:** Are we going to take it out, Monte? **Phillips:** I don't have the Rules for Registration. **Hannon:** We took it out of the Show Rules. **Phillips:** We took it out of the Show Rules a long time ago. **Schreck:** I don't know where it is. **Wilson:** Therein lies the problem. I have never quite understood why the Rules for Registration has all of the CFA fees in it. There should be a fee schedule in a separate document or a place online. **Hannon:** Who handles that? Not Monte. **Wilson:** Central Office. **Hannon:** Do you understand what they're saying, Terri? Take the fees out of that and just reference – **Barry:** A fee schedule, and develop a fee schedule. **Hannon:** That way you don't have to keep changing it in multiple places. Back to the proposed wording. We're going to vote on this, right? **Anger:** Yes please.

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

3e – Clarify Handling of TRN Requirements for Show Scoring Purposes

Rule 6.16	At Request of Central Office Staff
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the	The temporary registration number (<u>TRN</u>) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon

appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. . Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this 60-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.

receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, which is done prior to the associated show being scored, the registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. In cases where the TRN is voided, those cats/kittens will not be included in the Official Count for the associated category (K/C/P). Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. . Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this 60-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number. For cats to receive credit for Regional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by

	the Monday following the completion of that show season.
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RATIONALE: These changes will make it clear that to receive national or regional points for a TRN during a show season, the permanent registration number must be provided to central office by the Monday following the end of that show season. It will also clarify that for cats/kittens whose TRN paperwork proves to not be sufficient for the cat/kitten to actually receive a TRN (cats in pedigree not registerable, numbers provided don't match cat's parents, etc.), those cats/kittens will not be included in the Official Count. That is because in the case of kittens, they would be like kittens without registration numbers (not counted), and in the case of adults, they would be like Novices (which also are not counted).

Phillips: We put this out as guidance to everybody on the planet that if you submit a TRN application and it's invalid – I'm going to use the term "invalid" meaning that either (a) a cat that's in the 4-generation pedigree – I'll use British Shorthairs because it's easy for me. One of them is a lilac. We don't register lilacs, so that would mean that that British Shorthair TRN would be an invalid TRN, because that cat would not be registerable in CFA. What Shirley is doing if she finds an invalid TRN, she is removing that cat from the count before she actually does the count. We don't have any rule that says she can do that. That's what this is. This is the rule that puts that into effect. **Hannon:** It says she can do what she's been doing. **Phillips:** Exactly. **Hannon:** Which is I think what we said when we came up with the new scoring. **Phillips:** Oh yes. We put it out that that's what we're doing. **Schreck:** Again, what is the effective date for this? **Phillips:** We might as well make it immediately effective. **Hannon:** Let's do that as a separate motion. The first motion is to include it in the Show Rules for the new show season. Any other comments or questions?

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

Hannon: Someone want to make a motion for an effective date? **Schreck:** I would make a motion that this is effective immediately. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion on making it effective immediately?

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

3f – Amend Rule to Allow Licensing Shows at Single Show Location in Other Than a 6x6 Format

Rule 4.07.a.3.	Board Member Request
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit six judgments per entry each day, but to be licensed in Regions 1-8 or the	3. Two six ring , one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of <u>up to</u> six rings held on the first day and <u>up to</u> six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit <u>up to</u> six judgments per entry each day, but to be licensed in Regions

International Division, each of the shows must include at least two longhair and two shorthair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in Region 9, each of the shows must include one longhair and shorthair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. NOTE: There are no provisions to license two shows at the same location that do not contain exactly six rings.

~~1-8 or the International Division, each of the shows must include at least two longhair and two shorthair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in Region 9, each of the shows must include one longhair and shorthair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. NOTE: There are no provisions to license two shows at the same location that do not contain exactly six rings.~~ To be licensed in Regions 1-8 or the International Division, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for 11 or 12 total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required. To be licensed in Region 9, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings are required between the two shows. Requests to license two shows pursuant to this rule must be submitted together to Central Office, each with its appropriate license and insurance fees.

RATIONALE: This rule is being amended to permit multiple clubs to license two shows at the exact same show location, thus sharing expenses, while utilizing their own specific show formats. The current rule only allows 6x6 shows (each show must contain exactly six rings). This revision will permit clubs to share locations and put on any combination of rings – 4x4, 5x5, 4x6, etc. The specialty ring requirements are exactly as they would be if the clubs had chosen to utilize one license instead of two. While clubs could license the shows today with one license as a co-sponsored show, this change allows clubs to also license both shows with separate licenses if they so choose. [NOTE: By utilizing this rule change, each show would be looking at its own license/insurance/surcharge set of fees.]

Phillips: Apparently, yours truly misread the proposal passed in February regarding the 6x6's. The way I read the proposal was that what passed was the modified version, with that line taken out. That was wrong apparently. What it was supposed to be was the original proposal with that line taken out, so we've changed the Show Rules completely already to say that a 6x6 is just 6 by 6. You can't have any 5 ring shows, any 4 ring shows or any other number other than 6. This changes it back to what it used to be, which was *up to 6 rings* for both shows and puts in the full set of specialty ring requirements. **Hannon:** The confusion was that we said we didn't want to call them 6x6's if they really weren't 6 rings. You thought we wanted to mandate 6 rings. We want to come up with another term for a show that might be 6 and 4, instead of calling it a 6x6, so he has done that. **Schreck:** So, what are we calling it? **Phillips:** Two one-day shows. **Hannon:** In the same location on the same date. **Wilson:** Can I just clarify that even though it gives examples of 4x4, a 2x2 could be a possible format. **Hannon:** These are examples, but they are only examples. **Wilson:** So it's not tying people to just one format. **Hannon:** It could be 2 rings. **Eigenhauser:** It could be a 1x1. **Wilson:** Or a 4x2. **Hannon:** Any other discussion on that?

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

DelaBar: I move we make this immediate. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **McCullough:** Can we make it retroactive to this show season? **Wilson:** That's what it means. **McCullough:** She said immediate. **Phillips:** Essentially, what immediate means is that we can't unlicense a show and relicense it. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? The motion is to make it effective immediately.

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

Kallmeyer: We've changed the Show Rules effective immediately. Can online or something, we put a page of things effective immediately, with the online show rules, so it's available? **Phillips:** I think we have one out there right now that says *effective September 15th*. Terri, can we update that? I'll just send you a revised update and you can drop that baby in? **Barry:** I won't drop it in, but I'll see that it does, yes. **Phillips:** OK, Shelly or somebody? Or Kathy? **Eigenhauser:** Why don't we put it out on CFA News, as well? **Hannon:** Annette, speaking of CFA News, are you taking notes on this meeting? **Wilson:** No. Was I supposed to? **Hannon:** You offered to do it. **Wilson:** I did, but I never got any confirmation appointing me as the official note taker. How am I going to remember all this stuff? **Hannon:** Never mind. It's a little late to ask. **Wilson:** If you had asked me yesterday morning, I would have said yes.

4 – Non-Show Rule Resolutions for Discussion [Note: These have nothing to do with show rules, but are included here at the request of the Board for completeness of items discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.]

4a – Resolution 33 – CFA to Reach Out to TICA to Allow TICA Judges to Judge at CFA Licensed Shows

Resolution 33: *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.

DISCUSSION SYNOPSIS: *The gist of the discussion was that 1) CFA has a great cadre of judges, 2) there was concern that some of the available TICA judges were former CFA judges that left on not good terms and should not be able to come back via the back door, 3) when a judge cancels a show for whatever reason being able to go to TICA to get a replacement would be a useful approach.*

Phillips: Section 4 is really out of my realm. **Hannon:** The reason I asked Monte to handle this is, in the past we have forgotten things that didn't deal with Show Rules, so I asked him to include it just so we remember to deal with it.

[BREAK]

Phillips: Resolution 33 from the Annual that was passed had to do with the CFA Board of Directors reaching out to The International Cat Association, which is TICA, prior to the Annual of TICA – which is not going to happen since that was 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 in Regions 1-9. That was brought up by Jacqui Bennett and it was voted on, and you called it as approved. I've just copied the rationale from that resolution. **Hannon:** Is somebody making this motion? **DelaBar:** I'm not going to make the motion, but Monte asked me if I would speak it, since I spoke to it at the Annual. **Hannon:** Let's first get somebody willing to make the motion. **Eigenhauser:** I'll make the motion. **McCullough:** I'll second it. **DelaBar:** I spoke to this because we came up against a situation, and it was personal to me, that we had a medical emergency on Thursday evening. I was supposed to leave out Friday morning to go to judge in Great Britain. I had to cancel at the very last minute. They were able to get a longhair judge from GCCF to cover, but they could not get a shorthair judge. There was a TICA judge in Britain who was available, but we were not allowed to reach out to that person. I've talked to Annette on this and said it would have been nice, had we been able to be able to get special permission to be able to utilize that judge to offer that ring to all our exhibitors, which we were not able to do. Of course, Great Britain is one of the areas we're really fighting to get CFA entrenched. I would like to see us try this in Region 9 on an exception basis. **Hannon:** Annette, do you have comments? **Wilson:** I do. **Hannon:** Was this discussed with the judges? **Wilson:** Yes, the Judges' Association – actually, we have a statement from the Judges' Association. Rachel is going to read it. **Hannon:** You want to make that now? **Anger:** Sure. It was forwarded to the board upon receipt in August, right after the annual, but I will read it into the record.

I am writing to you in the capacity as JA President, and would appreciate it if you would distribute this to the entire Board, if the subject comes up at the August Board Meeting or any subsequent Board meeting.

In July this year at the Annual Judges Association meeting, the subject of reciprocity with TICA for judging was discussed. There was a good representative of our judging panel present.

The result of the discussion and vote was that the judging panel does not want an agreement with TICA. We feel that our current panel is underutilized, given the fact that we are seeing less shows than ever before, and therefore, do not need to rely on judges from other associations to judge our cats.

Thank you for your time.

*Sincerely,
Ellyn Honey, President
CFA Judges Association*

Hannon: Did you have anything more, Annette? **Wilson:** I do. One of CFA's advantages to the cat fancy is the quality and professionalism of our judges. I know that personally – it's why I chose CFA 40 years ago when I exhibited in every show that was nearby, regardless of the registry or association. CFA's guest judging program has been honed and refined over the years and most recently (last year), we further updated it to restrict the number of times a judge from an approved association can judge a CFA show. The reason for the restriction is to maintain the CFA brand. Exhibitors enter CFA shows for the opinions of CFA judges. Guest judges are most often used in areas of CFA (specifically, Region 9 and the ID) where there are a currently insufficient number of CFA judges, at a reasonable transportation cost, to serve all of the shows. As the number of CFA judges in these areas grows, the need for guest judges will dissipate. There does not seem to be a need for guest judges in north America; though clubs in Canada and in states bordering Canada sometimes invite judges from CCA (and vice versa). Note that CCA is the Canadian Cat Association, not a U.S. registry. Our major competition in the US has been, and is, TICA (and to a much smaller extent, ACFA). We are also competing with TICA in Europe and possibly will be in other areas of the world. When a company or corporation has competition in their "home" market, they do not make it easier for customers to choose the competition. They make it more difficult. We compete on many levels, but where the rubber hits the road – in the judging ring – we should maintain our exclusivity. Yes, I know that's not always considered a positive connotation, but it SHOULD be. We DO want to be exclusive. We want exhibitors at CFA shows. These exhibitors want and deserve CFA judges, trained in CFA's standards. The Judges Association (JA) has written a position statement, that Rachel just read, against reciprocity with TICA on the guest judging issue. The CFA Judging Program Committee concurs. We have 125 CFA judges available to judge CFA shows, worldwide. My suggestion to the clubs is to hire them! Pepsi doesn't serve Coke products in their break rooms. GM car dealers don't sell Fords. CFA shows should have CFA judges. In areas of the world where there are insufficient CFA judges, we have already have the opportunity to use guest judges on a limited basis from associations with which we are not in direct competition in the U.S. We limited the use of these guest judges to protect our CFA brand. The Judging Program Committee does not believe that reciprocity with TICA would serve our organization well.

Hannon: I did talk to the TICA attorney, Susan Johnson. Just as a matter of clarification for some of you who may not know it – I didn't know it – TICA clubs are allowed to invite CFA judges, and TICA judges are allowed to judge CFA shows. The impediment is at our end. So, it's not a matter of going to them and seeing what they think. It's already permitted in TICA. As soon as we drop the impediment, they can go forward. **Eigenhauser:** With all due respect to the Judges' Association, the purpose of the Judges' Association is to look out for the interests of the

judges. The purpose of the board is to look out for the interests of CFA. Our clubs are struggling all across the country. Lower counts, more expensive show halls and other problems have made it harder and harder for the clubs. What a judge may consider to be a reasonable transportation expense to fly in a CFA judge is not necessarily what a club thinks is a reasonable transportation expense to fly in a CFA judge. If we could make TICA judges available to clubs, that would give them more options. It wouldn't mandate anybody use a TICA judge, it wouldn't require anybody to use a TICA judge, it would give them a little bit of flexibility so that if there is a local TICA judge available and they want to use them because they're a little bit cheaper and they don't want to spend \$300 on air fare and a couple hundred dollars on hotel rooms, they could do it but no one is mandated. As to the argument that CFA exhibitors want CFA judges, this was passed at the Annual. It was CFA exhibitors that have told us that they want the ability to use TICA judges in CFA. So, that's a spurious argument. I understand why judges want to protect their privilege in CFA, why they want to maximize their assignments, but that's not what we as a board are supposed to do. We're supposed to do what's best for CFA. In my opinion, giving clubs more choices, giving clubs more options, giving clubs the ability to do something at less expense is what's in the best interest of CFA. If a club doesn't want to use TICA judges, don't use them. If an exhibitor doesn't want to be judged under TICA judges, don't enter that show. But give them the option, give them the choice, let's see what the clubs really want, let's see what the exhibitors really want. Let them try it and not just say, "well, the judges think that this would cut down on their assignments too much, so we shouldn't do it."

