

**2016 CFA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Friday, July 1, 2016**

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(32) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

**President Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Hannon:** I thought it would be nice to start this meeting with a prayer. **Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell:** Greetings and salutations. I would like to begin by saying that I told Mark that George Summerville had called me and asked me to pray. Mark, in his ways, said to me, “did you call you recently?” [laughter] It was several years ago and it was a promise that I made to George, and I’m glad we are actually doing it today. I would like to honor all of the different religions here because I would like this to be a time of inclusion. We’ve got Taoism, Confucianism, we’ve got Buddhism, and I want all of us to join together and agree on one thing – that we want to have CFA be the best organization in the world that it can be. So, *Lord, I come to you now in prayer. As we all come together in this one moment, this one day, that we would set aside our differences, that we would come together and agree that this is an important time and things that we do right now, they are important. If you would bless that and if you would help us to measure our words carefully so we could be sensitive to one another, and that we can remember that the most important thing is the decisions we make today, not our own personal priorities, but the priorities of CFA, the priorities that need to go forward in a powerful way so we can continue to be the global organization that we are, and we can continue to inspire cat fanciers around the globe to love and care for their animals, and for the welfare of all cats, and the care for one another – because that’s what it’s all about. I would like to honor all the people that have come before us. I can just see them all here with us as we come together in prayer. They are just sitting – 100+ years of this effort and this work – they are here with us today. I want to acknowledge that we have lost many people and will continue to lose more people, but I would like to call them by name. I want to encourage you out there, as we have a moment of silence, to raise those names. Who is it that we have lost? Someone call those names out so that we can honor them. Would you like to do that? Would you like to join in? Who did we lose this year that you care about? Ed Kempf. Jo Ann Cummings. Robin Phillips. Connie Stewart. Beth Cassely. Guy Pantigny. Carol Brown. Bob Polcaro. Donna Brown. In the past years, who did we lose that made such an impact? Let’s honor those for just one moment. Bob Bradshaw. Vaughn Barber. Leta Williams. Diana Barth. Wayne Park. Allen Scruggs. Hazel Lindstrand. Olen Wilford. Mona Cherrington. Bob Smith. And there are many, many more. So, as we enter this meeting today, I want us to remember the people that came before us. They worked long and hard, and now it’s our job to work long and hard. I pray this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Thank you Jesus. Amen.*

**Hannon:** Thank you, Jo Ann.

### (33) PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND MESSAGE.

**President Mark Hannon** provided the following welcome message:

**Hannon:** Welcome to the Mojave Desert, home of fabulous Las Vegas, situated in CFA's great Southwest Region. My first Annual Meeting was in Kansas City in 1975. That year and every year since, the seven CFA regions in North America have hosted this event, until this year. At the suggestion of our regional directors, the responsibility for running our Annuals was turned over to the Central Office. That was a serious challenge for our relatively new staff, and an even newer Executive Director, Terri Barry. However, Terri had a very capable staff member in Jodell Raymond, who was enthused about this new challenge. When Jodell left CFA, we were fortunate to hire Allene Tartaglia, who had 28 years of experience coordinating our Annual Meetings. So, let's offer appreciation to Terri Barry, Allene Tartaglia, Shelly Borawski, Verna Dobbins, and other Central Office staff members, as well as the many cat fanciers who stepped up to the plate to volunteer their assistance. Many thanks to Regional Director Lisa Kuta of Region 5. There's a list in your delegate book of the many volunteers. Be sure to offer your thanks to both the Central Office staff and the cat fanciers, when you see them.

**Hannon:** CFA relies heavily on volunteers. Hundreds of cat fanciers work hard producing our weekly shows, running and serving on CFA committees, serving on our Board of Directors, clerking, judging, and so much more. Let me offer my personal thanks to each person who has stepped up to the plate and helped CFA succeed. Without you, CFA would not exist.

**Hannon:** The President's Message is often intended as a state of the union message. So, how is CFA doing? Six years ago, CFA was in financial trouble. There were weeks when we had to borrow to make payroll. We had redesigned our website, but had to take out a loan to pay for it. CFA presidents as far back as Craig Rothermel have wanted to move our Central Office out of expensive New Jersey. President Pam DelaBar appointed a committee to search for a less-expensive venue for our main office. Salaries are high in New Jersey, as are property taxes. Shortly after Jerry Hamza was elected President in 2010, he reported that CFA had only \$28,000 in the bank, and if we didn't make some dramatic changes, CFA would close its doors by the following Spring. That's how dire he thought things were. Within a year of Jerry's election, we had bought and renovated the building in Alliance, Ohio, and started hiring new staff. While the New Jersey staff was offered continued employment if they wanted to move with us, most had ties to the community and were not free to follow us to Ohio. So, a new staff was hired and trained. Financially, this was a wise move for CFA. We went from a bank balance of \$28,000 six years ago to a balance of, as of this morning, over \$2 million in the bank. [applause] This allowed us to give those employees who have been with us for a year or more a well-deserved raise. As our needs required, we hired additional staff to serve you, our customers.

**Hannon:** Two years ago, I stood before you at a time when we had some serious issues. The biggest one was our new computer system and the impact it had on our registrations. We may have blocked it out, but it was taking months to process a registration. Well, we've come a long way. As of last week, 80% of our registrations come in via eCats. We are turning most of them around within 24 hours, and often within just a couple of hours. We have gone from months to hours in our Registration Department. For those registrations that come into our office via snail mail, we are normally turning them around within 10 work days, which is the same

standard we had back in the days of Manasquan. Last week we turned them around quicker than the 10 day standard.

**Hannon:** Last year, our Treasurer reported a profit for the 2015 fiscal year of \$15,000. I don't want to steal Barb's thunder, but for the fiscal year that ended this past April 30<sup>th</sup>, CFA had a profit of over \$400,000. That's the best bottom line in CFA's 110 year history. [applause] What happened? We're seeing increased income from China, as well as from Regions 1-9. New cattery registrations – which often means new breeders – were up 30% in North America and 60% CFA-wide. This past show season, our clubs held 331 shows, compared to 304 a year ago. Registrations increased 20% and entries in our shows increased 16.3%. This past show season was the first year Central Office scored Household Pets and bestowed titles on those cats. We registered 2,740 Household Pets this past year – a large percentage from North America.

**Hannon:** Things are definitely going well at the corporate level. I am aware, however, that many of our clubs are not sharing in our good fortune. Many clubs are struggling in Regions 1 through 9. It is my goal for our board to work with our clubs to turn that around. We have a number of successful programs, such as the Mentor-NewBee initiative, Ambassador Cats, the Ambassador Program and Agility. We have a very active social media presence to spread the word to the general public about our exciting hobby. I truly believe that our shows are our best marketing tool. It is great for the public to be exposed to our 41 unique breeds via internet, but nothing can compare to seeing them in person, getting to talk to the owners, listen to our judges explain the qualities of each breed, and even touch some of our wonderful felines. Our board needs to come up with ways to help our shows not only survive, but to thrive. Give some thought to this and share your ideas with board members. Chat with them when you see them at shows, or drop them an email. We need your ideas. I attend many shows throughout the year, and I want to thank those who shared your thoughts with me this past year. I hope to hear from many more as I attend shows in the current show season.

**Hannon:** Let me wrap this up by thanking you for joining us, whether you are a delegate or a visitor. While there is business to tackle, be sure to also take time to enjoy your stay, visit with friends and meet some folks whose faces you can now put with their names.

*MARK HANNON*  
*CFA President*

(34) **DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF DESIRED).**

(A quorum is representation from 50% plus 1 of our clubs.)

**Hannon:** According to the agenda, the next thing is to declare a quorum. According to our attorney, we have met the quorum based on the number of delegates that are registered this week.

Secretary's Note: We have a total of 605 clubs in CFA. 392 delegates registered for the meeting.

Club	Delegate/Attendee
44 Gatti	Knott, Carolyn
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Dowding, Lee
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Friemoth, Lorna
Abyssinian Society of The South	Lancaster, Janice
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Munro, Charlene
Alamo City Cat Club	Gutierrez, Cyndi
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Webb, Russell
All States Burmese Society	Graafmans, Kristi
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Mikita, Nancy
Aloha Cat Fanciers	DeSimone, Joanne
Alouette Cat Club	Dodds, Nancy T.
American Manx Club	Dinesen, James
American Tabby And Tortie	Carson, Jeff
Americans In Paradise	Webster, Howard R.
Americans West	Johnson, Carol W, DVM
Ameridream Cat Club	Martino, Carmen
Ancient Capital Cat Society	Maeda, Edward Minoru
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Barbara
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Altschul, Mike
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Andrews, Donna
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Land, Teresa
Basic Black Cat Club	Calhoun, Kathy
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Rogers, Sharon
Birmingham Feline Fanciers	Andrews, Donna
Black Tie And Tails Cat Club	Isenberg, Bruce
Bluff City Cat Fanciers	Bassett, Pamela J.
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Honey, Ellyn
Bonita Cat Fanciers	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Brazos Valley Cat Club	Hinton, Donna
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Faust, Sandra
Burmese South Cat Club	Faust, Sandra
Burmilla Enthusiast of America	Adelhoch, John
Butler Cat Fanciers	Carson, Wendy
Cable Car Cats	Campbell, Mark
California Silver Fanciers	Webster, Howard R.
Call of The Wild	Webster, John

Camelot Cat Kingdom	Anger, Rachel
Canton Hall of Fame Cat Club	Smith, Valerie
CanUsa Cat Club	Baugh, Seth
Capital Cat Fanciers	Richter, Penni
Carolina Sophisticats	Keiger, Teresa
Cascade Cat Fanciers	Epstein, Marguerite
Cat Club of The Palm Beaches	Lane, Karen
Cat Club Sherry	Sorochenko, Jane
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Fujie, Donna
Cat Fanciers of Osaka	Zenda, Robert
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Petty, Tracy
Cat Spring Irregulars	Isenberg, Donna
Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club	Olsen, Dorothy L.
Cat-H-Art	Attard, Romain
Catmania Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce
Cat'n On The Fox	Patton, Paul
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	Williamson, Valerie
Cat's Incredible Inc.	Nardone, Anthony
Cats Ink	Toth, Mariane
Cats N Cats	DelaBar, Pam
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Brubacher, Joann
Cats Without Borders	Colilla, Bethany
Cenla Cat Fanciers	Altschul, Leesa
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Miller, Robert
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Bartley, Linda S.
Champagne Cat Club	Toth, Mariane
Chartreux International	Starbuck, Emily Orca
Chatte Noir Club	Currle, Kenny
Chicago Shorthair Cat Club	Creighton, David
China International Cat Club	Kojima, Takako
Chocolate City Cat Club	Arnold, Patricia
Cincinnati Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane
Classy Cats Society	Boulter, Stephanie
Cleveland Persian Society	Chaney, Joel
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Rivard, Pierre
Coastal Cat Club	Willingham, Christine W.
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Carr, Leslie Ann
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Sieffert, Amber L.
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Jiacheng, Feng
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Dubit, Claire
Colonial Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Peck, Cheryl
Columbia River Cat Club	Muck, Carroll
Cornish Rex Breed Club	Kuta, Lisa Marie
Cotton States Cat Club	Smith, Sallie
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Moser, Pam
Cow Hill Cat Club	Black, Kathy
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Allen, Dennis J.
Crab And Mallet Cat Club	Peet, Shirley

Crafty Cat (the)	Kallmeyer, Richard
Creative Cats Club	Brown, Roger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Grimm, Jean
Crown City Cat Club	Byrd, Cynthia
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Cymric Cat Club	DeGolyer, Pamela
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Friemoth, Shelby A.
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Delaware River Cats Club	Robbins, Sue A.
Desert Cats	Smith, Linda
Devon Rex Breed Club	Kleider, Jade
Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Emerald Cat Club	Heidt, Wendy
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Bizzell, Carla
Empire Cat Club	Schneider Hester, Helene
Enchanted Cat Fanciers	Friemoth, Shelby A.
European Shorthair Club	Currle, Kenny
Eva Cat Club	Dubit, Robert
Ever Green Cat Club	Sieffert, Amber L.
Exotic Breeders	Baugh, Seth
Exotic Cat Club Japan	Hyun Goo, Jun
Eyes of Texas Cat Club	Willis, Karen
Fancy That Cat Club	Martino, Linda
Feline Forum of Greater New York	Webb, Russell
Felinus International	Jacobberger, Patricia
Finicky Felines Society	Gramlich, Hope
Flamingo Cat Fanciers	Johnson, Peg
Foot of The Rockies Cat Club	Allen, Dennis J.
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers'	Ganoe, Dennis
Fort Vancouver Cat Fanciers	Jones-Garner, Lisa Lee
Fort Worth Cat Club	Ammons, Marsha
Franciscan Silver & Golden Fanciers	Playdon, Natalie
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Dubit, Claire
Fresno Cat Club (the)	Kuta, Lisa Marie
Friends & Family	Heinzen, Diana
Front Range Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Kempf, Joyce E.
Fukuoka Cat Fanciers	Martino, Carmen
Gala Allbreed Cat Club	McNeese, Catherine
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Wolf, Janet C.
Gasparilla Feline Friends	Dorsay, Stephanie
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Calhoun, Kathy
Gems	Coughlan, Laurie
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Crisman, Pat
German Catwalk	Auth, Mary
Golden Gate Cat Club	Frazee, Guy
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce
Golden West Cat Club	Martin, Mary Ann
Grand Canyon Cat Club	Smith, Larry

Grandview Cat Fanciers	Carruthers, Betty
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Auspitz, Martha
Great Lakes Great Maines	Chaney, Camelle
Great River Cat Fanciers	Grant-Field, Beth
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Willen, J. Sandra
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Coughlan, Laurie
Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers	Moser, Brian
Greater St Louis Cat Club	Phillips, Monte
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Griffin, Yvonne
Hair of The Cat	Cornwall, Colin
Half Moon Cat Club	Rees, Gail
Hallmark Cat Club	Mastin, Lisa
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Altschul, Mike
Happy Trails Cat Club	Makl, Christina
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Abrams, Charlee Dc
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Tesdall, Mary Jane
Hemet Feline Fanciers	Shaffer, Regina L.
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Thorsness, Mary
High Plains Cat Club	Galloway, Rebecca
High Sierra Cat Club	Heidt, Wendy
Hill Country Cat Fanciers	Brown, Nancy L.
Hotlanta Cat Club	Dugger, Jean B.
Houston Cat Club	Galloway, Becky
Hudson Valley Cat Club	Nardone, Tony
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Altschul, Carissa
Huntsville Cat Club	Fry, Elaine
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Smith, Kendall
Illini Cat Club	Auth, Mary
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	DeGolyer, Rick
International Egyptian Mau Society	Colilla, John
International Havana Brown Society	Newkirk, Darrell
International Scottish Fold Association	Bertrand, Kay
International Somali Cat Club	Flanigan, Linda L.
Japan Cat Fanciers	Luo, Shazhou
Japan Liberty Cat Club	Koizumi, Kayoko
Japan Tonkinese Cat Club	Dubit, Robert
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Clark, Marianne
Jardin Des Korats	Goedert, Frederic
Jazz Kats	Schreck, Barbara
Jiminy Christmas Cat Club	Russell, Eve
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	Colilla, Bethany
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Mathis, Anne
Just Cats N' Us	Makl, Christina
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Auspitz, Norman
Keystone Cat Fanciers	Friemoth, Kelsey
Keystone Kat Klub	Boyce, Karen
Kino Kat Klub	Jaeger, Barbara A.
Kittyhawk Felines	Gunlock, Ginger
Korats Unlimited	Segrest, Ann



Kyoto Skylark Cat Club	Cantley, Dee Dee
Lakes Country Cat Fanciers	Sogge, Pamela
Lance And Bertha Cf	Bridges, Betty
Land of Oz Cat Club	Altschul, Carissa
Laperm Society of America	Ganoe, Dennis
Las Flores Cat Club	Shaffer, Regina L.
Las Vegas Cat Club	Honey, Ellyn
Last Chance Cat Fanciers International	Jin, Charlene
Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers	Friemoth, John A.
Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty	Moser, Brian
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	Archibald, N. Jill
Lilac Point Fanciers	Kolencik, Mary
Lincoln State Cat Club	Johnson, Peg
Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers	Harding, Wain
Lincoln State Shorthair Society	Harding, Wain
Lone Star Cat Club	Riley, Sue
Long And Short of It Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy
Long Island Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.
Los Colores Cat Club	Osier, Carolyn L.
Mad Catters (the)	Sieffert, Sarah C.
Magic City Cat Club	Colilla, Ronna
Magnolia State Cat Club	Watson, Liz
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Averill-Martin Julie
Maine Coon Cat Club	Adelhoch, John
Make Mine Mink	Lee, Suki
Malibu Cat Club	Nelson, Michael
Manx Ltd	Gomez, Payton
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Bohren, Andrea
Mark And Linda	Hannon, Mark
Mark Twain Feline Fanciers	Wiedemeier, Donna
Masters Cat Club (the)	Murphy, Susan
McKenzie River Cat Club	Zittel, Terri L.
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Henrichs, Mark
Metropolitan Cat Fanciers	Search, Lynn K.
Miami Florida Cat Fanciers	Garrison, Jody
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin
Midlands Cat Fanciers	Nichols, Jack
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Crawford, Vanadis
Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers	Russell, Eve
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	Colilla, John
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Hiemstra, John E.
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Jackson, Kirk
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Drury, Lucy
Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers	Nangle, Jeanne M.
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	Doyle, Kathleen
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Dinesen, James
Monroe Shorthair Club	Bridenbaker, Ruth
Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers	Willen, J. Sandra
Moonport Cat Club	Miksa-Blackwell, Jo Ann

Moorestown Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Morris And Essex Cat Club	Fellerman, Geraldine
Motor City Jazz Club	Hiemstra, Meghan
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Krzanowski, Ed
Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers	Doe, Linda
Mt Fuji Northern Cat Club	Ramey, Janice G.
Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club	Kellogg, Heinrich
Muskogee Cat Club	Janzen, Jeff
Nantan Catdom Club	Olsen, Richard
Napa Valley Cat Fanciers	Koval, Carolyn
Nashville Cat Club	Baylor, Vivian
National American Shorthair Club	Johnson, Carol
National Birman Fanciers	Rogers, Jan
National Colorpoints & Orientals	Wong, Matthew
National Maine Coon Cc (the)	Allen, Trudie
National Siamese Cat Club	Zaden, Sibyl
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Lane, Karen
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Herr, Jennifer
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club	Robbins, Sue A.
New England Meow Outfit	Zinck, Iris
New Hampshire Feline Fanciers	Dodds, Nancy T.
New Millenium Cat Club	Shelton, Michael
New River Cat Fanciers	Search, Lynn K.
New Vision Cat Club	Newkirk, Darrell
Nishi Nihon Cat Club	Kellogg, Heinrich
No Dogs Allowed	Jacobberger, Patricia
North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanc	Juan, Alice
North China American Shorthair Fancier	Shi, Wen Wei
North Land Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Marron, Mary Frances
North Shore Cat Club	Cartwright, Jane
North Texas Cat Club	Noble, Paula
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc.	Archibald, N. Jill
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy
Ocicat Society	Hiemstra, John E.
Ocicats International	Bennett, Jacqui
Ohio State Persian Club	Friemoth, Lorna
Opposites Attract Cat Club	Ober, Charles
Oriental Shorthairs of America	Keyer, Julie
Osnaburg Shorthair Club	Gonano, Hope M.
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Ammons, Marsha
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Barbara J.
Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club	Isenberg, Bruce
Paumanok Cat Fanciers	Dec, Jennifer
Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers	Hiemstra, Meghan
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Morgan, Lisa
Persian & Exotic Cat Club	Lee, Suki
Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society	Mastin, Richard
Persians On Parade	Summers, Patricia

Perthshire Clan (the)	Grimm, Jean
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Randolph, John
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Campbell, Charlene
Pocahontas Cat Club	Phillips, Monte
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Jorgenson, Cheryl
Poppy State Cat Club	Averill-Martin, Julie
Portland Cat Club	Kojima, Takako
Puget Sound Cat Club	Zittel, Terri L.
Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers	Gunlock, Ginger
Quad City Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy
Queen City Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Gregory, Laura
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Thomas, Karen
Responsible Cat Fanciers of The NW	Marron, Mary Frances
Rex Rattle & Roll Allbreed Cat Club	Keys, Peter
Rip City Cats	Clark, Marianne
Riverside Cat Club Japan	Bergeron, Rebecca
Roadrunners Cat Fanciers	Truesdell, Susan H. DVM
Rome Cat Forum	Carr, Leslie Ann
Rose City Cat Fanciers	Wolfson, Adrienne
Royal Canadian	McCollow, Shirley
Russian Blue Fanciers	Fuller, Donna J.
Russian Blue West	Fuller, Donna J.
Sacramento Valley Cf	Tsuchiya, Toshihiko
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Garner, Margaret
Saintly City Cat Club	Weihrauch, Bobbie
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Martino, Linda
San Francisco Revelers	Cordes Brown, Jo Ann
Sandcastle Cat Fanciers Society	Brooks, Bonnie
Sanguine Silver Society	Fellerman, Geraldine
Santa Clara Valley Cf	Dunham, Roger
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Dinesen, Cathy
Santa Monica Cat Club	Graafmans, Art
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Patton, Paul
Seacoast Cat Club	Conde, Marilyn E.
Seattle Cat Club	Smith, Kendall
Seneca Cat Fanciers	Mastin, Richard
Shorthairs Unlimited	Bridges, Betty
Siamese Fanciers	Zaden, Sibyl
Sign of The Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Zink, Sheryl
Sofistocated Felines	Otis-Kuhnert, Shana
Something Heart Cat Fanciers	Peet, Shirley
Sophisto Cat Club	DelaBar, Pam
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy
Southeastern Persian Society	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Indiana Longhair Society	Jackson, Candilee
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Williamson, Willy

Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Reding, Jennifer
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Griswold, Marilee
Sphinx Without Borders	Dec, Jennifer
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Noble, Paula
Steel City Kitties	Gonano, Hope M.
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Quigley, Neil
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Colilla, Ronna
Sun Kyoto Cat Club	Sellaro, Linda
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Maeda, Edward Minoru
Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers'	Kallmeyer, Richard
Sunflower Cat Club	Takano, Yaeko
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Nye, Victoria
Sunshine Cat Fanciers	Summers, Patricia
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Benzer, Julie A.
Sushi Cats Cat Fanciers	Wheeler, Rose Ann
Tabby Fanciers of America	Rothermel, Diana
Tails And No Tales Cat Club	Cordes Brown, Jo Ann
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	Friemoth, John A.
Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	Crawford, Vanadis
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Baylor, Vivian
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Black, Kathy
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Kennedy, Catherine
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Watson, Liz
Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers	Dunham, Catherine
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Doe, Linda S.
Tokyo Feline Fanciers	Sieffert, Sarah C.
Tonkinese Breed Association	Bourgeois, Harold
Tonkinese East	Parker, Clinton
Tonks West	Cox, Neta
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Keating, Allene
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers	Pearson, Brian
Torrey Pines Cat Club	Miller, Joan
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Mathis, Anne
Tropical Cats	Fogarty, Carol J.
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Friemoth, Kelsey
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Tripp, Brian
Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy	Juan, Alice
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers	Petty, Tracy
United Persian Society	Dunham, Catherine
United Silver And Golden Fanciers	Playdon, Natalie
Up In Smoke Society	Dugger, Jean B.
Utah Cat Fanciers	Cutchen, Erin
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Irie, Barbara M.
Valley Cat Fanciers	Quigley, Neil
Valley Empire Cat Fanciers	Demerest, Garrett
Valley of The Moon Cat Fanciers	Tsuchiya, Toshihiko
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.
Vermont Fancy Felines	Rivard, Lorraine C.
Victor Valley Cat Club (the)	Rogers-Pichotta, Sharon

Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	McCullough, Steve
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Krzanowski, Carol
Wenatchee Valley Cat Club	Moser, Pam
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Munro, Charlene
West Shore Shorthair Club	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Westchester Cat Club	Willis, Karen
Western Reserve Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Riley, Sue
Wildcatters Cat Club	Bourgeois, Harold
Willamette Valley Cat Club	Gomez, Debi
William Penn Cat Club	Krzanowski, Carol
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Keating, Allene

**(35) CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2015 MINUTES.**

**Hannon:** Next, I need a motion to approve the minutes from last year's Annual.

**Eigenhauser:** So moved.

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

(36) **APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING.**

**Hannon:** Next I need to appoint a Parliamentarian for this meeting, and I am appointing Ed Raymond, who serves as our attorney. He has been our attorney for the past 6 years.

**(37) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.**

**Hannon** had **Secretary Anger** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

*(1) The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates. (2) Motions (a) to table or (b) to move the previous question or (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted. (3) Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments. (4) The seconding of motions shall not be required. (5) The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate. (6) Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending. (7) An affirmative vote of no less than 100 votes is required to compel a roll-call vote. (8) When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Constitution of the CFA, Inc., its charter, bylaws and applicable rules of law, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting. Thank you.*

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(38) **2017 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE.**

**Hannon:** Next I want to introduce our Executive Director, Terri Barry. Terri is going to give us a report on next year's Annual Meeting in Chicago and the selection for the 2021 Annual. **Barry:** I would like to introduce you to Pat Zollman, who is basically my partner in crime when it comes to selecting locations for upcoming annuals. She is going to introduce you to next year. **Zollman:** Good morning. It's my pleasure to be here and to introduce Chicago. It was Frank Sinatra's kind of town. The Windy City is the third largest city in the U.S., the birthplace of the speakeasy, Roaring 20's and Al Capone. Next year we will get to enjoy the Fremont Hotel and explore the attractions, museums, food and shopping that make Chicago a world-class city. Take a look.

[A video presentation was given, showing the highlights of Chicago]

**Barry:** I hope you will come visit us next year in Chicago.

**(39) 2021 ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION.**

**Barry:** We hope you will join us in 2021. This past April, Pat and I set a date. We visited Irvine, Arlington, Dallas and Houston, Texas. In that timeframe, we looked at 16 different properties. You would have thought our heads would have been spinning, but from the very beginning, from the time we got out of the car until after we went home and started asking additional questions, there was one and only one that floated to the top. The 2021 Annual will be held June 17, 2021, to June 20, 2021. We were able to get away from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.  
[applause]

**Barry:** The location that floated to the top was the Westin Galleria in Houston, Texas.

[A video presentation was given, showing the highlights of Houston]

**Hannon:** Thank you, Pat and Terri.

(40) **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

**Hannon:** Next up, we have Candilee Jackson, who is the Chair of the Ambassador Program.



**Jackson:** Good morning! Yes, I am barefoot. I have a blister on my toe. And, I can see! Those of you that have been following my eye surgery, thank you very much. Your prayers were awesome. I can see all of you for the first time since I was 10. As I sat to put pen to paper ... let me rephrase that – who sits and puts pen to paper anymore? I can type a whole heck of a lot faster than I can write! To begin again, I sat at my computer, after having pushed my fur help to one side, and erased the message she had typed as she stomped off the keyboard in a huff of insult, I began thinking about the nearly 40-year legacy which has brought the Ambassadors to where we are today. As I visit show halls and visit with communities far away and different from my own, I find common ground in the love of cats – the want and need to help one another. As an armchair traveler, I live vicariously through the posts of our many high-flying judges who travel the world. I’ve been to South Africa and seen a lion preserve with Jan Rogers; I’ve gone to Hong Kong for a virtual visit with my Chinese daughter and grand-daughter with Pam DelaBar and just recently I visited the terra cotta warriors with Ellyn Honey; I luxuriated in Australia and had a cyber cuddle with a koala with Kathy Calhoun; and made our Thai son, Bass, happy, on an elephant ride with Teresa Keiger in Bangkok. Although these lovely ladies are judges, they are also a very special brand of ambassador for not only the fancy and our mission to care for all cats everywhere, but they represent not the “ugly American,” but the compassionate, sensitive to culture, and truly giving ambassador of the United States in our foreign show halls. Their opportunities abound as they not only handle the gorgeous felines from the world over, but they are able to educate, to protect and preserve the mission of CFA. We ARE the Face of CFA on a ga-zillion levels!



***Doin' that Voodoo we do so well...***

*We're growing and we're branching out ...*

*Ambassadors in the show halls*

*Ambassadors at community pet expos*

*Ambassadors in schools, hospitals, libraries,  
and senior centers*

*Ambassadors as therapy cats*

*Ambassadors as part of The Paw Project*

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As I reflect and question my wonderful crazy cat friends, I find that we are ALL ambassadors. We are in the show halls across this great nation, and across the world, but we are more than just CFA shows. We are present at pet expositions, county fairs, fall homecomings, and winter festivals, and we visit schools, hospitals, and libraries; we are active as emotional support animals in 100 or more different settings, and we are just now taking steps to be part of a grass-roots effort, The Paw Project, to ban declawing of cats, even BIG cats, across the USA.



## Show Hall Ambassadors



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Hi! I'm Candilee! How can I help you today? Are you looking for a specific breed? Sure! The Maine Coons are just over 1 row ...the Sphynx? Oh yes, it's true ... they are naked ... and completely NUDE! And oh yes, don't forget to sanitize your hands between pettings, and always act before you touch.

I LOVE being in the show hall and I love showing off my Tonkinese! As a former actor turned musical theatre director, I also LOVE to talk. Working with our gate is the most amazing opportunity. The chance to talk about my beloved Tonks is always on the tip of my tongue, but like many ambassadors, I'm pretty well-versed in other breeds as well. I have my handy-dandy CFA app on my iPad, always at the ready, and I'm ready to answer questions as they come. The typical ambassador truly enjoys directing the young couple whose 8-year old wants to touch a "naked" kitty. We also visit with the elderly who can no longer have cats, and have come to the show to get their "cat fix." The school children, the Brownies, Cadet Scouts and Boy Scouts who are working on merit badges have a ton of questions, and an ambassador has to be on his/her toes as these kids have done their homework, and can spot a mistake in your spiel a mile away!

The population that touches the heart that I wear on my sleeve are the special needs people ... from autism, to Down Syndrome and any other "ism" one can think of, these wonderful people come to the show hall as an outing from a group home or day care center, or with their parents to learn about the world outside their home and school settings. You know, a society will be judged by future generations on how well that society cared for its most needy of citizens. We in the ambassador program, have an opportunity to make these special populations smile and experience the warmth and purrs that only a cat can bring.

