

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 12, 2016**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 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)

Not Present:

Mrs. Carla Bizzell (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Teresa Barry, Executive Director
Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter

SUMMARY

(1) **APPEAL HEARING.**

See item #25.

(2) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

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

(3) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Chair Mrs. Wilson moved to grant an indefinite leave of absence to Michie Shinmoto, effective immediately. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Wilson moved to accept the following advancements:

Advance to Apprentice:

Marilee Griswold (Longhair – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Kit Fung (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Koji Kanise (Longhair – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Danny Tai (Longhair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Koji Kanise 19 yes

Mrs. Wilson moved to accept the following reconsideration of advancement:

Advance to Apprentice:

Jennifer Reding (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) 18 yes; 1 no (Hannon)

Mrs. Wilson moved to grant the request of retired judge Kim Everett-Hirsch to officiate a best of the best ring for the Portland Cat Club and Pearl Cat Fanciers co-joint show in Tokyo, Japan on December 24-25, 2016. The assignment would be to judge the BOB ring on Sunday, December 25, 2016. **Motion Carried.**

In executive session, the following judges were elevated to the status of Judge Emeritus (**vote sealed**):

- Jody Garrison
- Willa Rogers Hawke
- Donna Jean Thompson

(4) **APPROVE THE BUDGET.**

Chair Mrs. Schreck moved for approval of the Budget. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and McCullough abstained.

(5) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

Liaison Mr. Hannon presented the nominations (vote sealed).

(6) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

No action items were presented.

(7) **2016 ANNUAL MEETING.**

No action items were presented.

(8) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY.**

No action items were presented.

(9) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Liaison Mr. Eigenhauser moved for a \$10,000 donation for Winn in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Mastin, Motion Carried. Newkirk abstained.

(10) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

Chair Mr. Kallmeyer moved for approval of the following rule proposals:

Rule 4.04	International Division Chair	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>Application for license should be received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications post-marked with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>No license will be granted for shows whose license is received in the Central Office with less than 7 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>A club will be considered not in good standing until the late filing fee is paid.</p> <p>The show secretary of the benching club must submit to the Central Office the following:</p> <p>a. license application for each sponsoring club in duplicate. (Any member club may request any other member club to sponsor one or more of its concurrent rings. In such cases, an additional show license application for each ring sponsor, signed by</p>	<p>Application for license should be received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications post-marked with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>No license will be granted for shows whose license is received in the Central Office with less than 7<u>15</u> days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>A club will be considered not in good standing until the late filing fee is paid.</p> <p>The show secretary of the benching club must submit to the Central Office the following:</p> <p>a. license application for each sponsoring club in duplicate. (Any member club may request any other member club to sponsor one or more of its concurrent rings. In such cases, an additional show license application for each ring sponsor, signed by</p>

<p>the sponsoring club's secretary, is required. A ring sponsor must also be a member in good standing.)</p> <p>b. ONE executed copy of each judging contract.</p> <p>c. the show license fee and show insurance fee.</p> <p>These documents and fees must be submitted as a package, and the Central Office will not issue the license for any show until all the papers have been received in proper order. The office will return copies of the approved license(s).</p> <p>Applicable late filing fees will apply if a completed application with all judging contracts and show license and insurance fees is received with a postmark of less than 90 days from the opening day of the show.</p> <p>*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening date of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in format, including a change in a judge's assignment (e.g. allbreed to specialty or specialty to allbreed) will be permitted, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency constitutes a situation where one or more contracted judges cannot judge the show as contracted. If as a result of an emergency the club is notified more than 30 days in advance of a judge's inability to fulfill their contract(s), a revised license application must be sent to the Central Office for approval. The show judges, exhibitors and Regional Director must be notified immediately of any change in format or assigned judges.</p> <p>In cases of emergency, format changes will be permitted without prior Board approval provided</p>	<p>the sponsoring club's secretary, is required. A ring sponsor must also be a member in good standing.)</p> <p>b. ONE executed copy of each judging contract.</p> <p>c. the show license fee and show insurance fee.</p> <p>These documents and fees must be submitted as a package, and the Central Office will not issue the license for any show until all the papers have been received in proper order. The office will return copies of the approved license(s).</p> <p>Applicable late filing fees will apply if a completed application with all judging contracts and show license and insurance fees is received with a postmark of less then <u>than</u> 90 days from the opening day of the show.</p> <p>*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening date of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in format, including a change in a judge's assignment (e.g. allbreed to specialty or specialty to allbreed) will be permitted, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency constitutes a situation where one or more contracted judges cannot judge the show as contracted. If as a result of an emergency the club is notified more than 30 days in advance of a judge's inability to fulfill their contract(s), a revised license application must be sent to the Central Office for approval. The show judges, exhibitors and Regional Director must be notified immediately of any change in format or assigned judges.</p> <p>In cases of emergency, format changes will be permitted without prior Board approval provided the request is received in the Central Office with a</p>
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Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**

5.07	International Division Chair
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
New rule.	<u>Upon show license approval for shows in China, the show flier flyer/announcement shall be provided to the Chinese website (cfashows.org) for posting within seven days of license approval for shows licensed 90 days or more out; under 90 days, it must be filed concurrent with the show license.</u>

Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, Anger voting no.

Ms. DelaBar moved to reconsider the motion. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun, Motion Carried.**
Newkirk and Schreck voting no.

6.20	International Division Chair	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a properly completed, official CFA entry form, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. For email entries, the email address may be accepted in lieu of a signature. If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.</p>		<p>For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a properly completed, official CFA entry form, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. For email entries, the email address may be accepted in lieu of a signature. <u>For entry into shows in China, the exhibitor must submit entries according to the procedure documented at cfashows.org.</u> If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.</p>

Tabled.

Article XXXVI, Show Points, Official Show Count, Item 3	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.</p>		<p>3. <u>A For shows in Regions 1-9, a cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings. For shows in the International Division, a cat/kitten/household pet must be handled in 60 percent of the rings conducted at the show, rounded up to the next whole number of rings, to be counted as competing in all rings. Cats/kittens/household pets in the International Division not present in 60 percent of the rings will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cats record.</u></p>

RATIONALE:

1. There have been many shows with kittens and cats shown only in one ring. While not against current show rules, this practice does not promote solid competition. This show rule would require that a kitten or cat be shown in at least 60% of the rings in order to be part of the official show count

(applying only to the International Division Shows). This rule would also preclude the alleged showing of the same kitten/cat under different names to artificially increase the show count.

- a. No IT modifications would be required in CO and Shirley Dent said it would not require additional effort on her part.
 - b. Cats that final or receive grand points would still receive points, but at the reduced count.
2. Exhibitors in China have a more difficult problem finding out about China shows and entering Chinese shows. The CFA web site is often unavailable for access from Chinese exhibitors. The rules proposed would post all Chinese shows on a Chinese web site as soon as they are licensed as well as upcoming shows on the CFA calendar. At the same time, it would require the flyer to be posted on the web site. Additional rules for entry for Chinese shows would be posted on the web site. The ID is currently developing web coding to require that ALL entries to Chinese shows be sent to the web site where they be date and time stamped. The web site would immediately forward these entries to the appropriate entry clerk. A data base of entries would be retained on the web site for access by the entry clerk.
- a. These rules would ensure that all information about Chinese shows be available equally to all exhibitors at the same time.
 - b. Exhibitors would have positive proof on the date and time of entries. This would attenuate the problem in determining rejected entries and order of precedence.
3. This past show season, there were several shows licensed at 7 days before the show. A requirement of 15 days would allow longer time to enter the shows and provide for a higher quality show experience.

Tabled.

In a subsequent on-line motion, the following show rule proposals were approved:

(1) Rule 4.04 to add a subsection d. as follows: d. If requesting a license with less than 90 days left to the date of the show, a copy of the show flyer for the show must be included with the show license package (see Rule 5.04).

(2) Rule 5.04 to add the following wording: The show secretary must file a copy of the show flyer with the Central Office as soon as printed within 7 days of license approval for shows licensed at least 90 days prior to the date of the show. For shows licensed less than 90 days to the date of the show, the show flyer must be included in the license application package (see Rule 4.04).

(3) Article XXXVI, Show Points, Official Show Count, Item 3 to change the definition of show counts as follows:

3. A cat/kitten/household pet ~~handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.~~ must be handled in 60 percent of the rings conducted at the show, rounded up to the next whole number of rings, to be counted as competing in all rings. This is shown in the following table:

<u>Number of rings at Show</u>	<u>Rings present for cat to be in count</u>
<u>2-3 rings held</u>	<u>2 rings</u>
<u>4-5 rings held</u>	<u>3 rings</u>
<u>6 rings held</u>	<u>4 rings</u>

<u>7-8 rings held</u>	<u>5 rings</u>
<u>9-10 rings held</u>	<u>6 rings</u>

Cats/kittens/household pets not present in 60 percent of the rings will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cats record.

Motion Carried. Anger, Schreck, Kuta, DelaBar and Wilson voting no. Bizzell did not vote.

(11) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

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

- JAPAN SINGAPURA CAT CLUB, Region 9. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**
- TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL CAT CLUB, International Division (Taiwan). Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Moser, Wilson, Dugger, Anger and McCullough abstained.
- WEST LAKE CAT CLUB, International Division (China). Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.** Moser and McCullough voting no.

(12) CLERKING PROGRAM.

Chair Mrs. Krzanowski moved to approve development of an online clerking school as outlined in the proposal, as presented. **Motion Carried.**

(13) MARKETING.

Chair Ms. Kita presented no action items.

(14) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW – UPDATE.

Chair Mr. Mastin moved (1) for approval to sign contract with Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi Michigan for CFA’s 2016 International Show for November 17, 18, 19 & 20; and (2) to further explore two year deal.

(will not sign two year deal without first getting Board approval and will not waste time on two year deal if Board does not desire to receive information on two year deal). Note – regardless of two year deal, we need to make a decision on 2016. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

(15) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW – TWO-SHOW FORMAT.

Mr. Mastin moved to begin the process to do Two Large Show Formats at different times in the year. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Tabled.**

(16) WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

Ms. DelaBar moved that CFA has the lead on all of the planning, including the show production, with assistance from local clubs within Region 5, to conduct the World Cat Congress. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Kuta and Anger abstained.

(17) **CAT CLUB OF THE PALM BEACHES PROPOSAL RE: EXPERIMENTAL RING.**

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to grant permission for the Cat Club of the Palm Beaches to have a 9th ring with a TICA judge. Seconded by Mr. Colilla, **Motion Failed.** McCullough, Eigenhauser and Dugger voting yes. Newkirk, DelaBar and Anger abstained.

(18) **SHOW SCHEDULING ISSUE.**

Withdrawn.

(19) **KITTEN AWARDS SHOPPING.**

No action items were presented.

(20) **RULES FOR REGISTRATION.**

Ms. Anger moved to amend the Section 3 of the Rules for Registration as follows:

Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree: Under certain circumstances, a cat registered with another recognized association may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder. Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree if the cat's records meet the following requirements: 1. The sire or dam is not CFA litter or individually registered, AND 2. ~~The breeder is not currently a CFA registered breeder.~~ A cat is not eligible for individual registration by pedigree if: 1. ~~The the~~ parents are both CFA registered, AND 2. ~~The breeder is a CFA registered breeder.~~ Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA.*

Seconded by Mr. Eigenhauser, **Motion Carried.**

(21) **TRN ISSUE.**

At the February 2016 CFA Board meeting, the following motion was made and carried:

*Following an executive session discussion, a motion was made and seconded to suspend accepting registration by WCF pedigrees coming from Ukraine and Russia. **Motion Carried.** [vote sealed]*

In an executive session discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to reconsider the above-stated February 2016 motion. **Motion** [for reconsideration] **Carried.**

A further executive session motion was made and seconded on the above-stated February 2016 motion. **Motion Failed.** Therefore, all correct WCF pedigrees will be accepted for registration.

(22) **AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

Chair Mrs. Schreck had no action items.

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

Treasurer Mrs. Schreck had no action items.

(24) NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Mastin moved to approve Central Office's proposal for shipping of awards and lost items at CFA events (i.e., actual postage plus \$10 handling charge). Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, **Motion Carried.**

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TRANSCRIPT

(1) **APPEAL HEARING.**

See item #25.

(2) **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 March 15, 2016. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Norm Auspitz, Joel Chaney and Linda Berg.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

(3) 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)

Current Happenings of Committee:

Deaths: It is with great sadness that we report the loss of several of our Judging Panel members, past and present.

- Jo Ann Cummings. Jo Ann passed away March 25, 2016. Jo Ann began her judging career in 1978 after successfully exhibiting American Shorthairs under the Sandef and Shannara prefixes. She gained respect among exhibitors not just for her integrity and knowledge of all breeds on the judging table but also for helping exhibitors learn how to be best prepared for shows and how to best prepare their cats for the ring. She wrote procedures and guidelines for the CFA Youth Feline Education Program educating the youth not just about show cats but about all cats. Her time with CFA took her to countries such as Russia, Australia, and Japan. She served as Chair of the 2007 Annual Meeting in Louisville, which set new standards for such future events within CFA. She was honored as a Kentucky Colonel for her tireless campaign to have feral animals neutered or spayed. Jo Ann also served on CFA Board of Directors from 2001 to 2007, and was a member of the Judging Program Committee. She recently lost her beloved German Shepherd Lilly, so we comfort ourselves with the thought that they are together now.*
- Muriel Slodden. The Judging Program recently became aware that Muriel passed away September 27, 2015 and is buried at Sunset Memorial Park, 333 County Line, Feasterville, PA. She was in a nursing home for about three months before she passed away.*

- *Kenji Takano. Kenji passed away March 10, 2016. Kenji-san began his judging career in 1987 and judged many shows in Japan, Asia and the United States. Kenji and his wife, CFA Allbreed Judge Yaeko Takano, bred Abyssinians, Siamese, Persians and Himalayans under their VicJapan cattery prefix, earning a Cattery of Excellence Tier II. Kenji also held a Master Clerk Instructor license, and was greatly admired and respected by exhibitors everywhere, especially in Japan.*

Request for Leave of Absence: Michie Shinmoto has not judged three shows in the past two years and is currently in inactive status. Before she is able to accept future judging assignments, she will be required to complete a Refresher Course. In the meantime, due to work demands, Michie has requested a leave of absence.

Action Item: *Grant an indefinite leave of absence to Michie Shinmoto effective immediately.*

Wilson: We have a few action items. I'm not going to go through anything else on here. I do have one additional one. Rachel, if you can remind me at the end about the best of the best Japan thing. The first action item is to grant an indefinite leave of absence to Michie Shinmoto effective immediately. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** No discussion?

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

CFA JUDGING PROGRAM - EDUCATION – 2015 - 2016

CFA Judge's Workshop – Las Vegas, Nevada

- *The CFA Judge's Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. The Turkish Angora, Turkish Van, British Shorthair are scheduled for review. We were hoping for a presentation on the Burmilla but they are not able to accept. Therefore, we have invited the Bengal Committee Chair to present the Bengal.*

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2015-16:

- **November 19 – 21, 2015** – *The BAOS held in Oaks, PA in conjunction with the CFA International Show was extremely successful with 17 in attendance. Our instructors were Ellyn Honey, Pat Jacobberger, Jan Stevens and Annette Wilson.*

Attendees at the November BAOS were:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| • <i>Kay Bertrand</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Kai Gavin Cao</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Chrissie Chan</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Amanda Cheng</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Chloe Chung</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Howe Gao</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Brandon Guo</i> | <i>SH</i> |
| • <i>Wendy Heidt</i> | <i>SH</i> |

- Michael Jacobi SH
- Katia Pocci SH
- Emily Starbuck SH
- Danny Tai SH
- Mike Geng SH
- Pam DeGolyer LH
- Chun Kit Fung LH
- Nicholas Pun LH
- Pan Jinglin LH

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools for 2016 - 2017:

- A BAOS is scheduled to be held on April 28-29, 2016 with the handling session scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2016 in Gent, Belgium, Region 9. This school is being held in conjunction with the show being produced by the Felinus International cat club in Grote Brogel, Belgium scheduled for April 30 – May 1, 2016. The instructors are Pat Jacobberger, Wayne Trevathan and Peter Vanwonderghem. Due to the generous financial support of Region 9, this school will occur regardless of the number registered. I am happy to announce that there are eight people enrolled as of the close of registration on 4/3/2016.
- We plan to hold a school in conjunction with the CFA International School in November 2016. No plans are finalized but, the goal is to have the flyer ready for inclusion in the Delegates Book for the CFA Annual Meeting.
- We are also hoping to hold a school in Asia after the first of the year in 2017. However, there are no definitive plans at this time.

