

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 via teleconference. **President Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members present:

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

Also Present:

- Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**
- Teresa Barry, Executive Director**
- Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services**

Jodell Raymond, Communication/Special Events
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter
Mary Kolencik, Chair, Awards Committee

Not Present:

Mrs. Carla Bizzell (Director-at-Large)

SUMMARY

(1) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Chair Mr. Eigenhauser moved to accept the Committee's recommendations on the protests not in dispute. **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

(2) JUDGING PROGRAM.

In an executive session motion which was made and carried, Guy Pantigny was posthumously advanced to approved allbreed status.

In an executive session motion which was made and carried, an exception to Judging Program Rule 11.1(b) was granted to allow Vicki Nye to officiate as a guest judge in Sweden the same weekend as a CFA show in Sweden on January 9, 2016.

Chair Mrs. Wilson moved to accept following advancements:

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

<i>Doreann Nasin (Shorthair – 2nd specialty)</i>	18 yes; 1 no (Hannon)
<i>Neil Quigley (Longhair – 2nd specialty)</i>	18 yes, 1 no (Hannon)

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Advance to Approved Allbreed:

<i>Karen Godwin</i>	19 yes
<i>Etsuko Hamayasu</i>	19 yes

In an executive session motion which was made and carried, Dmitriy Gubenko was returned to the approved guest judging list, effective March 1, 2016.

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

No action items were presented.

(4) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

The following club applications were presented for acceptance on standing motion by **Chair Mrs. Krzanowski**:

- BLACK TIE AND TAILS CAT CLUB (Region 1). Seconded by **Mrs. Fellerman, Motion Carried.**
- CHINA FENG TIAN CAT CLUB, International Division (Shenyang, China). Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**
- FENGTIAN CAT FANCIERS CLUB, International Division (Shenyang, China). Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**

- NEW VISION CAT CLUB (Region 7). **Tabled.** McCullough voting no.
- ORIENTAL SHORTHAIR CLUB JAPAN (Region 8). Seconded by **Mr. Maeda, Motion Carried.**
- TAIPEI SAVOUR FELINE FANCIER, International Division (Taipei, Taiwan). Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**
- TOUCH OF CLASS CAT FANCIERS (Region 1). Seconded by **Mrs. Fellerman, Motion Carried.**

Ms. Anger moved to accept the resignation of Happy Island Cat Club (Region 8) with regret. Seconded by **Mr. Maeda, Motion Carried.**

(5) TREASURER’S REPORT.

Chair **Mrs. Schreck** had no action items.

(6) CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW 2015 AND 2016.

No action items were presented.

(7) NATIONAL SCORING.

Straw Poll:

1. *Do you agree there needs to be a change in the national awards?* **Unanimous.**
2. *Do you agree that the current year should stand as is, and any changes made only for next show season (effective May 1, 2016)?* **Unanimous.**
3. *Of the 3 or 4 proposals presented, which do you favor the most, understanding that all may need tweaking?* **No vote - discussion point only.**
4. *That we do not pursue a [singular] global/worldwide award for our top cats.* **Favorable.** Newkirk, Brown, DelaBar and Calhoun voting no.
5. *That Regions 1-7 and 9 be considered as a group competing for national awards.* **Favorable.** Kallmeyer voting no. Schreck abstained.
6. *That we have national awards for Regions 1-9 and national awards for outside of Regions 1-9.* **Unanimous.**

(8) COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

Liaison **Ms. Kuta** presented no action items.

(9) IT UPDATE.

Liaison **Mr. Kallmeyer** presented no action items.

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TRANSCRIPT

(1) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

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

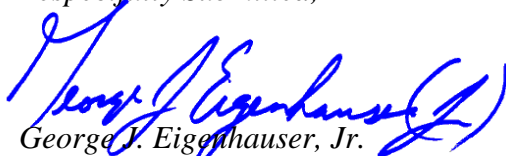
Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on November 18, 2015. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Linda Berg, Norm Auspitz, 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

(2) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Guy Pantigny. *Guy had a long and highly successful history in the cat fancy, including being one of the founders of the French organization LOOF. After guest judging for CFA for many years, Guy applied for and was accepted as a CFA Approval Pending Allbreed judge in June 2013. On November 1, 2015, Guy lost his long battle with cancer. One of Guy’s many accomplishments in the cat fancy was the formation of the French CFA club Cats N Cats, which was holding its show that weekend. Guy was very proud of being part of the European CFA body of judges and he enjoyed the work done within our organization. Guy’s partner Thierry reports that it was an enriching experience for Guy, during which he met some wonderful people. His longtime friend Sophie Duperrier put it beautifully when she said that we all lost a friend, a judge, a great name in the cat world and we’ll surely never forget this. Guy had been invited to judge the 2015 CFA International Show, at which he would have completed his last requirement for advancement to Approved Allbreed – attending the second half of the BAOS. We are saddened by the loss of this gentleman, who the rest of CFA were just getting to know.*

In an executive session motion which was made and carried, Guy Pantigny was posthumously advanced to approved allbreed status.

Galina Dubrovskaya. *Frequent guest judge and President of Moscow CFA club Nika Feline Center Galina Sergeevna Dubrovskaya, passed away on November 23, 2015, after a long fight*

with cancer. Galina did a lot for developing CFA in Russia ever since the first CFA shows in Moscow in the last century. Galina was a special person and friend to many.

Wilson: As you know, we've had two losses. One of our judges, Guy Pantigny, passed away the weekend of his show the end of October, and Galina Dubrovskaya, the president of Moscow CFA club Nika Feline Center passed away November 23rd.

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Chung, Chloe	CCCA	Exotic Club of Qld. Inc.	Brisbane, Australia	03/20/16
DelaBar, Pam	NZCF	NZ National Show	Palmerston, No. NZ	05/01/16
DelaBar, Pam	CCCA	Armidale/New England CC	Armidale, NSW, Australia	05/07/16
Gradowski, Chuck	CCA	Hamilton CF	Ancaster, Ontario, CN	03/13/16
Jaeger, Barbara	CCA	Hamilton CF	Ancaster, Ontario, CN	03/12/16
Koizumi, Kayoko	CCCA	CCCA National Show	Adelaide, Australia	07/16/16
Koizumi, Kayoko	CCCA	Western Districts	Sydney, Australia	07/23/16
Koizumi, Kayoko	NZCF	Nelson CC	Nelson, NZ	07/30/16
Nye, Vicki	FIFe	Gothenburg CC	Gothenburg, Sweden	01/09/16
Trevathan, Wayne	CCCA	CCCA National Show	Adelaide, Aust.	07/16/16
Trevathan, Wayne	CCCA	Western Districts	Sydney, Aust.	07/23/16
Trevathan, Wayne	NZCF	Nelson CC	Nelson, NZ	07/30/16

In an executive session motion which was made and carried, an exception to Judging Program Rule 11.1(b) was granted to allow Vicki Nye to officiate as a guest judge in Sweden the same weekend as a CFA show in Sweden on January 9, 2016.

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

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
Gnatkevich, Eleana	RUI	Cat Fashion	Ram at Hasharon, Israel	11/07/15
Gnatkevich, Eleana	RUI	German Cat Walk	Bad Westernkotten, Germany	01/16/16
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	North China ASH Club	Shanghai, China	10/10/15
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Cat Fanciers of Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	12/20/15
Gregory, Anna	GCCF	UK Cat Fanciers	London, England	01/23/16
Hansson, John	GCCF	Cats n Cats	France	10/31/15
Hansson, John	GCCF	UK Cat Fanciers	London, England	01/23/16
Hansson, John	GCCF	Felinus Int. CC	GroteBroegel, Belgium	04/30/16
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	Club Felino Espanol	Madrid, Spain	12/19/15
Kurkowski, Albert	WCF	Swedish Cat Paws	Stockholm, Sweden	01/09/16
Merritt, Chris	CQI	Passion Feline	Hong Kong	1/10/16

<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CQI</i>	<i>Indonesia Royale Feline</i>	<i>Bandung, Indonesia</i>	<i>11/28/15</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>02/13/16</i>
<i>Podpurgina</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Club Felino Espanol</i>	<i>Madrid, Spain</i>	<i>12/19/15</i>
<i>Rakitnyh, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Club Felino Espanol</i>	<i>Madrid, Spain</i>	<i>12/19/15</i>
<i>Rumyahtseva, Nadejda</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>02/13/16</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>German Cat Walk</i>	<i>Erwitt, Germany</i>	<i>01/16/16</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryl</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>12/05/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryl</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Passion Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Kaohsiung, Taiwan</i>	<i>12/12/15</i>

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

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Doreann Nasin (Shorthair – 2nd specialty) 18 yes; 1 no (Hannon)
Neil Quigley (Longhair – 2nd specialty) 18 yes, 1 no (Hannon)

Advance to Approved Specialty:

John Hiemstra (Shorthair – 2nd specialty) 18 yes, 1 no (Dugger)

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

John Hiemstra 18 yes, 1 no (Dugger)

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Karen Godwin 19 yes
Etsuko Hamayasu 19 yes

In an executive session motion which was made and carried, Dmitriy Gubenko is moved back to the approved guest judging list, effective March 1, 2016.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

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:

Staff assisted the International Show Committee with the preparations before and with support at the show. Central Office staff worked hard as a team and was generally pleased with the weekend. Follow-up releases were sent to the media, posted on Facebook, the blog and Pinterest. Working with agility, developed the first CFA Kitten Bowl and Kids Read Cats Program. Rescues kittens participated in the Kitten Bowl to assist with adopting them out. In attendance at CSI were two authors who read their stories about cats to the children in attendance. Written thank you notes were sent to all sponsors. A conference call was conducted with staff in order to discuss improvements for the 2016 CIS as well as any necessary follow-up on issues, concerns or duties that may still need handled.

Registration error rate for the timeframe of September and October was 2.3%. A time consuming process completed by our IT associate will now be reviewed on a quarterly bases. The process he followed was to compare all litters registered, total cats registered, total cat records updated, compared to the total paid and unpaid corrections over a specific timeframe.

An additional position was added in Registration in order to remain current with processing. This associate was hired to assist with eCats, general registration and backup coverage. We welcomed Jordan Lampley on November 30th. She is a 2007 graduate of Mount Union, with extensive experience in customer service.

Product reviews for the December Cat Talk issue and possible story outlines/ideas for 2016 Cat Talk magazine were discussed and developed. Press inquiries in addition to the C.S.I. were received from Vet Street and Money.com and handled. An article for Environmentally Friendly Cat Care Book with assistance from Teresa Keiger was completed.

C.F.A. Pedigree paper with watermark and seal was implemented.

Possible 2021 Annual Site Review list was developed with Pat Zollman and forwarded to Steve McCullough.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Central Office I.T. update: Submitted by Tim Schreck, Chair, I.T. Committee, report presented by Dick Kallmeyer, I.T. liaison with the Board. C.O. continues to work with the I.T. Committee to assist with the implementation of new modules or updates as necessary by Computan.

Central Office is preparing for a trial year-end run, for close of season reports. Trial run of 2015/16 show season reports is planned for December 14, 1015. Reports will then be forwarded to the Regional Directors for input by no later than January 1, 2016. If issues are discovered

C.O. will work with the I.T. committee and Computan to have developed and implemented necessary updates or changes well before the end of the year deadline.

We continue to assist the I.T. Committee and I.T. Chair with the development of modular and any necessary updates to the existing system by Computan.

C.O. is in the final stages of the development of C.O.'s Operating Annual Manual. Preparations for the 2016 Annual will begin. Finalizing the Annual Airline Discount Program is to be completed. Beginning the development of the C.F.A. Annual web site.

New Associate in Registration will continue training.

Club fees and membership list reminders sent December 1, 2015. They will be updated upon arrival at C.O.

Completing the C.F.A. Yearbook.

Future Projections for Committee:

Assist the 2015 Show Committee with any necessary follow-up needed in order to wrap up the 2015 International Show.

Concentrate on the development of the 2016 Annual. Complete the development of the C.F.A. web site for the 2016 Annual.

C.O. staff will develop the 2016/17 C.O. budget and all related budgets.

Continue to work with Dr. Elsey on the 2016 Sponsorship proposal. Continue the development of other 2016 Sponsorship proposals for current sponsors and the development of new sponsors.

Continue the IT development with the Committee and Computan.

Handle arrangements for the upcoming February Board meeting in Alliance.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

C.O.'s Operating Annual Manual will be completed by December 10, 2015. The CFA web site for the 2016 Annual is scheduled to go live mid- to late January.

Year-end trial run is scheduled December 14, 2015. Regional Directors input received in C.O. by January 1, 2016.