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## Pet Expos



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Probably the newest activity where our ambassadors have taken hold has been pet expositions and other community-based programs that highlight the exciting things going on in

their communities. Ambassadors work OUTSIDE of CFA to bring our message of education to people everywhere.

Megan Noecker and her Zoo Crew, as well as Chris June and her clan of fur kids, have taken both sides of the USA by storm: they round up their cat friends, pack up their vans and SUVs, and head out to convention centers and community tent cities to advocate for cats, to educate on declawing, to show that “yes, you CAN train a cat to walk on a leash!” and to demonstrate grooming skills. Many kudos to Chris June for creating this wonderful Pet Me! Cats banner for the Seacoast Cat Club! Based on her idea, Art Graafmans is designing a Pet Me! Banner for our use, and will be available to ambassadors later this summer.

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## In the Community



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Many once “cat-free” zones such as schools, libraries and hospitals, are now welcoming felines into their hallowed halls. They love having cats come for quality fur time. Ambassadors working in this area address proper care and handling of fur companions of all species. Hospitals of all types just can’t wait for ambassadors to bring their cats to their facilities: a purring cat makes a chemo treatment just a wee bit easier to withstand. Several hospice facilities allow ambassadors to let their cats off their leashes so they can roam from patient to patient in hospitality areas or down hallways. Many cats are empaths and can truly sense when they are needed. It’s not uncommon for an ambassador to tearfully remove a sleeping cat from a patient’s bed because it’s time to head for home. Library cats are extremely popular, and many cats actually live in the library, and are well cared for by librarians and patrons. The summer reading programs in many communities have grown by leaps and bounds when it becomes known that beginning readers can read aloud to purring cats.





## Ambassadors with Therapy Cats



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When I put out the word to the CFA yahoo lists that I was looking for therapy cat stories for a series of articles I was working on for Cat Talk, I was totally overwhelmed by your collective responses! This truly does my heart good! There's nothing better than a FUR ambassador! While the June issue of Cat Talk delineates the purpose of therapy cats ... they are termed emotional support animals in the medical world ... just wait for the August issue to read about all the wonderful break-through moments created by a therapy cat in a ton of different settings. Sunny, Timba, Mr Peabody, Glitter, Sato, Vinny, Lady Bronwyn, Mr Darcy, and others are touching lives in ways no one thought possible by a cat. These precious cats have opened emotional, social and communicative doors once thought closed to those living with autism, PTSD, domestic violence, chemical dependency, ADHD, Alzheimer's Disease, and Asperger Syndrome. To have a therapy cat is one of God's many blessings: to witness healing, to approach a break-through, to obtain cognition and learning for those who don't learn as most people do touches the hearts of ambassadors as nothing else in the world can.

"I heard my son's voice for the very first time today!" Cory is 14. He is one of my students. He is a 4 on the autism spectrum. He is so sensitive to sound that he can only whisper. After only an hour with Bronwyn, Cory was determined to have her come to him. He tried calling her, but we told him he had to call her loud enough for her to hear. We could tell by his body language that he was taking all this in, and really thinking about it. "Bronwyn, please come here," he whispered. "Now honey, she can't hear you ... you've got to speak up just a bit." There was more time to think and we had all afternoon, so there was no rush. Finally, Cory sat up straight, and in a nice loud voice said, "Bronwyn, please! I want to pet you!!!" Oh my! The tears from his teachers flowed! Chris got to hear her son's voice for the first time in 14 years.

At America's Heartland show this past April, I had the pleasure of visiting with a young man in his 20s. Being a teacher of some 45 years, it's fairly easy to recognize someone with

special needs, and his body posturing bespoke autism. He was very interested in Mr Darcy, a blue mink Tonk kitten. He sat with me, quietly at first, and when I asked if he would like to pet Mr Darcy, his face lit up. This young man sat with Mr Darcy cradled in his arms for nearly a half hour. Finally, he stood up, thanked me and left. A few minutes later, a lady I'm guessing was his mother, came by. With tears in her eyes, she explained that they had recently lost their cat, her autistic son's only companion, and they had come to the cat show in hopes of finding another kitty. She was so grateful for the time he had with my cat, and they were very excited to have adopted a kitten from the Sangamon Animal Shelter who had a lovely variety of kitties available at the show hall.

Therapy cats, emotional support animals, empaths, whatever you would like to call them, are the true ambassadors of CFA, and we, as their human caretakers, bring opportunities for well-being through our dedication to serving the public ... health through purrs, not pills.

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## Ambassadors for The Paw Project



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One of the main objectives of the Ambassador program is education, and with this in mind, our ambassadors support The Paw Project, a grass-roots movement started by just one person and is now nationwide. The right to bear claws is slowly changing the minds of both feline owners and veterinarians. Research has found that the US is in the dark ages when it comes to banning declawing. Over 38 countries, including some third world countries, ban declawing, claiming inhumane and abusive treatment of cats, both domestic and large cats, and have maintained this anti-declaw stance for many years. Ambassadors will be armed with information and brochures about the declaw process, and hopefully, news will spread to stop this horrible maiming of our beloved cats. You can read more about The Paw Project in the August issue of Cat Talk.





# *"Tank Mew!!"*

Thank You  
Arigato  
Danke  
Kiitos

Mr Peabody / Ken Cribbs



Willa Hawke



Phebe Low



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In the words of Duncan, the Tonkinese, from Webster, New York, "TANK MEW" to all the wonderful cat folks who have taken up the call to the Ambassador Program. Many thanks to my mentor and board liaison, Pam DelaBar, and to my core committee, Alene Shafnisky, Diane Coppola and Art Graafmans for all they do to promote the program and its goals through their special gifts. Thank you also to Willa Hawke who opened the door to this opportunity to lead the Ambassadors: it's been quite an adventure! Many thanks go out to Ken Cribbs of the Hawai'i Division on his retirement from the Ambassador program: his wonderful ideas will be greatly missed. Another huge "tank mew" goes to Phebe Low of Hong Kong, who has single-handedly managed ALL of Asia for several years. How she has done this completely amazes me. And certainly not to be forgotten are the hard-working, continually being nagged for reports are the region coordinators, Chris June, Mary Sietsema, Meghan Noecker, Janis Walkingstick, Mariane Toth, Jayne Wood, Takako and Masanari Kojima, Natalya Gnatyuk and Ulrike Kneupple. Without all of you, there just wouldn't be an ambassador program. Arigato, Danke, Kiitos, THANK YOU for your dedication and hard work.



## *"Tank Mew!!"*



Pam DelaBar



Alene Shafnisky



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Diane Coppola

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Ambassadors touch lives. Ambassadors listen. Ambassadors provide information. Ambassadors are on-site life counselors. Ambassadors are teachers.

What began as a small germ of an idea almost 40 years ago has grown to be an incredible outreach program which encompasses all of CFA and those we touch in the community. We teach about declawing; we mentor new cat owners; we counsel the grieving; we answer questions about how cats are judged; we de-bunk cat myths; we, through our cats, touch lives which don't even realize they need touching. And how do we accomplish this feat? Well, WE don't .... Our CATS do!



*"Tank Mew!!"*



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**Hannon:** Thank you Candilee. It's nice to know that the Ambassador Program is not only reaching out to spectators at our shows, but that you go to hospitals, libraries and other places.

(41) **CFA AMBASSADOR CATS.**

**Hannon:** Next is Karen Lane with the Ambassador Cats Program, otherwise known as A-Cats. She is coming up from the back.

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**Lane:** Good morning. The CFA Ambassador Cats had 296 appearances at CFA shows, events, and pet fairs this past season. This includes the CFA Museum in Alliance, Ohio. We presently have 27 active A-Cat members and 3 members on medical leave. Recently, we lost Donna Brown, one of our members, who died after a short illness. I have spoken about the dedication of our program members and what they do. This year we have decided to let you see them in action. [a video presentation was given, featuring each A-Cat Team member]

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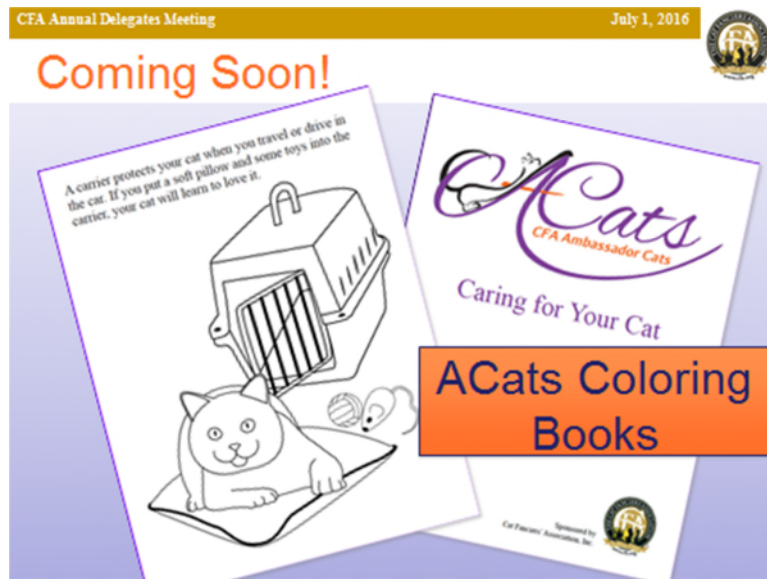


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**Lane:** Our Trading Cards continue to be popular with both children and adults.

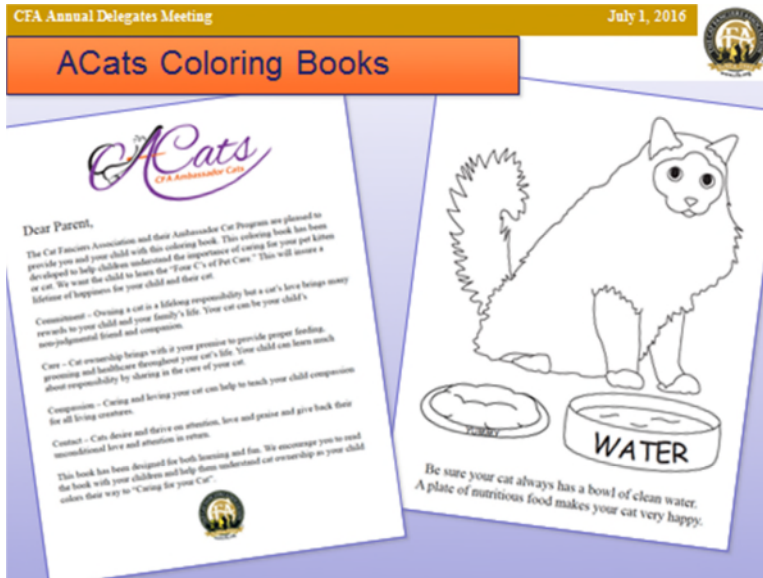


**Lane:** This past season we equipped our members with table-top breed banners. The banners are a great addition and draw extra attention to our A-Cats. We are presently developing a large free-standing banner for our use at shows and events. We have an ambitious program planned for this coming season.



**Lane:** We are developing a coloring book for children and their parents, that will be both fun and educational. This coloring book will be a joint publication of CFA and the Ambassador Cat Program. We have great plans for this project as we go forward. The A-Cats will be the first point of distribution and the coloring books will be given out at shows and other CFA events. We plan to have information on the back cover so the child can mail their colored pictures to CFA for use on our CFA website. We believe this is a positive step, to get more people visiting the CFA website and see what CFA has to offer. We will be working closely with CFA to develop and create a spot for our young artists on the CFA website.





**Lane:** In the future we hope to develop a downloadable version of our coloring book. This way, families and children can have our book on their electronic devices and with the new programs available they can color the pictures with a stylist or cursor and produce very professional and artistic artwork. This will be a cost saving measure and our A-Cat members. They will only have to carry cards with the coloring book information rather than carry the fully printed book. The coloring book information card can be also be sent as a mailer with new kitten registrations.



**Lane:** We want to thank the CFA board for their continued support of our program and for their confidence in allowing us to develop the coloring book and to work with the CFA board during the development of the coloring book project. I also want to thank Cheryl Coleman, Teresa Keiger and Nancy Bueno for working on our video presentation. Thank you very much.

**Hannon:** Thank you, Karen. As the video pointed out, there are a lot of cats involved in this program and they are doing a lot of good for us. Shirley Peet is here with us. We all miss Hope.

(42) **TREASURER’S REPORT.**

**Hannon:** Next on the agenda is the Treasurer’s Report.



**Schreck:** To paraphrase a popular quote, “the reports of CFA’s demise have been greatly exaggerated.”



**Schreck:** We want to talk about a few items. In your delegate books was the so-called eye chart – so called because, unfortunately, to get all the information on the page, it’s pretty small. So, those are the dissemination of the current and prior year’s information on a comparative basis.





## 2016 Financial Results

	Total 2016	2016 Budget	Higher (Lower)
<b>INCOME</b>			
ORDINARY INCOME	1,945,979	1,587,066	358,913
OTHER INCOME (NET)			
Almanac	(45,137)	(18,644)	(25,493)
Yearbook	(9,780)	(3,379)	2,431
Events	(24,506)	(25,000)	494
Merchandise	894	860	34
Marketing	(32,669)	(34,015)	1,346
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	(69,884)	(62,914)	(6,970)
GROSS INCOME	1,420,340	1,459,173	(38,833)
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Central Office	954,452	899,388	55,064
Computer	43,374	60,800	(17,426)
CFA Programs	169,978	226,010	(56,072)
Corporate Expense	150,362	161,700	(11,338)
Legislative Expense	83,060	76,420	6,640
Outreach Expense	32,935	42,520	(9,585)
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,434,161	1,466,878	(32,717)
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	28,959	27,200	1,759
NET INCOME (LOSS)	15,138	19,495	(4,357)

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As Mark said, I am more than happy to tell you that we have exceeded our goals and the highest income for CFA ever, of over \$400,000.



## Financial Summary Points

- Total Registration Revenue up 33.2%
- Total Ordinary Income Up 31.12%
- Cat Talk/Online Almanac Loss
- Yearbook Loss
- Central Office Expense up 10.17%
- Computer Expense Down 17.87%
- CFA Programs Down 12.67%
- Corporate Expense Up
- Profit on World Show

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**Schreck:** Some of the key financial points are listed here. Our registration revenue is up, not only in dollars but in numbers. These are based on dollars, by the way. Ordinary income is up 30%. Our Cat Talk, Online Almanac and Yearbook continue to show losses. Central Office expense is up, primarily due to additional staff and additional support for all functions needed because of the increase in our registrations and other income items. Computer expense is down. CompuTan has settled down a little, and that helped in that regard. CFA Programs are also down. Corporate expenses were up. We had a nice profit on the International Show, as opposed to a loss the previous year.



## 2017 Budget

<b>INCOME</b>	
ORDINARY INCOME	1
OTHER INCOME (NET)	
ALMANAC	(1,941,772)
YEARBOOK	70
EVENTS	(10,000)
RESEARCHER	1,430
MARKETING	(40,940)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	(89,024)
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>1,518,026</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
CENTRAL OFFICE	952,235
COMPUTER	26,870
CFA PROGRAMS	150,151
CORPORATE EXPENSE	156,927
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	77,800
OUTREACH EXPENSE	24,624
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,464,157</b>
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	
Interest/ Rental Asset/ Unapplied	30,000
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>83,879</b>

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**Schreck:** The budget for 2017 which, unfortunately since I made the PowerPoint is not here but it's in your package.



## 2017 Budget Summary

- Realistic and Conservative
- Fees remain the same
- National Events Supported
- Existing Programs Supported
- Software Programs Funded
- Continued Profitability

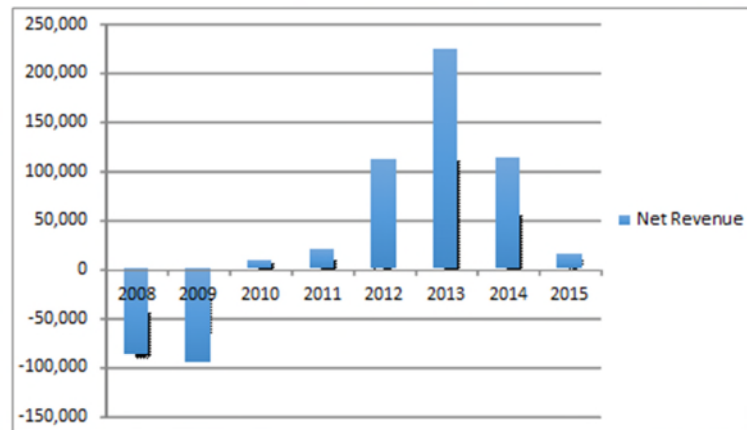


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**Schreck:** We like to, in the accounting world, have a realistic and conservative budget so when things don't turn out as good as the salesmen tell us, we're not picked upon, so the budget is very conservative and, we feel, very realistic. Fees remain the same this year. National events are able to be supported. Our existing programs are also able to be supported, like the Ambassador Cats that you just heard. New software programs have been funded, and the next speaker will tell you more about that. We also are hoping to be in a continued profitability mode.



## Net Income Trend



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**Schreck:** This is my favorite chart. Again I apologize. I can update this, but I left it in anyway. You can see visually a history of where we were. In 2008 and 2009, coming off the recession in 2007, we were not doing so well. We eked out a small profit in the next two years. 2012 and 2013 were higher. In 2015 we had issues with our computer system and a number of other things, which drove down our profit. If could have put in 2016, it would have been off this chart. I'm very happy to report this. [applause]



## Thoughts for the Future



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**Schreck:** Thoughts for the future are my same thoughts that I had for the future this year. One of the most positive things that I have personally seen, and I mentioned this in the board meeting yesterday, is the increase in new cattery registrations. No, they are not all in China. This is really the future of CFA. If we have new cattery registrations, it seems to me that will yield more registrations, more cats being shown, and therefore we have new folks coming into the cat fancy. So this, to me, is the most positive sign. It was over \$150,000 over last year, and last year was a significantly amount. I recall maybe \$50,000 over the previous year. So, we should be

mentoring these people and helping them along, selling them our good cats (not just the marginal cats), so they too can have success in the ring.



Thanks to All !!!

Including but not limited to the following:

Rich Mastin

Mark Hannon

And Central Office Staff

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**Schreck:** Thank you for your help and support. I will miss this position, but I'm sure my successor will have as good a time as I have had.

**Hannon:** Thank you, Barb. As Barb mentioned, she did not run for re-election. After two years, we offer our thanks for the tremendous job she has done. She really has.

(43) **IT UPDATE.**

**Hannon:** Our next speaker is a relative of Barb Schreck, with the IT. Report.

**Tim Schreck:** This is a low-tech IT report. There's nothing on the screen. If you want to know how we're doing, you're going to have to listen to me talk. I do have one very important announcement for us. At the board meeting yesterday, they approved a vendor to replace our entry clerk program. [applause] We all know what a problem that is presently. I should have asked not to come after the Treasurer's Report, but I guess I didn't realize that I could ask to be placed somewhere else on the agenda, because I'm the one that spends money.

**T. Schreck:** We also want to thank Kathy Durdick for the website redesign. I don't know if any of you have seen that, but it's much more user friendly on your mobile devices. Before, it was quite cumbersome to see anything on an iPhone or iPad, and there has been quite a bit of work done. We want to thank her for that.

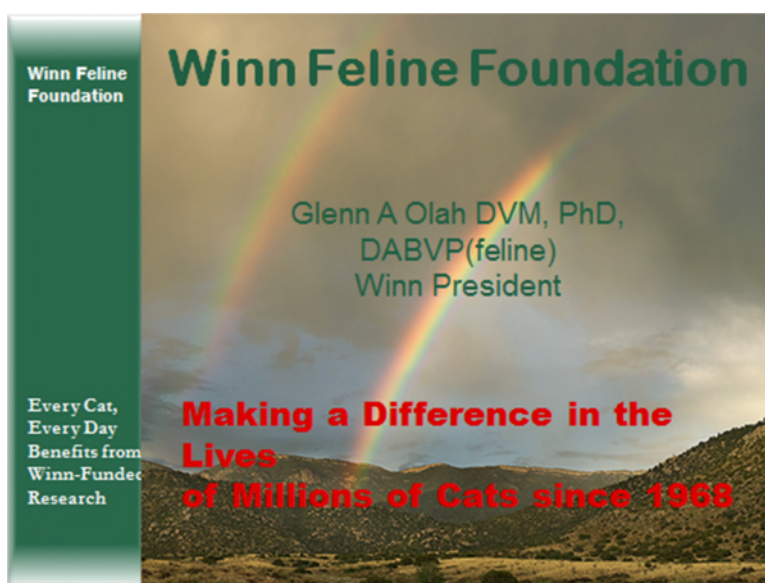
**T. Schreck:** My report for what we have done – we've tried some new things at Central Office to improve our computer system. Some have worked, some haven't. We hope to repeat those that have worked and leave the other ones alone. I do want to mention that our main focus next year will be to actually complete moving everything off the HP computer system, and to use our new computer system. The focus for most of this year has really been on improving the functions at Central Office and improving our eCats function. If there's anybody in the room that does not have an eCats account, I want you to raise your hand. In two years, we have gone from no accounts on eCats and, as Mark has stated, now 80% of our registrations are coming in electronically. eCats now has over 12,000 users. [applause]

**T. Schreck:** The only thing else I want to mention is, if you have any questions about our computer system or anything that you would like to see us improve, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is on the CFA website. Thank you very much.

**Hannon:** Thank you Tim. We will now take a break until 10:45.

(44) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

**Hannon:** Our next presentation is the Winn Foundation with Dr. Olah.



**Winn Foundation President Dr. Glenn Olah:** Good morning. My name is Glenn Olah. I am the President of Winn Feline Foundation. I am a veterinarian and feline specialist. I practice in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and I'm glad to be here.



**Olah:** In the past year we have had a couple of in-person meetings, and one last year at the CFA Annual meeting this time last year, as well as another meeting this past March. In the last year, we actually added two new board members to Winn. Susan Gingrich is one of our new board members, and the other is Dean Vicksman. Susan joined the board in October. She is a registered nurse with a master's degree in human services, and recently retired as Director of Housing for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Her professional career involved employment

in the public and private sector in the fields of health care, special education, information technology and communications. Along with her husband Jim, Ms. Gingrich founded the Bria Fund for FIP research at Winn, which had its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past year. She continues to lead the efforts related to this fund. To date, the Bria Fund has funded over 16 studies for more than \$350,000 on feline infectious peritonitis. She is also a member of the National Birman Fanciers, where she is involved in Birman rescue. Dr. Dean Vicksman is from Denver. He graduated with honors from Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1986. He was then accepted into Angell Memorial Animal Hospital's internship program in Boston for advanced training in small animal medicine and surgery. He has co-owned and directed the Evans East Animal Hospital clinic since April, 1987, with his associate, Dr. Steve Kromka. He is a Certified Veterinary Journalist and a participating member of the Veterinary News Network. In keeping with his journalist interests, he is a guest speaker on ABC Channel 7 and FOX31 News pet segments. He is currently Chairman of the Board at PetAid Colorado, the past Chairman of the Board at the Dumb Friends League and on the Advisory Board of the Grey Muzzle Organization.



**Olah:** Winn continues to collaborate with other organizations with similar missions. In collaboration with AVMF, we provided a \$2,500 scholarship for an outstanding veterinary student with interest in feline medicine and feline research. This year's winner is Annette Louviere from the University of Georgia. Annette has taken various student leadership positions and activities, and intends on pursuing a career in feline-focused medicine. We have newly established a collaboration with AAFP with the same intent to provide a \$2,500 scholarship to a veterinary student interested in feline medicine in order to promote the field. This year's student award winner is Elisabeth Rosalia from the University of California at Davis. She is active in community activities aiding underprivileged cats, held leadership positions in various scholastic organizations, and is also interested in feline medicine practice. Dr. Andrea Faschetti is this year's Winn research award winner. She is a professor at the Department of Molecular Biosciences at UC-Davis. She is a double diplomate in internal medicine and nutrition. Her research interests are regarding trace mineral and amino acid metabolism in dogs and cats, improvement of pet foods and carnivore nutrition. Dr. Arnold Plotnick was awarded the annual



Winn Media Appreciation award last week at the 2016 BlogPaws convention held at The Ohio State University. He practices veterinary medicine at Manhattan Cat Specialist Clinic in New York City. He is board certified in veterinary internal medicine and holds a Master's degree in Immunology. Dr. Plotnick is an avid author, columnist and blogger. He has authored a book called *The Original Cat Fancy Bible* and is a columnist for The Cat Channel, *Cat Fancy Magazine*, and is a noted author and columnist.

The last thing I would like to share with you is, one of our board members, Fred Jacobberger, stepped down as a board member. He served as the legal advisor to Winn. I have a plaque here that his wife Patty is going to pick up at the end of my presentation. I would like everyone to give Fred a big thank you. [applause]



**Olah:** To promote Winn, Winn selects various events at which we set up a booth in order to really promote this organization. Our Executive Director, Dr. Vicki Thayer and her husband Bob, have manned this booth at various veterinary conferences more than their fair share in the past year, so thank you very much Vicki and Bob. They are actually here.



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## Feline Infectious Peritonitis Research

**Mutation of spike (S) activation site (2011, 2015, Whittaker; 2012, Chang)**

- **S-protein, furin cleavage site**—mutations important for switch to macrophage infection and systemic spread
- Chang—95% FIP cases have x1-2 mutations in S-protein fusion site
- IDEXX marketing rt-PCR test to test blood, effusions, organ samples

**Viral protease inhibitors against FeCoV infections in cats. (2013, 2015, 2016 Kim)**

- 3CL protease is target for FIP antiviral drug development
- Broad-spectrum peptidyl inhibitors
- Oral and SQ routes are safe
- Significant reduction in viral titer and tissue damage in mouse model and cats infected with FIP
- **Reversal of the progression of fatal coronavirus infection in cats**

**Olah:** I'm going to do something a little different here. I decided I'm going to present a little more in depth three projects that have come to fruition this past Spring. They are projects that have been funded by Winn that I think have big, big results coming out of these studies. Two of them actually deal with FIP, which I think this group knows quite well. It is identification of some mutations that actually seem to correlate with the virulence of FIP and the change of form into the very virulent form. It's located on a S protein. That research was done primarily at Cornell and actually identified two primary mutations that seem to correlate very well with this virus preferring to infect macrophages and spread through the rest of the body, as opposed to infecting enterocytes. So, that's a big step. IDEXX Laboratories took two mutations and have come up with a PCR test that I would say has somewhere between 70% and 95% accuracy for diagnosing FIP if you can get the right sample, which means by needle aspiration from an infected organ or it can be the effusion in wet form, for example. I've actually used that already and it gives another piece of diagnostic information to be able to confidently diagnose this disease. So, that's been published.

The next project, Dr. Kim at Kansas State – this I find very exciting. They have been looking at protease inhibitors for actually treating FIP. They actually showed treatment of 6 cats – I find this very exciting – 6 cats that were on death's door, wet form of FIP, that actually cured their disease condition. [applause] So, we are looking forward to hearing more about these types of treatments for FIP. I get goosebumps. It's really great, exciting work.

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## Stem Cell Therapy Research

### Gingivostomatitis (2012, 2014, 2015, Arzi)

- Have seen improvement in treatment of this condition with autologous adMSCs. Now, evaluating FeSV positive cats with condition using allogeneic MSCs due to viral inhibition of stem cell culture and passages.

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**Olah:** The next project I want to talk about briefly is another thing that is very, very exciting, for severely inflamed mouth, super painful. We use anabolic steroids to try to help these kitties. It gets to the point where it's total extraction of all the teeth in the mouth. There's still actually 20% of those cats that don't respond to full mouth extraction. You've seen this, right? It's a terrible disease. So, Dr. Arzi at the University of California at Davis has been using stem cells derived from adipose tissue to treat cats, that 20% that hasn't responded to the full mouth extraction. From that 20%, they have about 80% if not more of those cats responding to this therapy. That's very, very exciting. [applause] So, they actually have 9 cats treated and 7 of those 9 cats responded to this therapy.

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## Stem Cell Therapy – Gingivostomatitis

	Pre	Post
Complete remission		
Substantial improvement		
No response		

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**Olah:** I want to show you some of the before and after pictures. You see on the top. Keep in mind, this is one of the cats that hasn't responded even to the full mouth extraction, and look at the pre and post. That's a complete response. In the middle we see a partial response. There is a small set of cats that do not respond. That's what's being investigated now. We are raising

money for these projects to better define which cats are going to respond to this therapy and which cats are not going to respond to this therapy. [applause] It's exciting.



**Olah:** We're actually up to \$5.7 million, give or take \$100,000. That's how much we've actually funding research over the last 48 years. Yes, it has been 48 years since 1968. So yes, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up in 2018. It is going to be a big celebration. We've talked briefly about what we have funded this year. In March, we actually funded 10 projects. We had 55 proposals during our normal Winn proposal review session, for a total of around \$142,000. Studies included cell-free DNA as a diagnostic tool for cancer, a drug to treat a resistant type of trichomonas, evaluating heart arrhythmia with small monitors, and we actually funded three FIP projects this past Spring. Last October, through the Miller Trust, Winn Feline Foundation award, there was about \$120,000 that we funded. Topics included treating GI parasites in general, evaluating a safer drug combination for sedation and general anesthesia methods, blood tests for distinguishing between lymphoma and inflammatory bowel disease, there's some clinical trials for treating severe stomatitis using stem cells. We are carrying that project on. We also had some additional money that was awarded to Dr. Lyons at the University of Missouri looking at the genetic cause of amyloidosis in the Siamese and Oriental related breeds of cats. So, the total that we funded this past year was around \$275,000. Just amazing.



**Olah:** The last thing I'm going to mention is, there are other ways to promote Winn. That's why I'm wearing this. It sort of sticks out. You see the Winn logo. I formed a bike club to promote Winn. I have a lot of people who actually joined this club and wear the shirts. I know we have bicyclists out there. I can order these jerseys to support Winn. Anybody that's interested in that, you just need to get ahold of me. I am more than happy to have people join this club and promote Winn.



**Olah:** That's about all I have. I hope you all have some contact information. I think our Executive Director said we have some folders left with more detailed information on Winn. If anyone is interested in picking up one of those folders, get with Vicki in the back of the room. appreciate it. I hope you all have a good day.

**Hannon:** Thank you Dr. Olah.

(45) **LEGISLATION.**

**Hannon:** The next report is Legislation with George Eigenhauser. For those who are interested, we do have the Credentials Committee on the agenda for making their report before lunch, but they sent us a message that it would be after lunch.