DelaBar: What you [Wilson] said to me was a little different than what you said to me last night. When we have a need for a substitution in Region 9, with the majority of judges being in the United States, we cannot afford a last-minute ticket to bring over a U.S.-based judge. With the number of FIFe shows going on throughout Europe, the number of WCF shows going on throughout Europe, precludes using many allbreed or double specialty judges from those associations. Those are the ones that we usually get our judges from. We have many RUI judges that we use, but when they are close to being max'ed out on their number of shows, we can't use them. I do disagree. It was not to protect our brand particularly that we put in the 5 show limit for a guest judge, it was basically due to situations where we had judges affecting wins in the ID because they were judging. It's not to protect our brand. Our brand is also basically an individual reputation also, not just as a CFA judge. We need something. If you want Europe to keep on putting in the money and the resources that Europe is contributing to this association, we need to have a fall-back position. I'm not asking that we do this all the time. It won't happen, but I am asking that this would be a great saving grace to have in our pocket in case we run against more problems like we did with my particular situation, where the shorthair exhibitors got slighted. They didn't get something they paid for. I guess I have a little guilt feeling about that, because my situation is what caused it. Another consideration that I've said to some people, we currently have 9 CFA judges, including myself, in Europe. There's the possibility within a year I may have 6. We need help. We're growing judges, we're working with judges to transfer over, but that's not going to happen for a while. I would like to have the ability to be able to go to the JPC and say, "this is the situation, can we have permission to hire so-and-so?" We could have had an allbreed TICA judge come in from Great Britain to do that show. **Colilla:** I went to my first TICA show this year. I was talking to one of the judges who was doing double specialty Saturday morning and double specialty Sunday afternoon. I said, "are you finaling the same cats?" She

said, “no, there will be a lot of difference. I won’t be finaling the same cats.” Come on. One day? I was shocked. I will never show TICA.

Wilson: It may not be, Pam, that you didn’t vote on the changes to the guest judging program to protect the CFA brand, but I know that’s how I voted. To me, as an exhibitor – never mind as a judge – I go to CFA shows to get a CFA judge’s opinion. And George, I’m all in favor of people having options, but we’ve given the clubs lots of options. We’ve given them options. We just passed one a few minutes ago, of different types of rings they can have. They don’t have to have a 6x6 and look for 12 judges to hire. Then can, and then they have to consider the expense. I actually think, Pam, and what I said last night was, on an emergency basis, I would like to see that type of thing go to the Executive Committee like it does now. It would have to go to the Executive Committee at the last minute anyway, to get a change. Let them make that decision on an emergency basis, but you did find a single specialty judge to judge that one ring, to substitute, so it’s the same thing that can happen anywhere in any part of the world. Whether it’s a transportation issue or whether it’s a weather issue, sometimes there’s one less ring. The UK club, as I recall, had another show this weekend and are planning another show. **DelaBar:** They’ve got 17 entries. **Wilson:** That may be, but they’re struggling with more than just whether or not at the last minute they could have a TICA judge substitute. I think that’s something that the Executive Committee can make a decision for on an emergency basis. I’m willing to consider, personally or as a board member, some emergency options and regulations, but in the U.S., I truly believe when there are two corporations or companies that are in direct competition, they don’t sell Fords on the GM lot. They don’t send you over to Ford to buy a car. They do everything they can to keep you within their brand. I really do believe that we should protect our brand in the U.S. How TICA judges are trained, I’m sure they have an excellent training program. There are some TICA judges that I think are excellent breeders and I have a great deal of respect for. This is not about personalities, what they do or people who choose to show in more than one association, but when we start merging things together, we open up maybe a positive opportunity I don’t know, but I think that’s something we need to look at on a much bigger basis than just starting to open up guest judging to TICA judges. **Moser:** I agree with what Annette just said about Pam’s situation, because I was going to basically say the same thing. I think it should be on an emergency basis and go to the Executive Committee. But I, myself, I’ve gone to quite a few TICA shows, because they have one of the biggest TICA shows in our area. I’ve gone to it many, many times. I don’t care about, I’m not trying to protect a judging assignment or anything like that, because I don’t care about that, but my basis of the objection is that they do have, and I know a lot of CFA people do go to TICA shows, but basically the quality of some of their cats is just not up to snuff. Those cats just aren’t the quality that are in CFA. People leave CFA to go to TICA sometimes because they can’t compete with CFA cats, so that is basically my objection to the quality. **Bizzell:** I just wanted to highlight that any judges coming in from TICA would have to be subject to the same restrictions and rules as other guest judges, so it’s not like we’re going to have 6 TICA judges at a show. They are limited, depending on the number of rings that you have at the show. You won’t have a TICA judge judging every CFA show because there’s a restricted number of times they can judge. I don’t think there’s going to be a flood. I think it will be used on an exception basis. **Schreck:** I would be in support of perhaps allowing it for Pam’s region because of the lack of judges they have available, but I’m very much against it here in the United States. We have plenty of good judges. Some of the

judges in TICA are not so good. Some of those were in CFA previously and are no longer in CFA for various and sundry reasons. I don't want anybody to be able to use those judges who did not go through our CFA Judging Program, or maybe did and are no longer in our CFA Judging Program for whatever reason – their option, our option or whatever. As an exhibitor, I would not go to a show that has a TICA judge in it. If I want a TICA judging, I'll enter a TICA show.

Anger: My opinion is somewhere in the middle. The concept of the availability of having a guest judge from any association in an emergency situation is something that we should strongly consider. On the other hand, you have at the far end of the spectrum this proposal which opens it up within our guest judging procedures. The only question I have is, should we decide on something in the middle – in other words, to have Executive Committee approval in an emergency situation – do we do the same thing with a CFA judge? What if Carla is asked to judge a TICA show on an emergency basis? Would it be emergency reciprocity? I think something in the middle is what I have in mind. I'm just not ready to take the whole step just yet. I do want to respond to the comments about cats in our competing association. You know, in some of our CFA shows, not every cat is a competitive cat. I've been to a TICA show and was very impressed by what they do, which granted has some very different philosophies than we do. Some of their judges I was very impressed with. I have my favorite TICA judges, and others not so much. Perhaps when TICA judges come to our shows, they make some very similar observations to what we have just heard about them. I think that is brand loyalty that is coming through on some of our comments, and I appreciate everybody's love and loyalty to CFA coming through. Thank you. **DelaBar:** I was just going to ask if the board would consider this in two parts – one, to give the Executive Committee permission to allow clubs to use a TICA judge on an emergency basis such as mine, or to make Region 9 a test on this. **Hannon:** What I would recommend is, if you want to do that, vote this down and then we'll come up with a new motion. **DelaBar:** Would the board entertain that?

Wilson: I don't know if people want to actually decide on this or have someone come back with some kind of proposal, as Rachel said, kind of in the middle. We voted on a request for a judge at our last meeting to judge a TICA show and we voted it down, so we don't really have any clear cut idea on what to do about that. **Kuta:** I like the idea of increasing competition and having more choices, but also the part of it is that we should really be developing more and more of our own judges. That's the real problem. I see that in our area, I could see this being quite popular since there are more TICA judges in immediate driving distance of Southern California probably than there are ones who live in Southern California right now. I can see that being quite popular, but I would have to say I'm in the middle but I'm in a different middle on this. I really want to make sure that we don't do it for the wrong reasons – because it would be cheaper or something like that – because that's not the right reason to do something. **Calhoun:** I found it really interesting that there were a couple references to Pepsi and Coke. Being with Pepsi, I will tell you there are no blurred lines there. It's very, very strong brand loyalty throughout the organization, brand identity, and it surpasses what may be financially advantageous and what may not be. For example, we don't fly United if Pepsi is paying for the ticket, because they pour Coke. We don't put a meal on a Pepsi American Express card at a restaurant that you may be entertaining at if they pour Coke. It's just not done. We are really trying to put together marketing programs to promote CFA as a brand, not to promote an

opportunity for choices at our shows. I get it, that in some areas – I get Pam’s concern, and I think that is something that could go to the Executive Committee, but in the United States, there are lots of judges. The other thing to keep in mind is that in the U.S., if you choose to have TICA judges and they have different standards, you take the risk of those people that aren’t finaling under the CFA judges are now finaling under the TICA judges, going to TICA because they found it to be easier. I think that it would be a big mistake to make this transition, but I do see Pam’s point of view, so I think exceptions in other regions outside of the continental United States should go to the Executive Committee. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to go back to the concept here. No one is saying we should have all TICA judges at any CFA show. We have current restrictions in place as to a maximum number of guest judges you can use in a show. We currently have restrictions in place as the maximum number of times any guest judge can judge a CFA show, so there are currently restrictions in place that this isn’t going to be some sort of a flood gate to overwhelm CFA clubs with guest judges everywhere. This is only going to be a few judges here and there. Pam’s situation is obvious, but there are a lot of unobvious situations in the U.S. as well where there just aren’t that many CFA judges available at a reasonable cost. Again, what clubs consider to be a reasonable transportation expense and what the Judges’ Association considers to be a reasonable transportation expense may not be the same thing. No one is mandating that clubs use guest judges. We’re simply allowing them an option. Lisa, I think you said we shouldn’t do this for the wrong reasons, so let’s do it for the right reasons, because this is what the delegation wanted. **Wilson:** Thank you Kathy. I can’t stress enough brand loyalty, and I’ll encourage you all to Google those words and take a look at some of the information that’s available out there on building strong brand loyalty. I think it’s very important. And George, I get that the cost of transportation is an issue for clubs. I belong to a show-producing club. It is always an issue, but we have fewer shows, we have overall fewer rings (although some shows have many rings), and I think we have plenty of CFA judges and we are growing more. We have more of them moving to the Southwest part of the country all the time, so Lisa will have more to choose from. So, I think there are sufficient judges. I would like to see some other thinking out of the box. If it truly is a burden for transportation costs, then why don’t the clubs come up with a proposal for making deals? Why don’t we look at that? Nobody ever does that, and everybody gets upset when a club says, “we can only pay this much”, but maybe there should be a way to do that. Maybe there are judges that would be willing to charge less for their transportation or something like that, and I’m not volunteering that on behalf of all judges, but I’m thinking, let’s look outside of the box a little bit at ways that we can keep our shows CFA judges, as opposed to blurring the lines as Kathy says, and here’s a TICA judge here once in a while and here’s one there and there’s two over here. Pretty soon, we’re not really CFA shows anymore. **McCullough:** About brand loyalty, we decided yesterday that a lot of these people are going to TICA shows when there’s not a CFA show in their locality, so that line has been blurred already. They’re not loyal to CFA. They’re not staying home for 4 months waiting for the next show, they’re going to go to the TICA show down the road. In my region, this would be very popular because they go to TICA shows when there’s not a CFA show. This would be kind of like a draw for them, which would increase my entries. **Wilson:** Do you think you would have more shows because of this? **McCullough:** No, but if there was a TICA judge that they liked, they would come to the show as opposed to staying home waiting for the big 3-day TICA show coming up next weekend. **Kuta:** In our region, I could see at least the shows in Southern California because the TICA judges live in Southern California. Vegas would still profit, even

driving. That would be \$300-\$400. For the TICA judge, driving would be under \$100 and no hotel. So, I could see almost every show in our region having at least one TICA judge, because there are enough TICA judges. I see at least every show having at least one TICA judge. If that's something we want to do, we could do that. When talking about alternate ways of financing, one thing, I save up my credit card points for one club that was severely under-funded. When it was expensive to fly everybody in to Fresno, I used my credit card points for the hotel. Another club member used theirs for some other expense. If you have a judge in your club, maybe they could donate a ticket from their miles. **Wilson:** It would be nice if a judge would donate a ticket, but what I'm saying is, we charge miles, but if someone is driving their car and they are willing to just drive for the price of filling up the tank, I think that should be a little more available to negotiation, to the point where – remember when we met with the International Division at the Annual? One of the clubs in China asked if it would be helpful to know which judges would be able to stay the week in between. What if we went to the judges and said, “is anybody willing to travel for less?” I realize this is not going to be popular with the judges. It's not terribly popular with me, but I think we should look within our own organization for assistance for clubs, as opposed to going outside. **Moser:** I know that a lot of judges, including myself and Brian, we spend all the time looking for flights. I'm 4 months out looking for flights to get the clubs the best deals we can, so it's not like we're just going out and buying whatever. We really do try. I know in my region, this came up. My region is totally in favor of this because we don't have a lot of judges. We can pick up a TICA judge right down the road. We've got 4 or 5 of them between Seattle and Portland, so they would be next to nothing. I still am not in favor of this, but I can tell you that people would really like to do it. I feel that our own judges are being under-utilized at this time. **DelaBar:** One, since many people do read our minutes, I want to say one thing in favor of the TICA judges that I've seen. Kathy, you judged with one of them when we did the WCC in 2008 in Houston. Kay DeVilbiss who had shown CFA and had several CFA grands, and was TICA president at the time, did an excellent job judging a CFA show because their format is not all that much different from ours. So, there are some excellent TICA judges. I also want to say that what Annette has brought up is something that we have discouraged judges from doing, especially to get assignments for advancements. **Moser:** Yeah, that's true. **DelaBar:** We have said, “you will not pay your own way, so you can get a show, so you can be advanced, you will not do this, you will not do that.” I'm sorry, I can't get anybody on a last-minute basis. You can't use points, you can't use miles on a last-minute basis to get a flight to Europe. It does not work that way. **Wilson:** I think I've already dealt with the last-minute basis. I'm not going back there again. I've already stated what I think we should do with the last-minute thing, and I stick to that. However, we have had clubs that have written to Rachel or I, as a Judging Program Committee member, in the past and currently, where a club says, “we're having a show, we would like to bring a judge over from the U.S. and we can only afford \$500.” Then Rachel will put it out to the judges' list to see if anybody is willing. I don't think we need to have individual agreements between clubs and judge, but I think it could be brought to the Committee and we could put it out there. If somebody is willing to do that – travel on miles or share a room – judges share rooms all the time. Not everybody wants to, and you can't require that they do, but a club could come to the Judging Program Committee and say, “we're having a show, we know we can't ask judges to share rooms, but would you be willing to put that out there?” We will. I think as long as a third party is putting it out there and then feeding the information back, I don't see a problem with that. Where I have a problem is like you said, with judges making deals to get assignments.

