

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4/5, 2017**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 4, 2017, in the CFA Foundation Museum, 260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EST with the following members present:

Mr. Mark Hannon (President)
Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Vice President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Kathy Black (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Ms. Lisa Kuta (SWR Director)
Ms. Mary Auth (MWR Director)
Ms. Jean Dugger (SOR Director)
Mr. Edward Maeda (Japan Regional Director)
Mrs. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Director-at-Large)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

John M. Randolph, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Teresa Barry, Executive Director
Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services
Allene Tartaglia, Special Events Coordinator
Angela Watkins, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter
Brian Buetel, Central Office

Not Present:

Mr. John Adelhoch (NAR Director)

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

(1) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.**

Hannon: Since everyone is here, I'm going to call the meeting to order a few minutes early. We have a very full agenda today, so I thought since we can get a head start, let's do it. I want to welcome everybody to Alliance, Ohio, and the CFA Central Office, and once again to thank the CFA Foundation for the use of their museum for our meeting. Thank you to Karen [Lawrence], for what she has done to make it available to us. Thanks to Brian [Buetel] for all he did in setting up the meeting and picking up people and carting them around, and to both Terri and Verna for all the work they did to help make things run smoothly this weekend for us, with hotel reservations, goodie bags at the hotel, etc. We appreciate it all.

Hannon: I want to take a minute to acknowledge the death of Fred Jacobberger. Fred died in January. He was a director at large and sat at this board table. He was the CFA Attorney for a number of years. I'm sure you join me in saying, on behalf of the board we offer our condolences to Pat and his family and friends.

FRED JACOBBERGER

Fred suffered a stroke and on January 12, 2017, he passed away with his wife of 45 years, Pat Jacobberger, at his side in Las Vegas, NV where they retired in June 2016.

Fred attended law school at the University of Iowa where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1966 with a JD. During law school, he was awarded the Order of the Coif, was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and was Notes Editor for the Iowa Law Review. After working as a law clerk to the Hon. Edward J. McManus, U.S. District Court for Northern District of Iowa, he moved to Minneapolis in 1968 where he met Pat. They were married June 26, 1971.

Fred loved car racing and drove his Porsche 911 (#438) in countless club-racing events and was a sought-after instructor of Performance Driving for many car clubs in Minnesota. He was a member of Nord Stern for 20 years and was co-founder of Slowpokes, Inc., a car club which holds two events a year at the Brainerd International Raceway.

Fred and Pat owned and operated Voyager Cattery (13661) registered by CFA in 1975. They bred nationally recognized Burmese cats for 25 years, including CFA's first champagne Burmese grand champion – GRC Voyager Smells As Sweet. A few of their famous cats include 1979-1980's 16th Best Cat GRC/NW Voyager Pepin, DM, 1982-1983's 5th Best Cat GRC/NW Voyager Brown Bear of Kawpaw, and 1983-1984's 9th Best Cat GRC/NW Renshu's Grizzley Adams of Voyager.

In 1978, Fred was elected to the CFA Board of Directors and served as a Director at Large until June of 1994, at which time he was appointed Legal Counsel to the CFA. He served the Board of Directors and the CFA in that capacity until June 2010.

Fred was on the Board of Directors of the Winn Feline Foundation and served as Legal Counsel until 2015. He was named a Winn Emeritus Member. He was also on the Board of Directors of Home for Life, an animal shelter in Wisconsin. He was a member of the Twin City Cat Fanciers for 40 years.

There are a few of us who were privileged to hear Fred's "under-his-breath-one-liners." His wit, caring and devotion to CFA set a standard that will not soon be met.

Hannon: I also acknowledge the death of CFA Allbreed Judge Wayne Trevathan and our condolences to his friends and family. Wayne had been sick for some time. While it was anticipated that he was going to pass, it was still nonetheless a sad day for CFA and we are going to miss him.

(2) **ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1.	Executive Committee 09/28/16	Allow the L&L Club to reduce the championship entry prices from the show flyer published rates for their October 22-23, 2016 show in Beijing China.	Motion Carried.
2.	Executive Committee 09/28/16	Due to the small entry received by the UK Cat Fanciers at its 2 AB/2 SP show on October 1/2, 2016, in Manchester, England (Region 9), grant (1) an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a format change from 2 AB/2 SP to 4 AB, and (2) an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n and allow the allbreed judges to ring split.	Motion Carried.
3.	Executive Committee 09/29/16	Regarding the Tianjin Feiming Cat Club's 10-ring, 225 entry show on October 8/9, 2016 in Beijing, China (International Division), due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant emergency permission to change the judging assignment (1) from Godwin (LH) to Yabumoto (LH); and (2) from Kharchenko (AB) to Godwin (AB).	Motion Carried.
4.	Anger Bizzell 10/04/16	Regarding the 44 Gatti 7-ring, two day back-to-back 225 entry show in Rome, Italy (Region 9), on October 1/2, 2016: (1) grant an exception to Show Rule 3.02.d. and allow Dmitriy Gubenko permission to guest judge an additional show over the current limit of 5 shows per show season; (2) grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 and allow the club to have an additional guest judge over the limit of two; and (3) due to the health situation of one of its judges causing her to cancel the show, grant emergency permission to change the LH/SH judging assignment from Irina Kharchenko to Dmitriy Gubenko.	Motion Carried.
5.	Executive Committee 10/05/16	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the West Lake Cat Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Irina Kharchenko to Doreann Nasin at its two-day, 8 ring back-to-back show (225 entry limit) in Shanghai, China on October 29/30, 2016 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
6.	Executive Committee 10/10/16	Due to a serious weather situation causing them to cancel the show, grant the Cleveland Persian Society emergency permission to change the judging assignment (1) from Trevathan (AB) to Lawrence (AB); and (2) from Gonano (LH/SH) to Gradowski (LH/SH) at its one-day, 6 ring show (225 entry limit) in Parma, Ohio on October 9, 2016 (Region 4).	Motion Carried.
7.	Anger DelaBar 10/10/16	Regarding the Cleopella Cat Fanciers of Estonia's 6-ring, 160 entry show in Tallinn, Estonia (Region 9), on October 22/23, 2016: (1) grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 to allow the use of up to 50% guest judges; and (2) due to the health situation of one of its judges causing her to cancel the show, grant emergency permission to	Motion Carried.

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		change the AB judging assignment from Irina Kharchenko to Olga Grebneva.	
8.	Executive Committee 10/12/16	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the Indonesia Royal Feline club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Nancy Dodds (LH/SH) to Rod U'Ren (LH/SH) at its one-day, 6 ring show (225 entry limit) in Bogor, Indonesia on October 16, 2016 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
9.	Anger Eigenhauser 10/12/16	Grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 for the Dutch Purrruss Club to allow the use of an additional guest judge at its 8-ring, back-to-back two day show (225 entry limit) to be held on November 5/6, 2016 in Cuijk, Netherlands (Region 9).	Motion Carried. Moser, Kuta, Auth and Wilson voting no.
10.	Executive Committee 10/12/16	Due to a situation causing him to cancel the show, grant an exception to Show Rule 3.12 and allow Carol Fogarty to replace Wayne Trevathan on Sunday at the Great West China Cat Fanciers 6 ring, one day show (225 entry limit) to be held on October 15/16, 2016 in Chengdu, China (International Division); and further allow Carol Fogarty to judge her originally scheduled show in Fuzhou, China Saturday, October 15, 2016 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
11.	Krzanowski Wilson 10/14/16	Effective November 1, 2016 for shows held in China, adopt the Show Rules changes as written so that any kitten/cat receiving a DISQ, NA/IM or NA/COND in a ring will be considered absent in that ring.	Motion Carried. Anger and Black abstained.
12.	Anger Mastin 10/17/16	Grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 for the CatFashion Club to allow the use of 50% guest judges at its 2-ring show to be held on October 29, 2016 in Tel Aviv, Israel (ID).	Motion Carried.
13.	Executive Committee 10/17/16	Due to the cancellation of one of its contracted judges, grant the Golden Gate Cat Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Hilary Helmrich to Laura McIntyre at its one-day, 6 ring show (225 entry limit) in Livermore, California on November 5, 2016 (Region 2).	Motion Carried.
14.	Executive Committee 10/17/16	Due to the leave of absence of one of its contracted judges causing him to cancel the show, grant the Shenyang Cat Lover Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Wayne Trevathan to Cheryle U'Ren at its two-day, 10 ring back-to-back show (225 entry limit) in Shenyang, China on October 29/30, 2016 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
15.	Anger Kallmeyer 10/19/16	Grant the Moscow Cat Fanciers permission to hold an in-conjunction show with the World Cat Federation, FIFe, TICA and ICU on December 3/4, 2016 in Moscow, Russia (Region 9), on the condition that the club be informed they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried.

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16.	Executive Committee 10/19/16	Due to the leave of absence of one of their contracted judges causing him to cancel the shows, grant emergency blanket permission to change the judging assignment from Wayne Trevathan to replacement judges to be named at the following shows: October 22/23, 2016, L&L Cat Club, Beijing, China (International Division); October 29/30, 2016, Shenyang Cat Lover Club, Shenyang, China (International Division); November 5/6, 2016, New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, Dover, New Hampshire (Region 1); November 12/13, 2016, China American Shorthair Fancier Club, Beijing, China (International Division); November 26/27, 2016, Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society, Xi'an, China (International Division).	Motion Carried.
17.	Anger Wilson 10/21/16	For the Cat Writers' Association, that CFA renew our existing Gold Level sponsorship of \$500 for the President's Award and \$500 as a general sponsorship contribution	Motion Carried. Eigenhauser abstained.
18.	Executive Committee 10/27/16	Due to the health situation of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the China Cat Party Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Irina Kharchenko to Donald Williams at its two-day, 10 ring back-to-back show (225 entry limit) in Shenyang, China on November 5/6, 2016 (International Division).	Motion Carried.
19.	Anger Krzanowski 10/27/16	Grant Cat Club Sherry permission to hold an in-conjunction show with Rolandus Union International in Odessa, Ukraine on April 15/16, 2017 (Region 9), on the condition that the club be informed they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried.
20.	Executive Committee 10/28/16	Grant the Johor Bahru Cat Club an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a format change from 2 AB/1 SP/3 SSP to 3 AB/1 SP/2 SSP as follows: (1) Vicky Nye & Donna Fuller to do AB and HHP; (2) Olga Grebneva and Allan Raymond to change to Super Specialty & HHP; (3) Chloe Chung to change to do Double Specialty & HHP.	Motion Carried.
21.	Anger Bizzell 11/01/16	Grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 for the CatFashion Club to allow the use of 50% guest judges at its 4-ring show to be held on December 17, 2016 in Tel Aviv, Israel (ID).	Motion Carried. Auth, Moser and Kuta voting no.
22.	Anger Calhoun 11/04/16	Grant an exception to Show Rule 3.13 for the Rolandus Cat Club to allow the use of up to 50% guest judges at its 8-ring show to be held on March 11/12, 2017 in Kiev, Ukraine (Region 9).	Motion Carried. Moser voting not. Kuta and Auth abstained.
23.	Executive Committee 11/09/16	Due to a technical malfunction of the entry clerk program, grant the Cat Fanciers of Finland an exception to Show Rules 12.06, 6.23 and 7.10, as applicable, and waive the addendum fees and accept the addendum for their show on November 12/13, 2016, in Helsinki, Finland (Region 9).	Motion Carried.

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24.	Executive Committee 11/10/16	Due to work commitments causing him to cancel the show, grant the Lewis & Clark LH Specialty club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Ed Yurchick (SH) to Brian Moser (SH) at its two-day back-to-back 8 ring show (225 entry limit) in Portland, Oregon on December 3/4, 2016 (Region 2).	Motion Carried.
25.	Executive Committee 11/15/16	Due to the cancellation of one of its contracted judges causing him to cancel the show, grant the Poinsettia City Cat Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment (1) from Wain Harding (AB) to Bob Salisbury (AB); and (2) from Bob Salisbury (LH) to Wendy Heidt (LH) at its one-day, 6 ring show (225 entry limit) in Glendale, California on November 26, 2016 (Region 5).	Motion Carried.
26.	Anger Mastin 11/17/16	Grant an exception to Judging Program Rule 10.1.b. and allow Lorraine Rivard and Iris Zinck to guest judge a Canadian Cat Association show in Mississauga, Ontario (475 miles from the Cincinnati Cat Club's CFA traditional date show in Hamilton, Ontario) on April 15/16, 2017.	Motion Carried.
27.	Anger Krzanowski 11/22/16	Grant an exception to Judging Program Rule 10.1.b. and allow Lorraine Rivard to guest judge a Canadian Cat Association show in Ancaster, Ontario (291 miles from the Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers' traditional date show in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and 402 miles from the Warwick Valley Cat Fanciers' traditional date show in Matamoras, Pennsylvania) on March 19, 2017.	Motion Carried.
28.	Executive Committee 11/30/16	Due to a family emergency of one of its contracted judges causing him to cancel the show, grant the Sawasdee Cat Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Larry Adkison to Edward Maeda at its one-day, 4 ring show (225 entry limit) in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand on December 4, 2016 (International Division-ID).	Motion Carried.
29.	Executive Committee 12/01/16	To promote CFA in a new area, grant the Ice City Cat Fans Club emergency permission to change its format from 5 AB/1 SP to 4 AB/2 SP, and change the judging assignment for John Webster from AB to SP, at its show in Changchun, China on December 3/4, 2016 (International Division-China).	Motion Carried.
30.	Executive Committee 12/02/16	Due to a family emergency of one of its contracted judges causing her to cancel the show, grant the Greater Baltimore Cat Club emergency permission to change the judging assignment from Tracy Petty (LH/SH) to Terry Farrell (G)(LH/SH) at its two-day, 8 ring back-to-back show (225 entry limit) in Parkville, Maryland on December 3/4, 2016 (Region 7).	Motion Carried.
31.	Anger Bizzell 12/02/16	Grant the Chatte Noir club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with the World Cat Federation, FIFe, TICA and ASC on March 4/5, 2017 in Moscow, Russia (Region 9), on the condition that the club be informed they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried.

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32.	Executive Committee 12/13/16	Effective October 13, 2016, grant Wayne Trevathan a one year medical leave of absence.	Motion Carried.
33.	Anger Mastin 12/21/16	(1) Grant an exception to Show Rule 11.29.b. and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society and the Sternwheel Cat Fanciers to hold a breed specialty ring in the allbreed rings at each club's one day, 4 AB/2 SP show on July 29/30, 2017 in Jeffersonville, Ohio (Region 4) in the following manner: all classes (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) will be judged in the usual manner, which will include top three breed awards; then, an Egyptian Mau breed specialty final will be held across all classes (i.e., including Kittens, Championship and Premiership competing together in one breed specialty final). Awards will be given based on the total Egyptian Mau entry as follows: up to 15 entries = top 3; 16 to 24 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards. (2) Grant an exception to Show Rule 11.10 and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society and Sternwheel Cat Fanciers to hold a breed side class in the specialty ring where each entered cat will be judged, ranked and given a written report. No points will be associated with these awards.	Motion Carried.
34.	Anger Mastin 12/22/16	Grant a 6-month medical leave of absence from the Judging Program to Jan Stevens, effective January 1, 2017.	Motion Carried.
35.	Anger Mastin 12/27/16	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04.c. for the Feline Fanciers of Benelux to waive the late fee for its 6-ring, 225 entry back to back show to be held on February 11/12, 2017 in Grote Broghel, Belgium (Region 9).	Motion Carried.
36.	Anger Mastin 12/28/16	Due to a technical malfunction of the entry clerk program, grant an exception to Show Rules 12.06, 6.23 and 7.10, as applicable, and waive the addendum fees and accept the addendums for any January 2017 show requesting the exemption.	Motion Carried.
37.	Wilson Mastin 01/10/17	Reimburse Cleveland Persian Society \$331.00 for airfare paid to Wayne Trevathan for unfulfilled contract.	Motion Carried. Dugger did not vote.
38.	Anger Black 01/13/17	Due to the disparity of LH/SH cats in Taiwan, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.07.a.2. and allow the Taiwan Cat Fanciers to remove the specialty ring requirement at their one day 6 ring show in Taipei, Taiwan on February 19, 2017 (International Division).	Motion Carried. DelaBar abstained.

Hannon: I will turn the meeting over to Rachel for some motions on what we have already passed. **Anger:** We have 40 motions that were dealt with online. I would like to move that those be ratified. **Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on this one? **DelaBar:** That's just on the ones we did online, not the teleconference? **Anger:** Correct. **DelaBar:** I will

ask for an exception on the next ones. **Hannon:** Is there more discussion on the motion? These are the 40 online ones.

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

RATIFICATION OF TELECONFERENCE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
• From December 13, 2016 Teleconference •			
1.	Eigenhauser	Accept the Protest Committee’s recommendations on the protests not in dispute.	Motion Carried.
2.	Wilson Anger	Adopt a Judging Program Rule addition of Section 9.19 to provide the ability to handle serious emergency situations involving a licensed judge’s condition that may arise during the year without having to wait until the February relicensing meeting.	Motion Carried.
3.	Wilson Anger	Advance Tomoko Kitao to 2nd Specialty Apprentice Longhair status.	Motion Failed. Eigenhauser voting yes. Maeda abstain.
4.	Wilson Anger	Advance John Adelhoch to 2nd Specialty Approved Shorthair status and Approval Pending Allbreed status.	Motion Carried.
5.	Wilson Anger	Advance John Hiemstra to Approved Allbreed status.	Motion Carried.
6.	Anger Moser	Effective May 1, 2017, amend the CFA Judging Program Guest Judging Process to limit approved guest judges to those who have guest judged only for approved foreign associations.	Motion Carried. DelaBar voting no. Auth abstained.
7.	DelaBar Eigenhauser	Add the Association of Super Cats (“ASC”) as an approved association to the CFA Judging Program Guest Judging Process.	Motion Carried.
8.	DelaBar Krzanowski	That the CFA Attorney write a “cease and desist” letter to an entity that is allegedly plagiarizing our show rules, show standards, and any other materials.	Motion Carried.
9.	Krzanowski Adelhoch	Approve the request by Moorestown Cat Fanciers (Region 1) to change their club name to Cats of the Rising Sun, effective immediately.	Motion Carried.
10.	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Approve the acceptance of CHINA PARADISE CAT CLUB, International Division (China).	Motion Carried.
11.	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Approve the acceptance of CHINA SUPER STAR CAT FANCIERS, International Division (China).	Motion Carried.
12.	Krzanowski	Approve the acceptance of DELIGHT CAT FANCIERS,	Motion Carried.

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	Eigenhauser	International Division (China).	
13.	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Approve the acceptance of JAVA FELINE SOCIETY, International Division (Indonesia).	Motion Carried.
14.	Krzanowski Kallmeyer	Approve the acceptance of SUNSHINE CLUB, International Division (China).	Motion Carried.
15.	Krzanowski Eigenhauser	Approve a revision to Show Rule 21.11 to provide the ability to handle serious emergency situations involving a licensed judge's condition that may arise during the year without having to wait until the February relicensing meeting.	Motion Carried.
16.	Anger Mastin	Approve a revision to Show Rule 4.04.d. to adopt the changes which were approved in October 2016 to be effective immediately.	Motion Carried.