McCullough: I've got lots of questions. **Moser:** I've got questions. **McCullough:** Who determined I was going to work over Christmas break on the regional awards stuff? Mark sent an email out yesterday saying we're not working on any of this stuff during the holidays. How did

that come about? **Barry:** I wasn't aware of Mark's email, but we were asked to do a trial year-end run, so we picked Monday the 14th to do that. **McCullough:** We have to have it to you before January 1st, correct? In two weeks? **Barry:** I can extend that. **McCullough:** OK. Make it February 1st and I'll be happy. **Moser:** I don't quite understand. What is this trial run going to do? I mean, what are we doing here? **Colilla:** Get the bugs out. **Hannon:** We did this last year too, right? **Moser:** No, we did not. That's why I'm confused. What did we just do? What are we comparing to what? What am I comparing something to? **Barry:** We'll get you that information. What we're looking at is where the standings are year to date, and if you see any glaring issues. James will forward all information. **Moser:** How am I supposed to know what the standings are? **Hannon:** You might know if there's a cat that's not in your region, that's on your regional list. **Moser:** Is that the only thing we're looking for? **Hannon:** You're looking for all kinds of errors. **Barry:** Right, glaring errors, so we don't have some of the issues we had last year. **Colilla:** All we can do is look at the top 25 placements. That's all we can go by. Other than that, we have no documentation of color, breed, or anything like that. If your cut-off date is December 14th, you need to send us what is posted to the general public. That's the only thing we can compare back to. **Barry:** OK, yes we will. **Moser:** So, that doesn't really make a whole lot of sense to me. All we're going to do is take that list and compare it to what you have on the website, which is the top 25. You can do the same thing. That doesn't make any sense to me. **Colilla:** I agree. **Hannon:** What are you looking for Terri? Let Terri explain what she's looking for here. I think you're asking them to do more than just look at ePoints and make sure that the computer print-out that they receive is the same as the computer information that's online. That is sort of ridiculous. **Barry:** What we're trying to avoid is the number of issues that existed last year when we ran the year-end reports. The board asked that we do a trail run, to try to alleviate the issues that we had last year. What James wants to do is also make sure that nothing has been dropped in the system with changes by CompuTan that you guys would be able to compare, to see that with. **Colilla:** There's no way we can compare, because we don't have all the lists. You guys in Central Office are the people who have all the information. The reason we asked for this is not the day before we do the regional awards, we find out there are errors so we have to change the presentation to add this person into the awards. That's what we are trying to avoid. **Hannon:** What are you suggesting and a way to avoid those problems in May? **Colilla:** Do a cut-off date February 14th and have Central Office verify whatever is printed out that day is correct. **Barry:** February 14th? **Colilla:** I thought that was the day you were going to do your closing, right? For year-end. **DelaBar:** December. **Colilla:** OK, then that's fine. Whatever December is, you need to basically do a year-end on that and compare all the lists that are generated, to make sure you can verify the data is correct. That gives us 4 months to fix it. **Hannon:** John, you're saying the Central Office should do that, and the regional directors should not? **Colilla:** I agree, because we do not have all the information handy to do that for them. **DelaBar:** The thing that we can verify is that the people are in our region. If we can see who is and who is not, that's always been one of the bigger problems. As for point standings and how the standings are going, I have absolutely no idea because usually during the year I don't want to know who is doing what to whom on standings, as a judge. We can review and make sure that the cats that are listed in our region are actually in our region. I don't have a problem doing that. **Kuta:** So, I have a suggestion. I think most of the things don't require special knowledge specific to regional directors. I think we just found a lot of big errors last time because we were handed the files. I think having a really good data integrity and QA protocol to run through after the test files have been run, I would volunteer to work on that and give up some of my time before Christmas to work on that if you want, or

write up what protocols I use. I'm sure the IT Chair would also probably have some of those, but I don't know if it would be necessary for the regional directors to all look at it when there's some standard protocol things that we could look at and check to see if it's running smoothly or not, and then bring in the RDs if there are some issues. **Schreck:** I recall at one of the meetings, after the complaints about the reports being so wrong last year that the board, and the regional directors in particular, directed that a trial run be made close to year end so that they could look at it before the final was run. I don't have the minutes in front of me, but that's my recollection. **Barry:** Barb, you are correct. **McCullough:** You're half correct. **Barry:** This is extra work on Central Office's part at this point in time, but we want to do anything we can through any suggestions to alleviate the issues and the problems we had last year. **Kallmeyer:** What would be useful from the RDs, if you could revisit the problems that you found with the data last year. It was formatting issues and a lot of missing data, but if you could take maybe an hour or so, and go back and look at the problems that you indicated, then Central Office could at least make sure that we had the formatting and those kind of issues settled. I know there was a lot of data changes, a lot of changes at the last minute, but if you could revisit what the problems were, that would help probably even more than the trial run. Central Office could then look at the files and just make sure we have the formats right or whatever to make your job easier. **Kuta:** Thank you, you were able to articulate what I was trying to say, and that was kind of coming up with a list of all the things that were the problems last time and then doing a QA check, and any new issues that might crop up. I have my list. Just let me know who to send it to, and I'll send it. **Kallmeyer:** There's other scorers that have suffered through it, like Valerie or certainly Kathy Durdick went through the awards and suffered. If the RDs can get their pain points, then we can use that to lay against the Central Office reports. **Colilla:** The pain point was that Central Office kept sending us new lists. That's where the pain point is. **Kallmeyer:** I know that, but there were other issues that came up, too. So, don't do it here. Just go through and document it, then we can go through and analyze it. **McCullough:** If the intent is to check regional boundaries and all that stuff to see if everybody is here, why don't we run this the first of February, so everyone will have a chance to attend a show after the first weekend in January, which will establish their residency? It seems redundant to check it in December, and everybody move in January. **Kallmeyer:** Steve, you're missing the point. I don't think we need to go into that. I think what we want to do is look for problems. You're taking the files from Central Office and develop it, as well as the problems you encounter this year, down to the line. We can check the regions in February. Actually, I think Shirley runs that report at the end of January, so we could give you that also, but the important thing is to make sure we have the formats and all the information that you're going to need, available. Then we can go through. Don't worry about the actual points, so much as the other things.

McCullough: OK, I have another follow-up. I talked with Tim at the last board meeting about having a cat's registration number populate all of the awards that it wins. It seems like something simple. Is that implemented, or do we need board approval to go forward with that, so that if we have a cat's registration number, we can see where it was as a kitten, all through the awards that it's supposed to be receiving, instead of going through 7 files per cat per award. **Barry:** That, to my knowledge, has not been implemented. What we have to do is see if CompuTan can even implement it. I can certainly check into it. Maybe Tim already has. **Hannon:** I have a suggestion. Why don't we put Lisa in charge of this project? She can deal with the regional directors to see what their concerns are, and she can work with Terri and with James, and get back with the regional directors. I don't know that we are going to accomplish

anything further tonight, other than more talk. **DelaBar:** That sounds like a plan. **McCullough:** Well no, I have asked to get this done or see why we can't get it done, and I haven't got an answer yet. This is my second board meeting. Why can we not populate a registration number, and it print out everything that cat has won for the year? **Hannon:** That's something that Lisa as chairman of this committee can look into and get you an answer on. There may be cost implications of having CompuTan do that. There may be priorities. There may be reasons why CompuTan has not been able to do that. Maybe there aren't, but let Lisa take your concern and any other regional director's concerns, and pull them together and work this project. **Schreck:** Any kind of a programming changes involves two things; as Mark said, it involves time and it involves money. CompuTan has only so much time that they devote to CFA, so you have to prioritize what is the most important thing that needs to be done. I know right now one of the major things that needs to be done is to move everything off the old HP before it croaks over. **Hannon:** It sounds like what Steve is asking for, it would be nice to have. Those "nice to have" things may not be our top priority. **Kuta:** Along with this, I'll ask for your enhancement requests. Then we can pass those on and the IT Committee, they can work and prioritize, and give us time and money estimates or say what things we would have to give up. So, I think that's fine. I'll ask for pain points and enhancement requests. Look for an email from me in the next day or two asking for this. **McCullough:** Are we still getting these files on Monday? **Barry:** I'll get with James and we'll divert to working with Lisa. **Hannon:** So the answer is no, you won't be getting anything. **McCullough:** Thank you.

The Yearbook is scheduled to be at the printer mid-December. If it remains on schedule it will be available January 26, 2016.

All Club fees and membership list are due at C.O. by January 4, 2016.

Items will be reported out when completed.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

To be determined.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Barry, Chair*

Hannon: Let's get to the Central Office report. Terri. **Barry:** I don't have anything to add to my report. I would be happy to answer any questions, but other than that it has been relatively quiet since the International Show. [discussion goes to report item above]

(3) 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:

Seven clubs were pre-noticed for membership. They are:

- *Black Tie and Tails Cat Club, Region 1, Geri Fellerman, Director*
- *China Feng Tian Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Fengtian Cat Fanciers Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *New Vision Cat Club, Region 7; Jean Dugger, Director*
- *Oriental Shorthair Club Japan, Region 8, Edward Maeda, Director*
- *Taipei Savour Feline Fancier, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Touch of Class Cat Fanciers, Region 1, Geri Fellerman, Director*

Krzanowski: We had 7 clubs that were pre-noticed for membership for this meeting. I am going to make a standing motion to accept all club applicants, effective January 1, 2016, reserving the right to vote no.

Black Tie and Tails Cat Club Region 1, Windham, New Hampshire; Geri Fellerman, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are fourteen members. All members are also members of the other Region 1 club applicant, and the officers are the same in both club applications. This club was dropped from membership in June 2015 due to non-payment of dues and is reapplying at this time. Two members have some clerking experience and most members have show production experience. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold an annual show in New Hampshire, Massachusetts or Rhode Island. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to the local animal welfare organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The North Atlantic Regional Director supports this club.

Krzanowski: The first application we have to consider is Black Tie and Tails Cat Club. This club is located in New Hampshire. This was a CFA member club for many years that was dropped from membership last June due to non-payment of dues and is now reapplying. In the past this club has produced shows in the New Hampshire/Massachusetts/Rhode Island area and, if accepted, they hope to again produce an annual one-day show in that same general location.

Hannon: Geri, do you have any comments? **Fellerman:** Yes, I do. I spoke with Pauline Joy actually prior to the club going into arrears – is that the correct word? – and the same is going for Touch of Class, which is the last one alphabetically in this list. She said she submitted the membership list. Her daughter was supposed to have made payment online and when she didn't

see it come up, she said she spoke with Kristi and was told everything was fine, but then it wasn't. The payment apparently wasn't receive. She is having problems. She has an uncle who is 97 that lives with her, and just looking at her FaceBook page throughout the month, she is at the hospital with him every other week, if not more, and things just got away from her. She had no intention of letting the clubs go. They do intend, along with a couple other club members, to put on a show again and be a very active club again. **McCullough:** Point of order. Did we come out of executive session at the end of the Judging report? **Hannon:** Yes. I have a question. The basic person in both of these clubs – Touch of Class and Black Tie & Tails – is Pauline Joy. The membership of the clubs are the same. They are planning to put on shows in the same area. I don't understand why they need two clubs. Basically, these clubs were paper clubs the last couple years. They weren't producing shows. She says she is going to produce shows, but who knows if she's going to be able to, with the situation where she's taking care of an older person. I don't know whether there's a need for this. I don't believe they are going to be putting on multiple shows. I don't know if they're going to put on any shows. Do we need two clubs with the same membership in the same area? **Fellerman:** I don't know. I belong to Garden State and Morris & Essex. Same membership. **Hannon:** Morris & Essex is basically a paper club. **Fellerman:** Not really. **Hannon:** They are a paper club. **Fellerman:** They sponsor the adoption area. So, they do work in conjunction with a show. **Hannon:** But in this case, she is saying both clubs are going to put on shows. **Fellerman:** That's what she's saying. It could be a back-to-back or 6x6. **Hannon:** She doesn't need two clubs for that. She can do both of them with one. **Fellerman:** She can. **McCullough:** What's wrong with a paper club? **Hannon:** What does it contribute to CFA, other than paying dues? **McCullough:** There was a big ordeal because they were dues paying last year when we tried to disband them. You either put on a show or you didn't have a club, and everybody went ballistic because paper clubs contribute to CFA's bottom line. I think it's a good thing. **Fellerman:** I just hate to see two clubs lost that have been fairly active clubs in the past, as I think most of you in this area would know. They have been very active clubs. **Hannon:** Any other comments on Black Tie & Tails' application? Did Geri second it? **Fellerman:** Yes.

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

Hannon: Welcome back, Black Tie & Tails.

China Feng Tian Cat Club
International Division, Shenyang, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eleven members. No member is a member of another club. All members are breeders with CFA registered cattery names, and they are actively exhibiting at CFA shows. One member has experience helping other clubs produce shows. This is an allbreed club, with a special interest in the Persian and Exotic breeds, that wishes to hold shows once or twice a year in Shenyang. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to a non-profit organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: Next application is the China Feng Tian Cat 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. If accepted, this club hopes to produce one or two shows annually in Shenyang. **Hannon:** Dick supports it. Do you have any comments, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** That area is growing a lot. There's a lot of shows out there. In fact, probably the largest CFA community in China is in this area. **Hannon:** Any other comments? **Colilla:** How many clubs do we have there? **Kallmeyer:** In Shenyang, I think there's 5. Just to put it into perspective, we can probably have a show every week just in Shenyang. There's enough cats and enough people to put on shows. **Wilson:** The only comment I have is, the name of this club and the name of the club immediately following are pretty much the same, just in a different word order. China Feng Tian, and Fengtian Cat Fanciers. Is that necessary? **Kallmeyer:** It's probably the English version of a Chinese name. The Chinese name is probably very distinctive. I think it's translation, more than anything else. I forget what Feng Tian means. It's equivalent to "cat" or something like that. It's just a common name. **Hannon:** Carol's got a motion on the floor. Dick, are you seconding it? **Kallmeyer:** I sure do. **Hannon:** Any other comments? **McCullough:** I kind of agree with Annette. How would a judge know what show they are going to? **Hannon:** Well, they speak Chinese and we don't. Dick is saying it's very distinctive in Chinese. **McCullough:** But I live in Kansas. **Wilson:** I think this would be like calling one club "Michigan Cat Club" and the other one "Cat Club of Michigan". Maybe that's OK, I don't care, but it just seems odd to me. In fact, I had to read through the application because I thought maybe it was a duplicate, but it's not. **Kuta:** I think it's fine. For instance, "California University" and "University of California". I don't think anybody has issues with stuff like that. **Hannon:** Let's vote.

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

Hannon: Welcome China Feng Tian Cat Club.

Fengtian Cat Fanciers Club
International Division, Shenyang, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are fifteen members. No member is a member of another club. Several members are breeders with CFA registered cattery names and have experience helping other clubs produce shows. Most members are actively exhibiting, and one member has clerking experience. If accepted, this allbreed club plans to hold a show one or more times a year in the Shenyang area, conduct breed and grooming seminars to educate the public, assist new fanciers and work on Chinese translation of CFA pamphlets. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to the Shenyang Wild Animal Protection Station. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is the Fengtian Cat Fanciers Club. This club is also located in Shenyang. As mentioned previously, Shenyang is the largest city in northeast China, with a population of over 8 million, and one of the top ten largest cities in China. In addition to producing an annual show in the Shenyang area, this club hopes to get involved in other activities to help educate new breeders and exhibitors, as well as the general public. **Kallmeyer:** I point out too in the education, in Shenyang they have been having a lot of pet seminars. One series is actually run by Royal Canin with Chloe Chung. They might get 200 people to show up

just to listen about cats, get their free coffee, etc. There's actually a good thing going on here.
Hannon: Any other comments.

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

Hannon: Welcome Fengtian Cat Fanciers Club.

New Vision Cat Club
Region 7, Richmond Hill, Georgia; Jean Dugger, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are thirty-one members. No member is a member of another club. This club's primary interest is the Bengal breed, and their show interest is allbreed and specialty. Their membership is geographically widespread and if accepted, they wish to hold a show once a year in a location to be determined by the current CFA show schedule for the year. They hope to include a Bengal Congress at their shows. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to a non-profit organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Southern Regional Director is recommending that this application be tabled until the February 2016 meeting.