That's absolutely a problem, but if it goes through the Committee and we put it out there, I don't see an issue with it. **DelaBar:** I don't have an issue with that, either. **Calhoun:** I just wanted to state that I am not casting dispersion on all TICA judges. As to the judge that I judged with in 2008, I don't even remember last weekend, let alone 2008. That being said, it's probably not likely that the best judges are the ones that you're going to be able to get from TICA at the last minute, because they're probably already assigned. I think that CFA judges are very cognizant of cost, and the more notice that we have, and as Pam said, we shop prices like it's a second job to help the clubs. I just recently got a flight to Philly for \$130 round trip on American Airlines. I got it for the club and forgot to get it for myself for the show in November. **Schreck:** Thanks a lot. **Hannon:** She's not judging. **Schreck:** OK, never mind. **Calhoun:** I think this is a really slippery slope to go down. I understand from George's comment that this is what the delegation voted for, but that's why we're here. That's our job also, to look at what's best. If everything that the delegation passed we rubber stamped, we wouldn't need to be here having the conversation we had most of the morning. So, as I said before, brand integrity, we need to promote CFA, we need to have more judges in the Program, we need to start looking and say, "hey, you know what? I think you would be good. Let me encourage you. Let me mentor you. Let me help you. Let me help you navigate through this." I've got somebody I'm working with now in the Midwest Region, because we need more judges here. That's what I think we need to propose and to promote and to do. **Eigenhauser:** This is going to be my last comment on this, I promise. People have talked about, we need more judges in the CFA Judging Program, that that's a better long-term solution. I couldn't agree more. That's why whenever we talk about judging rules, I'm one of the people that yells and screams when they want to increase the requirements from 6 to 8 or whatever, because I do think some of our requirements are unnecessary, I do think we need to streamline the process, but even if there were a sudden rush of judging applicants all filing their applications today, it would be years before these people would be fully through the system and ready to judge our shows. So, that may be a good long-term project to work on, but it doesn't solve the problem of here and now, and there are clubs in various parts of the country, particularly on the west coast, where the shortage of judges and the cost of flying them in is a major impediment to putting on shows. I think that our judging panel being under-utilized, that's accidents of geography and residence. There's nothing we can do about that, but there are pockets in this country where a significant shortage of judges is a driving force behind the inability of clubs to put on shows at a reasonable cost. I think we need to put CFA first and utilization of the judges somewhere down the road. **DelaBar:** Kathy, tell Pepsi to bring back Pepsi One and I'll come back. **Calhoun:** I can't tell them that, Pam. I can't tell them that. **DelaBar:** Maybe I need to write a letter. I would like to call the question. **Eigenhauser:** I'll move it. **DelaBar:** I'll second, with the right to vote against. **Hannon:** Do I get to make the final comments? First, you argued, George, the delegates voted in favor of this. When I argued that earlier on another resolution, you tossed that out. That didn't carry any weight, so it doesn't carry any weight with me on this one. You complained that our judges were looking out for their own best interest by saying they don't want this because they are fearful of losing assignments. It's a two-way street. They also could get assignments in TICA, so it could be easily a wash. As far as the expensive air fares, I've seen a lot of our judges make donations back. They are not allowed to negotiate with you on air fares, but they can compensate for the air fare or whatever their expenses are by making donations, and a lot of our judges do. I just wanted to say that in support

of our judges. Now, we're going to call the question. The question is, as it was presented to the delegates.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Eigenhauser, McCullough and Bizzell voting yes.

DelaBar: I move that we grant the Executive Committee the responsibility or opportunity to approve the utilization of TICA judges for CFA shows on an individual basis. **Hannon:** You're not going to say emergency basis? **DelaBar:** That will be next if this one doesn't pass. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Anger:** Is it possible to do it vice versa, as well? **DelaBar:** Yes, I would say both ways. I do want to say on the one judge that we did turn down for a TICA assignment, there was a CFA show the same weekend in the same location, so that's why they were actually turned down. **Calhoun:** Could you restate the motion? **DelaBar:** You want to restate it, Rachel? **Anger:** *Grant the Executive Committee the opportunity to approve the utilization of TICA judges for CFA shows, and CFA judges for TICA shows, on an individual basis.* **DelaBar:** A case-by-case basis. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Moser:** I think by not putting emergency in there, that that's going to cause some conflict because now you're stating, OK – because I get this all the time from my region – how come Europe gets the exception of something that we can't do here? How come it's always them that gets it? So, I think you're going to have a lot of squawking if that one goes. I would agree to the emergency, but I won't agree to this one. **Hannon:** You didn't say for Europe, did you? **DelaBar:** I didn't say for Europe. I said everybody. **Moser:** Oh, I thought it was for Europe. **DelaBar:** No. **Wilson:** The Executive Committee will be able to approve TICA assignments. **McCullough:** You need some candy. **Moser:** OK, so everybody. Clarification – that means that the Executive Committee can give it to anybody. **Hannon:** Correction. **McCullough:** Either direction. **Hannon:** If this fails, Pam is going to follow up with an emergency. Any other comments?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Eigenhauser, Dugger, Fellerman, McCullough, Bizzell and Anger voting yes.

DelaBar: Then I would like to follow up and change that motion to allow the Executive Committee to grant permission on an emergency basis. **Hannon:** Both ways or one way? **DelaBar:** Both ways. **Moser:** For everybody again, right? **DelaBar:** For everybody again. **Eigenhauser:** But in emergencies only, and I'll second. **Hannon:** If this fails, you'll come back with Europe? **DelaBar:** Yep. As you notice Pam, I'm trying for everybody, not just Europe. **Wilson:** Can we define "emergency"? **Eigenhauser:** It's up to the board to define. **Phillips:** It's already defined in the Show Rules, unless you want to use a different definition than what's already there. **Hannon:** What's already there, Monte? **Calhoun:** So, that would mean that the Executive Committee – because you have a big slate in the U.S. – so the Executive Committee would have to be able to decide on a conference call or an email thread, because typically that's how it goes when it's an emergency, if there was anybody else in the United States that would have been available at a good cost. **Wilson:** No, the club decides. **Calhoun:** In execution, that's what we're really saying. If it were Europe, there's a smaller pool. If all the other people are assigned or unavailable, I have nothing else that I can do, other than getting somebody from the U.S. that's going to cost me like \$3,000. That's a pretty easy decision to make. The decision in the United States, I don't know how the Executive Committee can make a decision in the United

States on an email thread, and have to be made now. **Hannon:** And you're saying that as a member of the Executive Committee. **DelaBar:** Kathy, you were a member of the Executive Committee when Tallinn, Estonia had their first show and we had a volcano that stopped air traffic everywhere. We had Chuck Gradowski and Mary Auth running through Europe trying to get over to the show and they couldn't. We were at a show in Dallas and were able to resolve it on a case-by-case basis. While conducting the show in Dallas, we were able to get it through. I would expect that the Executive Committee would require the club to say, "we've tried so-and-so, so-and-so and so-and-so, we can't afford anybody outside that realm," and bring this to the Executive Committee when they're asking for it. Maybe we should add at the end, *conditions required by the Executive Committee*. **Hannon:** Monte, do you have a definition for emergency? **Phillips:** Yep. *An emergency constitutes a situation where one or more contracted judges cannot judge the show, as contracted.* There's two kinds of emergencies – short-term and long-term. In the case you get the notification more than 30 days in advance, the club is allowed to do whatever they want to do. It's the one less than 30 days where the Executive Committee comes in. **DelaBar:** But this is different. **Schreck:** This would modify that. **Eigenhauser:** The more specific overrides the general. **Schreck:** There's nothing in the motion to say that you have to look around to see who else is available, it just simply says you can ask for it. **Hannon:** You have to explain why it's an emergency. **Schreck:** No, not why it's an emergency, but why nobody else was available. **Hannon:** That's part of what creates the emergency, is that there's nobody else available. **Schreck:** That's not what the emergency rules say. **DelaBar:** This is a policy, this is not a Show Rule. **Wilson:** I think the clubs already do this, just like you did when you had the emergency, but I'm concerned now that everything will be an emergency. I'm just a little worried. I think it should be emergencies like what we've had, when it's a few days before the show, nobody is available at any kind of reasonable cost, regardless of where it is, and the club has already found someone that is available at a reasonable cost. Then they go to the Executive Committee with that alternative, because your other alternative is to have one less ring. That can happen, too. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the question.

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

4b – Resolution 37 - Revise Central Office use of the NC Term Regarding NC CH & NC PR

Resolution 37: *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.*

DISCUSSION SYNOPSIS: *The use of the NC CH and NC PR in official CFA lists (such as award reports and certificates) is confusing, and actually gives the impression that this is some kind of title, which it isn't. There is zero need for this to be put on any document or display that*

is available to an individual or the public. It should be for Central Office internal use only – never put on any document.

Phillips: Resolution 37, which even applied to me the year before last. This is to have Central Office take away the NC/CH and NC/PR notations that they sometimes put on titles and other documents that are sent out. In other words, it's an internal use only, not to go on anything that's published. **Hannon:** Such as a pedigree. **Eigenhauser:** Does Central Office have a comment on this? **Barry:** We've already started doing that. **Hannon:** So there's no cost involved? We don't have to worry about [IT Chair] Tim [Schreck]? Since they are already doing it, that makes it easy for us to approve it. Any other comments?

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

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Unless a significant issue is identified between completion of this report and the date when inputs are due to the Board for the February meeting, we do not anticipate making a presentation to the February meeting. We plan to hold off until we have the full calendar year's worth of data before proposing any changes in grand scoring requirements that would affect all exhibitors, which, when ready, will be submitted directly to the delegates for their action.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chair*

Hannon: That's the end of your report? **Phillips:** That's it, I'm done. **DelaBar:** Mark, I checked with Monte. There was one that I had sent forward a month or so ago that seems to have gotten lost, and that was to add Great Britain to the remote locations. Would the board consider that in December when we have our teleconference? So I can bring that forward then? **Hannon:** Sure. **DelaBar:** I talked with Monte today. **Phillips:** Or, do you want to save it to February when we're going to have to change Show Rules, if you get involved with the Bengals. **DelaBar:** I'll get it and I'll send it to Rachel.

(24) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Global v. National

The current show rules use Global Winner, thus the trophies presented at the 2016 banquet will all say GW and Global instead of NW and National. Since the delegates voted to change this for the 2016-2017 season, should we also change the terminology on the 2016 trophies and titles, essentially making it effective immediately?

Cattery of Distinction Guidelines

The Cattery of Distinction Guidelines that are on the website are lengthy and cumbersome, and we would like to condense and clarify these with some housekeeping changes. The current version is at <http://www.cfa.org/Breeders/Catteries/CatteryofDistinction.aspx>

Each Tier has basically the same language, and we separated those sentences that apply to all tiers. Also, since all catteries can be permanent, we removed the sentence about CFA sending out a notice that the cattery is eligible for permanent status with Tier I. Such a notice should be sent with the purchase of the cattery. We suggest the following changes to the text on the website:

CFA Cattery of Distinction Guidelines

The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge Catteries that have reached certain thresholds of Grands produced.

The number of Grands will be based on the registered cattery name, not individual breeders. Breeders who have bred under multiple cattery names may petition the Board to have the Grands from both cattery names combined for purposes of this award using this form. Grand Champions and Grand Premiers are counted equally, but if an individual cat achieves both titles it will only be counted once. Grands may be of one or multiple breeds. ~~“Tiers” will be created so as to celebrate each level of accomplishment. “Extra” embellishment to be added for certain levels of DM’s produced by a Cattery.~~

~~Cattery of Distinction banners you can use on your website may be found on our Link Buttons page.~~

Catteries who achieve these awards can display the following on their websites: “CFA Cattery of Distinction – Tier I” or the appropriate level. Banners for Cattery of Distinction websites are on the Link Buttons page.

For all Tiers, the cattery will receive a certificate suitable for framing from CFA as well as recognition at the cattery's Regional Awards Banquet. For Tier V and above, the cattery will also receive acknowledgement at the National Awards Banquet with a suitable award.

Tier I – 10 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing from CO, along with a letter thanking them for their dedication to CFA. Notification that their cattery name is now eligible for a permanent “standing” in CFA. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet.~~

Tier II – 25 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet.~~

Tier III – 50 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet.~~

Tier IV – 75 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet.~~

Tier V – 100 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet and National Awards Banquet.~~

Tier VI – 150 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet and National Awards Banquet.~~

Tier VII – 200 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet and National Awards Banquet.~~

Tier VIII – 250 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet and National Awards Banquet.~~

Tier IX – 300 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet and National Awards Banquet.~~

Tier X – 350 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

~~Certificate suitable for framing, along with a letter thanking them for their continued participation and support of CFA and pedigreed cats. Acknowledgement at their Regional Awards Banquet and National Awards Banquet.~~

~~Breeders who win these awards can display on their websites, “CFA Cattery of Distinction – Tier I” or other appropriate level.~~

Extra Superior Embellishment: At each tier, an additional ranking of “Superior” can be added if a certain number of DM’s accompanies the Grands. For example, if a cattery at Tier II (25 Grands) also has 3 DM’s, then they would be eligible for the award “CFA Cattery of Distinction – Tier II Superior.” The following number of DM’s would be required at each Tier:

Tier I – 1 DM (10 Grands)	Tier VI – 12 DM’s (150 Grands)
Tier II – 3 DM’s (25 Grands)	Tier VII – 16 DM’s (200 Grands)
Tier III – 4 DM’s (50 Grands)	Tier VIII – 20 DM’s (250 Grands)
Tier IV – 6 DM’s (75 Grands)	Tier IX – 25 DM’s (300 Grands)
Tier V – 8 DM’s (100 Grands)	Tier X – 30 DM’s (350 Grands)

This allows for both categories to be celebrated, putting a higher emphasis on quality over quantity. However, even if a cattery doesn’t achieve the superior rating, it doesn’t marginalize their achievements.

The Superior rating can be added after a Tier level increases. For example, a cattery that is at Tier II and only has 2 DM’s when they achieve 25 Grands can still merit the Superior rating if they achieve a 3rd DM before they reach Tier III. If they reach 50 grands without a 4th DM, they will lose the Superior rating until they achieve that 4th DM.