Hannon: Next, Rachel. **Anger:** I would like to move that we ratify motions 1 through 16 that were dealt with at our teleconference on December 13th. **Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **DelaBar:** Yes, I would like to pull out #6, as we have a proposed change to what we passed under the JPC. **Anger:** So, I will modify my motion to accept all but #6. **Eigenhauser:** If we're going to reopen it, we can still ratify what we did, subject to change at a later date. I don't know if we need to pull it and not ratify it. Ratifying simply means we are acknowledging that this is what we did, not what we're going to do. **Hannon:** John, are you OK with that? **Randolph:** I would agree with George. **DelaBar:** In the past when we have ratified something, that meant that it was blessed and now is law. That's why I thought that we should pull it. If we pull it out for discussion, it does save us some time in discussion. **Randolph:** From a technical standpoint, once you have passed motion, unless there's some question of voting or something like that, the motion is passed. I think it's a formality to ratify it, but I don't know what the custom has been, being relatively new here. **Eigenhauser:** My concern is that when we do things online and we don't ratify them, that removes the dignity of all the others that we do ratify. In other words, we are saying you can't rely on what we say online until we ratify it at the board meeting. The whole reason we do them online is so people can rely on them immediately and treat them as being done at that time. So yes, technically they're not real until we ratify them at the board meeting, but for a practical matter I think we want to give validity to the action that we have taken and if we want to change it at the board meeting, we can change it at the board meeting. **Hannon:** Just one correction to what you said. You said "online" and this was a teleconference motion. **DelaBar:** Let me withdraw this, because I did this to save time and obviously we're not, with all this extra discussion. So, let me just go ahead. **Hannon:** Fine. Any other discussion on the teleconference motions?

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

Mastin: I have a question. Can Pam reopen it? **DelaBar:** When we get to the JPC. **Hannon:** It will be under Judging. **Mastin:** OK. **Hannon:** Do you have anything else, Rachel? **Anger:** I do not, thank you.

(3) **APPEAL HEARING.**

See item #36.

(4) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

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

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

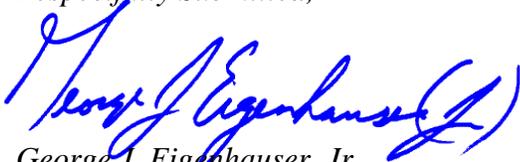
Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on January 11, 2017. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Joel Chaney, Betsy Arnold, Pam Huggins, and Linda Berg.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,



*George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman*

Hannon: Anything else, George? **Eigenhauser:** I'm done.

(5) **INVESTMENT PRESENTATION.**

An investment presentation was given in executive session by Joseph Crispino – Wells Fargo Advisors, followed by a motion to invest \$1.2 million in a fund recommended in the proposal.
Motion Carried.

(6) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Committee Chair: *Teresa (Terri) Barry*
List of Committee Members: *Teresa (Terri) Barry, Verna Dobbins , Allene Tartaglia and Angela Watkins*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Staff continued to assist with the computer system update.

Melissa Watson was hired for Show Licensing and Protests. Verna is assisting with Clubs. Kelly Williams filled the new Registration position.

Reviewed and identified CFA's online presence for the development of a Marketing/ Communications Strategy. A total of fifteen different online sites were identified as CFA generated.

A press release was developed and approved for the new DNA testing service. Once the service is up and running, the webpage will go live and the press release will be posted, as well as sent to various media outlets.

A draft of the 2017 Marketing/Communications plan was developed and submitted to Lisa Marie.

The rest of the 2022 Annual Meeting site visits have been scheduled for the last week of March.

World Cat Congress Show Manager enlisted local clubs to decorate the judging rings. Each club will choose a color to decorate in and rosettes will be ordered to match the color for that ring.

Developed a list of entertainment options the Committee could choice for the delegates attending the World Cat Congress.

Preparations continued for the 2017 Annual.

All repairs to the museum due to a leak previously reported were completed.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Central Office I.T. update: Submitted by Tim Schreck, Chair, I.T. Committee, report will be presented by Tim Schreck through Dick Kallmeyer, I.T. liaison with the Board. Central Office continues to work with the I.T. Committee to assist with the implementation of new modules, fixes and updates as necessary by Computan or with the new Clerking Program software. Continue to assist when needed with the implementation of the new Clerking Program. Necessary Central Office associates are being trained by the Chair of the IT Committee.

Kristi Wollam resigned. Temporary reassignments of Kristi's duties were handled until a total assessment of duties and timeframes have concluded.

A Marketing/Communications strategy was finalized and will be presented to the Board by Lisa Marie.

An editorial calendar is being developed to be utilized as a guideline for all communications for 2017/2018.

A series of articles for CatTalk promoting Chicago for the 2017 Annual are being developed.

A heavy rain was experienced and leaks were discovered throughout the building. They are in the process of being fixed. Continue to receive quotes for the replacement of the windows at CFA's Headquarters.

2017 Annual:

Planning continues for the 2017 Annual. In discussion are various methods to improve the flow of the awards presentation. The desire is to keep the timeframe similar to that of the 2016 awards portion. The changes focus mainly on organizing the lineup process, i.e. additional ushers, a possible translator etc.

CIS Update:

The vendor contract was completed, and Pam Moser and Wendy Heidt are actively pursuing vendors.

World Cat Congress Update:

Continue to Assist the World Cat Congress Committee with details of the April 2017 event. A few items currently being handled are entertainment options for the delegates, show flyer, room block, rosettes order, etc. Three speakers for Friday's Education Seminars have been confirmed. A visit is planned in February by Allene, Rhonda Avery, Darrell and Ellyn Honey.

Future Projections for Committee:

Central Office will continue assisting the World Cat Congress Committee, Subcommittees, Show Manager and Rachel Anger, on all aspects of the upcoming World Cat Congress events that CFA will host.

Finalizing the floor plan for the 2017 CIS will be next so vendors may select their location.

As soon as the DNA service is up and running the distribution of the press release will take place, the webpage will launch and an article for the next CatTalk publication will take place.

Identify and create a list of media contacts that can be utilized for various press releases, announcements, etc.

The rest of the 2022 Annual Meeting and Banquet site visits will be completed.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

Items will be reported out when completed.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

To be determined.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Barry, Chair*

Hannon: Do you want to go back and do Central Office? **Barry:** Sure. I don't really have anything to add to the report. I do need to change something. At this point in time, Melissa is not handling clubs. It was reported in here. She is handling show licensing and protests. Verna has stepped in to help out with clubs during the interim, and Shirley with clerking. Any questions? **Hannon:** OK, so that's the end of the Central Office report?

(7) **MARKETING.**

Committee Chair: Lisa Marie Kuta

List of Committee Members: Mary Auth

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Lisa Kuta and Angela Watkins have been meeting and communicating regularly to discuss marketing strategies and tactics. They executed an on-budget online ad campaign for the 2016 International.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Angela Watkins in consultation with Lisa Kuta is in the process of developing and executing an overall marketing plan. The first step has been defining CFA's audiences and focusing on communications. CFA's target audiences are breeders, exhibitors, pet owners, staff and executive board. Communications are CFA's primary vehicles marketing efforts. Angela has completed an assessment, logging every communication vehicle, its audience and schedule. In order to prevent overlap, saturation and message fatigue Angela is producing a relevant marketing/editorial calendar, allowing room for any additional messaging as needed.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Marketing team's goal is to develop clear, consistent messages that are delivered in "one clear voice" to CFA's audiences. Angela will be working with other staff and volunteers to redesign and repackage basic information/marketing materials to create a "brand" image and emphasizes CFA's core values and unique attributes. They will create a look and feel for all communication vehicles so that they are easily identified as belonging to CFA. This includes clearly defined brand guidelines and usage rules.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

The committee's actions are ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The committee will present an update about overall marketing plan.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marie Kuta, Chair*

Hannon: Marketing, Lisa. **Kuta:** It's in the report, but Angela has been working with me and Mary on putting together a full marketing plan. We're going to talk about that at the June

meeting, but the first step has been that Angela has been working on doing an assessment of all the communications. There's a lot of different arms and tentacles out there with a lot of different things that are going out from CFA, so getting a good schedule going – that's just one little facet but it's kind of a good way to jump into it, but I will be presenting the marketing plan at the June meeting. **DelaBar:** Is there any action to go on licensing and branding of CFA? **Kuta:** That is part of it. **DelaBar:** I saw creating a brand image, but I'm talking about actually – **Kuta:** No, that's one of the things that's going to be presented in the marketing plan, like ideas for that. **DelaBar:** I would suggest contacting AKC and find out who they went to after 4Kids went under. **Kuta:** There are a bunch of different options for that, too.

(8) **BOARD CITE.**

Attending: Wen Wei (Allen) Shi
Cyndy Byrd (Advisor)

By Phone: Zhang (Kitty) Jie
John Doe Ming (son of Zhang Jie)

16-022 CFA v. Changhua Lin, Shazhou Luo, Wen Wei Shi, Zhang Jie, Qu Ming, John Doe Ming (son of Zhang Jie)

Violation of Show Rule 11.08 and CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (g)

It is alleged that at the Tianjin Feiming Cat Club show in Beijing, China on Sunday, December 18, 2016 that Wen Wei Shi and Zhang Jie caused a disruption to the judging by cursing trainee Amanda Cheng who was working with Judge Liz Watson. A physical altercation ensued and show hall security arrived to investigate the commotion. Security personnel asked Wen Wei Shi and Zhang Jie to step outside of the show hall to mitigate the disturbance to on-going judges' rings but the parties refused to step outside and the altercation continued. Zhang Jie's husband, Qu Ming, joined the altercation. Other show committee members, as well as CFA judge John Webster, tried to prevent further violence. Wen Wei Shi, Zhang Jie, Changhua Lin called the police.

After the show, Shazhou Luo and Wen Wei Shi posted a number of messages on social media disparaging CFA and its judging staff. Shazhou Luo and Wen Wei Shi also posted videos making disparaging claims regarding the Beijing show.

There is no response on file, although documents have been filed by certain respondents.

Hannon: One of the participants is via teleconference from Asia and the son speaks English so he must be translating. **Anger:** Is this Kitty's son? **Ming:** I'm Kitty's son. **Hannon:** What we have over here is Allen Shi and he is represented by counsel, Cyndy Byrd. **Jie:** It's Kitty. **Anger:** Hi Kitty. It's Rachel. Please hold on. **Hannon:** OK, you want to read the charges? **Randolph:** I'll proceed with Case 16-022, board cite. CFA v. Changhua Lin, Shazhou Luo, Wen Wei Shi, Zhang Jie, Qu Ming, John Doe Ming (son of Zhang Jie), violation of Show Rule 11.08 and CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (g). [reads] **Hannon:** We will start with an opening statement from Allen, and then if Kitty wants to make an opening statement. Then the board will ask questions.

Shi: Good afternoon. I am Allen Shi from Shanghai, China. I am speaking on behalf of myself and my friends, Changhua Lin, Zhang Jie, her husband and her son, and Luo Shazhou. I have come here in person to speak with you about this protest because CFA and our cats are very important to us. I want you to know the truth. I never have challenged a judge – not at the December show or ever. I did not curse or make comments to Amanda Cheng. I did not attack anyone. I did not cause the conflict which occurred in the show hall between Tracy Shi's bodyguards, and my friends and me. You wonder how this protest began. This is the work of Tracy Shi, who shows British Shorthairs bred by Amanda Cheng. They will do anything to win. You have seen evidence of this in my response to this protest. The statements that are the basis

for this protest was submitted by the mistress of Tracy Shi's partner, Zhou Ning, in producing the December show. The statement is false. The only people at Liz Watson's ring when Amanda Cheng handled my cat were me, Changhua Lin, Chang Qi and Tracy Shi. Also Tracy Shi's bodyguards. Lu Jiang Nan, who submitted the statement for this protest, was not present at the ring. Most British Shorthairs shown that day were pet shop cats. Nobody was there in the ring to watch them. In the British Shorthair class, there were 33 in championship entered and shown by the same owner. Here are the catalog pages from the show and a picture of one of the rings showing only Tracy sitting at the clerk's table but no other spectators watching the British Shorthair judging.

After my cat was handled by Amanda Cheng, I was concerned about my cat. I was worried that he would not want to show again. I discussed this with Tracy's behavior sitting in the ring and Amanda Cheng judging a cat from her own breeding with my friend Changhua Lin. That happened at my benching area only, not in the ring. When we were discussing this, we were attacked by the bodyguards and Tracy's husband. The conflict occurred as my friend Zhang Jie, her husband and her son, and Luo Shazhou tried to help. Kitty's husband and Changhua Lin were injured in the conflict. The police investigation found the bodyguards and Tracy's husband at fault. Tracy's husband wrote an apology to us.

None of this was our fault. You have the evidence to show this in my response. Unfortunately, the video which was offered as evidence that began the conflict was only a cat show video. In my response, you can see the full video that shows Tracy's bodyguards that began the conflict. Also, Tracy herself and her husband physically attacked the master clerk in the show hall just the week before.

Maybe you wonder why I posted on social media. On December 19, 2016, again Amanda Cheng posted negative things about me and my cat. You have this post in my response. I was so frustrated that she can do all of this many times. I responded in anger by sending my post on December 20, 2016. Perhaps I was wrong, but I have asked for help many times and Amanda has never stopped. Many of you have judged at shows I have produced. You know that I am honest and follow CFA rules. I work hard for CFA and respect CFA judges. I care about CFA in China. When other breeders and exhibitors heard that CFA was protesting me, they wanted to help me because they also care about CFA China. This is not typical behavior in China. People usually do not want to be associated with trouble but those exhibitors who want a fair chance to compete are frustrated with the dishonesty of some exhibitors such as Tracy Shi and others. These honest exhibitors have stepped up to help me and my friends because they want the cheating to stop. I know that many of you have heard that this dishonest behavior is part of Chinese culture. It is not. There are many exhibitors in China who want honest shows. On the other hand, there are some exhibitors like Tracy Shi and others who only want to win and will do anything to win. This protest is because of those people and it is because of this dishonesty that CFA in China is losing support.

If I have offended anyone in CFA, I apologize. Please allow me a fair chance to continue showing my cats, producing honest shows and supporting CFA in China. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Hannon: OK. Now we are going to ask Kitty if she wants to make a statement. **Anger:** Allen, do you want to talk to them? **Byrd:** Go ahead and ask Kitty if she wants to say something. **Hannon:** Explain to her that she can make a statement now. **Shi:** Kitty will discuss her statement and her son will translate. **Kitty:** First, my English is not good so my son needs to translate. Second, I was not in Liz's ring at that time. Third, I believe in CFA and the show rules. Fourth, I didn't make comments to any judge. OK, that's all. **Anger:** OK, thank you. Hold on please.

Hannon: Do any board members have questions for Kitty or Allen? **Kallmeyer:** I have a question for Kitty. We received an email this morning from one of the witnesses that said, *Kitty called me this morning. She was talking about what happened at the fighting on December 17th. She questioned me if proof material which was mailed to CFA was written by me or not. She told me not to get involved in trouble. She threatened if CFA cancelled her cats' scores, she wouldn't show in CFA anymore. She threatened that no matter what happened she would not continue with CFA or not. She will kill those people who were against her.* Can you explain that statement? **Anger:** Did you hear this question? **Kitty:** The sound was not very clear. **Anger:** Hold on. He is coming closer to the phone. **Kallmeyer:** One of the witnesses said that Kitty called her this morning about the fighting at the show. [reads] If you did not make that statement, why did you threaten this person, especially one of the witnesses? **Byrd:** It might be important to know if she actually made that phone call. **Kallmeyer:** Well, then she can respond. **Kitty:** She was not in the ring at that time and she didn't do anything like break CFA rules. She was waiting to have me answer these questions but the signal is not very good. **Anger:** Can Kitty answer if she emailed one of the witnesses today? **Kallmeyer:** Called. **Anger:** Called the witness today and threatened her? The witness? **Kitty:** Which witness? **Anger:** Did she call any witness today? This morning? Or last night? **Kallmeyer:** Yesterday. **Kitty:** What do you mean by "call the witness?" On the phone? **Anger:** Right. Last night or this morning, did Kitty call on the telephone any witness? Anybody that gave CFA evidence against her? **Kitty:** No, she didn't. No, she didn't. **Anger:** So, she didn't threaten anybody and say, "I will kill you?" **Kitty:** Rachel, are you there? **Anger:** Yes, can you hear me? **Kitty:** Yeah, I can hear you. The signal is not very good. Can we contact Allen Shi to come help us to handle the question? **Anger:** On WeChat or something? Email? **Hannon:** He can just talk to him. **Anger:** Allen, does he want to call you on the phone? **Kitty:** No. I mean – **Shi:** Maybe she wants me to translate. **Hannon:** Why don't you go find out what she wants. **Anger:** Allen is coming. [Shi repeats the question in Chinese] **Kitty:** No, no. She didn't call anybody. **Hannon:** Where do we stand? **Anger:** That was Dick's question. She says no. **Hannon:** She answered the question, she did not threaten to kill anybody. Anybody else have any questions?

Moser: I have a couple questions for Allen. Allen, in what you said in your defense you had stated that you sent two whole videos to Dick and they did not get posted. Did we actually get those two videos? **Shi:** Yes. You can see the Exhibit 1. **Moser:** Did we post those up, Rachel? Did we get those up? I just wanted to make sure. **Anger:** Yes. **Moser:** We did? **Randolph:** Yes. **Moser:** OK, thank you. **Kallmeyer:** They weren't sent to me, they were sent to CFA. **Moser:** OK, I was just repeating what he had said. My other one is that there was a picture in there with cats in the benching area that were stacked one on another. Was that from the show that we're talking about or was this from some other show? **Shi:** This was from the show. The same club. The same person held that show. **Moser:** This was the same show as we are talking about today, right? **Shi:** Different weekend. **Moser:** Oh, a different weekend? **Shi:** Different weekend, but the same cats there. **Moser:** But were they stacked there at this show? **Shi:** The

stacked cages are in a secret room so I can't take a photo in this show. **Moser:** So you couldn't say on this show. Just the other show. And how long ago was that show? **Byrd:** What month was the show in where the cages were stacked? **Moser:** With the stacked-up cages. **Shi:** That was the October show. **Moser:** The October show. Thank you.