Judge's Examination

- There will be a Judge's Examination this year. Pat Jacobberger is constructing the test. This year, the goal is that the test will be on-line. There will, of course, be paper examinations sent to all active CFA Judges so those who do not have access to the Internet will be able to comply. The goal is to have the test ready for mailing to be received by May 1, 2016 with a return date of May 31, 2016.

Continuing Education Requirements for CFA Judges

- All CFA Judges who were required to complete 12 CEU's of Continuing Education during the period of 5/1/2011 and 4/30/2016 have done so and have all submitted proof of compliance. This group is now good until 3/2/2021.
- Two judges were late with their report cards. One judge was four days late due to transpacific Wi-Fi problems and continuing problems with Wi-Fi in China. The second judge was 14 days late due to technical related difficulties. The period for compliance ends on April 30, 2016, both of these judges have met the intent of the rule in spite of the paperwork issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the CFA Judging Program and the CFA as the Judge's Education Chair and coordinator for the CFA BAOS events.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Jacobberger

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

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Adkison, Larry		Stand Alone HHP	Jakarta, Indonesia	03/19/16
Auspitz, Norm	CCA	PAWSitive CC	London, Ont. CN	10/16/16
DelaBar, Pam	WCF	Assoc. Felina de Catalunya	Lleida, Spain	04/02/16
Godwin, Karen	RNA	Royal Queensland Show	Brisbane, Australia	08/12/17
Petty, Tracy		Stand alone HHP show	Jakarta, Indonesia	03/19/16
Raymond, Allan		Stand Alone HHP	Bangkok, Thailand	03/04/16
Raymond, Allan	CCCA	Festival City CC	Adelaide, Australia	09/18/16
Raymond, Allan	ACF	IGA Perth Royal Show	Perth, Australia	09/24/16
Rivard, Lorraine		Stand Alone HHP	Jakarta, Indonesia	03/19/16
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Le Club de Montreal	Lava, Quebec	05/28/16
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Fundy Fanciers Cat Club	Halifax, Canada	07/16/16
Tanner, Iris	CCA	Fundy Fanciers Cat Club	Halifax, Canada	10/23/16
Vonwongerghem, Yanina		Stand Alone HHP	Moscow, Russia	03/06/16
Webb, Russell	CCA	Fundy Fanciers Cat Club	Halifax, Canada	10/23/16

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

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
Balciuniene, Inga	WCF	Swedish Cat Paws	Stockholm, Sweden	01/07/17
Counasse, Daniel	WCF	Indonesia Royal Feline	Jakarta, Indonesia	03/19/16
Counasse, Daniel	WCF	Swedish Cat Paws	Stockholm, Sweden	01/07/17
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Indonesia Royal Feline	Jakarta, Indonesia	03/19/16
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	German Catwalk	Echengen, Germany	04/16/16
Gubenko, Dimitri	RUI	North China ASH Club	Shanghai, China	03/13/16
Gubenko, Dimitri	RUI	Tianjin Feiming CC	Chengdu, China	04/02/16
Gubenko, Dimitri	RUI	Great China West CF	Wuxi, China	04/10/16
Gubenko, Dimitri	RUI	Tianjin Feiming CC	Chengdu, China	04/23/16
Hamalainen, Satu	FiFe	Universal CF Alliance	Beijing, China	03/26/16
Hansson, John	GCCF	UK Cat Fanciers	London, England	05/07/16
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	UK Cat Fanciers	London, England	05/07/16
Kurkowski, Albert	WCF	Swedish Cat Paws	Stockholm, Sweden	01/07/17
Melnikova, Yanina	WCF	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	03/05/16

Merritt, Chris	CQI	Cat Fanciers of Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	03/06/16
Merritt, Chris	CQI	Tianjin Feiming CC	Chengdu, China	04/23/16
Nichols, Julia	CCCA	Cat Fanciers of Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	03/06/16
Nichols, Julia	CCCA	CF Society of Indonesia	Bandung, Indonesia	04/23/16
Pobe, Pascal	WCF	Cat H Arts	France	04/23/16
Podrugina, Eleana	RUI	Pearl River CC	Foshan, China	04/10/16
Podrugina, Eleana	RUI	China Int. CC	Shanghai, China	5/28/16
Pohvalina, Victoria	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	03/05/16
Reis, De Miranda, Inar	WCF	Cat Fanciers of Brazil	San Paulo, Brazil	07/16/16
Rumyahtseva, Nadejda	WCF	China Int. Pedigree CC	Shanghai, China	03/26/16
Trautmann, Jurgen	WCF	Cat H Arts	Carcassonne, France	04/23/16
U'Ren, Cheryl	CCCA	China Cat Fanciers	Beijing, China	03/19/16
U'Ren, Rod	CCCA	China Purepet Club	Beijing, China	03/05/16
U'Ren, Rod	CCCA	China Southern	Dalian, China	04/16/16
Wiseman, Rita	SACC	Cats N Cats	Carcassonne, France	04/09/16
Zielinsk, Karine	WCF	Cat H Arts	Carcassonne, France	04/23/16

Pre-Notice of Application: The following individuals have been pre-noticed for application to the CFA Judging Program and are scheduled to be presented to the Board in June 2016 for acceptance:

Danny Tai (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)
Toshihiko Tsuchiya (Longhair – 2nd Specialty)
Mihoko Yabumoto (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)
Kit Fung (Longhair – 2nd Specialty)
Amanda Cheng (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)

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

Advance to Apprenticeship:

Marilee Griswold (Longhair – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Kit Fung (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes
Koji Kanise (Longhair – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes
Danny Tai (Longhair – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Koji Kanise 19 yes

Action Item: Grant the request of Jennifer Reding for reconsideration of her advancement to apprentice shorthair judge (1st specialty).

Advance to Apprenticeship:

Jennifer Reding (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) 18 yes; 1 no (Hannon)

[from end of meeting] **Kallmeyer:** What were the judging results? **Wilson:** I have it. Everybody was advanced. **Eigenhauser:** What about Jennifer? **Wilson:** She was advanced. I've already notified everyone.

Best of the Best Request. *Kim Everett-Hirsch has been invited to judge a Best of the Best for the Portland Cat Club and Pearl Cat Fanciers co-joint show in Tokyo, Japan on December 24-25, 2016. The assignment would be to judge the BOB ring on Sunday, December 25, 2016.*

Action Item: *Grant the request of retired judge Kim Everett-Hirsch to officiate a best of the best ring for the Portland Cat Club and Pearl Cat Fanciers co-joint show in Tokyo, Japan on December 24-25, 2016. The assignment would be to judge the BOB ring on Sunday, December 25, 2016.*

[In executive session, the motion **Carried.**]

In executive session, the following judges were elevated to the status of Judge Emeritus:

- Jody Garrison
- Willa Rogers Hawke
- Donna Jean Thompson

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(4) APPROVE THE BUDGET.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

A special teleconference meeting was held on April 5, 2016 to discuss the proposed Budget. Questions were asked to be submitted in advance so as to be able to respond without undue delay during the call. No major issues surfaced and with the few adjustments below, the Budget as published for that meeting is being submitted for approval

Current Happenings of Committee:

There are a few minor adjustments to the Budget for items that came to light after the proposed Budget was submitted for the April 5, 2016, teleconference review. An additional expense in the amount of \$ 500 each for our two main events has been added to the Annual meeting costs. This is due to the discovery of the requirement for a fire marshal review of floor plans when over 300 people are in attendance. Also added was an estimate of the net cost of hosting the World Cat Congress meeting to be held in April 2017. This is shown separate line item expense.

The AV charges for the Annual have been reduced due to good negotiating by our Event Coordinator and Helms Briscoe. It is now estimated at \$ 30,000 down from \$ 44,000.

No other changes have been made to the proposed Budget as previously reviewed.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Budget will be spread out by month for entry into the QuickBooks system.

Board Action Items:

Request for approval of the Budget.

Time Frame:

During the April teleconference.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: The next item is to approve the Budget. Barb, you've already discussed this at the meeting last Tuesday night. Do you want to make a motion that we accept the budget?

Schreck: I just want to make sure that everybody has noticed the 3 changes that we made from

that budget. These were the only 3 changes that were made. A couple of these were mentioned at the meeting. There was \$500 each that turned up for fire marshal approval when we had meetings of more than 300; that would be the Annual meeting and the banquet. So, that was \$1,000 added. We added a one liner for the World Cat Congress. Then, on the positive side, due to our new Event Coordinator, in conjunction with Helms-Briscoe, they have gotten the AV down from \$44,000 to \$30,000, and they are still haggling that down farther. No other changes were made to the budget that was previously discussed, so I would make a motion that the budget, as presented, be approved. **Mastin:** Second.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and McCullough abstained.

(5) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Star Award Nominations

The CFA Star Award is a “pat on the back” award. It is a small recognition of thanks for a job well done for CFA’s many volunteers. There is no limit on the number of people who receive this award each year. For your convenience, here is the criteria:

The CFA Star award is intended to recognize individuals for outstanding service to CFA. It is impossible to list all of the types of service that would merit consideration for this award, but may include any outstanding work benefitting CFA, public outreach, rescue, fund-raising, donation of professional services, etc.

Additional Guidelines:

- All individuals are eligible.*
- There is no limit to the number of individuals who may be recognized in a given year.*
- This is not merely a length of service award, for example, for judges or clerks.*
- This is not intended to recognize service for which compensation was received at market rates.*
- Service at the global level is given more consideration than at the regional level, as the Regions already give out service awards of various types.*
- Individuals may be recognized in more than one season. The first award for an individual will be a Bronze Star; a second award will be a Silver Star; a third award will be a Gold Star.*
- Any board member, committee chair, or committee member may make nominations to the Awards Committee.*
- The Awards Committee will make recommendations to the board; the board has the final say on recipients.*
- Nominations must be accompanied by a brief rationale (a few sentences) which summarizes the service.*

Board Action Items:

Accept committee recommendations for Star Awards.

Time Frame:

This meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Results of National Awards Fund drive.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

(6) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Committee Chair: Teresa (Terri) Barry
List of Committee Members: Teresa (Terri) Barry and Verna Dobbins

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Allene Tartaglia was added to the C.O. staff as Special Event Coordinator. She will assist with the Annuals, International Shows and Shelly at times.

The social media duties previously handle by Jodell were assigned to Kathy Durdick. Jodell was Assistant Editor of CatTalk. Candilee Jackson has agreed to step into that role.

C.O. continued to support the I.T. Committee with the development of modules by Computan.

The C.O. 2016/17 budget was submitted to the Finance Committee.

P.A.W.S. agreement for the use of Garfield was renewed.

Associates continued to assist the interim finance person to understand the processes within the Association. Mid-February, October, November and December month end was completed. Adjusted item codes in the QuickBooks system to match those items codes in the Computan system. This should assist with the consistency of itemizing the daily work reported and generated i.e. was it a cattery report requested or cattery owner addition.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Central Office I.T. update: Submitted by Tim Schreck, Chair, I.T. Committee, report will be presented by Tim Schreck through 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.

Grand Certificates are currently up to date.

Preparations continue for year end. Regional reports were sent to the R.D.'s for regions 1 – 9, the ID's forwarded to Dick Kallmeyer for his review.

Adjustments were made by Computan that allowed the printing of D.M. certificates. They are now being generated for last year and the current show season D.M.'s.

Finance is now up to date with new checks and balances in place. All invoices are currently reviewed to insure expenses are accrued to the proper budget account. Policies and procedures are now in place to insure all deposits are handled in a timely manner. Policies and procedures for the payroll process are currently in the development stage. A cleanup of Accounts Payable aging on QuickBooks was handled. Developing a new tracking system for club run in and Regional surcharges is in the process. Policies and procedures are in the development stage for these to be handled on a quarterly base. Reduced the yearly cost of QuickBooks by \$700.00.

Payroll had not been recorded properly in QuickBooks the fiscal year. An internal adjustment was made to each bi-weekly pay. Payroll was correct; this was an internal adjustment only. Month end is completed for January and February.

Price list, Rules for Registration, Show Rules and Show Standards were all updated. Bid the printing of Show Rules and Show Standards. Staples were awarded the contract they were \$700.00 less for Show Rules and \$1700.00 less for Show Standards. Previously these were printed by GBS.

2016 – 2018 Clerking Manual printing placed out on bid. Again Staples was awarded the contract they were \$1,000 less than GBS.

Terri and Pat Zollman are visiting possible locations and facilities for the 2021 Annual.

Future Projections for Committee:

C.O. focus will continue with the preparations and successful orchestration of the 2016 Annual and assist the Region as necessary. A visit will be made to Las Vegas by Terri, Allene and Pat Zollman to view the facility and meet with the staff. While there, plans are to meet with those assisting from the Region.

Handle all necessary duties associated with yearend. Print and distribute award certificates to all R.D.'s for their banquets.

The end of May, Michelle and Terri will be attending Region 9's Awards Banquet and show as a guest of Pam DelaBar.

Clerking packages are to be mailed by C.O. mid-April. This will include a cover letter, clerking exam, Clerking Manual, Show Rules, Scantron sheet and a return envelope.

C.O. will continue to assist with IT development and supporting the IT Committee.

C.O. will begin preparations for yearend reports and awards.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

Policies and procedures in the development stage will be completed by June. Items will be reported out when completed.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

To be determined.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Barry, Chair*

Hannon: Next order of business. Central Office Report, Terri. **Barry:** Our focus right now, going forward for about the next 2 months until our next board meeting is going to be year-end close, regional awards and putting on and assisting with the Annual. The regional reports went out later than expected. When they were supposed to go out on Friday, information that was on the reports previously, when looked at and reviewed, had disappeared. We started having numerous email problems Friday through Monday. Reports were finally able to be reviewed late yesterday and today, and I believe all have gone out with the exception of Pam Moser. There is a question on a cat in her region and they are double checking. They are looking into that. That's what I have for Central Office right now. **Hannon:** Are there any questions about the Central Office? **Kuta:** I just want to encourage the regional directors to look at their files as soon as they can. While they are mostly in order, I did find some cats that weren't listed. They should be getting regional awards and they just weren't in there. So, keep a look out for that. **DelaBar:** The format is really hard to read, the way it's printed out. My question is on finding awards, like somebody is listed as best of breed globally, yet when it comes to color it is 2nd best of color globally. I'm finding a few disconnects that way. If the cat is best of breed, it should also be best of color. [**Dugger** leaves the conference]. Anyway, I have yet to find anybody that's not part of my region and who we haven't already targeted towards having an award. Our awards ceremony is the last weekend in May, so we are really on this. **Barry:** Any issue that anybody is having, the sooner they can get an email to James, the better off everybody is going to be and the sooner we can have CompuTan start looking into it. **DelaBar:** We just got them today. **Schreck:** I have some inside information from the IT Chair. The first ones that were sent out, there was zero feedback, so I would encourage all of you to take a good look at it. Nobody made any feedback, so now is the time. **Kuta:** I sent feedback. **Schreck:** I think you were the only one, so look at them. **Moser:** I did, too. I sent something to James right away asking where that cat was, and he didn't respond to me but this last time he did. **Schreck:** Apparently that didn't get communicated to Tim. **DelaBar:** I also sent comments back to James. That's when I found out that cats that were shown at the International may have earned regional points, but it didn't count as a regional show for the cats. Yes, I still have that email.

Moser: I just have a question on Allene. Was she – is her only job duties Special Events Coordinator, or is she also doing what Jodell used to do, or is she just doing the Annual and the International? Is that it? **Barry:** She is doing the Annual, International, and then she will be helping with the World Cat Congress. She is also helping Shelly on some special projects, and she has also been right now working with Teresa. To be honest with you, right at this moment, between now and the Annual, she is 100% focused on the Annual, but after that she will be handling other additional duties. **Hannon:** She's not working 100% on the Annual. I know she is doing some work on the International. **Barry:** She is doing some work on the International, but her primary focus right now is still the Annual. **Hannon:** She is getting a late start working on the Annual. **Moser:** Is this a full-time job? **Hannon:** This is a full-time job.

Hannon: If there's nothing else, we'll move on. **McCullough:** I want to know how the Annual site visits went. **Barry:** They went well. We saw I think it was about 13 hotels. We're wrapping things up right now. I am in the process of doing a grid of pros and cons of all the hotels that I plan to have to Mark by Friday. We have gone back and requested additional information from 4 other hotels before I'll get with Mark with a recommendation. They were long and very involved.

(7) **2016 ANNUAL MEETING.**

Central Office: Teresa (Terri) Barry and Allene Tartaglia
Regional Work Group: Lisa Kuta, Cyndy Byrd, Ellyn Honey and Darrell Newkirk

Current Happenings of Committee:

Allene Tartaglia was hired as C.F.A.'s Special Event Coordinator effective March 21, 2016.

Darrell Newkirk has been soliciting local vendors. Verna Dobbins has been doing the same for Corporate vendors.

Verna is handling the Delegate Book. Information for the purchase of ads is on the web page.