In addition to the housekeeping changes to the text, we suggest changing which Tiers receive an award at the National Awards Banquet. While there are not many catteries that will change tiers each year, it still is costly to present these awards. Since there are so few, we do not get a bulk discount on the award which makes it nearly impossible to find a decent trophy. We also have to

pay for artwork setup for each style of trophy. When we order many of one style, that setup charge is spread over all of them. When we order only 3 or 4, it adds \$20+ to each trophy. We suggest presenting an award at the National Banquet for only Tiers V (100 grands), VII (200 grands) and IX (300 grands) with this change:

For all Tiers, the cattery will receive a certificate suitable for framing from CFA as well as recognition at the cattery's Regional Awards Banquet. For Tiers V, VII and IX, the cattery will also receive acknowledgement at the National Awards Banquet with a suitable award.

All tiers will still receive recognition at their regional banquets and will still receive certificates from CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue with customization of trophies

Board Action Items:

Use "National" instead of "Global" in all trophies and titles for the 2015-2016 season awards.

Hannon: Are we ready to move on to the Awards Committee? There's three parts to this. First, she's asking about global instead of national. I think we've already resolved that.

Replace the Cattery of Distinction text on the CFA website with the suggested text.

Hannon: For the Cattery of Distinction guidelines, she wants to do some housekeeping. She's not making any change to that. She just wants to delete all the duplication that's current there, where it says basically the same thing under each tier. So, I would like a motion to accept that housekeeping. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** Sure.

Hannon: Any discussion?

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

Change the Cattery of Distinction tiers such that only Tiers V, VII and IX receive a trophy at the National Awards Banquet.

Hannon: The third part is, she wants to hand out for some of these awards certificates, but not an actual trophy or an award. She's feeling that it's going to be cost prohibitive for some of these people that keep coming back year after year to give them yet another award, when she feels a certificate would satisfy, and just hit some major thresholds to hand out at the annual, an actual trophy type of thing. For the top tiers, we're handing them a physical award and she is saying, let's not do it for every one of these top tiers, let's stagger it so that we give them on an interim basis in in-between years, we give them a certificate rather than handing them a physical award at the annual each time they hit one of these top tiers. She's looking at it as a cost savings. **Anger:** I would be interested in some statistics. There were so many the first year, but last year we had only the people that had achieved the next tier. How many were there? **Kallmeyer:** Three

last year. **Hannon:** And I think all 3 of them had gotten one the year before, because they advanced in the course of that year to the next level. **Anger:** What was the expense for 3 awards? **Barry:** Off the top of my head, I couldn't tell you what they cost us. **Hannon:** Jodell knows, because she was involved in ordering them. **J. Raymond:** I'm looking. **Anger:** Sorry, I didn't mean to put you on the spot. **Hannon:** I know they were more expensive than the original year because they were nicer awards. **Raymond:** She mentions the set-up cost, spreading it across a smaller number. **Krzanowski:** I agree with Rachel. I would kind of like to see some numbers or a few statistics on how many catteries we're actually talking about. **Hannon:** I think it's hard to say because we've only had this program for 2 annuals. **Kallmeyer:** There were 4 the previous year. **Hannon:** The first year it was an accumulation for decades. **Kallmeyer:** There was 4, then 3 last year, level 5 and above. **Kuta:** We could also do a projection of how many we think will be done by the end of the year. **Hannon:** Some people are at a certain level and are no longer active, so you know they're not going to increase. **Kuta:** Exactly. And I know set-up cost is a consideration, if we're doing things with the CFA logo and whatnot, but if we kind of work with the same vendor or some of the other vendors who do the regional awards who already have the logo set-up and all that, I think the set-up cost is kind of a red herring. **Hannon:** I'm not seeing enthusiasm for this. **Schreck:** I'm always happy to save money, but I do think that this is a pretty big accomplishment you're talking about here. This is a really big accomplishment, so if the whole idea of the program was to encourage people to show more, to do more with their cattery, why would we now say, "you know what? It used to be a trophy but here's a certificate." **Wilson:** We have the judges' service awards and CFA pays for a little diamond chip, but the judge has to buy the award, which is expensive. It's gold. I think this is an important award, but I would be willing to buy my own award. I'm thinking of something that would be accumulated; for example, a little tree, and you would hang a star for the first 25, then maybe a different color star for your 50 grands, and so on. It's something I could buy myself, and CFA would design it and make it available. When I got my award, CFA wouldn't have to pay for it. I would be willing to pay for it if there would be some kind of standard design, and it would be really interesting to be able to buy it for people who maybe are no longer breeding but have been awarded this in the past, if somebody wants to make them a gift. I think it would be nice to have something available for us to have, other than a certificate, but I think it would be interesting to buy, or just have CFA provide the little hanging thing. **Barry:** The total cost of the awards last year was \$68.33. That includes the award and the set-up fee. **Hannon:** That was per award? **Barry:** Yes, and that's with the set-up fee being equally distributed. **Eigenhauser:** I agree. I don't hear a lot of people jumping on this, so I'm going to move for acceptance of her recommendation, reserving the right to vote no, so she gets her answer. **McCullough:** Second.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Kallmeyer voting yes.

Time Frame:

Current meeting

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Sponsorship plan for the 2016 National Awards.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

McCullough: I have a Show Rules/Awards Committee question. Clarification of Show Rule 8.01, when it says that the CFA insignia must be on the award. What is constituted as an award? It says back here, best through 15th, are those awards? Because we have award bars that we hand out, not rosettes. **Moser:** The little stickers that they put on rosettes. **McCullough:** Do those stickers have to have the CFA insignia on them? **Hannon:** If you're giving them with a rosette, the rosette could already have the logo. **McCullough:** It's not a rosette, it's a Christmas stocking. **Phillips:** In other words, the rosette does not have the CFA insignia on it? That's a problem. **McCullough:** It has to have the CFA insignia on the award, right? **Hannon:** According to Monte. **DelaBar:** Or on the stocking. **Raymond:** You could pin it to the stocking and that would be fine. **McCullough:** So we could put an award sticker on the stocking with the CFA insignia on it and just put numbers on them. **Raymond:** As long as when the two pieces are put together, you've got a CFA logo on it. **Moser:** Clarification. So, if they come to the ring, I don't have a rosette to hang at all. All they are giving me is the sticker. That sticker has nothing on it except for best cat, second best cat. **Hannon:** What are they going to do with the sticker? They're going to stick it on something back at their cage. **Moser:** Yes, at their cage, right. So, is that OK? **Hannon:** As long as the CFA logo is on whatever they're sticking it on. **Moser:** OK, a rosette back at the cage. **McCullough:** So, it could have blank pages in the catalog which meets all the requirements of a CFA show, and they can just slap stickers in their catalog, as well, correct? **Hannon:** No. **McCullough:** Because? **Moser:** The CFA logo is on there. **Hannon:** It's on the catalog cover. **McCullough:** It's on there, so technically they can slap stickers on a blank page then, correct? **Eigenhauser:** As long as they have the CFA logo in there somewhere. **Hannon:** We'll see if those exhibitors come back. **McCullough:** I didn't say they would. Just clarification. **Raymond:** You wouldn't get a protest if you did. At least you shouldn't, let's put it that way.

(25) **NATIONAL SHOW SCHEDULING DISCUSSION.**

Moser: Are we talking about show scheduling? **Hannon:** Yes. We're talking about show scheduling. The reason I put it in there was, there was discussion on the CFA List where a number of people were calling for us to bring back the National Show Scheduling Committee, so I thought we needed to talk about doing something, whether we call it the National Show Scheduling Committee or not. **Eigenhauser:** I think we need to go the opposite direction. I think we have way too much master control over the shows and we're losing a lot of our little, local shows. If you look at the number of shows some of the regions had last year, it's pathetic. There are huge areas of CFA that are not being served because of this 500 mile dead zone every club expects around their own shows. Our little, local shows are our advertising. It's how we get new people interested in CFA, it's how we teach them about pedigreed cats, it's how we get people into the fancy. The more we have this big master plan, "nobody can have a show anywhere because everybody objects" procedure is keeping the little shows from existing. It's killing the little shows and it's killing CFA in the long run. It's like trying to save money in your business by cutting back your advertising and driving your decline even faster. We got rid of the National Show Scheduling Committee several years ago because it was clear that there was way too much national involvement for what is really one region fighting with the next region. So, I don't want to see the west coast arguing about a Maryland show. I think everything should be local. What we need is a little better coordination between regions and adjoining regions so we don't have problems, but I don't think we need to be talking about resurrecting the National Show Scheduling Committee. That's something that was tried and failed. One definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting a different result. **Hannon:** But what's happened because we don't have it is, all we've got left are little shows in this country. We don't have big shows anymore. **Eigenhauser:** Because they have killed all the shows between them. **Calhoun:** I tend to disagree with George. I think the problem, and part of the reason why the smaller shows are failing, is because this whole thing is somewhat ad hoc. There's no master plan, there's no strategic plan, it's just whoever gets there first and is 500 miles away. The 500 mile rule clearly is not one size fits all. That clearly does not apply everywhere, but we try to apply it everywhere. Because we have no oversight, we have to make these arbitrary rules – the 500 miles being one of them, in my opinion. I don't know if we need to go all the way back to a National Show Scheduling Committee, but I don't think that we should have a national, worldwide, global organization that has no structure around local and weekly events. We have some weeks where we can have 4 shows east of the Mississippi. They may be all 500 miles apart from one another, but it does not work. We don't have enough cats currently being shown to support that sort of business, but because they're all 500 miles away and everybody has their own turf, they all get licensed. That doesn't work either. I don't know if there was an oversight committee of some sort that may not be all the way to National Show Scheduling Committee level, but I really do feel that we need some sort of oversight of some magnitude, because this is clearly not working. **Moser:** I don't see what's wrong with the way we're doing it right now. I'm sorry, I don't have any problem with it. **Hannon:** Clubs are dying. **Moser:** No, I'm talking about the shows. I'm talking about the way we're doing it, as far as the regional directors working with each other and doing it the way we are doing. We ask each other if we can have the show and then, if not – I mean, I don't have any problems, but maybe some people do. We don't have a lot of shows out our way. All I have to do is ask Lisa and Steve, and then Kathy, but Kathy doesn't

care because she really only touches us in one spot. But, you know, I don't see where there's such a big problem. It's working fine as far as I'm concerned. **Kuta:** I think it comes to, is there an appropriate number of shows per weekend and what are the formats for those shows? I've had some suggestions from my region that there should only be 3 or 4 shows a weekend, or there should only be 2 big shows. I don't know if that's a solution or not, either. One of the issues is that people wanting to put on shows have different motivations, and it seems that when I talk to clubs that aren't putting on shows, they want to put on a big show. Even if it's a one-day show, they don't want to put on a little show. **Hannon:** They can't afford it. **Kuta:** Even then, I said take the money off the table. I think it's also a pride thing, or they only want it in a certain show hall. I'm like, "let's reset your expectations. If I can ensure you wouldn't lose money or no money would come out of your treasury if you did A, B and C, would you still put on a show?" "No, we wouldn't want to put on that type of show." I've had that conversation with at least 5 clubs. That's not necessarily a scheduling issue, but I don't know how we go about that.

Eigenhauser: With all due respect, I think Kathy and Mark are conflating correlation with causation. We don't have a National Show Scheduling Committee anymore, counts are down, that must be the cause. Just the opposite. I could make the opposite argument. When I was regional director back in the 90's, we had no control over show scheduling. Even regional directors didn't have control over show scheduling. If two clubs in a region wanted to put on a show 10 miles apart on the same weekend, you couldn't stop them. **Hannon:** They did, in Los Angeles. **Eigenhauser:** And that was our peak. That was CFA's heyday. Our golden years was when we had the least control. So, this assumption that if we just squeeze the shows harder, squeeze them from a national level and say, "no, you can't have a show here, you can't have a show there, you can't have a show someplace else because we have to save these shows that are shrinking," the assumption that that will save those shrinking shows – like I said, it's like cutting back on your advertising to save your business. The more we restrict the little shows from happening, the more we keep little shows from happening to protect the counts at other shows, the smaller the counts become. Scheduling is not the solution, it's the problem. The assumption that by going back to having a National Show Scheduling Committee or some sort of greater control over the clubs when our entries are in decline – that's insane. It's repeating the same mistake. Our heyday, our best time was when we had the least control over show scheduling, so the assumption that the problem today is that we don't have enough control over show scheduling is an assumption without any basis in fact. **Hannon:** You can't make the assumption of what worked in the 90's in our heyday is going to work today. **Eigenhauser:** I can make the assumption that without advertising – **Calhoun:** We had more cats that were being shown in the 90's, so people could have shows that might be 10 miles away, and everybody's shows had enough to fill the shows, but those days are gone. **Eigenhauser:** There are still people today that won't drive 200 or 300 miles to a cat show. If you put the shows 500 miles apart, you're not getting those entries. You're just driving away exhibitors. **Calhoun:** That's exactly what we're not saying. We're not saying that we're not protecting little shows. We're just saying there needs to be some sort of guidance, so I'm going to go back to the example that I put forth before of four shows east of the Mississippi may be 500 miles away from each other, but there are not 800 cats east of the Mississippi on a given weekend being show, there's just not. That doesn't say the big show is the show that gets scheduled. That is not saying that, but the way we have it now, and it's the only rule we have, is the 500 mile rule. Yes, we've had conversations. John and I had a

conversation a couple weeks ago. We have two shows that are more than 500 miles away from one another. We know this is probably not the best thing in the world, but they are 500 miles away from each other. **Eigenhauser:** What I'm saying is, if we have 4 shows east of the Mississippi and we cut it back to 2, there is no guarantee those 2 will get any better counts, because people will only drive so far. **Colilla:** The biggest conflict is between 1, 4, 6 and 7 because – **Hannon:** That's where the concentration of exhibitors are. **Colilla:** The 4 of us, we work very hard trying to make sure there's no conflict. I think the 4 of us spend a lot of time scheduling shows. It seems like that's all we do anymore nowadays. You have no idea how much time we spend sending emails back and forth. **Hannon:** Oh, I do. **Colilla:** A lot of people don't, since they have never been in that position. It's a pain. **Hannon:** The worst part of being a regional director is the show scheduling. **Colilla:** We try to work it out. **Moser:** The argument to cut it down to a smaller number of shows per weekend – in fact, a year or two ago I decided to have a show, so I looked at the weekends there was only one other club on that weekend, so I went in there, got that date, had a show. We still didn't get that many entries. There's only 2 shows in the whole country and we did not fill or anything else. I don't think the other show did either, so that kind of blows that out of the water, as far as I'm concerned. **Wilson:** I think the regional directors do work together, and I think that's always clear, so I think that should continue to be the committee, but I think maybe expanding the committee to a couple more people with some overall oversight and some ability to offer some other suggestions might not be bad. First of all, the rules – obviously, we can't figure out what they are. That would be the first thing I would start with. That committee should look at those rules and write them in some kind of sense that makes sense to everybody. **Hannon:** We don't have the 500 miles written anywhere. There are all sorts of rules that are just sort of an understanding we have with each other. We should put in writing what we really want. **Wilson:** Or maybe it doesn't go in writing but it goes in a policy – something that can be changed at some point as things change. Have some boundaries. Have some flexibility. Maybe this person could help think outside the box, like, "there's a conflict here, but have you thought of maybe having this club and this club go together." There are some show rule changes tomorrow that hopefully will allow that flexibility. Offer some incentives to the club, some alternatives, some solutions. Maybe expanding it and having another go-to person or two people to look at that with the regional directors, not binding them but maybe somebody to bounce things off of. I think it would be helpful.