Krzanowski: The next application is from New Vision Cat Club. This club is based in Georgia, but the membership is geographically widespread. A few members have CFA experience and the remaining members have experience in TICA. If accepted, they would like to hold shows one or more times a year, with show locations and dates dependent on availability in CFA's current show schedule for the year. As the club's primary interest is the Bengal breed, they hope to conduct seminars to promote the breed and include a Bengal Congress at their shows. **Hannon:** Is there a second to accept this before we go into discussion. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Jean, you have some comments? **Dugger:** The only comment that I had was that we are going to vote in February about the Bengal breed. I just suggested to Carol when we discussed this that possibly we should postpone voting the club in until after we vote on the breed, since their primary interest is being a Bengal breed club. **Hannon:** Carol, what's the policy on new breeds? Don't they have to have a club? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** Can it be accepted at the same meeting, or does it already have to be in existence when we vote on the breed? **DelaBar:** In the past, they had a club and that was part of their package. **Hannon:** Meaning it's already in existence. They can't apply for it at the same meeting? It has to already be an existing club? **DelaBar:** As I remember going back for the last some-odd breeds we had. Like the Norwegians I remember specifically. **Hannon:** The club already existed. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** Jean, the concern seems to be that waiting until February is too late, that they have to have a club already in existence by February. **Dugger:** OK. I guess I was looking at it from a different perspective, but if that's the case then I guess we need to vote on it and decide now whether we should accept them or not. I'm not saying that I don't support them – I do. I support any club that wants to be active in CFA and in my region, and to put on shows. I think that's our whole objective. **Eigenhauser:** This is a different situation. With other clubs that have come in at the same time as we look at a breed, those breeds are allowed in CFA show halls. A lot of them showed in Household Pet or just went in for exhibition only and were known to CFA people, were seen by judges, were in our show halls. What happens to a breed club when our current rules bar them from even being physically in the show hall? **DelaBar:** We don't bar the club, just the cats, at this time. **Eigenhauser:** It seems silly to have a club focused on a breed that

is not physically allowed in CFA shows. In other circumstances, the breeds could be brought in by other means. Here we actually bar them from the shows. I think by taking a vote on the club, we're putting the cart before the horse. I would rather take this up in February. We can vote on them as a package or something, or do it in some way that makes people happy in terms of the timing, but I think voting to form a breed club in a breed that isn't even allowed in our show halls – is barred by our rules from coming into our show halls – is a horse of a different color, compared to a breed that is simply not recognized yet. **Kuta:** Are they applying to be a breed club, or are they applying to be an allbreed club? **Krzanowski:** They are applying as an allbreed club, with a focus on the Bengal breed. It's in their application. **Kuta:** If the Bengal does not get accepted, are they still interested in being a CFA allbreed club? **Krzanowski:** I have not asked them that question. **Hannon:** Let's cross that bridge when we get to it. **DelaBar:** I wouldn't mind waiting until February to vote on the club, as long as the board agrees that this would be an exception to our usual policy in the acceptance of new breeds. **Eigenhauser:** I was going to say, looking at their constitution, it doesn't say anything about wanting to be an allbreed club. Of their 7 reasons to exist, 4 of the 7 are Bengals. **Moser:** Don't we already have a club that we accepted for Bengals? Marianne Byrne's club? Isn't that already in? <no> OK, I thought we did. **Brown:** I think we're sending the wrong message if we accept this club right now. I think we need to wait and see if the breed is accepted. I don't like the message that this sends right now. **Hannon:** We have a motion on the floor and a second. My suggestion would be, if you want to wait until February, vote down this motion and then we can consider another motion, like tabling it until February. **Eigenhauser:** Doesn't a motion to table take priority over the motion? **Raymond:** Yes, it does. **Eigenhauser:** I move that we table this to February. **DelaBar:** Second. **Eigenhauser:** However, whatever rules we already have in place that require a club be accepted, that we allow the order to be changed, if necessary, to be able to accomplish both in February.

Hannon called the motion (to table). **Motion Carried.** McCullough voting no.

McCullough: I have a point of order. The point of order is, if we table it, it has to be voted on at the next meeting, correct? Is that correct, Ed? **Raymond:** Yes, and that's when it's scheduled to be addressed. **McCullough:** We can't table it at the next meeting. We have to vote yes or no, correct? **Raymond:** I believe that is true.

Krzanowski: Before we move on to the next application, I have a question about this club being tabled until February. Normally we consider club applications on Saturday at the meeting, and I don't know when we're planning to do new breeds. **Hannon:** Sunday. **Krzanowski:** Most likely Sunday, so should we plan to bring this up on Sunday? **Eigenhauser:** That would be my recommendation. **DelaBar:** Why don't you just change it on the agenda, for club acceptance? **McCullough:** To Saturday. **Hannon:** No. The problem with that is that they are hosting a reception Saturday night, and how awkward would that be if we turned down the breed? I would rather let them go ahead with their reception on Saturday, and then we vote on it Sunday. **McCullough:** That's even more awkward. **Krzanowski:** I would rather keep Club Applications on Saturday, if possible, and I will just at that time hold this one over until Sunday. Is that feasible, Ed? Is that permissible? **Raymond:** Sure, that's fine. **Krzanowski:** OK, then that's how we'll do it.

Oriental Shorthair Club Japan
Region 8, Saitama, Japan; Edward Maeda, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. One member is an officer of another club. Several members have clerking experience, with one member being a licensed Master Clerk and another being a licensed Certified Clerk. This is a breed specialty club focusing on the Oriental Shorthair, and they wish to hold an allbreed show once a year in Tokyo. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to a local rescue group and/or the Japan Region. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Japan Regional Director supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is Oriental Shorthair Club Japan. This club is located in Saitama, Japan. Saitama is located in the Greater Tokyo area and is one of many commercial centers of that area. It is the capitol and most populous city of Saitama Prefecture in Japan. The members of this club have extensive CFA breeding and exhibiting experience, and the roster includes two licensed clerks. This is a breed specialty club focusing on the Oriental Shorthair. If accepted, this club wishes to hold an annual allbreed show in Tokyo. **Hannon:** Mr. Maeda, do you have any comments? **Maeda:** They do not have a club in this area, so this club will have a very good meaning for Japan Region. I strongly support this club. **Hannon:** Any other comments on this club before we vote? Mr. Maeda, do you want to second the motion to accept the club? **Maeda:** Yes.

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

Hannon: Welcome Oriental Shorthair Club Japan.

Taipei Savour Feline Fancier
International Division, Taipei, Taiwan; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. No member is a member of another club. Several members have clerking experience and one member is a licensed Master Clerk. This is an allbreed club with a special focus on the Persian and Exotic breeds. If accepted, they wish to hold at least one show a year in Taipei. They are also interested in organizing other CFA activities such as clerking schools, grooming seminars or breed awareness seminars. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to a local humane society. This club was pre-noticed and several negative letters were received, to which the applicant wrote a response. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: After we finish new clubs, we're going to go to the National Scoring. We want Mary K to join us for that. I'm going to ask, while we discuss the last two clubs, if Rachel will send an email to Mary inviting her to join us, so rather than sit around for a few minutes waiting on Mary, this is open session so she can listen to the discussion of the clubs when she joins us, OK? Rachel, if you will contact Mary. **Anger:** Done. **Hannon:** Carol, if you want to bring up Taipei Savour Feline Fancier. **Krzanowski:** That is the next application. This club is located in Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan. Taipei City has a population of over 2.5 million and sits at the northern tip of Taiwan. Taipei is part of a major high-tech industrial area and as the political,

economic, educational and cultural center of Taiwan, it is also one of the major hubs of the Chinese-speaking world. If accepted, the club wishes to produce an annual show in Taipei, as well as promote other CFA activities. We currently have only one other club in Taiwan.

Hannon: Dick, are you seconding the acceptance? **Kallmeyer:** I second, yes. **Hannon:** Any discussion on this one? **McCullough:** Why are there several negative letters. **Kallmeyer:** Hold on. First of all, it's good that we have a second club in Taiwan. What's interesting is that the ex-president of the other club is a member of this club. This club also has the first master clerk in Thailand, who now lives in this area. It's another developing area. For negative letters, who knows, but I think this club can stand on its own, with merit. There's several breeders in this club ready to go. We need a second club in Taiwan. It's been stagnant for probably 5 or 6 years now. **McCullough:** But when it says, *No member is a member of another club*, is that wrong? **Kallmeyer:** No, it's true. The former president is not a member of that existing club now. **McCullough:** So, there's no bad blood between these two clubs? **Kallmeyer:** There could be, but they are going to have to survive. **Hannon:** Is the basic negative about them that they just don't want a second club, or is there a problem with this particular club? **Kallmeyer:** I think it was more that they just didn't want another club. They felt there was new people that weren't part of the existing crowd down there. It's a different area of the country. The other club is located in the southern part of the country, probably about 350 miles away. We have a lot of exhibitors in Taipei that this new club will be able to take. One of the principals of the old club – remember, she left CFA and she actually puts on TICA shows up in the Taipei area, so this would be a good way to get CFA more into that area, as well. **Hannon:** Any other discussion the Taipei Savoir Feline Fancier?

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

Hannon: Welcome Taipei Savoir Feline Fancier.

Touch of Class Cat Fanciers
Region 1, Windham, New Hampshire; Geri Fellerman, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are fourteen members. All members are also members of the other Region 1 club applicant, and the officers are the same in both club applications. This club was dropped from membership in June 2015 due to non-payment of dues and is reapplying at this time. Two members have some clerking experience and most members have show production experience. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold an annual show in New Hampshire, Massachusetts or Rhode Island. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to the local animal welfare organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The North Atlantic Regional Director supports this club.

Hannon: Mary, we have one more club we're going to go through and then we'll get to you, OK? This is open session, so there's no reason why you can't sit and listen in on this, OK? **Kolencik:** OK. **Hannon:** Alright, Touch of Class. **Krzanowski:** This club is located in New Hampshire. This is the other club referenced earlier that was a CFA member club for many years and dropped from membership last June due to non-payment of dues and is now reapplying. In the past, this club produced shows in the New Hampshire/Massachusetts/Rhode Island area and if accepted, they hope to again produce an annual one-day show in that same general location.

Fellerman: I'll repeat that they do intend to be active. They have a very healthy treasury and active members. **Hannon:** Carol made the motion. Geri, are you seconding the motion to accept Touch of Class? **Fellerman:** Yes, I am. **Hannon:** Any other discussion on the acceptance of Touch of Class?

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

Hannon: Welcome back Touch of Class Cat Fanciers.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

December 2015 to February 2016 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: Carol, do you have anything else before we move on to the National Scoring?
Krzanowski: I'm through, but Rachel has an item that she would like to bring up at this time.
Anger: This is a quick item. It's a club resignation. Usually we just let the process take its course, but in this case the Happy Island Cat Club from Japan has lost its founding member, Mr. Abe, who is a famous breeder of white American Shorthairs. He died this week. His wife is the treasurer of the club and she has requested that we retire the club. So, out of respect for Mr. Abe, I would like to do it that way, instead. I move that we accept the resignation of Happy Island Cat Club, with regret. **Hannon:** Mr. Maeda, would you like to second that motion? **McCullough:** Is their money going to a society? Are they going to help out somebody else, or are they going to disburse the funds to another club? **Anger:** They would disburse any funds they have in accordance with whatever their constitution states. **McCullough:** And all the members are on board? **Anger:** All we need is the secretary and the president. Mr. Abe was the secretary and the email says, *It is the united opinion of club president, vice president and treasurer.* **Maeda:** I would like to honor this request. **Hannon:** So, the Japan Regional Director is going to second the motion. Is there any other discussion?

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

Hannon: Are we through with new clubs and club business? **Krzanowski:** That's all.

(4) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Overall Performance

The processing of registrations was for the most part fairly caught up by September close. This resulted in more favorable results year to date than as of August close.

Still pending is the application for a refund of about \$ 15k Canadian, for payments of the HST (aka National Sales Tax) to Revenue Canada. Since our function attendees were over the required percentage of non-Canadian participants, we are allowed a refund of this tax. This has not been booked due to the uncertainty of the exact amount to be allowed, the timing thereof, and the exchange rate when received. Thanks to Pat Zollman of Helms Briscoe for preparing this filing on our behalf.

Key Financial Factors

Balance Sheet Items

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

Ordinary Income

There was a spike in registrations prior to the change in kitten scoring effective September 15, 2015. This has to some extent contributed to the net increase in litter registration income of about \$ 23k year over year. Likewise individual registrations are up by about \$ 33k year over year to date. Part of the increase can be also be attributed to increase in fees placed in effect June 1 for each of these categories.

Cattery registrations continue to be strong; the year over year increase is about \$ 38k. Certain other areas of income also continue to be better than the prior year.

Other Income and Expense

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

We have invested in a \$ 150k CD with Synchrony Bank. Any further CD purchases have been put on hold due to the interest rate increases expected shortly.

Events

The International Show is now over and we expect to be able to accumulate an estimate of the net by the end of December. The gate income was very strong as well as the sponsorship support

I would be remiss if I did not thank the many personnel for their time, efforts toward making this event work so smoothly this year.

Also thanks to the several judges and many others who donated both small and large portions of their fees back to CFA.

Yearbook

No information at this time.

Almanac

Income year to date is almost equal to the budget amount of \$ 31,800.

Marketing Area

Marketing income is somewhat under budget by about \$ 1,500.

Central Office

Total Central Office expenses were favorable to budget by about \$ 6,300. Credit card fees were unfavorable to budget by about \$ 10k. This is probably linked to the increase in registration fees. Software amortization is favorable to budget by \$10,000 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 \$ 2,600. The programing for HHP and the NC changes was the biggest contributors to the higher than the budgeted expense.

CFA Programs

CFA Programs were under budget by \$ 5,000.

Corporate Expense

Corporate Expense is favorable to budget due to in part to the Annual being far less than budgeted. The net credit for the hotel cancelation, and a very favorable exchange rate at the time of the final American Express billing mitigated the Annual costs.

Outreach and Education

This category again was favorable to budget by about \$ 5,600.

Legislative Expense

Legislative Expense was unfavorable to budget by about \$ 2,400.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Treasurer*

Schreck: You have the report. Nothing extraordinary to show. I highlighted a few things that have happened, so that's it. Anybody have any questions? Good, I'm done.

(5) CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW 2015 AND 2016.