Ellyn Honey has developed and it is posted on the Annual webs page a list of "Things to Do in the Vegas Area". This will be update as we get closer to the Annual.

Transportation from the airport to the resort and the resort to downtown Las Vegas were completed and posted to the Annual web page.

Ellyn and Cyndy Byrd will be soliciting local business for coupons to add to the delegate bags in the coming weeks.

Dinner selections for the banquet were completed mailed on March 21st and posted to the web site. Darrell Newkirk will be the M.C. for the Awards Banquet. Donna Isenberg will be handling the "benching" for the Awards Banquet. Allene is recording the reservations received in the office and online and will work closely with Donna.

Cheryl Coleman will be producing the 2016 OTRA. Information to submit photos was posted on the web page. OTRA will be 15-20 minutes in length and the memorial portion will be shown during the Annual Meeting.

The Region has ordered Delegate bags and is soliciting donations from Clubs and individuals. Planning is in full swing for their Thursday Hospitality event.

Ushers have been secured for Saturday night's dinner to help direct "traffic" during the awards ceremony.

Decorations are underway for Saturday night. Connie Wardlaw, Lisa Highlan and Beth Feienger are energetic and creative and accustomed to working with a small budget.

AV costs are being negotiated with the goal of using the in-house AV company provided their cost is more in line with an outside vendor.

Mary Kolencik and the Awards Committee have finalized the trophy selection. Allene will take care of the ordering and will coordinate with Karen Lane the logistics for distribution at the awards banquet.

A site visit to the Red Rock Casino is scheduled for the end of April. Terri, Allene and Pat Zollman will meet with hotel staff and local cat fanciers.

The “no cat” policy is being strictly enforced and only those cats for the Judge’s Workshop and Feline Agility are permitted. Attendees planning on bringing a cat need to contact Allene and she will work with the hotel on this matter.

Voice over production for the awards banquet slide show will be handled by Allene. With Art Graafmans guidance and recommendations C.O. has purchased all necessary equipment.

Hannon: Anything on the 2016 Annual? **Barry:** We’re just continuing and moving along. I want to thank Darrell for all the work he’s been doing, and Ellyn Honey for the work they are doing on the local level. It sure sounds like the regional is up and running with what they have to do. I know Allene is in contact a couple of times a week with our contact person at the Red Rock and also the AV guy, now that she has been able to pin him down on some things. Our biggest concern that we have right now is getting people on and off stage, and keeping people organized for Saturday’s awards. Everything else is moving. At this point in time, we haven’t had too many hiccups, although I’ve just jinxed us on that. **Hannon:** Are there any questions or comments on the 2016 Annual? **McCullough:** On the Road Again, are we doing judges that have passed on, and retiring judges, as well? **Hannon:** We’ve never done that. What we’ve done is a memorial section to cat fanciers that have died, and that includes judges, exhibitors, whatever. We have never done anything specifically for retiring judges. **Wilson:** Often, the Judges’ Association does that at their meeting. **Hannon:** About retiring judges? **Wilson:** Yes, and when I do my report to the delegates, I will list the retiring judges. **Hannon:** But it’s not part of the On the Road Again slide show. **Wilson:** No. **Hannon:** Anything else about this year’s Annual?

(8) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY.**

Hannon: The next thing I have is Scientific Advisory and there's no report. Does that mean move on, or does that mean Roger has got something? **Brown:** Mark, I just wanted to give an update on the DNA program. **Hannon:** Alright. **Brown:** I will give you a quick list. It's going to include an identity profile, gender, Mucopolysaccharidosis type I, VI and VII, HCM on the Maine Coon, HCM on the Ragdoll, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, blood type, three of the different markers for longhair, cinnamon, chocolate, points for both the Siamese and Burmese, Albanism, recessive black (which is one of the agoutis), and we're adding Pyruvate kinase deficiency, which is a new one, and we're also adding Gangliosidoses GM1. So, the other new one had taken off the Maine Coon HCM. We're putting it back on. Basically where they're at, they're arranging markers, the markers go into a plex and they have to decide whether or not the various chemistries will get along with one another. We're down to the point where we think it's going to be either two plexes or three, and that will affect the price that CFA has to pay. They are also in the process of getting licenses for the various markers that require a royalty being paid back, either to a university or a person. We will try to arrange it so that if this particular test is not one that you're interested in for your breed, you can get the panel without some of the royalty tests. Final details for the service agreement are waiting on the pricing structure that we're going to have. We don't know about pricing yet until we know how many plexes they are going to need.

Brown: The other thing that we're working on is the website. The website will be Neogen's website. There will be a link from our website to Neogen's website. They will order the test there. The last thing is that they are cross-checking on identity markers. Texas A&M has given the material from the testing that we had before and that was 37 identity markers. They are at 40 now, and if we're going to do paternity, we have to have 100 markers. Leslie Lyons has been very helpful in helping them pick additional identity markers and if we get up to 100, Neogen will be at the ISAG Conference in Europe this summer and they will introduce the 100 marker panel as the recommended panel for the use in paternity for people worldwide. They are presenting the canine panel at this same meeting, so we're hopeful that this will all come to pass. That's primarily my report in a nutshell. **Hannon:** Thank you Roger. We appreciate that. **DelaBar:** Where is that conference, Roger? **Brown:** I am not sure. I just got a blip from it yesterday and I'm not sure. **DelaBar:** Could you please let me know? One of the big geneticists in Europe is in Helsinki, so I just wanted to know.

(9) WINN FOUNDATION.

Several years ago the then CFA Treasurer suggested that Winn donations not be budgeted at the start of the year but discussed at the end of the fiscal year when we knew CFA's approximate profit or loss. Although we are currently discussing the 2016-2017 budget, I would like to add a proposed donation to the fiscal year we are just ending. I am proposing CFA make a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Winn for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

There has been no large cash donation from CFA to Winn since the one approved in April 2014 which was \$10,000.00. Prior to the 2014 donation it had been at least 6 years without a major CFA donation to Winn.

The Winn Feline Foundation was created by CFA in 1968 when Richard Gebhardt, then CFA President, proposed its creation to increase CFA's prominence and give something back to the cats. The initial donation from CFA was \$125.00. From those early days through 2007, CFA's cash donations to Winn have totaled more than \$100,000.00. During the first thirty years of Winn's operation CFA also paid all of our clerical and administrative expenses. It was a point of pride for CFA that all of the money fanciers and cat lovers donated to Winn went to research and not overhead.

As registrations fell from their peak in the 1990's CFA itself cut costs and reduced staff to save money. Over time CFA became unable to provide all of the clerical and administrative support services for Winn. A number of options were tried, including a shared employee, and eventually Winn took over our own overhead. During that same period of time the cash donations from CFA declined in amount and frequency.


For the next several years CFA monetary donations to Winn were loosely tied to the success (or failure) of the CFA corporate events such as the International Show, the Madison Square Garden Show, Meet the Breeds, etc. CFA used Winn's prominence (and tax status) as a "hook" for promoting and advertising the events and promised Winn would participate in the profits. CFA even made donations to Winn when these events incurred small monetary losses. Eventually even those donations stopped.

CFA continues to support Winn and our mission in many other ways and we are grateful for this support. Winn is invited to submit a report at each of the regular CFA Board meetings to reach out to the cat fancy. Winn is given a voice through CFA publications such as the e-Newsletter and the Cat Talk magazine. CFA provides an opportunity at the CFA Annual Meeting to hold the Winn Symposium and helps publicize the event. Winn is given the opportunity to address the delegation at the CFA Annual Meetings. CFA provides a link to Winn on the CFA web site. CFA encourages clubs to make donations to Winn through the catalog ad slicks available on the CFA web site. New clubs seeking membership in CFA often select Winn as the nonprofit organization to receive any remaining club funds in the event of dissolution of their organization. The Winn donation tree is on display at CFA Central Office.

However, CFA also benefits from Winn. The CFA mission includes the mandate to be for the benefit of all cats and Winn helps us fulfill this purpose. It is a direct way for CFA to, in the words of Dick Gebhardt, give something back to the cats. Winn enhances our standing in the community and the legislative arena. Donating to Winn is a win-win for CFA.

In April 2015 I proposed a donation to Winn at the end of fiscal year 2014-2015 but due to budget constraints I did not push the issue and no donation was made. I am hoping that as finances allow CFA will resume our annual cash donations to Winn. I hope the Board can approve the amount requested for the fiscal year now ending.

Respectfully submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser Jr.
Winn Liaison

Hannon: George, do you want to make your pitch? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. The short version is, I'm moving for a \$10,000 donation for Winn. The previous donation we made was a similar amount in 2014. I put it on the agenda for 2015 but, #1 we ran a little bit over in our April board meeting, and #2 we weren't doing that well so I didn't pursue it. So, that's my motion – a \$10,000 donation to Winn for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. **Mastin:** Rich will second it. **Hannon:** Any discussion on \$10,000 for the Winn Foundation? **Schreck:** George and I had some email traffic on this, and I suggested that he put it in this year's budget, rather than next year's. This year is looking pretty good, but of course not having a good crystal ball, I have no idea what it would be next year. So, I would support this for the current year donation. **Eigenhauser:** Just to be clear, that was my motion – that it be in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. **Mastin:** I like the idea of reviewing this in April for the current year, rather than projecting something else for the future year when we're not exactly sure how things are going to flesh out 11 months out. I like how this has been done for the last few years, and I would encourage George to continue to do it this way. **Hannon:** No other discussion?

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

Eigenhauser: Thank you.

(10) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Committee Chair: *Dick Kallmeyer*

List of Committee Members: *Kathy Calhoun (CFA Board), John Colilla (CFA Board), Ken Currle (Middle East, Africa), Amanda Cheung (ID elected representative), Thomas Low (ID elected representative), Sandra Al Sumait (GCC, Gulf Cooperation Countries), Suki Lee (Hong Kong), Nicholas Pun (clerking), Jimmy Lee (SE Asia), Pat Pomphrey (Portuguese/Spanish translation)*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

There have been several issues related to show notifications and the exhibition of kittens/cats in only one ring. Several rule changes to the International Division/China are proposed as action items.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Planning for the 2015-2016 awards has begun. The awards banquet will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on August 27. Due to the complexities of quarantine laws, no associated show will be held.

Board Action Items:

Approve the following rule proposals:

Rule 4.04	International Division Chair
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Application for license should be received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications post-marked with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>No license will be granted for shows whose license is received in the Central Office with less than 7 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>A club will be considered not in good standing until the late filing fee is paid.</p>	<p>Application for license should be received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications post-marked with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>No license will be granted for shows whose license is received in the Central Office with less than <u>7</u>15 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>A club will be considered not in good standing until the late filing fee is paid.</p>

<p>The show secretary of the benching club must submit to the Central Office the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. license application for each sponsoring club in duplicate. (Any member club may request any other member club to sponsor one or more of its concurrent rings. In such cases, an additional show license application for each ring sponsor, signed by the sponsoring club's secretary, is required. A ring sponsor must also be a member in good standing.) b. ONE executed copy of each judging contract. c. the show license fee and show insurance fee. <p>These documents and fees must be submitted as a package, and the Central Office will not issue the license for any show until all the papers have been received in proper order. The office will return copies of the approved license(s).</p> <p>Applicable late filing fees will apply if a completed application with all judging contracts and show license and insurance fees is received with a postmark of less than 90 days from the opening day of the show.</p> <p>*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening date of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in format, including a change in a judge's assignment (e.g. allbreed to specialty or specialty to allbreed) will be permitted, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency constitutes a situation where one or more contracted judges cannot judge the show as contracted. If as a result of an emergency the club is notified more than 30 days in advance of a judge's inability to fulfill their contract(s), a revised</p>	<p>The show secretary of the benching club must submit to the Central Office the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. license application for each sponsoring club in duplicate. (Any member club may request any other member club to sponsor one or more of its concurrent rings. In such cases, an additional show license application for each ring sponsor, signed by the sponsoring club's secretary, is required. A ring sponsor must also be a member in good standing.) b. ONE executed copy of each judging contract. c. the show license fee and show insurance fee. <p>These documents and fees must be submitted as a package, and the Central Office will not issue the license for any show until all the papers have been received in proper order. The office will return copies of the approved license(s).</p> <p>Applicable late filing fees will apply if a completed application with all judging contracts and show license and insurance fees is received with a postmark of less then <u>than</u> 90 days from the opening day of the show.</p> <p>*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening date of the show.</p> <p>Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in format, including a change in a judge's assignment (e.g. allbreed to specialty or specialty to allbreed) will be permitted, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency constitutes a situation where one or more contracted judges cannot judge the show as contracted. If as a result of an emergency the club is notified more than 30 days in advance of a judge's inability to fulfill their contract(s), a revised license application</p>
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<p>license application must be sent to the Central Office for approval. The show judges, exhibitors and Regional Director must be notified immediately of any change in format or assigned judges.</p> <p>In cases of emergency, format changes will be permitted without prior Board approval provided the request is received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the show. The request must include a description of the emergency necessitating the format change. Revised judging contracts must be obtained before the format change request is submitted if a judge's ring type is being changed.</p> <p>In cases where the club is notified of the emergency less than 30 days in advance of the show, such as on the day before or day of the show, a change in format/judging assignment must be approved by the CFA Board's Executive Committee. The club must contact a member of the Executive Committee as soon as the emergency becomes known to the club. Once approved by the Executive Committee, revised judging contracts must be submitted to Central Office with the show package if not submitted earlier if a judge is replaced for the show or a judge's assignment changes.</p> <p>A change from a two-day show where all judges and entries are present both days to a back-to-back show or the addition of Household Pet and/or Veterans judging, are not considered format changes (see rule 4.07); however, Central Office and all contracted judges must be notified of the change by the club.</p> <p>If a show scheduled as a two day show is changed to a one day show or a show scheduled as a one day show is changed to a two day show, the judges, exhibitors, Regional Director and Central Office must be notified as soon as possible.</p>	<p>must be sent to the Central Office for approval. The show judges, exhibitors and Regional Director must be notified immediately of any change in format or assigned judges.</p> <p>In cases of emergency, format changes will be permitted without prior Board approval provided the request is received in the Central Office with a postmark of at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the show. The request must include a description of the emergency necessitating the format change. Revised judging contracts must be obtained before the format change request is submitted if a judge's ring type is being changed.</p> <p>In cases where the club is notified of the emergency less than 30 days in advance of the show, such as on the day before or day of the show, a change in format/judging assignment must be approved by the CFA Board's Executive Committee. The club must contact a member of the Executive Committee as soon as the emergency becomes known to the club. Once approved by the Executive Committee, revised judging contracts must be submitted to Central Office with the show package if not submitted earlier if a judge is replaced for the show or a judge's assignment changes.</p> <p>A change from a two-day show where all judges and entries are present both days to a back-to-back show or the addition of Household Pet and/or Veterans judging, are not considered format changes (see rule 4.07); however, Central Office and all contracted judges must be notified of the change by the club.</p> <p>If a show scheduled as a two day show is changed to a one day show or a show scheduled as a one day show is changed to a two day show, the judges, exhibitors, Regional Director and Central Office must be notified as soon as possible.</p>
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Hannon: Moving on to the International Division. Dick, you've got some proposed changes to the show rules? **Kallmeyer:** I sure do. **Hannon:** In 4.04, the only thing I see is, you changed a spelling error. **Hannon:** I think that's what it was. We noticed it as processing. [discussion goes to next show rule proposal]

Hannon: Let's go back then to 4.04, which was just a type-o, changing the word "then" to "than." **Anger:** There is a change. In the second paragraph, it's changing it from 7 to 15 days. **Kallmeyer:** Oh, that's right. **McCullough:** That's not congruent with 5.07. **Hannon:** We're talking about 4.04, alright? We went back because we want to vote on these separately, so we're

talking about 4.04 so we can discuss and vote on that separately. The 15 days, you're not relating that to China. Are you saying that's CFA wide? **Kallmeyer:** Right. It turns out there have only been 2 licenses issued less than 10 days actually, and they were both in China. Seven days is just not enough for Central Office to get the package out. Even in the U.S. it's kind of dicey. There have been no shows in the United States, Europe or Japan that have been licensed less than 15 days this show season. **Hannon:** So, the only changes are from 7 days to 15, and changing "then" to "than." You're making a motion? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, I'll make the motion. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Any other discussion on 4.04?