Anger: This is kind of a side conversation to what George touched on. In the past, he has brought up twice the concept of mini shows. The first time I don't think we were ready for it. We were still having shows that were filling then. The second time I think the audience wasn't receptive to scaling our expectations down to the reality. However, there is a grass roots movement right now promoting that same concept. There is a FaceBook page of fanciers who are discussing proposals for next year, and I got on there and suggested they go back and look at the minutes for George's mini show concept. They like this idea a lot for the exact reason Pam said. There's spaces where you could have these smaller shows, with an expectation of coming in with a 150 entry limit, smaller show hall, reduced costs, ring sharing. That seems to better fit our culture today, rather than the expectation of everybody having a big show. We all want a big show and make lots of money for our clubs, but it's not happening. **Schreck:** One of the major constraints is finding a venue. You talk about having a nice local show, maybe limited to 100, but you still have the show hall cost, you still have the cage set-up cost, you still have your

judges' costs, so you really can't meet budget with these smaller shows. That's one of the major problems, plus we have a shrinking number of people, travel costs are higher. We used to be able to get on a plane and sneak our cat for practically nothing. We can't do that anymore, so I'm not sure that having a smaller show is feasible. I'm definitely not in favor of a National Show Scheduling Committee. It was a total disaster before. All it ended up being was political accusations back and forth, and a lot of hard feelings. So, I definitely can't support a National Show Scheduling Committee. **Dugger:** To speak to George's mini concept, I know I found a facility in my own back yard that was a neighborhood community center that would support 4, maybe 5 rings. I thought about trying to do a 4x4, but on Sunday they have different requirements where they have to bring in extra security. It still would have been inexpensive. When my husband measured it out, he said, "well, it's going to be tight and I don't want you to get into one of those issues like you all got into at the regional" – fill the show and then be in trouble. But if I fill the show with like George is talking about with less cats, that would sort of almost fill the same bill that we were filling with some of the people that were happy with the Super Specialty, because they knew the campaigners were not going to be there, and they could come and make finals and add some points to their cats that are not going to be National Capital points, but they weren't going to get National Capital points anyway, because they weren't going to make the finals. So, I think that would be an idea that I would be receptive of. Even in the Southern Region, I think we could get some support for smaller shows. That's one of the things they bring up to me all the time is, "I wish we could have some more smaller B shows." What happened to the B shows, like we all say. Well, we don't have any. **Calhoun:** What do you consider a B show? **Dugger:** They were saying a B show is like what we used to have, maybe a 6 ring one day allbreed show where maybe we wouldn't fill the show and the campaigners wouldn't show up. Maybe probably 150 or less cats would show up. **Calhoun:** We would take 150 any day. **Dugger:** I know what you're saying. I understand. I'm speaking from maybe our Florida shows, is what I'm thinking about. In your case, it might even be a smaller number. **Calhoun:** Maybe this is not a decision or suggestion or something that we can put together with everybody on the board. Maybe this is something that needs to have another committee to put together some thoughts and ideas, people that are for, people that are against, people that are maybe not even on the board, maybe some people that have more statistical background, and just maybe have a committee to come back with some proposals. **Kallmeyer:** I think George is right on. There's actually a couple dynamics going on here. One size doesn't fit all. We have our big shows. We might have our medium shows. The B shows almost seem standard now, just on counts. I think there's room for the mini shows. If you look at our competition, they are putting on a lot of shows less than 100. The reason is, and my experience in the Northwest, west coast and probably even Region 3, is that if they're not at a local show, they will go to the competition. So, you can get a hall for less than 100 people. If you set it up right, you can probably do OK or at least break even on that and reduce your costs substantially. If you can't get to the big shows, you need something for the local people in your areas. 1, 4, 7 is kind of a different dynamic, just because you're so close, but there are places where the distance is significant, where it makes sense. You can do a northern California/Oregon/Washington smaller show sometimes and not kill each other. That's what we ought to look at – some of the dynamics on how far people are traveling between shows. It's certainly less than ever before. Some people are getting old and just not driving as much. **Wilson:** None of us.

DelaBar: Edward and I are not in competition with any of the Regions 1 through 7, but one of the things that you can do, and we can do as a board, is give our clubs more options. Give them more leeway with formats. One thing that Pauli came up with in Finland, and there's going to be another one of these next week, is a 2 ring show. You're like, "a 2 ring show?" But, he's putting on another one next week. The first one he advertised. We're not after the CFA people. We're after the people not in CFA, and we're trying to get them interest in CFA. The first one, he had a European judge and a U.S. judge. It filled in 6 days. 100 entries, 2 rings. One in the morning and one in the afternoon. **McCullough:** Did they share a ring? **DelaBar:** They shared a ring. We got board approval for it. **Hannon:** You didn't need it. The show rule says that if you have fewer than 180. **DelaBar:** But, it was a whole new experience for a lot of people. So, now they're looking at, OK, we can come back to the other one. The second one even has people coming in from Russia and the Ukraine into Finland. This weekend there was a 2 ring show in England as part of a pet fair. Again, not only are you saving money on the judges, but you're saving money on your venues. I found one that will fit a 2 ring show in my city, not too far away from where I live. They hold dog events there. The thing is that we need 6 winners ribbons. Well, we've got a big CFA show coming up in November. Pam Moser is going and Annette is going to be there. So, these people are going, "we can go ahead and do that." And by the bye, any of these points that you earn at these small shows carry forward toward your grand championship or your grand premiership. The people in Europe equate that to being a big, wonderful title. **Wilson:** It is a big, wonderful title. **DelaBar:** It's something that you build on, so if you have a 4 ring and you can't have a 4x4, as I said, we need to expand formats to allow these things. In Malaysia, Adilah did a 2 ring show. It filled with 125. It's another opportunity. What you're doing is, not only your local exhibitors, but you're bringing in new people. In Europe, TICA has more shows than CFA, but we have larger entries into our shows. So, now we put on some of the smaller shows, we're getting around to more and more areas, and we're bringing more and more of these people into CFA. Then they are going, "oh, this is wonderful. I got 2 people to look at my cat," instead of the 1 a day that they're used to getting.

Eigenhauser: Part of my inspiration for the mini show format was, when I first started showing, I belonged to a club that used to put on a little one-day, 4 ring show on the Saturday before Mother's Day. They always optimistically tried to bench for 140 cats and they never came close. They always made money, because that little VFW hall would barely hold 120 cats and 4 rings, but it was dirt cheap because it was a little, dinky hall. I was told that the way you make money on a cat show is either you cut your costs, you control your expenses and you try to make your money off the entry, or you spend a lot of money, get a big hall and try to make your money off the gate. I think we've lost our ability to think on the cheap, to think outside the box, to think in terms of, "yeah, this hall is way too small to hold 200 cats, but it would hold 100 cats and 4 rings." One of the reasons why the 4 ring show died was the winners ribbons. Now that we've gotten rid of the winners ribbons and you can carry over points from your first show even if you don't get your 6 winners ribbons, I think it's time to see a revival of the little one-day 4 ring, or even one-day 2 ring shows in halls that will maybe only hold 100 cats, and maybe only hold 2 or 4 rings. If people could do that it would be great, but the problem is, we've got this structure already in place of the existing shows saying, "No, no, no, that show is only 400 miles from us. Those people would have driven to our show." As Dick says, we don't have the data on that. We don't know that if there were another show 400 miles away, they would go to it. Most of these

people stay home. Where I live right now, I show in TICA now because there aren't enough CFA shows in my area. I like to show and there simply aren't enough CFA shows within driving distance anymore. I'm loyal to CFA. I come back each time after I go to a TICA show, but I've got to tell you, there are people that don't. If we don't start servicing more areas in the United States, if we don't start servicing these small towns, if we don't start opening ourselves up to new exhibitors, people are going to stop going to CFA. The first cat show I ever went to was 30 minutes from home. I looked at these people driving 2 or 3 hours to a cat show, and I thought they were insane. It wasn't until my 4th cat show that I actually went 90 minutes to a cat show, and that's only because I hitched a ride with somebody else, because I thought driving 90 minutes to a cat show was insane. These are the people we need to bring in. This is what the newbies are like. They're not thinking in terms of, "oh, there's a show 500 miles away, I can go there," they are thinking, "oh, there's something at the VFW hall 2 blocks from me, maybe I'll enter Fluffy." Those are the people we're losing. Without using these small shows to get people into the CFA shows, we're not going to grow our exhibitor base, we're not going to grow our breeder base, we're not going to grow anything. The metaphor I used before, if we stop advertising, we will die as an organization. I think by cutting out those little shows, we're losing our best way of bringing new people into CFA. We've got to stop telling these people we can't have a little show here because there's a show 450 miles away. We've got to make accommodations for being able to reach more markets and more people, because I've got to tell you, a lot of people aren't willing to drive. The farther we push the shows apart – if we only have one show on the east coast – we're going to die. That's not going to make the shows bigger, that's not going to make CFA more successful, it's going to kill us. The farther apart we spread our shows, the less new people we bring in, the less communities we reach, the more it hurts us. I think going back to having this National Show Scheduling Committee, somebody suggested we ought to have better defined rules, rather than side agreements. No. We're not a one size fits all organization. What happens in Region 5 has absolutely nothing to do with what happens in Region 7. The scale is different, the exhibitor base is different, how the regions impact each other is different. One size fits all is not going to work right now.

Kuta: If we're coming up with a committee on this, one of the things I would like to explore is CFA creating kind of a package that we could present to potential show halls. That's one of the things that is so difficult to explain and tell them, and if it exists I don't know about it, so that would be a great thing to have, something I could just give to them when I am talking to them about having a show there. **Colilla:** One of the two biggest expenses is cage service. When we put on a show, it's \$1,850. That's a lot of money. Can I put on a show and make them bring their own cages? Can we change the show rule? That will save me a lot of money renting cages. **Kallmeyer:** You can offer a discount if they bring their own. **Colilla:** I still have to get cages, because I don't know how many I need. It's still going to cost \$1,850. **Hannon:** You're still going to need the judging rings. **Wilson:** I talked to Paul with the cage service at the show. I said, "if you are only going to set up 4 judging rings, provide your sound system and have some benching cages available if necessary, what would you charge?" He told me \$500 or thereabouts, but he would have to get a firm quote. That's 4 rings. You only need 12 judging cages in a ring. That would be us renting tables. I think I found a venue with reasonable costs. **Hannon:** If you're talking 100 entries, you only need to set up 2 rings. You could have 2 judges in the morning and 2 judges in the afternoon. **Wilson:** You're right, but that seems so complicated to my feeble

brain. I don't know that he would be able to do it for less than \$500. He would still have to put them up. **Hannon:** I'm saying, about the size of the show hall. You can do 2 rings and 100 entries. **Wilson:** Right. I think we just have to try some of these things, but you're right. The show service is the key, because in other areas, like in China, they have their own cages for the judging ring and people do bring their own. How do they get away with it, Dick? I walk into those shows all the time and there's not a cage set up.

Calhoun: I think there has been a lot of good ideas and a lot of points of view that all are valid. I think that a committee of some sort should be put together, to put together some proposals and bring to the next board meeting. **Hannon:** Who is volunteering to be chairman of this. Kathy, is your hand up? **Calhoun:** I'll do it. **Hannon:** Alright, Kathy will be Chair. Pam Moser wants to be on the committee. Oh, I see lots of hands now. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to be on the committee. **Hannon:** Why don't we say, the regional directors and George. Anybody else that wants to be on it? **Calhoun:** Mark are you on it? **Hannon:** No. **Calhoun:** If you would tonight, send me an email telling me next week what evening you are not available. **Hannon:** For a conference call? **Eigenhauser:** Send me an email now reminding me.

Hannon: Are we through with this topic?

(26) **MARKETING.**

Committee Chair: Lisa Marie Kuta
List of Committee Members: Jodell Raymond

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Lisa Kuta and Jodell Raymond have been meeting and communicating regularly to discuss marketing strategies and tactics.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Lisa and Jodell negotiated a barter deal for a booth at no cost for CFA at the Los Angeles Feline Film Festival. The event is on Saturday, October 3rd. CFA's booth will focus on outreach to potential spectators and exhibitors. The booth will feature "pet me" cats and will pass out literature about household pets and pedigreed pets to an expected several thousand visitors.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee has decided to first concentrate on a measurable direct marketing program to raise spectator attendance at CFA shows within the United States. This program consists of a nationwide email list segmented by geographic location. Targeted online ads could boost sign ups. As more people sign up for the email list, ads could taper off.

This program would begin as a pilot similar to the program launched in Region 5. The Southwest Region created a list for Los Angeles-area shows four years ago. Search and social media ads advertising the shows also gave options for spectators to sign up to a show alert email list. The list has grown to almost 1,000 valid email addresses with little funding. The open rate is generally 60%. At least 50% of the coupons turned in at any one show come from the list.