Hannon: I put this on the agenda merely because I assumed we were going to want to say something about it. The feedback seemed to be that it was a very successful show this year. We don't know the financial bottom line yet. We had almost 200 fewer entries – therefore, entry fees – and we had fewer vendors. We had a dramatic increase in gate. I don't know yet and I don't think Barb knows yet what that translates into, as far as the bottom line is concerned. **Schreck:** We do not know what it translates into, but we had close to double the gate, our sponsorships were quite strong, so we'll just have to see how it all works out. **Moser:** What did we spend on advertising? **Hannon:** We spent about \$20,000 which is what we spent the previous year. So, we spent about the same amount of money but we spent it smarter this time. **McCullough:** About \$40,000 back? **Hannon:** Last year we brought in \$14,000-something. This year it was \$25,000, so it was like a 75% increase over what we did a year ago. We spent the same amount of money. **McCullough:** Actually about broke even. OK. So, are those numbers still going to be ready at the end of December? **Schreck:** I am hoping so. We have a little better start on it this year, due to my being a little more with it and a little more organized, so I'm hoping to have it by the end of December, or middle of January would be a little more realistic. **Hannon:** I think we said earlier she would have it for the February board meeting. **Moser:** It was the end of January. **Schreck:** End of January? We should have it. We're waiting for the hotel bill to come through so that can be reviewed. There has been some back and forth with some of the other stuff, so we should have it by the end of January I would think, for sure. **Kuta:** I just want to make a quick comment, that I submitted the final bill for the online advertising today. I apologize for the delay, but Verna has it now. **Schreck:** We'll pay you by the end of January, Lisa. **Kuta:** No problem. I actually don't mind. I got what I bargained for by submitting it late. **Schreck:** We'll take care of it. Did you send it to me? **Kuta:** I sent it to Central Office, to Verna and Jodell. **Wilson:** I would just like to thank the show committee and the show managers for a very well run show, and thank them for listening to all the input from the prior show. It seems like everything got addressed and people had a good time.

Hannon: For next year, there have been a lot of requests to change the format. They would like to see one show with half the judges judging kittens, half the judges judging the adults – which is the old CFA International format – rather than two shows. The objection Rich has raised in the past was, we currently raise money by breed sponsorships from the two shows. If we have one show, we lose all that breed sponsorship for the second show. We make money off those breed sponsorships because we charge \$50 and it does not cost us \$50 for 3 rosettes. I told Rich I thought we could make up that money elsewhere. I would like some feedback from the board. **Eigenhauser:** My problem with it is the same as before. If we have allbreed rings with 1,000 cats in them, that's going to really destroy the national standings. **Hannon:** Let's make that a separate discussion. I think we can deal with the point situation. What we've got now though is, in the smaller breeds, breaking it in two shows, you don't have meaningful competition. You've got 2 or 3 in this show and 2 or 3 in that show, instead of 5 or 6 in one show. That's the feedback I've gotten, very consistently from people. They want one show. They don't want the two show situation. I agree there's a problem with kittens. If you're going to have one show with 400 kittens and you're going to have allbreed rings, that's going to skew the national rankings for kittens that aren't even eligible to compete there because they are too old or not old enough. **DelaBar:** When we did it before, everything was specialty. **Hannon:** But the shows weren't scored, either. The difference today is, we're scoring the shows. When we did the

old Internationals prior to bringing it back in 2010, we didn't score those shows so it really didn't matter. **DelaBar:** It really doesn't matter either. I was looking at, even with the specialty, of counting at least your top 3 rings out of 6 for regional and national scoring awards. I don't see why we cannot offer scoring and still be doing that with the specialty rings. **Schreck:** I think one of the problems with having one show is the kittens, as we've said. This is top kitten time anyway, so it really skews the results for the kitten that happens to be just the right age, to be fairly mature – not a baby, not timing out – to pick up points. I'm not sure that that would be the answer. However, I did have one comment that I shared with Rich. In one of the rings, my girl got best shorthair champion. I was thrilled. Then I went over to see how many points it was. Don't get me wrong, I was very happy to get those points, but it was pretty dismal. What about offering top 4 champions just as a one-show deal, and top 3 premiers? That might draw in some of the people who – quote – think they are B cats instead of the A cats, because if you have a B cat, you say, "why should I go there and try to compete with the A cats? I won't get anything anyway." So, that might be something to try and draw more entries in. **McCullough:** I think we should move it. **Hannon:** Move what? **Schreck:** That's not possible for next year. **McCullough:** People back this way just won't come. They are not interested in all. **Hannon:** Steve, this board voted to sign a contract to hold the show next year in Oaks, Pennsylvania. We've already signed the contract, based on a vote of this board. **McCullough:** With a cancellation clause. That's correct. **Hannon:** Is there a cancellation clause, Rich? **Mastin:** Yes, it's full payment. **Hannon:** So, we have to pay the rent, regardless of whether we hold the show. **Mastin:** That's correct. \$35,600. **DelaBar:** I just want to know, if we can bring 34 exhibitors and 5 other people coming just to visit the show from Europe, why can't you get people from Texas, Oklahoma, etc., to come up to Pennsylvania? **McCullough:** They feel disenfranchised. They feel they have no importance on an international level, so they stay home. I have a lot of people going to TICA because of it. **Colilla:** The last time we had an International Show in California, the count dropped tremendously. Normally in those days it was 1,000. The one in California had like 700. **Hannon:** Pam can tell us how much money we lost on that last show in San Mateo. We lost a lot of money on that show, right? **Calhoun:** We did. We lost money on that show. **McCullough:** Was that the Game Show Network show? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** All I wanted to accomplish tonight was a decision on going with one show. We can decide on how we want to add additional champion wins or how we want to make sure we don't skew the national kitten wins, but I would like to at least get a decision tonight to go with one show. **McCullough:** I would like to see this brought up later so I can poll my clubs. **Hannon:** If you want to do that, fine. **McCullough:** OK. We will do it. **Hannon:** OK, so go back to your constituents and find out whether they want to keep with the two shows or whether they want to go with one show. In Steve's case, it doesn't matter because they're not coming anyway. **Calhoun:** In 2017 we are open to other areas, correct? **Schreck:** So, Steve is going to find a show hall for 2017. I already heard that. **McCullough:** If that's the case, I have carte blanche, correct? **Schreck:** No, no. **McCullough:** They you answered your own question. **Schreck:** How many entries would you need to have? I don't think you can just say one show or two shows. **Hannon:** If you have one show, you can take up to 500 kittens and you can take up to 500 championship/premiership/household pets, to make 1,000 entries. **Moser:** How many judges? **Hannon:** I am open to suggestions. **DelaBar:** When we did Anaheim, we had over 1,300. We had judges to cover that many cats. **Hannon:** I don't think you are right. I think we had over 1,300 in Chicago but I don't think we did in Anaheim, and I was show manager in Anaheim. **DelaBar:** I remember doing a whole lot of championship. **Hannon:** It was a large count. **DelaBar:** It was a large count, and I still

remember at one of the shows doing 667 kittens and miscellaneous cats in 2 days. We can do that. We've done it in the past with the one-show format. Again, all of those were specialties, which I still feel we should do. **Hannon:** I don't think we're going to have that problem. I don't think we are going to get that many entries. **DelaBar:** If we put on a show that's all specialty, then people think that they have more chances. **McCullough:** Correct. **DelaBar:** Just like I felt I had more chances with the specialty rings this time, even though I'm showing a kitten and an adult. The specialty rings, I always thought we had a chance so I might bring two Norwegians or whatever. In the past, I do think the specialty, when you have a high-profile show like that, is going to bring us a bigger draw. **Eigenhauser:** I disagree that whether we combine them as one show and scoring can be voted on separately. I can't vote to combine them unless we resolve the scoring problem. To me, it's a condition that would kill the deal. It's a deal killer, so I need to know if that issue has been solved before I can vote on combining the shows. **Hannon:** We're not going to vote on that tonight anyway. **Eigenhauser:** I just need you to understand. If they are voted on separately, I will vote no. **Hannon:** I understand. **Schreck:** I'm not understanding your question, George. Are you suggesting that the shows are not going to be scored? **Hannon:** He doesn't want allbreed rings for kittens. **Eigenhauser:** I'm not even sure it's relevant for adults. **DelaBar:** I don't want it for anything. **Schreck:** You are talking about allbreed versus specialty? **Eigenhauser:** Some way of keeping that show from being a thumb on the scale of the annual scoring. **Schreck:** OK, I understand. **Mastin:** If we do go to one show and it's 1,000 entries – 500 kittens and 500 in the others – how deep would you go in a specialty? **DelaBar:** The same. We did top 20 kittens and I think it was top 15 on adults. **Hannon:** And top 10 household pets. **Mastin:** In order to help address George's concern, would we count each point earned as 100%, or might we consider a factor of 75% in order to not have such high points coming out of one show? **DelaBar:** If it was all specialty, then you wouldn't have to worry about skewing. You would have actual points earned, based on actual cats defeated. **Hannon:** You are also going to have a situation there where the longhair kitten owners are going to feel discriminated against because there are going to be so many more points available to the shorthair kittens. **Schreck:** And rightly so. **Hannon:** I have heard that in the past over and over again. **McCullough:** That's just a cross you have to bear sometimes. **DelaBar:** Since I was showing both longhairs this time, I didn't feel that. Of course, I'm not a point hunter either. I wanted to show. **Hannon:** Those people that were looking for regional and national points were focused on it. This discussion will be continued in February then, OK? **McCullough:** Including show management? **Hannon:** If you want. **McCullough:** Are you and Rich still doing it, or is that a myth? I heard you and Rich are bailing. **Hannon:** We have made it very well known we are bailing. **McCullough:** But you signed the contract, correct? Rich did. **Hannon:** Rich did, after the board voted to do it. **McCullough:** With him as show manager. **Hannon:** No. **Mastin:** That wasn't part of the contract. **McCullough:** So, we're just left hanging with a \$35,000 bill? **Hannon:** No, we're not left hanging. We have somebody who is very willing to take over the show. **McCullough:** And who is that? **Hannon:** Debbie Kusy, who managed the show for several decades, and was an assistant show manager this year. She said she would be show manager next year. **McCullough:** Good. I heard she bailed, too. **Hannon:** No, she did not. **McCullough:** OK, so we have a show manager. Good job.

(6) **NATIONAL SCORING.**

Mastin: I'm not exactly sure where to begin this, so I'm going to try to put it together. Maybe we start with a straw poll on some questions here, to get the ball rolling. My first question would be, do we agree there needs to be a change in the national awards? That would be a simple yes or no to hopefully get us to the point of further discussing our options and the proposals.

Hannon: OK. All those who believe we should make a change in the scoring.

Hannon called the straw poll question. **Unanimous.**

Hannon: OK, so there is a consensus that we need to make a change. What's your next straw poll question? **Schreck:** I sent you an email earlier, Mark, that I wanted clarification just for the record that we are not talking about changes for this current season; rather, only for the next season, if that is indeed the case. **Hannon:** I think that's Rich's next straw poll question.

Mastin: That is correct. My next question is, do you agree that the current year should stand as is, and any changes made only for next show season? **Hannon:** Any discussion on that? All those in favor of any change taking effect May 1st, not affecting the current show season.

Hannon called the straw poll question. **Unanimous.**

Hannon: What is your next straw poll question? **Mastin:** The next one is, of the 3 or 4 proposals presented, which do you favor the most, understanding that all may need tweaking. Vote only for one. We have the one that my group has been working on, Melissa Darling's, Loretta Baugh's, and I believe Valerie Smith. **Moser:** I just want to make sure that this isn't going to be a vote taking place where we're going to accept this for sure, this is just basically up for discussion. Is that correct or not? **Mastin:** That is correct. **Hannon:** Right. We want to know which of these do we want to focus on, because I don't think we can realistically talk about all 4 tonight. I think we need to decide which of the proposals we want to continue to tweak. At least 2, if not all 4 of them, seem to agree on separating the awards out – that you would have national wins in Europe, you would have national wins in North America, national wins elsewhere – so there seems to be a common thread but they go in different directions. **McCullough:** So, this is not an action item? **Hannon:** We're not voting to implement anything tonight. We want to define this so that we can give some direction to the Show Rules Committee, the Awards Committee and the International Committee on what we want them to bring back to us, whether it be at a separate meeting in January or whether it be in February. **McCullough:** The people who proposed these, were they invited to the conversation tonight or not? **Hannon:** No.

McCullough: So we're getting one set of biased ideas tonight, and not hearing from the other three. Correct? **Hannon:** That's correct. **Eigenhauser:** I have not memorized all 4 proposals and I have not ranked them in my mind. I think a straw poll would be better devoted to issues that separate the proposals. In other words, if one approaches it from direction A and one approaches it from direction B, then we should vote on whether we like A better than B, but voting on these proposals as a block, I haven't compared them in such detail that I think I can do that right now. **Mastin:** That's a reasonable request and understanding. That is a hard question – how do you vote from 4, and can you actually remember what everybody is proposing? Our hope is to get the ball rolling with the board and have the board start to make some recommendations, suggestions, questions, and bring up your comments and concerns, and how as a group can we pull this together and possibly make a change if we do determine that there needs to be a change. My first

question of the straw poll seemed as though we all agree at this point in time that we do need to make a change. However, we don't know exactly what we're changing to. So George, your comment is very valid and it is extremely understandable. At this point in time, let's ask some questions. Help guide us.

Wilson: I agree with George. I haven't digested all of them, but in my opinion the one we're looking at first here lays everything out in a particular order that the others sometimes commented on, sometimes didn't, and so my idea was to actually print out this one and then try to match it up with parts of the other ones to see what I could come up with. I found the other proposals a little bit lacking in detail or a lot of open-ended questions, but I think that this one has a layout here that would allow us to go through and address most of the issues. Am I wrong?

Hannon: This one has the advantage in that it was vetted by the Awards Committee, the Show Rules Committee and the International Committee. The others did not bother to do that.

McCullough: Can we form a committee of people who want to do this, to look through all 4 of them and get back with us with a synopsis in the next couple weeks? **Hannon:** I don't have necessarily an objection to that, but I would like to see us do more than that tonight. I would like us to talk about some of the pieces and what direction we want to take. Do we want to divide it into 4 groups, 5 groups, 6 groups, whatever? I think we could do that tonight. We can talk about how we want to determine how many national awards each of those groups will get.