Wilson: Hi Allen and Cyndy. You bring up a lot of items in your testimony here that aren't really pertinent to the issues. They may be issues for you and they may be things that are valid complaints, but I would really like to focus on the two issues that we have here, is that exhibitors must not make any comments on exhibits within the judge's hearing. Unfortunately, none of the videos show the time between when you left Liz's ring after putting your cat back and when the videos start there is already a melee going on. We've got quite a bit of testimony from more than one person that says, after you put the cat back in the cage and came out of the ring that you threw the cat toy and you made comments about Amanda, calling her a "silly bitch," "it's your great honor to handle my cat in your training," "you dare to play tricks." So, did you make comments like that? **Shi:** No. I didn't make the comments to challenge Amanda or say such dirty words to Amanda. **Wilson:** OK, I'm not asking you whether you made them for a reason. Did you make any comments like that? **Shi:** No. **Wilson:** So, what your testimony is, is that the security guards came and accosted you for absolutely no reason. **Shi:** They came for some reason, because I'm talking with my friend Changhua Lin in the benching area. We are talking about Tracy's behavior in the ring. She performed like that when my cat was on the table, and the judge judged my cat. So, I discuss it with Changhua Lin. I said maybe that violates CFA rules. Also, I asked Changhua Lin, do you remember if Amanda judged her own bred cat. Changhua Lin said yes, Amanda judged her own bred cat. I said, but she is a trainee. I'm not sure if she violated the show rules or not. Then the bodyguards came. Maybe I think they heard that we are talking about Tracy, so they came. **Wilson:** OK. In the video it appears that Tracy jumped when the cat went for Amanda, and Amanda jumped. Everybody jumped at that point, and that's understandable, but this really isn't about Tracy sitting in the ring, either. That's a separate issue which you're free to protest or complain about if you would like. I will respond about, should Amanda have been handling a cat that she bred. The answer is no. She, in fact, emailed me the next day and said, "you know, I looked in the catalog after I was checked out. I'm listed as a co-breeder. I don't think I should have handled the cat. I should have let Liz know." And that's exactly right. That's what she should have done, but she wasn't making a decision other than on paper. However, she is still acting as a member of the Judging Program and you should not be making any comments about the cats that she's handling. I think that, based on, we have quite a bit of evidence from a lot of people that said it was after you loudly made comments and then Kitty joined in and made comments. That's when the security guards came to escort you to a quieter place so you wouldn't disturb the show. You resisted and then it turned into a big argument. Are you saying that's not the way it happened? That they just came and took you away because ... they felt like it? **Shi:** Actually, the witnesses that protested with those statements, they were not in Liz's ring. **Wilson:** I'm sorry? **Shi:** They were not in Liz's ring. They were not a witness, because at that time in Liz's ring were only me, Changhua Lin, Zhang Jie, Tracy and Tracy's bodyguards. **Wilson:** Well, you were down in the benching area, but right in front of the ring. I mean, I was at the show. I know how it was laid out and it became very obvious that there were lots of loud comments being made. **Shi:** No, I didn't make any comments about Amanda Cheng. **Wilson:** OK, so all of these things that people are saying are not true. **Shi:** Yes.

DelaBar: Allen, I hear security guards from her, I hear bodyguards from you. Were these people security guards from the facility or were they somebody's bodyguards? **Shi:** These guys are bodyguards. **DelaBar:** Whose bodyguards? **Shi:** Tracy Shi's bodyguards. **Auth:** Can you go to someone else? I need to find something. **Kallmeyer:** In Liz's statement, she said that when she heard the comments she turned to Amanda to ask what those comments were. If you were the only people in the ring, who made those comments? **Shi:** Actually, I see the comments in Liz's statement here. *Liz said Amanda told her somebody made comments.* That's not Liz heard. I don't think Amanda's words have credit. **Hannon:** Did you find what you were looking for Mary? **Auth:** Actually yes. It's not necessarily a question for Allen, it's a question about the introduction of the protest itself. This was provided by Dick. Is that who the initial transcript came from? Some of this stuff that's in here doesn't jive with the video that we saw. In particular is a statement from Liz that says, "I handled the blue before. The cat was OK when I picked him up but when I put him back in the cage he was acting up." Clearly on the video Liz did not put him back in the cage. **Kallmeyer:** That was a statement from another judge. **Auth:** From another what? **Kallmeyer:** A different judge. **Auth:** It says, "statement from Judge Liz Watson." **Byrd:** The caption is under the statement. I think that was from Nicholas. **Kallmeyer:** There was more than one statement. **Auth:** So exhibit is underneath? **Moser:** No, Nicholas said. **Auth:** OK, alright.

Newkirk: So, was Tracy Shi's husband any part of show management? **Shi:** Yes. **Newkirk:** What? **Shi:** I'm not sure which place his is taking but he sure is a show committee member. **Newkirk:** Did he approach you in the benching area or did one of Tracy Shi's bodyguards? Because what I read that you wrote was that the bodyguard came up and call you an MF'er and asked you to step outside, and then Tracy Shi's husband joined after the bodyguard had approached you. Is that correct? **Shi:** Yes, correct. **Newkirk:** Why did they even come into the benching area? That's what I'm trying to understand. **Shi:** They came into the benching area because maybe I'm talking to my friend about Tracy's behavior in Liz's ring. **Newkirk:** Are you screaming it out? **Shi:** I'm not screaming out. While Tracy's bodyguards, she always stood beside us. He's just watching us in all the rings. **Newkirk:** So, during this fight or brawl, whatever you want to call it – **Hannon:** Melee. **Newkirk:** Melee, OK. I mean, it's obvious for me when I watched it that you're not doing anything. I mean, your arms are pinned behind your back. I know that you do Thai kick boxing and you could have kicked one of those bastards upside the head and knocked them out easily, but you chose not to do that. **Shi:** Yes. Actually, these bodyguards already threatened me once. When my cat was judging very naughty, Tracy held there. I talked to Changhua Lin. I said maybe this violates show rules. The bodyguard just beside us said, "what are you talking about? Do you want some trouble?" I said I am not talking about anyone and I just leave. **Newkirk:** Did you feel like they were trying to start a fight and provoke you to fight? **Shi:** Yes. Yes, they did. **Newkirk:** Is that your opinion of what happened? **Shi:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, and so all hell breaks loose. I see that John Webster joined into the fight but John Webster wasn't protested. **Wilson:** No, he went to break it up. Twice. **Newkirk:** OK, so then, Kitty's husband wasn't in there either. He comes to break it up, but he gets a protest filed against him. **Black:** And his glasses got broke. **Newkirk:** You can't have it both ways. I mean, either these people were trying to break up a fight or they were part of it. **Wilson:** Or both.

Black: I just want two clarifications please. So, you're saying that you left the ring without making any disparaging comments and in your benching area – which I don't know how far that was from the ring – in the benching area you were discussing that Tracy was sitting in

the ring while the judging was going on and you're saying that to your friend. Her bodyguard overhears this and comes and starts the altercation. Is that what you're saying? **Shi:** Yes. **Black:** OK, and then my second point is, the video that was posted showing Amanda handling your cat that was posted on FaceBook or whatever that was. You did that video, correct? **Shi:** Actually, I'm not the producer of that video. I just forwarded that post. **Black:** You're the one that posted it. I know that you weren't filming it, but you enhanced it by putting those sound effects and zooming and all that. Did you do all that? **Shi:** Yes, I posted that, but I didn't create it. **Black:** I know you didn't. **Newkirk:** She's talking about the one in slow motion with the cat doing that. **Black:** With the ooh and all those sound effects when Amanda was handling your cat.

Kuta: When in time did it come up that you thought that Amanda, or someone thought that Amanda had inappropriately handled the cat's testicles? **Shi:** Nobody talked about that. **Kuta:** That was like after somebody took the videos? **Shi:** Actually, Amanda posted the video first. We didn't take a video. Amanda posted a video on December 19. When we saw that video and we started talking about it, then we responded. **Kuta:** So it was after. **Shi:** After, yeah. **Newkirk:** Is your cat a breeding cat? Has he been breeding? **Byrd:** Has he bred any girls yet? Have you bred him? **Newkirk:** Have you put him with a female cat? **Shi:** No, not yet. **Newkirk:** Has he shown any kind of – the reason I'm asking this is because there's 8 postings of that video on the file here. When Amanda handled the cat, she had her arm underneath the cat, and the cat put his back left leg over her arm and then went down between his front legs like he was breeding a cat, is what it looked like to me. **Shi:** Yes. **Newkirk:** That's why I was asking, is the cat a breeding cat. **Shi:** He is almost 1 year and 7 months. Yes, I think so. **Wilson:** I think the cat's behavior – other than explaining it – isn't really pertinent either, because the cat did the same thing to me. I had him after and he dipped his head down. It's just what he does. The same time in judging when I was ready to put him back in his cage. He dips his head like that. At some point you know when a cat does that you better move quickly and she got bit but it didn't break the skin. I didn't get bit, but I think that's just what he has learned to do and he does it when he's had enough. But we can't blame the cat for that. It's a cat, but I want to go back to Liz's statement here. She says at the end, "I asked Amanda if she was hurt. She said no. A few minutes later she told me that they were saying she squeezed the cat's testicles and that made him try to bite." So, obviously Amanda overheard what was said. Since that's also what got posted later about the cat on FaceBook by your friends and/or you, to me that says Amanda heard what you said about the cat or what Kitty said. I don't know who said what because nobody is saying they said anything like that. So, I have to believe that Amanda overheard something. If Amanda overheard it, then other people in that area overheard it, because your benching area was near Amanda's ring. I was at the show, I know what the layout was like. If your benching area is where you are now, then it was up on a stage over there. That's where the ring was. So, I guess it bothers me a little bit that lots of people overheard people saying that's why the cat acted like that, and that makes sense to me why the bodyguards or security or whatever, and I believe didn't Tracy send us a security contract that she contracted with those people? I know they were helping show the cats and so on, but if they wanted to avoid further discussion, I can understand why they would come and say, "why don't we go over here and you can calm down a little bit," and then everybody gets into it. Then Kitty started screaming, and then John Webster jumped in. Pretty soon everybody is in there trying to separate people. Then John went back to his ring and then, because it started all over again, he had to come out of his ring again and try to calm Kitty down, who was screaming about Amanda at the top of her voice. So, that's to me what this protest is about. This protest is about exhibitors making comments about what's going on in the

ring in a judge's hearing. Then, the other part of it is the conduct serious and detrimental is the posting and the ongoing FaceBook and WeBo and WeChat of all of these versions and all of this over commentary on what happened and putting forth, you know, this is what happened. The cat was murdered, the cat was injured, the cat's testicles were hurt. It just goes on and on, and I have an issue with all of the editing that goes on. There's a video that then gets edited with sounds overlaid and comments on it, there's the FaceBook that gets edited, and I jumped in on FaceBook also and said, after many people, judges and exhibitors, and Cyndy, are all saying what a horrible thing this happened. I commented on that, too. On December 22nd, you posted in part, *unfortunately he [referring to the cat] is in some person's way and they want to finish him by not only hurting the cat but physically attacking the exhibitor in the show hall. I posted, no one hurt the cat. He's a male that gets tired of handling. He's not the only cat difficult to handle at this or other shows, but there's no reason for fighting, shouting or showing any disrespect to judges. Neither the cat nor the judge started any violence, only the exhibitors.* **Auth:** Where does that statement come from? **Wilson:** This is FaceBook. Now, there were other comments made on FaceBook that then got deleted. Happily, I had taken a picture of one of those comments, so I have a screen print of it. I guess what I'm seeing is a lot of editing going on – editing of FaceBook after someone realizes that maybe they shouldn't have said that, editing of the videos, editing of the comments, editing of what actually happened. I realize that there's a lot of extraneous information. I think there's a lot of things going on that lead to this point, but the fact remains you know it was Tracy Shi's show, you entered the show, you competed fairly and squarely. Your cat did very well at the show. Her cat did well at the show. Kitty's cat I think did well at the show, and yet this kind of activity, this escalation of events, is inappropriate. I'm done.

Newkirk: We've asked Allen. He said he didn't make those comments. You claim he did. **Wilson:** Liz claims he did. **Black:** Liz claims Amanda said he did. **Newkirk:** I saw the video. She asked Allen, "get the cat, get the cat." He walked up, got the cat, he put the cat in the cage, she said, "is your cat OK" and Allen said yes. Then, she makes a statement that she was told by Amanda that they said I hurt the cat's testicles, OK? **Wilson:** At the time. **Newkirk:** There's nothing to corroborate that in the video. Not a bit. He put the cat in the cage and walked out of the ring. No comment was made. He said Kitty wasn't even in the ring at the time. How can you blame Allen for sitting at his cage and the thugs coming over and roughing him up? This whole thing boils around Tracy and her bodyguards. That's what this whole thing boils down to. She was pissed off because his cat was beating her cat. All you've got to do is read Koizumi's and Ayumi's letter in there. She was bitching and carrying on and having a shit fit because his cat was beating her cat. **Wilson:** I don't disagree with that, but I think that's a discussion for later. **Newkirk:** Well, it might be discussion for later. However, if she hadn't had the bodyguards there, I don't think any of this crap would have happened. We've got numerous show violations just by the videos and the pictures that have been presented. I mean, her bringing all those cats in from the pet shop and putting them in – the other thing, and my comment is – I'm not going to make another one because I'm getting pissed off, is that this board has known that this crap has gone on in China for years and we haven't done a damn thing. And the committee has not done a thing and they know it's going on over there. This has come to a head, and then we get people who are honestly trying to show their cats who are going to have to take a fall for this. I'm not having any part of it.

Moser: My question here, and I've just got a point of order here, I thought we were supposed to ask Allen questions and we were supposed to be discussing this stuff after they left. Am I incorrect? Because if not, I can go ahead and go. **Hannon:** Anybody got any questions of either Kitty or Allen? **Kuta:** One more question. What was the motivation behind talking about it on social media a lot? Like, it seems like it escalated it, but did it help make it less of a big deal? Did it make it better or worse? **Shi:** Can I explain this? It's because actually Amanda Cheng start to post a negative statement against me from two years ago. At that time, against me about my family, my cattery and many things. Then I sent a protest to CFA. Amanda Cheng apologized to me and CFA – Rachel and Annette – asked me to withdraw the protest. Amanda apologized to me. She promised she will not do it again, but she didn't keep her word. She just keeps doing it again and again. I never respond to her, but I think this time I had to, so I responded. **Auth:** If we got into and have this discussion, will we have the opportunity to question Allen afterwards? **Hannon:** No. **Auth:** So any decision that we made is going to be solely limited on, I won't be able to ask for clarification if I hear something that triggers a thought. Is that correct? **Newkirk:** That's correct. **Hannon:** He's also got a flight home today. He told me he had to leave between 2 and 3. **Anger:** My question to Allen is, did you ever make any disparaging remarks about Amanda at this show? **Shi:** No. **Anger:** No. OK, can I ask this question from Kitty? **Kitty:** She said she didn't. She never make any negative action to Amanda. Because she was not in Amanda's ring at that time. **Anger:** OK, thank you.

DelaBar: Allen, you said that pet shop cats had been entered in the show. I took the catalog and took just two cats at random to see if they were actually registered. Usually I see a lot of TRNs. This time I saw registrations. They were listed as opens. They did have registration numbers, but I saw that they had been shown at three different shows – one on the 8th of October and one on the 22nd of October and then the 17th of December, each show shown as an open. So, instead of getting 6 winners ribbons, they ended up with 25 winners ribbons, and that's per CFA's records. Is this a common occurrence? Is this common for these cats to be shown as opens in shows, even though they earned championships? **Shi:** Yes. **Hannon:** You [Kallmeyer] master clerk a lot over there. Is that typical? **Kallmeyer:** Asia has a lot of non-confirmed champions. **Hannon:** But they continue showing them as opens. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **DelaBar:** Just like the last show that Mary and I were at, we had 36 blue British Shorthair opens that were all TRNs. I asked Shirley to check on those TRNs to see how many have been converted. **Byrd:** But these are not his cats. **DelaBar:** These are not his cats, but he brought up, he said that they were pet shop cats, so I took two and tracked them. **Kallmeyer:** One question Allen. Was there a police report that was filed? **Shi:** There is no police report because Tracy's husband wrote an apology letter at the police station. **Kallmeyer:** OK, but there's no written report. **Shi:** Correct. **Auth:** Were the police called? Besides Tracy's bodyguards, were there police there? **Shi:** Yes. **Hannon:** Any other questions? OK, we're going to disconnect the telephone call with Kitty. **DelaBar:** Thank you Kitty. **Hannon:** If you guys want to wander upstairs for a while, while we talk, and we'll call you back and tell you what the results are. **Shi:** Thank you. **Byrd:** Thank you. Bye. **Hannon:** Cyndy, do you agree that he needs to leave between 2 and 3 to catch a flight? **Byrd:** I need to leave between 2 and 3 to catch my flight. His is after mine. **DelaBar:** Are you leaving from Cleveland? **Byrd:** Yes, Cleveland. **Shi:** Thank you. Bye bye. **Hannon:** We'll see you soon.

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[Executive Session deliberations]

Hannon: You can just hang out there, Cyndy. You don't have to come all the way back.
Byrd: Alright. **Hannon:** John, do you want to give them the results? **Randolph:** The board has voted not guilty on all defendants. **Hannon:** Not guilty. **Shi:** Thank you. **Hannon:** We thank you for making the long trip over here. Thank you Cyndy. Have a safe trip home. Both of you.

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(9) JUDGING PROGRAM.

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

List of Committee Members: *Becky Orlando – File Administrator (Region 9); Mentor Program Administrator*
Rachel Anger – International Judging Program Administrator; prepares Board Report
Tracy Petty – Guest Judge Paperwork Review
Melanie Morgan, Jan Stevens – File Administrators
Larry Adkison, Beth Holly – Application Administrator (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling)
Pat Jacobberger –Chair, Judges’ Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee members met by teleconference on January 17, 2017, to discuss the judge applications and advancements, and preparations for this board meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Recent Death. *Our hearts break over the loss of long-time allbreed judge Wayne Trevathan on January 18, 2017, after becoming ill last fall.*

Wayne was initially a CCA judge (Canada) and successfully moved to the CFA judging program in 1980, where he was among our best. For decades, he was one of our most respected judges, judging many of the CFA International Cat Shows, as well as hundreds – perhaps thousands – of CFA shows around the world. He handled beautifully and he had a reputation for sound decisions. Many of today’s judges were trained by Wayne and they have many positive things to say about what they were able to learn from him.

Socially he was a joy to be around. He had a terrific sense of humor and could entertain with great stories. Although he had lived in the USA for decades, he maintained his delightful New Zealand accent which enchanted all of us.

Wayne was a successful breeder/exhibitor, particularly noted for his Persians and Burmese under the Trebar prefix, and most recently European Burmese under the Bondi prefix. Wayne introduced the European Burmese to CFA and was the driving force behind the breed’s acceptance for registration in 1993 and eventual championship status in 2002. He was the breed council secretary for the European Burmese for many years.

Wayne served on CFA’s Board of Directors as the Southern Region Director and his input at the board table was valuable. In his role as RD, he delegated responsibilities to the best people around his Region. He served on the Judging Program Committee in various roles. Wayne was also CFA’s delegate to the World Cat Congress, whose delegates from around the world commented: he was well loved and respected ... he was very popular with exhibitors and fellow

judges ... he has a firm circle of friends that have expressed shock at the loss and indeed join with you all in sadness at this time to remember a great friend and judge taken to soon ... such sad news – Wayne was highly thought of by those of us who had the privilege of spending time with him ... Wayne was highly appreciated and beloved by exhibitors and judge colleagues alike. So much fun to be with! Will miss that for sure ... the tributes go on and on.