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

5.07	International Division Chair	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
New rule.		<u>Upon show license approval for shows in China, the show file flyer/announcement shall be provided to the Chinese website (cfashows.org) for posting within seven days of license approval for shows licensed 90 days or more out; under 90 days, it must be filed concurrent with the show license.</u>

Kallmeyer: The next part is really on I guess 5.07 and 6.20. This is really China-specific. One of the problems we have in China is advertising the shows timely and making sure that it's accessible to everyone. The CFA website where we usually advertise shows is not always available to CFA. We did the translation to Chinese, but we find several times a day you can't even get there from China. So, that makes advertising of shows not a good thing. The other part is that they have been doing secret announcement of shows. The rule is that once a show license is approved in China, that the show be posted to a website in China and available there. We also require that the show flyer be available on the same website within 7 days. As soon as Michelle receives a license, she will send the information to be posted on that website and it will be automatic. If we have the show flyer too, we'll send it to the CFA website. It may be in Chinese, but it will be available on the CFA website at the same time. **Hannon:** What site are you going to put it on, other than CFA's? **Kallmeyer:** It's a website in China and it will be available in China. Only a Chinese citizen can obtain that URL. **Hannon:** Does it currently exist or is it something you are going to create? **Kallmeyer:** It's actually in beta right now, but it will be created in China. One of our exhibitors in China has an IT business. He is putting it up at no cost, to be available for us. In fact, right now it's cfashows.org. I kind of want to change that to cfachina.org but we have to apply for a different license for that.

Kallmeyer: One problem we've been having in China, too, is alleged rejection of entries. We're beta testing a facility now where Chinese exhibitors can send their entries to this website, a date and time stamp will be put on, it will be reflected back to the entry clerk and a database available to the entry clerks. So, we'll have definite proof of when someone submitted an entry to a Chinese show. **Hannon:** But that's not part of this show rule. **Kallmeyer:** Actually, the show rule says that there will be procedures on the website that document this. We're not going to have it originally, because we don't know if it's going to work yet. **Hannon:** All you're

changing right now is the requirement to post a flyer to what's currently called cfashows.org.

Kallmeyer: Right, and if you look at 6.20 – **Hannon:** Let's just do 5.07 first. Are they any questions on 5.07? Do you want to vote on this as a block or do you want to vote separately?

Kallmeyer: I think we should vote separately. [discussion goes to 4.04]

Hannon: The change on 5.07 was to provide show flyers in China to cfashows.org or whatever they change it to. They're trying to change it. **Kallmeyer:** The show announcements and flyers. **Hannon:** What's the difference? **Kallmeyer:** We announce it, but we don't always have a flyer available, even on the CFA site. So, this is the place that both documents will be available. **Schreck:** But it doesn't say that. **Hannon:** I don't understand the difference.

Eigenhauser: Our show rules don't even have show flyers. They are called the show announcement. **Hannon:** Do you want to amend this to say "show announcement?" **Kallmeyer:**

Show announcement. How about that? Actually, don't we have a rule that the show flyer has to be sent to CFA Central Office? **Hannon:** Yes, but we're not enforcing it. **Kallmeyer:** Right, I know. So, the "show announcement" should be there. **Hannon:** Within 7 days of the license approval. You're making this motion? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Schreck:** I'm confused. What wording is being changed in the proposed wording? **Hannon:** It's in the second line, *the show flyer shall be provided*, it's going to say *show announcement shall be provided*.

Schreck: OK, because flyer was spelled wrong. **Hannon:** We don't use the word "flyer" in the show rules. Consistently we have been calling them "show announcements" or "official show announcements." **Schreck:** I'm good with that. I just want to be clear. **McCullough:** Show flyer is in the rules, under Section 5.01 to 5.06. **Hannon:** What do we want? Do we want flyer or announcement?

Calhoun: Not every show would have a flyer posted. **Hannon:** Why not? **Calhoun:** They don't now. So, if you have a show, say something is licensed 15 days out. The purpose of this is to make sure that this show is communicated, right? **Hannon:** To provide information on how much the entry fee is and can you get an end of row. There's all sorts of things in there, not just that there is a show. **Newkirk:** Can we just put show flyer/announcement and that covers it all. **Hannon:** That's fine with me. Is that fine with Dick? **Kallmeyer:** That's fine with me. **Krzanowski:** That works for me, too.

Moser: I have a concern here. The problem is that the flyers are not being put out anywhere. They are done at the last minute. I think the flyer should be out there within a month or two. If the license comes in, in 15 days, that's an issue but if the license comes in, we should put something in there that they have to put a flyer out there in advance, because there's problems over there with people just going behind the door and filling the show before a flyer goes out. **Kallmeyer:** One of the things is that if we have the announcement, that has the entry clerk and the information on there. That information is not always available to the entrant, so as soon as it's licensed, that information will be there publicly. **Moser:** But again, if it's 15 days before a show, that's kind of bad. **Hannon:** If they license a show 15 days ahead of the show and then they get to wait 7 days before they post it, they are probably already full before the flyer gets posted. **Moser:** Exactly, yeah. **Kallmeyer:** Except the information that there's a show has not been there. That information, right there, once it's public with the announcement, the entry clerk is there. If the entry clerk is not responding, then you have a means to protest. **Hannon:** But the entry clerk can say, "sorry, we're already full." **Eigenhauser:** Not to over-complicate it, maybe we can split the baby in two here. *Within 7 days of license approval, if the show is licensed 90 days out. If it's licensed less than that, it goes with the show license.* **Kallmeyer:** That's excellent. **Moser:** Yeah. **Hannon:** Does everybody understand the latest change? <no>

Kuta: Is there any way for when the show gets licensed and it gets added to that text file that used to be on CatsCenterstage, is there any way for it to get pushed out at the same time to the site that is accessible in China? **Kallmeyer:** The answer is yes. That's what we were planning on doing. The same announcement that went out to the CFA text site would go out at the same time. **Kuta:** OK. That's what I didn't understand. **Kallmeyer:** I think what Pam [Moser] wanted was that the information about the cost, etc. will be at the same time. Right now, the entry clerk is not even published, that we can find. **Hannon:** How are you going to accomplish this? Right now, I assume Michelle does this to the text thing, but it's in English. She's not going to be able to post it in Chinese, and posting it in English isn't going to help. **Kallmeyer:** She will send it to the people running the Chinese website, so that information will become available. **Hannon:** And those people are neutral? **Kallmeyer:** Relatively neutral. Even having the information, they are smart enough to know – the entry clerk, they can read that information. The problem nowadays is that they can't get to the CFA site. Even if it was published, they can't always get there to find out who to send it to. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the question. **Newkirk:** Can you state the question? **Hannon:** I was afraid you were going to ask that. **Kallmeyer:** The rule is listed, so with George's modification. George can repeat that. **Eigenhauser:** ... *within seven days of license approval for shows licensed 90 days or more out; under 90 days, it must be filed concurrent with the show license.* **Newkirk:** Thank you, George.

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

Anger: I've been trying to talk on this one and was never called on. I realize we've already voted, but I did want to make my point that I don't agree this should be only in China. It should be for all shows. **Kallmeyer:** Effectively, it is pretty in the U.S. shows. **Hannon:** The problem exists in China. **Calhoun:** I agree with Rachel, as well. I have concerns with calling out specific countries and having show rules that are a target. I think it's a good idea and is typically done everywhere else anyway, but I think it's a good idea to have that apply to all shows. You would have to say specifically where it has to be. It can't be just the Chinese website, of course. It would have to be on the appropriate website. I agree with Rachel. **Hannon:** What do you want to do about the fact that we already passed it? **DelaBar:** I voted yes, and I would do whatever procedure is necessary. **Eigenhauser:** A motion for reconsideration. **DelaBar:** Thank you. A motion to reconsider. **Hannon:** Do we need a second? Ed, how do we do that? Does the second also have to be somebody that voted in favor? **Raymond:** No, just the initial motion needs to be by a person who voted in the affirmative. **Hannon:** We need a second. **Calhoun:** I second. **Hannon:** All those in favor of reconsidering.

Hannon called the motion [to reconsider]. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk and Schreck voting no.

Hannon: Rather than rewrite this again, why don't those concerned get together with Dick and come back to us online about this. I don't think trying to do these on the run is going to work. **McCullough:** Can I make a motion to table it? **Hannon:** Do you want to just withdraw it, Dick, and then bring it back online? **Kallmeyer:** Why don't I do that?

6.20	International Division Chair	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a properly completed, official CFA entry form, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. For email entries, the email address may be accepted in lieu of a signature. If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.</p>		<p>For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a properly completed, official CFA entry form, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. For email entries, the email address may be accepted in lieu of a signature. <u>For entry into shows in China, the exhibitor must submit entries according to the procedure documented at cfashows.org.</u> If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.</p>

Article XXXVI, Show Points, Official Show Count, Item 3	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.</p>		<p>3. <u>A For shows in Regions 1-9, a cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings. For shows in the International Division, a cat/kitten/household pet must be handled in 60 percent of the rings conducted at the show, rounded up to the next whole number of rings, to be counted as competing in all rings. Cats/kittens/household pets in the International Division not present in 60 percent of the rings will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cats record.</u></p>
RATIONALE:		
<p>1. There have been many shows with kittens and cats shown only in one ring. While not against current show rules, this practice does not promote solid competition. This show rule would require that a</p>		

kitten or cat be shown in at least 60% of the rings in order to be part of the official show count (applying only to the International Division Shows). This rule would also preclude the alleged showing of the same kitten/cat under different names to artificially increase the show count.

- a. No IT modifications would be required in CO and Shirley Dent said it would not require additional effort on her part.
 - b. Cats that final or receive grand points would still receive points, but at the reduced count.
2. Exhibitors in China have a more difficult problem finding out about China shows and entering Chinese shows. The CFA web site is often unavailable for access from Chinese exhibitors. The rules proposed would post all Chinese shows on a Chinese web site as soon as they are licensed as well as upcoming shows on the CFA calendar. At the same time, it would require the flyer to be posted on the web site. Additional rules for entry for Chinese shows would be posted on the web site. The ID is currently developing web coding to require that ALL entries to Chinese shows be sent to the web site where they be date and time stamped. The web site would immediately forward these entries to the appropriate entry clerk. A data base of entries would be retained on the web site for access by the entry clerk.
- a. These rules would ensure that all information about Chinese shows be available equally to all exhibitors at the same time.
 - b. Exhibitors would have positive proof on the date and time of entries. This would attenuate the problem in determining rejected entries and order of precedence.
3. This past show season, there were several shows licensed at 7 days before the show. A requirement of 15 days would allow longer time to enter the shows and provide for a higher quality show experience.

Kallmeyer: Let me talk about the next one, so we can get the sense beforehand about the show counts, and again that we are opposing again, targeted to the International Division, that the official show count is determined that a cat or kitten must be in 60% of the rings. I have no objection to bringing this out to Regions 1-9. I would like a sense of the board for that one.

Hannon: I want to know why you want 60% and not 100%. **Kallmeyer:** You would have to be in every ring to count? **Newkirk:** If we're going to require it for every ring, then it's ring-by-ring scoring, which I would favor. **Colilla:** If you do ring-by-ring scoring, it's going to be a mess. You would not have any master clerks to master clerk shows anymore. I can tell you that right up front, because you have exhibitors want to sit by you and count with you to make sure your count matches theirs. It's going to be a nightmare. **Schreck:** If you want 100%, what do you do for the ring where one of the judges is the breeder and it has to be X'ed out. You would have to write that as an exception of some kind. **Calhoun:** In addition, what do you do about the ring when your cat poops itself and you can't make it to the ring? **Hannon:** And how are you going to sit there and mathematically figure out about this 60% when you go to the master clerk and ask what the count is? **Kallmeyer:** Monte had a table so you can figure out how many rings the cat has to be in. **Eigenhauser:** First of all, I think ring-by-ring scoring is too big a bite for us to be taking up on the fly in April. **Hannon:** It's coming up from the floor. **Eigenhauser:** It's got to come from the delegates, but as long as we retain one count, if 60% is complicated, why don't we simply say "a majority of the rings"? **Krzanowski:** Are we talking about just China now, or are we talking about everyone? **Eigenhauser:** Everyone, so we don't embarrass China.

Krzanowski: From an IT standpoint, what's going to be required to change programming, if we want to incorporate this across the board? **Kallmeyer:** Nothing. It's a procedural change in Central Office and the master clerks to do the counts. Ring-by-ring would definitely require a

computer change and involvement. **Krzanowski:** That's what I was asking. As we were discussing it, we were talking about doing it for everyone, so that's a major impact. I could see just doing it for China. That could be done manually in the office. Dick, you and I did discuss this via email before this meeting, but if we are talking about expanding this to all of CFA, that's an IT programming change that we need to consider. **Kallmeyer:** No, actually it's not. If you are counting 50% or 60%, the official count is manual anyway. So, it's not a programming change, it's just a number you present to the program. Ring-by-ring is more complicated, but if you are just saying don't count that cat unless it's in X number of rings, then it's just a manual process anyway. We do that anyway. **Krzanowski:** I think I misunderstood then. I thought we kind of evolved into ring-by-ring scoring. **Eigenhauser:** That was the discussion, but not the motion. **Kallmeyer:** The motion is 60%, but I'll bring this back with a count, but I want a sense of the board. Do you want to focus this on the International Division or do you want to extend this to all of CFA? **Wilson:** I have the same issue that Rachel and Kathy talked about, in that, why single them out? I think there's probably a reason to single them out, but I also think there's a reason to maybe apply this across the board. Why don't we try it? Why don't we try it with China and the ID, and see if it makes a difference before we roll it out everywhere? If a way is found around it or something pops up that's a problem, it's much easier to resolve in one area than across the board, in my opinion. **Newkirk:** I think that if we're going to do this, it needs to be done for everybody. We have singled out China time after time because people here have complained about the stuff that has gone on over there. People here stuff shows. They do it all the time. They put them in one ring and then they're gone. Why should they get the advantage of a phantom point, when the Chinese can't get the advantage of a phantom point, if we're going to implement this? **Kuta:** So, is the intended consequence of this to have more of the quote-unquote "stuffer cats" in more rings? Is that the goal? To have them in more than one ring? Or is the goal to have less stuffer cats? **Hannon:** What's your goal, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** The goal is to have more real competition, that they are competing in more than one ring. **Eigenhauser:** As long as we're talking about, not ring-by-ring scoring but simply changing the single count that we use for each show, I think we can do this for everybody, but I don't want to lose it if there's a fight between people that aren't ready to do it for the 9 regions and people that only want to do it in the ID. I want to at least do it in the ID. If we can do it in every region, I would consider that better, but I don't want to lose the one for the other. The idea here is that the more rings a person has to put a stuffer in, the harder it is to show the same cat under 3 different names in 3 different rings, the more inconvenient it becomes to have to go up to all of these rings. So, know this won't end stuffing, but it will make stuffing harder. Every time we make stuffing harder, it reduces the incentive to stuff.

Schreck: I have a question about the consequences that are written here. If I'm looking under the existing wording, it says – and I don't understand what this means: *If not present in 60 percent of the rings will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cats record.* I don't get that. What does that mean? **Eigenhauser:** If you grand in the first ring and you go home, it still counts. **Kallmeyer:** Right, but your cat will not be part of the official count. **Hannon:** Won't it be counted as a present open or champion for its grand points? **Kallmeyer:** No. **Hannon:** So, if it granded with exactly 200 points and it went home, it's now down to 199. **Kallmeyer:** Except the official count wouldn't come out until the second day, right, for 60% of the cats so you can't count on the count until at least – **Hannon:** You are assuming it's a two-day show. **Kallmeyer:** Right. If it's a one-day show, you would have to wait until they were in 4

rings. **Eigenhauser:** If you're not in 60% of the rings, you probably know not to count your cat. **Schreck:** I think it's really confusing. New people particularly have a tough time figuring out how to do these points. If you add something like this, I think it's going to be mind boggling for some people. **Kallmeyer:** No one should count on the count until it is published by CFA anyway. **Schreck:** I know. I understand. I went to the second day of a show not too long ago because I thought I had 202 – too close for comfort. Exactly. I think this is a little unclear. **Hannon:** We're going to have to vote on something. Dick, do you want it the way you have it, which is limited to China, or do you want to pull this and rework it? **Kallmeyer:** Can we get a straw vote of people who want it for all regions? **Hannon:** All those who are in favor of this for China only. **Eigenhauser:** I think the motion is ID only. **Hannon:** Alright, all those in favor of ID only. [5 affirmative responses] **Hannon:** All those in favor of CFA-wide. Sounds evenly divided to me. **Schreck:** You are assuming that people are in favor of this, period. Maybe some people aren't in favor of it anywhere. **Hannon:** OK. All those in favor of this anywhere. [4 affirmative responses] All those opposed to the concept entirely. [6 responses] It sounds like more people are in favor of the concept. It's just a matter of, do we want to limit it to the ID or do we want to do it CFA-wide? **Moser:** For the ones that want it for the ID only, can we get their names and see where that lands? **Hannon:** All those who are in favor of ID only. [McCullough, Schreck, Colilla, Fellerman] All those in favor of CFA-wide. [Eigenhauser, DelaBar, Newkirk, Calhoun, Kallmeyer, Moser, Mastin] So, it sounds like CFA-wide has more votes. Dick, you're going to rewrite this for CFA-wide? **Kallmeyer:** Yes.