DelaBar: No matter any proposal, Europe is still going to be European regional awards no matter what. That is totally unexciting to the people here. The other concern is that people are really looking for a change in the overall program. They are tired of endurance awards and would really like to see a revamping of everything or, once that one award is given, then let's have the overall higher of all of the areas, sectors, divisions, whatever, that you have. That's the feedback I have gotten from the people that I have talked to. **Hannon:** To your first comment, if they are bored with their regional awards, I'm sorry but that's the way it's set up in CFA, and the other 8 regions are holding regional awards. **DelaBar:** You took that entirely wrong. Maybe I stated it incorrectly. What has happened is that Europe basically is just competing against Europe. To them, it's a regional award. There's no difference. It's like if the top 3 in championship get a different connotation, it's still in their mind a regional award. That's all they are competing in is the region.

Schreck: I think that George has said it very nicely. I think what we can do is start with the broader concept and decide if we want to apply that broader concept being a global award. If we do, then some of these provisions need to be tweaked. If we don't want a global award, and I'll use that term – worldwide award or whatever – then we can eliminate that from our discussion and move on to some of the other options that are presented. To me, that's the first thing we have to decide, and then, depending on that answer, then we go on to the next step.

Mastin: My opinion, I find it hard to have a global award or worldwide award when the playing field is not level in all the different territories or regions, or whatever we call them. Personally, I just don't see how that works when you can't have all the people and the cats competing in the different areas to achieve such a title. **Schreck:** I don't disagree. All I'm saying is that some of the proposals have that element in them. I think that if we first decide, for example – and I am in agreement with you, Rich – I don't think there's any way to do that, so if the straw vote or the real vote is to not pursue that element, then we can eliminate that piece of the action.

Eigenhauser: Maybe I'm not grasping all of this, but I don't see why we're dividing it into

anything more than 2. Why isn't it Regions 1-9 and everybody else? **Hannon:** Because a lot of the "everybody else"s can't compete with China. **Eigenhauser:** Within the International Division we have already set a precedent for their – for want of a better word – regional awards being divided up into areas, so they can still have eligibility to get awards within their area. **Hannon:** But not national awards. **Eigenhauser:** I understand that. I agree with Pam. I think the Europeans ought to be able to compete with the other regions if they choose to. I don't think they should be limited to just their regional awards and then a couple of reserved spots on the stage during the banquet. They ought to be as able to compete with North America as with Japan, but the only problem, the elephant in the room here, is the China quarantine and other non-quarantine barriers to people traveling there, so you can't get a level playing field. If that's the problem, why are we splitting up everybody else to accommodate what people see as a problem with China? Why does Europe have to be split off from the rest of the regions? Why does Japan have to be split off from the rest of the regions? **Hannon:** I don't think that addresses what Barb's talking about. Barb wants us to first decide whether or not we want to have a global award before we even discuss the divisions. **Eigenhauser:** If it came to that, I would vote to eliminate the global awards, because I thought we should focus on the breed awards. **Hannon:** Barb, why don't you make a motion? **Schreck:** I make a motion that we eliminate consideration of a global/worldwide award, and instead have the national winner award be awarded in some other fashion than in a global or worldwide award. **McCullough:** No. There's too many variables in that proposal. Make one and we'll vote. **Schreck:** OK, let me make it simple. I make a motion that we do not pursue a global/worldwide award for our top cats. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Newkirk:** Did I misread it, or in the proposal that Rich sent to us that Cat of the Year, Kitten of the Year and Premier of the Year would be awarded to the highest scoring overall? **Hannon:** No. **Schreck:** Yes. **Hannon:** Rich? Mary? **Kolencik:** I did mention Cat of the Year, Kitten of the Year, Premier of the Year, but only in the context of who gets to have a song played for them at the banquet. There is actually no title awarded by CFA of "Cat of the Year", "Kitten of the Year", "Premier of the Year". They just get a bigger trophy and they get called up last and have a song played. We're not suggesting that there be any title for that. Having a national win, getting named Best Cat, and having NW in your name in the pedigree is the exact same thing as being 25th and having a NW in your name in the pedigree. We're not suggesting any better or different awards for Cat of the Year, Kitten of the Year or Premier of the Year. **Hannon:** This was not in Rich's proposal. We've got a straw ballot motion here to do away with any such win. So, if that passes, even if it's in Rich's, we're going to toss it out. Any other discussion on it?

Hannon called the straw poll question. **Favorable.** Newkirk, Brown, DelaBar and Calhoun voting no.

Wilson: Can I just clarify something for my notes here? Or don't you want me to take notes on the straw polls? **Hannon:** Sure. **Wilson:** What we voted on is that there should not be overall global awards. **Hannon:** Correct. **McCullough:** Was that the straw poll question? **Hannon:** Yes, so that as we go forward with the discussion of the scoring, we're not going to consider that. **Kallmeyer:** In regard to George, it's more than just trying to break it out. Japan is effectively isolated, and much as we hate to say, Europe is fairly isolated in competition from the U.S. About 31 entries have gone from the U.S. to Europe in the past 4 years. That's not including the World Show. Coming back, there's been slightly more from Europe to the U.S., but it's a very small quantity that actually travel back and forth, so Europe is isolated. We could still allow

competition between there. It's really face to face, where they're competing against the U.S. or Europe against each other. We can allow that, and we can allow them to accrue points towards their individual competition, but it's really interaction 101 that occurs. It's not a major transport that we see in the U.S. going to the shows. It's a very, very small amount – less than .1% of all U.S. entries. **Hannon:** Pam, my understanding is, what you're saying is, you would like to see Regions 1-7 and 9 in the same group. **DelaBar:** You're talking about the awards that are the level above the regional level, correct? **Hannon:** What we currently call national awards and the title NW would go to a certain number of cats in – as I understand you – Regions 1-7 and 9, correct? **DelaBar:** Correct, as they do now. **Hannon:** As they do now. We're going to pull some out of what we do now. We're going to pull out Asia, for example. We may pull out Japan. Don't you have some international areas, like Israel or something? Saudi Arabia? **DelaBar:** That's not mine. I would take them but I don't think they are ready for me. [laughter] **Hannon:** What you're saying, Pam, is they don't want to be in a group by themselves in Europe. They wish to compete with Regions 1-7 for whatever the title would be. **DelaBar:** Yes. That's the feedback I got. They want the ability to be competitive. **Hannon:** I don't know that that's a deal breaker for the people in North America, either. I don't get the impression that the people here are upset having to compete with Europe. **McCullough:** Does Rich have another straw poll question? **Mastin:** Not at this time. **Hannon:** So Pam, would you like to put out a straw poll question, that Regions 1-7 and 9 be considered as a group competing for national awards? **DelaBar:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any more discussion?

Hannon called the straw poll question. **Favorable.** Kallmeyer voting no. Schreck abstained.

Hannon: Do we want to talk about Japan as an area of competition which would be entitled to national awards? Any comments? **Schreck:** You mean that that would be a separate area? **Hannon:** Right. How would you envision them competing? Because of their quarantine situation, they can't come to the United States or Europe. **Kallmeyer:** They can't go to Asia. **Hannon:** We don't readily go over there, so I don't know that it's fair to throw them in with Regions 1-7 and 9. They are stuck competing just in Japan, right? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, effectively. **Hannon:** So, if that's the situation, is it fair for them to be competing with Regions 1-7 and 9 for national awards? Which they have been doing, but not achieving. The shows there tend to be smaller these days, so they don't have points there that would make them eligible for national awards. **Eigenhauser:** What does Japan want? **Colilla:** We should ask Edward. **Hannon:** Shino, can you talk to Mr. Maeda and give us some feedback on what Japan would like? **Maeda:** It's very segregated, so probably better off Japan being award only in Japan region. **Newkirk:** They want to stay the way they are. **Hannon:** The way they are is competing with us. OK, does somebody want to make a motion that we have Regions 1-9 competing together? **Mastin:** So moved. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? **Anger:** I have a question on the motion. You said Regions 1-9. We are including Region 8 now? **Hannon:** Yes. That's what Mr. Maeda just said he wanted to do. He wanted to leave it the way it is, with them competing with us for national wins. The last motion excluded them, so now we are saying 1-9 because Mr. Maeda said the Japanese wish to keep what they have. **Mastin:** If we're going to leave 1-9 the same and break apart China, and Japan cannot really compete in the other regions, once again we are not creating a situation that is fair to a region, to compete for some sort of national win, or have an incentive to. **Hannon:** It doesn't make a lot of sense to us, but that's what Mr. Maeda said the Japanese want. Why would we create an award system for them that they don't want?

DelaBar: It's not only a matter of "maybe they can", knowing they are still included, being able to pump up their shows and get some serious count to be competitive. But, by pulling them out, it makes them look lesser in their minds. **Hannon:** It may be that a national award is something to work for. **DelaBar:** It may be honorable to say, "you are included, you are still part of the mainstream". It's a thought. It's a self-respect thing. **Kallmeyer:** You could also say that about the Chinese, too. **Newkirk:** I guess the whole thing that bothers me is that Japan has been a region that's been isolated. They didn't take very many national wins over the years and it wasn't a big issue. Then we take in China. They have a lot of shows, a lot of young people, a lot of cats, and they have big counts at their shows. Now it's an issue because they are getting national wins that people here can't get. What we're doing by just making 1-9 an area and then basically the ID another area, all we've done is segregate them so that the people here will be happy to keep their national wins. I just have a problem with that. **Hannon:** Dick, what's your thoughts? **Kallmeyer:** I tend to agree. I think you are really putting them in a situation that they are lesser people. It's really tough. I think the other way, of breaking it up into the multiple areas, at least gave a chance for those other areas to be in the same situation. If you are breaking out China this way, then maybe you ought to offer them the chance to refund all their registrations and refund their money for providing them a promise that they could compete. **DelaBar:** That's why I voted against doing away with overall titles above and beyond the national and regional wins, so we would have an overall CFA win. That's why I voted against it, so that everyone, no matter where they were, were included. All of you that voted in favor of that, if anybody wants to possibly reconsider that portion of it and have a vote to reconsider that aspect. **Eigenhauser:** We don't need to reconsider straw votes. These are just for guidance. **DelaBar:** OK, that's right.

Wilson: I'm having some trouble understanding why China and the other part of the ID would have a problem. Remember, there's other parts to this proposal, whether it's minimum points or number of awards, that we haven't even come close to considering yet. Why would they think that they are less, when what we're trying to do is give everybody equal access? I think it's wrong for Japan, but if Japan wants to stay the way they are, that should be their choice, because they are a quarantine country. Hawaii is another one we haven't considered yet. It wasn't on the list, but we already give them awards. We already have something in place like this; it's the separation out of Hawaii getting a Best Cat, Best Premier and Best Kitten every year. I think that might be a good pattern to follow. I don't think Hawaii feels any lesser than anybody else does, so I think that's the wrong way to feel. I voted no against the overall global awards because I don't see a need for it. What some of these proposals allow for is cumulative awards. If you show a kitten in China this year to a national win, someone shows it in the U.S. or in Europe next year for a national win as an adult, and you can accumulate those awards somehow with a designation. I see that as an option, but I don't see the need for an overriding global award based on how many points someone can accumulate. I don't think China should feel like we are singling them out, although we are in a way, just like we single out Hawaii. **Hannon:** But Annette, what we started with was Europe. We were talking about giving them their own set of national awards, and they said, "we don't want that, we want to be included with North America." And then we went to Japan and said we were going to give them their own awards, and they said, "we don't want that, we want to be included with North America." But, we're not doing that with China. We're not asking China what they want. If we ask China what they want, they are probably going to say, "we want to be included with the others". **Wilson:** They may say that, I don't know. **Hannon:** It doesn't seem fair to let them say they want to compete with us, let Japan say they want to compete with us, and us say to China, "we're not

even going to ask you.” **Wilson:** I’m not so sure we should ask Japan. While I’m interested in their input, I can go to Europe and show a cat if I want to. European breeders and exhibitors come here and show their cats. That doesn’t work very well in these other countries, and I can’t go there very easily. I can’t – my cat would have to go into quarantine in Japan. So, we’ve got to remember the purpose for why we’re doing this. At least to me, the purpose is to even things out, where it is next to impossible to jump on a plane because the count is higher somewhere and show my cat there. **McCullough:** They don’t have the points to compete with us, but they can compete among themselves. **Hannon:** What are you talking about, Steve? **McCullough:** We’re trying to level the playing field, right? So, the lower the count, we can all compete on a lower level; the higher the level, compete at a different level, correct? **Hannon:** I don’t think we understand what you’re saying. **Wilson:** In North America, we have 7 regions, right? Each of them has regional awards. The cats that have the higher number of points get national awards. In the ID not including China, there’s a whole bunch of divided up countries that can’t go here or there, and they compete for divisional awards. I don’t know if there’s an over-riding ID award above that or not. Maybe there is. **Kolencik:** At the Annual, we do give an award to the top cat in the International Division in each category the same as we do Hawaii. **Kallmeyer:** Not an award. **Kolencik:** Yeah, we did last year. We buy an award for the 3 cats in the International Division. **Kallmeyer:** We asked that be removed, right? **Kolencik:** Who asked? That hasn’t changed as far as I know. Also, the reason why we give the Hawaii awards at the Annual is, they are part of Region 5 but they don’t want to come to the mainland for 2 banquets. **Hannon:** Don’t they have a quarantine situation? **Kolencik:** Yes. That’s why they were getting their own awards. Normally they would have gotten those at their regional banquet, but they don’t because they don’t want to come to the mainland twice, so they want to come to the Annual for their clubs and pick up their awards then. So, the reason isn’t because they are being singled out, it’s for their convenience if they pick them up at the Annual. And we do give the International Division cats an award – at least we did up until last year at the Annual. **Kallmeyer:** If you separate out China, you would have to give them an equivalent title or something as you would the other region, so give them an NW not a division award, because that would sound lesser. I think you would have to provide an equivalent. **Hannon:** I thought you said earlier, even if we gave them national awards, they would feel they had been singled out and they would not be happy. **Kallmeyer:** No, if you gave them a separate award, but if you gave them the same title that you have in the other regions. **Hannon:** That’s what we are talking about. I think we are talking about giving them a national award, with the NW title. **Kallmeyer:** Right. I think that would fly. **Hannon:** So, we wanted to give Europe their own national awards. They said no, they wanted to compete with Regions 1-7. We wanted to give Japan their own national awards. They said no, we want to compete with Regions 1-7 and 9. But in the case of China, we’re just going to arbitrarily decide we want to give them national awards without even asking if they want to compete with us? My bet is, they are going to say they want to compete with us. **Kallmeyer:** They did say that at the Annual. **Fellerman:** The way I see it, the other areas – Japan and Hawaii – they are getting their own awards because they are little and they don’t have big counts, so they need to be able to compete for something. China is going to say, “hey, we’re beating your butts right here, why should we take something lesser?” **Hannon:** Dick said he thought they would be happy, as long as they got the title NW. **Kallmeyer:** I have asked several of the NW winners from last year about the situation, and they felt if they have the same title, they probably wouldn’t like it but they might accept it. What would not fly, though, is to give them a separate award like a China award or something like that with a different name. **Hannon:** I don’t think that has ever been on

the table, Dick. **Kallmeyer:** I'm just saying, that's the alternative. If they had an equivalent title, that might fly. That's something we can pull together over the next month before the February meeting. **Anger:** I thought that was exactly what the Kittyhawk proposal was – to have a mirror image award. You have Regions 1-9 as we have just discussed, and then everybody that's not in Regions 1-9 get their awards, as well, and it should be based on a formula to determine how many, like they do for majors in dogs. Isn't that the same thing, as a blend between Rich's proposal and the Kittyhawk proposal? **Hannon:** I'm scrolling through, trying to find their proposal. They also had a world title. **Schreck:** Yes, they did. They had a WW – worldwide winner. **Hannon:** If you take that out, is their proposal what we are talking about now? Having two sets of national awards? **Anger:** Yes, exactly. Two national divisions. **Schreck:** Rich's had the same thing, although his scaled down based on the percentage of entries. **Hannon:** But he has it broken into 4 or 5 groups, rather than two. **Schreck:** I understand that, but in terms of the title itself, it's still an NW designation, as I recall. Is that right, Rich? **Mastin:** That is correct. **Schreck:** So, we're not talking on any of these proposals that I can recall – it's still an NW, no matter what machination of placements or awards there are. I don't think there was ever an intention to have a small letter "n" instead of capital "N" in front of the W. **Hannon:** Does somebody want to make a motion for straw poll purposes that we have national awards for Regions 1-9 and national awards for outside of Regions 1-9? **Anger:** I will make that motion. **Kallmeyer:** I second it. **Hannon:** Let's have a vote on it, and then my suggestion would be, if this passes, to have Dick talk to the Chinese and get some more input for us on it, so we have what their thoughts are.