This is, indeed, a sad day for the many of us who thought so highly of Wayne.

In an executive session motion, Wayne Trevathan was elevated to judge emeritus, posthumously.

In a subsequent executive session motion, Craig Rothermel was elevated to judge emeritus, posthumously.

Eigenhauser: Can we announce the results of the vote in open session? **Hannon:** Of what vote? **Eigenhauser:** The one we just took. **Hannon:** Yeah. The board just granted judge emeritus status to Craig Rothermel.

Retirement Request: *Approved Allbreed judge Ed Davis has submitted a retirement request, effective immediately.*

Ed and Donna Davis produced well-known national winning Siamese under their Thaibok cattery name. After moving to California, Ed continued his Siamese breeding program under the name Davisiam. Some memorable Thaibok Siamese who graced CFA show halls over the years are:

- 1968-1969 Kitten of the Year GRC Thaibok's Whiskey au Go-Go
- 1975-1976 Cat of the Year GRC Thaibok Teriyaki
- 1975-1976 3rd Best Cat GRC Thaibok Tyrone
- GRC Thaibok's Ruby Foo, CFA's Best Siamese, #3 Shorthair Male, Opposite-Sex Kitten 1967-68; #5 Shorthair Male – 1968-69
- GRC Thaibok Tallulah, CFA's #5 Shorthair Female 1969-70
- GRC Thaibok Loretta, CFA's Opposite-Sex Shorthair Kitten 1969-70

Ed began his judging career in 1999. He will be missed, particularly on the west coast where he most often judged. We wish Ed well in all his future endeavors and hope to see him visit shows in the area.

Action Item: *Accept Ed Davis's retirement request from the Judging Program with regret, effective immediately.*

Wilson: We have an open session action item, and that is a retirement request that we received from allbreed judge Ed Davis. My action item is to accept Ed Davis's retirement request from the Judging Program with regret, effective immediately. **Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** There is a motion on the floor.

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

Wilson: I have nothing else for today.

Group Judging: A group environment judging procedure is being developed in which judges will discuss miscellaneous breeds. The procedure under consideration will set forth how 3 or 4 judges at a show would conduct an orderly question/answer session among the entire group, monitored by judge representative.

Show Report: Retired Judge Emeritus Kim Everett-Hirsch received permission to judge a Best of the Best ring at a show held in Tokyo, Japan on December 24-25, 2016, co-sponsored by Portland Cat Club and Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers. Kim provided the board members with a detailed summary of the show and the cats. She also conducted a Bengal handling class.

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

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
<i>DelaBar, Pam</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>FCCV May Open Show</i>	<i>Croydon, Australia</i>	<i>05/07/2017</i>
<i>Honey, Ellyn</i>	<i>FCCF</i>	<i>FCCV International Show</i>	<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>	<i>07/08/2017</i>
<i>Honey, Ellyn</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Western Districts CC</i>	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	<i>07/15/2017</i>
<i>Mathis, Anne</i>	<i>GCCF</i>	<i>Governing Council of the CF of Victoria</i>	<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>	<i>03/11/2017</i>
<i>Mathis, Anne</i>	<i>QFA</i>	<i>Queensland Feline Assn.</i>	<i>Brisbane, Australia</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>HHP Fun Show</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>03/10/2017</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Royal Melbourne Agricultural Show</i>	<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>	<i>10/02/2017</i>
<i>Rivard, Lorraine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Hamilton Cat Club</i>	<i>Ancaster, Ontario</i>	<i>03/19/2017</i>
<i>Rivard, Lorraine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>National Cat Club</i>	<i>Mississauga, Ontario</i>	<i>04/16/2017</i>
<i>Zinck, Iris</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>National Cat Club</i>	<i>Mississauga, Ontario</i>	<i>04/16/2017</i>

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

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Felinus International</i>	<i>Grote Brogel, Belgium</i>	<i>09/09/2017</i>
<i>Du Plessis, Kaai</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Feline Fanciers of Benelux</i>	<i>Grote Brogel, Belgium</i>	<i>02/11/2017</i>
<i>Gemmel, Sandi</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>CFA World Cat Congress</i>	<i>Las Vegas, Nevada</i>	<i>04/23/2017</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Tianjin Feiming CC</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>04/29/2017</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Johor Bahru Cat Club</i>	<i>Cyberjaya, Malaysia</i>	<i>12/31/2016</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Taiwan Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Taipei, Taiwan</i>	<i>02/19/2017</i>
<i>Hansson, John</i>	<i>GCCF</i>	<i>Feline Fanciers of Benelux</i>	<i>Grote Brogel, Belgium</i>	<i>02/11/2017</i>
<i>Lowe, Christine</i>	<i>NZCF</i>	<i>CFA World Cat Congress</i>	<i>Las Vegas, Nevada</i>	<i>04/22/2017</i>
<i>Mays, Fate</i>	<i>TICA</i>	<i>CFA World Cat Congress</i>	<i>Las Vegas, Nevada</i>	<i>04/23/2017</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Passion Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</i>	<i>04/01/2017</i>

Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	04/15/2017
Nichols, Julia	CCCA	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	03/25/2017
Podprugina, Elena	RUI	Anshan Asia Cat Club	Anshan, China	03/04/2017
Podprugina, Elena	RUI	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	03/25/2017
Reijers, Eric	FIFe	CFA World Cat Congress	Las Vegas, Nevada	04/23/2017
Rumyantseva, Nadejda	WCA	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	04/15/2017
Slizhevskaya, Tatiana	RUI	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	03/25/2017
U'Ren, Cheryle	CCCA	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	02/19/2017
U'Ren, Cheryle	CCCA	Anshan Asia Cat Club	Anshan, China	03/04/2017
U'Ren, Cheryle	CCCA	CFA World Cat Congress	Las Vegas, Nevada	04/22/2017
U'Ren, Rod	CCCA	Taiwan Cat Fanciers	Taipei, Taiwan	02/19/2017
U'Ren, Rod	CCCA	Cat Fancier's Society of Indonesia	Bandung, Indonesia	04/08/2017
U'Ren, Rod	CCCA	Pearl River Cat Club	Foshan, China	04/15/2017
U'Ren, Rod	CCCA	Passion Feline Fanciers	Malang, Indonesia	05/21/2017
van Rooyen, Jan	SACC	CFA World Cat Congress Show	Las Vegas, Nevada	04/22/2017

Acceptance: The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance:

Accept as Trainee:

Bethany Colilla (Longhair – 1 st specialty)	18 yes; 1 abstain (Colilla)
Mie Takahashi (Longhair – 1 st specialty)	19 yes
Wendy Heidt (Shorthair – 2 nd specialty)	19 yes

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

Advance to Apprentice:

Kit Fung (Longhair – 2 nd Specialty)	19 yes
Danny Tai (Shorthair – 2 nd Specialty)	19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Marilee Griswold (Longhair – 2 nd Specialty)	19 yes
Suki Lee (Shorthair – 2 nd Specialty)	19 yes

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Wendy Heidt (Longhair – 1 st Specialty)	19 yes
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Relicense Judges: All Approved and Approval Pending judges are presented to the Board for relicensing. There are no judges who have not paid their annual licensing fee for 2017. There are no judges who have not judged the minimum number of shows pursuant to Judging Program Rule 9.19.

Action Item: *Approve the annual relicensing of all Judges who are in good standing.*

All judges were relicensed.

In an executive session discussion, **Anger** moved for reconsideration of the following motion from the December teleconference: *Effective May 1, 2017, amend the CFA Judging Program Guest Judging Process to limit approved guest judges to those who have guest judged only for approved foreign associations.* Seconded by **Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

The following proposal having been presented, **Anger** moved to adopt items 1-4. Seconded by **Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

1. *Inform all CFA judges that permission will not be granted for guest judging assignments with UCA/UCF, giving the reasons for this action.*
2. *The CFA Attorney shall send correspondence to UCA/UCF protesting their plagiarism of CFA standards and protocols, and informing this organization that no CFA judge will be granted permission to guest judge for this organization.*
3. *The CFA Secretary will send to the other eight (8) members of the World Cat Congress a copy of the CFA Attorney's letter to UCA/UCF, to inform the WCC members of the blatant plagiarism of CFA materials and requesting their support by not allowing their judges to guest judge for this organization. A copy of this correspondence should also be sent to the other "approved" associations listed on the CFA Judging Program's Guest Judging Process document, for their information and support.*
4. *CFA will request an agenda item concerning UCA/UCF be placed on the agenda for the upcoming WCC meeting in April to develop a plan on how to deal with "rogue organizations" such as UCA/UCF.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(10) REGIONAL ASSIGNMENT ISSUE.

Upon motion by **Anger**, seconded by **Black**, the following online motion was subsequently adopted: *Due to one or more clerical errors in Central Office, grant regional reassignment from previous region (CN) to Region 7 for Glam-Rex Miss Black Swan of Yatfung (0901-02363229).*

Motion Carried. Maeda did not vote.

(11) **PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

[Executive Session]

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

May 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016

Overall Performance

CFA continues strong performance in all categories. CFA is tracking to a significant profit this fiscal year with a strong balance sheet.

Key Financial Indicators

Balance Sheet Items

CFA's cash position (checking/savings) is significantly above the same time last year. There are no significant outlays planned for balance of year.

Ordinary Income

Year to date litter registrations are up \$35,300 above budget. This increase represents an increase of 18% compared to budget. Year to date individual registrations are up \$85,700 which represents a \$30% increase over budget.

Household pet recording is up \$2,207 over budget by 63%.

Cattery registration is up \$108,267 over budget which represents a 93% upside.

Breed council dues are over budget - \$15,700 but this is largely due to timing.

Overall, total Ordinary income is \$220,700 over budget which represents a 21% increase.

Hannon: Are we ready for the Treasurer's Report? **Calhoun:** I think so. You all have the Treasurer's Report. The news is good. Ordinary income – litter registrations up \$35,000; Household Pets up \$2,200; cattery registrations up \$108,000. Ordinary income in total up over \$220,000.

Other Income Sources

Publications are at parity with budget with no major call outs.

Marketing revenue is 3,700 under budget which primarily comes from branding.

Expense

Publications are at parity with their respective budgets. Marketing is \$9,400 below budget primarily driven by CFA advertising.

Central Office labor expense is \$18,000 below budget with contracted labor overall being above budget. This is impacted by timing as we have had one contracted employee hired as a

permanent employee. Travel is also above budget. This will be adjusted to move Central Office staff travel for the Annual into annual costs. Payroll associated taxes are in kind under budget.

Utilities are overall slightly above budget - \$3400. Most of this is driven by building maintenance which was discussed in a prior report.

Central Office material expense is significantly under budget by almost \$18,900. This is driven by primarily by postage. The postage in all categories is under review to insure proper allocations are in place.

Central Office subtotal 4 which is primarily employee education, credit card fees and website maintenance is \$24,000 over budget while Computer expense is \$26,723 under budget. This is primarily driven by website maintenance not being budgeted (\$18,000) and software rental/support being substantially over budgeted (\$24,200). This will be reclassified in the next budget review.

Board meeting expenses are at parity with budget. Legislation is slightly under budget.

Overall Expenses are \$157,200 under budget.

Calhoun: Overall expenses. Expenses are under budget about \$157,000 which is all really great news.

Events

Income stream from the Annual brought in \$66,286. A journal entry will be made moving Central Office travel to this category, adjustment for the Toronto credit and allocation of the delegate books will be made. Once these adjustments are considered the event will be close to break even.

Calhoun: The Annual. We are probably breaking even on that. We've got to move the Central Office travel from Central Office into the Annual Expense category. The Annual brought in about \$66,000 and it will probably come in around \$62,000 in expenses. We're going to break all that out and give folks the detail on that, as well. The Annual is really not about making money or not making money, but we would like to come in close and not spend a lot of money – cover as much of our costs as possible.

Update

Income from the International Show is \$148,384. The increase is largely due to \$36,500 in deferred income from Corporate Sponsors has been moved to the P & L which will be reflected in the December 2017 financials.

Expenses for the International show increased to \$128,205. Rosettes and ribbons expense of \$9,050 was incorrectly posted. This will be corrected in the December 2016 financials.

With these adjustments the International Show's Profit and Loss statement will reflect a profit of \$20,179.

Calhoun: From the International, I provided everybody a new report after we sent out the report earlier. We did an audit and discovered that we had \$40,000 in sponsorship that was in deferred income, so we brought that over. It was scheduled to come over on the balance sheet in December but we brought it over so that we could consider it in this P&L that I provided. We also moved over rosettes and ribbons that had been put in another category, so this brings the International Show into the profit category of \$20,000. So, this is really good news. Lisa is looking at the report and frowning, but I provided you with a new report. One of the things that was discussed last year at this time was to get more detail about the expenses, as far as the International was concerned. So, we have a file that outlines every single expense. Stacy has done a phenomenal job putting that together. It's an Excel spreadsheet that starts back in July. It has every single entry for these categories and it all ties up to these totals. So, I'll provide that. Pam is in the midst of putting together her budget for this next show coming up. Anyone else, if you would like me to put that in FileVista, we can make sure that's available to anyone. You can look at it and see exactly how the money was spent. If you look at that and there's questions – because quite often it's just the name of a company and you want to know a little more about it, feel free and email me, and I can provide you with more detail, but all of the expenses – and, in addition, since we knew that we kind of wanted to have a better look at judges' expenses, the judges are really extremely conservative, but we put together a spreadsheet that details every judge's expense in the categories that are on the bill, so we've got meals, hotel and all that also in a spreadsheet that will show folks how it was spent, including donations that were made. For meals, I don't have what they ate for breakfast but I do have how they billed it out, so we have that. I think that would be very, very helpful.

Calhoun: Just one more thing. So, in that detail for International Show expense, we did find some instances where we had a couple things that got paid twice. We've gotten our money back, but we put in an approval process that will address that, so that sort of thing doesn't happen anymore.

The Bottom Line

Profit and Loss Year to Date – 5/1/16 – 11/30/16

Net income for this time period is \$321,237! This is \$117,948 ahead of the same time period last year.

Housekeeping notes

- *Account 402500 – Adding Suffix Name and 402600 · Add Suffix Name - \$10 have been merged*
- *Account 410600 – Show Insurance and 410700 · Club Insurance were incorrectly set up and will be corrected in the December financials*
- *Clubs reimbursed for judges travel expense and approved by the CFA Board will be considered Goodwill.*

Hannon: Are you ready to move on to the Budget Committee? **Calhoun:** No, I'm not. Wait. **Hannon:** I'm trying to help you out here. **Calhoun:** I just want to say one thing. So, we talked about the bottom line on this. Right now we are \$321,000 mid-year in profit. We are pacing about \$100,000 for half of the year ahead of last year. It is projected, if we keep going in that direction, we'll be about \$600,000 in the black come the end of the season. That's what it's trending. The other thing, I just wanted to add – do you have a publications portion of this? So, we have – and I'll provide the folks with a list of Yearbooks. From 2002 we have some inventory that we need to move off the books, so I'll provide folks with a list of those books. If people would like to purchase them – **Hannon:** She's going to make the first offer to any board members that would like to buy them, and then we're going to advertise that we have these books available at a discounted price because we want to move them off the shelves downstairs. **Calhoun:** Yes. **Hannon:** Are you ready to move on?

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

(13) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Hannon: Budget, Kathy that's you. **Calhoun:** We don't really have a – we're starting to put the budget together. We pulled from the ledger for all of the committees what they spent over the last year and a half, so they can use that to plan their budgets for the next season. That will go out to all the liaisons. There will be a schedule published as to when we need certain elements. We will do the same thing that we did last year. The budget for 2017-2018 will go out in advance and we will have a meeting so that we can review that in April, so that when we start the next season we will have a budget in place. **Hannon:** This will not take place at the April board meeting. **Calhoun:** No. **Hannon:** There will be a separate meeting as there was last year for the discussion of the budget. You don't have to participate if you don't want to. If budgets bore you, then don't call in. **Calhoun:** That budget report will be available in advance. If you look at it and you have questions and you want to reach out to me, that would be fine. We'll have that meeting on the schedule and get that in place. **Hannon:** Thank you Kathy. That's the end of Budget.

(14) FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Rich Mastin
List of Committee Members: Carla Bizzell, Kathy Calhoun and Teresa Sweeney

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *2017 International Show reviews and approvals of contractual agreements and proposals for Show Hall, Hotels, Decorator, PR Firm and Cage Service(s).*
- *Reviewed first two quarters of 2016-2017 Financial Profit & Loss Statements and Commentaries to previous year's performance and budget with Treasurer and President.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Working with Tim Schreck and John Randolph on finalizing a Fixed IT Agreement with Dynamic Edge.*
- *Accessible to Central Office Management Team, Special Events Coordinator, Treasurer, Budget, Audit Committee Chair, IT Chair and Legal Counsel.*
- *Review weekly bank account balances and biweekly payroll reports.*
 - o *As of January 13th, 2017 combined bank accounts totaled \$2,156,706.50*
- *Review, and advice as needed on contractual agreements and capital improvement needs.*
 - o *Working with Brian Buetel (Central Office Facilities) on:*
 - *Quotes to replace 15 third floor office windows (includes break-room and bathrooms).*
 - *Security camera replacements and/or upgrades.*
 - *Roof drain leak in break-room (it appears leak is from drain below roof line).*
 - *Quotes on elevator updates and or replacement.*
- *Working with Terri Barry on updating and possibly changing Month-end Accounting and payroll to internal functions through Stacy Malone (CFA Finance Coordinator) and Year-end Audit changes:*
 - o *Internal monthly P&L Statement Closings.*
 - o *Internal bi-weekly Payroll Processing (estimated annual savings \$3,052.00)*
 - *Rationale – Stacy is qualified to handle these tasks at reduced expense.*

- *Evaluating options for Year-end Audit.*
 - *Rationale – principal of current Audit Firm passed away last year; considering current Accounting Firm (who is doing Monthly P&L Statements) to transition to Yearend Audit.*
- *Working with Terri Barry, Verna Dobbins and Brian Buetel on determining Central Office expenses for Show Production:*
 - *Breakdown of payroll expenses (before payroll taxes) is based on: individual's current annual income, % of time on such task(s), over a full year, divided by 330 annual shows -*

▪ <i>Licensing</i>	<i>\$ 48.42</i>
▪ <i>Data Entry</i>	<i>\$ 74.37</i>
▪ <i>Assembling Boxes & Taking to Shipping Source</i>	<i>\$ 52.22</i>
▪ <u><i>Scoring</i></u>	<u><i>\$140.79</i></u>
▪ <i>Total Labor Expense =</i>	<i>\$315.80 per show</i>
 - *Additional Expenses to consider:*
 - *Payroll Taxes and Benefits (roughly 12% to 15% / \$38.00 to \$47.00 per show)*
 - *Insurance (requested breakdown by show from Insurance Provider)*
 - *Printed Show Materials*
 - *Shipping cost – (see report and the end of this report)*
- *CFA Show Sponsorships:*
 - *Approvals as requested.*
 - *Added specific Areas in the International Division approved by Dick Kallmeyer (\$2,500.00 advancement).*
 - *Additional \$3,000.00 advancement provided to Region 9.*
 - *9 clubs (prior to Jan. 18, 2017) are waiting on 2nd payment (once post-show requirements are received in CO, payments will be sent).*
 - *23 clubs in total (includes 9 clubs with post show requirements due) will receive 2nd payment (combined total payments to be paid at later date is \$5,500.00).*
 - *Combined total paid out to date is \$28,500.00 (not including 2nd payment).*
 - *Current CFA Club Sponsorship Award is \$500.00 (payable in two payments) for the majority of all clubs. Based on current year's performance, funds could be available*

to increase award to \$750.00 per show in 2017-2018 Season. \$750.00 breakdown - \$500.00 for Marketing Spend and \$250.00 for Clubs Choice.