**Eigenhauser:** Good morning everyone.



**Eigenhauser:** I thought I would start with a brief introduction. I'm George Eigenhauser. I'm Chair of CFA Legislative Committee, and CFA's Legislative Coordinator. Also working on Legislation, we have the Legislative Committee, which is more or less oversight and a think tank kind of group. The CFA Legislative Group are the working people down in the trenches, the people that actually do the day-to-day responses, hear concerns about legislation, tracking legislation and fighting legislation. One of the duties of the Legislative Committee is to oversee



the Sy Howard Fund, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated – the individuals and clubs who donated to Sy Howard over the course of the last year. I also want to encourage you that when you have legislative problems in your area, please feel free to make an application for money from the Sy Howard Fund. There is money available for clubs and individuals fighting legislation in your cities, states, counties, towns, boroughs, whatever. The application and guidelines are on the CFA website.




**Eigenhauser:** The most important part of CFA Legislation is you. You're the eyes and ears of the fancy, you're the ground troops that have to handle what's happening in your area. One of the things you can do to help us is attend various conferences – either big, national conferences or little, local conferences that are happening in your area.



**Eigenhauser:** One of the things I found out recently is that Pet Night on Capitol Hill, which is the big, national pow wow that we have in September to meet with members of

Congress and staffers is gone, and I'm going to miss that, but there are other committees and conferences you can attend that would be helpful.

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### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

CFA's presence at animal events and conferences, and even some Animal Rights events, is important to maintain and project awareness of CFA's interests and views on legislation.

Attendance at these conferences offers an opportunity to interact and network with a broad range of animal interest groups. There are many shades of grey in the animal legislative arena and some people may be moved closer to our position on some issues.

It helps us educate animal welfare, or even animal rights groups about CFA's mission and our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals.

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**Eigenhauser:** Why do we attend conferences? The short answer is that knowledge is power. We want to know what our friends are doing, and we want to know what the rest of the people are doing, too. It isn't necessarily a black and white situation. Yeah, there are organizations out there that we don't get along with very well, but even in those organizations, there are individuals and subgroups and issues that may coincide with ours. A perfect example is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the biggest animal rights group in the country with a \$100 million budget. All kinds of legislation they propose, but it's absolutely detrimental to us. But, the bigger you get, the harder it is to keep a group of only the true believers. Vanilla is the best-selling flavor of ice cream, so when you get to be as big as they are, you start to get a broader view of issues. So, there are issues that we opposed them for years and now suddenly they are on our side. Trap/neuter/return is one. Fifteen years ago, if you asked HSUS what trap/neuter/return was, they had two words for it: "subsidized abandonment." That's a traditional animal rights position. Today, PETA still maintains that position, but HSUS has kind of turned around and discovered that a lot of people like trap/neuter/return. A lot of donations come in when you have trap/neuter/return. They now act like they invented the thing.



**Eigenhauser:** There are other issues, too. That's Dr. Levy. She is part of a new movement that they have been calling the new paradigm for dealing with cats. Rather than treating cats like small dogs at the county pound, they have a different approach. They are in favor of things like trap/neuter/return. They are in favor of not taking strays to the shelter because often times a stray will find its way home. The shelter may be a death sentence. They are in favor of things like controlled intake, rather than, "I've got 30 adoption cages that are full today, and if you bring in that 31<sup>st</sup> cat, somebody has got to go." Why don't we hold the cat a couple more days until a space opens? So, they have a very new way of looking at the way shelters deal with cats, as cats, rather than treat them under the dog model. That's [inaudible] Dr. Levy at the humane society conference this past May, so again, these conferences aren't just us and them. We've got to stop thinking about who are our friends and who are our enemies. We've got some good friends, but we've also got some groups that maybe if we work with them a little bit, maybe if we pick and choose the issues, maybe if we pick and choose the individuals we're working with, we can create alliances.



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**National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) Conference** – the NAIA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting animal welfare, supporting responsible animal use and strengthening the bond between people and animals. NAIA founder Patti Strand, co-author with Rod Strand of *Hijacking of the Humane Movement: Animal Extremism*, is one of the leading voices in support of responsible animal owners and in opposition to animal rights extremism.  
 When/where: November 5-6, 2016, Orlando, Florida.

**SAWA Annual Conference** - the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) are leading animal control and shelter professionals. SAWA partners with the **National Council on Pet Population** to present a cat research day symposium in conjunction with the SAWA Annual Conference. SAWA members tend to be professionals in the sheltering community and we've worked for years to build respect for CFA and our views with these shelter professionals.  
 When/where: November 16-18, 2016, (cat symposium 11/15/16) Portland, OR

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**Eigenhauser:** So, I wanted to mention some of the conferences coming up that you might be interested in. The first is the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). It's led by Patty Strand, who is the author of *Hijacking of the Humane Movement*. She was one of the first people to call out animal rights for what it really was – that it wasn't the traditional animal welfare model in which we try to encourage a human/animal bond, where we treat animals humanely, but the animal rights movement's goal is to sever the relationship between humans and animals. She has been calling them out for years. The NAIA conference is going to be in Florida this year. I know we've got a lot of legislative people in Florida and a lot of legislative activity in Florida. I would encourage the people in Florida to attend that. This is a very much "our side of the track" organization and I think they deserve our support.

The next one I want to talk about is the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA). SAWA isn't animal rights or animal welfare, they are the dog catcher. That's what it boils down to. They are the administrators, the managers, the people that run the shelters, and they don't really have a lot of true believers in their organization. They are a group that we can definitely reach. They are a group that we can talk to. If you want somebody on your side in a fight in your jurisdiction, having the local bureaucracy on your side will always help in a fight. In recent years, they have absorbed what used to be called the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy. They used to do statistical studies on all kinds of aspects of animal welfare, animal sheltering and other things. They typically put on a research seminar as part of the SAWA conference. This year, it's going to be in Portland, Oregon, and again I would encourage people in that vicinity to think about it.

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**No Kill Conference** – the No Kill Advocacy Center was founded in 2004 by Nathan Winograd. Starting in 2005 the No Kill Conferences were held in Washington, DC (CFA was a sponsor in 2009). Most of their “No-Kill Equation” is very positive, favoring cooperative, community solutions over coercive legislation. This event has helped steer the discussion toward approaches more favorable to CFA and responsible breeders. In 2014-15 they took it on the road, visiting over 25 cities across the country.  
 When/where: Summer 2017 TBA.

**Cat Writers Annual Meeting** - CWA is teamed up with the BlogPaws Conference with presentations for both groups. The CWA Awards Dinner and annual meeting are held in conjunction. CFA was instrumental in founding CWA and continues to maintain a close relationship. This allows us to reach out to the media, editors and writers on cat issues and educate them to our “spin” on issues.  
 When/where: June 23-25, 2016 in Chandler, AZ. 2017 TBA.

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**Eigenhauser:** Some other conferences you might want to think about, the No Kill Conference. It used to be in August every year. Recently, they took it on the road. They are on hiatus this year, but will probably start again next year. Nathan Winograd is the founder there. He is a bit of a character, but part of the No Kill philosophy is, don't blame the breeders, don't blame the public, blame the shelters. A lot of his language is fairly animal rights, but when you get down to it, they are very much on our side in the sense that they believe that if the shelters did a better job, they wouldn't have them come after us. We can appreciate that position.

Then, there's the Cat Writers' Association. CFA is actually one of the founders of the Cat Writers' Association. Although they're not legislative, per se, they're not involved in legislation at all, they are a good place for legislative outreach. When you control the language of a debate, you control the debate. So, it's important when dealing with the Cat Writers that we make ourselves available to them. When they want to interview somebody on an issue, when they want an article on an issue, or just knowing our terminology, as opposed to the animal rights terminology, it's important that they understand our way of thinking so we can get our message out there. They are more outreach than legislative, but they are a big part of both. I know there are quite a few cat fanciers that actually belong to the Cat Writers' Association – I'm a member, Joan is a member – but a lot of people are members just because they like to write kitty stories. It's a good conference to go to. I don't know where 2017 will be. We just missed the one in Chandler, Arizona this year.

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**The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)**

**Animal Care Expo** - educational conference and international trade show. They often announce their upcoming legislative initiatives.  
 When/where: May 9-12, 2017; Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Taking Action for Animals** - is their national conference for animal advocacy.  
 When/where: June 17-20, 2016; Arlington, Virginia. 2017 TBA.

**Grassroots Events: Effective Animal Advocacy, Lobby 101 and Humane 101** - is their free training session on grassroots lobbying in your home state. In addition to training they provide information on upcoming HSUS initiatives in your area.  
 When/where: Ongoing and nationwide—find an event near you.

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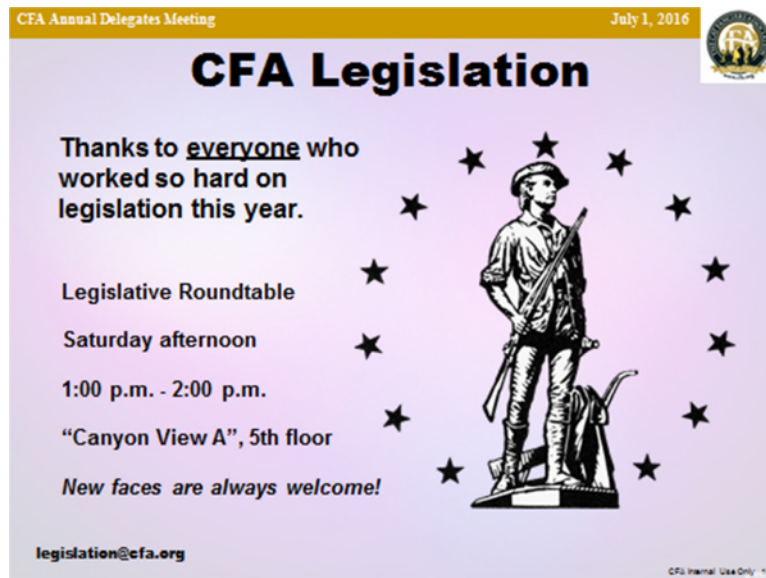
**Eigenhauser:** The big one every year is the Humane Society of the United States. As I said before, there are individual issues where they are on our side. There are groups within the umbrella that work with the Humane Society that can work with us, so it's valuable to have a presence there. In ancient times, we sometimes had 2 or 3 people going to their conference, because they will have 4 or 5 or 6 talks going on at the same time and you can't be in more than one place at the same time, so I would appreciate a little help next year. Again, it's going to be in Florida. I know we have a lot of fanciers there, so that way I don't have to try to be 6 places at the same time.

We also have the Taking Action for Animals seminar, which is usually in the DC area, but the one I want to talk about here is their Humane Lobby 101. They rotate that Humane Lobby throughout the United States. I remember one year a couple of years ago they tried to hit all 50 states in the same year. They will come to your state capital, they will talk to you about the issues that they're interested in, they will give you a little talk about how to lobby the legislature and then they will turn you loose in the capital building. I went to the one in Sacramento a couple of years ago, and I was actually surprised by how little they cared about us, because that year they were big on bear fighting and horse slaughter and shark fin soup and a couple of other things, and they didn't even mention cats. It just wasn't on their agenda for that time. So, it's important that we stay in touch with groups like this, #1 to build alliances within these groups with the people that actually are open to discussion, and the other thing is to keep an eye on what they are doing. Knowing in advance what their legislative agenda is going to be, what projects they have planned this year, what they are planning to do to us when we turn our backs. So, I would encourage you to attend that event, as well.

Also, watch for local events. If some animal rights group in your area is having a conference, go to it. Find out what they're thinking, what they're up to, what they are planning to do. Knowledge is power, and knowing in advance what's going to happen gives us a leg up.

I'm going to give you my quick down and dirty for telling when a group is animal rights and animal welfare. If you go to a group that has vegetarian and vegan and regular food, they are

generally animal welfare. If all the food there is vegan only and tastes like chalk, that's animal rights. That's a quick way to tell which kind of group you're dealing with.



**Eigenhauser:** I want to thank everyone who's helped with legislation this year. We're having our Legislative Roundtable Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. in Canyon View B. I know some of you ask me from time to time how Joan Miller is doing. She is actually here today and if you want to find out how she's doing, why don't you come to the Legislative Roundtable and ask her? Thank you.

**Hannon:** Thank you, George. George mentioned the Cat Writer's Association. At their recent meeting in the past week or so, *Cat Talk* magazine received the award for the best national publication, so I want to congratulate Teresa Keiger. [applause]

(46) **ROYAL CANIN.**

**Hannon:** Next we have a presentation from Royal Canin. Is Jamie here?

**Jamie Christian, Royal Canin Feline Breeder Manager:** Thank you. Hi guys. I don't want to take a lot of your time, but I did want to tell you a few things that are going on with Royal Canin. First of all, for those who don't know me, my name is Jamie Christian. I know I have met many of you over the years. I've made some really cool friendships inside this room, and I am pleased to once again be in front of you representing Royal Canin and our continued partnership with CFA. A few changes since last year. We have kind of reorganized the way that we're going breeders again. For those of you who don't know, I am now the Feline Breeder Manager for the whole country. [applause] Applaud now, there's only one of me. So, we are facing some challenges with getting to shows and different things, so just be patient with me and work through it, and we'll be stronger at the end. There are also many other exciting changes happening at the company level, as well. Being a science-first company, our Pet Health Nutrition Center in Lewisburg, Ohio, is becoming an innovator in feline and cat breed research. We have just announced that we will be opening a third factory in the USA that is just Royal Canin. Hopefully, that will keep our stock levels nice and good. Continued growth and change is definitely positive, and it will allow us to find new and innovative ways to work better with you, the breeders.

We do have four promotions going on today only, so you have to come and see my smiling face at the booth. The first one, any of our breed-specific foods – Maine Coon, Siamese, Persian, Persian Kitten, Ragdoll – they are buy 3, get one free. That's unlimited. We are also offering a special where if you buy one bag of Queen and one bag of Baby Cat, we'll send you a free bag of Kitten. That's unlimited, as well. We are also doing a friend referral program. Today only, if you refer a friend to us who signs up to be a Crown Partner, instead of just being offered a free product, which is what we normally do, you can choose that Weanafeeda that is sitting on the table back there. They are so popular. So, please take advantage of that. We also have other promo items back there for our Crown Partner members. I know many of you have seen these magnetic cage cards that are dry erasable. For anyone who places orders today, we have some little gifts back there. We hope to see a lot of your smiling faces later on.

Once again, we thank you very much for our continued partnership with CFA.

**Hannon:** Thank you, Jamie. I just had a shipment of Royal Canin sent last week. I think a lot of us belong to the Program. We get discounts and delivery right to our homes.

(47) **RED ROOF.**

**Hannon:** Next on the agenda is Red Roof. Red Roof is one of our corporate partners. They provide discounts to all of you. [applause]

**Kevin Scholl, CHDM, Director of Marketing:** I'm going to apologize in advance. We did not get our presentation in time, so you're just going to have to stare at me for the next 10 minutes. I apologize for that. Thank you for letting us come here and for letting us be a sponsor. The main thing I wanted to do today was to introduce myself to everyone. I'm a new face here at CFA. My name is Kevin Scholl and I'm the Director of Marketing for Red Roof Inns. I also consider myself kind of the head travel advocate and representative. When I started working at Red Roof six years ago, one of the reasons I took the opportunity was because they were trying to figure out how to really engage with our pet travel guests. We have always been pet friendly. Our owner founded the hotel chain being pet friendly, but it's not something we really talked about, it's not something we promoted. What we also saw was that in terms of our brand advocates – our pet travelers were are largest group of brand advocates – what we really wanted to do was to figure out how to raise that and how to communicate with these brand advocates. How do we reach out to our pet travelers and really work with them and get them to understand who we are as a brand and, more importantly, something that's extremely important to me and extremely important to our brand is, how can we take what we do in pet travel, and join and partner with really great organizations like CFA? So, having said that, what do we do? Obviously, we have a Cat Fanciers discount that we provide to everybody. It's 15% off your stay. The nice thing about that discount is, it's not just a discount. 5% of everything that you spend comes back to CFA. [applause] It has been a great partnership. Verna has been awesome to help manage that partnership. I'm looking forward to continue driving that forward and driving that promotion and driving that awareness. We were just in Chandler at the media information event, so we've really been getting out and meeting with our partners and guests. That's the goal and focus of my pet advocacy team. I hope everyone can meet Christina. She is our champion for pet travelers. If you guys ever need anything from us, all you have to do is call me or email me or Christina. We will help you out with anything that you need.

Some of the things about Red Roof and where we are right now, we now have over 450 locations across the country. Last year, we rolled out our brand extension called Red Roof PLUS+®. Have you had a chance to stay at Red Roof PLUS+® and how do you like it? It's that next-level experience. We are in the middle of going through a replatforming of all of our Red Roof web assets, so starting next year we're going to have a completely new website and booking experience for everybody. Our current website is being updated, so we're going to be really mobile friendly. It will be super easy for everybody to go on and find a property and book your property. What we're also going to be doing is updating how we work with our partners, so that's in January or maybe the end of December. We will have a portal that we build just for CFA, and that portal is going to be more than just a place for you to look. It will be a place for you to share information for people that might come onto the site. It will also be a place for us to share what we're doing with all of our pet partners, what we're doing within our pet community. If you have the opportunity, one of the really big routes for pet advocacy is through social media. We have RedRoofLuvsPets on social media. We've got over 150,000 members. This is just a place for members of our travel community to talk about their pet travel experience and talk about things to do when traveling and providing opportunities for pet-friendly places to visit,

where we have taken our pets, places that really give everybody an opportunity to kind of share that overall travel experience. At the end of this year we are going to be rolling out a very pet-friendly virtual reality experience, so you now all will be able to actually take a virtual tour at a Red Roof property. If you have an opportunity to stay with us, you can actually go online and take a virtual tour of one of our properties and check out the room. The star is our pet guest that we have traveling along with our human guest. So, for us, it's really a great opportunity for both reach out, having those conversations and making you aware of who we are as a brand. Obviously, we would love it if you guys stayed with us, but more importantly when you look at what we do with our pet communities, most hotels say that they are pet friendly but really what does that mean? They charge a fee and maybe tolerate it, but when your pet stays with us, pets are a guest. We're not just pet friendly, we welcome pets.

My goal here today is to thank you all for allowing us the opportunity to partner with you and, more importantly, to just reach out and remind you that if there's anything you guys ever need, please contact us. Verna has all our contact information. As for national events and local events, we're here to help. Our goal would be to not only spread the word about Red Roof, but about CFA as well. Thank you very much.

**Hannon:** Last week I went to a show in Ohio for the Great Lakes Regional and I stayed at a Red Roof, and it was full. There was not an empty room. It was full of cat fanciers. I just want you to know that we appreciate your program. **Scholl:** Thank you everybody. **Hannon:** Since not only do you get a discount, but CFA gets some money out of it, I would encourage you to stay at Red Roofs.



**(48) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.**

**Credentials Committee Chair Eve Russell** gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified.

**Credentials Committee Meeting  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Thursday, June 30, 2016**

*The meeting was called to order by Eve Russell, Chairperson, at 10:00 a.m. Hilary Helmrich was appointed Secretary for the meeting. Eve Russell introduced Michelle Ferguson, CFA Central Office representative, to present the credential issues to be discussed. The new member, Graham Stevens, was introduced. Each member of the group introduced themselves. Duties of Inspectors were reviewed. All members signed the Oath of Inspectors of Elections. The Committee collected Delegate forms and CFA Registered Committee Members as Delegates. The Chairperson instructed the members on how ballots will be opened, checked, and counted according to the procedure that is standard for the group.*

***CFA Clubs as of June 1, 2016 deadline:*** 625 clubs

***CFA Clubs Dropped after June 1, 2016 Deadline:*** 19 clubs

***Requirements outlined in Article III, Section 5, of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Constitution.***

**Russell:** Good afternoon. Instead of a 10 page report this year, the report is only 5, so we'll go ahead with our committee report. We met on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. I called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., appointed Hilary Helmrich as Secretary, introduced our Central Office person and introduced our new member, Graham Stevens, followed by self-introductions. We discussed the duties of inspectors, signed our oath of inspection and we discussed how we were going to count the ballots. As a point of interest, the years that we have both regional directors and officers, it gets very, very complicated, especially when we try to balance, and then we added the International Division. So, things were very complicated this year. As of the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, we had 625 clubs. CFA dropped after June 1<sup>st</sup> 19 clubs. They are, and I will be giving them by region:

1.	Region 1	Copper City Cat Club	No Membership List
2.	Region 1	Nutmeg Cat Fanciers, Inc.	No Membership List
3.	Region 1	Nova Scotia Cat Fanciers Club	No Dues, No Membership List
4.	Region 2	Northwestern Siamese Breeders	No Dues, No Membership List
5.	Region 4	Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers	No Dues, No Membership List
6.	Region 4	Vintage Cat Fanciers	No Dues, No Membership List
7.	Region 5	Inland Empire Cat Club	No Dues, No Membership List
8.	Region 6	Sandhills Cat Club	No Dues, No Membership List
9.	Region 7	Foothills Felines	No Dues, No Membership List
10.	Region 8	Art Noble Cat Club	No Dues, No Membership List
11.	Region 9	Italy Cat Fancier	No Dues, No Membership List



12.	Region 9	Spanish Cat Club	No Dues, No Membership List
13.	Region D	China Cat Planet Club	No Dues, No Membership List
14.	Region D	Global Corea Cat Club	No Membership List
15.	Region D	Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance	No Membership List
16.	Region D	Blue Velvet Cat Club	No Dues, No Membership List
17.	Region D	Khao Manee Cat Club Thailand	No Dues, No Membership List
18.	Region D	Qatar Cat Club	No Dues, No Membership List
19.	Region D	Shen Yang Feng Tian Club	No Dues, No Membership List

**Total Clubs: 606**

**Delegate forms:**

<i>Delegate forms mailed</i>	<i>March 7, 2016</i>
<i>Delegate form reminder mailed</i>	<i>April 8, 2016</i>
<i>Received Delegates on CFA Website</i>	<i>Updated daily</i>
<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Postmarked May 2, 2016</i>
<i>Delegate forms received by deadline</i>	<i>406</i>
<i>Postmarked after deadline</i>	<i>1</i>

**Delegate form postmarked or faxed after deadline of May 2, 2016:**

*A total of 1 delegate envelope (and form) was received too late to qualify to be a delegate to be seated at the Annual Meeting.*

- *Cat Nation Cat Fanciers – Region 4*  
*Faxed May 4, 2016*  
*A motion was made to not seat the delegate due to the late fax. Motion carried.*

**Ballots for CFA Officers and Regional Directors:**

<i>Ballots mailed</i>	<i>March 21, 2016</i>
<i>Ballot reminder mailed</i>	<i>May 5, 2016</i>
<i>Received Ballots on CFA Website</i>	<i>Updated daily</i>
<i>Deadline Regions 1-9, ID-Other</i>	<i>June 2, 2016</i>
<i>Deadline corrected ballot</i>	<i>June 22, 2016</i>
<i>Ballot forms received by deadline</i>	<i>437</i>

**Russell:** The Committee discussed two Chinese ballots and decided to table the discussion until the ballots were opened on Friday, July 1.

**Ballots Received by Central Office On Time but Not in the Ballot Envelope:**

1.	Region 9	Cats N' Cats #1535	Received May 12, 2016
2.	Region 7	Music City Cat Fanciers #994	Received May 16, 2016
3.	Region 6	North Shore Cat Club #180	Received May 17, 2016
4.	Region D	Indonesia Royal Feline #1608	Received May 17, 2016
5.	Region 4	Worldwide European Burmese Society	Received May 20, 2016

	#939	
6. Region D	Great West China Cat Fanciers Club #1559	Received May 20, 2016
7. Region 6	Lucky Tomcat Club #1146	Received May 23, 2016
8. Region 8	Japan Dancing Cat Club # 1470	Received May 23, 2016
9. Region 2	Katnip Kat Klub #714	Received June 1, 2016
10. Region D	Cornerpet Cat Fanciers Club #1594	Received June 1, 2016
11. Region D	China Central Cat Fancier #1595	Received June 9, 2016
12. Region D	Tianjin Cat Fanciers Club #1555	Received June 10, 2016
13. Region D	China Int'l Pedigree CF CL # 1545	Received June 13, 2016
14. Region D	China Pearl Feline Fanciers #1521	Received June 13, 2016
15. Region D	China Phoenix Cat Club #1462	Received June 13, 2016
16. Region D	China Southern Cat Club #1549	Received June 13, 2016
17. Region D	China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club #1571	Received June 13, 2016
18. Region D	Felines Asia Exotic Club #1568	Received June 13, 2016
19. Region D	Tianjin Feiming Cat Club #1600	Received June 13, 2016
20. Region D	Cornerpet Cat Fanciers Club #1594	Received June 21, 2016

*Motion to accept these ballots as they were received in a timely manner. Carried.*

**Ballot received After June 1 deadline:**

1. Region 1	Pocono Cat Fanciers #1243	Received June 2, 2016
2. Region 7	Mason-Dixon Cat Fanciers #1198	Received June 2, 2016

*A motion was made not to accept these ballots due to late receipt at CO. Carried.*

**ID-China Ballot received after June 22nd deadline:**

1. Region D	Leffair International CF Club #1585	Received June 27, 2016
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*A motion was made to not accept this ballot due to receipt after deadline. Carried.*

**“ID Ballot” written on different envelope named with ineligible club:**

1. Region D	Pearl River Cat Club #1543	Received June 13, 2016
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*Motion to table this ballot until ballots are opened on Friday July 1. Carried. On Friday the ballot was opened and subsequently rejected because the Club was not eligible to vote.*

**Friday, July 1, 2016**

*The Committee reconvened at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2016.*

**Russell:** Final discussion on any unresolved topics were carried over. We assembled our teams for ballot opening. We reviewed any incomplete ballots. We compiled and tabulated ballots and now we are reporting the results to the delegates. Jim Dinesen, who was unable to attend the meeting on Thursday, joined us Friday morning and was sworn in.

The Committee was notified by public media that the Cats World Club submitted their membership list but Central Office did not receive it and dropped the club from membership. The documentation of sending was presented to the CFA Board and they ruled that the club was eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. The ballot from Cats World Club was not sent because the club was not in good standing at the time ballots were sent. The committee urged the Board of Directors to communicate these types of information to the Credentials Committee so that they can be apprised of all Credentials Issues.

The ballots from clubs in good standing were opened and checked for signatures and 5 votes (4 officers and 1 regional director). The ballots were then folded to remove the signatures from view so that ballots could be counted securely. The Committee members do not open or count ballots from their own region.

*There were a total of 16 ballots that were discarded and not counted for the following reasons:*

**Ballots not counted**

Region 1	Finicky Felines Society	No club secretary signature
Region 2	None	
Region 3	None	
Region 4	Monroe Shorthairs	Incomplete ballot
Region 4	Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Incomplete ballot
Region 5	Minority Report	No club president signature
Region 5	Aloha Cat Fanciers	No club name on ballot
Region 6	None	
Region 7	Atlantic Himalayan Club	Incomplete ballot
Region 7	Cascade Cat Fanciers	No club name on ballot
Region 8	Fukuoka Cat Fanciers	Blank ballot
Region 8	Calk Walkers Japan	Incomplete ballot
Region 8	Kyoto Skylark Cat Club	Incomplete ballot
Region 8	Ganba Kobe Cat Club	Incomplete ballot
Region 9	Dutch Purppuss Club	Incomplete ballot

**Russell:** International. The divisional ballot for representative incorrectly asked the club to vote for two directors. A corrected ballot was sent to all China clubs asking the clubs to vote for one director. Incorrect ballots were reviewed by the committee and the corrected ballots were accepted.

ID	China Pearl Feline Fanciers	No club president signature (China Representative ballot)
ID	China International Pedigree CF	No club president signature (Officer/Director ballot)
ID	China International Pedigree CF	No club president signature (China Representative ballot)

***Election Results were as follows:***

***Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2016-June 2018 were as follows:***

***CFA OFFICERS: (422 votes tallied)***

**Office of President:**

Mark Hannon – Linden VA	327*
Abstain	95

**Office of Vice President:**

Richard Kallmeyer – Scottsdale AZ	355*
Abstain	67

**Office of Secretary:**

Rachel Anger – Wayne MI	393*
Abstain	29

**Office of Treasurer:**

Cynthia Byrd – Brea, CA	196
Kathy Calhoun – Chicago, IL	220*
Abstain	6

***REGIONAL DIRECTORS:***

**North Atlantic (1): (total 44 ballots)**

John Adelhoch – Warwick, NY	23*
Geri Fellerman – Clark NJ	21
Abstain	0

**Northwest (2): (total 45 ballots)**

Pam Moser – Gresham, OR	41*
Abstain	5

**Gulf Shore (3): (total 44 ballots)**

Kathy Black – Duncan, OK	22*
Steve McCullough – Caldwell, KS	21
Abstain	1

**Great Lakes (4): (total 52 ballots)**

John Colilla – Columbus, OH	46*
Abstain	6

**Southwest (5): (total 41 ballots)**

Ellyn Honey – Las Vegas, NV	12
Lisa Marie Kuta – Glendale, CA	29*
Abstain	0

**Midwest (6): (total 52 ballots)**

Mary Auth – Champaign, IL	28*
Paul Patton – Elgin, IL	24
Abstain	0

**Southern (7): (total 77 votes)**

Jean Dugger – Loganville, GA	46*
Mary Kolencik – Jessup, MD	30
Abstain	1

**Japan (8): (total 39 ballots)**

Edward Maeda – Ohtsu Shiga, Japan	26*
Abstain	13

**Europe (9): (total 13 ballots)**

Pam DelaBar – Tampere, Finland	10*
Abstain	3

**International Division – China Representative: (total 10 ballots)**

Kai Gavin Cao – Sichuan, China	5	tie
Frankie Chan – Shenzhen, China	5	tie
Pana Wang – Wu Xi, China	0	
Ethan Yong – Shanghai, China	0	
Abstain	0	

**International Division - All Other Representative: (total 4 ballots)**

Danny Tai – Hong Kong	4*
Abstain	0

*The Committee moved to the Annual meeting room to announce the results of the election to the delegates.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Hilary Helmrich  
Secretary*

**Hannon:** In the case of a tie, our attorney tells me that the board makes a decision on what to do in the case of a tie. So, on Sunday, we will discuss it. That's not the case if it had been a regional director, but it's not a regional director position. We need now a motion to destroy the ballots. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** You don't need a second.