McCullough: I have a question. So, you have a cat that's DQ'ed in 3 rings of the 60%. What do you do with the points now? **Moser:** It doesn't count. **McCullough:** They don't count, right? **Calhoun:** They don't count. **McCullough:** Or in your first ring you went home and you find out you're short a point, what do you do? **Schreck:** Go to another show. **Kallmeyer:** Right now we count DQ's, right? **Newkirk:** Yes. **McCullough:** Or your 30 rings for the Grand of Distinction. **Hannon:** Oh, my God. **Newkirk:** What does that have to do with this rule? **McCullough:** If it goes worldwide. **Eigenhauser:** I think we're getting too much into the weeds on the details and we should move on.

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In a subsequent on-line motion, the following show rule proposals were approved:

(1) Rule 4.04 to add a subsection d. as follows: d. If requesting a license with less than 90 days left to the date of the show, a copy of the show flyer for the show must be included with the show license package (see Rule 5.04).

(2) Rule 5.04 to add the following wording: The show secretary must file a copy of the show flyer with the Central Office ~~as soon as printed~~ within 7 days of license approval for shows licensed at least 90 days prior to the date of the show. For shows licensed less than 90 days to the date of the show, the show flyer must be included in the license application package (see Rule 4.04).

(3) Article XXXVI, Show Points, Official Show Count, Item 3 to change the definition of show counts as follows:

3. A cat/kitten/household pet ~~handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.~~ must be handled in 60 percent of the rings conducted at the show, rounded up to the next whole number of rings, to be counted as competing in all rings. This is shown in the following table:

<u>Number of rings at Show</u>	<u>Rings present for cat to be in count</u>
<u>2-3 rings held</u>	<u>2 rings</u>
<u>4-5 rings held</u>	<u>3 rings</u>
<u>6 rings held</u>	<u>4 rings</u>
<u>7-8 rings held</u>	<u>5 rings</u>
<u>9-10 rings held</u>	<u>6 rings</u>

Cats/kittens/household pets not present in 60 percent of the rings will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cats record.

Motion Carried. Anger, Schreck, Kuta, DelaBar and Wilson voting no. Bizzell did not vote.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

(11) **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:

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

- 1. Japan Singapura Cat Club, Region 8; Edward Maeda, Director*
- 2. Taiwan International Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- 3. West Lake Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*

Japan Singapura Cat Club

Region 8, Nara, Japan; Edward Maeda, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. Three members are members of other clubs. Most of the officers and directors are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA registered cattery names, and the remaining members are Singapura owners. Several members have show production experience, and one member is a Certified Clerk with master clerk experience. This is a breed club that wishes to promote interest in the Singapura breed. The club plans to produce at least one allbreed show a year in their home base of Nara, and possibly in Osaka, Kobe and Tokyo as well. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to Japan Region. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Japan Regional Director supports this club.

Hannon: Let's move on to Club Applications. I'm going to end this at midnight, no matter how far we've gotten. Carol, do you want to quickly go through your club applications?

Krzanowski: The first club up for consideration is Japan Singapura Cat Club. This club is located in Nara, Japan, a prefecture in the Kansai region of Japan. As one of the oldest regions in Japan, Nara is an important area for tourism due to the region's natural beauty and historical significance. As the club name indicates, this is primarily a Singapura breed club that hopes to increase appreciation for the breed and encourage new Singapura breeders. Most of the members are very active breeders and exhibitors, several have show production experience, and one member is a CFA Clerk. If accepted, this club intends to produce at least one show a year. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Mr. Maeda, do you want to talk about this one? **Maeda:** Three of the members actually belong to other clubs, but they are very cooperative, not only Japan Region, but CFA as a whole. They are very reputable people, so I would like to support this club. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? All those in favor of the Japan Singapura Cat Club.

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

Hannon: Welcome Japan Singapura Cat Club.

Taiwan International Cat Club

International Division, Tainan City, Taiwan; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. No member is a member of another club. A number of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA registered cattery names, and the remaining members who are not breeders are exhibiting pedigreed cats. Several members have experience helping other clubs produce shows in Taiwan. This is an allbreed club that wishes to help promote the growth of CFA in Taiwan and to hold shows four times a year in the cities of Kaohsiung and Taipei. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to TNR Animal Association in Tainan. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** Next is the Taiwan International Cat Club. This club is located in Tainan City, Taiwan, a special municipality located in Southwestern Taiwan. As the first capital of Taiwan, Tainan is historically known as the oldest city in Taiwan. While tourism and agriculture are important to the city, the region has more recently been developed into a major high-tech industrial hub. Several of the members are CFA registered breeders and exhibitors with show production experience, and other members are exhibiting pedigreed cats. If accepted, this club plans to help promote CFA in Taiwan, encourage ethical breeding and produce several shows a year. I move that we accept this club. **Hannon:** Dick, do you have any comments? **Kallmeyer:** Sure. I think it's a good idea. We certainly have more opportunity in Taiwan because of its isolation. A lot of people and not enough shows. **DelaBar:** When I was in China last week, I did get some feedback. There were negative letters submitted, but I hear that they didn't make it in time to be considered for this report. They were concerned about some of the ethics going on with especially the leaders in this club, and wanting to put on a CFA show with a non-existent CFA club for starters. There is concern about the club in Taiwan. I told them that I would pass on their concerns. **Kallmeyer:** To be fair, they had an opportunity to submit letters and the club hasn't had a chance to respond. **Hannon:** Do you want to table this, so we can get the full picture? **Kallmeyer:** No, go ahead. **Krzanowski:** The clubs were pre-noticed 4 weeks before the deadline. They were pre-noticed in the CFA News, they were pre-noticed in the online Almanac and also on the CFA website. The fact that the letters arrived late, I don't think we should give them the opportunity to comment late. We have a deadline for a reason, and that's to give the clubs a chance to respond to negative comments. If we're not going to abide by our deadline and our pre-notice procedure, then perhaps we need to consider changing it. **DelaBar:** My concern is that when we deal with countries that do not speak English as an official language, that we make sure that we get out important information in the language that's applicable to the area. I think until we do that, we're going to continue to run into problems getting timely notice and timely response on these things. **Hannon:** My concern is, if there really are problems here, do we want to go ahead and accept this club, and ignore the comments simply because of a date situation where the letters came in late? What if they are valid and we go ahead and accept this club. We've got enough issues in the ID without accepting a club that may be bringing problems with it. **Krzanowski:** Let me ask you a question. How would you suggest that we get the word out better? Maybe we should have a different cut-off time. Is 8 weeks

responsive? That could certainly be done. Can I get some opinions? **DelaBar:** We will be seeing elections for new ID reps, one of which will be from China. When this comes in, I would have the rep get to the clubs in the area and say, do you have any comments? And get those in immediately. At least the rep would be able to speak, hopefully in the dialect of Chinese that is involved in that area. **Kallmeyer:** The people who wrote the negative letters do speak English. In fact, they were aware of it, too. So, it's not like it was a surprise to them. **Hannon:** My concern is, what if it's a valid complaint and we're just going to ignore it because they didn't get their letter in on time. **Newkirk:** What if the letter came in tomorrow? I agree with Carol. We have parameters set up. There's a deadline for them to come up with stuff. Bringing stuff up at the last minute at the board level, like we have done time and time and time again, why have a rule? Why not just say, you can write a letter up until when we conclude the board meeting? **Eigenhauser:** Why don't we just call it. If we fails, we can talk about what to do about it.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Moser, Wilson, Dugger, Anger and McCullough abstained.

Hannon: I didn't hear any no's. That means the motion carried. **DelaBar:** As a board member, even though I represent Region 9, I still think it's incumbent when somebody comes to me with information saying, "we are concerned," to still bring it to the board. Yes, I believe in cut-off dates and things like that, but I also want to see processes put in place that make sure everybody gets the information that they need. Yes, I know, of course the person that brought it to my attention speaks English, or else I wouldn't have understood what they were trying to say. I think it's incumbent upon us to say, "there are concerns, this is not a bright and shiny proposal that's coming to the board." That's why I abstained. **Hannon:** My recommendation was to table it, so we could get the club's response. **Krzanowski:** When the letter came in late, I did discuss it with Dick Kallmeyer and he was still supporting the club. So, at that point, I felt we should move forward. **DelaBar:** Carol, that's fine. We've already voted on the club. It's in and we need to move on to the next one.

West Lake Cat Club

International Division, Hangzhou, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members. One member is the secretary of another club. Nearly all of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA registered cattery names, and the remaining members are exhibiting pedigreed cats. This is an allbreed club that wishes to help educate new breeders and exhibitors by holding grooming seminars and CFA breed standard lectures. This club plans to hold shows one or more times a year in the cities of Hangzhou and Shanghai. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to an animal rescue group. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next club is West Lake Cat Club. This club is located in Hangzhou, China, the capital and largest city of Zhejiang Province in Eastern China. With a population of over 9 million, it is located southwest of Shanghai at the head of Hangzhou Bay. Hangzhou is an industrial city that is considered to be an important manufacturing base and logistics hub for coastal China. The club's name comes from the city's West Lake, which is its best-known

attraction. Nearly all of the club members are actively breeding and exhibiting in CFA. If accepted, this club intends to hold one or more shows a year, as well as conduct grooming and breed seminars to help educate new breeders and exhibitors. I move that we accept this club. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on West Lake Cat Club? **Newkirk:** Do we have other clubs in Hangzhou? **Kallmeyer:** We do not. What happens is, the Shanghai clubs have been putting on shows in this area. They have been traveling. **Newkirk:** I saw that it's located close to Shanghai. **Kallmeyer:** It's probably about 2-3 hours. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? All those in favor of West Lake Cat Club.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser and McCullough voting no.

Hannon: Welcome West Lake Cat Club. Carol, I'm assuming that's all for this report.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

April 2016 to June 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*

(12) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Shirley Michaud-Dent, Central Office
Clerking Program Administrator;
Dan Beaudry; Cheryl Coleman; Monte Phillips

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

As 2016 is a testing and relicensing year for all clerks, preparations have been underway for mailing the 2016 test package.

The CFA Clerking Manual had to be updated this year, as it contained numerous references to specific Show Rules and had not been changed since the Show Rules were revamped. Review and updating was completed, the manual was sent to Central Office for printing, and it is ready to be mailed in the relicensing test package.

The 2016 Clerking Test was recently completed and sent out to Clerking Committee members for a final review prior to mailing the test package to all clerks.

Second notices were sent from Central Office to all clerks who had not yet paid their biennial Clerking Program dues. Reminders about clerking dues have also been posted on the clerks' email list.

Current Happenings of Committee

Several individuals are working their way through the program at this time. Most inquiries being received are from clerks wanting to know their current status and if they meet the requirements for advancement to the next level. All pending issues are being handled promptly, and a big thank you goes to Shirley Michaud-Dent for her work to keep things running smoothly.

Clerking schools continue to be scheduled few and far between. There is a school scheduled in conjunction with the Southern Region awards show and banquet in Atlanta, GA in June, and another school planned in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Club show in Somerset, NJ in July. A school is being planned in Finland as well. However, there are many other geographic areas in need of schools for prospective clerks with none planned at this time. As attendance at a school is a prerequisite for becoming a licensed clerk, we need to find an alternative to address the lack of scheduled schools. Please see the Action Item later in this report.

All clerks are reminded to notify Central Office immediately if there is any change in their contact information. This will ensure that records are current and that the Online Almanac clerk list remains accurate.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Clerking Program test packages will be completed for timely mailing. An additional clerking dues reminder will be posted to the clerks' email list prior to mailing the test packages.

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

Board Action Item:

Motion: *Approve development of an online clerking school as outlined in the following proposal.*

Proposal:

Develop an online clerking school, which will be a combination of PowerPoint slides (with voiceovers), videos of clerks in rings, and video clips from actual clerking schools. The school will be developed in modules due to the size of the overall presentation and materials involved. There will be a downloadable manual as well as other materials that are provided at traditional clerking schools. Once completed, support from Central Office will be required to place the online school on the web site and establish secure access as well as the ability to track users taking the test.

The cost of the project is \$11,000, which will cover development labor, supplies and minor expenses associated with filming videos at actual clerking schools. The total amount needed for this project has been requested in the proposed 2016-2017 CFA Budget. The timeframe for completion of the project is six months, and work will begin May 1, 2016 if approval is granted. During this time, regular status reports will be provided to the Clerking Program Chair and shared with the Board.

Rationale: *Fewer and fewer clerking schools are being sponsored in CFA, especially in Regions 1-8. There are a number of reasons for this, with cost likely being the major one. A clerking school requires a classroom type setting with visual aid facilities available, which means clubs have to rent space in order to conduct the school. Clubs normally pay the instructor a fee to conduct the school in addition to the instructor's travel expenses. Many clubs are struggling to afford show hall rental and other show related expenses, and they cannot afford the additional burden of expense that sponsoring a clerking school entails.*

The number of licensed clerks is declining and while there is interest from newcomers, many prospective clerks cannot find a clerking school to attend in order to complete this important step for licensing. An online clerking school will provide an alternative to attending a traditional in-person clerking school, and will enable prospective clerks to advance in the Clerking Program. The online school is expected to have a long useful life, as the basic principles of clerking have remained the same over the years.

Hannon: Do you want to move on to the Clerking Program? Since it's getting late, can we just go to your action item, which was to approve an online clerking school? **Krzanowski:** Yes. That was my only action item: [reads]. **Hannon:** We discussed this last week when we were talking about the budget. We put the money in that we just approved earlier tonight into the budget, which included money for this. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second Carol's motion. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **McCullough:** Is this going to be on whatever we use for all the other online stuff, or is this another company? ClassMarker? **Hannon:** I'm assuming she is going to look into it. She probably doesn't have an answer yet. **McCullough:** Is this going to be the same

company that does the Judging Program online stuff? **Hannon:** Again, Steve, she probably doesn't have an answer yet. She's going to look into it. **Krzanowski:** I don't. **Hannon:** The first step was to approve the online clerking school and put the money in the budget for it, and then they are going to flesh it out. Any other comments or questions on an online clerking school? **Newkirk:** Do we have a timeframe when we might have a report from the Committee? **Hannon:** Carol, when do you think you will report back? Do you think at the July 3rd meeting in Las Vegas you will be able to provide us with some input? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I will definitely do that. If this is approved, work would begin May 1st. So, we should have some work already underway by the time of the board meeting and I will be able to provide a status report at that time. **Newkirk:** Thank you, Carol. I appreciate that. **McCullough:** You mean, May 1st, like in a couple of weeks? **Hannon:** Yes. **Krzanowski:** May 1st is in a couple of weeks, yes. **Hannon:** I don't hear any more comments. All those in favor of the development of an online clerking school.

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

Time Frame:

The 2016 Clerking Program test package will be mailed in mid-April to all licensed clerks who have paid their biennial clerking dues.

The new CFA Clerking Manual will be made available on the CFA web site by mid-April as a downloadable PDF file.

If the online clerking school is approved, development work will begin May 1.

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

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

(13) **MARKETING.**

Committee Chair: Lisa Marie Kuta

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Since Jodell Raymond's departure, Lisa Kuta has been communicating with CFA staff and volunteers on an ad hoc, project-by-project basis. Kathy Durdick and James Simbro played key roles in launching the spectator newsletter by adding a sign up box on CFA.org and creating an email address, respectively.

The first regular edition of the spectator/pet owner newsletter was sent out on April 1, 2016 to 921 contacts, excluding board members and staff. 41% opened it, three percentage points more than December's test run. Five opted out or reported it as spam, a small than expected amount. Readers engaged with the content and clicks on the links 52 times. Although still very small, the audience is growing daily by three to five sign ups.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is currently queuing up future editions of the newsletter to have ready to send on the 1st of each month.

Future Projections for Committee:

Lisa Kuta will also be engaging with clubs with upcoming shows to include show details in the newsletter. The committee will be defining a high-level marketing framework to unify and magnify the organization's various efforts. The committee will also be recruiting new key members.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

The committee's actions are ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The committee will present a marketing framework for breeders/exhibitors and pet owners/spectators.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marie Kuta, Chair*

Hannon: Next we have Lisa with Marketing. Do you have any action items? Lisa, can we just assume that people have read your report? **Kuta:** Exactly.

(14) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW – UPDATE.

2016 Event Dates:

- November 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th, 2016 (show dates 19th & 20th).

Philly Expo Center Update (I believe this information has already been communicated):

- Check in the amount of \$14,916.00 (\$11,000.00 to release dates back to Expo Center for Dog Show, and \$3,916.00 deposit) was received at Central Office on March 3, 2016.