2016 - 2017 CFA Club Sponsorships -

<i>Club</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>1st Payment</i>	<i>Docs Received</i>	<i>2nd Payment</i>
<i>Felinus International</i>	9	<i>April 30, 2016</i>	\$500.00	Y	NR
<i>Seacoast Cat Club</i>	1	<i>April 30, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>UK Cat Fanciers</i>	9	<i>May 7, 2016</i>	\$500.00	N	NR
<i>Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers</i>	1	<i>May 7, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Almost Heaven Cat Club</i>	4	<i>May 21, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers</i>	4	<i>May 28, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Cat Friends of Germany</i>	9	<i>May 28, 2016</i>	\$500.00	Y	NR
<i>Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers</i>	7	<i>June 4, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>North Atlantic Regional</i>	1	<i>June 11, 2016</i>	\$700.00	N/A	NR
<i>Stars and Stripes</i>	3	<i>July 9, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Garden State</i>	1	<i>July 16, 2016</i>	\$1,150.00	Y	\$1,150.00
<i>Poppy State Cat Club</i>	2	<i>July 30, 2016</i>	\$250.00	N	\$250.00
<i>Cat -H-Art</i>	9	<i>August 3, 2016</i>	\$500.00		NR
<i>Sternwheel Cat Fanciers</i>	4	<i>August 13, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Monroe Shorthair Cat Club</i>	4	<i>August 21, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Opposites Attract</i>	5	<i>August 27, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>New England Meow Outfit</i>	1	<i>August 27, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>National Siamese Cat Club</i>	4	<i>September 3, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Thumbs Up</i>	4	<i>September 17, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Twin City Cat Fanciers</i>	6	<i>September 24, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Hallmark Cat Club</i>	4	<i>October 2, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>National Birman Fanciers</i>	1	<i>October 15, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Liberty Trail CF/Nova</i>	1	<i>October 22, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Cleopella Cat Fanciers</i>	9	<i>October 22, 2016</i>	\$500.00	Y	NR
<i>Cat Fanciers of Washington</i>	7	<i>October 29, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Indy Cat Club</i>	6	<i>October 29, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>New Hampshire Feline</i>	1	<i>November 5, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Golden Gate Cat Club</i>	2	<i>November 5, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Dutch Purrpuss Cat Club</i>	9	<i>November 5, 2016</i>	\$500.00		NR
<i>Dayton Cat Fanciers</i>	4	<i>November 12, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Capital Cat Fanciers</i>	7	<i>November 12, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Greater Baltimore Cat Club</i>	7	<i>December 3, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Gulf Shore Region</i>	3	<i>December 3, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Show & Tell</i>	3	<i>December 17, 2016</i>	\$250.00	Y	\$250.00
<i>Nashville Cat Club</i>	7	<i>December 31, 2016</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Houston Cat Club</i>	3	<i>January 7, 2017</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Vermont Fancy Felines</i>	1	<i>January 14, 2017</i>	\$250.00		
<i>Cleveland Persian</i>	4	<i>January 21, 2017</i>	\$250.00		
<i>German Cat Walk</i>	9	<i>January 21, 2017</i>	\$500.00		NR

<i>Birmingham Feline Fanciers</i>	7	<i>January 28, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Star City Cat Fanciers</i>	7	<i>January 28, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>44 Gatti Cat Club</i>	9	<i>January 28, 2017</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>		<i>NR</i>
<i>San Diego Cat Fanciers</i>	5	<i>January 29, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Pawprints in the Sand</i>	7	<i>February 4, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Hawkeye State Cat Club</i>	6	<i>February 11, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Feline Fanciers of Benelux</i>	9	<i>February 11, 2017</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>		<i>NR</i>
<i>Wildcatters Cat Club</i>	3	<i>February 25, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>National Norwegian Forest Cat</i>	1	<i>February 25, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Illini Cat Club</i>	6	<i>March 4, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Genesee Cat Fanciers</i>	4	<i>March 4, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Warwick Valley Feline</i>	1	<i>March 18, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers</i>	7	<i>March 25, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Puget Sound Cat Club</i>	2	<i>April 8, 2017</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>		
<i>Subtotals Awarded =</i>			<i>\$16,850.00</i>		<i>\$6,150.00</i>
<i>Advancement to Region 9</i>		<i>February 4, 2017</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>		
<i>Advancement to ID</i>		<i>February 4, 2017</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>		
<i>Totals to Date =</i>			<i>\$22,350.00</i>		<i>\$6,150.00</i>
<i>NR = Not Required</i>					
<i>Combined Total</i>		<i>(1st payment + 2nd payment)</i> <i>=</i>	<i>\$28,500.00</i>		

- ***Investment presentation by Joe Crispino (Wells Fargo):***

- o *See attached proposal(s) & reports.*
- o *Investment Fees:*
 - *Wells Fargo: Under \$500k - .98% Over \$500k - .75% Over \$1m - .68%*
 - *Merrill Lynch: Under \$500k -1.50% Over \$500k - 1.35% Over \$1m – 1.0%*
 - *Hanlon: Under \$500k -1.75% Over \$500k - 1.40% Over \$1m – 1.05%*
- o *Comments from John Randolph and Carla Bizzell:*

- ***John Randolph's comments on Wells Fargo Investment Proposal -***

I reviewed the proposal prepared by Joe Crispino of Wells Fargo and found it to be both detailed and comprehensive. I don't have any comments from a legal perspective, but I was impressed by the diversity of the proposed portfolio and the historical performance of the components. I know with the prospect of rising interest rates in the near future there is a concern about a loss of principal invested but it looks to me like this was a significant consideration that was taken into account in the proposal.

- ***Carla Bizzell's comments on Investment Proposals –***

*I went through all of the stocks and the bond fund recommended by **Merrill Lynch**. I used a service that I subscribe to, which has served me well over the past decade or so. They assign a “grade” to each stock (updated weekly) based on several basic fundamentals. I have attached the detailed grades for the stocks that are proposed in the document. The overall grade of the equity portion of the proposal is a “C”. I don’t invest in any stocks that aren’t graded at an overall grade of “A” or “B”. I have owned many of these stocks at one time over the past 20 years. I just wouldn’t purchase them today. The 10-year performance (after fees) assumes a fee of 1.37%.*

The other large portion of the proposed investment is in the Neuberger Berman, LLC-Taxable Core. That fund has a Morningstar rating of 3 stars (they use a ranking system from 1 which is worst to a 5 which is best). A 3 star ranking is a good solid investment, but not the very best. So far as I can tell, it has an internal expense of .45% and Huth, etc. add a fee of 1.25% to manage the investment.

*I also went through the **Wells Fargo** suggested funds using Morningstar (which analyzes and rates mutual funds and bond funds). I have found the expense % for each fund and have each fund’s 10-year return as well as the rating. These funds all look pretty good to me (although I don’t invest in mutual funds or bond funds myself...they may well be appropriate for our needs). I have attached (**see attachment**) a schedule which shows the Morningstar ranking of each of the investment funds proposed, the current internal expenses for each fund, the dollar amount suggested for each fund and an overall calculation of expense built into the overall investment package before the addition of the .75% investment management fee. There is one fund with a 5-star ranking (which is the best possible), one with a 3-star ranking (mid-range) and the rest are 4-star. All of these funds are good solid choices. The weighted average of the overall set of investments is .582%. Add to that the .75% investment management fee and we get 1.332%*

***Both Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo** presented a fairly conservative, well-diversified proposal. The Wells Fargo proposal may well be slightly more diversified. Given the information that I’ve looked at, if these are the only two proposals that we consider, I’d go with the Wells Fargo proposal and hope to get a better management rate based on our intended use of their services. The “active” management of the underlying investments will be done within the funds themselves. The Fund Manager likely won’t have much active work involved (aside from whatever reporting we require or required by law).*

I didn’t analyze/compare the 10-year return charts for the two investments. I’ll mention them now only to explain why I didn’t specifically bring them up. First, past performance of a particular set of investments is not a guarantee of future profits. Second, a ten-year trend is more appropriate for the Wells Fargo set of investments as we would expect the managers inside of each fund to change the underlying investments from time to time to maximize profits (and I assume they did). An investment firm such as Merrill Lynch would likely not buy and hold the same stocks for ten years or more (unless one was interested solely in dividend return) and so a ten-year return on a specific basket of equities would not mirror reality as well as a basket of Fund investments.

As an investor I am much more “forward looking” than relying on past performance in making investment decisions.

*I’ve quickly scanned through the **Hanlon Investment Management** proposal. In all fairness, they didn’t have much time to process the request. And it looks like I may have steered them in a wrong direction in my description of what we were looking for. They had me fill out a “risk tolerance assessment” questionnaire, which was rather like an eye exam (do you like this outcome with risk of losing X% or this other outcome with a risk of losing X%?). It was not possible for me to determine how to answer the questions to get to approximately the risk tolerance of the other proposals. I can go through and do a Morningstar analysis on the funds they are suggesting...but right off the bat I see that his fees are 1.75% (on top of whatever the funds charge). That sounds steep to me. To me a 1.75% fee would buy very active management with frequent changes to investments to maximize return and minimize risk.....*

Board Action Items:

Investment Proposal -

- *Ask questions and share concerns with Joe Crispino from Wells Fargo during his Investment Presentation.*
- *Based on the past four years’ financial history, CFA’s working capital needs are roughly \$450,000.00 at any given time of the year. With over \$2,100,000.00 in combined bank balances, it is time to put some money to work in long-term investments. Asking the Board to consider investing a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 in at least one (possibly two) Investment Firms.*

Show Production Expenses –

- *Share thoughts on possible Licensing and Insurance Fee changes in the future.*

Club Sponsorship –

- *Share thoughts on increasing the Award in 2017 – 2017 Show Season to \$750.00 (\$500.00 for Marketing Fund and \$250.00 for Clubs Choice).*

Time Frame:

- *Much of the above is ongoing.*
- *If we are unable to make solid decisions on action items, I encourage the Board to make decisions on Investing Funds, Show Licensing Fees and Increasing Club Sponsorship by the next Board Meeting (April 2017).*

Hannon: Finance. **Mastin:** OK, real quick on the Finance. The updated bank accounts I gave you earlier. It’s \$2,222,100. On the show sponsorship, that has increased since this report was done. It’s \$31,250. In terms of action items – does anyone have any questions on the report?

OK, then I'm going to keep going. In terms of the action items, we addressed the investment proposal. I have in here, *Share thoughts on possible Licensing and Insurance Fee changes*. This, Mary, goes back to what you had brought up in October. We provided some information as to a breakdown of the costs. What you have in front of you is just labor expenses, per show. In addition, towards the back of my report is the postage fees. These will change the closer you get to a show if you need to rush shipment. So, if you want to spend some time talking about that. If not, we can push it until tomorrow.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Committee's progress and updates.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair*

Show Shipping Expenses by Region and Area reported on 1-11-17										
<i>Region</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>6 ring</i>	<i>8 ring</i>	<i>10 ring</i>		<i>Region</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>6 ring</i>	<i>8 ring</i>	<i>10 ring</i>
1	NJ	10.57	11.60	15.07		6	IL	10.36	11.38	14.57
	PA	10.36	11.38	14.57			MN	18.78	20.28	24.53
	NY	10.36	11.38	14.57			MO	10.57	11.60	15.07
	RI	10.57	11.60	15.07			KS	18.78	20.28	24.53
FRGB		16.05	N/A	N/A		FRGB		16.05	N/A	N/A
	CANADA	66.36	73.91	83.98			CANADA	66.36	73.91	83.98
FRGB		56.95	N/A	N/A		FRGB		56.95	N/A	N/A
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	CA	44.85	52.31	58.74			AL	18.78	20.28	24.53
	WA	44.85	52.31	58.74			FL	18.78	20.28	24.53
	ID	38.64	45.05	49.76			NC	10.57	11.60	15.07
	NV	44.85	52.31	58.74			VA	10.36	11.38	14.57
	UT	38.64	45.05	49.76		FRGB		16.50	N/A	N/A
FRGB		16.50	N/A	N/A						
						8	JAPAN			
3						PRIORITY		86.21	94.62	105.83
	TX	33.66	39.35	42.81		EXPRESS		125.16	136.99	152.76
	TN	10.57	11.60	15.07		UPS		300	TO	400
	CO	33.66	39.35	42.81		FRGB		89.25	N/A	N/A
	LA	18.78	20.28	24.53						
FRGB		16.05	N/A	N/A		9				
							GERMANY	76.33	82.18	89.97
4							RUSSIA	108.97	122.22	138.98
	MI	9.73	10.46	13.26			NETHERLAND	76.24	83.22	92.53
	NY	10.36	11.38	14.57			UKRAINE	UPS	ONLY	450 PLUS

	PA	10.57	11.60	15.07		FRGB		89.25	N/A	N/A
	OH	9.73	10.46	13.26		EXPRESS		125.16	136.99	152.76
	FRGB	16.05	N/A	N/A		UPS		300	TO	400
	CANADA	66.36	73.91	83.98						
	FRGB	56.95	N/A	N/A		ID				
						INDONESIA		95.05	106.02	120.65
5						CHINA		93.86	103.12	115.47
	AZ	38.64	45.05	49.76		MALAYSIA		95.05	106.03	120.65
	CA	44.87	52.31	58.74		FRGB		84.05	N/A	N/A
	HI	44.85	52.31	58.74		EXPRESS		139.75	157.84	180.64
	NV	44.85	52.31	58.74		UPS		300	TO	400
	FRGB	16.05	N/A	N/A						
NOTES										
	FRGB = FLAT RATE GAME BOX									
	EXPRESS 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS									
	PRIORITY 6 TO 10 BUSINESS DAYS									

Mastin: The other thing I have is club sponsorship. Because we're getting ready to do the budget, which Kathy will start working on within the next couple weeks here, I want to get a feel of how the board feels in terms of raising CFA's club sponsorship from \$500 – and I had mentioned this at the last board meeting – to \$750 and I would propose that we keep the \$500 towards marketing so we can get the word out and get people into our shows, but the other \$250 would be the club's decision, however they want to use it. If you guys like the idea, that's what I'm going to propose in the budget. **Hannon:** Is \$750 a number that makes you happy, as opposed to \$1,000? **Moser:** Oh, I like \$1,000. **Hannon:** That's why I brought it up. **Mastin:** One of the reasons why I have the increase was, if we are going to talk about changing licensing fees and insurance, we want to help the clubs. In Dick's numbers, if you looked at his report last week and this week, it's pretty apparent that if we have fewer shows, we have fewer entries and now we have fewer registrations. We have to find ways to have more shows, and if we can help the clubs put on more shows, and if that means we go from \$500 to \$1,000, I'm on board. It's what you guys want to do. What are you on board for? We'll work the budget that way. **Hannon:** Pam, why don't you make a motion? **Moser:** Oh, can we do that? OK, I'll make a motion that it goes to \$1,000. **DelaBar:** I'll second.

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

Hannon: Rich, your hand didn't go up. **Mastin:** I was just thinking you didn't have any discussion. **Hannon:** You didn't. You noticed that. **Mastin:** We just skipped right through. I'm in favor, sorry. **Hannon:** OK, so when you prepare your budget, the plan is we're going to give

the clubs \$1,000, \$500 of which is going to be earmarked for advertising to bring in gate, the other \$500 the club can do whatever they want with it to help their bottom line. **Moser:** Does that start immediately? **Mastin:** No. We're in a budget. It would start May 1st. Let's live with our budget. We'll go outside the budget when we have to. **Auth:** So, when they get that extra \$500, will they go through an application process, just like they do now? **Mastin:** It's not going to change. Same process, just more money. **Kuta:** It would be nice to see what effect the advertising money – like, are the clubs actually spending it and has that been effective for them, just to learn from other clubs what worked and what hasn't. **Hannon:** We know they're spending it because they have to send Verna receipts before they get the other half of their money. **Kuta:** I know clubs I've done advertising for that didn't spend it. **Hannon:** You mentioned that before and I took her to task for it. **Mastin:** We've got that marked in our notes. **Kuta:** We couldn't spend enough. We tried to spend all the money. **DelaBar:** I used the report that we got on who is given the after-action reports to get onto the clubs. I know some of them have responded and sent those in. Can we get that on a quarterly basis, so we can follow up and make sure that they're sending in the reports. **Dobbins:** Sure. **DelaBar:** It really helped me, because I definitely got on those clubs and they are scrambling now to make sure that they send it in. **Mastin:** Pam, that's one of the reasons why I included it in the in-person meetings. The shows, if they received their second payment or not. It kind of alerts the regional directors, hey, you've got money waiting for you. **DelaBar:** But see, in Europe they get the full shot, so that's why I want to make sure that they are following through. If they don't, then they're not going to get any further sponsorships. **Mastin:** Right. Verna is tracking that. Good point. **DelaBar:** Their \$500 to us is worth about €436. **Hannon:** A thousand dollars to you – **DelaBar:** A thousand dollars is going to be €900-some. **Hannon:** Are you finished with your report?

(15) **INTERNATIONAL SHOW – 2016 UPDATE/2017 FORMAT/FUTURE SHOWS.**

(a) *2016 Update*

Mastin: Kathy already gave you the update on 2016.

(b) *2017 International Show Committee*

Committee Chair: **Rich Mastin**

Liaison to Board: **Pam Moser**

List of Committee Members: **Rachel Anger, Mary Auth, Kathy Calhoun, Wendy Heidt, Pam Moser, Allene Tartaglia and Rich Mastin**

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Decorator - Proposal/Agreement is signed.*
- *Hotel Rooms - Proposals/Agreements are signed.*
- *Vendor Agreement(s) - Has been updated, currently have 10 vendors paid in full.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Marketing - have proposal from local PR firm, finalizing details and determining total spend.*
- *Show Hall – facility is finalizing the proposal from our revisions, possibly ready in two weeks.*
- *Cage Service - Waiting on format before getting a bid.*
- *Catalog - Have a reasonable bid from local printer, waiting on one more bid.*
- *Corporate Sponsorship - Terri Barry is working on a Naming Sponsor.*
- *Pin Sales - Have design waiting on lettering.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Continued progress.*

Mastin: 2017 I'm going to turn over to Pam. **Moser:** You can read here where we're at so far. I think it's going really well. I'm working with the vendors. We've actually got 11 paid vendors now. I'm working with advertising and sending out things, so my goal is to get at least 50 vendors. I hope I reach that. Then, what basically we need to do – oh, do you want to see the pin design? I have that with me. I think it's really cute because it's like "keep Portland weird." It's a Devon. **Hannon:** They can't see. You should pass it around. It's really cute. She's going to put text on it but she's waiting to see if we have a corporate sponsor before she does. **Moser:** We'll put the text around it. Now, we do have some board actions here. Does anyone have any questions on what was in the report? Board actions. We need to figure out show format, how may allbreed or specialty, show count and talk about doing judges alternate years. Let's start with the first one.