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

**Hannon:** We now have permission to go ahead and destroy the ballots. My congratulations to each of the winners. I want to thank those board members that are leaving us: Steve McCullough and Geri Fellerman. We appreciate you. Kathy Calhoun is no longer going to be sitting at the table as a regional director, but as Treasurer. Again, congratulations to each of the winners, and thanks to the others who ran for office.

Saturday night at the awards banquet we hand out a lot more awards this year, so we decided to try to do a couple of them today. The Judges' Association Spotlight Award will be given out a little bit later today, and we have our service award for board members. Every 5 years – 5, 10, 15, 20 – we acknowledge service, and this year we have one service award for Carla Bizzell for 5 years. Carla, come on up. [applause] Congratulations.

**(49) MEDIA VIDEO:**

**Hannon:** We're going to move forward to a video presentation. Sharyn Hauck belongs to a company that hires pets for media. She specializes in cats and pedigreed cats, especially CFA pedigreed cats. She provides them for movies, for commercials, for print ads and a lot of other media. She paid to have a video created to show us some of the cats – CFA-registered cats – that have appeared in media.

[A positive, fun and upbeat video presentation prepared by All Creatures Great and Small in New York was given. The company is the largest and oldest talent agency on the east coast, and is owned and operated by a zoologist. Sharyn Hauck is one of three lead handlers and is the feline specialist for the agency. She handles everything from cockroaches to elephants, jelly fish, huge pythons, camels, hedgehogs, lions, tigers and many other exotic amphibians, mammals, insects etc. ("All Creatures"). Sharyn works on a professional set with some of the world's most prestigious producers, directors, stylists and clients.

The video featured Cornish Rex, Sphynx, Himalayans, Bombay, Burmese, bi-color Persians, American Shorthair, Exotics, Household Pets, solid Persians, Turkish Angoras, Siamese, Colorpoint Shorthair, Korats and more. Other clients have been provided with Abyssinians, European Burmese, British Shorthairs, Maine Coons, shaded silver Persians. After all, CFA cats ARE professionals!

Featured in the video were commercials for the following clients: Litter Genie, Big Kit-Kat, KittyO, Revolution, Target, Diet Coke with Taylor Swift, Complex Magazine with Alicia Keys, Playboy with Azealia Banks, Lanvin, Harry Winston, VanCleeef & Arpels, JCrew, New York Magazine, Money Magazine, Vogue (several editions), Women's Wear Daily, Bloomingdales, Wall Street Journal, Amica Italy, Anderson Cooper look alike on CNN (the white Oriental), Simplicity Patterns, Real Simple, and TIME magazine.]

**Hannon:** As I said, Sharyn had that video made. It was very professionally done and shows how many of CFA's cats have been in the media. I believe this is going to be placed on the North Atlantic Region's website.

**(50) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW:**

**Hannon:** Next is the International Show and I'm going to ask Michelle Ferguson to come up.

**Pat Jacobberger:** Mr. President, can I interrupt just one moment? **Hannon:** Yes ma'am. **Jacobberger:** If Jacqui Bennett could join us please. There was an egregious omission that occurred last year in that we, the members of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club, failed to recognize that there was, indeed, a Silver Slip. We are eternally grateful to Secretary Rachel Anger for calling it to our attention. It occurred during last year's discussion of then-Proposal #4. If Jacqui Bennett would join us. During the discussion, Jacqui stated: *It's very difficult for someone in Georgia to know intimately someone in Europe.* In case you don't know what the Silver Slip of the Lip Club is, it's people who have, over the years, blown it at the microphone at an Annual. My Silver Slip was that I presented a proposal on behalf of the "National Bat Creeders" instead of "Cat Breeders." **Russell:** In trying to talk to the delegates about having your badges showing, I was thinking about people with spaghetti straps. I started to, but they wouldn't let me finish, "if you're wearing clothes." **N. Auspitz:** I discussed having a vibrator in my pocket. I was talking about my cellphone vibrating. **Jacobberger:** I think one of the best ones was Linda Swope who, while announcing that there were still tickets available and yet to be sold for the banquet, and that she would be on the couch out in the hallway taking offers. **Russell:** Jean Rose got on the mike and was talking about cities, and she said, "Cleveland, or some other God-forsaken place." And Dick Gebhardt said, "I'm going to discharge." **Jacobberger:** We could go on, but we won't. So, Jacqui, welcome to the Club. **Bennett:** Thank you.

**Hannon:** I'm going to talk about the International Show. It's being held in Novi, Michigan this year and, at yesterday's board meeting, in 2017 we are going to hold it in Portland, Oregon. [applause] The west coast has been campaigning for quite some time to get the show back out west, and Pam Moser has agreed to be the show manager. We appreciate Pam's efforts. If you are interested in working on this year's show, see Rich Mastin. If you are interested in working on next year's show, see Pam Moser.

**Hannon:** This is Michelle Ferguson. She works in the Central Office. When you license a show, Michelle is the person that processes the paperwork. When you send in your club membership list and your club dues, Michelle is the one who handles it. When you send in ballots for officers or, in this case, for judges to the International Show, Michelle receives them and tabulates them. So, I wanted you to be able to put a face with the name. First, I want to announce, which we have already publicized, the regional selection for judges:

<i>Region 1.</i>	<i>Sharon Roy</i>
<i>Region 2.</i>	<i>Wain Harding</i>
<i>Region 3.</i>	<i>Pamela Bassett</i>
<i>Region 4.</i>	<i>Rachel Anger</i>
<i>Region 5.</i>	<i>Darrell Newkirk</i>
<i>Region 6.</i>	<i>Brian Pearson</i>
<i>Region 7.</i>	<i>Donald Williams</i>
<i>Region 8.</i>	<i>Yaeko Takano</i>
<i>Region 9.</i>	<i>Pam DelaBar</i>



**Hannon:** That's 9 of the judges. There are going to be 7 rings in each show, so we need a total of 14 judges. We did an at-large vote for 5 additional judges. The judges in order of votes receive happen to also be alphabetical:

*Larry Adkison*  
*Kathy Black*  
*Melanie Morgan*

**Hannon:** Fourth and fifth were tied with three people, so Michelle is going to pull out two names who will judge the show and the third name will be our first alternate. Pull a name and tell them who it is.

*Diana Doernberg*  
*Kenny Currie*

**Hannon:** The third, who is our first alternate, is *Vicki Nye*. Now in the bowl I have the name of all 14 judges. Michelle will pull the names of three judges who will handle the Best in Show:

*Yaeko Takano*  
*Wain Harding*  
*Kathy Black*

**Hannon:** Thank you, Michelle.

**(51) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**Hannon:** Next on the agenda is the Judging Program, Annette Wilson. At the end of her report, Ellyn Honey will present the Spotlight Award winner from the JA – that’s the Judges’ Association.

**Wilson:** Mr. President, CFA Board Members, Fellow Delegates and Guests. Last year during the Judging Program report, if you were in Toronto, we listened to frequent sirens and announcements about not being able to use the hotel elevators due to a water leak. This year, I understand, the hotel is just going to turn off the air conditioning ... but it’s a dry heat.

Once again the Judging Program Committee would like to express our sincere thanks to the “CFA village” that raises our judges. At yesterday evening’s workshop, many of our judges honed their knowledge of British Shorthairs, Turkish Angoras, Turkish Vans, and heard a wonderful presentation on the newest breed at our shows – the Bengals. Clubs, exhibitors, breeders and fellow judges all contribute to the knowledge and progress of each person that journeys through the program. You are sincerely appreciated!

Every year at this meeting, we have both sad and happy announcements to make. Retirement from the judging ring doesn’t mean that they are giving up friends and activities in CFA, so I suspect you will continue to see these folks from time to time, either in person or maybe on Facebook. Retiring this past year:

Jody Garrison  
Willa Hawke  
Chika Hiraki  
Gloria Hoover  
Walter Hutzler  
Carolyn Osier  
Barbara Sumner  
Donna Jean Thompson

Sadly, the Cat Fancy lost three allbreed judges this past year. Please join me in cherishing the memories of:

Joann Cummings, CFA Allbreed Judge from Region 4  
Kenji Takano, CFA Allbreed Judge from Region 8  
Guy Pantigny, CFA allbreed judge in Region 9

Now I’ll announce the judges accepted and/or advanced during the past year (and ask them to stand if they are present and please remain standing). Some judges have moved through several advancements during the year; I will announce the most current status. Please hold your applause until the end; let’s give each one a chance to hear their name (alphabetically by last name):

- John Adelhoch – Approved LH and Apprentice SH
- Amanda Cheng – SH Trainee 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty
- Kit Fung – Approved SH 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty and LH Trainee 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty

- Karen Godwin – Approved Allbreed
- Marilee Griswold – Approved SH and Apprentice LH
- Etsuko Hamayasu – Approved AB
- Wendy Heidt – Approval Pending LH 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty
- John Hiemstra – Approval Pending AB
- Koji Kanise – Approved LH 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty and Approval Pending AB
- Suki Lee – SH Apprentice 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty
- Doreann Nasin – Approved SH 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty and Approval Pending AB
- Nicholas Pun – Approved SH 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty
- Neil Quigley – Approved LH 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty and Approval Pending AB
- Jennifer Reding – Apprentice SH 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty
- Teresa Sweeney – Approved Allbreed
- Danny Tai – Approved LH and SH Trainee 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty
- Toshihiko Tsuchiya – Approved SH 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty and LH Trainee 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty
- Mihoko Yabumoto – SH Trainee 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty

Please join me in congratulating these members of the judging program on their advancements. [applause]

Now for my commercial message—you heard quite a few names announced as single or double specialty. These judges need the help of clubs in order to advance in their careers:

-- trainees seek permission to learn at shows all over the globe and need to be able to handle a significant number and variety of breeds in their specialty; if a trainee asks permission to train at your show, we really appreciate your participation in their training!

-- consider asking one (or two!) single specialty judges or a double specialty judge to officiate at your show. The opportunity your club can provide to advancing judges is invaluable and you have direct input to the evaluation process.

Back to the regularly scheduled programming ... Tomorrow night, awards for length of service will be presented to a number of our judges. They are:

5 YEARS: Jacqui Bennett, Chloe Chung, Karen Godwin, Neil Quigley  
 15 YEARS: Carla Bizzell, Kathy Black, Hisako Komota  
 20 YEARS: Ed Davis, Darrell Newkirk, Wakako Nagayama, Ed Yurchick  
 25 YEARS: Norman Auspitz, Mary Auth  
 30 YEARS: Jody Garrison  
 35 YEARS: Wain Harding, Robert Salisbury  
 50 YEARS: Loretta Baugh, Willa Hawke

My thanks to the committee members that volunteer to serve the judging program in various capacities: Beth Holly, Larry Adkison, Becky Orlando, Tracy Petty, Melanie Morgan, Rachel Anger, Jan Stevens, Aki Tamura-Kametani and Pat Jacobberger (a brand new resident of Region 5!). Linda Scharver in Central Office provides the Judging Program Committee with support and assistance and we REALLY appreciate her! A huge thank you to every judge that gives their time and talent to train our judges – your efforts are the reason CFA Judges are respected all over the world.

To all of you, thank you again for giving us opportunities to handle beautiful cats at shows all over the world! I ask all of our CFA and guest judges in the audience to stand ... and applaud YOU! Judges, please stand. [applause]

Now, I would like to introduce Ellyn Honey, President of the Judges Association, to announce and present the JA Spotlight Award.

**Anne Mathis:** I'm not Ellyn Honey, but if you have seen her in the scooter and seen her drive it, she was a little afraid of that ramp. So, here we go. The Spotlight Award recognizes a judge who has gone above and beyond in their service for CFA. This means serving on committees, the CFA Board of Directors, working with community outreach, mentoring the important new breeders, and the like. This year our Judges' Spotlight Award goes to someone, like our prior award winners, who goes even more above and beyond CFA and their own community. This year's recipient started their breeding career in 1972 under the cattery name Wynterwynd. They went on to produce regional and national winning lines in their breed, all the while working full time as a vice president for a very large third-party insurance company. After 30 years, she retired from her real work life but continues to judge and produce beautiful Russian Blues. This person began her judging career in 1987. She was a board member from 2003 to 2009, and again from 2011 to the present. She has worked tirelessly on a variety of committees, most notably Breeds and Standards, and in 2014 became Chair of the Judging Program. Many changes have occurred under her leadership. She works hours and hours for our Association, and also manages time to play pickleball and be very involved in community affairs in South Haven, Michigan. I can attest, having been out with her and other Russian Blue breeders that she is a real wine and beer enthusiast, and I would term her a foodie. We had a number of nominees for this award, all worthy, but I am delighted this year to present the Judges' Association Spotlight Award to Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** I would like to thank the members of the JA. I really appreciate it.

(52) **YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

**Hannon:** Next is the Youth Feline Education Program, to be presented by Cathy Dunham, who is Committee Chair.

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## Youth Feline Education Program

- Committee Members:

Cathy Dunham, Lorna Friemoth, Sande Kay, Debbie Gomez, Linda Osburn, Iris Zink, and Carmen Johnson-Lawrence

- 47 youth participating in 6 Regions and the International Division

**Dunham:** Good afternoon. The Program has had an awesome year this year. The first thing I would like to do is thank my Committee – Lorna Friemoth, Sande Kay, Debbie Gomez, Linda Osburn, Iris Zink and Carmen Johnson-Lawrence, and our board liaison, Kathy Calhoun. Without the support of these ladies, the kids and I would not even have a program to work with. They have done a superb job supporting youth and supporting me as Chairman.

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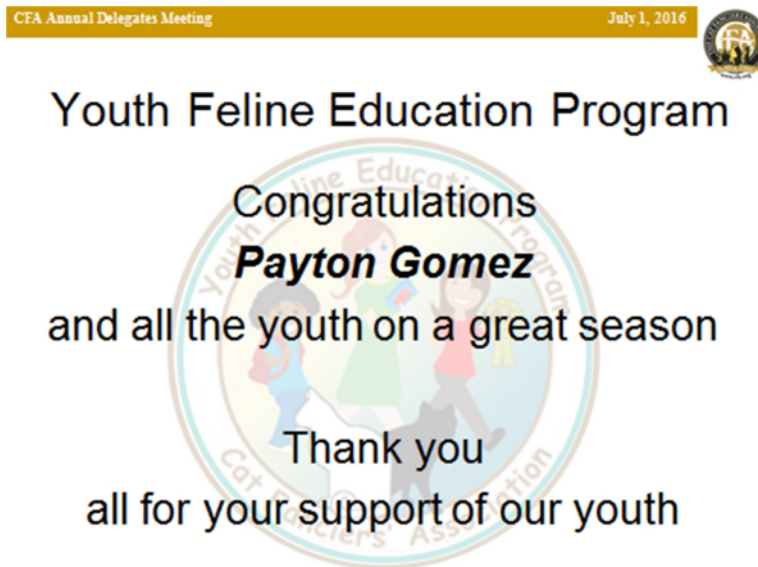
## Youth Feline Education Program

- Showing
- Breed presentations
- Crafts
- Engaging the public
- Hosting other youth groups at shows
- TV promotion for their club's show
- Writing Reports

**Dunham:** We are all very proud of our youth this year. We had 47 participants in 6 regions and the International Division working on their own personal goals in the program. Yes, I said "the International Division." For the first time since Jo Ann Cummings and her committee

rewrote the old Junior Showmanship program, youth from the International Division have joined in the fun of the Youth Feline Education Program. Jo Ann would be extremely proud to know that the program has gone international. That was one of her goals years ago when she rewrote the program. We know that she is watching over us and she is certainly cheering on all of the youth. The current successes of our youth are the foundation upon which a very bright future will be built. The program was designed to let the youth of CFA determine their own path through various activities, in hopes that they can find themselves in a hobby they love, and life in general. Our kids have accomplished a great deal, and they have done – as you can see on the slide – everything from showing their felines to breed presentations at shows to conducting crafts, decorating their cages, providing toys to exhibitors, engaging the public, hosting other youth 4H groups, scouting groups at shows. We even have one youth that does a TV promotion for his own club. All of them have written wonderful reports during the year on their various activities. Let's look at this year in review:

[A video presentation was given showing the participants, to Pitbull's *Celebrate*]



**Dunham:** It gives me great pleasure to recognize the overall winner, Payton Gomez. Payton Gomez is the Youth Feline Education Program winner this year in her own home region at her own Annual, and she did it in style showing her Household Pet in the premiership division, talking with spectators, working in show production, stewarding, running the paperwork at shows, making toys for the cats, decorating her cages, and so much more. [Payton gets a standing ovation!] Her mom and I kind of conspired against her. I only let her know at her regional banquet that she was the division winner at the national level, so that she could be totally surprised here at the delegate meeting. Congratulations Payton!

**Hannon:** Thank you Cathy.

(53) **2016 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

**Determination of a Quorum:**

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 392

Number of votes for a simple majority: 197

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 262

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.**

**2016 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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**Hannon:** It's time to consider amendments and resolutions. A reminder – only registered delegates are allowed to speak. If you are not a registered delegate, do not approach the microphone. We don't want to embarrass you by telling you to sit down. When you are called upon to speak, please state your name and the club or clubs that you represent. We first start with the constitutional amendments. Constitutional amendments must be passed by at least 2/3 of the votes entitled to be passed by the delegates present at this meeting. An abstention counts as a no vote. Constitutional amendments are effective immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment. They must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended, they cannot be brought from the floor, they cannot be changed by the board. **[unidentified speaker]** Mark, do we have a quorum? **Hannon:** We announced that earlier. **[unidentified speaker]** Back here we didn't hear that. **Hannon:** I announced it first thing this morning, that we do have a quorum.

***– 1 – Sophisto Cat Club***

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

**Section 4 – Regional Assignment**

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

**RATIONALE:** Clubs that reorganize or revert back to an active status in another region/continent should be active within that new area. These clubs should not have a presence in the former region and should not have a say in the former regional affairs and elections. Conversely, clubs that conduct shows and other activities in a new area/region do want to participate in the functions of the region of operations and not the regional of current assignment.

**Hannon:** The first constitutional amendment is Sophisto Cat Club, Pam DelaBar. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** Hyvää iltapäivää. You just got Finnish for “good afternoon.” Are you impressed? I’m not going to read the whole thing, but you know that you cannot change regional assignment unless your club has been outside the region for 5 years. The addition is, *Member clubs that have reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.* The reason for this, we do have clubs moving vast geographic distance. They are setting up activities, yet they are still allowed to vote in said region and influence the activities in their old region. Conversely, they want to be active in their new region. This puts the question to the board, once the club has moved the secretary is also in the new region and they are showing activity in the new region allows the club to petition the board to be assigned to their new region. That’s in. **Hannon:** Any other speakers? The reason this rule was initially put in place was to prohibit people from moving regions to impact the regional elections. By requiring activity in the new region, Pam doesn’t feel that’s going to be done for the purpose of affecting the regional elections. I see nobody at the microphones.

**Hannon:** I rule that it passed by 2/3.

**Motion carried by 2/3.**

– 2 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, Article III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, as follows:

Annual dues in the amount of \$80.00 (US) are due and payable each year on the first day of January for the ensuing calendar year. ~~The dues are to be mailed to the Central Office of this Association. Dues paid by clubs located outside the United States shall be paid in form of a postal money order. Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.~~

**RATIONALE:** We have many countries using a \$dollar for currency; the payment should reflect the US currency. Countries outside the US probably have no clue what a postal money order is. Most of us use the CFA online catalogue to pay dues and other fees. This change updates to actual practice.

**Hannon:** #2 is Sophisto Cat Club. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** Resolved, [reads]. Basically what I’ve done here is added U.S. after the amount of \$80 and struck the portion on dues paid outside the U.S. by postal money order and added, *Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.* When I asked members of Region 9 what a postal money order was, I got the biggest blank look. They are not available in several of the countries where we have membership. The board may accept such means of payment as PayPal or whatever – whatever will work. We’ve always had different means of getting money into the Central Office. This is basically, I think, housekeeping to keep up currently with what’s happening now. **Hannon:** I see nobody lined up to speak, so I’m going to go ahead and call it.

**Hannon:** I rule that it passed unanimously.



**Motion carried by 2/3.**

**– 3 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Huntsville Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees***

**RESOLVED:** Effective after Sunday of the 2018 Annual, amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph a., and Section 4 – Duties; and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD – Section 1 – Membership as follows:

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1 – Titles**

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

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

No person may hold more than one office.

### **Section 2 – Elections**

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

### **Section 4 – Duties**

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

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

## **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1 – Membership**

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

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

**Hannon:** Constitutional amendment #3. Our attorney has ruled it’s out of order because the effective date is “after Sunday,” not “on Sunday.” A change in office must take effect at the start of a term, not during the term.

**Out of order.**

*– 4 – Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Effective July 2, 2017, amend the CFA Constitution ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, and Section 2 – Elections, and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 – Membership, Section 2 – Meetings, subparagraphs e. and f., and Section 3 – Quorum, as follows:

## **ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1 – Titles**

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

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

No person may hold more than one office.

### **Section 2 – Elections**

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

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

## ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Section 1 – Membership

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

**RATIONALE:** Last year, the delegates voted to reduce the DALs from 7 to 5. This amendment would reverse that change. Reducing the number of DAL seats reduces the impact that each club has on the total board. There are currently 20 board members, and each club has a say in 12 of those seats, or 60% of the board. Reducing the DALs to 5 reduces the board to 18, and each club has a say in only 10 seats, or only 55% of the board. That may not seem like a big difference now, but we will eventually add more regions which will further reduce the influence of each club on the board and soon each club will only elect a minority of board seats. CFA is not like a city, state, or country government and we should not be compared to those forms. The clubs need to have a say in the makeup of the board. It is not hurting us to have 7 DALs, there is enough work for that many board members and it gives us a wider variety of input.

When we have an election for DAL seats, the candidates with the biggest advantage are the incumbents or candidates that have held board seats in the past. Because of how we do the DAL elections where an unlimited number of people can run for the seats and we must vote for exactly the number of open seats, getting someone new into one of those seats is difficult. Reducing the number of DAL seats from 7 to 5 increases the power of incumbency and qualified new people will have no chance to win a DAL seat. When there are 7 seats, new people have a chance to move into that part of the board one or two at a time.

**Hannon: #4, Lilac Point Fanciers. Mary K. Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I was asked by multiple people to bring this up for us to reconsider the change we made last year where we reduced the number of director-at-large seats. Since I agree it's a mistake, I thought we should just give it another thought. For the past several director-at-large elections, we have had a large group of people that put their names on the ballot, and because of so many people trying to get elected, and the fact that we require every club to vote for 7 – now 5 – it gives a huge advantage to the incumbents. Clubs might know a couple of the new names and be willing to vote for one or two, but when they have to fill the rest of the spots they look for familiar names – the incumbents. Because of this, we have not been able to get very many new people into those seats. When they do get in, they might come at the bottom of the rankings to get in, but we just re-moved the bar. So, reducing the number of seats from 7 to 5 increases the power of incumbency and it puts a great deal more control in choosing the bulk of seats occupied by regional directors who are not elected CFA-wide. Each club in CFA has no say in 8 board seats. I know there's going to be a comparison to Congress and how those of us in the U.S. do not have a say in most of our elected officials, anyhow. But please, please, let's not use the United States Congress for the CFA Board of Directors. So, we're asking to reconsider this change and to increase it back to 7 directors-at-large. With a \$2 million bank account and a profit of over \$400,000 last year, I think we can afford those two directors-at-large. It gives us an opportunity to get new blood into those seats. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** First of all, I'm one of the evil incumbents, so take everything I say with a

grain of salt. During the time I've been in CFA, originally there were 18 board members. Then we added Japan and we had 19 board members. Then we added Europe and we had 20 board members. Last year we voted to reduce it down to 18 again. Now we can have a reasonable debate about what's the best size for the board. How big is too big that it gets cumbersome? How small is too small to do the work? That's not what this resolution is about. This isn't about what's the most effective board CFA can have, this is all about politics. Some people believe that politically they would be more powerful if this passed than if it didn't. Let me give you my view on this. First, as to the argument that it's harder to remove an incumbent if there are 5 slots than 7, it's exactly the opposite. If you don't like me and there's only 5 slots, you've got to find 5 people you like better than me. If you don't like me and there's 7 slots, you've got to find 7 people that can beat me in the election. It's 40% harder to remove an incumbent if this passes. The second reason they want this to pass is they are afraid of a rash of new regions coming into CFA and diluting our voice at the board table. Our last two regions came in about 20 years apart. It's not like they come in every day, but the other thing to remember is there's only one way to create a new region, and that's if you vote for it by 2/3. The board isn't going to sneak in a bunch of new regions overnight. They're not going to show up on your doorstep tomorrow. The only way we're going to have more seats at the board table is if you approve it. It says in the rationale that eventually this might be a problem. Then let's deal with it eventually and leave things as they are today.

**Hannon:** I'm going to do this in this order – Norm then Peg then Barb then Monte. So, next is Norm. **Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** This amendment has never even been tried, so the “Mary Kolencik effect” is pure speculation. It can work the other way, so why throw something out when we don't know what it's going to do for sure? If it turns out to be good, leave it be. I think it's really not a good thing to make an amendment and then before it can even take effect, throw it away. Thank you. **Peg Johnson [Flamingo Cat Fanciers; Lincoln State Cat Club]:** As a former CFA board member, I was sort of surprised when I heard that we were reducing the size of the number of directors-at-large. I have 30 years in CFA and 10 years on the board. That gave me a huge respect for the directors and the work they did for CFA – the services they provide voluntarily and totally free of charge. Large non-profits often have large boards so they can supplement the services they pay for with services from these directors. Right now, regional directors and directors-at-large both are very critical and important to CFA. I think they also provide different perspectives on this that are brought to the board of CFA. As a regional director I had a lot of extra work and things I did besides going to board meetings. I had a lot of big committees for a regional director on the board, but it was a lot of work. Directors-at-large can do things more globally and they represent all of us. They can see a bigger picture sometimes. They have a lot of things going on, and we do try to represent the folks that elected us. As a corporate America citizen, I'm surprised we're downsizing at a time when we're growing so much, and getting bigger globally. I also feel like now is not the time, when we have a \$400,000 profit, to worry about downsizing. I think 7 directors-at-large provide a lot of services that regional directors may not have the time to do and they provide a very definitive view, so I'm not sure I see – we've gone a few years, why are you downsizing when you're growing so much? I would like to see you support this change back to what it was. Thank you. **B. Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I am in favor of this. I have sat on the board for 2 years and I see how much work is done by the directors-at-large for the global organization. The focus of our regional directors is exactly what their title says, and they do that very well. They have a little time left over for the global issues. Having a representative who is

not on the board to handle a particular function, like a committee chair, is somewhat of a disability because they don't sit at the entire board table or get all the myriad communications that come through in the interim. So, I really think that for a balance on the board, you need to go back to the 7 directors-at-large. **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** Basically, this proposal desires to repeal what we passed in Toronto last year. The arguments that were made in Toronto were that the board was too large and it needed to be reduced. The philosophy is, how do you want to reduce it? Do you want to reduce it by reducing how the regional directors have authority? There were proposals basically to eliminate regional directors and have regional administrators, and basically reduce the board by 9. There were proposals to reduce the board by reducing the number of board directors by cutting back on the directors-at-large from 5 to 3, and there was also a proposal to cut it back to 2, and another proposal to cut it back to 1. Those failed. The issue really is, how do you want to elect the board? Do you want to do it by regions, where each individual region has their group of people that they can elect, or do you want to set it up so that it's done just nationally – Regions 1-9? That way, basically the really large regions can dominate over the really small regions. It's just a matter of, which way do you want to go? **Bennett [Ocicats International]:** Ladies and gentlemen, I've heard statements of going back to 7. I would remind you, we're still at 7. We never got to 5. That's going into effect next year. I've heard arguments of, please don't compare it to the United States Congress. The argument made last year was that with 9 regional directors, you have 9 people looking out for their individual constituents, you have 4 elected officials – treasurer, secretary, vice-president and president – who are elected generally, and 5 directors-at large – 9 and 9. That is balance. There's no reason to go back to 7 before we even try 5. Thank you.

**Hannon:** Seeing no one else at the microphone, Mary has the closing words. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I just have one objection. As I said, there were several people that asked me to bring this up. I certainly am not fond of bringing things up that everybody hates, so when a few people said they liked it, I thought OK, it has some merit, I'll bring it forward. So, to hear something about the "Mary Kolencik effect" and that kind of snark, I'm like, I put a lot of work into this association, a lot of time and money to come here. I don't think anybody willing to step up to the microphone deserves that kind of snark. Vote how you want, but could we please be civil to each other? **Hannon:** I'm going to call to the vote. All those in favor of the amendment to return to 7.

**Hannon:** It does not reach 2/3, so it fails.

**Motion Failed.**

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## PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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**Hannon:** We're on show rules now. Pre-noticed show rule resolutions that pass by 2/3 vote are sent to the board for ratification. Pre-notice show rule resolutions that pass with more than 50% but less than 2/3 are sent to the board with a favorable recommendation. Show rule resolutions which are amended before being voted on must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only. So, if it's 2/3, it goes into effect; if it's 50%, it just goes with a favorable recommendation to the board and they can do what they want with it.

– 5 – *Cat Springs Irregulars Cat Club; Central Carolina Cat Fanciers; Crown City Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers; Lakes Country Cat Fanciers; Las Flores Cat Club; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Paul Raines Solid Color Cat Club; Phoenix Felines; The Crafty Cat; Midlands Cat Fanciers, Inc.*

**RESOLVED:** Effective October 31, 2016, amend Show Rule 2.03 and Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Scoring Procedures/Policies and Awards, Subsection SHOW POINTS, Paragraph 3 as follows:

**2.03** A BENCHED KITTEN OR CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged ~~in at least one ring~~. Such kitten or cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition ~~throughout the entire show~~ in each individual ring in which it competes. Any kitten or cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified kitten or cat, is considered a benched kitten or cat only in that individual ring for scoring purposes.

Article XXXVI  
NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM  
Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards

**SHOW POINTS**

**Official Show Count**

1. ...
2. ...
3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in ~~one~~ a ring is counted as competing in ~~all rings~~ that ring only.

**RATIONALE:** A kitten or cat that is not present in a ring and does not provide competition, should be considered absent for scoring purposes and overall counts, for a cat show is, after all, about competition. “Competing” and actually receiving points from a non-existent competitor defies the meaning of competition and renders the “win” meaningless. Points received should be actual points earned.

Add that CFA’s computer functionality should have advanced to the point where scoring rings individually is a practical reality, there is no technical reason not to move forward to scoring rings individually.