The first step and proof-of-concept for the program will be the email show alert newsletter without advertising. The only hard cost would be at most \$100 to start a new email marketing account with Constant Contact or MailChimp. The soft costs would be the webmaster's time to add the sign up box to CFA.org's show schedule widget and the publication's team time to build a simple email template. The committee chair will donate her time and expertise to organize and run the program. As the program ramped up, it would be scheduled and automated to take approximately three hours per month time to run.

As many clubs already have spectator marketing programs, participation in this program is voluntary. The program is designed to make it as easy as possible to participate. To participate, clubs would only have to fill out a very simple online form providing their show hours and admission fees, agree to accept a \$1 off coupon and report how many coupons were turned in. If clubs wanted to, they could also send pictures or special events to highlight in the show alert newsletter.

Board Action Items:

The committee asks for the board's vote of support to begin the program.

Time Frame:

The signups could start as soon as the webmaster gives the Committee Chair technical requirements for the sign up box.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Number of sign ups, email open rates and club participation rates will be presented at the next board meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marie Kuta, Chair*

Kuta: There's just one change to the Current Happenings. Unfortunately, the LA Film Festival was supposed to be this weekend but it was cancelled. It's going to happen next year. The guy who organizes the event is really into having CFA participate. Heck, if we could even get a show going on with it, or at least a mini Meet the Breeds, he is very open to working with us on that. That's a really big event in LA, to rival Cat Con, so I think that's good that he is really open to it and really wants cats.

Kuta: The project that I wanted to talk to the board about – I started an email list for spectators in the Southwest Region a couple years ago. I did not spend any money on it, except for a Constant Contact account that I paid for. We just put up a “sign-up to hear about cat shows” link on our website and on the spectator focusing website. We've gotten over 1,000 sign-up's, and those are valid email addresses. We get at least 50% open rates. It's probably our biggest driver of gate in our region. I wanted to try to expand that nationally, starting with a low effort one, but also one where we can measure results. So, now that we have the side banner on the website that lists cat shows, I would love to get a “sign up for an alert here”. It doesn't have to be a full-blown pet focus newsletter, but just to sign up for cat shows. I volunteer to take that on and also get the information from the clubs that have shows that week. I know how hard it is to get information from clubs. I have a really easy 5-question form, like what are your show hours, what's the location, any special instructions on how to get to your show hall, and will you accept a \$1 off coupon for anyone coming in from this? The club doesn't have to do anything but fill out this form. Then I can auto send out the alert email to everyone on the list or geographically, so we don't want to spam people, but I think once a week is not that terrible. They can find out about all the shows going on that weekend, and then also have a little section, “upcoming shows” for the next 2 weeks down below. If it takes off, you can put sponsors on the emails and other things, but it's a great way to get the word out. I would love to start out a new separate Constant Contact account for it. The soft cost would be getting a little bit of Kathy's time to get this in, and what kind of technology she needs, to have it work on there. **McCullough:** We already have a link for find a show. Can you link into that? **Kuta:** But this would be sign up, like one of those little boxes where you type your email address to add me to the list. **Hannon:** When the show

rolls around, they will find an announcement in their in-box. Rather than make them look for it, we'll tell them. **Kuta:** It also gets a constant flow of that going. We get people who now come to shows from other shows in our region. It's like a regular thing, like, "oh, every couple months we come to a cat show." We have people coming to see one of the Ambassador Cats, "oh, we want to see Danny again." So, they came out to a really small show that we advertised gate for.

Dugger: We do that at Cotton States. We have a database that we keep, and we send out an advance email with a coupon. We tell them to go to our website and get the coupon. We've had a good turn-out as far as people bringing those back in. We used the same thing for our regional awards show. We got a good bit of feedback using that same database, because it was the same area. It is very helpful, I think. **Kuta:** I wouldn't want to encroach what those clubs are doing. They are big clubs and are getting it going. I wouldn't want to walk over them or say, "hey, would you give me your list?" **Dugger:** You wouldn't be. You would be just helping, as far as I'm concerned. **Kuta:** Outside of Kathy suggesting how to integrate it best into the website, and then I would have a goal of how many sign-up's we want to get and how many clubs to actually fill out the form. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments? **Eigenhauser:** How do you intend to push the clubs to do it? Because clubs have a tendency not to do something unless you remind them several times. **Kuta:** They won't have to do anything. They will get automatically listed, the show, but if they want special information about their show listed, they will fill out a form. It will be a super easy form that I will personally do. **Eigenhauser:** So, two levels of listing – a basic list that they get automatically, and an enhanced listing they would have to ask for. **Kuta:** Yes. It will be 5 questions. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments?

Eigenhauser: I think she wants a voice of support. **Kuta:** If it's needed. **Hannon:** Lisa made a motion. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Schreck:** What's the motion, please? **Kuta:** The motion is to move forward and get the sign-up form on the website, and probably \$100 to pay for the tracking service. **DelaBar:** This is just going to be for the U.S. **Kuta:** If it works, we can expand. **DelaBar:** This is a test? **Kuta:** Yes. That is something I did mention. **DelaBar:** I just wanted to make sure that you weren't saying something a little different. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments on the motion?

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

[from Sunday] **DelaBar:** At one time, we really put some effort into branding CFA in the public's eye. Is this something that you guys are considering again? Would you consider getting ahold of AKC and finding out what they're doing about branding, because I know they went with a different company after 4Kids folded. **Kuta:** Are you talking about branding or are you talking about licensing? **DelaBar:** Both, branding and licensing. **Kuta:** Jodell? **J. Raymond:** Sure, we can do that. **DelaBar:** it brought in lots of money at one time, and we were in 72 countries with our branded products. **Kuta:** It's top of mind always. **DelaBar:** The last CFA branded toy I got my hands on, I bought in Prague.

(27) **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Pam DelaBar
List of Committee Members: (Selection ongoing)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Researched CFA mission statement and vision statement. CFA Mission Statement is as follows: “Promoting the welfare of all cats through progressive actions which ranges (sic) from legislative advocacy to the support of feline research and providing breeder assistance. Maintaining a focus on the quality of its breed standards and the validity of its registration and pedigrees. Providing support to its member clubs who serve as Ambassadors to the general public. Promoting the interests of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats.”

I found the following as the most current vision statement which was adopted 25 June 1997: “We the Cat Fanciers” Association (CFA), a not-for-profit organization, will maintain our position as the cat registry preferred worldwide by all breeders and owners of pedigreed cats. We will continue to be the acknowledged world leader in advancing the welfare of all cats and in the promotion and improvement of CFA recognized breeds of pedigreed cats. We will constantly reinforce our collaboration with our clubs and with our various commercial sponsors in all endeavors, including the largest, finest, and most respected cat shows in the world. We will continuously improve all our service and products to meet and exceed our customers’ expectations. We will constantly promote our customers’ interests allowing us to prosper.”

Current Happenings of Committee:

Develop the core committee members. Request input from regional directors on strength/weaknesses (previously developed for past strategic planning session).

Future Projections for Committee:

Review objectives as stated in the CFA constitution. Review the mission and vision statements and present any recommended refinements/changes to the CFA board. Prioritize programs and services, resources for review and development of short term and long term milestones.

Board Action Items:

None.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Recommendations for changes in CFA mission and vision statements and proposed constitutional amendment on objectives.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pam DelaBar, Chair*

DelaBar: We have a start on committee members. Of course, Terri is on the Strategic Planning Committee and Laurie Coughlin has agreed to come on. I'm still looking for a couple more members. We want to keep this within reason, but any proposals or whatever, we will of course bring to the board. I did give you the current mission statement, the current vision statement, and also we have the objectives as listed in the constitution. We will be looking at each one of these to see, first, if there are any changes we want to incorporate into the mission or vision statements, and possibly any additions or subtractions that would result in a constitutional amendment or our objectives. Instead of trying to attack everything at one time, Terri and I met yesterday and one of the things that we thought we should focus on is something that's going to possibly have immediate benefit for the clubs, and that was starting to look at show packages. The ultimate goal is for electronic transmission of everything – from the ring clerk to the master clerk, into Central Office. That even brought a smile to Shirley's face. We're looking at first on how to get the show packages to the clubs. We talked about the cost. Brian gave me what it's costing to ship the show packages to various parts of the U.S. or to Europe. To give you an example, what brought this to mind is that it costs \$450 U.S. to ship a show package to Kiev, Ukraine. So, instead of spending that \$450 to ship that package to Ukraine, Brian did \$56 to ship it to me, and I spent the equivalent of \$74 to send it to Ukraine, which is bringing a savings of approximately \$600 a year just for those two shows that are held in Kiev. Then I started looking at other things. One of the things we are going to go out and ask the clubs to do by region – and I ask your help – is to get an idea of how much it would cost for the clubs to procure the two-part and three-part paper locally. That's one of the big weight problems within the show package. A regular show package weighs 15 pounds, and that's what is being shipped. So, we wanted to take a look at this and start building out. There's lots of side issues. We wanted to really start with this – one, to make sure the clubs get the information they need at this point in time, but also to work towards that final goal of getting electronic submission of our show information. So, this is where we are starting. We want to set some milestones and guidelines, and will be asking for input probably from each and every one of you on different things. No action items will be taken, of course, without the permission and consent. Any questions, let me know. Or, you can give input to Terri. **Hannon:** Anything else on Strategic Planning?

(28) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Committee Chair: Jill Archibald
Liaison to Board: Rachel Anger
List of Committee Members: Kathryn Stokey-Graves, Sarah Sieffert

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The following clubs have applied for Show Support and it has been approved and forwarded to Central Office for a \$300.00 payment for each club to help cover costs.

- Seacoast Cat Club, May 2-3 2015
- Great Lakes Regional, May 13-14 2015
- Garden State Cat Club, July 18-19 2015
- Hidden Peak Cat Club, August 8-9 2015
- National Capital Cat Show, September 12-13 2015
- Fantastic Felines of Central New York/Salt City Cat Club, September 19 and 20 2015 {one payment}
- Seattle Cat Club, September 26, 2015

The following clubs have sent me support forms which I have not yet submitted for payment. I generally submit those forms one week or more prior to the show.

- Miami Cat Fanciers/Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers, October 3 and 4 2015 {one payment}
- Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers/NOVA Cat Fanciers, October 24 and 25 2015 {one payment}
- New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, November 7-8 2015
- CFA International Show, November 21-22, 2015 (include extra set-up)
- San Diego Cat Fanciers, January 23-24 2016
- Rip City Cats, February 6 2016
- Sign of the Cat Fanciers, April 23-24 2016

I project that there will be 24 shows with CFA Feline Agility Competition this year. That alone will cost \$7,200.00

Current Happenings of Committee:

In addition to all of the above approved Agility shows, many more clubs have expressed a strong interest in having Agility at their show. For the International, we are considering adding a smaller rectangular enclosure with the lines of a football field so that we can have a “Kitten Bowl” on Saturday and an open “Playtime in the Park” for anyone who wishes to chill out with their cat.

Future Projections for Committee:

With a budget this year of only \$7,00.00, I was hoping that CFA could provide the remaining items without taping the Agility budget. As it is now, I project that I will only have money to support 23 clubs, total. This does not include any of my Agility Coordinator expenses (folders, envelopes for MC packet, file storage boxes, printing spectator brochures, entry forms, spectator awards, claim forms, current agility standings, etc.).

We would like to provide Banners for each Ringmaster to hang high within the enclosure. With “CFA Feline Agility” and both the CFA website (www.cfa.org) and agility website (<http://agility.cfa.org>)

10 banners, approximate cost per banner \$75.00

Board Action Items:

Have Central Office print the Agility forms necessary for a Feline Agility event and prepare a packet of those items to be sent to each Agility Ringmaster prior to an assigned show.

- 1. Ringmaster Scoresheet- 3 part NCR Pages 1, 2, 3*
- 2. At least 25 Feline Agility Entry forms*
- 3. 6 Feline Agility Claim forms*
- 4. 1 6x9 envelope for Agility Claim forms and the final scoresheet to be placed in the Master Clerks package for Central Office.*
- 5. 25 CFA Feline Agility tri-fold information brochures.*

20+ packets a year approximate cost per packet - \$20.00

Hannon: Feline Agility. **Anger:** I first need to apologize. I am the liaison, but I have never competed in Feline Agility, nor have my cats. Jill starts out by listing the clubs that have applied, and then the clubs that have sent her support forms. She projects there are more clubs that are going to be jumping on board. At this time, she has a bit of a concern that her initial budgetary request of \$7,000, which is broken down there at the bottom. She is afraid that she is going to expend that, so she asks that Central Office print some of the forms that are necessary for them to complete the year. They are listed in the board action items. That would be her motion – that we put printing of those items in Central Office. **Barry:** Is she wanting it to come out of Central Office’s budget? **Anger:** That is her request. **McCullough:** They are not sponsored? **Hannon:** She is saying, she received a budget based on what the sponsor provided, and she wants to go beyond what the sponsor provided. What I would propose is that if she doesn’t spend the full \$7,000, it comes out of the \$7,000. If she does spend the \$7,000 on what she is projecting to be the 24 shows, then we’ll fund it out of CFA money. Is this going to be a major expense? She’s talking about some forms here. **Schreck:** Who prints them now? I’m confused. She is asking for Central Office to print the forms. Who is printing them now? Where