Hannon called the straw poll question. **Unanimous.**

Hannon: In my mind, the next step is for Dick to go back and do a straw poll somehow in China, and find out if this is acceptable to them. **Kallmeyer:** Don't forget there's other parts of the International Division, too. **Hannon:** But are they realistically able to compete for a national award with the Chinese? **Kallmeyer:** Maybe Hong Kong, but they would have to fly to the U.S. **Mastin:** In our proposal, we do have in 2(e) *ID Other*, which would be the rest of the world that was set up for national wins, as well. **Hannon:** What we're talking about, Rich, is just two sets now, not three sets. We're not talking about Regions 1-9, a second set for China and a third set for the rest of the ID. We're just talking about Regions 1-9 and other. Right now, Dick, I don't see people from Hong Kong flying to the United States trying to pick up points for national awards. **Kallmeyer:** Actually there's a Thailand exhibitor that is showing at a lot of the U.S. shows recently, so there are other people. They could still do it. **Schreck:** The other thing to sort of feel out, Dick, when you are there is, Rich's proposal, although it's 5 regions, talks about percentage of awards. It seems to me that if we're going to do it this way, then we maybe need to talk about having – so that they don't see that it's a secondary situation. You have top 25 in each category, although for premierships particularly, that may not be appropriate. **Hannon:** They don't seem to be focusing on premierships cats in China, so to give them 25 top national awards in China for premierships, or even for non-Regions 1-9, doesn't seem to be appropriate. **Schreck:** Right, but for the other 2 categories, again to avoid a perception that they are less than the 1-9 awards, I'm just suggesting that you think about 1-25. **Eigenhauser:** Two things. First, I don't think we should jump into giving them 1-25. I think that when their entries justify 1-25, we should do 1-25, but until it does, giving them cheap awards is just as much of an insult as giving them no awards. I don't think that's appropriate. However, I think that each time the number changes, it has to be a board action. I saw in one of the proposals that if there are so-many rings

in this division – no, no. You have to know at the beginning of the season how many places there are. I would want the board to determine the number of placements – not the number of shows, not the number of rings, not whatever. At the beginning of the season, the board would say, “OK, based on the stats to date, you guys get top 10, you guys get top 25,” and when the numbers change, we change the numbers. **Kallmeyer:** Actually, the way we did it for Rich’s proposal takes advantage of that. It’s really a combination of cats present across all rings, and then the ratio from that geography to that, you could actually publish the formula so it gives them something to compete against, and that would establish basically the relationship. So, if you look at premiership, it’s basically the ID, you are probably talking if the U.S. had 25, the ID would have 2. It would balance across that ratio, and that would give them incentive to increase the cats up to that point. **Wilson:** I agree with that method, and I think it should be aspirational. Even though they don’t show very many premiership cats, I think if you said it is set by the board, I agree with that too, that they would be able to get one national win in premiership with a minimum number of points, that would give people something to work towards. I think we should always encourage everybody to work towards it, and I actually like the idea of a minimum number of points going along with this. Even though I am sure this is a political mistake, I think that should apply here, too. The 25 awards seem to be set in stone, and I think it’s a good guideline to go by, but I think we should look at a minimum point structure for a national win.

Hannon: Where do we want to go with this? Do we want to end the discussion for tonight and schedule another meeting in January? That gives Dick time to get us some feedback. **McCullough:** You said you didn’t want to do that. **Hannon:** I said I didn’t want to not discuss it tonight, and wait until January. I wanted to discuss it tonight. I said I am open to holding a meeting in January. I was not open to holding a meeting the week between Christmas and New Years. **Schreck:** I think we have made quite a bit of progress and I would support getting together again in January to hone in on this a little better, with the thought that when the February meeting comes around, we would have a definitive proposal to vote on. **Hannon:** For February, we really need to have something concrete to vote on. We have to get the show rules printed in early March, so we have to have some time for them to pull the show rules together and sent off to the printer. **Eigenhauser:** Why don’t we ask them to get a proposal together, submit it to us online, we can look at it, and we can make a decision when we look at it, is this something we can tweak with a little online discussion, or is this something we need a full-blown teleconference for? **Hannon:** I don’t think we’re in a position to tell them to write up something concrete yet. We wanted to wait, to hear back from Dick’s canvas of China. **Kallmeyer:** I think we can go ahead and plan. Let’s go ahead and do a tentative plan and then we can wait for the other part. All we have to know from China, I’ll talk to several of the national winners at the show right after Christmas, so I’ll have good feedback by that time. Meanwhile, let’s flesh out some of the details of this.

Hannon: Do we have any more direction we want to give to Monte, Mary and Dick? **McCullough:** How are we going to pay for it, and can we get the computer to do it? **Schreck:** It shouldn’t be that hard. I’ve actually talked to the IT Chair about this, and it’s just simply a matter of, first of all, 1-9 doesn’t change from what it is now, so all you would have to do would be to regroup for the ID. It shouldn’t be that difficult. **McCullough:** So, it would be no cost to CFA? **Schreck:** There’s always a cost, but it wouldn’t be extraordinary. **Kallmeyer:** Actually, if you look at it, it’s pretty simple. You would have to exclude basically the International Division from

ePoints, but for the International Division awards, it's already in the show file, so it's going down and picking out the top cats who get the prize. There's nothing new there. **Hannon:** So, there's programming involved, but it's miniscule and it's not going to be expensive. **Kallmeyer:** Right, and it's probably Excel type stuff. It might not even be CompuTan type things. **Hannon:** Steve, are you happy with that answer? **Schreck:** I had one other comment I wanted to throw in. **Hannon:** I want to make sure Steve is satisfied first. Are you OK, Steve? **McCullough:** So, this isn't going to cost us anything, but populating a cat's registration number will. Is that correct? We're changing our whole business plan for the awards system, but just populating a registration number for awards will cost us money? I just want to make sure I understand. [referred to a question asked during the Central Office Report] **Hannon:** Does anybody know what he is talking about? **McCullough:** We talked about it earlier. I asked for a registration number population for a cat. Apparently, CompuTan has to do a lot of programming for that, but changing the awards system is not going to cost us a penny, correct? **Hannon:** I didn't say it wasn't going to cost us a penny, I said it wasn't going to cost us much. **Schreck:** Those reports are already being generated, so it's nothing new that has to be programmed. They are already generated for the awards that you-all get now for the regions. **Hannon:** Dick said it could even be done on an Excel spreadsheet if we want to do it that way, rather than do any programming.

Schreck: If Steve is done, I had one other observation. We have breed winners and color winners. Would those be done separately as well? **Hannon:** No. What Rich's group talked about was keeping the breed wins and division wins the same. There are some breeds that are very popular in China and some that aren't. It's doubtful that a Siamese is going to get a breed win from China, if we keep them together. It's no different than it is now. Some Europeans pick up the breed win, some Chinese pick up a breed win, some North Americans pick up breed wins – it depends on what breeds are popular in what areas and what breeds are winning in those areas. **Schreck:** Then the breed wins and the color wins would be a global win. **Hannon:** Correct. **Moser:** I just want to make sure I'm on the right track here. What you are saying is, you're going to do what we do now for Regions 1-9 on the national level, national wins. Then for the International Division you are going to do the same, as far as 1-25, except for premiership, and it's going to be based on a total point system, just like we do now. Is that correct? **Kallmeyer:** No. For the International Division, it may be 20 in championship, or 15. The same with kittens. It could be a different number. **Moser:** Why? **Kallmeyer:** Regions 1-9 will start with 25 and then we will adjust the other one, based on some ratio number. **Hannon:** Because they're not competing against as many cats. There are fewer premiership cats or championship cats being shown in China than there are in this country. There may be more cats in the one show that there is that weekend, but here we may have 6 shows with a total of more kittens or cats being shown. **Moser:** Is it going to be a ratio on both? **Hannon:** It's a ratio for the top national awards, NW. **Moser:** For International and for the U.S., is that correct? **Kallmeyer:** No. **Hannon:** It's going to be top 25 for Regions 1-9, Kittens, Championship, Premiership. **Moser:** Based on points, right? **Hannon:** Ranked on points, right. In the non-1 through 9, they will have as many as their entries justify. **Schreck:** Based on the prior year's entries, as I understand it. **Kallmeyer:** Exactly. **Hannon:** It may be prior year, it may be first 6 months of the season. **Kallmeyer:** I would go from – don't put the number in the show rule, but give a website and at the very last show of the season, that's the number. We will compute it then, so they will know within a week. **Hannon:** In early May, we will announce how many awards for the new show season, but when it comes to breed and division wins, we're going to keep it the way it is now, with everything worldwide competing for the BW title. **Moser:** I don't understand. How are you going to be able

to figure out the ratio? Who is figuring out that ratio for the national wins in the ID? How do you figure that ratio? **Hannon:** Dick is going to bring us a proposal. **Kallmeyer:** I will bring it up, Pam. **Moser:** I guess what I'm asking is, you're not expecting the computer system to do that, because they're not going to be able to do that. **Hannon:** Dick pulls the data from the computer system, and he manipulates it. He has these long flights to China and back, and he sits there and does it on the plane. **Moser:** That's fine. That's what I wanted to know. **Hannon:** He gets it off of the computer system, so he is using actual CFA numbers. **Kallmeyer:** It's published numbers, Pam. Basically what I'm proposing is, add up the cats present for every show times the number of rings at that show, and that becomes the target. **Moser:** So it becomes a manual process by you, correct? **Hannon:** Manual in the sense that it's an Excel spreadsheet doing it for him. **Moser:** Right, that's all I'm saying. **Hannon:** Not CompuTan. **Moser:** That's all I needed to know. **Eigenhauser:** I would hope that this would be something we would only change as needed. We wouldn't change it every year just because we will have the opportunity to do so. We don't have to tweak it every time one more or one less cat shows up. This would only be if there's a significant enough change to justify changing the numbers. **Kallmeyer:** It's a published calculation we would use. **Calhoun:** This would be done at the beginning of the season, correct? **Hannon:** It would be for data as of April 30th. We would then compute in early May how many awards there would be for the new show season. The date it would be based on is through April 30th, so 1 or 2 week old data. **Schreck:** In other words, the goal is that people would know in plenty of time to plan out their show season. **Hannon:** They will know in May how many awards they are competing for. **Schreck:** They wouldn't have to guess and get through half the show season, and have it change. **Hannon:** Correct.

Hannon: So, are we through with this subject tonight, so we can go back to the other agenda items? **Calhoun:** So, are we going to go ahead and publish this to our regions? **Hannon:** You can publish that we have voted to have these two separate systems, on a straw poll basis, and that Dick is going to talk to the Chinese and get back to the board in January, and we will pull together a final proposal for the board to vote on in February. That's the direction we're heading, based on straw poll voting of the board tonight. Is that a fair assumption of what we did tonight? <yes> Are we ready to wrap this up so we can say goodnight to Mary? <yes> **McCullough:** Good night, Mary. **Hannon:** Thanks for joining us. **Kolencik:** Good night.

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(a) **Mastin Proposal.**

Geographic Areas for National Awards

Count manipulation to achieve NWs is having an adverse effect on the counts throughout CFA. Some board members have been hearing many complaints from exhibitors. At this time, the board may want to revisit the proposal from the annual to create geographic areas for NWs. Initial discussions with Rich Mastin, Mark Hannon (Awards Liaison), Dick Kallmeyer (International Committee Chair), Carol Krzanowski (Show Rules Liaison), Monte Phillips (Show Rules Chair) and Mary Kolencik (Awards Chair) have resulted in this report.

At the annual, multiple proposals to tweak the show rules or change the National Awards were presented and most failed. Many people wanted to do something but could not agree on what to

do. Even though the board has changed the rules to require kittens to either be registered or have a TRN, that has not resolved the problem.

This report summarizes a plan that is similar to one of the proposals from the annual. It would create geographic areas for competition increasing the number of NW titles. Our goal is to have a much more complete proposal with the necessary show rule changes for board approval in February. At this time, we need direction from the board on the major parameters.