Board Action Items:

- *Show format - How many Rings?*

Moser: Let's start with the first one – show format. Now, I'm going to tell you what I prefer, and that is a one show, 16 ring show, with 8 judges doing championship and premiership and veterans. I would like to include veterans. I don't know why we shouldn't be able to include veterans. Then the other 8 doing kittens and Household Pets. That's my proposal. **Black:** Like the old Internationals. **Moser:** Yes. **Black:** And still scored. **Moser:** Yes, and still scored. **Eigenhauser:** Except the old International was specialty. **Hannon:** Did you make a motion? **Moser:** I would like to make a motion that we have a one show format with 16 judges, 8 doing what I just said and 8 doing the other. **Black:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **Kuta:** Would we have to worry about any class getting over a certain number? **Hannon:** I seriously doubt you're going to get over 500 kittens. **Eigenhauser:** If we got over 500 kittens, move the Household Pets over to the guys doing championship. **Kuta:** OK. **Newkirk:** Did we do the specialty/allbreed? **Moser:** That's the next one. We're just now voting on format. **Hannon:** We're just talking at this point about how many shows we want. Do we want a red and a purple show, or do we want – **Newkirk:** One show. **Hannon:** All those in favor of one show.

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

- *How many - Allbreed and Specialty?*

Hannon: Next. **Moser:** How many rings? I mean how many allbreed and how many specialty? My proposal is, I would like to see 6 allbreed and 2 specialty. **Hannon:** George, you're going to hemorrhage over here? **Moser:** George, don't. **Eigenhauser:** I'm OK on premiership, I'm willing to live with it in championship. I still have a problem with kittens. **Moser:** Let me tell you why. Being on the west coast, there have been some comments that, "you know, you're not going to get the entries" and all this kind of stuff. It has to be enticing. It's got to be enticing to get these people there. If you're going to have allbreed rings and we're getting the entries, people are going to come. If they want those points, they are going to be there, so I want to make sure that people come to this show. I want to make sure that we get a large delegation from Asia and all over the world. Also from Europe, so I think if we make it that way, then I think it will be enticing and I think we can get the entries. **Hannon:** What we had in the past has resulted in a lot of exhibitors leaving that show hall with a rosette. What you're proposing is going to be a limited number of rosettes, particularly in the kitten class where you've got potentially 500 kittens. You're going to have a lot of them leaving with maybe a specialty rosette. **Moser:** But we're thinking of something else for that too, possibly. **Hannon:** You had better bring it up now, because we're discussing this. **Moser:** Yeah, but I don't know if it has to go to the board. It's on ribbons. I mean, I discussed it with Allene, just the two of us, and Mary that we do, everybody gets the rosette and put the little stickers on them. <no> **Colilla:** That would cheapen the show. **Moser:** I don't know that the board has to approve that. **Eigenhauser:** We can reject it. **Newkirk:** You got a big fat NO! **Colilla:** Six allbreed kittens would not work because you have a kitten age right, they could knock a bunch of people out. It would not work. You will have more unhappy people. **Hannon:** You're going to get a lot of negative feedback about, if you weren't able to maximize your points at that show, then you've lost a national win. **Colilla:** That's what happened at the Indy show. **Moser:** That's competition.

Eigenhauser: No, that's putting our thumb on the scale. **Hannon:** It's skewing the deck in favor of the kittens that are eligible then. **Black:** A lot of with kittens depends on when you were born, and if you're not the right age at the right show, with that many points at one show it's going to skew the results. **Moser:** Let's take this in two parts then. Is there an agreement on the championship and premiership for 6 and 2? **Black:** I would rather see 5 and 3. **Hannon:** Is that a motion? **Eigenhauser:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Pam's got a motion on the floor for 6 and 2 for championship and premiership. Is there any discussion? **Black:** I would rather not see it that high. I would rather go with 5 and 3. You don't want to 4 and 4. I would say 5 and 3 strikes a more happy medium than a 6 and 2. **Hannon:** Any other conversation? All in favor of 6 and 2 for championship and premiership.

Hannon: called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Colilla, Dugger, Krzanowski, Black and Anger voting no. Mastin abstained.

Moser: Alright, I can see that I'm not getting anywhere with kittens. How about if we compromise to 5 and 3? **Eigenhauser:** How about 3 and 5? **DelaBar:** 4 and 4. **Moser:** My motion is that we go 5 and 3 on the kittens. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Anger:** 5 which way? **Moser:** 5 allbreed, 3 specialty. **Newkirk:** I see no discussion. All those in favor of 5 and 3.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Kallmeyer, Brown, Kuta, Auth, Moser, Bizzell and Newkirk voting yes. Mastin and Eigenhauser abstained.

Eigenhauser: If there were 7 yes and 2 abstentions, that means there were 9 no votes. **Moser:** One board member is not here, so don't you break the tie, Mark? **Hannon:** What tie? **DelaBar:** There's no tie. **Moser:** There's no tie? **Hannon:** You can't have a tie with 19 people. **DelaBar:** There were 10 no's.

Newkirk: George, make a motion for 4 and 4. **Moser:** Oh for God's sake. **Hannon:** If you don't, he's going to go 3 and 5. **Eigenhauser:** That's my threat, so you better get 4 and 4 through. **Moser:** George is going to run it. [laughter] OK, 4 and 4. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion on 4 and 4, George? **Newkirk:** No, call the vote. **Hannon:** All those in favor of 4 and 4.

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

- *Show count - 1000?*

Moser: OK, show count. I want to stick with what it's always been, which is 1,000. We're not going to get 1,000. **Hannon:** What are you going to get? **Mastin:** You're going to split it 500 right? **Moser:** You mean for kittens and championship? Yeah, 500 each. **Mastin:** You want to go to a 1,000 count then. **Moser:** Yes. OK, I make a motion for 500 kittens and 500 adults/premiers. **Colilla:** And Household Pets and Veterans. **Hannon:** Household Pets where? With the Kittens? **Moser:** With the Kittens. **Eigenhauser:** Let's just call it 1,000 and then we can reallocate it if we have to. **Hannon:** All those in favor of 1,000 entry limit on the show.

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

Hannon: Next, do you want to split it 5/5? **Moser:** No, on the judges. **Hannon:** What about, are we going to split it 500 kittens/household pet and 500 – **Eigenhauser:** No, because we could always move the Household Pets over to Championship if we got 500 kittens. That’s why we went for 1,000 overall.

- *Judges- Alternate every other year.*

Moser: OK. Now, on the judges, I know it’s been said in years and I know Rich has heard this too, that some of the people are saying that they would like to see different judges. So, I make a motion that we alternate the judges so that each year – you can’t judge the International two years in a row, is what it basically is. You can judge it every other year. **Eigenhauser:** Didn’t we used to be 2 out of 3? **DelaBar:** It used to be 2 out of 3. **Moser:** I’m making a motion that if you judged it last year, you can’t judge it this year. The next year you could come back. I’ve got to make the motion first, then we have discussion, don’t we? OK, I make that motion. **Colilla:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion. **Mastin:** I just want to get it clarified. Is this just for 2017, or is this going forward? **Moser:** Well, I would like to see it going forward, but I don’t know. What do you suggest? I think it’s fair to give everybody a chance. **Black:** How are you going to have the judges chosen? **Eigenhauser:** That’s next. **Hannon:** Let’s not get into that yet. My concern is that the people who don’t like seeing the same judges every year are the judges who don’t get to judge it every year. The clubs vote for the people they want there, and if they happen to want the same judges every year, why give them a B list to select from? **Moser:** Why do you call it a B list? I don’t think that’s very nice. Maybe you don’t like how they judge but that doesn’t mean – **Hannon:** It’s not a matter of what I like, it’s the clubs prefer. **Moser:** I think there’s other judges that would like to do it. **Hannon:** Maybe there are other judges who would like to do it, but that doesn’t mean the clubs want to see those judges do it. **Moser:** That’s just my opinion. **Eigenhauser:** Part of the problem is that there are a lot of exhibitors that complain that it’s the same old judges, that it’s the campaigner judges, and what we really want are the judges that the local people will come and support the show. **Hannon:** They voted for them. **Eigenhauser:** No. The west coast has far fewer clubs than the east coast. **Hannon:** They picked somebody from Region 5. They picked somebody from Region 2. They have a say in this. **Eigenhauser:** If we’re doing it that way, but didn’t we also have an overall pick and a regional pick? I would like to make it all regional picks so that every region – **Hannon:** [gasps] How are you going to do that with 16 rings and 9 regions? **DelaBar:** The same way we did it last year. The regions pick – **Hannon:** He wants the regions to pick everybody. **Eigenhauser:** And then the second choice is, the committee picks. **Mastin:** That’s not how it works. **Eigenhauser:** But we’re going to need some west coast judges if you want to draw west coast exhibitors. You can’t have all the clubs in Region 7 picking the judges. **Hannon:** Melanie thought that was fine. **Newkirk:** Someone suggested that we select half the judges from the breed council members and half the judges from the clubs. **Hannon:** Once upon a time we had shows at Madison Square Garden and those judges were selected by the breed councils. They were the same judges that went to the International Show selected by the clubs. It’s the same people. **Moser:** OK, so where are we at? I need to make a motion first, I think, whether we need to do it every other year and either vote it up or down. If you don’t want to, then we’ll go back to how we’re going to pick them. Is that right? **Hannon:** OK, make a motion, get a second and we’ll discuss. **Anger:** There’s already a motion on the floor. **Moser:** I make a motion that we alternate judges, so if you do it one year you can’t do it the next year. **Bizzell:** Second. **Hannon:** Now, explain that to me. Is it effective – like if they judged last year they can’t judge this year, or does it start this year?

Eigenhauser: Effective immediately. **Moser:** Yes, if they judged in 2016, they can't do it in 2017. **Hannon:** Discussion. **Mastin:** I don't think we should lock ourselves in to "beyond." We should do it this year and then evaluate it. We might want to change it. Either way, we're going to go back at it and say we didn't like it, let's vote to change it. **Eigenhauser:** Make the motion for this year. It will be easier to pass. **Moser:** OK, I'll make it for this year only, and then to stop it the next year. **Hannon:** What she is saying, this year only if you judged last year you're not on the ballot. **Calhoun:** I second. **Black:** I know that I was able to judge the first one we had, and the board voted if you did it that year you weren't eligible the next year. After that, that changed and they opened it back up again and people were able to do it multiple years in a row, so the board I know has gone both ways on this. I judged last year so I'm going to abstain regardless, but my opinion is that the clubs are voting who they want. If they don't want to see the judges that got picked the year before, why should you take them off the ballot? That's just my own opinion. **Wilson:** I always take my name off the ballot for this and I always exhibit. I have exhibited at every one and while I hate flying with a cat, my plan is to exhibit at this show, but not if the clubs or whoever don't get to pick from all the judges. I mean, as an exhibitor I think those are the judges whose opinions I appreciate and I have enjoyed that the last few shows. **Moser:** I'm not strong on this, by the way. **Wilson:** That's just my opinion. **Auth:** I think we need to keep in mind what the percentage paper clubs are versus actual warm body clubs, so it isn't necessarily the clubs or the exhibitors that are making the choices, it's the clubs. If you've got 7 clubs, you've got 7 votes. I don't buy the thing that the clubs are picking, necessarily. **Hannon:** But by far the majority of the paper clubs are owned by exhibitors. **Eigenhauser:** But they're often older exhibitors that don't participate anymore. **Black:** They are still exhibitors. **DelaBar:** When it comes to my club, I have 25 of 29 who are in good standing right now so they can vote for director at large. Almost to a one of those clubs are show producing. **Hannon:** But you used to live in this country. You know that's not typical. **DelaBar:** But I am representing Europe here, and I've got to say, Europe wants to be able to pick. We have a limited number of judges in Europe and they want to be able to pick whoever they want. **Hannon:** What are you saying? You don't want the regions to pick everybody? **DelaBar:** I have to go back and say, I've been on this board when we first had the Invitational shows. Then we went to, you could judge 3 years but then had to lay off a year. Then we went back to, the hell with that, let's go and you can judge however the votes fall. That's basically what the clubs have wanted, is to vote the judges that they want in. I don't think that many paper clubs actually vote. **Hannon:** Mine do. **DelaBar:** OK, never mind. **Mastin:** One thing to keep in mind, if you eliminate all the judges from the previous year, which are the judges the clubs pick, you take them out of the line-up, it may negatively impact your entries because they are not comfortable with a different line-up, let's put it that way. I don't want to say B judges or anything, so that's something to keep in mind when you vote on this. **Eigenhauser:** Or it may improve the entries. You can get more little exhibitors, rather than just the campaigners. **Mastin:** It could. **Hannon:** That's not realistic. With 1,000 entries, you're going to get the campaigners. **Eigenhauser:** So then, what we should be focusing on is trying to get the locals who aren't campaigners. **Hannon:** I think you discouraged that when you went 6/2. **Eigenhauser:** At least we're 4 and 4 on kittens. **Hannon:** The 6/2 is appealing to the campaigners. **Auth:** I agree with George. We're going to get more rank and file people if there's a different variety of judges. It's the rank and file people who put all those numbers in there, not the campaigners. **Hannon:** I repeat, the 6 and 2 is going to discourage the rank and file, and encourage the campaigners. Those people, no matter who your slate is, they are going to think the competition is such that they don't have as good a shot in the

allbreed rings. **Eigenhauser:** Let's go 4 and 4. **Hannon:** Let's vote on the motion of, if you judged the show last year you cannot judge the show this year.

Hannon called the motion. **Tie Motion.** Calhoun, Eigenhauser, Auth, Colilla and Moser voting yes. Bizzell, Krzanowski, Kuta, Brown and Wilson voting no. DelaBar, Anger, Newkirk, Black, Maeda and Mastin abstained.

Anger: So, it's 5 yes and 5 no. **Newkirk:** You get to break the tie. One of those rare times when the pressure is on. **Hannon:** There is no pressure. I am voting for last year's judges, so it would be a no.

Motion Failed.

Moser: Alright, so we can have the same judges. That's fine. Now, I would like to make a motion that we do the same as we did last year with 1 from each region and then the rest by popular vote. **Hannon:** You don't want the rest by the show committee. **Moser:** Yeah, I'll take that. Yes, I'll make that motion. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Anger:** Say that again? One from each region and the rest by the show committee? **Moser:** Yes. **Anger:** Really? **Hannon:** Just keep in mind I'm on that show committee. All those in favor of 9 of the judges selected by their region and the remaining judges – what's that, 7? – selected by the show committee. **Newkirk:** Hold it. Discussion. You've got to call for discussion. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **DelaBar:** I still think it should be by vote of the clubs. It's a CFA event. **Hannon:** By vote of the clubs, do you want to do it like we did last year? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** OK, so you are a no. **Mastin:** Is there any other discussion. **Black:** If I can vote, I will also vote note. **Hannon:** Why can't you vote? You can vote because we're allowing you to judge this year. **DelaBar:** You can still judge and vote on it. **Hannon:** Every judge on this board is a potential judge at that show. **Newkirk:** If it went the other way, I was going to say those people who have a conflict of interest can't put their name on the list. **Hannon:** Any more discussion? It's 9 judges by the regions, 7 judges by the show committee.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, Moser, Dugger and Maeda voting yes. Calhoun, Newkirk, Anger and Mastin abstained.

Hannon: Do you want to make a motion, Pam? She wants to make the motion. **Newkirk:** You've got to call the no's. **Moser:** One in each region and the rest by the clubs. **Black:** Second. **Mastin:** Hang on a second. **Newkirk:** Point of order. Point of order. You need to call the no's. **Mastin:** Let's get the no's, let's get the abstentions. **Hannon:** Alright, there were two yesses on the motion. **Anger:** Four. **Hannon:** Four? Four yesses on the motion that it be 9 judges selected by the regions and 7 judges selected by the show committee. How many are voting against that motion. **Anger:** Kallmeyer, DelaBar, Brown, Colilla, Kuta, Auth, Krzanowski, Wilson, Black, Bizzell. Ten. **Hannon:** I don't understand, Mary, as a member of the show committee why you voted against it. **Newkirk:** Abstentions? **Auth:** Because I think the board will be under a microscope and they will say, "well, the board picked these." **Hannon:** Alright, abstentions. **Anger:** Calhoun, Newkirk, Mastin, Anger. **Hannon:** Would you say it failed? **Anger:** I would.

Hannon: Now, we're ready for the next motion. **Moser:** The motion was that we do it the same way – by the regions first for 9, and then 7 by all the clubs. **Anger:** At large. **DelaBar:** Second. **Hannon:** At large. Any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no. Newkirk and Mastin abstained.

Hannon: Would you say it passed? **Anger:** It did. **Moser:** I'm done. **Hannon:** You're sure? **Mastin:** We're not done. Are we going to do top 15, top 20? What are we doing. **Moser:** Oh, well, I have a definite opinion on that. All of those rosettes – those 20 rosettes – especially the championship class. That was just way overdone. Wait a minute. **Hannon:** Make a motion. **Newkirk:** 20. **Moser:** Personally I would like to have – in kittens I can see the 20. **Hannon:** Across the board? Specialty and allbreed? **Moser:** No. **Eigenhauser:** Oh come on. If you want to get local exhibitors, put it in the specialty. **Moser:** OK then, 20 in kittens. **Hannon:** Let it not be said you weren't willing to listen and compromise. **Moser:** But on championship I think it should be top 15 and premiership top 15, and household pets, because I do think we're going to get a lot of household pets. **Hannon:** You will on the west coast. **Moser:** I think 15. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** So, it's 20/15/15/15. **Newkirk:** 20 in Household Pets. There's going to be a ton of Household Pets there, I'm telling you. **Eigenhauser:** I'll withdraw my second. **Hannon:** You withdraw your second? **Moser:** Oh, you withdrew your second? **Eigenhauser:** Yes. **Moser:** OK. Is everybody OK with the 20 and 20 in kittens? <yes> We're OK, right. So, in championship are we OK with 15 allbreed? 20? What do people think? I need some consensus here. **Eigenhauser:** Let's do 20 for everybody. **DelaBar:** Yes, 20 across the board. **Moser:** You want 20 for everybody? Except for Veterans. We can't have 20 Veterans. We'll probably have 10. OK, 20 for everything and 10 [Veterans]. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. Oh, I can't, I'm abstaining. **Hannon:** Any discussion on 20 and 10? **Anger:** 10 for Veterans. **Hannon:** I had to have popcorn. This is such a good show. No more discussion? **Black:** I have a discussion. Are we going to vote separately on the number of placement for champions and premiers? **Hannon:** That's the next motion. All those in favor of 20/20/20/20/10.