is she getting them from? Are you printing them now? **Barry:** No, but it could be in the long run more cost effective if we printed all the forms. The problem is, it still gets figured into our budget, when this committee has a budget. **Hannon:** Is she charging it to the committee now? I assume not. **Barry:** In this case, it's getting charged against the sponsorship money. **Hannon:** Is it? I don't know that. Is it coming out of her own pocket? **Barry:** I haven't approved anything for her. **Schreck:** Nor have I. **Anger:** Her budget shows that the ringmasters bring all the supplies to the show. **Hannon:** Who gives it to the ringmasters? **Anger:** Maybe they print it, and it comes out of their budget. **Hannon:** Themselves? Who is they? **Anger:** The ringmasters. **Schreck:** What budget? **Anger:** The committee budget, and then they bill the committee for it. Her budget request is based on potential interest, so she is concerned if all of these clubs that are interested in having an Agility event come through, it might go over her budget. She's not asking for a fixed figure, she is just hoping that Central Office will print these forms. **Hannon:** I ask the Central Office then, have you been getting invoices from Jill to print these forms? **Barry:** No. **Hannon:** I didn't think so, so it's not currently coming out of the \$7,000 the sponsor is providing, so I'm thinking she may be paying it out of her own pocket. **Barry:** She shouldn't be. **Hannon:** I agree. So, what she's asking is for us to incur an expense we haven't been occurring. Whether it comes out of the sponsor's fund or our fund, it has not been coming out. **Schreck:** I think we need a little more information. **Hannon:** I do, too. Who is doing it now? It may be a matter that it's coming out of her own pocket, but as the numbers are increasing, she is fearful it's going to cost her more and more of her own money. **Anger:** We need more information. **Eigenhauser:** I don't understand, either. I thought she was sending \$300 to each of the participating clubs so these forms were printed locally. **Hannon:** No. I know that's not happening, because I just did National Capital and we had it, and I'm the treasurer. We didn't pay for any forms. **Eigenhauser:** So, what happened to the \$300? **Hannon:** The \$300, we get charged more than \$300 by the person that sets up the agility ring, and on top of that we have to pay the ringmaster, we have to pay the steward and we had rosettes that we paid for. **Eigenhauser:** But do you know that the money you paid to the ringmaster wasn't used by the ringmaster to print these forms? **Hannon:** The ringmaster was Jill. What Jill charges is the equivalent of a clerking fee, so we gave her what we gave each of our clerks, and we gave the steward the same that we gave the stewards in the rings, but I don't know. So, we go back to her and ask for more information, like where is the money coming from now? My suspicion is she is paying it and she is just concerned she is going to be paying even more the more shows she has, and she wants to turn that around. **McCullough:** How many shows have we had in the past where we're going to start having 2 a month? **Hannon:** I know that she did not spend the \$7,000 last year, because there was money left over from last year, so what I was going to propose to her is that she find out how much money was left over from last year and roll that into it, so she has \$7,000+ from whatever was left over from last year. I assume Anna can look that up and tell her that, "you had a \$7,000 budget last year and you spent \$6,300 of it." **Barry:** I gave that to her just recently. **Hannon:** So you know that there was money left over? **Barry:** Yes, sir. **Hannon:** Do you remember what it was? **Barry:** Not off the top of my head. **Hannon:** Because you have recently given it to her, she knows that she has more than \$7,000, because \$7,000 is this year's money. **Barry:** We only gave her what was in this year's budget. **Hannon:** That's what I'm saying. She needs to know what was left over from last year. If she had \$7,000 in last year's budget – and she did – and she only spent \$6,300, then we can tell her, "you've still got \$700 from last year to add to this year's \$7,000" because it's not our money, it's corporate money. It's the sponsor's money. If we didn't spend what the sponsor

gave us, then she still has that available to her. We did that with another company a few years ago where Karen Lane came up with some money from another sponsor that hadn't been spent and we had to provide it to her. **Anger:** So, can I tell Jill that we will bring it back at our teleconference? **Hannon:** We're going to need more information from her. **Anger:** Exactly. **Hannon:** The first step is for Central Office to find out what was spent out of last year's \$7,000 and what is left over, so we can provide that information to Jill. She may not need to talk to us about this if she's got enough money already in her budget left over from last year to cover CFA printing these things for her. **Dobbins:** I have an email that says she has been printing all the forms. **Hannon:** That's what I suspected, and as she is anticipating more shows with Agility, she is fearful that it means more money out of her own pocket. Let's find out first from the Central Office for Jill what's left over from last year's money and let her know that. That may resolve the issue. **Schreck:** Can you include me in that?

Time Frame:

By the end of this show season, we would like the Ringmasters packet and the large banner for each Ringmaster to become a reality.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Please take the time to view this You Tube video of a blind cat named Xena doing Agility at National Capital Cat Show. <http://youtu.be/X6RjUYolt8> Or you can go to You Tube and search for 'Blind cat Xena'

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Archibald, CFA Feline Agility Chair*

Hannon: Does that take care of Agility? **Anger:** It does, for now.

(29) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

(a) **Delta Sky Rewards Program.**

SUMMARY & STATUS OF DELTA SKY REWARDS PROGRAM

The Delta SkyBonus Rewards Program is now active. We have sent a letter to Delta to update them with our new address and the names of our program administrators. Terri will serve as the Primary Administrator. The Secondary Administrator is Anna Bowe, Bookkeeper.

As a reminder, SkyBonus allows CFA to earn points for every \$1 spent on any eligible published fare. CFA Employees and Judges will continue to earn miles in the SkyMiles® program. The SkyBonus program administrator can redeem SkyBonus points for over 45 travel rewards including flight certificates, upgrades, Delta Sky Club® memberships, and more.

Participants can add the SkyBonus number to their profile when booking at Delta.com. Participants can also call SkyBonus Reservations at 877-832-5211 option 1, and advise the Reservations Agent of their SkyBonus ID number at the time of the booking to receive SkyBonus credit but this will likely result in telephone reservation charge being assessed.

The CFA Sky Bonus Identification number is: ES6AK.

Hannon: Does somebody have another? **J. Raymond:** Yes. If you can pull up the summary and status of the Delta Sky Rewards Program, you have in front of you that document. The first program is an update of the status of our Delta Sky Rewards Program, which has been reinstated. All the info has been included in those couple of paragraphs, so you have a number and identification number. This is for the judges. If you need the link to get to the site, I'll send that over, as well. The Sky Bonus ID number is right there, so the judges can use it. Internally, we have Terri and Anna overseeing the program here. So, they are all set. That's the first thing. Any questions? **Hannon:** This is something the judges have to voluntarily participate in? They have to take some action. **J. Raymond:** Right. The employees certainly, and the judges can choose to participate. **Wilson:** I'll put together a little thing and send it out to them and put the screen prints. I have a hard time finding in Delta – maybe Rachel can show me – where you put this in. Once it's in your profile, it's in there forever, right? **Anger:** I've got an instructional PowerPoint that shows how to do it? **Wilson:** Would you send that out to the judges? **Anger:** Yes. **J. Raymond:** I called just to make sure they didn't change anything, so that our judges can be counted. I checked it with our attorney. I know him well and he said that was fine. That's the first thing.

PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL MEETING AIRLINE DISCOUNT

Objective: Cost savings for delegates to attend Annual Meeting. Airline (s) is/are designated as "Official Airline" for CFA Delegate's Meeting.

Terms & Conditions: Each airline has set a minimum number of guaranteed passengers who will fly to the meeting on that particular airline. The minimum number of guaranteed passengers varies from airline-to-airline.

Below is a summary of the minimum number of passengers required for several of the major carriers. Each airline has its own application form and the process for approvals ranges from 24 to 72 hours.

Travel discount codes will be given for passengers to use at the time of booking.

Alaska 20 for passengers who are traveling from separate locations; 10 for people who are traveling from same location.

American 10 passengers

Delta 10 passengers

Southwest: 25 passengers

United: 20 passengers

***Example:** Since we already have the SkyBonus program with Delta, we looked into the Delta Airlines Meeting Network Program to see exactly what the process is for signing up for a Meeting Travel Program.*

The Delta Meeting Network contract is offered based on a minimum production of ten (10) flown revenue passengers traveling on Delta. If such a minimum is not met, the discounted fare provided does not apply. All passengers must be ticketed (or re-ticketed) at the applicable published fare in effect at time of ticketing. The two programs SkyBonus and Delta Airlines Meeting Network cannot be combined.

***Recommendations:** CFA enrolls for the group travel program with the following airlines: Delta, American and Southwest for the 2016 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada so that attendees can receive a discount on airfares. All contracts will be reviewed by the CFA Attorney prior to signing.*

The airline selections will need to be reviewed every year based on the location of the Annual.

J. Raymond: The second thing is the proposal for your review for Central Office to explore our official airlines for the CFA annual meeting. The requirements you can see there. Each airline has different requirements for the number of passengers that they allow. The sign-up procedures pretty much are the same, but the number of passengers varies. For this first trial, we're looking at Delta, American and Southwest as official airlines for the 2016 annual meeting in Vegas. It basically allows for the attendees to receive a discount on the air fare. **Hannon:** Doesn't that discount vary from airline to airline? **J. Raymond:** Of course. **Raymond:** It also varies depending on which fare class you're buying a ticket in. So, if you're buying the cheapest fare class, maybe a 2% discount; whereas if you are buying an unrestricted fare, maybe a 10% discount. **J. Raymond:** That's it. We recommend that we want to enroll to try those three to start out with. **McCullough:** And that's just for judges? **J. Raymond:** No. This one is for the attendees at the annual. **McCullough:** But the other one is only for judges? **J. Raymond:** The other one is for judges and CFA employees. **Hannon:** Your attorney said it includes board

members. **J. Raymond:** I got clearance for judges. I did not get it for the board. **Raymond:** I don't think it's an issue. **Hannon:** Are you two going to discuss this later on the drive home? **J. Raymond:** We will update you.

Calhoun: This is great. So, we've got this proposal for 4 airlines for the annual. Is there a possibility of increasing the judges? We've got it with Delta, but is there a possibility of increasing the program the judges can use to other airlines? Is that the next step? **Hannon:** You're just doing Delta. They want to know why you're not doing others. **J. Raymond:** We can look into more. We can have sky rewards for American. **Hannon:** Not everybody flies Delta, so you're losing all the judges that aren't on Delta. **Colilla:** Get them all, because you never know which airline is cheaper that we have to fly. **J. Raymond:** Alright. **Hannon:** So yes Kathy, she is going to look into this. **J. Raymond:** We will look into them all. United, America, Delta, and is there another one? **Hannon:** You didn't mention United for Las Vegas. **Phillips:** Kathy can't fly United because they serve Coke. **Calhoun:** No, I do fly United, but I don't fly United when I'm technically employed. **Anger:** On business. **Schreck:** So, we get points for every dollar spent and it goes into the Sky Bonus account for CFA. **J. Raymond:** Correct. **Schreck:** And then, how do we use that? We buy tickets with it? **J. Raymond:** Exactly. Terri has control over that account, and then we redeem those points. It's a good thing we did this now; otherwise, we were going to lose points by the end of the year. **Anger:** We were right at the expiration point, which is why I have been pushing for this. **McCullough:** What do these points do for us? **J. Raymond:** CFA employees can use those points for tickets. **Barry:** When we fly to Vegas, it may not cost CFA money to pay for our airline ticket. **DelaBar:** Are you doing it by Sky Team or by American is under One World, and Star Alliance? **Wilson:** It is by airline. **Raymond:** Individual airline, right. **Hannon:** Let's move on. **Anger:** I just want to make one important wrap-up point. This does not affect the booking person's points or miles in any way. **Hannon:** They can still accumulate mileage, too. **Anger:** Right. This is a separate program that flows through to CFA with tickets booked by individuals. **Hannon:** Thank you for your information.

(b) **Animal Welfare.**

Hannon: Any other committees? **DelaBar:** I have the Animal Welfare Report from Linda. Just to let you know, you saw on the CFA List, there was a request for donations towards the breeder assistance and breed rescue. Almost \$4,000 was spent on one rescue alone. That was the Illinois Persian rescue. Total funds that they have on hand now is \$3,588.99, so if you can go to your various areas and push this. This is a good deal, and it helps our legislative effort when they see CFA is out working on these things. That's all from Animal Welfare.

(c) **Outreach and Education.**

Kuta: Joan Miller's update is that she is at the Feline Fix by Five booth right now at the American Association of Feline Practitioners in San Diego. She is working to gain support with the veterinarians on this. She is hosting a wine and hors-d'oeuvre party for many of the attendees. Next week she is going to be in D.C. and going to Manassas, Virginia, to do shelter training with Tracy Petty and Lisa Maria Padilla. Then, they are going to select cats at the Prince William Animal Control Center, doing training in the afternoon with the cats in the shelter environment.

Lisa Maria and Tracy will be doing the cat handling and instruction. She is also working on webinars. That's the end of Outreach and Education.

(30) **NEW BUSINESS.**

(a) **Board Meeting Locations.**

Schreck: I've had conversations about the board meeting here. I recall a statement being made some time ago – I think it might have been made by Annette, maybe during Pam's watch – that the meeting in DTW (Detroit at the airport) was cheaper than many other board meetings. The February board meeting is coming up, which we can't accommodate in this room. We have to move downstairs, we have to impose on them. So, my question is sort of a straw vote to see if there would be interest in perhaps having that February meeting at Detroit Metro Airport, it would cut down on Mr. Maeda's air fare, Pam's air fare, and certainly for Annette, Rachel and I, we would have less or no travel costs because it's not that far from us. I just wanted to see if the group would be receptive to that. We could ask Jodell to investigate the cost and then see if it would, in fact, be cost effective for us to do that. I don't know about the hotel, but you're talking about February and there's not a lot of people who necessarily want to come to Detroit at that particular time. I don't know what it would cost for a meeting room, but it's a hub and it would be a lot cheaper than flying into Alliance. **DelaBar:** It is winter, but I checked this yesterday for Barb. My ticket coming into Detroit and using airlines I usually use is \$691, as opposed to \$500 more for October. But, the reason October is higher than February is because my last year's February ticket coming into here was half the price, because right now in Europe you've got Oktoberfest and all sorts of other things going on, so that the fares between Europe and the U.S. are much higher this time of year. We get through October and then it starts cutting back to where it's cheaper again. So, it really doesn't matter to me, since I'm going to be a cheaper ticket in February than I am in October. **Schreck:** If we could do a straw poll to see if people would entertain that as an alternate venue to here. **Hannon:** Before we do that, let's see if there are any other comments. **Eigenhauser:** If we were going to go to someplace other than near a hub, I would pick someplace a little more central and a little less concerned about weather – someplace like Houston or Atlanta, Las Vegas, whatever. **Fellerman:** They don't have snow storms in Las Vegas. **Wilson:** I fly through Detroit all the time – winter, summer, spring – and I've never gotten stranded there, unlike many of those other places. Sometimes in the bad weather months, bad weather affects all sorts of places, but the airports that are actually located where there is bad weather know how to deal with it. The key to this was, it was one of our least expensive meeting places, because the hotels are inexpensive, there are shuttle busses to the hotel. It all would depend on someone looking into the cost of it. **Anger:** The problem we had with the February meeting being in Houston is that some of us are leaving from cold weather departure points. So, if there's bad weather in Detroit, I'm not going to be able to make it to those warmer locations. It works both ways. I would be happy to research that and put a chart together, like I have done I the past. **Bizzell:** Whatever we do, we should do so expeditiously, because there's likely to be a fairly large attendance from outside the board members at that meeting. Some may have already made their arrangements, because they expected the meeting to be in Alliance. **Raymond:** Airline pricing being what it is, hubs are not always less expensive. Sometimes you are cheaper connecting through a hub and going somewhere else, than actually stopping there. **Hannon:** One, it's not an inconvenience to the Museum. We re-did our lease with the Museum. They wanted the President's suite, which is at the top of the stairs downstairs. They wanted to use it for a children's part of the Museum, and the arrangements we made were, they gave us use of the