Locations Helms Briscoe (Pat Zollman and Eric Cooper) worked on –

- Not Available:
 - o Salt Lake, DFW, Indy, KC, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Little Rock
 - o Tulsa show-hall is; however, no available hotel rooms due to very large race.
- Available with concerns:
 - o Denver, however, hotels and parking are not convenient, and RD advised against location and city.
 - o OKC, show-hall rental is reasonable, however, extra fees & expenses are too high (example to hang 60 banners is \$9k, plus we must supply hanging material (poles and wire)), and location is not convenient for most exhibitors (driving or flying).

Location directly in contact with -

- Available:
 - o Novi Michigan - Suburban Collection Showplace (same as 2013)
 - Hall B & C – 129,000 square feet combined.
 - Hotel attached (Hyatt).
 - Show-hall fee is \$20,000.00 (\$17,410.00 reduction from square footage rate) and 5.263% increase over 2013's \$19,000.00 rate.
 - Additional clean-up fee \$2,580.00 (was waived in 2013).
 - Owner will provide sound system at no cost.
 - Pet Expo weekend before (complimentary booth at Pet Expo to promote CIS).
 - Large signage on building and digital stand-alone sign facing highway is available for a fee.
 - Willing to negotiate multiple year deal. Hall A is available in 2017 (Thursday – Sunday).
 - Guaranteed no TICA show at Expo Center or any other cat show similar to CFA show 60-days prior to CFA's 2016 International Show.
 - Ticket booth with credit cards accepted, (hourly sales reports available if requested).

Motion –

- **Approval to sign contract with Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi Michigan for CFA's 2016 International Show for November 17, 18, 19 & 20. And, to further explore two year deal (will not sign two year deal without first getting Board approval and will not waste time on two year deal if Board does not desire to receive information on two year deal). Note – regardless of two year deal, we need to make a decision on 2016.**

Hannon: We'll move on to the International Show Update, Rich, which is for the 2016 show. **Mastin:** Yes, that's correct. This was originally a motion I believe, 2 weeks or so ago. I think it was March 23rd and there was a recommendation to table this until tonight's call. I agreed to pull the motion for discussion. **Hannon:** You are moving that we hold the show in Novi? **Mastin:** That is my recommendation. **Hannon:** And part of your motion is to investigate a two-year deal, but you'll come back to us before you make any commitment for a second year. So, at this point you are just asking for a one-year commitment for going to Novi. **Mastin:** Yes. **Anger:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on going to Novi this year? **Moser:** I have a question. On the show hall fee of \$20,000 Rich, is that for the whole weekend? **Mastin:** That is for the whole weekend. **Moser:** Wow, that's good. **Mastin:** Now Pam, there's an additional clean-up fee of \$2,580. That's in the next line, \$22,580. **Moser:** That's still good. **Hannon:** Any other questions or comments? **Newkirk:** They wouldn't waive the clean-up fee this time like they did in 2013? **Mastin:** No, they could not. However, I did get them to agree to provide the sound. The owner actually pays that expense directly. **Newkirk:** My other question is, is there any kind of discount if we sign a two-year contract? **Mastin:** What they are willing to do at this point in time if we sign a two-year contract, they will give us Hall A at a discounted rate. I believe that fee was \$15,000 plus the clean-up fee. **Newkirk:** So, a \$5,000 discount? **Hannon:** There are 3 halls – A, B and C. The first year we would be using B and C because A is already rented out. A is a larger hall. We believe we can fit in A the second year. It's not available the first year. So, we would be using B and C the first year, and A the second year. **Mastin:** I had them work on the second year deal once we tabled this, and I told them I would get back to them tomorrow after I heard from the board. They came back and said they would do Hall A for \$15,000 plus the clean-up fee. I'm also working with the decorator on also doing a quote for a two-year deal. **Newkirk:** I don't see the square footage for Hall A. Maybe I'm missing it. **Mastin:** I believe Hall A was 84,000 or 87,000 square feet. These combined are 129,000 square feet and we don't use all of it. **Newkirk:** You've got B and C as 129,000 square feet. **Mastin:** That's correct. We don't need all 129,000 square feet. **Newkirk:** OK, so the 80,000-some square feet will be plenty big enough? **Mastin:** I believe it's plenty big enough, based on the layout. **Schreck:** So, we have a motion right now just for 2016? That's the current motion? **Hannon:** Yes. **Newkirk:** And to further explore a two-year deal. That's another part of the motion. **Hannon:** Is that part of the motion, Rich, or was this written before you got that other information? **Mastin:** What I'm waiting for them to do is come back with a two-year deal on Hall B and C, just for comparison. **Hannon:** Alright, so the motion is for this year. All those in favor of Novi for 2016.

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

(15) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW – TWO-SHOW FORMAT.

Points of consideration prior to reviewing Proposal (not intended to be any order of priority):

- *This Proposal is to begin the process for the Board to determine if there is interest or not in doing Two Large Shows a year.*
- *Proposal is strictly recommendations to encourage the Board to assist in developing the directions and formats (Board can decide to assist with each point/recommendation, or allow Show Committee to decide).*
- *Provide two Large Shows in the US: one Eastside and one Westside at different times of the year (one in November and one in March/April), to encourage and make available to exhibitors across the country to attend at least one of the two shows.*
- *Provide a Large Show on the Westside of the country for our Corporate Sponsor who has been asking.*
- *Possibly offer another higher-level CFA Branded Experience and Activities (Education Ring, BAOS, Agility, Breed Booths (maybe Breed Meetings), Clerking School(s), CFA Booth, Corporate Sponsor(s) Attendance, Ambassador Programs, etc.) two times per year.*
- *There is a level of priority and importance to accepting this Two Large Show Proposal for two major reasons: working with Corporate Sponsor(s) on securing both shows, and the request from Exhibitors and Board Members to have a show out West.*
- *CO is in a better position to assist in Two Large Shows annually.*

Eastside US – CFA International Show:

- *Date: 3rd weekend in November. For 2016 - 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th, 2016 (show dates 19th & 20th).*
- *Location: 2016 & 2017 Novi Michigan is available. 2017 – Philly expo is available.*
- *# Of Shows: Two Shows (as past three years)*
- *# Of Rings: 8 each with no more than 500 entries per show.*
- *Format: For Board to decide, however, suggest we return to 4-AB & 4-SP all classes both shows.*

Westside US – CFA (Name not yet determined, maybe; National/World/Invitational/Other) Show:

- *Dates: Mid-March to Mid-April not to interfere with preexisting shows out west on same weekend.*
 - o *If possible avoid shows that may be nearby the weekend before and weekend after.*
- *Locations to Consider: Portland, Los Angles, Vegas and Phoenix (not in any particular order)*
- *# Of Shows: One Show*
- *# Of Rings: Will depend on entry limit, looking for recommendation from the Board.*
- *Format: For Board to decide.*

Timing –

- *Westside 2017 – Between mid-March & mid-April with WCC (Vegas) at the same time of year could be a concern with CFA's ability and Corporate Sponsors ability to give adequate support, while not having a negative impact on either show. This is a concern that needs careful thought in deciding what to do for 2017.*
- *Westside 2018 – Between mid-march & mid-April.*
- *Eastside CIS 2016 - 3rd weekend in November 2016 is already established (Board to consider moving date two to four weeks earlier to avoid being so close to the holiday beginning 2018, it will likely take two years to work with all clubs to move date, this is not mandatory, just a suggestion to consider).*

Show Management –

- *The past four years CIS had 1 Show Manager and either 2 or 3 Assistant Show Managers.*
- *Recommended each show has 1 Show Manager (not the same Manager for both) with the show manager deciding on how many Assistant Show Managers they need.*

Selection of Judges (ideas to consider) –

- *Eastside – CIS (16 rings two shows)*
 - o *Clubs in Region 9 select 1 judge from their own Region to represent the Region.*
 - o *Clubs in Regions 1 – 7 select 1 or 2 judges from their own Regions to represent their Regions.*
 - *If Clubs select 1 judge from own region, then all clubs must select 8 more judges from Regions 1 – 7 to determine popular vote judges.*
 - *If Clubs select 2 judges, 1 more judge must be selected (this can be done by show committee or Board) to determine popular vote judges.*
- *Westside – (depends on Board decision and the number of rings)*
 - o *Possible consideration:*
 - *Clubs in Region 8 select 1 judge from their own Region to represent the Region.*
 - *Clubs in Regions 1 – 7 select 1 judge from their own Region to represent the Region.*
- *Other Comments:*
 - o *Outline above is strictly ideas and recommendations, Board can make changes as they see fit.*
 - o *Board may want to (probably a good idea) consider not permitting any one judge doing both shows in the same year.*
 - o *Board to strongly consider why the recommendation to selecting 1 judge from Region 9 to send to Eastside Show and 1 judge from Region 8 to send to Westside Show for the purpose of expense control.*

Budgets –

- *If approved:*

- *CO Team and Show Committee can begin their plans to address tasks and responsibilities.*
- *Budgeting and negotiating processes can begin (including 2016 CIS).*
- *Locating available Show Hall and Date for Westside US Show can begin.*

Board Action –

- *Vote on Proposal to begin the process to do Two Large Show Formats at different times in the year.*

Hannon: Two Show Format. **Mastin:** Pam [Moser] and I worked on this. As you recall, I believe it was in February, Pam presented a two-show format in different locations. I wanted to work on this using two different dates, rather than on the same date, for some logistical reasons.

Mastin: We have the World Cat Congress scheduled for some time next year in 2017. In the proposal on that and actually in this one, there are some concerns about how to pull off a large show in 2017 while we have the World Cat Congress going, so I'm not exactly sure if we can make that happen, but I'm hoping that we can get a corporate sponsor for the World Cat Congress show, regardless of who is doing it – whether it's a club or Central Office or the board or whoever it's going to be. So, I'm going back to what I have here as the two-show format. The motion is, does the board want to approve this idea so we can get started on it, or not? **Hannon:** Are you making a motion? Let's get a motion and a second, and then we can discuss it. **Anger:** Rachel seconds. **Hannon:** Discussion?

DelaBar: Rich, are you trying to get the western show to be the show that is part of the World Cat Congress? **Mastin:** Not necessarily. I'm hoping the World Cat Congress show is going to draw from all over the country. My concern with the World Cat Congress and trying to do the 2017 large show format, I don't want it to negatively impact one show or the other, whether it's for sponsorship or some type of participation. Maybe it could be exhibitor participation, it could be just help in general. So, I don't think so, Pam. Now, Pam Moser on the other hand may have a different take on it, where she thinks it's possibly do-able but I'm not sure it is. **DelaBar:** I want to bring up some points for you. One, I'm going to tell you, I've had 7 years of experience dealing with the World Cat Congress, 6 of those as the president. We put on one. I can tell you where the pitfalls are, and I can also tell you what's good and how to overcome pitfalls. I would not make the World Cat Congress part of a western CFA-sponsored show. One, the World Cat Congress itself is sponsored by Royal Canin, and I would hate to have a competing sponsor coming in to that type of venue. My other concern is that for our CFA level shows, the clubs pick the judges, whatever method we use to pick the judges. The World Cat Congress is supposed to use as many of the delegates as possible, as judges. That was one part of the World Cat Congress report that was put out that concerned me, because it was talking about the club picking the judges. I'll get to that anyway, but my concern is that the World Cat Congress could be a one-day show or it could be a two-day show. Many times it has just been the one day. I wanted to bring those things up to you. **Mastin:** Those are good points. I would like to ask you a question. Would you recommend that we consider doing a west coast show on a different weekend the same year as the World Cat Congress, in 2017? **DelaBar:** To tell you the truth, Rich, I'm not in favor of the split format, because it goes against the original intent of putting on a CFA International Show. **Newkirk:** I've got a question. Why is it that the east side

is listed as the CIS, having 16 rings including 2 shows, and the west side is only a 1 show event? Why aren't they equal? **Mastin:** They could be, if that's what the board wants. They were just recommendations. **Hannon:** We don't think a west coast show is going to be able to pull in the number of exhibitors to justify more than 500 entries, whereas we have proven in the east we can do that. **Eigenhauser:** I have a question. Is the intention for the west side show to be the only show in CFA that weekend, like we do for the International? **Mastin:** That has not been discussed. **Eigenhauser:** If it's the only show in CFA that weekend, then I would recommend that we go to a bigger format. If it's just going to be mixed in with a bunch of other shows, then the 1 show format would probably work. **Kuta:** I think on the west side, we do need the chance to be able to do a big show and not have any other shows that weekend. The west consistently sends a big amount of cats to the CIS on the east coast. I think the exhibitors here are really chomping at the bit for a chance at this. I think it will be supported as long as CFA is supporting it in kind. **Moser:** The intention that we are looking at is that for the west side, it would be like the old International were you had the judges split the championship and premiership, and then kittens and Household Pets, because I think if we have it on the west side, there will be a large number of Household Pets. So, we were thinking of doing the old format of the International. **Hannon:** Are you talking about 1,000 entries? **Moser:** No, I'm not talking about 1,000 entries. **Hannon:** That's what the old format was. The old format was, half the entries – 400 let's say – were kittens and 400 were adults, so we had 800 entries or more. **Moser:** Right. Like I said, this is just a suggestion. It doesn't mean that it has to be this way. **Hannon:** What I would like to see us do is, talk about if we want to have a second show and, if so, then we can flesh out the details. I don't think we need to get into the details tonight. Like Pam DelaBar has already said, she isn't in favor of a second show. That may be the majority of the board, so let's decide first, do we want a second show. If so, then we can work up a proposal on what the second show would be. **Schreck:** I have several concerns, but on the top of my list is, since we have the World Cat Congress next year, I think we're going to be biting off more than we can chew. If it weren't for the World Cat Congress, I would be a little more amenable to having a west coast show, but that World Cat Congress, if you have that and then you also have a west coast show in March or April – isn't the World Cat Congress in April? **Hannon:** The World Cat Congress is in March or April. **Schreck:** So you have both of these shows fairly close together, and it's not clear yet who is actually going to be in charge or running the World Cat Congress. I think we better sort that out before we even talk about having another show out there. It's too close together. **Hannon:** Are we agreeable to moving on to the World Cat Congress and then coming back to this? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Schreck:** I think we need to figure that out first. **Hannon:** OK. Let's go down to the World Cat Congress. [discussion goes to next agenda item]

Hannon: What do we want to do about the two-show concept? Do we want to deal with that tonight? <no> OK, so we can talk about that at the July board meeting in Las Vegas?

(16) WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities:

Each year, the members of the World Cat Congress meet at an event hosted by a member entity. The event includes a seminar, a cat show and a business meeting, as well as team-building excursions and activities for the delegates. Each association hosts the event on a rotating basis. This year's event will be hosted by the World Cat Federation in Bangkok, Thailand.

CFA President Mark Hannon attended the 2014 WCC event in Miami, hosted by TICA. They did a terrific job. It is anticipated that the WCF will do an equally fine job this year. CFA will host the 2017 event, which should be an extravaganza worthy of the global reputation of CFA as the premier cat fancy. As a reminder, the July 2015 minutes contained the following announcement:

As noted in the highlights above, CFA is scheduled to host the WCC meeting in March 2017. The WCC delegates selected Las Vegas. I have had a very preliminary conversation with Southwest Regional Director Lisa Kuta about the possibility of putting on such an event in her region, and she suggested a core group of people who will be contacted shortly. Anyone wishing to volunteer to work on the event should contact me, as we will welcome your help and want to be inclusive.

Current Happenings:

Since this announcement was made, a core group of individuals has stepped forward to assist with the preliminary planning of the 2017 event. Rhonda Avery, the point person, will attend the 2016 event in Thailand to observe with CFA's delegate, Rachel Anger. The Los Colores Cat Club has done some excellent ground work, going so far as to pick a date and select judges, although no venue was contracted. Unfortunately, that date conflicts with a large marathon event which last year had 5,280 runners, plus support staff for each team and the event staff. This would negatively impact our event and has caused the plans to be put on hold. Essentially, the event is back in the concept stage, with flexibility of dates and core planning at our disposal.

Future Projections:

This is an excellent opportunity for CFA to launch a west coast CIS type of event. We would like to have Rhonda and the Los Colores team continue in the role of planning the WCC activities, seminar and meeting, if they are willing. The CFA team would organize and produce the show.

Hannon: To address something Pam DelaBar said, when the club – Los Colores – invited judges, they invited 6 of the delegates from the World Cat Congress to serve as guest judges. **DelaBar:** 6 of the 9? **Hannon:** They invited 6. **DelaBar:** I know one wouldn't be invited, but there are 9 organizations. So, of the 8 remaining, they invited 6 of the 8 remaining. **Hannon:** I'm assuming so. I was told they invited 6. Is that your understanding Rachel? **Anger:** My understanding was, they invited 6 CFA judges. Their intent was to use the delegates, and they understood that that was to be part of the format of the show. **Hannon:** But they didn't actually get around to inviting them yet? **Anger:** I don't know that they did, no. **Hannon:** My understanding was, they were planning to include 6 of the delegates as guest judges. **DelaBar:** I feel very strongly that the board needs to be in charge of this, with the club providing the feet on

the ground to get things done. The invitations come from the organization, not from the club.