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

Hannon: Do we want to do placements for champions and premiers? **Mastin:** 4 and 3. **Black:** No. **Moser:** What do you want to do? **Hannon:** Last year we gave out an additional spot for best champion or best premier. **Mastin:** So if you don't like it, call the motion and vote it down. That's what we did last year, OK? **Moser:** Last year was 4 wasn't it? **Mastin:** 4 in championship and 3 in premiership. **Hannon:** We added one in each category. **Moser:** So, did people like that? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Moser:** Do it the same. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** We're wearing you down. **Moser:** I know, so why go back and forth? **Newkirk:** If we did 5 and 3, it might bring more exhibitors. **Moser:** No, no. **Hannon:** Alright, did you make a motion for 4 and 3? Is there any discussion for 4 and 3?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk, Mastin and Black abstained.

Hannon: I'll say the motion carried. Is that it, Rich? Do you have more? **Mastin:** No, that's it. **Colilla:** Can I say something? Last International, I'm one of the last person to walk out the building. There must have been hundreds of rosettes sitting there that nobody picked up.

Hannon: We had them shipped out. We mailed them from Central Office. **Colilla:** OK, that's good to know because I was not aware. I thought that's a lot of money that's being thrown away. **Hannon:** The problem is, people are anxious to get home but we have to wait until we've score out the breed wins before we can hand out the breed rosettes and by then a lot of people had left. So, what the Central Office did was to pack them up and then they mailed them out from here to the winners that didn't pick up theirs. Did you get the not-so-subtle message they don't want stickers on their rosettes? Do you want to make a motion to tie her hands. **Eigenhauser:** I move, no stickers. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Hannon:** All those in favor of no stickers. **Anger:** For real? **Hannon:** For real.

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

Hannon: Rich is voting? **Mastin:** I'll vote for that one. **Hannon:** So the motion for no stickers passed. What's after this?

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Updates as necessary.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Mastin, Chair

(c) *Future International Show Committee*

Committee Chair: Rich Mastin

List of Committee Members: Rachel Anger, Kathy Calhoun and Allene Tartaglia

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Evaluating our options for future locations and potential growth opportunities.*
 - o *Based on our experience in Oaks Pa (2014 & 2015), gate income increased \$11,233.00 (+77.65% increase) in the second consecutive year (2015).*
 - o *Entries over the past five years:*
 - *2012 – 1,000 (Columbus, Ohio)*
 - *2013 – 990 (Novi, Michigan)*
 - *2014 – 879 (Oaks, Pennsylvania)*
 - *2015 – 703 (Oaks, Pennsylvania)*
 - *2016 – 718 (Novi, Michigan)*
- *We have asked Suburban Collection Showplace (Novi Michigan) to present a proposal for 2018, and for 2018 & 2019. Nothing has been received as of the date of this report.*
- *Hoping we have some time to review the questions presented to you below under Board Action Items. If time is not on our side, I encourage you to submit responses at your*

earliest convenience so that you could help guide the Board and the Committee on the direction of our future International Show Plans.

- *Rationale for discussion and shared thoughts:*
 - *The goal for this event has always been to produce a relatively financially sustainable, world class cat show which appeals to cat show exhibitors and will attract the cat-loving public.*
 - *With most CFA shows attracting a local group, The CFA International Cat Show (CIS) has paved the way for cat fanciers from all geographic locations to gather and celebrate the pedigreed cat.*
 - *The Judging School, now known as the Breed Awareness and Orientation School, debuted at the first International. Breed Council members have an opportunity to meet informally. The final cats competing in the Best in Show often move on to become National Winners.*
 - *Although the goal of the show has been achieved in many ways, we continually struggle to garner the large number of spectators a show the caliber of The International deserves. We believe there are two reasons for this: 1) the date of the show is too close to the Thanksgiving holiday and the family oriented group of spectators we seek to attract are busily preparing for the family oriented holiday, and 2) the transient nature of the show, i.e. moving the location on a continual basis.*
 - *Moving the date further from the Thanksgiving holiday may likely have a positive impact on reduced airfares for exhibitors and others required to fly.*
 - *Every successful event, including regional CFA cat shows, has one thing in common- the show stays in the same location year after year. There are a few exceptions, most notably the Super Bowl and the World Series, but it is football and baseball and our nation is obsessed with these sports. Dog Shows (Westminster, AKC Championship Show and Purina National Dog Show), NASCAR races, veterinarian conferences, auto shows, boat shows, craft shows, machine tooling shows, even the circus stay in the same location in many different cities – the list goes on and on of the types of shows that are held every year in the same location and normally on the same date/weekend of the month. The stability allows the show management to start planning, fine-tuning, and thinking how to improve the show for the next year all the while knowing they will be able to grow their attendee base. Attendees (and the media) know what to expect and plan accordingly.*
 - *You know where this is all leading – the consideration of a possible change in the show date and option for staying in the same location, ideally, a minimum of 5 years. To that end, please provide your input by responding to a few questions below.*

Board Action Items:

1. *Do you support the concept of moving the date of the International Show?*

- *If moving the date is a possibility, the new date will remain a black-out date (no other shows are permitted on the same weekend as the International Show). To help all clubs having to move to a new weekend, we should offer the current date with a one year exemption on Show License Fees and Entry Fee Surcharges. If Clubs are unable to use existing International Show Date, we may want to consider a two year exemption on Show License Fees and Entry Fee Surcharges.*
2. *Do you support the concept of remaining in the same location?*
 3. *Do you support the creation of a sub-committee to include a combination of non-Board Members and Board Members to investigate date and location options? Items to be considered include but are not limited to:*
 - *Centralized location and accessibility to a major airport.*
 - *Demographics: cat show exhibitors and cat owners.*
 - *Existing cat show dates.*
 - *Show hall and hotel affordability. Proximity of show hall to show hotel and ability to accommodate all exhibitors at one nearby hotel.*

Mastin: Future International Shows, we need direction. There's action items here. *Do you support the concept of moving the date of the International Show?* is question 1. *Do you support the concept of remaining in the same location?* is question 2, and [reads 3]. You've got the rationale. **Eigenhauser:** Is Portland available 2018? **Mastin:** I don't know. **Moser:** Of course it is. **Mastin:** I don't know. **Hannon:** What did he ask? **Eigenhauser:** Is Portland available in 2018? It seemed like a reasonable question. **Mastin:** It's a reasonable question but I don't know the answer. It could very well be. **Moser:** On that, I kind of would like to see how it goes this year. Could we talk about it after or is that too late? **Hannon:** The reason is, we're sort of having a hard time finding available locations if you're left sitting with a year to go. **DelaBar:** Just think how much that would thrill a friend of ours. **Mastin:** Are you keeping track or do you want me to? **Hannon:** Keeping track? **Eigenhauser:** Is he calling on people or are you calling on people? **Hannon:** I am. I thought you spoke. **Eigenhauser:** I would like to keep moving it around. I think that's the best way to reach the most people in the fancy. I do think, however, there is an advantage to being in the same location a couple years in a row to try to build gate, and that's the reason for my question. That's how I feel about it. **Mastin:** I just want to remind the group, there's three on here. One is the date, which is very important so we can get away from the holiday weekend. If we decide to do that, I don't know if Portland is available. We didn't look at future years. Then, as far as George's comment, the centralized location is to build gate, so there's nothing hidden there. We saw what happened when we were in Oaks. The gate increased by \$11,000. **DelaBar:** You're asking a lot of general questions here. If we give the committee the go-ahead to research some of this out and provide some specifics, I think we're going to (1) have problems with dates, because actually November is sort of prime time for Persians to be in condition and also your shorthairs are in condition at that period of time. It does add to the airplane costs and to the other charges being so close to a holiday, like we're finding with our annual meeting being so close to the 4th of July, but let's get some more specifics. I

would definitely support yes, do this and come back to us in April and let's see what we can hash out. **Moser:** I agree with what Pam is saying. I was thinking about this when I read the proposal, that really to get your kittens and your Persians, you have to go at least in October and you can't go to January. After that, cats aren't in coat and that's your prime kitten time, is right in through there. **Hannon:** Keep in mind also that if we move the date it's a blacked-out date with no other shows involved. If we go to a date wherever, it's going to be other shows that have that as a traditional date and we're going to have to throw them off that date. Now, he has some incentives he might offer them, such as, that weekend in November is now available, perhaps we give them a couple years of free show licenses or something to make up for the fact that they are losing a date that they have and they could lose gate, because the gate looks for them every year on that date. **Kuta:** We have clubs on the west coast – because so many west coast people travel, like there were a ton of Region 5 and Region 2 people at the shows in Novi and Oaks, and it really took a hit at our shows on weekends 3, 4 weeks out on either side, so I think for planning purposes we kind of really want to know where it is, but I'm fine with pushing it out a little bit. In fact, I already have clubs this year who know they're just not going to put on a show because, yeah. **Hannon:** The committee, in anticipation that you might approve it, we've already talked to some people about serving on the committee. We had two exhibitors we approached and they both said yes. One was Pam DeGolyer from the Midwest Region and one was Bobbie Irie from Region 2. So we thought those two people who show a fair amount would have some experience, having traveled around and know what facilities and what cities are easy to get into and out of, and it gives some west coast protection – somebody from out there with a west coast perspective. **Black:** Can we just vote on the committee part of this, to say come back with the other answers for us? **Hannon:** Are you making that a motion? **Black:** Yes, I am making that a motion. **DelaBar:** I'll second. **Eigenhauser:** I have a question. Do we even need to vote on the committee? Hasn't it always been our policy that the president appoints the committee chair, the committee chair then picks his own committee? **Hannon:** I'm just voting on a committee. **Eigenhauser:** I'm saying, why are we voting on a committee? Why don't we just appoint a committee chair and let him pick the people. **Hannon:** All we're doing is creating a committee. **Mastin:** It's a subcommittee. I think it's just out of respect for the board that we don't appoint a committee without letting you know what we're doing. We're saying hey, we want to look at these options. Pam, getting back to your comment about the time of year and the date, and somebody else mentioned it, I had commented to the person who is going to chair this committee that it can't be any sooner than October, it can't be any later than January. We've got a couple holidays in there, we've got some weather we've got to look at, so it's likely to be maybe sometime in October/early November. **Eigenhauser:** Who is the chair? **Mastin:** It's going to be Allene [Tartaglia]. She is the director of special events. **Colilla:** Moving the date is going to cause hardship for the clubs that have that weekend. The last three annuals landed on my Sternwheel show. I had a hard time finding a date. I had to bounce around and wheel and deal so I could put on a show. **Hannon:** What are you saying? **Colilla:** I had to wheel and deal to get a show date to put on a show, because I can't put on a show July 4th weekend and we are landlocked in the Great Lakes Region. I have to deal with Region 1, Region 7, Region 6. If you take one of my dates, you're causing me havoc. **Hannon:** We've already talked to somebody in your region who has a show on one of those weekends who said, "yeah, you can use it." **Eigenhauser:** But the motion isn't for that part of it. There were three points. This is only appointing a committee to look. **Colilla:** I know. I'm just saying, you know, moving a date. OK, that's fine. **Mastin:** The committee will come back with other findings if they see that with this

date, these are the clubs that are going to be affected. **Colilla:** I didn't know what club you're talking about. I'm just saying, it was my experience with my Sternwheel show. I had a hard time the last 3 years.

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

Hannon: Anything else, Rich? **Mastin:** I'm done.

Time Frame:

- *As indicated earlier, if we have time to review the questions for consideration would be helpful to get the ball rolling. If time does not permit I ask the Board to be prepared to review the questions at the upcoming April Conference Call Meeting.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Updates on each item in Board Action #3.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Mastin, Chair*

(16) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Club Name Change Request (Attachment A)

Current Name: North China American SH Fancier (International Division)

Proposed Name: Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier

Conflict with

Existing Names: Name does not conflict with any existing CFA club.

Reason: The club members are now not only American Shorthair breeders. Current club officials live in the east of China, which is where the new name comes from.

Action Item: *Approve the request by the North China American SH Fancier club to change their name to Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier, effective immediately.*

Krzanowski: The first item on the agenda is a club name change request. The action item is to approve the request by the North China American SH Fancier club to change their name to Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier, effective immediately. **DelaBar:** You have a motion on the floor, right? Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

New Club Applicants

Eight clubs were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment B). They are:

- *Asia Pacific All Breed Cat Fanciers, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China Dragon Town Cat Fanciers' Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China Harbin Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China South East Cat Fancier Club; International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China Yantze River Cat Fanciers' Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Comodo Cat Fanciers, Region 8, Edward Maeda, Director*
- *Mimi Got Swag Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Yun Nan Love Cats Team Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*

Asia Pacific All Breed Cat Fanciers (Attachment C)
International Division, Nansha, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 11 members. One member is a member of another club. All of the members are breeders with CFA registered cattery names and are actively exhibiting at CFA shows. Three members have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club that wishes to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats by holding shows in areas where there has been little or no activity thus far. If accepted, the club plans to produce several shows a year in the cities of Hangzhou, Wenzhou or Xiamen. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection institute. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** The first application is from Asia Pacific All Breed Cat Fanciers. This club is located in Nansha, China, a recently established state-level new area in Guangdong Province on the South China Sea coast. Guangdong is bordered to the north by Hunan, Jiangxi and Fujian Provinces. Nansha district is home to the port of Guangzhou and is governed by the Prefecture of Guangzhou, the capital of the province. While the population of the Nansha New Area is just 100,000, Guangdong Province itself is the most populous province in the country with a population of over 108 million. All the members are active breeders and exhibitors, and three members have clerking experience. This club wishes to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats in areas where there has been little or no CFA activity to date. If the club is accepted, they plan to produce several shows a year in Hangzhou, Wenzhou or Xiamen. I move that we accept this club. **Black:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Kallmeyer:** Just in general, I support all the clubs this time. A lot of the clubs are brand new areas and it turns out that that's where our competition has been trying to penetrate, so it's actually beneficial for us to spread out, to get away from the big cities. We've had a trend over the past years of two sets of shows – one the pointer shows and the other smaller shows that have been actually less than 100, so it's kind of bringing in new people and introduce. We're going to obviously have more problems getting them set up. I think they will learn and they will have assistance from other people. **DelaBar:** We have discussed this before on the board. We've got to look on the logistical side of the clubs that we're getting. I agree that we've got to cover these areas because you've got several organizations now that are trying to cut into our market in China. Logistically, how can we support – we have a club here that says it wants to put on several shows each year. Two weeks from now we've got 3 shows in China and 1 in Taiwan. That takes up 31 judges. How can we keep supporting more and more every weekend? We don't really have the number of judges to do this. I don't have a ready answer unless we say OK, everybody has got to go to no more than 8 rings. What I do in my region, if I have two shows in the region on the same weekend – one in Russia and one in Italy – they both have to have the same amount of rings. Something like this. We can't have one doing 12 rings and another one doing only 6 rings. They've got to have an even number of rings so one doesn't outdraw the other. We've got to come up with something. I don't have a ready answer for how we can support these clubs right now, but I think it's something we really need to consider – how are we going to logistically support these clubs? **Hannon:** My comment would be that we have more shows than that on many weekends in the United States. We're getting more registrations from Asia than we are from the United States. We're getting large shows over there. Why would we want to limit the shows there, with no limit here? There's a definite tie-in between registrations and entries. If they are giving us registrations, it's because we're putting on shows over there. **DelaBar:** I know that Mark, but we

need the judges if we're putting on more and more shows. **Hannon:** I was saying, if you're going to put on a limit, put a limit here. That's where it's growing [Asia]. That's where we're getting our income. **DelaBar:** Exactly, but we need the judges to be able to support the shows when we have club now saying they want to put on several shows. How are we, as an organization, going to support the activity that this club wants to do? **Eigenhauser:** Unfortunately, you're both right. We want to grow in China. We've got a huge exhibitor base in China. We've got a lot of growth in China. They have every right to have shows in China, but we don't have the judges to support it. I think our vote on these clubs should be on the merits of the club. If CFA needs to do something to deal with the logistics, we can talk about finding a way that's going to maybe bring in judges from other associations more easily, or a way to attract more people to our Judging Program, or if worse comes to worse capping the number of rings. If we do that, it should be across the board. But, it's a big problem and it's too big to answer in the context of whether Asia Pacific should be a club or not. I don't want to just blow off that issue because it is important, but I think we need to stay focused on these clubs and leave that problem for another day. Maybe task the Judging Program, what do you guys think is the solution to the problem with massive increases in the number of judges being needed, and just not that many people coming through the pipe. **Wilson:** It is an issue, but it seems to me it's like supply and demand anywhere. At some point, we've already got clubs in China trying to put on shows at the end of February and in March. They're going to have to have fewer rings. Because they tend to license their shows late, it's not really affecting so much clubs in North America and in Europe because they are booking their judges a little bit earlier. Some of the clubs in China are starting to realize this, so they are booking out not all of their judges, but what's happening is, what they planned as an 8 ring show, now that it's towards the end of the show season they are changing to a 10 ring show or a 12 ring show, but there aren't any judges available. Personally, I feel that we don't need any 12 ring shows and I'm not real crazy about the 10 ring shows. It doesn't do anything other than give points. That's a pointer show. Same with a 10 ring show. So, I think if we look at limiting it, we should look at limiting it across the board or back to doing it on an exception-only basis, but really limiting the rings and continuing to encourage people to think about the Judging Program and bringing folks along. We just took two new applicants, and I realize it takes some time. Region 9 has some new applicants. We've got people getting older and retiring. That's just a fact. We've got fewer breeders. So, we have a growth area. If they can't get judges, that's something maybe their representatives can remind these clubs of when they contact these new clubs and say, "you know, you might want to start with a smaller show, not so many rings, and get your judges early." Just reminders of those things, or you may not be able to have a show. I would be interested in seeing at some point how many of these shows in China are licensed less than two months or less than one month before the show. A lot. **Black:** I just wanted to make a point also. Like George said, we're voting on a club. We can't really predict what their future is going to be with shows and things like that. Just one thing on Guangzhou, I did judge a show in Guangzhou and it was a very small show. It was not a campaign show. We were in a mall and it was in coordination with a dog show, so the dog show people treated us like royalty, let us go in and watch the dog judging like we were judges almost. They have got a great relationship working with that area and some pet food companies and everything else. The people were just ecstatic to see the cats. It was not an area that CFA has ever had a show in before and there were some logistics with the travel distance to the airport and things like that, but we have that here. I'm just saying, these are areas that we need to expand to and we need to have our presence in. Whether or not they can get judges and put on shows or

not, that's in the future. I think we should just vote on the merits of the club. **Newkirk:** I think Pam is right to bring this to the attention of the board because I think it will be something that's going to impact us in the future. My question to Dick, do we have a limit on how many shows on a weekend there are in China? **Kallmeyer:** Basically 600 miles, so they could fit four. **Newkirk:** But we're typically having three on a weekend now? **Kallmeyer:** Two or three. **Newkirk:** Then we could have a show in Malaysia, we could have a show in Hong Kong. **Kallmeyer:** Outside of China there's different interactions, but we could have shows in Taiwan. That doesn't affect anybody. Singapore, really it's miniscule. It's basically southeast Asia is one group – so Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia is typically one show if they have it. Hong Kong eased up their restrictions, so Hong Kong and Malaysia can now work together. In fact, even Singapore can go there. China is isolated pretty much, and then usually one outside of there. Middle East, that doesn't affect any. **Newkirk:** But you're saying with the mileage limit it's going to cap out at 4 shows. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah. It would take a lot of planning. It has happened a few times. **Newkirk:** OK, if we keep adding clubs that want to have shows, we're going to have to have more than four on a weekend. **Kallmeyer:** Well, they can't. Physically you can't do it. **DelaBar:** I intend to vote on every, single one of these clubs because I think it's important for us to have a presence in each one of these areas, consider what's trying to take our market away from us. I do think that, one, does China have a show scheduler? **Kallmeyer:** We have one for the whole ID – Nadia, and she handles it fine. **DelaBar:** Nadia can handle anything, but we need to tell them that if they're going to be planning their activities, they need to be fairly quick at it and not be waiting on which sponsor is going to come up and to work with the sponsors and say, "we cannot always put on a 10 ring show," and advise these clubs as we bring them in to facilitate their planning and mentor these new clubs. Otherwise, we're going to find ourselves in even a worse position, and Rachel is going to go nuts trying to find judges for the shows. **Hannon:** I want to cut this off because we've got less than an hour left and I want to get into Breeds and Standards, because some of those breed council secretaries are here. So, all those in favor of the Asia Pacific All Breed Cat Fanciers.