Finally, it appears there have been ongoing issues regarding count manipulation that will be resolved with this resolution. While we cannot legislate morality, we can be instrumental in creating an environment that invites every exhibitor to compete fairly.

**Hannon: #5,** let’s hear from Cat Springs Irregulars. **Cynthia Byrd [Crown City Cat Club]:** I leave it to you to read our written rationale on this. Basically, this asks for us to compete honestly cat to cat. It’s not about stuffing or negative stuff, it’s about competition – true competition. People may bring as many cats as they want, put them in as many rings as they want, not put them in rings, we don’t care. Our thought is that when our cat competes, it needs to compete against actual cats that have been in that judge’s ring. We’ve heard from judges that this would not be a big deal. Actual count for each category would be announced at the final. Everyone would have it in hand and make their own figuring. This proposal assures that each cat actually competes against cats, not absentees. As in any other competitive activity, this is actual

competition and basically the right thing to do. **Hannon:** So Cyndi, is this basically ring-by-ring scoring? **Cynthia Byrd [Crown City Cat Club]:** Yes, it is. **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** Ring-by-ring scoring may sound like a good thing, but the real problem with ring-by-ring scoring is, it creates a much simpler, easier way to manipulate counts. I'm going to give you an example right off the bat. Let's say we have a show in Indianapolis and a bunch of people decide they would like to see Pam DelaBar, who just happens to be showing an Exotic, come to the show and get a national win with her cat. So, they all support the show by entering their cats. Meanwhile, we have Donna Isenberg who brings her cat and competes in the exact, same category. Now you have the opportunity to not only benefit one exhibitor, but to punish the other one. In the rings that Pam wins, all the extra cats decide to go in. All of a sudden, her count is 71. Meanwhile, in the rings that Donna wins, they don't go in and that count is 31. You can argue that obviously something is going on. That's true, something is going on but how are you going to prove that it's count manipulation? My cat decided not to go to the ring because he doesn't like those judges, he messed himself, I missed a call. There's excuses up the kazoo why you won't be able to file a successful protest; the result being that again this proposal allows you to not only benefit the counts for one exhibitor, but punish the counts for a different exhibitor. Another problem, as a master clerk, if you want to know how many cats are in that ring, come back and ask me after the show is over and I've checked out all the judges. That may be a little late for you, but that's when you are going to get a count and no sooner. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** I'm going to follow with what Monte said as I'm sure many of you know from the CFA list. This proposal is not going to do what you are trying to do. We already don't have an honest cat-to-cat competition because we use percentages. Unless a cat goes best cat across the board, really you don't benefit from phantom points. I may beat 100 cats in a ring but if I'm 10<sup>th</sup> best cat, I only get 55 points. We already are dealing with the phantom point issue. It also will really hurt people that choose to stay until the end of a show that runs late. For example, last weekend the Great Lakes show ran very late. The last ring wasn't done until about 2 or 3 hours after the other ones. That's just the way it works sometimes. There were a lot of cats to be judged. So the people who chose to stay until the bitter end would be punished because other people had to leave for a variety of reasons. What if there's bad weather at a show? All the people who are traveling north may choose to leave early for their own safety. They need to leave the show early, so the people who are driving south or are local, they stay, they support the show, they leave cats in the rings, so for spectators at least there's some cats there for them to see – but wait, they're going to be punished because they chose to stay. There's no particular advantage to stay at a show when they're doing ring-by-ring scoring. We don't really have a problem with this. It has been in CFA for decades. It's only recently that a particular area has caused problems, and this problem is being dealt with, one way or another. So, please don't hurt all of us who choose to stay to the end of shows because you have a problem with one particular area. **Vanadis Crawford [Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers; Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Our clubs support this in spirit. We believe that it is important that we have ring-by-ring counts, that we compete in each ring as though it is an individual show. However, we do feel that there is additional implementation that needs to be done here to understand what are the changes that would be required for the rings and the master clerks in trying to handle ring-by-ring scoring. We have two very experienced master clerks within our clubs and they have expressed concerns about how this would work. The other thing that we are the most concerned about is, there is an October 2016 implementation date in this proposal. We believe that it is time to stop mid-season changes to our

show rules, and if we are going to be changing our show rules, that we do as we always have on a show year boundary. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I just want to expand a little on what Monte said. If I have a cat that's done very well with the judge in Ring 1 and 3, and I have some cats that I perhaps myself have brought along to enhance the count, I would put those cats in Ring 1 and 3. On the other hand, in Ring 2 and 4, those judges haven't really given me anything other than a clear ribbon. So now, not only is my campaign cat not there, but neither are my enhance cats. This negative stuffing and this is again a very negative situation, so I really can't support this. The other thing I want to point out, and I'm not sure if it's in this one or the next one, but about the champion and premier points. We have many times as a courtesy pulled our cat who has just granded, in consideration of allowing the points for someone else, or even another breed or a friend or just as a courtesy. That would not help them. We would have to leave the cat in. So, do you leave the cat in for the count and take the points away from someone else, or do you pull the cat and reduce the count? I am not in favor.

**Tim Schreck [Oakway Cat Fanciers]:** I have a couple points on this. The first one I would like to make out is, part of this rationale is, *CFA's computer functionality should have advanced to handle this*. I have already covered the fact that we are not programming just to get this started. It would run over 56 hours of programming, which would keep us from doing other needed improvements in our system. Also, I question the fact that you mention something in the rationale that you asked no one to verify. Therefore, if your rationale is incorrect, I have reason to question everything else on this proposal. All I really wanted to say was that I am not in favor of this and it would be a very large handicap to our Central Office.

**Frédéric Goedert [Jardins des Korats]:** I would like to say just a few things about this, because I think it's really important nowadays, coming from Europe, and as we are supporting CFA we are following some kind of identity that makes CFA special. This is something very special we find in this organization. That's why I'm not in favor of this change, because I have seen during this past year so much sportsmanship supporting each other with putting on cats just to support someone to grand. I think it will be important for our organization to keep the way we have done as of today, because it will be the way to keep our organization in its identity. In the world of competition as we are facing it in Europe, I think it's important to have some things that are different from other organizations. This is part of what I think makes CFA as it is today.

**Marianne Clark [Rip City Cats; Japanese Bobtail Fanciers]:** The thing that concerns me is, I have shown in TICA where they do ring-by-ring count. That's great. You are counting cats. In CFA, each ring is going to have to count their champions, plus you're going to have to go through and have your champions in each breed counted, because that may change, too. So, that's another layer of scoring that TICA doesn't have. We have those two layers. What's it going to cost in the way of programming and scoring and work that has to be done in Central Office? Sure, as a clerk I can sit there and count, but that's not going to change what they have to do in Central Office to implement this. That's my main concern.

**Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers]:** This is one of those that I think sounds very good in theory and whatnot. It's the practical application that we are opposed to, because we do believe the negative stuffing will be a problem. It will make more animosity between competitors because it's easier to manipulate individual cat stuffing. The other thing is, what about the cat that maybe doesn't like being shown? You put it in a ring or two, it's pretty clear that it's not happy and you decide to pull it for the rest of the show. Will there be people that say, "oh, I want to help my friends, or even myself with my other cats that are in the ring," and a judge gets bitten? I would really like to not have cats in a ring that shouldn't be there, and not be just there for count, either.

**Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat**



**Club; Gateway Arch Persian Society]:** I am not in favor of this. I hope that we take to hear the comments that were made by Tim Schreck as far as our systems capabilities, and at this point in time we have programming dollars that we need to funnel toward other things that will contribute to the organization. I think we have put things in place to address some of the issues that we have in the organization, and I think at this point, this would be detrimental. I'm not going to support it. Thank you. **Bruce Isenberg [Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club; Black Tie And Tails Cat Club]:** This show rule change is not about stuffing or mechanics, it's about common sense. It really bothers me that a cat can be scored and give a point when it's not even there. Everyone in this room paid their money to be delegates, but if you're not in the room you're going to not count. **Adrienne Wolfson [Rose City Cat Fanciers]:** I just want to echo what Bruce actually just said, and I also want to compare us to some other organizations. In AKC, which I am also very active in, if your animal is not in the ring, despite the fact that there are multiple classes which you can be judged in, you're not counted towards the final count and you don't contribute to the awards that the other dogs get. So, I can understand that there's going to be times when there maybe are cats that are going to be unhappy after one or two rings, but if they're unhappy after one or two rings and they are no longer competing, why do they count for a point? **Bruce Russell [Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers; Catmania Cat Fanciers]:** I've been breeding and showing 19 years in CFA. The very first year that I showed was the last year that they had ring-by-ring scoring. There wasn't anybody that liked ring-by-ring scoring back then. Everything that I heard about it was terrible. Since that time, nobody wanted to go back to that. It's something that I don't want to go to either, so I would have to vote against this. **Harold Bourgeois [Wildcatters Cat Club; Tonkinese Breed Association]:** One more aspect to look at this if you don't mind – I bring a lot of cats to shows because I want their count to go up. When you see a high count 2 weeks before a show, you want to go to that show because the count is high. I don't always show all those cats in every ring. One of the reasons I bring them is just to help the club have more count. That's what I do it for. I won't bring those cats if I have to show them in every ring. I'm doing it just to help a club. It's just another aspect to look at. Thank you. **Allan Shi [North China American Shorthair]:** I am going to say, this idea is very good right now for CFA because CFA's main feature is competition. If a cat is not in that ring, that cat should not get points. I think it is very natural. Right now, the situation in China, ring-by-ring is very important for China. Right now, some clubs in China have stuffing. They have a few cats and they maybe use a cat with a different registration number to increase the show count. That hurts everybody, so this ring-by-ring scoring is not only more work for the master clerk, for CFA Central Office, but for everybody – not only for national winners, but also for the breed winners. We just want fair competition. That's all. **Jack Nichols [Midlands Cat Fanciers]:** I need a clarification from IT before I can say anything about this proposal. Is there a limit in our program – say, we can only score 9,999 shows per year, or is it 999 shows per year? If there's not a limit, then when you do ring-by-ring scoring, instead of having my club – Midlands Cat Fanciers – listed in column, I'm doing a 6 ring show, so we list Midlands Cat Fanciers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Yeah, it's a little more entry work on Central Office, but there's no programming required. That's why I need the clarification. What programming is required? Instead of listing 1 show, you list 6 shows, or 8 shows or 10 shows. I can't address the whole issue without understanding that. **Hannon:** Jack, my understand is that, technically, we can do it. We can do it now, but we're going to have to do some changes. Most of the work is going to be manual, not computerized, which means it's going to take Central Office staff many more hours to score each show if it's ring-by-ring, which means we're going

to have to hire additional staff. You may not get ePoints on Fridays. It may take a while to get these shows scored. Another if my concerns is that the October effective date may not be realistic. Remember how long it took us before we got the registration process straightened out? So, if we change the scoring process, we have to accept the fact that we're going to go through some trials and tribulations before it works smoothly. **Donna Isenberg [Cat Spring**

**Irregulars]:** If we can't do it now, I hope someday we will really think about it. It's very logical. It's not supposed to solve anything in CFA. It's only supposed to represent our hobby the way it should be, and that is competition. I have been showing a lot of years, just like all of you. I love winning and I love points, but in the end, even if someone negative stuffs, think of all the worse things in the world. If you have a good cat, in the end your good cat may not win as many points as it would have at the end of the year, but it will still win. Cats are going in and out of shows all the time. Some don't feel good sometimes and you have to withdraw, yes, but we're all getting the same point. How many in this room – you talk about negative stuffing – how many in this room would really like to negative stuff? Would you really want to be known for doing harm to somebody else and not really winning? I have never stuffed in my life. I never intend to. If my cat can't win in the end, that's the way it is. You all talk about negative stuffing. Who are we?

Are we not honest and fair and want to see real competition? This is what I don't understand. It's logical. Why does my cat get a point for a cat that isn't there and it didn't beat? **Jacqui Bennett**

**[Ocicats International]:** Without speaking for or against this, I would like the person proposing it and the clubs proposing it to please explain the logic of the mid-season change, as opposed to having it be effective in the next show season year. That is my major hang-up with it – changing scoring half way through the show season – so please explain the logic behind it. **Cynthia Byrd**

**[Crown City Cat Club]:** Truly, as we watched what happened in China this year, it was our advice that we would not like that to happen again in the coming year, so with the idea of changing in October, we felt that at least half of the show season would be covered by this ruling, rather than experiencing again some of the really unfortunate things that we saw this year.

**Hannon:** October 31<sup>st</sup> is the half-way point through the show season, is why you picked that date. I don't see anyone else lining up to speak. Do you want to make some closing comments, Cyndi?

**Cynthia Byrd [Crown City Cat Club]:** We understand the fear of anything that's new. We understand the fear of the whole idea of negative stuffing that I believe Donna expressed well. I believe Frederic from France expressed best. Our organization is growing, and I think, in our support of one another. This gentleman here brings lots of cats. If he shows them in one ring, fine; if he shows them in all rings, fine. It's the idea of honest competition. We understand the technical difficulties, and that may be somewhat of a barrier that we need to consider, but we would like to, if not this time, eventually get to fair and honest competition. Thank you.

### **Motion Failed.**

*– 6 – Cat Springs Irregulars; Central Carolina Cat Fanciers; Crown City Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers; Lake Country Cat Fanciers; Las Flores Cat Club; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Paul Raines Solid Color Cat Club; Phoenix Felines; The Crafty Cat, Midlands Cat Fanciers, Inc.*

**RESOLVED:** Effective October 31, 2016, amend Show Rule 2.04 and Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards, Subsection SHOW POINTS, Paragraph 3 as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged ~~in one ring~~ as a Champion or Premier. ~~Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings.~~ Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition ~~throughout the entire show~~ in each individual ring in which it competes as a Champion or Premier. ~~Any Cat An Open, Champion or Premier~~ competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat only in that individual ring for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted only as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier in ~~all~~ each individual rings in which it competes as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier.

Article XXXVI  
NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM  
**Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards**

**SHOW POINTS**

**Official Show Count**

1. ...
2. ...
3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in ~~one~~ a ring is counted as competing in ~~all rings~~ that ring only.

**RATIONALE:** Currently, a cat that has transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier is scored as two different cats on the second day of a show, as an Open/Champion/Premier as well as a Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Consistent with the idea that a cat is either present or absent in any one ring, once a cat has been transferred, the point associated with that cat must be withdrawn from the Open/Champion/Premier count, to reflect the Grand Champion/Grand Premier Class achievement, and should be scored accordingly.

**Hannon:** #6, according to our attorney, if Resolution #5 fails, which it did, #6 is out of order.

**Out of order.**

*– 7 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International; New England Meow Outfit*

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Show Rules 2.04, 2.07c, 2.08, 2.23b, 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15e, 10.23c, 12.17, 12.19, 27.06, 28.04, as follows, in order to create tiered titles for Champion and Premier cats to earn along the way to Granding, as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Champions or Premiers of any title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present

for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.

- 2.07** c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Champion class also includes Champions of any CH title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), who compete in the champion class and count as champions.
- 2.08** CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.
- 2.23** b. The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier), Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champion), Grand Champion, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier) or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.
- 7.02** The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

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

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

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

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

...

- 10.23** c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number or household pet recording number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration or recording number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration or recording number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Bronze/Silver/Gold tiers of Champions and Premiers are not required.

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

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

**27.06** A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier. A cat can earn points toward these Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as those described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03.

1. To qualify for any the Bronze, Silver or Gold Champion/Premier title, a cat must have at least one win of Best Champion/Premier, Second Best Champion/Premier or Third Best Champion, or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final.

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

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

**RATIONALE:** This proposal would add multiple tiers to the Champion/Premier title. In doing so, more people will be encouraged to show cats that they are not sure will be easy Grands, which are now not shown past the six qualifying rings.

We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to Grand; others are in breeds that do not always have time to Grand before they need to be bred. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2014, 1,338 cats became Grand Champions – out of 18,578 cats shown in Championship. If even a small percentage of those 18,000+ cats can be persuaded to return to show halls to obtain a new level title, it will be a boon to our member clubs. Similarly, only 623 of 8,686 cats showed to Grand Premiership. The recapture of even a small number of these entries can easily be the difference between a club folding or continuing show production.

We also see a need for this title for added meaning to the Champion title, as well as to meet the need of an exhibitor who must right now only use the phrase “Grand pointed.” A Grand pointed cat could mean a cat with 1 point, or with 199 points. Other breeders reviewing pedigrees have no way of knowing anything about a cat with a CH title other than it has obtained six qualifying rings.

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

Champion (CH) – six qualifying rings

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

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

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

Premier (PR) – six qualifying rings

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

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

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

Once the Grand title is achieved the initial titles related to Champion/Premier will drop off. As each title is obtained the old one is replaced (i.e. rather than a CH, CHB, CHS, the cat would be a CHS upon earning 100 Grand points). The points are cumulative through the levels. That is, a cat does not start out back at 0 after achieving any level. The additional titles are automatically conferred as the Grand points are earned – there is no need for a claims process, or additional charges, as no award or certificate will be issued until the Grand is achieved.

**Hannon: #7, Turkish Angora Fanciers. Iris Zinck [New England Meow Outfit]:** Few people would argue with the fact that one of the biggest challenges our organization faces today is a decline in entries in the U.S. This proposal offers you an opportunity to help address that challenge. It would not just give more people a reason to show their cats beyond those six qualifying rings, but by creating a lower level interim opportunity for recognition, it would help encourage new exhibitors for whom the pursuit of a grand championship or premiership may now feel so overwhelming as to appear totally out of reach. I'm not going to read the rationale, but I want to call your attention to a few key points in it. With this version of the proposal, we are talking championship and premiership together. There is no claims process, there is no additional charge, because all we're talking about is a little addition to Herman and something that would happen on pedigrees. More importantly, the terminology we are recommending to identify the tiers is simple, readily understandable, and not likely to be confused with the titles used in other organizations. It also naturally makes you want to aspire to the next level. Everyone knows that silver is better than bronze, and gold is better than silver. We think that the owner of the cat that got 70 points in its first show is not going to want to sit home and say, "oh boy, I got a bronze" when they have already made good progress towards silver, and ultimately towards grand. I also want to ask you to look at the statistics in the rationale. They came from Monte's statistical look at the 2013-2014 show season. In 2014, fewer than 8% of the cats shown in championship went on to become grand champions. The actual numbers are 1,338 grand champions out of 18,578 cats shown in championship in all of CFA. Those numbers are not going to strike anyone here as realistic, so let's take them down a few notches, and make them palatable and reasonable. Take out the grand champions, assume that half of the remaining 17,240 cats weren't good enough to go beyond the qualifying rings, so now you've got 8,620 – still an awful lot to fathom. So, let's take it down to just 10% of those cats. We've got 862 cats now. If those 862 cats – just 10% of the total – came back for one more show at an average first entry cost of \$55, it would translate into \$47,410 in income that the clubs are not getting now. Is

that potential worth pursuing? But, this proposal is not just about encouraging people to show beyond those qualifying rings. My club did not write it, but we joined in to co-sponsor it because we believe it would help clubs attract and retain new exhibitors. In areas where there are only a few shows a year, and where CFA shows regularly have to compete with other organizations, it is hard to convince new exhibitors that they might have the potential to achieve anything here. They might enter a show or two, but then they realize that they're going to have to do a lot of traveling to achieve a grand, and that they can attain some kind of recognition a hell of a lot faster in one of the other associations, and then we lose them. Most of you sitting here today have come to the Annual because you consistently produce grand-quality cats and have been able to achieve higher level awards for them. These champion award tiers may seem unnecessary to you. They may even seem a disincentive and strike you as ridiculous. If so, that means they aren't about you. They are about the people in your clubs – people you represent – who are not at your level yet and who want to get there. This proposal is for people who work with minority breeds, people who live in areas underserved by CFA shows, newbies who have high hopes for their first cats – in other words, it's for the “little guys” of CFA. Your vote on this proposal could very well determine whether they remain a part of CFA, or give up and go elsewhere. Their future with CFA is in your hands.

**Hannon:** Resolutions 8 and 9 also deal with champion and premier titles, so for purposes of discussion – we'll vote on them separately, but the discussion is going to be basically the same for all of them. So, I'm going to ask the representative of Hugger Mugger who's got Resolutions 8 and 9 to present theirs, and then we will have a discussion on all three and then vote separately. So, is somebody from Hugger Mugger here? **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** I know some people wanted to know why there were two different proposals here. I think we just didn't communicate too terribly well, but also with some discussion, and I talked to some people, and there was not a lot of favor for the medals, as some people called it – the gold, silver, bronze – and some people felt there was a concern that gold champion sounded like a higher title than grand champion. I honestly don't know. I support both proposals. I do think we need tiers of champions. I know a lot of you here, as was already said, you already produce cats that grand pretty easily and go beyond that. These proposals are not really for people who are here, actually, unless you are a pedigree hound like myself. These proposals are for the people who might attend less than 5 shows a year. I mentor a lot of these breeders, and they don't stay very long when they see there's no hope to grand and no hope to get anything other than the title of champion, which they got just by showing up to their first show. They just won't show up beyond that. No matter how much you try to explain to them, if they just keep going to shows, they will eventually get that grand probably, but it's really hard to explain to them, yes, you're going to have to drive 300 miles and you're going to have to spend the night in a hotel. You're going to end up paying about \$500 a weekend, at least in my region. I know some of the other regions don't have these travel problems, but Regions 3 and 6 certainly do. And 2, thank you. **Hannon:** Carissa, did you address both resolutions from Hugger Mugger Society? **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** I'm getting there, thank you. So, I actually split my proposal, as well. This is from input from people who asked me, “why do the premiers need two tiers? We don't usually get a lot of new breeders actually showing premiers, and the difficulty level of attaining a grand premier generally is not quite what it is a grand champion because you don't have hormones. Hormones get in the way of granding cats. So, I did split it. If you like the idea of champion tiers and you don't like the idea of premier tiers, then the two different proposals that I had might be a little bit better for you, but



I do hope that you will give this serious consideration. I have heard a lot of people be very flippant about these, but you really don't know what a difference this would make for new breeders. If you don't understand this, please try mentoring a new breeder and you will understand why this would make a difference – it's not just new breeders, because there are some breeders who have been there for 10 to 15 years, and they have granded one cat in 10 to 15 years. They don't keep coming back to shows because they say, so what, I got a champion title, whoop-de-doo, but if they could get something a little bit more, they might come back. Please give this your earnest consideration. **Sande Willen [Greater Baltimore Cat Club; Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers]:** In talking to people about this, I have seen that a lot of people support the basic idea. A question if this passes, or if one of these passes, would the board be able to change the actual names of those titles? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** This kind of reminds me of something else. When I first started showing, my first cat was a pet that I bought. I paid like \$300 for it. This was 20 years ago. A friend of mine at work said, "I've got a Siamese cat and it was only \$50." I'm like, "is it a real Siamese? Does it have papers?" "No, the breeder said that if she would have given me the papers, I would have had to pay a lot more." Now, we all know 20 years ago a litter registration was \$7 and an individual cat registration was \$7, but this person had the idea that, "my cat is really a Siamese, I just don't have the papers, it's almost like a Siamese." Well, these titles are like, "I almost have a grand. I could have had a grand. I've got this cat on the pedigree that's a gold or a double or whatever names we use, my cat is almost a grand. It's just as good, it's just I didn't feel like going to that extra show." You only get these titles if you quit. If you go on and grand a cat, that replaces these titles, so now if they're on your pedigree, we're going to be able to tell people, "My cat is really just as good as all these other grands, but I just didn't feel like going all the way. It's almost a grand, it's just as good." This is like a consolation prize. This really, seriously cheapens the grand. Last year, I proposed that we have gold, silver and bronze for grand champions, and that was the complaint then – "this cheapens the grand." This proposal makes the grand title meaningless, because now new people can just settle for these titles and not keep going, not keep spending all that money every weekend. So, I really don't see that this is going to gain us any entries. It's just a consolation prize, and it's a reward for people who quit. **Stephanie Dorsay [Gasparilla Feline Friends]:** You guys probably don't know me. You don't know me because I'm new. I am the reason that this bill is here – not me, necessarily, but people like me. I am a millennial. I am a new exhibitor. I am a new breeder. I am one of your new catteries that you have now. I have an 11 year old son who is in your Feline Education Program. I haven't been to a show in months. I haven't been because my cat has already granded, and I only have one cat. I haven't started breeding yet, so I don't have anything to show. How many of you are like this? Look around? How many 30-somethings do you see? Nothing about TICA, but at TICA there's lots of people just like me. Why? Why does TICA have 30-somethings and CFA does not? Because once you get your grand, what else are you going to do? You bring your grand back out and you're preventing somebody else from getting a grand, from the points they need, from the things they want to achieve, so there's nothing left to do. Maybe you're not lucky like I was. Maybe you don't get a great cat your first time out. Maybe you get a cat that doesn't grand easily, and you live somewhere far away from the shows, and so you don't show. Because you don't show, you don't breed. Because you don't breed, you don't contribute. I am the future of CFA, and I will tell you this – this change will bring millennials. Thank you. **Lynn Search [New River Cat Fanciers; Metropolitan Cat Fanciers]:** I'm definitely not a millennial, unless it was two millenniums ago. I think here we have a question of work ethic. When I first started, I went to get a pet Himalayan.

The gal said, “this isn’t a pet, it’s a showable breeder.” So, we said, “we don’t know anything about showing.” She said, like the IRS, “I’ll help you.” Well, that started something. We never granded that cat, but we bred her and we showed her offspring. We didn’t grand them either, but we bred one of her offspring, and guess what? We granded a cat in the third generation and we went on to make her a national winner when she became a premiership cat. So, it was a case of, we didn’t need instant gratification. We were willing to try to breed a better cat. I don’t think we need to give people partial gratification with bronze and silver and gold champions on their way. I think we need to help them, to help them with breeding programs, and to make them want to breed a better cat and stay in this game for 43 years like I have. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** If we could have the noise down a little bit, for not only myself but for everybody else who is speaking. Believe me, I can talk louder than all of you. A number of years ago, a CFA judge who will remain nameless to me, said to me, “well Sue, don’t you know, CFA is an organization that eats its young.” The person meant it seriously, and I knew exactly what that person meant. I was somebody who, when I started out, was fortunate enough to have been given a grand premier. I went on to show him to a regional win. Now, a lot of people starting out in the fancy are not so fortunate. They don’t understand that a top breeder is not going to give them their very best cat. Also, there are people out there – and we may know who they are, or they may be unidentifiable to most of us – but someone in good faith buys a cat from someone who is essentially a back yard breeder. They are told, “this cat is a top show quality cat,” and then they go to a show. People are going to snicker and are rude to them, judges are rude to them, and they turn around and they leave CFA. This is a real problem. They’ve just spent many hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars on a pet quality cat that they think is going to become a CFA grand. Let’s face it, the CFA grand title is the best basic top-of-the-line title you can get in a breed until you are around long enough to have a regional win, a DM and a national win. Most of us in this room fall into that latter category. We have stayed around to the point where we have improved our breeding programs and we’ve done the legwork. But, I started in the fancy at a time when I had a choice. I could go to one of any of 8 cat shows in the continental United States on any given weekend, and most of those 8 shows, if they didn’t fill, came near to filling because there was a huge pool of exhibitors bringing a lot of cats. I remember one exhibitor who used to be in CFA who regularly brought 6 or 8 cats to a show every weekend. Now, it has gotten far more expensive for both clubs to put on their shows, and for exhibitors to go to shows every weekend, and we have fewer and fewer shows every weekend. On average, I think we have probably about 2.75 or 3 shows in the continental U.S. every weekend. I’m not talking about Europe and I’m not talking about China or the rest of Asia, I’m talking about what’s closest to home for me because that is what I know. I see new people come into the show hall. We have fewer cats, but the quality of the cats that are being shown by the regular die-hard exhibitors among whom we all are is enormous. The quality is terrific. If somebody comes in with a good cat – even a very nice cat, even a cat that 10 or 15 years ago we would have said, “that’s a grandable cat” – today it’s not a grandable cat because the counts are lower and it’s harder to get those 75 points or those 200 points. Now, do I think that the points need to be lowered? The answer is no, because you want to have and maintain the quality and the prestige of that CFA grand champion and CFA grand premier title. But, for the people who are new, who may not have deep pockets and who may have access to only 1, 3, 4 shows in any given year – New Jersey now only has 3 cat shows left; Garden State and the two that I’m representing. That is one of the most populous states in the United States. We are down to 3 cat shows that are produced in New Jersey, so I can really understand where the new exhibitor with

a nice cat is coming from. They want some kind of recognition, so yeah, why not give them a tier that doesn't cost anybody anything except the right to say, I have a bronze or a Tier 1 or whatever we want to call it. I don't think what we want to call it is necessarily the important thing. At this point, the board can decide that, but to give it some kind of incremental recognition that they have achieved something on the way to becoming a highly esteemed grand champion. If people are also nicer and more open with the new people, hopefully they will stick around. Thank you. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I'll try to be brief. I am not opposed to the concept of tiers. I do not feel that either of these is ready to go forward at this point. First of all, tiered champions will not do anything for the issue of someone who has granded their first cat and needs somewhere to go. I did and will support interim awards after the granding process, but in this case I strongly feel that we need to keep it very simple. There should be like champion level 1, level 2, level 3, and I think it is not really honest to say these things won't cost anything. I think any proposal shouldn't go forward at this point that doesn't identify how the additional expenses will be covered. Time is money. Central Office time is money, master clerk time is money (although not very much). We do need to say, "you don't have to claim these. If you don't claim them they don't cost you anymore, but if you decide to claim one," it might be \$5 or whatever it costs to process and mail a certificate or whatever. That's all I wanted to say. **Tim Schreck [Oakway Cat Fanciers]:** As I stated before, I was a little bit late on saying there's nothing that doesn't cost us something. Part of the question here, I had heard them mention in the rationale that they wanted this printed only on the pedigree. I don't see that mentioned anywhere in here. Where else do we print these? I may be a stickler for details, but if we're going to program something after it's passed, I really want to know what we're doing. **Bethany Colilla [Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers; Cats Without Borders]:** As a millennial – one of the few millennials around – my region is blessed. We have 4 that are actually out there actively showing. Trying to say that the tier system is the only way you are going to get the youth involved is not accurate. Being polite, being helpful – that is the way to keep us around. So many have been chased out of the show halls in the last few years, it actually would encourage to keep us, because sadly we are your future. **Mike Shelton [New Millenium Cat Club]:** I just want to speak really briefly to Lynn's comment about this would give people instant gratification, as opposed to asking them to breed a better cat. Why can't we do both? The two are not mutually exclusive. Encourage people along the way while mentoring them to breed a better cat. **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers]:** My club was not willing to go with the tiers as presented, but we are in favor of the concept. The reason is, we do agree with some of the millennial's comments. We feel that too much is – look at premiership. It used to be a place 28 years ago when we got started where if you worked and couldn't be out all the time showing, but you still wanted to show and try to achieve something, you could in premiership. That's now totally dominated by cats that are maybe even better than championship. Yeah, we want them to breed better cats, but our society is different than it was 25, 30, 40 years ago. We believe that there should be some incentives without diminishing the main titles. **Wendy Carson [Butler Cat Fanciers]:** I just wanted to speak to the fact that we need to recognize that CFA has changed. We have lost so many shows, especially in certain parts of the country. In the past, it may have been possible for an exhibitor to drive to 8 to 10 shows a year and persist to try to grand their cat. In many regions, that's not possible. There may be only 1 or 3 shows a year. So, if a new exhibitor comes out and is trying to grand their cat, they might come to the first show and get 15 points on their premier. But then they look at the calendar and they see their next show isn't for 6 months or 8 months. Why would they come back? We need to give them some

incentive, something to gain. We're not looking to disincentive anyone and say, "hey look, we just gave you a token title so you can quit after that," we're looking to give people something to show for their effort, when there's far less shows available for them to actually gain any reward. I just want to keep it brief. I don't think this is just about millennials, this is about new exhibitors period – giving them something that they can attain and show for their efforts now that the climate of CFA has changed and there's far less shows available to certain exhibitors. Thanks.