Hannon: From which organization? CFA or the World Cat Congress? **DelaBar:** From CFA, the hosting organization. CFA needs to be running this, not the club saying, “we’re going to do this, and we’re going to do that.” It won’t work. We’ve got to be the lead. **Hannon:** What happened was, they went ahead and invited the judges, and then found out that there was a major race in town that weekend and they were going to have to change their date, so they notified the judges that the show is not being held that weekend. At this point, there are no invitations outstanding. **Newkirk:** Who notified the judges? **Hannon:** Los Colores. To go back historically, the World Cat Congress decided that CFA is going to host this event. Las Vegas was suggested as a locale that they were all pleased with. The Las Vegas Cat Club was asked to run the show and Mr. Mare turned it down on behalf of the club. Los Colores volunteered. They stepped up and said, even though we’re not in Las Vegas, we’re in southern California, we will be happy to put on the show. They moved a little bit quicker probably than they should have in inviting judges, so Rachel told them to hold up until after tonight’s board meeting when we decide how we want to proceed with this World Cat Congress event – whether we want a local club to take the lead on it, or if we want CFA to take the lead and make use of the local club members to help, as we do with the International Show. CFA is putting on the show, but we rely on a lot of volunteer help from throughout the cat fancy. **Newkirk:** I would just like to point out that Mr. Mare is no longer a member of Las Vegas Cat Club. **Hannon:** Los Colores had already stepped up. **Newkirk:** I understand that. I just became a member about 6 months ago and this happened before that. I’m understanding that, but what I’m trying to communicate with you is that there are several of us in Las Vegas that are willing to help if we are needed. **Hannon:** That’s good to know. Whether it’s Los Colores or CFA that moves ahead, I’m sure either of us would be happy to take the local help that you are offering. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Hannon: What do you want to do about who is going to put on the event – CFA or a club? **DelaBar:** Please let it be CFA. **Hannon:** Pam, are you making a motion? **DelaBar:** I’m making a motion that CFA has the lead on all of the planning, including the show production, with assistance from local clubs within Region 5, to conduct the World Cat Congress. There’s going to be more events than just the show. The show is not just the main event. That’s my motion – that CFA take the lead. **Hannon:** Is there a second to the motion? **Newkirk:** I’ll second it so we can discuss it. **Hannon:** Go ahead Darrell. **Newkirk:** I would like to know the last time the World Cat Congress was in the United States. **Hannon:** 2014 in Miami, and it was a TICA event. **DelaBar:** And in 2008, CFA. **Newkirk:** 2008? Where was it? **DelaBar:** In Houston. **Newkirk:** Who sponsored and put on the show? The CFA board? **DelaBar:** CFA, with the help of the Houston Cat Club. **Hannon:** I wasn’t on the board at the time, but my understanding was, they were told that they would not lose any money on the show, that CFA would cover any loss on it. **DelaBar:** Right, and we broke even over the entire event for the World Cat Congress. **Mastin:** I just want to remind the board, when we did the budget we allocated an expense for the World Cat Congress for 2017. **Kuta:** Going back to that event in Houston, was CFA providing the financial back-up and the club was doing all the work and making all the decisions, or was it CFA making the decisions and then the club executing them? **DelaBar:** It was CFA making the decisions and the club executed. CFA provided the funding for everything. **Hannon:** You said it didn’t cost us anything in the long run because it broke even. **DelaBar:** Kathy Calhoun was there. Rachel, you were there. **Anger:** Yes, yes. **Hannon:** I believe Rachel was the CFA delegate at the time because you were president and something happened to Kitty, who wasn’t there. **DelaBar:** That’s when Kitty had her extensive back surgery.

Schreck: Can someone clarify exactly what kind of things? It's not just a show. **Anger:** Correct. See my report. **Schreck:** Can someone just give a 25 word or hopefully less because it's getting late, what actually has to be provided, organized and done besides a one-day or two-day show? **DelaBar:** I can do that very quickly. Usually there's a meet and greet the night before with the delegates. The next day we usually have a seminar of various things that are of interest to people, to take back to their organizations, such as Leslie Lyons and up-to-date type of research and things like that would be very good. That's open to everyone – local people who want to attend, exhibitors, whatever. That seminar is open. Then the show with the delegates. It's important that as many delegates as possible be used. They are paid \$500 [Australian dollars] whether they are judging allbreed, specialties or whatever. They get \$500 [Australian dollars] to help with their expenses. **Hannon:** From where? From CFA or the World Cat Congress? **DelaBar:** From CFA. The World Cat Congress kicks in on other things to help with the transportation of the delegates. **Hannon:** You've got a show and then the following day is a meeting of the delegates. **DelaBar:** The business meeting of the delegates, yes. It's an open meeting in most cases, unless they have a disciplinary matter or whatever. There are things that go into executive session. Now, in some, there have been a banquet. South Africa had a banquet because they put it in conjunction with their Cat of the Year. There is usually some type of event for people to have fun. I would envision having the delegates all go to a Cirque du Soleil type thing or some Vegas-type show. I'm sure that Rachel could get more ideas to possible extraneous events that CFA could help organize that the delegates would like to do while they are there, but the main things are the seminar, the show – and per the constitution of the World Cat Congress we don't even need to really have a show, but it has become sort of the norm when they are having these meetings. Then finally the business meeting for the World Cat Congress. So, those three things are the mainstays of each WCC meeting. **Hannon:** When I went to the one in Miami in 2014, there was a Friday seminar, a Saturday-Sunday show, a Monday business meeting, and there were evening entertaining events going on Thursday night, Friday night, etc. TICA had arranged for entertainment for the delegates. **Schreck:** That's what I was trying to flesh out. This is like a 4-day event, right? **Hannon:** At least. Assuming it's a 2-day show, yes. It would be a Saturday-Sunday show, Friday a seminar, Monday a meeting of the delegates. In the evenings it would be anticipated that we would arrange some entertainment. **Schreck:** It seems to me that this is a lot of planning and logistics. I don't see how we possibly can do this event and, in the same time frame, a month or two apart, have a show in the western swing. **Anger:** This is where, in the last line of my report, I mentioned that this might be a good opportunity to launch a CFA west coast CIS-type of event. That was my thought – to specifically combine two events into one, and then from next year forward would come in the west coast event. If this doesn't work and there isn't a good response from the west coast exhibitors and we don't want to go forward, then this would be a good opportunity to introduce the concept and try out the theory, because we're committed to having the show anyway, which the board already approved last year that we would have an event in 2017. **McCullough:** How many people are we talking about? **DelaBar:** There are 9 delegates, but FIFe usually brings its entire board if they are available, which would be the General Secretary, Eric Reijers, who is also the WCC President, then Annette Sjödin, who is the FIFe President, and then you have – **Schreck:** So, how many? **DelaBar:** I'm saying 9 plus 4, so you're looking at between 12 and 15 people that actually would be involved with the special functions, like the meet and greet with the delegates and the CFA board that's present and the local clubs that are putting on the show. You can have other events besides the seminar where you invite, but the main people you want to target on are those 9 delegates, plus the FIFe

board. This is a special event, and by also bringing on a CIS-type of event, you are diluting both. You've either got to target one or the other. As I brought up before, there's a difference in the sponsorship for the World Cat Congress and our sponsor for the CIS-type of event. **Hannon:** But Pam, we have both Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey's at the International Show without a problem. Why would it be a problem to have those same two companies at the World Cat Congress?

DelaBar: I don't know that there would be a problem, but I know the Europe is just getting back major Royal Canin-type of events. It's also the major income for the World Cat Congress every year, is from Royal Canin. **Hannon:** I don't want to do any damage to that, but I think we could open a dialogue with Royal Canin, since they are not competing products; one's food and one's litter at this point. **DelaBar:** I understand that. I just want to make sure. **Hannon:** If we do this, we will approach Royal Canin and make sure that they have no qualms about having an additional sponsor with Dr. Elsey's. If they object to it for some reason, then we will deal with it. I agree, I don't want to harm the World Cat Congress's sponsorship relationship with Royal Canin. **DelaBar:** I think we need to push one event or the other. **Hannon:** I would think that we would want to push the World Cat Congress. This is something that we should be proud of and anything that we can do on behalf of CFA to show ourselves off. If we plan this right, a large show towards the end of the show season should have some real appeal, where people can get some significant points in the last month or two of the show season. **DelaBar:** The other thing on that, Mark, is that you've got 6 international judges – 5 guest judges – that are deciding those end-of-the-year points. How much is that going to weigh upon whether somebody comes in and wants to show at the show under those 5 international judges? **Hannon:** We give them a specialty ring. **Anger:** Or half a specialty ring. They are used to judging groups of cats, not all the cats in the show. **Hannon:** CFA judges will judge the allbreed rings, which is where the points would be. **Eigenhauser:** As somebody living on the west coast, I don't see that the WCC show is going to be any predictor of how an International Show would do on the west coast. They are two separate types of events. I think Pam was right. Being involved with a lot of international judges is not going to be a big draw for the west coast people. I'm not opposing either event, I'm not supporting either event. I'm just saying, comparing one to the other, I think you're comparing apples and oranges. They are two very different types of events and I don't think the WCC event is going to be a good predictor of how a west coast International would do. **McCullough:** At what point in time will we know when the WCC event is going to be held, and will it be in conflict with the regional shows that are already scheduled? **Hannon:** If CFA is going to run this event, as opposed to a club, which is what Pam DelaBar is pushing, then CFA is going to decide when it is. They will be working with the local clubs. **McCullough:** So, my shows that we have scheduled for next year, are you going to cancel that weekend nationwide? **DelaBar:** No. **Hannon:** No, no. We're just going to add this to the show schedule and we will add it in such a way that it causes the least harm to the other traditional shows.

Newkirk: Our motion was talking about whether CFA was going to run this show or Los Colores or somebody else – a club was going to run this show. We're talking about every other event, but we're not talking about that. Pam made a motion that CFA put on this show. Now, if CFA is going to put it on, more specifically the CFA board, who on this board is going to be doing all of this? **McCullough:** Allene, our Special Events Coordinator. **Hannon:** Allene is not going to be the show manager or the committee chair. She is going to provide the administrative support, the logistical support, but she's not going to be making the decision. She is going to be directed to do this, that and the other thing, just like she is with the Annual, just like she is with the International. **Newkirk:** OK. So, are we going to have a motion every day on some aspect of

running this show because Pam moved that the board sponsor and run this show? **Hannon:** No, the board can delegate it to a committee chair or a show manager. **Schreck:** Wouldn't it work just like the International Show? **Hannon:** Yes. **Schreck:** Which the board is in charge of also, but nonetheless delegates or appoints a show manager and other folks to do things? **Hannon:** Yes. **Schreck:** I don't think that this would be any different than that. **Hannon:** I agree. **DelaBar:** It wouldn't be. **Kuta:** Could we flip the responsibility from the show and at the auxiliary events and the business meeting? **Hannon:** Why? **Kuta:** Why? I'm saying the club could be responsible for the show and making the decisions about the show, and then working in coordination with, say, the CFA board on things like the business meeting and the social events, and let the club focus on the show, which the clubs are really great at? **Hannon:** My suggestion would be to let the board be in charge of the entire event, we appoint somebody to be in charge of it and they can fan it out to the club if they want to – or the clubs, plural – to help with the production of the show. **Anger:** I have two comments. To clarify, the motion is that *CFA has the lead on the planning, with the assistance of local clubs*. My second comment was that in my written proposal above was exactly what Lisa said, that there be split responsibilities; one entity take care of the activities and the seminar and the business meeting, and the other entity take care of the show. I actually proposed it in the opposite order of Lisa, but the concept was the same, of split responsibilities. **DelaBar:** I don't believe in split responsibilities, in the fact that the club is then having to invite the appropriate judges to judge the show, takes on the responsibility of who is getting paid \$500 to do which judging or whatever. I would like to see the club be like Houston Cat Club did. They had a show manager, but everything was run through and coordinated with the board when we put this on. The club provided boots on the ground and the manpower, and got good credit for it – it was a lovely show – but the lead, the responsibility, everything, was CFA's. It wasn't split responsibility, it was CFA's. It is our hosting – the whole weekend event – it is not our hosting and Los Colores's hosting. It's CFA hosting the event. If you go to the World Cat Congress site, you can see what it says for the responsibilities of hosting these types of events. That's it. I've got a motion on the floor. **Newkirk:** I think we're splitting hairs here, OK? I understand it's a CFA-hosted event, but Pam, you've judged a lot of shows by Los Colores and I've judged a lot of shows by Los Colores. They put on one of the best cat shows. They've got a great team. Rhonda works her tail off, and it seems to me like the gist of your motion is, you want to push them out because you think they've got too much going on. So, is your real intent that they didn't invite all 8 judges from the delegates? Is that what the real problem is here? **DelaBar:** No, it's not, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I just want to know. **DelaBar:** Definitely not. As I said, Houston Cat Club wasn't pushed out. Ann Caell was the show manager. They were very much involved with putting on that show, but still the direction came from CFA. It wasn't split out at all. In my opinion, CFA needs to take the lead on the event. One part of the event includes a show which, per the WCC, doesn't even have to have a show, but we want to have a show. **Hannon:** Alright, I'm calling the motion. All those in favor of having CFA in charge of the event.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Kuta and Anger abstained.

Hannon: Alright, so we will come back with a committee chair and try and flesh this out.

(17) **CAT CLUB OF THE PALM BEACHES PROPOSAL RE: EXPERIMENTAL RING.**

Club Statement

Cat Club of the Palm Beaches will be licensing their January 14 & 15, 2017 show in Ormond Beach, Florida. We are planning an eight ring; back-to-back show.

To this show we would like to add an Experimental Ring as a ninth ring. This ring will be Experimental because we would like to contract a Senior TICA judge for a LH/SH judging ring. CFA is already allowing TICA judges to be used in an emergency situation, so the board must feel they are qualified to be behind a CFA judging table.

*Cat Club of the Palm Beaches produces our show in Florida where there are many more TICA shows than CFA shows. This past show season had **five** CFA shows in Florida and **eleven** TICA shows in Florida. We have seen a steady decrease of CFA shows because our clubs continued to lose money with their show production to the point of bankruptcy.*

Our club's January show has a history of having an entry of 155 cats to 165 cats. The difference between a successful show in Florida and a non-successful show depends entirely on the amount of money we receive from gate. Producing a show in our state requires many of our judges to fly to our shows and spend extra nights in hotels. In April, we are yet losing two more Florida judges that could have previously driven to our show.

*The CFA board voted to allow Bengals to be shown in CFA as a Miscellaneous Breed, starting this next season. **This means the Bengal breeders have to exhibit their cats in CFA shows in order for the breed to progress to Championship Status.** We want to welcome the Bengal breed to our show; and reinforce the welcome by having a TICA judge in attendance.*

The Experimental Ring will be scored for CFA points for all registered CFA cats. For the Bengals, they are Miscellaneous and receive no points whenever they attend a CFA Show, even though they pay an entry fee.

All judges and master clerks are paid based on the number of cats printed in the catalogue, so by increasing the entry everyone comes out ahead.

Our show, historically, has a good gate, because we advertise and we have become a "City of Ormond Beach Event". We are allowed to place billboards within the city limits. We advertise "something to see" at each of our shows; sometimes it is the Agility Ring, sometimes it is the CFA Ambassador Cat, and in 2017 we would like to advertise the Bengal's first appearance in Ormond Beach.

Without the continuing effort of producing CFA shows in Florida, more and more of our breeder base will diminish. Diminishing shows and CFA breeders, in Florida is a fact; it is not just how we feel, or what we think.

The only other TICA shows, on their show calendar, opposite our show date are in Racine, Wisconsin and London, England. We are also aware that CFA is hosting the World Congress

Show in Las Vegas. CFA exhibitors will then be encouraged to bring our CFA cats to this show to be judged by judges from many Associations, including TICA.

Remember, we are asking for an Experimental Ring. We know board members have concerns and questions about the validity of the value of having this Experimental Ring. And yet, no board member will have any answers to their concerns or questions unless a club puts this idea in place. We think it is important for our board members to make decisions based on facts and experience. This Experimental Ring will give the board both.

*Karen Lane, President
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches*

Regional Director Statement

Synopsis:

Cat Club of the Palm Beaches (CCPB) has made a proposal to the CFA Board with regards to their January 2017 show, to hold a nine (9) ring show, which would include the ninth ring with a TICA guest judge. The show will honor the acceptance of the Bengal breed, and welcome them to CFA. Florida has seen a great increase in the number of TICA shows in the past three years, the hope is attract more TICA exhibitors to show in CFA. This next show season CFA is allowing the Bengal Breed to be shown for Championship in CFA.