Museum in October and February in exchange for our giving up the President's suite. So, if we decide we're not going to hold meetings here, then we've given up the President's suite for nothing. Second, we re-did this room to accommodate board meetings, and that meant we invested money in that without much of a return if, after using it twice, we're not going to use it again. Third, a lot more people that are now driving are going to have to fly. There's quite a few of us that drive here. Next, we're going to be in a hotel. We found out at the annual what kind of prices hotels charge, if we want them to provide us with the kind of snacks that we picked up at Wal-Mart. We're not going to be able to do that likely at a hotel. They are going to require us to use their food, their beverages, etc. Frequently, when we've done this in the past, and I can remember back in the 80's and 90's when I was on the board and we moved these meetings around, we generally were at an airport hotel and we ended up having our meals there. Dinner is not necessarily cheap when you're in a hotel. It's not like the Blue Fig, which is relatively inexpensive (and it tastes as inexpensive as we pay for). There's a lot to consider here, not just the air fares that are going to be saved. More people are going to have to fly than can drive. There's all sorts of additional things to consider. There's the inconvenience on the staff that currently is working right here in the building, so if they need something, they can walk down the hall and get it. If they are sitting in Detroit, it's far less convenient for them. So, I'm very much against leaving this building for the February or October meetings. **Schreck:** I was just thinking of the February meeting, because we have the breed councils coming in and there would be many more people at the meeting than the October meeting, where we all fit in here quite nicely. So, I guess the question is, is there any interest at all? Do we want to put some numbers together, or is everybody just happy coming here? **DelaBar:** It thrills my heart to come to Alliance, Ohio twice a year. **Schreck:** Maybe if we could have just kind of a straw vote if there's no other comments. If people aren't interested, then we won't pursue it any further. If there is some interest, then we can put some numbers together, with Jodell's help and maybe Pat Zollman, and see what's available at the airport venue. **Krzanowski:** I just want to mention that, for this February meeting in particular, we're going to have a breed presentation, so that adds another complication to space requirements. When we used to have the meetings in Houston, it was a central location, it was a great hub, usually easy for everybody to travel to, and also we had an agreement with the hotel whereby we could negotiate for meeting space for the breed exhibits. It was also easy because there was the underground tram from the airport right directly to the hotel. So, these are some things to consider. **Calhoun:** I know you want to hear this from me, Mark, because I agree with you. The other thing I also wanted to mention is that our constituents in the cat fancy, one of the things we used to do in the past, the board meetings used to move all over. Sometimes we would go as a preview to the annual. I think part of the cost savings in moving to Alliance and having our own building and having our own conference room and probably being in a cheaper market, maybe other than the air fare if you're going into Akron, but if you're going into Cleveland and we can coordinate sharing cars. Lisa and I were going to do that if I had shown up. I do think there would be a bit of a concern from the delegation if we go back to moving things around unless it's a significant savings. Doing the rough math, I'm thinking it wouldn't be, so I'm probably not in favor of this. **Hannon:** Any other comments? All those in favor of investigating the cost of going to Detroit in February. [7 in favor] Alright, so we're here in February.

(b) **Club Felino Español Request.**

DelaBar: I have a request to the board. It comes from Club Felino Español. Their show is scheduled for the 19th and 20th of December in the Madrid area. They are only able to afford judges in Europe. They have 3 Region 9 CFA judges. They are requesting the ability to have 3 guest judges in order to be able to put on their show. They cannot afford to bring in judges from the U.S. I move that they be allowed to have one additional guest judge for their show.

Eigenhauser: I'll second. **Hannon:** Discussion? Does this kind of open the door to everybody, to say "we can't afford that many." **DelaBar:** You know what I would like? For every U.S. judge that we bring over to European shows, I would like to see that the U.S. clubs bring over a European judge to the U.S. and see how much they like the expense. If I had to say, "OK Steve, for your show in October, you've got to bring in a European judge." This is what we're running into, guys. **Eigenhauser:** What's the date of the show? **DelaBar:** The 19th and 20th of December. A lot of people don't want to do it anyway, because it's too close to Christmas. **Eigenhauser:** Any judges at the table here want to use their frequent flyer miles to go there? **Wilson:** Where is the show? **DelaBar:** It's the Madrid area. **Wilson:** This is the kind of thing that should go to the Committee, if they are asking for a judge who would like to do it for a certain price for miles, but I don't have a problem with giving them permission for this because I agree, that weekend is a difficult weekend. **DelaBar:** It's a difficult weekend. Two of the judges have already said no. I can't take a show that weekend because my residency permit for Finland expires on the 20th, so I'm hoping that my permanent residency comes in way before then, but I can't take any shows and I've got 3 requests for that weekend. So I can't move out of the country until I get that residency. We're running up against all sorts of different things on getting the show. I love this show – good food, good wine, great show. **Schreck:** Annette will go if there is good food and good wine. **DelaBar:** I'm asking for permission for them to hire an additional guest judges. **Wilson:** How many rings is it again? **DelaBar:** Six allbreed rings. **Hannon:** Any further discussion?

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

(c) **China American Shorthair Fanciers Request.**

Anger: One more. I sent out an email with a motion right before we left to come here, but we talked about it and thought we should bring it up. A club in China has a licensed show on the same weekend – December 19th and 20th. The show sponsor now wants to make it a big, splashy event and has increased their sponsorship. They have a new, big, beautiful show hall and they want to particularly promote premiership in China. The club would like to change their show from a 225 entry limit, 10 ring back-to-back show, to a 450 entry limit, two-day show in Shanghai, China. **Hannon:** Am I sure the people here will be thrilled that the is going to be a huge show in China. **Anger:** Dick has a comment on that, I believe. **Kallmeyer:** I think it should probably be a 300 entry show. They expected only about 280 entries, to be practical. The other concern is that, just the challenge of a 450 show is exceeding their grasp right not in order to complete it on time. They have a hard time getting decent times for the show without going to 10:00 or 11:00 at night with the 200 shows. I think probably 300 is more realistic, and just based on their space. They have the hall for 280 or so, but if they needed 450, they probably couldn't get it. They can't guarantee it. Probably 300 might be more realistic. **Eigenhauser:** Do you want

to make that as a motion? **Kallmeyer:** I'll make that a motion, that they be allowed to change the 10 rings, but a 300 entry show. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Schreck:** Is the sponsor insisting on the 450? **Kallmeyer:** No, the club did. The sponsor wants 10 rings. They could have 100 cats and be happy. **Schreck:** So the sponsor wants the rings. **Hannon:** Is it currently licensed for 10 rings? **Kallmeyer:** It's 10 rings split over 2 days – 5 rings each day. It's a back-to-back. **Hannon:** It's currently a 5x5 and they want to do 10 rings spread over 2 days. **Moser:** So, it's currently 5x5. **Hannon:** So, they are asking for a big show in China. **Kuta:** Do they have space for 10 rings and the benching? **Kallmeyer:** Oh yeah. I told them what the requirements are for those 10 rings – the number of cages, etc. **Hannon:** Any further discussion? Good luck going back to your constituents with this one.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla, Moser, Fellerman, Dugger, McCullough and Kuta voting no. Calhoun abstained.

Hannon: Kathy, how did you vote? **Calhoun:** I voted yes. **Hannon:** OK, because you're the only regional director from the United States that is voting yes. **McCullough:** So, the directors-at-large are all for the big show and the regional directors are for the little show. Got it. **Dugger:** There's a message there. **Wilson:** So, if this were a show in Region 3, would you be voting for this change? **McCullough:** I wouldn't have an itty bitty show and then come back 2 months before the show and move it up to a 450. **Calhoun:** This club has already got a show and they're just asking to increase the rings? **Hannon:** No. They are increasing the entry. They currently have a 10 ring show. They want a 10 ring show. They want to go from a 225 entry. Did your motion say 280? **Anger:** 300. **Hannon:** They want to increase the number of cats – that means points – at that show. **McCullough:** To showcase premiership. **Eigenhauser:** To please their sponsor. **Kallmeyer:** And Household Pets. **Calhoun:** This is the weekend of December 20th? **Hannon:** 19th and 20th. **Moser:** They are going basically from a back-to-back to a 10 ring show. **Calhoun:** OK. I'm going to abstain. The reason I'm abstaining is because I'm judging that weekend. **Hannon:** There? **Anger:** She's not at that show. **Calhoun:** Leave me alone. I'm abstaining. Thank you. **Hannon:** Anything else? **Wilson:** I wasn't done. If you got a sponsor for a show that you had scheduled for that weekend in your region, and you came to the board and asked for an expansion to a higher count so you could make it a full two-day show 2 months before the show, wouldn't you expect your other regional directors to support that, or not? **McCullough:** In my region? Yes. **Hannon:** China doesn't have a regional director. **McCullough:** They don't have 120 entries like I do, or 98 entries. **Wilson:** I don't get this. This is so – **Hannon:** It's because they don't want to give more points to the cats that are already winning over there. **Wilson:** I know why they're doing it and I'm having a problem with it. We have a bigger issue. **Schreck:** We already voted, didn't we? **Hannon:** If we had to leave Kathy along because she abstained, you have to leave the regional directors alone for voting no. **Wilson:** I think we have a bigger issue that we need to deal with at some point – maybe not now, maybe not today, but we better deal with it before the end of the show season. **Kuta:** I don't want to beat a dead horse, but I have a different reason. I want to know why the sponsor wants 10 rings. I don't want to be beholden to my sponsor. **Eigenhauser:** The Chinese are inscrutable. **DelaBar:** It's face. **Kallmeyer:** It's a trade fare. **Moser:** I have reasons, too. They already licensed it. Why are we always changing stuff? **Wilson:** Clubs change stuff all the time. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Annette. I think we have a bigger issue that we need to, at some point,

deal with and that's the perception in the fancy that growth in China is a bad thing. Read the CFA List. There's a lot of people that believe there is, and I think we need to in some way deal with that problem. If CFA is going to grow, we can't say we want to grow, but only the people that lose to our cats. We don't want to grow with people who might beat our cats. That's not a reasonable expectation on our part. We can be a little two-bit registration body in the United States and abandon the rest of the world, or we can be open to growth and accept the possibility that if we take in new people, those people might occasionally beat us. We've been tip toeing around this thing, but there really is an anti-sentiment. **Hannon:** There might be a solution to allowing them to have their wins and it not be a negative. **Eigenhauser:** Right, but right now, today, we don't have that solution on the table. We have people who I think are voting – and I don't read minds on the regional directors – but I think to some extent they are voting because their constituents want them to vote that way because there's that feeling. I think we need to, as a board, come out and try to get ahead of that and let them know growth is a good thing, and we need to be good sports about it when occasionally some of that growth means that somebody we brought in beats us. I think we need to be solid about that and not tip toe around it. **Hannon:** Rich had a proposal. I'm sorry he's not here today. I'll encourage him to bring it up in December. **Wilson:** That's what I'm asking. If someone on the board is coming up with proposals, let's discuss them. Let's look at them online or something ahead of time so we can come up with something, because I don't think we can allow this to continue. I really don't. I'm certainly a proponent of open competition, but when you can't have open competition – and we saw what happened with the delegation. This is something the board has got to address. We've got to address it and we shouldn't wait until the April meeting or something like that, to come up with something we think is going to work. I think we need to have it on the agenda next time. **Hannon:** I think whatever we come up with would be effective for the next show season. I don't think it's fair to people – **Wilson:** I agree with that, but it looks like right now we're not doing anything but accepting the status quo. **Hannon:** Right now we're facing the possibility of 25 national award winning kittens all coming from China, and it's reflected in our entries. **Wilson:** I know that. **Hannon:** Our kitten entries are dramatically down. **Eigenhauser:** Coming from the west coast, all the time I've been showing in CFA there has been this gripe about how many more points are available on the east coast and what advantage people have by virtue of geography, especially when you're in the corner where the 3 regions come together, and you know what? That's life. You can't make an absolutely level playing field. **Hannon:** But George, the difference is, the people in your area can fly to the east coast and get those points. **Eigenhauser:** Only the rich ones. **Hannon:** But even our rich ones can't go to China and get points. **DelaBar:** But they did. **Hannon:** They did and got caught. **DelaBar:** No. **Hannon:** The Europeans got in and out, but somebody from southern California wasn't quite so fortunate. **Moser:** I talked to them over there, and they said there's 3 different ports the people from the United States can go into. **Hannon:** But don't you have to stay there? **Moser:** No. **Hannon:** That was the case with one of them. **Kallmeyer:** She screwed up some paperwork. **DelaBar:** That as a mess-up on her part. The Chinese said that anybody that wants to come show there, let them know and they will make sure that anybody can get there. It's just that people don't want to, one, spend the money for the plane flight, and two, they are uncomfortable going to countries where they cannot read the language. **Hannon:** But you know darn well that lady last year would have spent the money to get Cat of the Year. **McCullough:** And tried. **Hannon:** So, we'll discuss online and in preparation for December possible solutions.

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Hannon: Is there anything else before we adjourn? Thank you for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(31) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following cases were heard, tentative decisions were rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

15-016 ***CFA v. Dugger, Jean***

Violation of Show Rule 9.08.n.

GUILTY. Sentence of a \$250.00 fine; to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid within that time Respondent shall be suspended from all CFA services until paid. [vote sealed]

15-020 ***CFA v. Jean Green***

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of restitution to Gusippe Barcelona in the sum of \$1,760.00; to be paid within 30 days. If restitution is not paid within that time Respondent shall be suspended from all CFA services until the restitution is paid. [vote sealed]