**Howard Webster [Americans In Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** At first, I thought this was kind of an odd and not necessary proposal, but then I talked to Jim Dinesen outside. I remember fighting for winners ribbons against Terry Atwell. I had a seal point Siamese, she had two. It took 4 or 5 shows for us to get all 3 graded, and then some. I think if we had anybody under 30 stand up here, would we have more than 10? Come on. The average age, what are we, 65 or 70? Who is coming up to take our place? We do need something to quit chasing off these people and encourage them. A lot of times it's not our personalities that are doing that. We need something in CFA. We do need to look at encouraging people with their new cat. My first cat, long before there was CFA in Michigan, I went to 4 shows. She got her championship in 3 different associations, but that was it when I was 17. I continued to work on, but we need to do something. If we don't do it now, we better be quick because how many people are we losing every year? Who is going to take over when we're gone? **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** I want each one of you to think, what is our market for growth? We have pretty much covered the world; now, what's our market for growth? Where is it in the U.S. Bethany Colilla was born into the cat fancy, but I look around this room and I don't see too much possibility and potential for any more birthing going on. Well, there's one. There's always one. I remember the days where we used to have lots of children in the show hall brought along with their families. Many of them are with us today coming up through the cat fancy. They are now the adults. They are the Megans [Hiemstra] and the Bethanys and several others [Seth Baugh, Lorna Friemoth]. But, we need to increase our numbers. If we can bring in young folk, I see nothing wrong in providing an incentive for them to stay. I look back and I think, once I got my champion – and I must admit, it took 3 shows to get a championship on 2 seal point Siamese, and yes I used to compete against Howard occasionally – and those were 4 ring shows. I thought I would really accomplish something with that. But then I took the one, and it took 11 shows for that grand champion. I'm stubborn, but there are a lot of people who need a little bit of incentive to keep going on. It doesn't hurt us. It costs us very little in prestige to be able to offer those in between titles, between champion and grand. Just one thing, when I take a cat to a show – and I very rarely get to show anymore – when I take a cat to a show and I get my 6 qualifying rings on a cat, and oh, she might get 100-some odd grand points, and this happened, and I don't get to show from that March show until October, and let's say I don't get to show, I've got to breed that cat between that period of time. At least I might have a gold champion. Also, in my region, I have a ready-made market that I can grab. These are people in the major associations who are already showing, and they are used to champion, international champion, grand international champion, etc., etc., until they finally get up to supreme champion. They are used to this. When they come to CFA, we've got two titles to give them. I don't have an incentive to keep them coming back to more and more shows. This gives us the incentive to attract these people. Imagine shows of 500, 600, 700 people – 700 exhibits – at a cat show in a country that has 5.5 million people, and that's Finland. We can offer and attract these people, and increase our market. It's not going to cost us our reputation or our prestige to do so. **Marguerite Epstein [Cascade Cat Fanciers]:** Some people don't like change, and I can understand that. I don't like

change sometimes, either. They say, “breed a better cat and you will get your grand champion,” but there’s something that hasn’t changed, which is the way we score cats. The something that has changed is, we have less exhibitors and less shows. I’m relatively new. I only started 16 years ago. Some of you have been here forever, but you remember the time when there were 20-some seal point Siamese in a color class, and your full class of Siamese was huge. It took forever. Your purple ribbon – how many darn grand points did they get? How many grand points did they get in class judging? It doesn’t happen anymore. The only way you can grand, pretty much, is if you get consistent championship finals. We expanded those a little, but not much, so where are people going to receive their recognition? Yeah, you can grand a cat, but it takes longer. Back then it didn’t take as long because you could get to be the best champion or premier, second best champion or premier, third best champion or premier [sic], and bring those grand points. Then to finish up, you got a final and you could grand your cat. It doesn’t happen anymore, so there is no incentive for people who have to slog more because our scoring hasn’t changed, the way we count points hasn’t changed, but what’s around us has changed. That’s why I think we need to have these intermittent titles to grand championship. **Frédéric Goedert**

**[Jardins des Korats]:** I’m not going to add anything to what you and Pam said. I really appreciate being able to express what is a special situation when you consider things from a different angle, like Europe for example. For many of us in Europe, it’s very hard to have more than 2 or 3 shows a year, so I see all these new people coming to our association. They are enthusiastic. After 1 or 2 shows, they realize that maybe they can’t ever be able to become a grand, then we have no more interest to come again, as there is not such a strategic evaluation or possibility to go over the champion title. I really think it’s necessary to adopt such a move for the future. I would also like to say that for us, for example, the system of tiers is complicated to understand. So, if you want to choose one of these amendments, we suggest you choose something that is easy to understand for everybody worldwide. Bronze, silver and gold is something easy to understand for everybody.

**Hannon:** This is #7 of 22 pre-noticed and we have at least one, if not more, from the floor. If we continue like this, we are going to be here very late, so I would encourage you, if you’re not saying something new – if you’re just repeating what somebody else has already said – please don’t. I’m going to give the closing comments to Iris. **Iris Zinck [New England Meow Outfit]:** I want to thank all the people that have spoken out in support of the concept, in support of both these proposals. I want to say again that this is something we can do today to make a positive difference in the way people respond to CFA and our shows. If you don’t like the terminology, send it to the board with a favorable recommendation and let them change the names. Carissa and I have just chatted. Neither one of us really cares all that much what you call it – just do it. Thank you. **Hannon:** Wait a minute. Carissa, I’m going to wait and call on you later. I’m going to have them vote on #7. I do want to correct Iris. It’s not something we can do today. It would go into effect next show season because it doesn’t have any other date in here. You have to put into the resolution, “effective immediately” or an effective date. If you don’t it automatically goes into the next show season. So, next May 1<sup>st</sup>, it will go into effect if it passes. **Iris Zinck [New England Meow Outfit]:** I stand corrected. It’s something we can do today for the future. **Hannon:** OK, #7. I’m assuming if #7 passes, Carissa is going to withdraw the next two.

**Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Show Rules 2.04, 2.07.c., 2.08, 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15.e., 10.23.c., 12.17, 12.19, and add 27.06, as follows, in order to add multiple tiers to the Champion title, as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Champions of any title (Double, Triple, and Quad), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.
- 2.07** c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Champion class also includes Champions of any CH title (Double, Triple, and Quad), who compete in the champion class and count as champions.
- 2.08** CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens and Double, Triple, and Quad Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion (including Double, Triple, and Quad Champion), Grand Champion, Premier, or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.
- 7.02** The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Double, Triple, and Quad level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions (including Double, Triple, and Quad Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At

the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

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

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

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

- 7.15** e. the competitive class is not included in the group headings, but is noted below each catalog entry number as in the following example. The following abbreviations should be used: “MISC” for Miscellaneous; “PROV” for Provisional; “AOV” for Any Other Variety; “KIT” for Kitten; “NOV” for Novice; “OPN” for Open; “CH” for Champion (including Double, Triple, and Quad Champions); “GRC” for Grand Champion; “PR” for Premier; “GRP” for Grand Premier; “HHP” for Household Pet; “VET” for Veteran Class; “EXH” for Exhibition Only. Example: (omitted for brevity)

- 10.23** c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number or household pet recording number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration or recording number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration or recording number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Double, Triple, and Quad tiers of Champions are not required.

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

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

**27.06** A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Double, Triple, and Quad level of Champion. A cat can earn points toward these Double, Triple, and Quad level of Champion points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as those described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03.

a. To qualify for any the Double, Triple, and Quad Champion titles, a cat must have completed the requirements for Champion and have at least one win of Best Champion, Second Best Champion or Third Best Champion, or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final.

b. Fifty (50) Grand Championship points are required for Double Champion; One hundred (100) for Triple Champion; and one hundred and fifty (150) for Quad Champion.

**RATIONALE:** This proposal would add multiple tiers to the Champion title. A separate proposal is for multiple tiers in the Premier title. In doing so, more people will be encouraged to show cats that they are not sure will be easy Grands, past the six qualifying rings. We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to Grand; others are in breeds that do not always have time to Grand before they need to be bred. We see a need for this title for added meaning to the Champion title, but also to meet the need of an exhibitor who must now only use the phrase “Grand pointed.” A Grand pointed cat could mean a cat with 1 point, or with 199 points. Other breeders reviewing pedigrees have no way of knowing anything about a cat with a CH title other than it has obtained six qualifying rings.

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

Champion (CH)– six qualifying rings

Double Champion (DC) – six qualifying rings; one final; 50 Grand points toward GC

Triple Champion (TC) – six qualifying rings; one final; 100 Grand points toward GC

Quad Champion (QC) – Six qualifying rings; one final; 150 Grand points toward GC

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

Titles would be claimed in a similar fashion to claiming a championship title. The \$15 fee for claiming a championship title will remain in place. For each of the tiers, an additional claiming fee of \$5 should



apply. Owners of Champions will not be required to claim each tier; this is an optional, claim-only title. Should a cat go from Open to Grand in a single show, for example, the owner will only pay the \$15 fee for claiming the Championship title. The Double, Triple, and Quad champion titles are purely option for those who wish to show the progress of their Champions toward the Grand Champion title, or for those cats that did not obtain the Grand Champion title before the end of their show career, but the owners wish to show that some progress was made toward the title.

Utilizing the same statistical analysis as the proposal for multi-tiered Grand levels, we believe this tiered Champion strategy is the best method for CFA to encourage more participation in shows. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2014, 1,338 cats became Grand Champions – out of 18,578 cats shown in Championship. If even a small percentage of those 18,000+ cats can be persuaded to return to show halls to obtain a new level title, it will be a boon to our member clubs.

**Hannon:** Carissa, you are going to withdraw 8 and 9? **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** I will withdraw 8 and 9. **Hannon:** Thank you.

**Withdrawn.**

**– 9 – Hugger Mugger Feline Society**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Show Rules 2.04, 2.08, 2.23.b., 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15.e., 10.23.c., 12.17, 12.19, and add 27.06, as follows, in order to add multiple tiers to the Premier title, as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Premiers of any title (Double, Triple, and Quad), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.
- 2.08** CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens and Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Double, Triple, and Quad Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.
- 2.23** b. The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier (including Double, Triple, and Quad Premier), Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion, Grand Champion, Premier (including Double, Triple, and Quad Premier) or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been

submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**27.06** A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Double, Triple, and Quad level of Premier. A cat can earn points toward these Double, Triple, and Quad level of Premier points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as those described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03.

a. To qualify for any the Double, Triple, and Quad Premier titles, a cat must have completed the requirements for Premier and have at least one win of Best Premier, Second Best Premier, or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final.

b. Twenty (20) Grand Premiership points are required for Double Premier; forty (40) for Triple Premier; and sixty (60) for Quad Premier.

**RATIONALE:** This proposal would add multiple tiers to the Premier title. A separate proposal adds tiers to the Championship title. In doing so, more people will be encouraged to show cats that they are not sure will be easy Grands, past the six qualifying rings. We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH or PR title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to Grand. We see a need for this title for added meaning to the Premier title, but also to meet the need of an exhibitor who must now only use the phrase “Grand pointed.” A Grand pointed cat could mean a cat with 1 point, or with 74 points. Other breeders reviewing pedigrees have no way of knowing anything about a cat with a PR title other than it has obtained six qualifying rings.

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

Premier (PR) – six qualifying rings

Double Premier (DB) – six qualifying rings; one final; 20 Grand points toward GP

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

Quad Premier (QP) – six qualifying rings; one final; 60 Grand points toward GP

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

Titles would be claimed in a similar fashion to claiming a championship title. The \$15 fee for claiming a championship title will remain in place. For each of the tiers, an additional claiming fee of \$5 should apply. Owners of Champions will not be required to claim each tier; this is an optional, claim-only title. Should a cat go from Open to Grand in a single show, for example, the owner will only pay the \$15 fee for claiming the Championship title. The Double, Triple, and Quad champion titles are purely option for those who wish to show the progress of their Champions toward the Grand Champion title, or for those cats that did not obtain the Grand Champion title before the end of their show career, but the owners wish to show that some progress was made toward the title.

Utilizing the same statistical analysis as the proposal for multi-tiered Grand levels, we believe this tiered Premier strategy is the best method for CFA to encourage more participation in shows. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2014, only 623 of 8,686 cats showed to Grand Premiership. The recapture of even a small number of these entries can easily be the difference between a club folding or continuing show production.

## **Withdrawn.**

### **– 10 – *Sophisto Cat Club***

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article III – INVITATIONS TO AND ACCEPTANCE BY JUDGES, Rule 3.02.d. as follows:

d. Individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) times per show season and a maximum of ~~two (2)~~ three (3) times per club per show season.

**RATIONALE:** We simply do not have enough eligible CFA judges on our judging panel to fill all our shows with only CFA judges on a global basis. Our attrition rate of judges through retirement, etc., is greater than our acceptance of new judges into the program.

**Hannon:** #10, Sophisto Cats. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** This addresses something that most of you never have to deal with. I will tell you right now, and as I see Annette getting up, that the Judging Program Committee is coming up with something, but for right now I am presenting this show rule. Resolved, [reads]. Last year, the Board of Directors did change and added the show rule for five times. At that time, it was thought that guest judges, but the number of times they were judging – specifically in China – guest judges specifically from Australia were having a say in which cats were getting national wins. We're finding that we are going to the board more and more often to ask for exceptions to the show rule, to get guest

judges to be able to even hold a show in Europe. Mind you, Europe sits right in the middle of show-producing regions. There are 4 regions that produce more shows than we do in Europe, and there are 4 regions that produce fewer shows than we do in Europe. Essentially, with now only 8 judges in Europe, we cannot staff one show without at least one guest judge. We're coming up. There are 3 judges coming up in October. They are all from Region 9, because we are working hard to get more qualified judges, but right now we need help. You can help us by increasing the amount of qualified guest judges, which we do have, and increasing the amount of times that they can judge for all of CFA. The 10 times counts throughout all of CFA – Regions 1 through 9, China and ID-Other. **Annette Wilson [Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club]:** The Judging Program Committee is sensitive to the needs of Region 9 clubs as they grow CFA by expanding the number of shows, even while there is not a sufficient number of CFA judges within their region. Everyone here involved in putting on a show knows the costs associated with bringing in judges from out of region, whether those judges are CFA judges or guest judges. In Region 9 and the International Division, these costs are even higher. However, no other major association allows a comparable number of guest judges; in other words, CFA judges are limited to many fewer opportunities to guest judge for other associations, even at the current level of 7 opportunities to guest judge. The Judging Program Committee, as Pam mentioned, is developing a comprehensive proposal, inviting the Region 9 Director to work with us, for the August board meeting that we believe will help Region 9 and also ensure an expanded array of guest judges for all clubs in CFA – guest judges who are prepared, familiar with our standards, familiar with our rules and paperwork. We believe CFA clubs and exhibitors deserve no less. I'm going to ask you to vote against this proposal, but know that the Judging Program Committee will respond to the needs of CFA clubs. Thank you. **Pat Jacobberger [No Dogs Allowed; Felinus International]:** I'm speaking to this resolution on behalf of the members of Felinus International, a Region 9 CFA club, as their proxy delegate. They have basically asked that I share a couple of their concerns. Many exhibitors came to CFA from WCF and other associations in Europe and around the world because they were attracted by the quality of the CFA judges, by our format and by the quality of cats that were being shown. They have some concerns about the depth of knowledge of our guest judges. As Annette said, we are working on that as a Committee to enhance that. That's their major concern. I don't think that they would be so concerned with increasing the number of guest judgments allowed. Ten they feel is too many, but what they really want is, they want to see the guest judges that are repeatedly used by our CFA clubs to participate in our educational processes, to attend our judges' workshops, to attend a breed seminar or Breed Awareness and Orientation School, and to really participate in the process of judging for CFA, so that their experience and the experience they give our exhibitors can be equal to the CFA judges that judge those shows, as well. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International]:** Last year, this delegation voted to expand the pool of guest judges to the only other member of the World Cat Congress – TICA – as a favorable recommendation. Our board in its infinite wisdom chose to go against that recommendation. I would prefer to see us expanding the pool of qualified judges than expanding the amount of time judges truly only available to the Region 9 exhibitors from one region. We need to have comprehensive reform that covers all regions and divisions, not something which benefits only one. And, Region 9 is one region, not 9 regions. And, if the logic was that CFA judges are underutilized, which is why we shouldn't accept TICA, then we should not be expanding guest judges elsewhere. **Darrell Newkirk [International Havana Brown Society; New Vision Cat Club]:** A lot of times, we have resolutions that get passed here and at the board that are politically motivated. I think this is

one of those. I won't go into it, but a couple of years ago you could guest judge unlimited, so they thought that was too much and that the awards were being basically determined by some guest judges. I'll point out that in Region 9, all of our judges that are there – except for Pam and for Peter – were guest judges, and they learned our system and they came over, and now they are CFA judges, but their roots were in other organizations before they came over, sort of like me. Anyway, I support this. One of the reasons why I do support it is because at the end of the show season, it was like every night I would get on my email, “we’ve got another guest judge approval we need to make an exception for.” Unlimited guest judging – I agree that shouldn’t be done, but they went down to 5 and that was so restrictive. If they went to 10 to begin with, I think a lot of people could have supported it. So, I think Pam’s proposal here has a lot of merit, but I want to add a caveat; that is, I don’t want to see, if we pass this and it goes to 10, I don’t want them doing 10 and then saying, “oh, I need an exception for an 11<sup>th</sup> judging.” It needs to be 10 and no more.

**Hannon:** Pam’s closing comments? **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** Yes, closing comments. One, Jacqui, we have guest judges from Canada that come into Regions 1 through 7, so this is not Region 9. This is also China and it’s also Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, etc. This covers all of CFA for using judges. Yes, I have had a difference of opinion with the club that Patty represents. Of course, you have to remember that the president of that club’s wife came in also as a guest judge. Allowing qualified guest judges to judge 10, we’re not getting those guest judges that do not know our standards. These people are well-versed in our standards, well-versed in our rules and, if I may point out, my spouse attended the judges’ workshop last night, is attending a CFA clerking school and has guest judged for CFA well over 20 or 25 times. I think that she knows what she’s doing. The stance that we are asking for more, we want to use these qualified judges more and not have to keep going to the Judging Program and the board every other week. **Hannon:** OK, I’m calling for the vote.

**Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.**

*– 11 – Sophisto Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article III – INVITATIONS TO AND ACCEPTANCE BY JUDGES, Rule 3.12 as follows:

**3.12** A judge may not accept two CFA shows at different locations in any one weekend ~~in the United States and Canada~~ nor may they officiate at both shows consisting of two one-day shows in the same location. This does not preclude CFA judges accepting guest judge assignments for approved associations when contracted for a CFA show held in conjunction with one or more foreign associations and as approved by the CFA Board of Directors.

**RATIONALE:** The intent of the original show rule was to prohibit judges from judging in North America in one location on Saturday and for another club in another location on Sunday. We are now world-wide and the restriction should be expanded for CFA globally. The original show rule did not prohibit CFA judges from judging both days of at two one-day shows held on the same weekend in the same location. Finally, the revision puts into print a long-time practice at in-conjunction shows; particularly, but not limited to, such shows as the Royal Canin Grand Prix held in Moscow and the world’s largest cat show. Often CFA judges will be invited to judge one day of a back-to-back show and also invited the other day to judge for an approved association. This helps our CFA clubs sharing expenses with another club, especially in those areas requiring expensive visas and plane flights. The

Board of Directors must approve all in-conjunction shows and also guest judging permission through the JPC. Additionally, this gives exposure for CFA. As Kim Everett once stated, “Our judges are ambassadors of CFA and when they shine, CFA shines. It should be the goal of CFA through its Judging Program panel to create good will throughout the world for cats and not politics”.

**Hannon:** #11. Is that you again, Pam? **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** I promise, this is the last one I wrote. Amend Show Rules, Article III – INVITATIONS TO AND ACCEPTANCE BY JUDGES, Rule 3.12 [reads]. The first part of this, there was nothing to stop judges from judging both shows of a 6x6. There was only stopping judges from judging one show, like in California, and then going to New York and judging that. This rule takes care of that. This clarifies that we cannot do that. For the second part, we have such shows. The largest show in the world is called the Grand Prix. It is held in Moscow. Over 2,000 cats from 5 different associations are involved in this massive production sponsored by Royal Canin. Every year that we have participated in this show – and I must say that we have had best cat in show of all 2000’s come from CFA, we have been allowed to guest judge for ASC or for WCF. We don’t have cross-pollination of a lot of these. This is a huge enterprise. It helps the clubs afford to bring judges in and it spreads CFA influence. They get to see CFA judges, and it does help us get more entries. That’s the gist of this show rule. **Hannon:** Seeing no one interested in discussing it, I’m going to go straight to calling for the vote.

**Motion carried by 2/3.**

*– 12 – CanUSA Cat Club; Sanguine Silver Society; Damn Yankees; National Colorpoints and Orientals; Oriental Shorthairs of America*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article IV – LICENSING THE SHOW, Show Rule 4.04, to change the show licensing date requirements, as follows:

**4.04** 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.

No license will be granted for shows whose license is received in the Central Office with less than ~~45~~30 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.

A club will be considered not in good standing until the late filing fee is paid.

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**RATIONALE:** While this is the information age, having a show pop up on the schedule 7 days before its being held gives exhibitors little time to make travel arrangements and other plans necessary to attend a show. In the spirit of inclusiveness, we feel that 30 days is a more reasonable timeframe.

**Hannon:** Proposal #12. Monte, are you representing 12? **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** No. I just want to point out that #12 is actually what the current show rule actually reads. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUSA Cat Club]:** From what I understand, it’s slightly different. It’s off by about 15 days. **Hannon:** What? **Seth Baugh**

**[Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** From what I understand, it was changed to 15 days. Is that correct? Not 7. **Hannon:** Yes, so Monte is wrong. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** Mark that one in the books. **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** Go to the addendum. It was passed in April. It's a 30 day requirement. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** If it's 30 days, the proposal is withdrawn. It doesn't matter then, so move on. I'm fine with it. If the addendum says 15 – who's got the show rules? [Secretary's Note: an unidentified copy of the show rules was provided by a delegate, which turned out not to be the current version on the website. The proposal was temporarily withdrawn.]

[from after Proposal 14] **Hannon:** Seth, back to #12. Guess what? The show rule does say 15 after all. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** Yes, it does. **Hannon:** So, you're on. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** We're going to go back to 12 then? **Hannon:** We were given bad advice. You withdrew it, based on the fact that we said that the show rules currently say 30 days, but they don't. They say 15. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** Right. There's a part of it that says 30 days, but the part this is addressing says 15. This changes one thing essentially in the show rules. This is for applying for a show. Currently the show rules have been changed to allow you to apply for a license 15 days before the opening day of the show. It was 7, it's been changed to 15. This is just requesting it be changed to 30 days, so we're not going to have shows pop up at the last minute. **Hannon:** Hopefully there's no comments. I'm going to call for a vote on #12 which requires a change to 30 days.

**Motion carried by 2/3.**

*– 13 – Kittyhawk Felines; Central PA Cat Fanciers; Cat Advocates & Troupers Society; Midlands Cat Fanciers, Inc.; Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article IV – LICENSING THE SHOW, Paragraph 4.07.a.-d. to change the specialty ring requirements as follows:

**4.07** The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:

a. A one day show which permits:

1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty or Super Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose.
2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty or Super Specialty rings for shows licensed in Region 9. For shows licensed in Regions 1-8 or the International Division, the combination of Allbreed or Specialty or Super Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties or one Super Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership.
3. Two one day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day. To be licensed in Regions 1-8 or the



International Division, the total number of specialty rings or super specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required or one super specialty ring is required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and one super specialty ring, or two super specialty rings between the two shows are required; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings, a combination of two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings and one super specialty ring, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and two super specialty rings, or three super specialty rings between the two shows are required; for 11 or 12 total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings, a combination of three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings and one super specialty ring, a combination of two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings and two super specialty rings, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and three super specialty rings, or four super specialty rings between the two shows are required. To be licensed in Region 9, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required or one super specialty ring is required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and one super specialty ring, or two super specialty rings are required between the two shows. Requests to license two shows pursuant to this rule must be submitted together to Central Office, each with its appropriate license and insurance fees.

b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-8 or the International Division utilizing a total of 5 or 6 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring or a Super Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-8 and the International Division utilizing a total of 7 or 8 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and one super specialty ring, or two super specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-8 and the International Division utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings at least three of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair Specialty rings, a combination of two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings and one super specialty ring, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and two super specialty rings, or three super specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Region 9 utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring or a Super Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Region 9 utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings, a combination of one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring and one super specialty ring, or two super specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

1. one day Specialty shows where Longhairs are present one day and Shorthairs are present the other day;

2. a show where non-championship and premiership classes are present one day and championship classes are present the other day;
  3. a format where the entries, 225 limit, are present for two days and the judge is present only for one day and is succeeded in the ring by another judge the second day (back-to-back show);
  4. a show where the judge is present for two days and the entries are also present for two days.
  5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed or Specialty or Super Specialty rings.
- c. A Best of the Best ring may be added to any format show described above. Participation in the Best of the Best competition shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in rule 4.05 and paragraphs 4.07.a. and b.
- d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty and/or Super Specialty rings.

**RATIONALE:** Specialty ring requirements have not had the desired effect to increase entries and have not significantly benefited many of the clubs to financially support added expenses. If clubs cannot make enough money to support their current shows, then they will no longer be able to host future shows and hire judges. Clubs that have tried a 4AB/2SP one-day show format have not garnered as many entries as other one-day shows with a 5AB/1SP one-day show format and clubs that have tried more specialty rings than required have not fared well with entries, so exhibitor support for specialty rings has not resulted in higher entry counts for clubs.

We propose that the specialty ring requirements be changed to add the alternative option of the super specialty ring format as a compromise between the clubs, the exhibitors, and CFA. Accepting this proposal still provides for longhair and shorthair final placements for cats/kittens in the defined minimum number of rings and, furthermore, establishes a greater variety of format options for clubs to satisfy specialty requirements in the show formats throughout CFA.

For Regions 1-8 and the International Division:

- No specialty ring requirements for 4 or fewer rings.
- One specialty or super specialty ring requirement for 5 or 6 ring shows.
- Two specialty and/or super specialty ring requirements for 7 or 8 ring shows.
- Three specialty and/or super specialty ring requirements for 9 or 10 ring shows.
- Four specialty and/or super specialty ring requirements for 11 or 12 (6x6) ring shows.

For Region 9:

- No specialty ring requirements for 6 or fewer rings.
- One specialty or super specialty ring requirement for 7, 8, or 9 ring shows.
- Two specialty and/or super specialty ring requirements for 10, 11, or 12 (6x6) ring shows.

If this proposal passes, then it is requested that the CFA Board consider ratifying this show rule amendment immediately in the CFA Show Rules 2016-2017 for the 2016-2017 show season.

**Hannon: #13, Ginger. Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** 13 allows specialty rings to be used in lieu of the specialty ring requirement.

**Hannon:** You mean, super specialty? **Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws**

**Cat Fanciers]:** Super specialty, yes. **Hannon:** Monte, are you going to object to this or are you

leaving us? **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** I'm going to object to this. First of all I want to discuss the rationale. The rationale starts off by saying that the reason why this rule was put in place was that we were going to improve our counts. That's not

true. The reason why this rule was put in place was to ensure that we had specialty rings

available for judges working their way through the Judging Program, so that the people who are

apprentices or approval pending, then approved one specialty and apprentice or approval pending

in the other specialty before they are ever approved as an allbreed judge would actually have

shows they can go to and judge in all of the different regions. The tendency that we have seen

over the 10 years previous to when this rule was put into effect was the transfer of clubs going

from specialty rings to allbreed rings. Over the course of that 10 years, we managed to eliminate

12,700 finals. Now, think about all those people that came to shows who couldn't get final

placements because they were just plain non-existent anymore. Where do you think they went?

They didn't stay in CFA. The other problem was, once those people go, they don't come back.

Lastly, I just wanted to make a point that for the 2014-2015 show season we had 43,637 entries.

For the 2015-2016 show season, we had 51,061 entries – the first time it has gone up in 14 years.