- 1. Create five geographic areas for NW titles with each area receiving a set of NW placements based on the level of participation in that area. No other award or pedigree title will be changed.*
- 2. The five areas are:*
 - (a) North America*
 - (b) Japan*
 - (c) Europe*
 - (d) ID China – excluding Hong Kong and Macau*
 - (e) ID Other – the rest of the world*
- 3. The maximum number of NW placements in any category in any area should remain 25. The board must decide whether there will be a minimum number of awards in each category in any area, and if there is a minimum will there be a minimum number of points required. For example, there could be a minimum of 3 awards per category per area with a minimum of 1000 points required for the title. But this raises a concern with premiership. There does not seem to be interest in NWs in premiership outside the US, which raises the question of whether other areas merit an automatic 3 NWs in premiership.*
- 4. There are multiple ways to figure the distribution of awards, we are including two in this report. The first way is the simplest – the board could just set a starting number of awards based on current performance in an area, or what that area is achieving now. For example, North America 25K/25C/25P, China 25K/12C/0P, etc. This distribution would be set and listed in the show rules, it would not change until the area petitions for more awards based on increased participation, and the board approves the increase in awards. This would follow the path of the increases in the current awards (i.e. we used to have top 20 in kittens and premiership until the clubs asked to increase that to top 25).*

Another method is to use a ratio formula. North America would continue to have 25 in each category, and the number of placements for other areas would be based on the ratio of the number of cats shown (present) in those other areas to the North American total. For example, if the number of cats present in championship in China were 60% of the number present in North America, China would have 15 NW awards in championship.

With the ratio formula, the show rules would not list the number of awards to allow more months of data to be used to calculate the ratio while the show rules are being printed. The number of awards would be posted on the CFA website before the start of the season, the show rules will note where to find information. This way, the board does not have to

approve the distribution each year and the number will be calculated automatically. There are two tables below showing the values for the ratio formula.

5. *National points should be earned anywhere in CFA, however regional points should continue to be restricted as currently. The International Show should continue to be treated as non-area-specific such that everybody can keep points earned there.*
6. *A cat should only be able to receive an NW in one geographic area per season per category. This would be similar to how a cat cannot achieve two RWs in any one category in multiple regions in a single season. For example, a cat could achieve an NW in one area in the kitten class and an NW in a different area in the championship class in a single season but could not achieve two championship NWs in different areas in the same year. A cat can only achieve one NW per category per season. There will be a geographic area residency requirement similar to the regional residency requirement. The International Show will not be used to establish residency.*
7. *The breed awards at the annual will remain the same – top three in breed in championship that are the highest scoring with national points, the highest receiving the BW title.*
8. *All NWs will be presented at the annual banquet in North America, as well as all other awards currently presented. This could take a substantial amount of time. However, by February, we can review the annual presentation to suggest time saving options. This also presents a question over which area gets to be COTY/KOTY/POTY and have a song and be announced last, but those cats can be the highest scoring overall.*

Cost

If we limit the increases to only NWs and do not include breed awards in each geographic area, the cost increase will be \$5K-\$6K. That is for trophies that cost the same as what we have been presenting. The awards budget would climb from \$17K to \$22K. If we increase the breed awards, the cost increase would balloon an additional \$40K, raising the awards budget well over \$60K total.

The type of trophies we can afford with a budget of \$22K are small, inexpensive, plastic awards. The board should discuss some options, such as no longer purchasing any trophies or rosettes. CFA could provide a certificate, and the recipients could purchase their own trophy which CFA would order and present at the annual. Or, CFA could purchase only the rosettes and the recipients could purchase their own trophy. Or CFA could underwrite a nicer trophy with the current budget and ask the recipient to contribute the rest. Or we could cut out the rosettes and save a few thousand there. But somehow, to fund this plan and present trophies, we have to find \$6K somewhere just for the increase in the number of NW trophies.

Suggested Distribution of NWs in Geographic Areas

Dick Kallmeyer created a spreadsheet showing the number of cats present in each of the suggested areas and the ratio to the North American numbers. Below are two tables from his work. The top table shows the distribution based on the first half of the current season, the

bottom table is based on the full 2014-2015 season. If we were to use a formula such as this, the number of awards could fluctuate each year but would be deterministic. To have the number known prior to the start of the season, it could be based on 11 months of data. To base it on a full year of data, the number would not be announced until early May. The number of awards would be posted on the CFA website and announced in the newsletter but would not be in the show rules.

Awards based on R1-R7														
See 2014-2015 award calculations below														
Some award calculations based on Rings * Entries present (1st half 2015-2016)														
	Rings/Show	K Pres. * ring.	C Pres. * rings	P Pres. * rings	KCP Pres. * rings		K % rings	K Awards	C % rings	C Awards	P % rings	P Awards	Total % rings	KCP Awards
R1-R7	7.173	23,593	27,969	18,486	70,048		51.9%	25	53.3%	25	79.1%	25	57.7%	75
8	6.500	1,378	2,932	1,469	5,779		3.0%	1	5.6%	3	6.3%	2	4.8%	6
9	4.889	1,203	2,185	631	4,019		2.6%	1	4.2%	2	2.7%	1	3.3%	4
ID - China	7.778	16,489	14,529	1,190	32,208		36.3%	17	27.7%	13	5.1%	2	26.5%	32
ID - Other	5.421	2,786	4,879	1,605	9,270		6.1%	3	9.3%	4	6.9%	2	7.6%	9
Total	6.852	45,449	52,493	23,380	121,323			48		47		32		127
Awards are based on the ratio of Entries present times rings/show. R1-R7 is baseline (change this number and other regions will follow. Change yellow values to change awards.														
Some award calculations based on Rings * Entries present (2014-2015)														
	Rings/Show	K Pres. * ring.	C Pres. * rings	P Pres. * rings	KCP Pres. * rings		K % rings	K Awards	C % rings	C Awards	C % rings	P Awards	Total % rings	KCP Awards
R1-R7	7.086	53,178	72,955	40,622	166,755		62.8%	25	60.4%	25	78.4%	25	137.4%	75
8	7.478	4,083	7,994	2,864	14,942		4.8%	2	6.6%	3	5.5%	2	12.3%	6
9	7.345	6,192	12,795	2,233	21,219		7.3%	3	10.6%	4	4.3%	1	17.5%	9
ID - China	8.382	15,843	18,014	2,590	36,446		18.7%	7	14.9%	6	5.0%	2	30.0%	15
ID - Other	4.902	5,319	8,947	3,510	17,776		6.3%	3	7.4%	3	6.8%	2	14.7%	8
Total	7.003	84,615	120,704	51,820	257,139			40		41		32		113
Awards are based on the ratio of Entries present times rings/show. R1-R7 is baseline (change this number and other regions will follow. Change yellow values to change awards.														

If we use the top table and include a minimum number of 3 awards, there would be a total of 136 NWs with 75 in North America, 9 in Japan, 9 in Europe, 33 in ID China and 10 in ID Other. If we use the bottom table and include a minimum number of awards, there would be a total of 119 NWs.

Questions the board should address:

- Whether to limit changes to the NWs or to include the breed awards as well (doing so will substantially increase cost and raises questions about whose awards are presented at the annual banquet).
- Whether to use a deterministic formula for the distribution of awards and allow it to fluctuate from year to year or set the initial award distribution based on current achievement and wait for the areas to petition to increase their awards.
- Should there be a minimum number of awards per category per area
- How to pay for the increased cost of awards

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(b) Kittyhawk Proposal.

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

Article XXXVI

WORLD/NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL
AWARDS PROGRAM

SCORING

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

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

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

Points gathered at an officially sanctioned CFA International Show will count toward world/national/regional/divisional points in the competing class for the cat/kitten in the residence of final assignment (see regional definition and regional/divisional assignment sections).

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

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

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

for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

National Awards

Best—25th Best Cat*: Trophy, Rosette

Best—25th Best Kitten*: Trophy, Rosette

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

Best—10th Best Cat in Agility+: Rosette

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

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

World Awards

Best—15th Best Cat*: Trophy

Best—15th Best Kitten*: Trophy

Best—15th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter)*: Trophy

*The title of "World Winner (WW)" is limited to cats receiving the above * awards. Awards are based on points earned at CFA qualifying shows held worldwide.

National Division Awards

National Division 1 Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the National Division 1 is inclusive of North America (Regions 1-7), Japan (Region 8), and Europe (Region 9).

Best—25th Best Cat*: Trophy

Best—25th Best Kitten*: Trophy

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

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

National Division 2 Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the National Division 2 is inclusive of the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements: Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.); China; Hong Kong; Indonesia; South Korea; Israel; Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam/Brunei; Singapore; South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; Thailand; and Taiwan.

Best—25th Best Cat*: Trophy

Best—25th Best Kitten*: Trophy

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

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

Agility Awards

Best – 10th Best Cat in Agility+: Rosette

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

Breed Awards

Best of Breed/Division:** Trophy, Rosette

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

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

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

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

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

***200 point minimum required for this award.

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

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

International Division Awards

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

International Division

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

5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 award;

10-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 awards;

31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 awards;

45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 awards;

71-160 rings sponsored in an area = 15 awards*; and

>160 rings sponsored in an area = 25 awards**.

* - this does not apply to household pet awards

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

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

Awards are as follows:

Best Cat*: Trophy

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

Best Kitten*: Trophy
2nd-25th Best Kitten, as appropriate*: Certificate
Best Cat in Premiership*: Trophy
2nd-15th Best Cat in Premiership, as appropriate*: Certificate
Best-10th Best Household Pet, as appropriate**

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

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

Hawaii Division Awards

Best Cat: Trophy
Best Kitten: Trophy
Best Cat in Premiership: Trophy

Regional Awards

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

Best-25th Best Cat*
Best-25th Best Kitten*
Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*

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

Best-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 National and Regional awards.

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

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

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii, National Division 1, National Division 2, and the International division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions:

1. All regional awards given in regions 1–7 are based only on points earned in regions 1–7 by exhibitors residing in regions 1–7. Cats/kittens/household pets may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner’s region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten/household pet may receive awards in more than one of these regions.
2. All regional awards given in region 8 are based on points earned in region 8.
3. All awards given in Hawaii or Region 9 are based only on points earned in Hawaii or Region 9 by exhibitors residing in those areas, respectively.

4. All national division awards given in National Division 1 are based only on points earned in National Division 1 by exhibitors residing in National Division 1.

5. All national division awards given in National Division 2 are based only on points earned in National Division 2 by exhibitors residing in National Division 2.

4-6. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the exception that cats/kittens/household pets from outside of China may NOT earn points at shows in China (excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).

~~5-7.~~ A cat/kitten/household pet whose owner changes residence or whose ownership changes and is otherwise eligible, may receive awards in a region within regions 1–7, region 8, region 9, and/or Hawaii, and/or National Division 1, and/or National Division 2, and/or the International division. These multiple awards are not prohibited.

RATIONALE: The current CFA National Award system needs to be revised and expanded along with our expansion into other areas of the world, which presents us with both opportunities and challenges. The number of shows available in different areas of the world on any given weekend results in vastly varied counts, which causes a remarkable shift in the current national standings and, thereby, does not allow for measureable fair competition. The overwhelming majority of cats/kittens from different areas of the world are not in a position to directly compete with one another at the same shows, due to quarantine restrictions, geographically isolated areas, travel restrictions, travel hardship on the cat/exhibitor, limited time off from work, and cost restrictions. This solution offers an awards system which will create an atmosphere of fair competition and continue to celebrate all of the top show cats from different areas of the world where CFA is active.

Key Points:

1. **Titles:** This solution introduces the “World Winner (WW)” as the highest title and preserves the “National Winner (NW)” as the second highest title in CFA. If there is no support for the introduction of the World Awards section with the new “World Winner (WW)” title, then the National Division Awards section of this proposal may simply be considered.
 - a. “World Winner (WW)” is being recommended for the new highest title in CFA because the use of the initial “W” will be new and not associated with any previously established CFA titles.
 - b. We do not recommend an alternative title beginning with the letter “G” because it is generally accepted and understood in the cat fancy that the beginning “G” is an abbreviation for “Grand” and we believe the letter “G” should be reserved only for “Grand” in a CFA title.
2. **Justification:** With this solution, we can more fairly recognize cats/kittens who are capable of competing worldwide and/or within their own national division.

- a. *World Awards:*
 - i. Placements up to top 15 will be appropriately awarded from among the top cats/kittens ranked worldwide, which will amount to 30% (15 out of 50) of the nationally ranked cats/kittens. This title could also be implemented with only top 10 placements, amounting to 20% (10 out of 50) of the nationally ranked cats/kittens. We think that 10 to 15 placements would be most appropriate, in order to encourage competition for these top placements.
 - ii. The “World Winner (WW)” title will be awarded to the top 15 from all cats/kittens competing worldwide in the eligible competing classes.
 - 1. *World Title:* “World Winner (WW)”
- b. *National Division Awards:*
 - i. Placements up to top 25 will be appropriately awarded within each National Division based upon cats/kittens exhibited within each National Division.
 - ii. For the purposes of documenting this proposal, “Region 8: Japan” and “Region 9: Europe” have been included in National Division 1. However, it should be noted that “Region 8: Japan” and “Region 9: Europe” might need to be consulted to gather input on which National Division they should each be assigned to compete for a “National Winner (NW)” title.
 - iii. In order to support more divisional and regional area competition, the premise is to establish two national divisions for season end awards.
 - 1. National Division 1 (North America, Japan, Europe): The “Regional Winner (RW)” titles will continue to be awarded as previously defined. The “National Winner (NW)” title will be awarded to the top 25 in National Division 1 in the eligible competing classes.
 - a. *Regional Title:* “Regional Winner (RW)”
 - b. *National Title:* “National Winner (NW)”
 - 2. National Division 2 (The International Division is divided into geographical areas based on quarantine requirements): The “International Division Winner (DW)” titles will continue to be awarded as previously defined. The “National Winner (NW)” title will be awarded to the top 25 in National Division 2 in the eligible competing classes.

- a. *International Division Title: “International Division Winner (DW)”*
 - b. *National Title: “National Winner (NW)”*
 - c. The “Agility” awards will continue to be awarded as previously defined.
 - d. The “Best of Breed/Division” titles will continue to be awarded as previously defined.
3. **Award Cost Considerations:** Trophies, rosettes, and/or certificates will be awarded at the CFA Annual Banquet as defined for the “World Winner (WW)”, “National Winner (NW)”, “International Division Winner (DW)”, “Hawaii Division Award”, and “Best of Breed/Division” placements.
- a. Rosettes have been removed from being required to be awarded with the exception of Agility.
 - b. Many of newly awarded NW trophies might be funded from all of the money no longer spent on rosettes in the awards budget.
 - c. The CFA awards budget will most likely need to be increased to cover the balance of the National Division Awards’ trophies and the World Awards’ trophies.
 - d. In order to help the current awards budget, a trophy, rosette, and/or certificate will only be required to be awarded as defined.
 - e. It can be at the budgetary discretion of CFA to award the addition of a rosette to any or all of the winners. However, many exhibitors may instead prefer a nicer trophy if the awards budget allows.
 - f. Rosettes could be made available to order at the breeder’s/owner’s own expense.
4. **Recognition:** This solution expands our CFA Awards system to appropriately and fairly recognize both worldwide and national division competition, in order to celebrate the top show cats from the different areas of the world where CFA is active.