We believe that having this experimental judging ring would encourage TICA exhibitors to enter and get acquainted with CFA. We are always looking to increase our exhibitor base and this idea may bring new exhibitors to our show and to CFA.

Details and Positive Arguments:

The TICA Show schedule, available on their home page (tica.org) documents a show held in Florida at least once a month. For Florida exhibitors, who “just want to show their cats” it is easily understood that they would attend a show within their state, rather than consider a CFA show sometimes hundreds of miles away. Like in other regions around the country, we have exhibitors who show in both associations. Our CFA clubs are working hard to remain viable in Florida. One club is searching outside their home area to find an affordable location to continue their show.

CCPB is attempting to “think outside the box” by providing an innovative idea to increase our exhibitor base. CCPB’s research, supported by information provided to me during the Bengal presentation to the Board, has determined that there are a number of Bengal breeder/exhibitors who reside in Florida. Offering them a special invitation gives them an opportunity feel they are a part of CFA, and helps to foster their acceptance into the CFA community.

The addition of the guest judge (the 9th ring) can be viewed in multiple ways. It serves as an attraction (9 instead of 8 rings); and many of our CFA exhibitors already know (and accept) the TICA judges, but those that don’t will be getting get another evaluation for their entry fee. As a breeder/exhibitor, I have always enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to receive other judges’ opinions; and discussions about the breeds.

Lastly, despite all of the negative comments, I think this must be viewed from the perspective of what is best for the club and our exhibitor base. The club feels that they can provide a unique opportunity that will serve as an attraction not only for Florida cat exhibitors/owners who currently do not attend our shows; for all of us who are willing to consider and try something new.

Based on the information provided to us at the Board meeting, the Bengal breeders are young and energetic and very much want to promote their breed. We must use any opportunity at our disposal to breathe new life into our CFA shows in the U.S., and build a younger exhibitor base to carry us into the future.

Hannon: What's next on the agenda? **Eigenhauser:** Cat Club of the Palm Beaches.

Hannon: We know that there is a request from Karen Lane specifically to have a 9th ring with a TICA judge. Does somebody want to make a motion and second it, so we can discuss it?

Eigenhauser: I'll move. **Colilla:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Brown:** I'm opposed to this on many levels. I'm afraid it's going to alienate both judges and exhibitors, and I just simply can't support it. **Colilla:** Region 4 does not support it, either. We discussed this at a regional meeting, asking people to come talk to me about it. It was all negative. **Kuta:** We have several people in the region who are very supportive of allowing TICA guest judges, in general, but I told them that's not the issue. The issue is about this specific show and it's about an additional ring. I heard overwhelmingly negative, just because there were so many other ways that the club could get done what they are saying they're trying to get done. **Hannon:** Any other comments? All those in favor of allowing Cat Club of the Palm Beaches to have a 9th ring with a TICA judge.

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

(18) SHOW SCHEDULING ISSUE.

ISSUE: Lucky Tomcat Club requested to move to the third weekend in October in Springfield Illinois.

BACKGROUND: Illinois Feline Fanciers' traditional date was the third weekend in October in Springfield Illinois. This club has had this date for 50 years. In 2015, Illinois Feline Fanciers decided to stop having shows, which leaves the weekend open in the Midwest Region.

Lucky Tomcat Club has requested to move from their January date in St Louis to this weekend in Springfield. Jean Dugger, representing Huntsville Cat Club, has objected to the change. There have been no other objections.

According to Jean this is the second year that Huntsville has chosen to have their show on this date. Therefore this is not their traditional date. In addition, Jean did not advise me as the Region 6 RD when Huntsville requested this move for their 2015 show. Jean has advised that the shows are 337 nautical miles apart. When measured by MapQuest Huntsville is either 507.3 or 478.1 (depending on route) away from Springfield Illinois.

Additionally the Illinois Feline Fanciers show was in this city when Huntsville decided to choose this as a new date in 2015. The only thing that has changed is that a new club in the Midwest will be having the show on the same weekend and the same city that hosted the show for 50 years.

For the following three reasons, I feel that the Lucky Tomcat Club should be granted their request.

- 1. This is not Huntsville's traditional date*
- 2. The Huntsville move in 2015 was not pre-noticed as policy prescribed at the time*
- 3. The cities are 500 miles apart using ground transportation*
- 4. The Midwest Region has had a show on this weekend in this city for 50 years*

Jean and I have not been able to align on a decision, therefore I am bringing this to the CFA Board for advisement.

Kathy Calhoun

Hannon: The next thing I have is the show scheduling issue, which was brought to us by Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** OK. The issue is that Lucky Tomcat moved to the 3rd weekend in October in Springfield, Illinois. This is the weekend that the Illinois Feline Fanciers, who decided that the show in 2015 would be their last show, this was their traditional weekend for 50 years. When Illinois Feline Fanciers decided that 2015 was their last show, this leaves an open weekend in the Midwest Region. Lucky Tom requested to move their January date from St. Louis to Springfield. Jean Dugger, representing Huntsville Cat Club, objected to the change.

Dugger: Kathy, can I stop you for one second? Huntsville has not given me any more information about why that they wanted to object. I think that at this point we are withdrawing

our objection. I think Huntsville has decided that they're not even going to be able to have their show this year. I think it has more to do with health issues with several of the club members and the fact of moving cages around and all that. I think your show came up at the same time and I think there was just a little bit of confusion. It was kind of like the straw that broke the camel's back. It was just one more issue of why that they thought they couldn't do something. My personal opinion, I don't think it had anything really to do with your show; it was just the fact that it was, as I said, "we just can't do this, this year." It really didn't have anything to do with you, so that's why I never brought any more information forward. I just didn't have anything to bring forward, but we're withdrawing any objection we had. **Calhoun:** OK, thank you.

Withdrawn.

(19) **KITTEN AWARDS SHOPPING.**

Hannon: The next thing I see is Kitten Awards Shopping. There's nothing there. Can you elaborate on that, Rachel? **Anger:** Yes. To give a very brief overview so that the board is aware, we had a couple of kittens that were being shown in China but attempting to be scored in other regions. In at least one case, the owner refused to transfer to the correct award area, because the points are so high there and it was easier to get an award elsewhere. This is against the premise of our split awards proposal from January, which was to bring about fairness in scoring. You can't show in one area where other exhibitors are not able to compete for the same points. Since the time I made this agenda item, those kittens have been rescored into their correct award areas, and we are going forward from there, keeping an eye on the situation. That's it.

(20) RULES FOR REGISTRATION.

BACKGROUND: A former CFA breeder went to TICA a number of years ago over the Colorpoint/Oriental issue, but she occasionally shows and registers in CFA. She has a permanent CFA cattery because she registered it before the new generation of renewable catteries. Recently, she wanted to register and show a cat in CFA whose parents were TICA cats; i.e., the sire and dam were NOT CFA litter or individually registered (although they descended from all CFA cats).

She submitted the pedigrees and money, and requested that the offspring be registered by pedigree. SHE WAS DECLINED. See the bolded text in #2 below, from our Rules for Registration. Her remedy was to have another TICA breeder (who is not currently a CFA registered breeder) register the cat and then transfer it to her. This seems counter-productive from a business standpoint.

The Rules for Registration currently read as follows (emphasis added):

Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree: Under certain circumstances, a cat registered with another recognized association may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder. Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree if the cat's records meet the following requirements: 1. The sire or dam is not CFA litter or individually registered, AND 2. **The breeder is not currently a CFA registered breeder.** A cat is not eligible for individual registration by pedigree if: 1. The parents are both CFA registered, AND 2. The breeder is a CFA registered breeder. Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA.*

MOTION: Amend Rules for Registration, Section 3 as follows:

Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree: Under certain circumstances, a cat registered with another recognized association may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder. Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree if the ~~cat's records meet the following requirements~~: 1. The sire or dam is not CFA litter or individually registered, ~~AND 2. The breeder is not currently a CFA registered breeder.~~ A cat is not eligible for individual registration by pedigree if: ~~1. The the~~ parents are both CFA registered, ~~AND 2. The breeder is a CFA registered breeder.~~ Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA.*

Hannon: Rules for Registration. You want to talk about that? **Anger:** I ran this issue past Central Office, and no one can figure out where this provision came from. Basically, it says that if you are a CFA registered breeder, you can't register by pedigree. A former CFA breeder went to another association, registered with them for a couple of generations, and then tried to register a litter by pedigree in CFA so she could come back and show. She was not allowed to do this, so she simply had someone else register the litter. That seems backwards. Why would we want to discourage business? We can't figure out why this proposal exists, so I have made a motion that we remove the language that prohibits a CFA breeder from doing this. **Eigenhauser:** George seconds. I've done this. I must have slipped through the cracks and they missed it. **DelaBar:** I've

done it several times, and have never had a problem. I think the rule is ridiculous. It needs to be changed. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the vote.

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

(21) **TRN ISSUE.**

BACKGROUND: *At the February 2016 CFA Board meeting, the following motion was made and carried:*

*Following an executive session discussion, a motion was made and seconded to suspend accepting registration by WCF pedigrees coming from Ukraine and Russia. **Motion Carried.** [vote sealed]*

ISSUE: *Exhibitors are showing cats with TRN numbers, the pedigrees for which are these WCF pedigrees. The scoring specialist in the Central Office has proposed several options:*

1. *Charge for the TRN (\$15) include in the count – hold the pedigree.*
2. *Not charge the TRN but include in the count – also hold pedigree.*
3. *Not charge the TRN, do not include in the count – also hold the pedigree*

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In an executive session discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to reconsider the above-stated February 2016 motion. **Motion [for reconsideration] Carried.**

A further executive session motion was made and seconded on the above-stated February 2016 motion. **Motion Failed.** Therefore, all correct WCF pedigrees will be accepted for registration.

(22) **AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

The audit firm is scheduled to begin their field work in the same time frame as prior years.

Future Projections for Committee:

Audit will be started as soon as the books are closed for April.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Start sometime in May.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on Audit progress.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Chair

Hannon: Moving on to the Audit Committee. You don't have anything to be voted on, right? **Schreck:** The audit will take place as usual, I hope. **McCullough:** What would delay it? **Schreck:** It will depend on how we get the information together. They want a lot of documentation, as all auditors do. They are scheduled to start in the same timeframe and hopefully they will finish up in the same timeframe.

(23) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Overall Performance

The year has continued an upward swing through the end of the 3rd quarter. Registrations and related are currently up to date. Also January included the catch up of deposits that were not previously being made timely which may have skewed the income for that month. January may also be somewhat off by categories, due to the reclassification of certain entries that were not initially recorded correctly. Further, at the same time last fiscal year there was still some lag in processing registrations, although they had begun to be more current by the end of January. Nonetheless, year to date comparisons for actual results may not be exact.

Key Financial Factors

Balance Sheet Items

The balance sheet continues to be strong. No major outlays have been required this fiscal year. However as per the budget for next fiscal year, there are several capital investments that will be necessary. Those include the roof replacement, phone system upgrade and some much needed computer programing projects. These items will result in one time capital outlays.

Ordinary Income

Year to date litter registrations are up by \$69,000 over budget, and individual 5registrations up by almost \$ 39,000. The requirement to only include registered or TRN kittens in the show counts, has no doubt added to increase in these income categories for periods September and following. Household pet recording is up over budget by about \$ 8,300. Cattery registrations show the largest single increase of over \$ 115,600 favorable to budget. Total ordinary income is \$ 294,000 favorable to budget.

Other Income and Expense

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

We placed one major CD at a higher interest rate and continue to look at other options for increasing our return on investments, while at the same time protecting our principle.

Events

The International Show was the only planned event for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Gate for the event was very strong this year. There was a bottom line profit from the Show of about \$ 24,000.

Yearbook

Yearbook income continues to be soft and is under budget by about \$ 8,500.

Almanac

Income year to date is down slightly to budget by \$ 1,800.

Marketing Area

Marketing income is slightly under budget by about \$ 5,000.

Central Office

Total Central Office expenses were unfavorable to budget by about \$ about \$ 52,000. Office Supplies were over budget by about \$ 17,000. Shipping and postage accounted for over \$ 18,000 and Credit card fees about 20,000. As more items are paid for on line with credit cards, the volume of dollars and consequently credit card fees increases proportionately. Software amortization is favorable to budget by \$18,000 due to the change in the write off period as projected vs. actual as determined from the audit.

Computer

The Computer Expense is unfavorable to budget by about \$ 4,300.

CFA Programs

The CFA Programs were under budget by \$ 4,600.

Corporate Expense

This is under budget by about \$ 33,300. This is principally due to the Annual costs being favorable to budget. The credit given by the hotel and the very favorable exchange rate were the principal drivers of the lower than budgeted cost.

Outreach and Education

This category was favorable to budget by about \$ 7,000, due to timing of events.

Legislative Expense

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Treasurer*

Hannon: Treasurer's Report. You have no action items. **Schreck:** No action items, just the report. The year is looking really good.

(24) NEW BUSINESS.

Hannon: Rich, you had something you wanted to bring up under New Business. **Mastin:** I just wanted to know if we needed, as a board, to vote on what we are going to do with the postage fees for awards that are left at the Annual, or lost items at a CFA event. **Hannon:** Somebody make a motion to accept what Terri had report to us that their plan was, which was based on the individual cost. It wouldn't be the same cost for everybody, it wouldn't be the same cost for everybody on a certain continent, it would be individual pricing. **DelaBar:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Schreck:** I just want to make the comment that they are taking on an awful lot of work. **Hannon:** Terri, you want to respond to that? **Barry:** I've discussed this with Brian extensively. He's the one that handles it. He says it won't be a problem. **Schreck:** The other comment I have then is, you are talking about the postage being actual. I think we need to talk about how the handling fee would be calculated. You don't want to count up every piece of paper and box, right? **Barry:** The only thing we are doing is charging them for the postage. Right now we're eating the cost of Brian's time and – **Hannon:** You told me that shipping and handling including purchasing the cardboard box and peanuts or bubble wrap or something inside to protect the award. **Barry:** It would be limited. We would divide it by the number that we send out. **Hannon:** The cost of the box and protective wrapping would be the same, regardless of whether it was going to Columbus, Ohio or Hong Kong. **Barry:** That's correct, but the postage would be the actual amount paid to get it to them. **Hannon:** OK. **DelaBar:** Have we decided on an actual handling cost? **Barry:** [inaudible] Brian's time, because he has been shipping it for all these years anyway. **DelaBar:** I was going to propose, if Rich would change his motion, to add a \$10 U.S. dollar handling charge to the shipping cost. **Mastin:** I don't have any objection to that. **Schreck:** Would that cover the hard cost? **DelaBar:** It should. **Hannon:** \$10 for a cardboard box and a couple sheets of bubble wrap. **DelaBar:** And time. **Hannon:** We're not talking about time. **DelaBar:** I am. I'm saying that, when looking at handling costs, that's what I would consider. Cardboard boxes, depending on how many awards are being shipped, we're looking at a box cost of upwards of \$3 to \$5 U.S. dollars, and then your bubble wrap is somewhat cheaper, then tape to close the thing up, address labels, etc., so \$10 should be sufficient. **Mastin:** Plus shipping costs, right Pam? **DelaBar:** The shipping comes under postage. **Hannon:** Terri, do you want to address this? **Barry:** I don't have an issue doing the actual cost plus \$10. **Hannon:** Rich, you agree to amend your motion? **Mastin:** Yes.

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

Hannon: Is there anything else we need to do now? **DelaBar:** I had two issues but I will bring them up online so people can get to sleep and I can get breakfast. **Hannon:** I appreciate that. Thank you everybody, and good morning.

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Meeting adjourned at 12:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary

(25) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

15-025 **CFA v. Barsalona, Giuseppe**
Violation of CFA Constitution Article XV, Section 4 (g)
(Any act or conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or CFA)

GUILTY. Sentence of a \$500 fine and letter of reprimand.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following cases were heard, 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:

15-024 **CFA v. Barrett, Robert and Baird, Barbara**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of lifetime suspension of all CFA Services.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

15-036 **CFA v. Chernova, Elena and Krachunov, Stefan**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of restitution of \$2,000.00 to Elizabeth Janak and a \$1,000.00 fine payable to CFA. The fine and restitution to be paid within 30 days or Respondents shall be suspended from all CFA services until both are paid in full.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

16-001 **CFA v. Qiang, Xia Zhi**
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY as to respondent Xia Zhi Qiang (Johnny) and that he be banned from attending CFA shows for one year and pay a fine of \$1,000.00 to CFA. If the fine is not paid within 30 days he be additionally suspended from all CFA services until paid.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

16-003

CFA v. Campbell, Dawn

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

GUILTY. Sentence of lifetime suspension of all CFA Services.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).