I don't think the specialty ring requirement hurt that. **Hannon:** To comment on what Monte said,

I'm the person that put in that proposed show rule, and it was not put in to give more

assignments to specialty judges. That was a side benefit. The main purpose was to increase

entries. **Trudie Allen [National Maine Coon Cat Club]:** This rule that requires specialty rings

or a set number of specialty rings has been an issue for certain clubs in certain areas. It does

create a hardship in areas like Colorado, Utah – places where the local exhibitors are fewer. I

understand the rationale behind having specialty rings, to help out some of the local exhibitors,

but when the majority of your exhibitors are coming from out of state and flying in long distance,

the reality is, most of them will not do that for specialty rings. The specialty rings do cost more

money for the clubs, not necessarily in judges but in rosettes and other expenditures that you

have to put forth to have the double specialty rings. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers;**

**West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Reasonable minds may differ as to why the board enacted the

rule requiring the specialty rings. I understand that that was Mark's intention, but my vote was

cast to help the Judging Program. I think that if we do away with single specialty and double

specialty rings in favor of super specialty, that does hurt our Judging Program. How many clubs

feel like we have too many judges in your area that are too inexpensive to bring in? The single

biggest problem we have facing CFA is our Judging Program isn't getting any younger, we're

not replacing as fast as we're losing them, and we keep adding rings so we need more and more

judges to fill the needs of our shows. If we don't support the Judging Program, if we don't have

single specialty rings and double specialty rings to support the Judging Program, we are not

going to be able to go forward, so whether it was for the original intention or whether this was a

side benefit, it is still an important factor to consider when you vote on this. **Regina Shaffer**

**[Las Flores Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers]:** I've just got a question. Are we talking about

13 or 14? 13 to me says super specialties. Nobody seems to be addressing that. 14 really is the

one that is addressing mostly the change in the number of specialties per format. While I agree

that 13 does talk about changing some of the specialties, it's really about super specialty. I'm not hearing much on the topic of super specialties, which I am against. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** For those of you who have never used super specialty before, that's basically when you have an allbreed judge who will go through and judge longhair champions, do a longhair final, judge shorthair champions, do a shorthair final, then do an allbreed final. Super specialties are not a saving of money. They are actually more expensive, because instead of 20 rosettes for your top 10 places, you have 30. So yes, you are using one judge to do 3 finals, but you're still using many more rosettes.

**Hannon:** Closing comments Ginger. **Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** The closing comment is, basically it gives the clubs an option to do what they want to do, rather than being required to do it. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call for the vote. Basically, this has super specialties to satisfy the show rule requirement for specialty rings at shows.

### **Motion Failed.**

*– 14 – Kittyhawk Felines; Midlands Cat Fanciers, Inc.; Johor Bahru Cat Club; Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article IV – LICENSING THE SHOW, Paragraph 4.07.a.-d. to reduce the specialty ring requirements as follows:

**4.07** The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:

a. A one day show which permits:

1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose.

2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Region 9. ~~For shows licensed in Regions 1-8 or the International Division, the combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership.~~

3. Two one day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day. ~~To be licensed in Regions 1-8 or the International Division, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for 11 or 12 total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required. To~~

be licensed ~~in Region 9~~, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings are required between the two shows. Requests to license two shows pursuant to this rule must be submitted together to Central Office, each with its appropriate license and insurance fees.

b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. ~~For shows in Regions 1-8 or the International Division utilizing a total of 5 or 6 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-8 and the International Division utilizing a total of 7 or 8 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-8 and the International Division utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings at least three of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in Region 9 utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Region 9 utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:~~

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2. a show where non-championship and premiership classes are present one day and championship classes are present the other day;
3. a format where the entries, 225 limit, are present for two days and the judge is present only for one day and is succeeded in the ring by another judge the second day (back-to-back show);
4. a show where the judge is present for two days and the entries are also present for two days.
5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings.

c. A Best of the Best ring may be added to any format show described above. Participation in the Best of the Best competition shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in rule 4.05 and paragraphs 4.07.a. and b.

d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

**RATIONALE:** If our proposal “Changing Specialty Ring Requirements (1)” passes, then this “Reducing Specialty Ring Requirements (2)” proposal will be withdrawn. If our preceding proposal fails, then this proposal will remain to be voted upon as a second option.

Specialty ring requirements have not had the desired effect to increase entries and have not significantly benefited many of the clubs to financially support added expenses. If clubs cannot make enough money to support their current shows, then they will no longer be able to host future shows and hire judges. Clubs that have tried a 4AB/2SP one-day show format have not garnered as many entries as other one-day shows with a 5AB/1SP one-day show format and clubs that have tried more specialty rings than required have not fared well with entries, so exhibitor support for specialty rings has not resulted in higher entry counts for clubs.

We propose that the specialty ring requirements be reduced to match what was established in Region 9 as a compromise between the clubs, the exhibitors, and the judging program for CFA. Furthermore, accepting this proposal establishes uniformity for specialty ring requirements in the show formats throughout all of CFA.

For Regions 1-9 and the International Division:

- No specialty ring requirements for 6 or fewer rings.
- One specialty ring requirement for 7, 8, or 9 ring shows.
- Two specialty ring requirements for 10, 11, or 12 (6x6) ring shows.

If this proposal passes, then it is requested that the CFA Board consider ratifying this show rule amendment immediately in the CFA Show Rules 2016-2017 for the 2016-2017 show season.

**Hannon: Ginger, #14. Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** For clarification between 13 and 14 – 14 is changing the rules to be the same as Europe so that we’re all playing by the same rules with the requirement. There’s been exceptions made to Europe, to Hong Kong and I believe one other country when, if we’re playing in CFA, we all should be playing by the same rules. So, this is making it the same as Europe where you have a lesser amount of required rings. **Hannon:** We could have gone the other way and required Europe to have the same as us. **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** The reason why Europe is different – well actually there’s two reasons. Three reasons why Europe is different. The first reason why Europe is different is, on the average they have twice as many longhairs as they have shorthairs, so the idea was that we could give the shorthairs at least a shot at getting a divisional or regional win in Europe, because they would be able to have a few more allbreed rings. In the United States, we don’t have that kind of discrepancy. Most of our shows average about the same. Region 2 is the exception, but they can go to Region 5. Region 2 has about twice as many shorthairs as they have longhairs. The other problem and difference between Europe and the States, in Europe to get a regional win, you have to earn your points in Europe. You can’t earn them anywhere else. That would be the same if you lived in Pennsylvania, in Pittsburgh. You would have to go to a show in Detroit, but you couldn’t go over to Lebanon because those wouldn’t count. That’s a different region. The third difference between Europe and the United States, on the average in Europe you have one, maybe two shows in a show weekend, and the continent is just about as big as the entire U.S. On the other hand, in the U.S. we don’t have a limit of 1 to 2 shows, all regions combined. Every region can put on a show

if they want to. As it turns out, in North America we average about 5-1/2 shows per week every week.

**Hannon:** Closing comments, Ginger? **Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** The closing comment would be to make this fair for everyone. What Monte says about there's more shows here, so shouldn't we have less rings than required? It doesn't make sense. **Hannon:** I'm calling the question. All those in favor of lowering the requirement for required specialty rings.

### **Motion Failed.**

*– 15 – CanUSA Cat Club; Sanguine Silver Society; Damn Yankees; National Colorpoints and Orientals,; Oriental Shorthairs of America*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER, Show Rule 5.01, subparagraph j., 6.24, 7.15.c., 9.03 9.08.1. and 10.05 to change the specifics on exhibitor benching, as follows:

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

...

j. The size of benching ~~eages-space~~. If benching cages are not provided, the flyer must clearly state this. The club is responsible for having wire cages for rent or inexpensive pop ups for purchase in the instance an exhibitor is without a benching cage.

**6.24** Agility Entry.

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b. Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA feline agility competition form. If the cat is not entered in any other class, it must be pre-entered and a ~~eage~~ benching space provided.

**7.15** When multiple rings are held concurrently, the catalog must be printed in the following manner:

...

c. the entry's ~~eage-catalog~~ number, its name (in capital letters with no titles indicated) and spaces for its awards must appear on the same line;

**9.03** Show management shall assign benching ~~eages spaces~~ for all entries. All entries of a particular exhibitor and those entries for which that exhibitor is the designated agent shall be benched together. No more than one agent may be named by an exhibitor for all cats entered in a show. No change of benching assignments shall be made without the permission of the show manager. Non-benched shows are not permitted. Benching must be provided on the second day of a one day Longhair/one day Shorthair show for cats and kittens who have qualified for the Best of the Bests judging.

**9.08** 1. Tables and/or bottoms used under benching ~~eages-spaces~~ MUST be covered with paper or plastic.

**10.05** No more than two kittens or one cat may be benched in a single ~~cage~~ space whether entered for exhibition or competition or benched for sale.

**RATIONALE:** With the number of cage vendors shrinking, passing this proposal would allow clubs the opportunity to hold a “cageless” benching area wherein the exhibitors will bring their own benching cages, should this option be more financially appealing to the club. Clubs would need to clearly state this on the show flyer. It is recommended that clubs have cages for rent in the event that an exhibitor forgets their tents, or for newbies that are not privy to the different types of show shelters and tents are available on the market today. No changes to the requirements of judging ring cages have been made.

**Hannon:** #15, CanUsa. That’s you again. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** We had quite a bit of discussion about this. I’ll sum it up as fast as I can. This is not a requirement, this is just creating an allowance, so if a club decided they wanted to have a show where they did not provide benching cages, they could require that exhibitors would bring their own cages for benching. This does not affect the judging rings, this is just for benching. It also states that clubs that are putting on shows should have cages available for rent for people who don’t have one. So, it doesn’t require you to have cages for benching anymore. You get the option if you choose, and if you clearly stated on the flyer that you can choose to have a “cageless show”; again, only in the benching areas. **Hannon:** I’m going to call on George and then I’m going to give closing comments to Seth, if he has any. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** It’s about time we did this. Go into any show hall, look around and see the sea of cages that everybody brings in. Years ago, security cages used to be these big, wooden monsters with a plexiglass piece that you had to pull in on your own cart. Now, pretty much everybody brings a little pop-up tent or a Sturdi cage or something else. Why are we still making clubs drag wire cages to every show? This gives clubs option. I remember in ancient times, clubs used to have their own cages, but setting up 250 cages when you’re getting up there in years gets to be a little burdensome. If clubs only had to do the judging rings and didn’t have to do the benching cages, clubs could maybe keep their own cages, save a little money and maybe get a discount from the cage vendor. Pretty much every year the rumor goes around in some region in CFA that a cage vendor is going to go out of business and they haven’t got a successor. We could have cage independence with this, but at the very least it gives clubs options. If you don’t like it, don’t do it, but give clubs a choice.

**Hannon:** I already said that I was only going to allow George to speak, so Dennis and Bobbi, I’m not calling on you. I’m giving Seth the right to make any closing comments and we’re going to vote. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** Again, this is optional. It is not required, it is optional. **Hannon:** All those in favor of making cages optional. **[unidentified speaker]** You’re saying it’s optional. Does a club not have to have wire cages then, or will they always have them there for you? **Hannon:** It says they will have some available.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

*– 16 – CanUSA Cat Club; Sanguine Silver Society; Damn Yankees; National Colorpoints and Orientals; Oriental Shorthairs of America*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER, Show Rule 5.01 and subparagraph m., to change the show flyer publication requirements, as follows:



**5.01** There must be a ~~printed~~ show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show and it must include the following:

...

m. The specific closing date and the entry limit(s), as well as the date entries will begin to be accepted. All shows must open for entries no less than 30 days prior to the date of the show.

**RATIONALE:** While this is the information age, having a show pop up on the schedule 7 days before it's being held gives exhibitors little time to make travel arrangements and other plans necessary to attend a show. In the spirit of inclusiveness, we feel that 30 days is a more reasonable timeframe. There is a show schedule on the homepage of the CFA website where these flyers can be published.

**Hannon:** Proposal 16. Seth, you're on a roll. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUSA Cat Club]:** This is also a change, just a very minor one. It essentially requires a set date for when shows will be open to receive entries. We discussed it amongst those of us who were working on it, and we decided that 30 days prior to the start of the show would be the best date – again, just for the opening of entries. I'll talk about why we were asked to propose this. We received a lot of discussion from members of the International Division who would be trying to enter shows. "No, we're not accepting entries yet." "We're not accepting entries yet." And then, they find out the show is accepting entries, and "oh look, it's already full." Shows are managing to fill in 24 hours or 36 hours, so this kind of tries to curb that, where there is a perception that maybe people are trying to manipulate entries or whatnot. All it does is, it says if you are going to hold a show, 30 days prior to that you have to start accepting entries. **Hannon:** OK, I'm calling the vote.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

*– 17 – Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees*

**RESOLVED:** Effective the beginning of the 2017 show season, amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXI – RESPONSIBILITIES OF JUDGES, Rule 21.03 as follows:

**21.03** Anyone participating in the CFA judging program who is a trainee in the first specialty may agent cats or kittens of either specialty; or a single specialty judge who is a trainee in the second specialty may agent cats or kittens of the specialty in which they are training. Anyone participating in the CFA judging program in any OTHER capacity may NOT agent cats or kittens or present to the judging ring cats or kittens other than those registered in his/her name as owner; except single specialty judges and trainees.

**RATIONALE:** The original purpose of the exception cited in show rule 21.03 was to permit single specialty judges accepted as trainees in their second specialty to agent cats of the second specialty as part of their practical training. This was how this show rule was interpreted by most people including previous Show Rule chair people and Judging Program chair people until recently. The purpose of this change is to clarify the rule and bring it back to the original intent when the exception to the rule was first accepted. Clearly, if the interpretation of the rule is that single specialty judges who are also trainees in the second specialty cannot agent cats, then what was the purpose of having an exception clause?

**Hannon:** Kentucky Colonels, Norm. **Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** I'm not going to read the whole show rule, I'm not going to read the whole rationale. I just

wanted to say what we're trying to do. The objective of the show rule is to allow single specialty judges who are trainees in a second specialty to be able to agent cats in that second specialty. That was supposedly passed once before, but the wording has become ambiguous, depending on who is interpreting it. The objective of this is just to firm up the show rule as to the original intent. I remember when the show rule was passed and why it was passed. I wish I could remember the year, but I'm old. That's essentially what the show rule says, and that's the rationale, pure and simple. **Hannon:** I'm going to call on Annette and we will give you closing rights. **Annette Wilson [Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club]:** I am going to speak to the rationale. As the current Judging Program Committee Chair referred to in the rationale, neither I nor the two previous chairs, Loretta Baugh and Rachel Anger, interpreted or administered this rule to mean that second specialty judges could agent cats. If individual file administrators did something differently, and I can't speak to that, I urge you to read the first sentence of the current rule: *Anyone participating in the CFA Judging Program may not agent cats or kittens*. The current rule then makes an allowance for single specialty judges and single specialty trainees so that they can get additional experience with cats in their second specialty. Agenting is one of the ways they do that, so the adjective phrase "single specialty" applies to judges and trainees that are in that category. This exception is made so that first specialty judges and first specialty trainees can find additional ways for agenting before they apply. An applicant for second specialty comes to the board when they have completed these requirements. Once a judge is a second specialty trainee, they no longer have a need to agent cats. If they would like to see additional opportunities, which we encourage, to learn about the breeds in their second specialty, they can certainly do so in accordance with the rule, by owning or co-owning the cat they show. I agree that the rule should be clarified, but I don't agree that it should be expanded to allow agenting of cats by judges beyond its original intent, which is for first specialty judges and first specialty trainees. Thank you.

**Hannon:** Norm, closing comments? **Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** That kind of makes my point. There is enough ambiguity. I disagree with Annette's interpretation of that original rule, and Annette disagrees with me. So, all this tries to do is clarify it, and I see no harm in a person who was training in their second specialty to be able to agent a cat in that specialty. **Hannon:** I'm calling for the vote.

### **Motion Failed.**

**– 18 – Hemet Feline Fanciers; Las Flores Cat Club; Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Cat Springs Irregulars Cat Club; Lakes Country Cat Fanciers**

**RESOLVED:** Effective immediately, amend Show Rules, Article XXVIII – OBTAINING TITLES – GRANDS, Show Rule 28.04, subparagraphs b.-d. to increase grand points, as follows:

b. ~~Two hundred (200)~~ Two hundred fifty (250) points are required for Grand Championship; ~~seventy-five (75)~~ ninety (90) points for Grand Premiership in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Malta, Russia (east of the Ural ~~mountains~~ Mountains), the International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Indonesia), the United Kingdom, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada seventy five points (75) are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Taiwan ninety (90)

points are required for Grand Championship; forty (40) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia one hundred twenty-five (125) points are required for Grand Championship. In the Ukraine and China, ~~two hundred (200)~~ two hundred fifty (250) points are required for Grand Championship. In China and Hong Kong ~~seventy five (75)~~ ninety (90) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Malaysia fifty (50) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Thailand, and Indonesia twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Ukraine and Russia (east of the Ural ~~mountains~~ Mountains) twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.

c. Grand points will be adjusted when a cat competes outside their scoring location. ~~For example, a cat competing from a 75 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 37.5% and grand premier points at 33.3%. A cat competing from a 75 point scoring location to a 125 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 60%, and grand premier points at 50%. A cat competing from a 125 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 62.5% and grand premier points at 66.6%. See chart below for percentage adjustments.~~

<u>From</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>To</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Adjustment</u>
<u>250</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>250</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>125</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>60%</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>55%</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>44%</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27.5%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>63%</u>

Grand points will only be adjusted up when a cat moves from a lower point scoring location to a higher point scoring location for the following ~~reason~~ reasons: ~~there is a permanent change of residence (see 28.04.d).~~

1. Cats previously scored under the two hundred (200) point requirement for Grand Champion shall have their Champion points adjusted upwards at 125%
2. Cats previously scored under the seventy-five (75) point requirement for Grand Premier shall have their Premier points adjusted upwards at 120%
3. There is a permanent change of residence for the cat (see 28.04.d)

d. A cat's accumulated grand points earned in one scoring location will be adjusted per show rule 28.03c when moving from a higher scoring residence to a lower scoring residence. ~~For example, Grand Champion points earned in a 200 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 37.5% and Grand Premier points will be credited at 33.3%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 267% and Grand Premier points will be credited at 300%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 125 point scoring location~~

~~will be credited at 166%. Grand Champion points earned in a 125 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 160%. Grand Premier points earned in a 50 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 150%. Grand Premier points earned in a 25 point scoring location moving to a 50 point scoring location will be credited at 200%. A cat's accumulated grand points earned from lower scoring residence to a higher scoring residence will be adjusted up per the below chart:~~

<u>From</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>To</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Adjustment</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>160%</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>200%</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>360%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>125%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>225%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>180%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>166.7%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>333%</u>
<u>125</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>200%</u>

**RATIONALE:** Since the allowance of opens being judged and scored as Champions and Premiers, the grand points available have greatly increased. This resolution's small increase in required points to grand will only impact Regions 1-9 for Championship and Premiership, the International Division for Championship in the Ukraine and China and Premiership points in China and Hong Kong. These small adjustments more realistically account for actual increased available points at any given show. The titles of Grand Champion and Grand Premier should be reflective of the best examples of each breed and should not be a title easily obtained. The above charts comply with the scoring adjustments required when a cat is either judged or becomes a permanent resident of different scoring location and are formatted for easier reading.

**Hannon:** Proposal 18. Is there anybody here for #18? **Regina Shaffer [Las Flores Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers]:** I'm not going to go through reading all of this, because I'm sure you have all read it at length. My main goal with this proposal and the two that come after it, which are related to the same one, is that I think that we have done a lot of increasing opportunities to grand our cats. We've added 3<sup>rd</sup> best shorthair, 3<sup>rd</sup> best longhair, 3<sup>rd</sup> best allbreed. We've added all the opens in. I passed out in front of you a sheet this morning that showed, just last season I took a random 36 shows that were done in Regions 1-7, and if you look at the bottom you can see that the average of these 36 shows were 7 rings, the average opens in those shows averaged 18 per ring, champions averaged 32 per ring, which gave you a 56% increase in the number of grand points available per ring. That's 135 grand points that were added per show because you had opens. We haven't done any increase in grand points in I can't remember when, and I've been in the fancy almost 40 years. The same thing applies to premiership – 59% of an increase due to having opens counting for grand points. I'm just asking for a small increase of 50 points for grand champions and 15 points for premiership cats. If you look at what's happened per Dick Kallmeyer, who gave this information, 83% of the champions entered grand in 3 shows, 18% of those that granded in 3 shows did it in one show. That's a lot of cats that are granding. I don't think a small increase is unreasonable. **Hannon:** I'm going to call on Monte then Sande then Mary, then I'm going to cut off discussion. **Monte Phillips**

**[Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** Back in 2012 when we jumped from and allowed opens to compete for best champions, we went from an average from about 5-1/2% cats granding to 7-1/2% of cats granding. That average of 7-1/2% hasn't changed over the past 4 years. It has been that way since 2012. Premiership has gone from 6-1/2% to 8%. Again, that number hasn't really changed from 2012 to 2016, so my first question is, why now? The second issue I have, 200 points is not the number of points to grand your cat in certain countries. Some countries it's as low as 75, 125; premiership can be as low as 25, 50 or 75. It all depends on where you live. There are conversion factors for how that all works. So, how is that addressed?

**Hannon:** Again, I ask you to not repeat what someone has already said. **Regina Shaffer [Las Flores Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers]:** Can I answer that comment? I addressed it because the only increase in the International Division was going to apply in championship, the Ukraine and China; and in premiership China and Hong Kong. Those are the only countries that are going to handle the increase outside of Regions 1-9. It was not every country in the world. **Sande Willen [Greater Baltimore Cat Club; Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers]:** Two items, really. Earlier today we had a rather long discussion on how to keep people in CFA. I can think of no way of driving them away faster than to make it even harder to grand. The second item is, if you add all the opens and all the champions in the show that still remain in an area, that's nothing compared to what we used to have in count for champions and premiers, even 15 years ago. Our shows are smaller and there are fewer of them. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** Didn't we just pass tiered champion titles because it is so hard to grand a cat? OK, people have said a few things that I was going to say, so I'll try to be brief. Thinking back to 1999 when I was trying to grand my very first cat, and I had been trying for a few years. I took him to Garden State and he got a 2<sup>nd</sup> best allbreed champion in one file, and that was 115 points. He got a 3<sup>rd</sup> best shorthair champion, and that was 45 points. Let me see, what was the threshold to grand at that time. Oh yeah, it was 200 points. So, we had higher counts back then with the same threshold that we have now. I remember at that time we had some pretty darn high counts at a lot of shows, yet it was 200 points. So, I think that what we did when we added the opens to the champion count is that we just set the clock back a little bit, but not that much, and we actually made it a little bit more difficult to get in the final. You all know that it's easier to be 3 out of 32 than it is to be 3 out of 57, so it's faster for a top cat to grand, but it's really not easier for the rest of us. I'm all for getting people to go to more shows, but we need to do that with positive incentives. Also, when we added the 10 ring and the 6x6 format, it was because people wanted to have more opportunities to make points in a single weekend. They wanted more bang for their buck – that was the phrase that was used. Surprise, it takes fewer weekends to grand a cat. We purposely did that so that people could grand their cats faster.

**Hannon:** Closing comments, Regina. **Regina Shaffer [Las Flores Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers]:** I just got word from a prior board member that reminded me that when we initially changed and added the 3<sup>rd</sup> best champion longhair, shorthair and then allbreed champion, the first year after that was done the grands increased by 25% and entries were down, so giving us an opportunity to increase these grand points really helps to guarantee that the best of our breeds are the ones that are granding. Isn't that what we want? To have the best of our breeds and we want to develop our breeding programs? We don't want to keep just giving, giving, giving and dumbing down our awards, because that's what we're doing, folks. **Hannon:** I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor of increasing grand points.

**Motion Failed.**

**If proposal 18 fails –**

**– 19 – Hemet Feline Fanciers; Las Flores Cat Club; Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club; Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Cat Springs Irregulars Cat Club, and Lakes Country Cat Fanciers**

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b. ~~Two hundred (200)~~ Two hundred fifty (250) points are required for Grand Championship; seventy-five (75) points for Grand Premiership in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Malta, Russia (east of the Ural ~~mountains~~ Mountains), the International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Indonesia), the United Kingdom, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada seventy five points (75) are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Taiwan ninety (90) points are required for Grand Championship; forty (40) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia one hundred twenty-five (125) points are required for Grand Championship. In the Ukraine and China, ~~two hundred (200)~~ two hundred fifty (250) points are required for Grand Championship. In China and Hong Kong seventy-five (75) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Malaysia fifty (50) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Thailand, and Indonesia twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Ukraine and Russia (east of the Ural ~~mountains~~ Mountains) twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.

c. Grand points will be adjusted when a cat competes out- side their scoring location. ~~For example, a cat competing from a 75 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 37.5% and grand premier points at 33.3%. A cat competing from a 75 point scoring location to a 125 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 60%, and grand premier points at 50%. A cat competing from a 125 point scoring location to a 200 point scoring location, grand champion points will be adjusted at 62.5% and grand premier points at 66.6%. See chart below for percentage adjustments.~~

<u>From</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>To</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Adjustment</u>
<u>250</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>250</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>125</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>60%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>66.7%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>53%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>33.3%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>63%</u>

Grand points will only be adjusted up when a cat moves from a lower point scoring location to a higher point scoring location for the following ~~reason~~ reasons: ~~there is a permanent change of residence (see 28.04.d).~~

1. Cats previously scored under the two hundred (200) point requirement for Grand Champion shall have their Champion points adjusted upwards at 125%.

2. There is a permanent change of residence for the cat (see 28.04.d).

d. A cat's accumulated grand points earned in one scoring location will be adjusted per show rule 28.03c when moving from a higher scoring residence to a lower scoring residence. ~~For example, Grand Champion points earned in a 200 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 37.5% and Grand Premier points will be credited at 33.3%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 267% and Grand Premier points will be credited at 300%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 125 point scoring location will be credited at 166%. Grand Champion points earned in a 125 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 160%. Grand Premier points earned in a 50 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 150%. Grand Premier points earned in a 25 point scoring location moving to a 50 point scoring location will be credited at 200%. A cat's accumulated grand points earned from lower scoring residence to a higher scoring residence will be adjusted up per the below chart:~~

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<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>200%</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>300%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>125%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>187%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>150%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>166%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>333%</u>
<u>125</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>200%</u>

**RATIONALE:** Since the allowance of opens being judged and scored as Champions, the grand points available have greatly increased. This resolution's small increase in required points to grand will only impact Regions 1-9 for Championship, the International Division for Championship in the Ukraine and China. These small adjustments more realistically account for actual increased available points at any given show. The titles of Grand Champion should be reflective of the best examples of each breed and should not be a title easily obtained. The above charts comply with the scoring adjustments required when a cat is either judged or becomes a permanent resident of different scoring location and are formatted for easier reading.

**Hannon:** Regina, we're off to #19. **Regina Shaffer [Las Flores Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers]:** Just to let you guys know, I knew #18 was going to fail, but I think what we are doing here is, we continue to dumb down our awards. We add awards, we're giving awards for, as someone said to me, the fat kid that sits on the soccer bench. He gets a participation award but never even steps foot on the field. That's what we're doing in our association. We need to take a better look at how we structure things and keep our competition up there and make sure that we are developing our breeding programs, and that the best cats are winning. With that said,

I will withdraw the next two proposals. **Hannon:** Did I understand you say you are withdrawing 19 and 20? Thank you, Regina.

### Withdrawn.

If proposals 18 and 19 fail –

– 20 – *Hemet Feline Fanciers; Las Flores Cat Club; Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club; Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Cat Springs Irregulars Cat Club, and Lakes Country Cat Fanciers*

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<u>From</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>To</u> <u>Points to Grand</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Adjustment</u>
<u>200</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>200</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>37.5%</u>
<u>125</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>60%</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>55%</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>44%</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27.5%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>63%</u>



Grand points will only be adjusted up when a cat moves from a lower point scoring location to a higher point scoring location for the following ~~reason~~ reasons: ~~there is a permanent change of residence (see 28.04.d).~~

1. Cats previously scored under the seventy-five (75) point requirement for Grand Premier shall have their Premier points adjusted upwards at 120%

2. There is a permanent change of residence for the cat (see 28.04.d)

d. A cat's accumulated grand points earned in one scoring location will be adjusted per show rule 28.03c when moving from a higher scoring residence to a lower scoring residence. ~~For example, Grand Champion points earned in a 200 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 37.5% and Grand Premier points will be credited at 33.3%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 267% and Grand Premier points will be credited at 300%. Grand Champion points earned in a 75 point scoring location moving to a 125 point scoring location will be credited at 166%. Grand Champion points earned in a 125 point scoring location moving to a 200 point scoring location will be credited at 160%. Grand Premier points earned in a 50 point scoring location moving to a 75 point scoring location will be credited at 150%. Grand Premier points earned in a 25 point scoring location moving to a 50 point scoring location will be credited at 200%. A cat's accumulated grand points earned from lower scoring residence to a higher scoring residence will be adjusted up per the below chart:~~

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<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>200%</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>360%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>125%</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>225%</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>180%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>166%</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>267%</u>
<u>125</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>160%</u>

**RATIONALE:** Since the allowance of opens being judged and scored as Premier, the grand points available have greatly increased. This resolution's small increase in required points to grand will only impact Regions 1-9 for Premiership and the International Division for Premiership points in China and Hong Kong. These small adjustments more realistically account for actual increased available points at any given show. The titles of Grand Premier should be reflective of the best examples of each breed and should not be a title easily obtained. The above charts comply with the scoring adjustments required when a cat is either judged or becomes a permanent resident of different scoring location and are formatted for easier reading.

**Withdrawn.**

– 21 – *CanUSA Cat Club; National Colorpoints and Orientals; Oriental Shorthairs of America*

**RESOLVED:** Effective commencing with the 2016-2017 show season, amend Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/ DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **AWARDS** Section to add titles for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed nationally, as follows

Article XXXVI  
NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM  
**Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards**

**AWARDS**

...

**National Awards**

**Best of Breed/Division\*\***

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

**\*\*\*Second Best of Breed/Division**

**\*\*\*Third Best of Breed/Division**

\*\*\*The title of Breed Award (BA) is limited to Championship cats receiving the above awards (2nd and 3rd Best of Breed/Division). 200 point minimum required for this award.

**\*\*\*\*Best of Color**

**\*\*\*\*Second Best of Color**

\*\*\*\*200 point minimum required for this award.

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

**RATIONALE:** Earning the award of 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed/Division has become one worth celebrating, especially now with implemented point minimums. Adding a title to these achievements will enhance the pedigrees of these winners as such an achievement. These are the titles that the “regular” exhibitor is more apt to achieve. An added title may add further encouragement of showing a cat after achieving its Grand Champion title.

**Hannon:** Moving on to #21. Seth is back. **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** I’m back. Proposal 21 basically adds a new title, the title of “Breed Award” which we would abbreviate BA. It would be limited to championship cats and will be limited to those who are receiving the 200 point minimum threshold for a breed award or breed win, and it would be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best cats in that breed or division. Really, this is just to provide recognition for those cats that are of quality and maybe missed out on a breed win title. I can think of a couple of breeds that I saw this year that were shown where there were many fantastic examples of breeds such as Exotics and Abyssinians. This would provide the breeders with another goal to strive for. They might say, “oh, I can’t catch that cat because it’s definitely getting best of breed, so there’s no point in trying.” Well, you can still go and get a breed award. This is an award that really is out there, a title that out’s there for the breeders to shoot for.