(c) Baugh Proposal.

RW AND DW remain the same. (Or make adjustments as needed)

A: *NW title is reserved for the Top 25 in regions 1 – 9.*

B: *Create a title of International Winner (IW) to be awarded to cats from the intentional divisions combined. Top 25 (or a number of awards and actual title name to be determined.*

These would be awarded to those cats who have earned the most points in their respective competitive categories in the combined International Division

C: Create a title (Global Winner – GW) to be awarded to the highest scoring overall. Actual Title and number of awards given to be determined.

D: Additional suggestion regarding this new award: At the present time, and probably for the foreseeable future, Regions 1-9 cannot compete with the numbers in the ID, especially in China. A potential way to ‘even the playing field’ for the GW title would be to calculate a percentage based on the number of points EARNED vs. the number of points AVAILABLE in each of the three competitive categories among both the NW and the IW winners (i.e. NW points would be calculated using the points the NW cats earned vs. the number of points available for the show season in their category/area: IW points would be determined in the same manner using the numbers in the IW area.

The GW winners would be those with the highest average overall.

This figure will be a percentage and will be easily calculated by a simple math division.

The points available and points earned are figures that should be readily available since each show is already counted.

I believe it is critical to implement some strategy no later than the February Board meeting. We are literally bleeding exhibitors and need to show that the problem is being addressed with a simple, understandable process that, at a minimum will be a starting strategy to retain our current exhibitor base and clubs while, at the same time, encouraging growth and support for China and the other ID areas.

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(d) Smith Proposal.

CFA Board of Directors:

I am asking – begging – the board to consider dividing national wins geographically. Yes, China is “doing it better” than the US right now, they have the numbers and the enthusiasm...but the price that is being paid for this is the extreme discouragement of the US exhibitors, and likely European exhibitors as well. None of us can compete with China right now, so why even show? We couldn’t compete with the counts China is getting even in our heyday here in the US. I hear many people every weekend at the shows saying they’re done, they won’t even try running cats because there is no chance of a national win anymore in the US. Take a look at the standings... And keep in mind that most of what is being shown in the US is being shown by the campaigners, the rest of the exhibitors have pretty much fallen by the wayside.

Several proposals at the annual laid out logical geographic divisions. Proposals at annuals almost always get voted down, especially if they are the least bit complicated. I don’t think the delegation’s votes on these proposals really indicated how people feel.

CFA is and has been a US based cat association. It IS meaningful to have the highest scoring cats in North America, in Europe, and in Asia. I am asking the board to consider implementing national wins for these logical geographic areas, I believe this will encourage US and European

exhibitors to try for these wins. I am asking that you consider implementing it now, for this show season – and do it now, while there is still time to encourage people to show and work to achieve wins. The board does not need the delegation to approve show rule changes, scoring changes, etc. Give us something to work for, give us a reason to keep showing. Otherwise, CFA will just end up being Chinese cats showing, and a few of us will grand a cat here and there in the US.

US Clubs are suffering greatly, shows are dropping off the schedule steadily. Stop the bleeding before it is too late...

Some further thoughts...I would hope the board would think outside the box, consider many possibilities and try to come up with the best scenarios for all of us.

What I'm talking about implementing this season forward doesn't punish or take away anything from any cat - I would add World Wins for the highest scoring cats worldwide - changing NW into WW, and then I would add geographic national wins - calibrated for the size of the cat fancy in the various geographic areas that could be designated. I'm talking about adding to the win system, not taking anything away from any cat. That is why I believe this could be implemented this year. It would be very meaningful to acknowledge the highest scoring cats in the various geographic regions - while still acknowledging the world's highest scoring cats. I would suggest CFA NOT pay for trophies, let geographic regions figure that out. People could even purchase their cat's actual trophy if they wanted it, frankly many really want the titles. Sponsors for the cats could be encouraged. There are many ways to pay for adding wins to what CFA already offers, I would not want to see CFA pay for them. The various geographic regions could have an awards banquet perhaps coupled with a geographic show, and the annual could award the world wins.

Breed wins could be similar - add an initial to designate breed winners in various geographic areas, perhaps. Or leave it worldwide, that is something that can be discussed as well. And again, geographic regions could work on funding the added awards, there are many avenues to pursue there.

*Regards, Valerie Smith
Winterfrost Orientals*

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(7) COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

Committee Chair: Joan Miller
Liaison to Board: Lisa Marie Kuta
List of Committee Members: Charlene Campbell, Dee Dee Cantley, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Donna Isenberg, Lisa Marie Kuta, Karen Lane, Karen Lawrence, Tracy Petty, Lisa Maria Padilla, Jodell Raymond, Mary Sietsema

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Feline Fix by Five Months – I helped man the booth for the Feline Fix campaign at the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) conference held in San Diego, October 2 – 4, 2015. We also had a party on Saturday for a number of veterinarians present at the conference, including Dr. Vicky Thayer, her husband, Bob, and Dr. Glenn Olah from the Winn Feline Foundation. The reception for lowering the traditional age of neutering pet kittens from 6 months to 5 months was well received among the veterinarians at this conference since they are familiar with the fact that kittens can reach puberty as young as 4 to 5 months of age.

Shelter Staff Training – Prince William County Animal Services, Virginia. Committee members, Tracy Petty and Lisa-Maria Padilla, joined me in two sessions at this shelter. We selected cats on October 12th, several of whom were very shy and a few considered potentially aggressive by the shelter staff. In the afternoon of October 13th we presented “Cultivating Cool Cats” to approximately 50 staff members emphasizing techniques for handling cats so they build confidence. In the evening we moved the cats and set up to a rescue facility for a presentation for volunteers and public.

I presented a shorter version of handling and grooming for shelter cats, Tracy gave a talk on the colors and patterns and Lisa-Maria showed how it is possible to train cats. By the end of the evening all 8 cats had become relaxed and could have done well at a cat show, including “Trouble” a big brown mackerel tabby male who had a “caution” sign on his intake room cage since he could not be handled at the shelter. Lisa-Maria put a walking vest on a 7 year old shelter female and had her enjoying walking on a leash before an amazed audience.

A recent report from the shelter pleased me because all of these cats were adopted, including a very shy and depressed bi-color longhair who was 10 years old and missing one eye. We were all sent photos showing the staff wet-hand grooming the cats on a stand as had been demonstrated. I was told that several people who attended the evening presentations have been added as new volunteers and are socializing and handling the cats properly. It is gratifying to see dedicated shelter people, eager for more knowledge about cats, become inspired. And it is especially worthwhile to know that we have helped show that fearful, seemingly not social, cats can find homes.

Current Happenings of Committee:

“Feline Fix by Five” Focus Group – at the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) Conference, Orlando, Florida, on January 15, 2016 – We plan a meeting of prominent

veterinary practitioners representing the AVMA, the Shelter Veterinary Association, Banfield, VCA, Vetstreet, Winn Foundation and others. There will be a presentation of scientific material and data followed by discussion to explore the barriers and objections to altering cats before 5 months. The goal is to reach a consensus and start promoting a consistent message to veterinarians and the public about the health, behavioral and community benefits of altering cats prior to puberty and to avoid the unplanned litters that cause shelters to become inundated with kittens every spring and summer.

San Diego Cat Fanciers Cat Show Education Program, January 23 – 24, 2016 - This year I am working as co-coordinator with Carolyn Osier planning the 11th year of education at this show that attracts 8,000 or more visitors. Our topics are designed to help newcomers and others enjoy learning about pedigreed cats, agility and household pet competition, grooming and other topics. We will again have our popular stuffed animal competition for children 12 years and under.

Future Projections for Committee:

Increase shelter training opportunities, veterinary contacts and education. Begin webinar project.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Open

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

Respectfully Submitted,



Joan Miller, Chair

Hannon: Are we ready to move on to the next item? Lisa. **Kuta:** Joan has written up the report. Everything is in the document. We just wanted to give special thanks to Kim Everett-Hirsch for providing miles for Joan's air flight to the shelter training sessions, and also to Dave Peet who gave a special rate to set up at the location. The cost savings made it possible for the presentations at the government-supported animal control facilities, where they were desperately needed. So again, thanks to Kim Everett-Hirsch and Dave Peet for their contributions. That's it.

(8) **IT UPDATE.**

Committee Chair: *Tim Schreck*

Liaison to Board: *Dick Kallmeyer*

List of Committee Members: *Dick Kallmeyer, Peg Johnson, Steve Merritt*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Programming for cattery offspring report and excel file downloads has been completed.

A comment section has been added to eCats to allow Central Office registration users to enter a comment explaining what information is needed to complete processing of an eCats entry. This information is then accessible by any registration user to confirm and complete when requested information is received. The comment information is also emailed to the eCats user and can be seen on the user eCats screen when they are signed into their account.

Project specifications for Show Licensing programming are being completed so programming can be quoted and then this process can be completely moved to the New Computer System.

Enhancements of current system have been quoted and programming has started on enabling Cattery name to be added to eCats account. This will enable online processing of cattery account renewal and notification on screen when renewal is within 90 days. This will also allow online access to offspring report for payment processing and download of files.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Distinguished Merit programming is to be completed by end of December.

Testing of year end processes to begin December 14th

Kathy Durdick has been working on redesigning our web pages to move from a fixed width site to a newer industry standard called responsive design. This format allows the pages to automatically adjust to various screen sizes. This is especially helpful when viewing from a mobile or tablet device. Kathy and a friend have graciously donated their time and expertise on defining this conversion. She is currently working on a time table and hours estimate to complete this process.

Advance quoting of programming projects has improved programming results.

Future Projections for Committee:

Committee will continue to assist in defining programming specs for applications to be moved from HP. These will include Breed Council and Cattery of Distinction as well as all other functions still processed on the HP.

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Progress on programming projects

Feedback on Year end files from test runs.

Progress on Website conversion

*Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: Next is the IT update. Dick is the liaison for Tim. There is a written report with no action items. Is there anything you want to say, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** No. It's all there. **Hannon:** Does Barb have anything she wants to add to this? **Schreck:** The IT chair has already hit the sack. **McCullough:** I have an IT question. Why are we still having problems getting registrations done on time? **Hannon:** Terri? **Barry:** We're not. What's your issue with registrations getting done on time? The only time they're not getting done on time is if the customer hasn't supplied all the necessary information. **Hannon:** Steve, you get a weekly report telling you when things are being processed. **McCullough:** I have a lot of people who have a lot of issues. How do you contact them when they have a problem? **Barry:** If we have an email address, we contact them by email. If we do not have an email address, we contact them by phone. **McCullough:** How long do you wait for the response? **Barry:** We just credited back registrations that have been waiting for a response all the way back to March. **McCullough:** So, it's not like within 24 hours, correct? **Barry:** Oh no, no. We're look at, at least 2 months with a minimum of 3 or 4 contacts. **McCullough:** How do we elevate that to 24-hour turn-around? **Barry:** It's 72 hours with eCats, because of the weekend. It's 10 days for what comes in through snail mail. We can tell when it comes in through the mail, when it gets put into the file bound system. That's one of the dates you are given. And, as they are processed out. What goes in on, say, December 1st has to be out of there no later than December 10th, not counting weekends. **McCullough:** So, if I make a mistake on eCats, you notify me on what date? Starting today. **Barry:** We will probably notify you within 72 hours. **McCullough:** That's by email or phone? **Barry:** If you've done it by email, it should be by email. **McCullough:** If I sent in a registration by snail mail, do you call me immediately or do you send it back by snail mail? **Barry:** No, we do not send it back by snail mail unless it is in such a condition we cannot process it. **Hannon:** If you are missing a couple pieces of information, you go back to the customer and request the missing information. **Barry:** Yes, we do. **McCullough:** Is that like the same day you receive it? **Barry:** No, it's not the same day we receive it. It will be within the 10 days. It depends on when it shows up for processing. **McCullough:** So, if I enter a show this weekend with a registration number and you find it's wrong, then [inaudible] for this show this weekend, and next weekend I'm still entering the wrong number, then the next weekend is when you notify me. So, for all those weekends, it's wrong? **Barry:** Steve, I think that would be dealing with show scoring, not with registration. Correct me if I'm wrong. If you are using the wrong number at a show, that would be picked up when the show would be scored, hopefully by the week after that show is scored. **McCullough:**

So, if I entered it at another show under the wrong number, how long does that take? A week? **Hannon:** If you've got a wrong number, she is going to find the right number and give the cat credit for it. If it's a registered cat – **Barry:** If Shirley finds the number, Mark, you are correct. Something like that is going to be a flag when she goes to do the scoring. **Hannon:** If someone entered a cat with a wrong number, it's not a Central Office error, it's an owner error. Shirley will query by the cat's name and find out the correct number, and she will give the cat credit for its points and she will notify the owner that they are using the wrong number, so that they can correct their entry blank or whatever they are doing. If it's a one-time situation, they are just going to correct it, but if they see week after week the same wrong number coming in, they are going to get back to the owner. **McCullough:** That's all I need to know. Great.

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Hannon: Is there any other business you want to conduct tonight? I'm going to adjourn the meeting. I thank everybody for sticking on this extra half hour. It seemed to be a very productive meeting, and I thank you all. Good night.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary

(9) 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, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

15-020 ***CFA v. Green, Jean***

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of restitution of \$9,294.00 payable to Evelyn Liu and a \$250.00 fine payable to CFA; the fine and restitution to be paid within 30 days or Respondent shall be suspended from all CFA services until both are paid. [vote sealed]

15-022 ***CFA v. Campbell/Luttrell, Dawn***

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of restitution of \$845.65 payable to Laura Kay; \$1,600.00 payable to Roxanne Shirley; \$850.00 payable to Amy King; \$4,077.07 payable to Barbara Gallagher; \$3,450.00 payable to Kathryn Stryker; \$1,795.00 payable to Linda Frishcosy and a \$1,200.00 fine payable to CFA; the fine and restitution to be paid within 30 days or Respondent shall be suspended from all CFA services until all are paid. [vote sealed]