**Hannon:** I’m going to call for the vote.

**Motion Carried by 50% with a favorable recommendation.**

– 22 – *CanUSA Cat Club; Sanguine Silver Society; Damn Yankees; National Colorpoints and Orientals; Oriental Shorthairs of America*

**RESOLVED:** Effective commencing with the 2016-2017 show season, amend Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, **AWARDS** Section to separate the breed wins by award area, as follows

Article XXXVI  
NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM  
**Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards**

**AWARDS**

...

**National Awards**

**Best of Breed/Division\*\***

\*\*The title of “Breed Winner” (BWR for regions 1-9, BWC for China, BWI for the International Division) is limited to Championship cats receiving the above award (BEST of Breed/Division). 200 point minimum required for this award.

**\*\*\*Second Best of Breed/Division**

**\*\*\*Third Best of Breed/Division**

**\*\*\*Best of Color**

**\*\*\*Second Best of Color**

\*\*\*200 point minimum required for this award.

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

**RATIONALE:** The same reasons the NW was separated into three areas apply to the breed win. Competing at a global level, even for minority breeds, does not make sense when we don’t do this at the national level. The average exhibitor is more apt to show their cats for a BW, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed/Division and the playing field should be leveled so this can occur. Previously awarded BW titles will not be affected. For award presentation purposes, the board could decide a number of ways to reduce overall award costs and presentation times at the banquet, such as only the three highest scoring overall cats will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet, or the best from each division. This would not add additional costs or time to the awards ceremony as we would only be awarding 3 awards at the banquet. Another option would be to have 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed from each area go on stage at once, then 2<sup>nd</sup> from each area, then Best. The award could go to a rosette or plaque instead of both.

**Hannon:** Proposal 22. Guess who’s back? **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** Last one. Without going into all of this and reading everything, this proposal does one thing; it puts breed wins in line with national wins. When you separated the national award winning areas, this does the same thing with breed wins. The people that we’ve talked to about this, it sums up an issue a lot of people in Regions 1 through 9 are experiencing – competing with cats that we’re never seeing because of quarantine rules in other national award areas. Really, what this does is separate everything so that Regions 1 through 9 are no longer in direct

competition for titles with the International Division and China, and vice versa. So, I kind of think that by doing that it also solves the issue of having to go to ring by ring scoring or anything else. **Hannon:** I'll point out that normally resolutions become effective with the new show season unless this states otherwise. In this case, it does state otherwise, so it would be effective for the current show season. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I don't really have a problem necessarily with multiple BWs. The way that this is written, I'm not really fond of it, but it's not going to kill me if we do it that way. What I have a problem with is how this is written. This proposal awards a potential 9 cats per breed. We now give 3 trophies per breed and it takes us forever. There's nothing the proposal as written that says whether we're going to honor all 9 of those cats at the Annual. Honestly, if we call all of those cats to the Annual, it adds 8 hours to call them each up. Some of you might not know this, but yesterday the board increased the possible number of NW awards to 225. Of course, some areas are not going to meet the point minimums, but the way things are going I think we're going to have more national winners next year than this year, and we're going to be at that banquet forever just for the national winners. So, if we pass this, somebody has to pick which breed awards to include at the Annual. My problem is that this proposal doesn't specify that. It leaves it to the board to decide. People do read the show rules occasionally to find out whether their cat is going to be included at the Annual. It needs to be in the show rule so that everyone knows ahead of time whether they need to buy a plane ticket, whether they are competing for an award, whatever. If we leave it to the board to pick, will the board do what all of you expect? I'm going to ask for an informal show of hands. If we pass this, how many of you think that it should be the cats that get the BW title invited to the Annual, and how many people think it should be the top 3 highest scoring? Let's go with, how many of you think it should be the cat with the BW? So it should be the top 3 highest scoring. **Hannon:** Mary, they said you are out of order to ask for that. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I just wanted an informal – OK, whatever. So anyhow, we're going to leave that up to the board. I hope they decide what you want, because I don't know what they're going to do. **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** I'm going to follow up with what Mary was trying to say, and kind of make it clearer what you're really voting on here. What you're voting on is to have a national awards dinner where you're going to basically be handing out 9 breed awards for every breed if they have the right point minimums. That's going to take you a considerable amount of time. That means the top 3 cats in each of the award areas. Those of you who believe we should just recognize the top 3 cats overall, you want to vote no on this. Those of you who think we should be voting for the top 3 cats in each individual area, you want to vote yes on this, and then figure out how much time you want to spend on the Annual dinner, because I don't want to stay after 1 a.m. **Dennis Ganoe [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I object to having more than one BW title in a given year for a breed. We will probably end up having BW-China, BW-Regions 1-9. I think the breeds deserve more stability in that particular title. **Donna Isenberg [Cat Spring Irregulars]:** I really am starting to resent the fact that we don't want to change something because of whatever reason it is that doesn't make sense if it's the right thing to do. Right now we're having breed wins against cats that we've never competed against. We've never seen them. We don't even know that they exist. If you don't want to participate and you don't want to stay up until 1:00 in the morning, don't do it, because at the end of what we're doing, it's because we're celebrating what we do. You know what? I've been doing this 39 years. I don't even want to do it anymore. I don't even understand anybody in this room anymore. **Rich Mastin [Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society; Seneca Cat Fanciers]:** This is an interesting topic

to debate on whether or not we should expand our awards to 3 awards. I don't think we should make the decision not to expand because of how long something is going to take, one night in the week. The Cat Fanciers' Association is growing in different parts of the world. We need to build an infrastructure that's going to be able to accommodate that growth. If we have to change our rules and our procedures to accommodate our growth, we need to do it. I'm in favor of this. I think it's a good idea. Is it going to cost us a little bit more money to do it? I believe so. Is it going to cost us a little more time? I believe so, but I think we can make it work, and we can make it fair for everybody who is in this room, and everybody who is out wanting to exhibit their cats. Let's move forward on this. **Leslie Ann Carr [Coastal Empire Cat Club; Rome Cat Forum]:** I agree with the concept of this proposal and totally understand the frustration that some people have with their breeds, but because I like to look things up twice I actually went back and looked at all of the ePoints for each breed to see what happened to all the 54 breed and divisions that we have. I also noticed, by the way, that we had some that had no cats shown. I think that's a definite place for improvement, but there are some breeds where there was a problem because of stuffing or perceived stuffing. I don't want to accuse anyone. There were others that weren't. The argument that I have the biggest problem with, though, is that we need to do this because the cats are not competing against each other. Well, let's think this through. A cat in Japan does not compete against anybody else in Regions 1 through 7 or the ID. A cat in Region 9 doesn't compete with 1 through 8. A cat in Region 7 may never see another cat in Region 2, so we already have a situation, and we've had this for years, where we do not have direct competition. I don't want to see this voted in, based on the fact that we do not have cats competing head to head. If that's the way we're going to come up with our awards and come up with our titles, we need to change a lot more than just this. **Peg Johnson [Flamingo Cat Fanciers; Lincoln State Cat Club]:** A quick comment. I know at one point we had 15 premiership cats, we had fewer champion awards. We had a lot fewer awards, and every time we increased it, we went through the same concern about how long things were taking. I know that over the years, we've refined, we've cajoled, and we've gotten our awards program to a reasonable length. Anything we change, we can figure out a different way to do it, so I don't think that should be taken into consideration for growth of CFA. **Christine Makl [Happy Trails Cat Club; Just Cats N' Us]:** I'm one of them that got knocked out for a breed win because of the manipulated counts in another country, which I think that the breed wins should have been separated, like with the national wins, because it's just as important if not more important to us breeders. If you don't want to do it and you're worried about being there all night long, at least start it for championship, because that's what you get breed wins for now. You already have all 3 of them come up on stage at the Annual during the banquet, so why can't 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> get titles with their names? You talk about competing against them, and like she said, I may not compete directly against somebody in this country, but at least I have the opportunity to do it if I want to. I can't go to China and show my cat. All I want is something that's fair.

**Hannon:** Seth, you want to wrap it up? **Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders; CanUsa Cat Club]:** The only thing I want to add, and I think it's been said before. This doesn't really have to take a whole lot longer. We can call the breeds up together. I'm confident that we've got enough intelligent people in here to figure out a way to make the banquet not last until Monday morning. Thanks. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the vote.

**Motion Carried by 2/3.**

**Hannon:** Seth, you got another 2/3. You've had a very successful day. That's the last of our pre-noticed.

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## PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 23 – *Midlantic Persian & Himalayan Fanciers; Cat Club of the Palm Beaches; Cats Exclusive, Inc.; Delaware River Cats Club; Empire Cat Club; Garden State Cat Club of NJ, Inc.; Half Moon Cat Club; Keystone Kat Klub; Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers; Metropolitan Cat Fanciers; Moorestown Cat Fanciers; Morris and Essex Cat Club; Mt. Laurel Cat Fanciers; Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club, Inc.; New Hampshire Feline Fanciers; New River Cat Fanciers; Nova Cat Fanciers Inc.; Sign of the Cat Fanciers; Southern Traditions Cat Club; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Effective April ~~30-29~~, 2016 (start of the current show season), amend **Rules for Registration**© (**Revised November 15, 2015**) to reduce the grand offspring for male DMs from 15 to 10, as follows:

### ARTICLE I – REGISTRATION

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#### **Section 4 – Cat Names: ...**

**Titles** – One or more official CFA titles, as outlined below, may appear as part of a cat's name.

... **DM:** Distinguished Merit, the title given to a cat which has produced the required number of Grand Champions, Grand Premiers or Distinguished Merit Cats (5 for females and ~~15~~ 10 for males). ...

#### **RATIONALE:**

1. Current legislation and restrictions on selling cats/kittens have reduced the number of litters that are being produced.
2. Limit laws in communities limit the number of animals allowed per household.
3. As an association we need to show due diligence and decrease the necessity of "breeding for record" in order to produce extra kittens to earn titles just to achieve a male cat's DM.

**Hannon: #23. Vanadis Crawford [Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers; Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Our proposal is on behalf of 20 CFA clubs to amend the requirement for distinguished merit for male cats only from 15 down to 10, with the following rationale. As we all know, there is a lot of legislation that has been going on. Regarding the selling of cats and kittens, a lot of us have had to reduce the number of litters that we have had. There are a lot of limit laws going on, allowing the number of animals in various communities, etc., and of course, as an organization we really do need to show due diligence and not necessarily breed for numbers. One other rationale that we did not include here but something to think about, especially for those of us who work with minority breeds, if we continue to push the same genetic material into our minority breeds over and over again, that's a risk. So, we are suggesting for this rationale that DM male cats only be reduced from 15 to 10, leaving the females at 5.

**Hannon:** Vanadis, our attorney has a comment. He says that you need to amend the resolved statement, because it requires show rules that start the show season with the first weekend in May, and “weekend” is a two-day consecutive day period which can be a Friday/Saturday. The effective date should be April 29, 2016. Are you amending your resolution. **Vanadis Crawford [Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers; Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Yes. **Hannon:** OK. By amending the resolution, even if it passes by 2/3, it’s not automatic. It goes to the board with a favorable recommendation if it gets 50% or 2/3. **Bruce Russell [Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers; Catmania Cat Fanciers]:** As a breeder of a minority breed – one of the most difficult breeds to breed, Scottish Fold – we have had the privilege of DM’ing two Scottish Fold male DMs. There have only been 4 Scottish Fold male DMs in the history of CFA, and to lessen the number for a distinguished merit male to 10 would basically lessen or cheapen the award that we have already earned and worked for. I could see something like “elite merit” or an intermediate award. I know there’s a lot of people who get to 11, 12, 13 offspring and then they are not able to get that 15. So, go with an intermediate award, but please do not lessen the awards that have already been earned by all male DMs through CFA, please and thank you. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** It is not necessary to have a large number of cats in order to get a male DM. I have 1 to 3 litters a year, maximum. I have a male DM because I worked with other breeders, and I know a number of other people in this room who have small catteries and work with other people and share their bloodlines and get DMs. Fifteen is a reasonable number for a male cat who has many, many opportunities in his lifetime – much more than a female has. I would not like to see the number cut by 1/3. I hate to use this term, but that does cheapen the title, so I am strongly opposed to this. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** First of all, I’m going to be damned before an animal rights person is going to tell me how to run my breeding program, sorry. I live in one of those states where you have to be licensed. I get inspected every 18 months. They still are not going to determine how we do our awards – no, not going to happen. Second of all, and I don’t know if this has been brought up but it’s going to be, a lot of people say the number of male DMs is significantly lower than the number of female DMs, so we should lower the number. Think about your breeding programs for a minute. You’ve got a whole lot more girls than boys. That’s the reason why female DMs outnumber the male DMs. Finally, if someone says, “we shouldn’t be making extra kittens,” if your male is of the quality to become a DM, his kittens are pretty valuable. If you’re making extra kittens, I am sure there are some new, struggling breeders out there who would love to have your extra kittens that you had to produce to make him a DM. If he’s a DM, that means he is probably producing some pretty consistent quality kittens. How about the new breeders? These are not extra kittens just wandering the streets, these are kittens that could be used somewhere to grow our fancy. I agree with everyone else that this terribly cheapens our award. Thank you. **Geri Fellerman [Morris And Essex Cat Club; Sanguine Silver Society]:** When I first started breeding about 30 years ago, everybody did stud service – everybody but everybody. In fact, the owner of the first Himalayan DM didn’t even have a female after a while. She just did stud service, so Brigadier, you could take your \$600 to Rego Park and breed to him. He was able to become a DM without her keeping any cats. I, myself, have a very small cattery. I don’t do stud service, so the odds of my ever getting a DM on a male, it’s never going to happen. I’m resigned to that, but for those who do want to go for it, in this day and age, I think 15 is plenty. **Hannon:** Again, please do not repeat anything that’s already been said. **Carolyn Osier [Los Colores Cat Club]:** I’ve been breeding Abyssinians for 45 years. I am blessed to have 3 male DMs. I haven’t bred them all over the country just to get 15 offspring.

Their offspring are cats that have contributed to breeding programs. I remember reading another breed's newsletter with a description of a new male DM. He had 1 grand champion and 14 grand premiers. That is not a cat that is contributing to a breeding program. I know it seems like a lot to get to 15, but these are exceptional cats. If we reduce this to 10, that opportunity becomes, "oh, I'll just keep all 5 kittens in this litter and it will only take me 2 litters to DM my male." I don't want to see that. I want this title to remain something very special. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** I DM'ed a male that I did not breed, and I was grateful to the people who had bred the cat and had given him to me in his later years as a stud. The fortunate thing was that this cat had not been passed around. He was used in a limited number of breeding programs, but what really concerns me is the popular sire syndrome and the genetic health that can be a problem with the popular sire syndrome, especially in minority breeds. I am look at this for the welfare of the cats. I am also look at this from the point of view of people who have minority breeds and have wonderful, wonderful cats in those breeds, and find it almost impossible to get a DM on a deserving stud male, and who don't pass their cat around. **Howard Webster [Americans In Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** I DM'ed the third Javanese DM male at the beginning of this show season. I got lucky. He was 12, he had cancer and I lost him before the last 2 offspring granded. We keep males around. I kept him longer because I had 15 and most of them were grand champions. The trouble is, as mentioned, no one else is doing it, it's mostly me versus someone else, but not very often. So, what we have is us doing it all, keeping all this gene pool the same, and with the limit laws, with animal rights where it's pretty much illegal in some places to even keep breeding cats. I think changing it to 10 isn't cheapening whatever somebody else has done because it's harder because no one is using your cat for stud service. Even though you are selling some cats, making it 10 just seems more correct for the times we're living in right now. **Harold Bourgeois [Wildcatters Cat Club; Tonkinese Breed Association]:** I agree in principle with what we are trying to do here, but going from 15 to 10 is way too drastic. That's all I have to say. **Donna Isenberg [Cat Spring Irregulars]:** I am absolutely for it, for the reason that we are all growing older. We want to have younger people and we hope to see younger people, but as we grow older our catteries become smaller, our males become more important to us, and we try to keep a limited amount of males. How many litters can we have a year? Not that many. To be reasonable and wonderfully humane people and stay in this hobby, I think it's not lowering. It's reality, and I think we should be for it. DMs are one of the absolutely most fantastic things to get in a cattery. Let's make it more realistic. I think that's a way to keep people, too. **Bobbi Irie [Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers]:** One of the things that has not been mentioned, I am a minority breed. I love my babies. My males are extremely personable. I would love to have a male produce their DM, same quality and everything, but I would love to be able to give that kitty an opportunity to be neutered and placed in a wonderful home, and not keep him to breed year after year after year in order to get that DM.

**Hannon:** Vanadis, do you have any closing comments? **Vanadis Crawford [Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers; Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** In general, I think this has been a lot of good discussion. Each and every one of you do need to think about things from a holistic approach. We brought this forward simply to have you consider that the world is changing. Our association is changing. What is expected is changing. Earlier today, as was mentioned, we have added in additional titles because we want to encourage new people. As was also said earlier today, look around us. None of us are getting any younger, and there is a little bit more that we need to do, to try to encourage people. This is yet another thing to encourage new people. We



need to think about the health of our cats. We need to consider our inbreeding coefficients. We need to consider what it is that we want to have going forward for the health of our cats, for the health of our association, and for the growth overall. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call for the vote. One more time, all those in favor raise your hands. It fails.

[a count is called for] Eve, get our tellers up here. Eve, are you coming? Yvonne is in charge. Where are all your tellers, Yvonne? Where is Yvonne? I do not see her. Alright, I'm going to start calling for the vote, so the tellers better be ready. All those in favor of this resolution, raise your hands. Yvonne says some of the tellers are not at their stations. If you're a teller, please be at your station. [a teller count is performed] OK, all those opposed, raise your hands. OK, Yvonne has the results. There were 180 yes and 160 no, so it does carry.

**Motion Carried.**

– 24 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Allow the top three cats in breed in kittens and premiership to use the terms Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed in Kitten or Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed in Premiership in all CFA publications the same as championship cats.

**RATIONALE:** Currently, the Yearbook staff rejects ads that use the Best terminology in the kitten and premiership class and insists that instead the ad use the Highest Scoring terminology. If someone is willing to put an ad in the yearbook, do we really need to be that picky? It would be too costly to add awards for these rankings, and there isn't enough time in the day to include them in a banquet. But rather than putting these in the show rules as titles, we could simply change the publication policy.

**Hannon:** #24, Lilac Point Fanciers. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I'm going to be brief. If you submit an ad to the Yearbook that says your cat was "best Maine Coon in premiership" or whatever breed you breed, yeah, it will be rejected. You have to change it to "highest scoring Maine Coon in premiership." My question is, it's a Yearbook ad, what difference does it make? Seriously. I thought about adding these designations to the show rules as non-trophied awards, but then I thought it would be better to first just try to change the policy. If someone wants to take out an ad in the Yearbook that says, "best Siamese kitten," we shouldn't be turning them down and saying, "no, you have to say "highest scoring kitten." Let's just take the money. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the vote on Mary's resolution.

**Motion Carried.**

**Hannon:** Shelly [Borawski], there's a message for you. That concludes the pre-noticed.

**(54) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

**Hannon:** We're now calling for resolutions from the floor.

*– 25 – Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club; Happy Trails Cat Club; Just Cats'N Us; National Colorpoints & Orientals; Make Mine Mink; Paumanok Cat Fanciers; Sofistocated Felines; GEMS; Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** During the judging process, the surface of the judging podium is reserved for the cat or kitten, with allowance made for minor items such as a pen or non-mechanical cat toys used in judging. Judges will as much as possible keep the judging surface clear, and will not place upon it items such as judging books, spray bottles, flats, fans, and windup toys. Objects that may alarm less experienced cats, such as fans, blinking lights, windup toys, music boxes, animated toys, and life-like stuffed animals shall not be placed on the podium or immediately adjoining it.

**RATIONALE:** Increasingly it seems that there is little room on the judging podium for the cat, with potential to knock objects over or off the table. Placing judging books, flats, and spray bottles on the judging table makes it difficult for a cat to move freely while being judged. Cats and particularly kittens may be frightened by moving or noisy objects such as fans, windup toys, and musical or moving ring decorations. Such items may be knocked over or off the table, potentially alarming the cat being judged and those coming and going to the judging ring. A cat that slips off the table and is showered by plastic flats or the spray bottle as it falls is very likely to be ruined for show.

The judging process should be non-threatening for cats and kittens, and help build their confidence. It should not be an obstacle course. Judges and show committee should take care to provide a safe place for judging, and that means eliminating clutter from the table.

A version of this show rule was passed by the delegation in 2015. The Board chose not to implement it out of concern that a judge who placed something as minor as a pen on the podium could be called out for violating a show rule. This updated proposal addresses that issue.

**Hannon:** I understand there's a proposed show rule from Colonial Cat Club. Who is here from Colonial? **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** You should have these on your table, and I know there are some up front. This is a proposal that was passed last year but was not passed by the board. There were some areas of concern that the rewording will take care of. Resolved [reads]. Again, this was passed last year. There was concern that a judge might be called out for leaving a pen on the table or having items on it during lunch or that the teaser toy they were using would be considered inappropriate for being on the table. That is not the intention of this proposal. The intention is to make this a safe and happy experience for the cat, and not have the plastic flats come clattering down over it if it falls off the table when it's scared by the fan that someone turned on. **Hannon:** I'm going to call on Monte, Mary, Pam and Vicki, and then I'm going to call for the vote. **Monte Phillips [Greater St. Louis Cat Club; Pocahontas Cat Club]:** Please, I beg you, don't make me write this up again. I already know the board is going to vote it down and I'll tell you why. What you should be doing is going to the show manager and asking them to talk to the judge about taking the stuff off the table, rather than have a new show rule put in place to address basically communicating with the show management or the judge. Also, I've heard many judges complain, they don't get a big enough judging stand to judge. I'll shut up now and let Pam talk. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I support the spirit of this and what you're trying to do, but there are some terms in it

that I think are too nebulous. “During the judging process.” Is that from the start of the show until lunch, and then after lunch to the end of the show? So, that needs to be clarified. Is it all day, or what is it. “Surface of the judging podium.” As someone who is right next to me just told me, he has been at shows where he’s got this great, big area and the whole area is his judging surface, and he doesn’t have room for anything. So, you need to define what you mean by “judging process” and what you mean by “surface.” **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; Cats N Cats]:** Back in 1981, we had an annual meeting here in Las Vegas at the Sahara. It was my first annual meeting. I remember there was a rule that came up about judges could no longer use feathers. One of our recent retiree judges got up and exclaimed, “I am a feather user!” Dear Walter, yes, was a feather stick user. I am the one, I’m sorry, that stood up at the board and said, “this is written so much I can’t even have my little rat head toy that has saved my hand several times, because a cat has gone for that rather than my hands. I am all for the spirit of this, guys, but you have got to put something for the show committees to give us judges to do our jobs, and that includes the paperwork. We can judge the cat, but we also have to have room for our paperwork, the ribbons and the toys. If we don’t have this, we can’t do our jobs in the spirit of what you want to pass. **Vicki Nye [Sunkat Feline Fanciers]:** I don’t think we need another rule to address this. Annette, our Chairman, has been very clear with us on what needs to be on the table – which is the cat – and what does not need to be on the table. Unfortunately, we are limited many times, as a couple of people have noted, on the way things are set up in the show hall. I was recently in China and my judging riser table covered all but 2 or 3 inches on either side. It was in a shopping mall. You are limited in space. I pulled a chair up to the side and put my judge’s book on it, but we don’t always have that kind of opportunity. I agree the cat shouldn’t get scared with slippery flats to lay on and all the rosettes on the table, but I think Annette is addressing this through the judges. She has reminded us many times. **Gary Veach [Colonial Cat Club; Long Island Cat Club]:** I’m the one that brought this forward for your consideration last year from the floor and it was voted positively by you, as the delegation. Then it got to the board and someone said, “this show rule is like making napalm to kill a mosquito.” So, we went back and redrafted it. It was submitted to be in time. I don’t know what happened that it was lost, but somehow it got lost in the submission process, so Laurie drafted it, tweaked it, asked for input, went online and discussed it, and all this is saying is that we really need to put the cat first. We are an association for cat fanciers. We’re not an association that worries about the nuances of how do you do this and how do you do that. If the environment is unsafe for the cat, it’s unacceptable. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve seen a judge’s book on the table, a Maine Coon goes up the pole, the back feet hit that judge’s book and down it comes sliding. I’ve suffered through a ring where a battery operated fan was on the judge’s table, a national winning cat had 6 inches of space to be judged in, and it wasn’t pretty. I went to the show manager, I asked them to address it, I was told that that judge would never final that person’s cat again. They were afraid to address it. So then I went to the clerk. The clerk didn’t want to address it. Finally, I had to handle it myself, and I said, “If that fan is not off that table, I will protest that judge, I will protest this show hall and I will protest this show committee.” Finally, the fan came off. I have a video of a cat being judged with no fan on the table. It was a glorious judging. That judge provided that cat with everything it needed. That cat only needed space. We need to put our cats first. We need to stop arguing about a toy or anything on the table. If you’re in some other country and it’s a small space, work it out, but put the cat first. Give those cats a chance to show themselves. We’re not doing that now.

**Hannon:** Laurie, do you have any closing comments before we vote? **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** This is meant to put the cats first. I do have to echo something Gary just said. People have gone to show management. People have gone to judges. People have gone to the Judging Program. This has been raised over and over. I appreciate those who have raised it, but these methods that are continuously recommended have not succeeded. This is not meant to be critical of the judges, this is not meant to be overly punitive, it is just meant to say, the judging podium, when a cat is being judged, should not be a repository of all kinds of things on which the cat can slip or that can scare the cat or in any way cause it harm. Let's put the cats first please. Thank you. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call the vote.

### **Motion Failed.**

*– 26 –Kittyhawk Felines, Inc., Central PA Cat Fanciers, Colonial Cat Club, Long Island Cat Club, Happy Trails Cat Club, Just Cats'N Us, National Colorpoints & Orientals, Make Mine Mink, Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Sofistocated Felines, National Norwegian Forest Cats Club, Inc., Delaware River Cats Club, Inc.*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI, NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, section on "AWARDS", **Regional Definition** subparagraph, as follows:

### **Article XXXVI NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

#### **AWARDS**

6. Points earned at any licensed CFA show may be used toward the receipt of any National award with the exception that cats/kittens residing outside of the International Division – China may NOT earn points at shows in the International Division – China. Points earned at the CFA International show may also be used toward the receipt of any National award.

### **RATIONALE:**

#### **Key Concerns for Change:**

Allowing points earned in ID-China to be used toward the Regions 1-9 and ID-Other National Awards is the primary concern. ID-China points would disproportionately alter the National standings in Regions 1-9 and ID-Other. ID-China points would affect exhibitor morale, entries for clubs, and the competition for National Awards in Regions 1-9 and ID-Other. Entries should be encouraged to regularly and fairly compete at the shows in their own National Award Area. Furthermore, this exception would establish continuity for ID-Other, as points earned in ID-China already cannot be used toward International Division Wins in ID-Other. As it is difficult in ID-Other to earn the minimum points required for any National Award by only competing at shows in ID-Other, ID-Other may also need to earn points at shows in Regions 1-9. Sportsmanship in each National Award Area needs to be our priority. Accordingly, this exception would complement the new show rules implemented for the three National Award Areas.

#### **Points Scoring for National Awards would be:**

- Cats/Kittens residing in Regions 1-9 may use points earned at shows in Regions 1-9, ID-Other, and at CFA Int'l show.

- Cats/Kittens residing in ID-China may use points earned at shows in Regions 1-9, ID-China, ID-Other, and at CFA Int'l show.
- Cats/Kittens residing in ID-Other may use points earned at shows in Regions 1-9, ID-Other, and at CFA Int'l show.

**Therefore:**

- Exhibitor morale would be upheld to encourage entries and competition at shows in each National Award Area.
- ID-China exhibitors would still be welcome at any CFA show to compete and earn points with their cats/kittens.
- The ID-China “show variances” would be isolated to only affect ID-China, in order to be addressed separately in ID-China.
- Points earned in ID-China would **not** be used toward any National Award in Regions 1-9 or ID-Other.
  - Furthermore, co-ownerships with ID-China exhibitors or cat/kitten residency transfers from ID-China would **not** transfer points earned at shows in ID-China to be used toward any National Award in Regions 1-9 or ID-Other.
- More complicated residency requirements should **not** be needed for the three National Award Areas.
- The current CFA scoring system could be kept in place.
- This should be cost-effective to implement with minimal personnel and/or system application changes.

**Request:** Should this floor proposal pass the delegation with a favorable recommendation at the 2016 Annual meeting, then it is requested that the CFA Board of Directors consider ratifying this show rule amendment immediately in the CFA Show Rules 2016-2017 for the 2016-2017 show season.

**Table:** This table displays where points may be earned for National Awards in each National Award Area with this exception.

National Award Area for National Awards	May use points earned at licensed CFA shows in <b>Regions 1 through 9</b>	May use points earned at licensed CFA shows in <b>International Division – China</b>	May use points earned at licensed CFA shows in the <b>rest of the International Division</b> (including Hong Kong and Macau)	May use points earned at the <b>CFA International show</b>
Cats/Kittens residing in <b>Regions 1 through 9</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Cats/Kittens residing in the <b>International Division – China</b> (this does not include those cats residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Cats/Kittens residing in the <b>rest of the International Division</b> (including those cats/kittens residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
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**Hannon:** Are there any other resolutions from the floor? **Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** This was put on your table this morning and I will read it. [reads] What this does is, you cannot take a cat from any other region and go to China and get points and have those points go back out of China. **Hannon:** What about the other way? What if China wants to come here. **Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** They can. There's a chart on the back that tells where they can go and where they can't. **Hannon:** That's nice, but we weren't given a copy of that. **Ginger Gunlock [Kittyhawk Felines; Purrs & Paws Cat Fanciers]:** I gave it to Rachel. **Hannon:** She has a copy, but I don't have a copy, he doesn't have a copy, she doesn't have a copy. I see nobody lining up for discussion, so I'm going to call for the vote.

**Motion Failed.**

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**Hannon:** Are there any other motions from the floor? Is there any other business to be brought forward? Seeing no further business, I'm going to adjourn the meeting.