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

China Dragon Town Cat Fanciers' Club (Attachment D)
International Division, Taiyuan, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 17 members. No member is a member of another club. Three members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA. Most of the remaining members are showing, with some planning to register CFA catteries and enter the Clerking Program. This is an allbreed club with a special interest in the British Shorthair and Exotic breeds. If accepted, the club plans to hold some educational lectures and produce several shows a year in Taiyuan City, Shanxi Province. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to the Animal Protection Agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next, Carol. **Krzanowski:** The next application is from China Dragon Town Cat Fanciers' Club. This club is located in Taiyuan, China, the capital and largest city of Shanxi Province in north China. Shanxi is situated southwest of Beijing and is bordered to the south and east by Henan and Hebei Provinces. Taiyuan has a population of over four million. The city has a rich history dating back to ancient times. It served as the capital or secondary capital for a

variety of dynasties, which is where the name “Dragon City” comes from. Present day Taiyuan is a main manufacturing base and one of the economic, political, military and cultural centers of North China. Some of the members are active breeders and exhibitors. The other members are showing, and some plan on registering catteries with CFA and entering the Clerking Program. If the club is accepted, they plan to hold some educational lectures and produce several shows a year in Tiayuan. I move that we accept this club. **DelaBar:** Second.

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

China Harbin Cat Club (Attachment E)
International Division, Harbin, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 13 members. No member is a member of another club. All of the members have CFA registered cattery names and are actively breeding and exhibiting in CFA. This is an allbreed club that plans to produce one or more shows a year in the cities of Harbin or Beijing. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to CFA. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** The next application is China Harbin Cat Club. This club is located in Harbin, China, the capital and largest city of Heilongjiang Province in northeast China. Heilongjiang is bordered to the south by Jilin Province and to the West by Inner Mongolia. With a population of over 10.5 million, Harbin holds sub-provincial administrative status and is an important industrial base for the country. The city also serves as a key political, economic, scientific, cultural and communications hub in northeast China. Because Harbin is situated in the far north of the country, the city is well known as the “Ice City” and is a popular destination for winter tourism and recreation. All the members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors. If accepted, this club plans to hold one or more shows a year, primarily in the city of Harbin. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

China South East Cat Fancier Club (Attachment F)
International Division, Fuzhou, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 20 members. No member is a member of another club. Several members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA. Most of the remaining members are exhibiting, four members have clerking experience, and some have show production experience. This is an allbreed club that wishes to hold breeding seminars and produce shows twice a year in the cities of Fujian, Nanjing or Wuxi. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to an animal-related charitable organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** Next is China Southeast Cat Fancier Club. This club is located in Fuzhou, China, a prefecture-level city that is both the capital and one of the largest cities in Fujian Province. Fujian Province is situated on the southeast coast of the country and is bordered to the north, west and south by Zhejiang, Jiangxi and Guangdong Provinces. With a

population of over seven million, Fuzhou is an important industrial center as well as the province's political, economic and cultural center. Several members are active CFA breeders and most of the remaining members are exhibiting. Four members have clerking experience and some have show production experience from helping other clubs produce shows. If this club is accepted, they plan on holding breeding seminars and producing two shows a year in the cities of Fujian, Nanjing or Wuxi. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

China Yantze River Cat Fanciers' Club (Attachment G)
International Division, Shanghai, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. No member is a member of another club. Three members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA. Most of the remaining members are exhibiting, with some planning to register CFA catteries and enter the Clerking Program. One member has show production and show sponsor experience. This is an allbreed club with a special interest in the Exotic, Scottish Fold and Ragdoll breeds. If accepted, this club plans to hold feline health talks and produce two shows a year in Shanghai or Chongqing. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to the Animal Protection Agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** Next is China Yantze River Cat Fanciers' Club. This club is located in Shanghai, China, a direct-controlled municipality on the Yantze River Delta in the central area of the east China coast. The city is a major port on the East China Sea and is bordered by Jiangsu and Zhejiang Provinces. Shanghai is considered the world's most heavily populated city with a population of over 24 million. The city is the commercial and financial center of the country, as well as a global financial center and transportation hub with the world's busiest container port. Three members are actively breeding and exhibiting in CFA, and one member has show production and show sponsor experience. Most of the remaining members are currently exhibiting, and some of them intend to register CFA catteries and enter the Clerking Program. If accepted, this club plans to hold feline health talks and produce two shows a year in Shanghai or Chongqing. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Comodo Cat Fanciers (Attachment H)
Region 8, Aichi, Japan; Edward Maeda, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 20 members. One member is a member of another club. Several of the members are active CFA breeders, and most of the remaining members are exhibiting pedigreed cats. The secretary has show production experience and has served as an officer in other clubs. This is an allbreed club that plans to produce an annual show in Nagoya, a city where there have been no shows held recently. The club also wishes to hold breed seminars to promote showing. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club

funds will be donated to a non-profit organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Japan Regional Director supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** The next club is Comodo Cat Fanciers. This club is located in Nagoya, the capital of Aichi prefecture in Japan. Nagoya is Japan's third largest metropolitan area with a population of over seven million. The city is a major Pacific coast port in Japan that is situated generally in the central area of the country, west of Tokyo and east of Osaka. Many international corporations including Toyota are headquartered in Nagoya, and many other corporations operate plants or branch offices there as well. Several members are active CFA breeders and have show production experience, while most of the remaining members are currently exhibiting. If accepted, this club wishes to hold breed seminars to help promote pedigreed cats, cat shows and exhibiting. The club plans to hold one show a year in Nagoya, where there has been no recent show activity. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Mimi Got Swag Club (Attachment I)
International Division, Dangyang, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 11 members. No member is a member of another club. The majority of the members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA, and the remaining members are cat lovers, some of whom work in rescue. This is an allbreed club that wishes to produce one or two shows a year in the city of Changsha. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to an animal-related charitable organization such as a shelter or rescue. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** Next is Mimi Got Swag Club. This club is located in Dangyang, China, a city in western Hubei Province. Hubei is centrally situated in China and is surrounded by a number of other provinces including Henan, Anhui, Jiangxi, Hunan, Sichuan, and Shaanxi. Agriculture continues to be Dangyang's most important industry, but as a rapidly growing city, it is now home to a variety of other industries as well. While Dangyang itself has a population of just over 100,000, Hubei province has a population of over 58 million. Most of the club members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, and the remaining members are cat fanciers. If accepted, this club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Changsha, the capital of neighboring Hunan Province in south central China. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Yun Nan Love Cats Team Club (Attachment J)
International Division, Kunming, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. One member is a member of another club and has show production experience. Several members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA, and the remaining members are cat lovers, some of whom own pedigreed cats. This is an allbreed club with a special interest in the Persian, British Shorthair and

American Shorthair breeds. If accepted, the club wishes to hold feline seminars and produce an annual show in the Southwest of China in the cities of Kunming, Dali or Guizhou. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be used to establish a cat shelter or donated to an existing animal relief organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Next. **Krzanowski:** The last application is Yun Nan Love Cats Team Club. This club is located in Kunming, China, the capital of Yunnan Province and its largest city. Yunnan Province is situated in southwest China and is bordered to the north and east by Sichuan, Guizhou and Guangxi Provinces. Kunming is a prefecture-level city with a population of over 6.5 million. Yunnan Province is not as heavily developed as many other provinces, mostly due to its geography. Because Kunming is located near the southwest border of the country, the city is an important transportation hub between southwest China and countries in Southeast Asia including Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar. Several members are actively breeding and exhibiting in CFA, and the remaining members are cat fanciers. If this club is accepted, they plan on holding feline seminars and producing an annual show in the cities of Kunming or Dali and possibly in Guizhou. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

February 2017 to April 2017 CFA Board teleconference.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Hannon: Welcome all of these eight clubs to CFA. Do you have anything else, Carol?
Krzanowski: That's it.

(17) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

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

Hannon: I'm going to move on to Breeds and Standards. What I want to do is, I see at least one breed council secretary and a breed committee chair out there, so I'm going to fast forward and handle theirs first since they are here today. I don't want to require them to come back tomorrow, so I would invite Melanie to come up to the table up here and Carissa, if you would join her up here we will do the Exotics and Persians first.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

a. *The Breed Council balloting process was conducted and the results were tabulated by Kristi Wollam in Central Office. Classmarker was used for the entire process with notification and codes generated by Kristi Wollam via email to each Breed Council Member. Hard copies of ballots were sent upon request and to those Breed Council members who do not have an e-mail address on file. Notifications regarding the process were sent to the Breed Council Secretary list, the CFA NEWS and the CFA List. Many thanks to Kristi for her assistance with this huge annual project. The Ballot results were entered on each Ballot and the Ballots were expertly formatted for the Minutes. Thank you, Rachel, for all your hard work on getting the Ballots ready for the voting process and then the results for the Board's review.*

b. *There were five Breed Councils that had no declared candidate for Breed Council Secretary. In that instance, the President will appoint a Breed Council Secretary for each Breed Council Secretary position that will become vacant at the beginning of the new term. The following agree to serve if appointed and are submitted for consideration by the President for appointment:*

<i>American Curl:</i>	<i>Michael Bull</i>
<i>Burmese:</i>	<i>Art Graafmans</i>
<i>Burmilla:</i>	<i>Stephanie Mohr</i>
<i>Manx:</i>	<i>Susan Murphy</i>
<i>Scottish Fold:</i>	<i>Bruce Russell</i>
<i>Singapura:</i>	<i>Ikuyo Takase</i>
<i>Turkish Van:</i>	<i>Linda Gorsuch</i>

Hannon: The first order of business would be the appointment on my part of breed council secretaries for those breeds in which nobody declared. The Breeds and Standards Committee went back to the existing breed council secretaries to ask if they would be willing to continue to serve. Several of them actually told Carla that they didn't realize the deadline had passed and they had every intention of declaring, and yeah, they wanted the job. I know that in the case of the Burmilla and perhaps the Singapura the existing breed council secretary was not interested, so they came up with alternative people to be appointed, so I am appointing the six people that are listed in your notes there to be the breed council secretaries for those breeds.

Bizzell: Plus the Turkish Van, Linda Gorsuch. **Hannon:** OK, so there's seven. Add Turkish Van, Linda Gorsuch, who was the breed council secretary, right? **Bizzell:** Yes, she is the incumbent. **Hannon:** Right, OK. So, of the seven, five of the people I am appointing were the incumbent breed council secretaries. Is there anything else before we fast forward to the Exotic and Persian breed council ballots?

c. We have verified and compiled the attached information concerning Bengals exhibited between 4/30/16 and 11/26/16. Statistics describing numbers shown, regions where shown, colors/patterns of exhibits and other statistical information are presented, as well as all the comments made by the Judges who handled them. Please refer to the Attachment 1 for this valuable information.

Hannon: Next I'm going to call Marie [Vodicka], the Breed Committee Secretary for the Bengals. Let's move to the Bengal ballot. **Bizzell:** They don't have a ballot. **Morgan:** Just a recap. **Vodicka:** It's important, I think. Is Melanie going to take the lead? I'm here to provide color and comment, and to answer questions. **Hannon:** We appreciate you coming here for color and comment. Melanie, do you want to start this? **Morgan:** A quick recap, just as we have done in the past for the Miscellaneous breeds. We created a spreadsheet. It takes all the show reports that the judges put together when the Miscellaneous cats are shown. I think it's an addendum. You have some of those statistics there. I think that the Bengals have made a very good showing, considering they started at the beginning of the show season. The information that you have on your spreadsheets reflects their activity through the end of 2016. There was no activity in the month of December, per se. I have since received January's information which I can add in. As you can see, there were 50 unique cats shown and 28 unique breeder/owners, which is a fairly impressive jump out of the gate. The majority of those cats, as you can see from these spreadsheets, come from the brown rosetted/spotted tabby, and then we have had a smattering of the other colors, with the silver rosetted/spotted tabby being our second most widely represented breed [sic, color/pattern]. The majority of the reports have been overwhelmingly positive. The Bengal breeders have done an outstanding job in presenting us with cats that have absolutely phenomenal temperament. They should be commended for that. With a very few exceptions – and usually it's the whole males who are feeling their oats, so to speak, they have all behaved incredibly well. They put up with a lot of poking and prodding from many of us, as we have kept them on the table while we talk in great depth with the breeders, who have been knowledgeable and interested. It has been an exciting first year for the Bengals. I think that there is a lot of promise there. I finally got to forward some of this information to Marie, who has now disseminated it to the other Bengal breeders out there. They are already to take action as they are starting to revise their standard to more closely reflect what we want to see in CFA. The frustration that I have, and it's legitimate, is that the report says that we have – the system that we have creates a situation where I'm taking information from a form that our judges fill out and trying to put it into a spreadsheet. The numbers are certainly important, but I'm also trying to get information from those reports and from the judges to give back to the breeders so that they can move forward and start to refine things so that they can move forward into championship, which is certainly where they belong. We're not getting a lot of detail.

Annette, did you talk about the Miscellaneous judging procedure at all during the Judging Program? We started near the end of last year a new way of kind of looking at the Miscellaneous breeders, where we actually have broken it out so that instead of the cats going individually to

each ring and being examined by that judge and that judge perhaps asking the same questions that the next judge might, we've broken it into groups and really got into some pretty in-depth conversations. It was the first time we started to see evaluations that were coming back that had some really helpful and useful information, and so I think near the end of this process this year we started to get somewhere with that, and so that's kind of where I am. The frustration that, out of a 10 ring show I may get 7 reports back, so 3 judges didn't even fill them out. Sometimes I can track those judges down and get the information. Sometimes because we get these in quarterly groups, it's so far past that the judges don't remember the cats. So, I'm getting limited reports. Then when I do get the reports, many of them just go *check, check, check* all positive, no comments. That doesn't help. It gives us numbers to check off boxes but it doesn't help Marie do what she wants to do. This woman wants to do things right. So, that's just kind of my summary of where the Miscellaneous breed is, except that I have one little caveat. The first Bengal has already won its first award – is that correct? **Hannon:** The first Bengal has what? **Morgan:** Already won its first award in CFA. At the International Show this year, agility 6th best. A registered Bengal. Carla, anything to add or can I turn it over to the board members and/or Marie? **Bizzell:** I have nothing to add.

Hannon: I did attend one of the shows where they did this different presentation. The show for one reason or another was going to start late, so they took advantage of that and they did the Bengals in a ring and had 4 judges, I think. A good percentage of the show hall had nothing else to do, so they came over and watched. They were fascinated by listening to the different judges' questions and getting the answers from the owners of the cats. The comments were that that was a particularly good class of Bengals. What I have been hearing is that the better Bengals aren't showing up at our shows because they can go someplace else and get wins with them. I can appreciate that point of view. For the same entry fee, they can be earning grands and regional wins in another association. Until we start giving titles, we're really not going to know how popular the breed is in CFA. **Morgan:** One last caveat before we open it up to questions. The one thing that I am getting from the evaluation forms over and over and over again is, this is a unique breed. It needs to be advanced, but we need to see more. That goes back to giving them feedback.

Newkirk: In December, Ellyn, Kim and Fred, Pam and I went over to Japan. After the show was over – didn't Kim send you her report? **Wilson:** Yes. It's down here. **Newkirk:** Anyway, the Japanese judges were afraid of the Bengals, so after the show was over we had people from TICA come in and we had 13 Bengals. We went through each and every one of them. We had some young ones to older ones. There was like the best Bengal in TICA in Japan Region was a Snow. It was really good. The Japanese judges came up and handled the cats. I think their fears got allayed. It was a fabulous event. Two of the people that have registered their cats in CFA and are coming over, showing a lot from the TICA shows over there, it was a really positive event, I thought. It got a really, really good turn-out. It was a lot of fun. **Black:** I was just going to make a comment. We give a discounted rate to the Bengals at our shows in the Gulf Shore Region. We want to encourage them. I know it's expensive just to show up to be handled, so we've been giving them a very discounted rate. I would encourage the other regions to do the same. **Vodicka:** I would say we appreciate that. It's helpful, especially when we're trying to bring multiple cats so they can see a bunch of different examples. **Kuta:** We're the only region that didn't have any Bengal breeders. **Vodicka:** You do now. **Kuta:** We're trying to get some. I'm like, what can we do to get them there? Most of our shows have AOV prices, usually \$20 or

\$30, so if that's a barrier let me know and I can figure out a way to get them in at even a lesser cost than that, but anything to do because I have been wanting to get them at my shows. I just didn't have any traction. **Vodicka:** We've been trying. I posted the San Diego show, since that's a big show. We had some Bengals there, six. They couldn't all come, but that show manager contacted me once before. I started plugging it and plugging it, so I will try. I have to say, we don't have as many CFA breeders on the west coast right now. That may change, but right now we're trying to encourage people. **Kuta:** Especially at our shows, like our one-day shows in the LA area, I know we would love to have it and really show it off, too. **Vodicka:** I'm trying to even put in a word or two to get them there. **Hannon:** An exhibitor approached me last week and said that she was not in favor of the Bengals coming in and at the last two shows she had been benched right next to a Bengal. She was amazed. There was no odor. There wasn't the loud noise she had heard about. She did a complete about-face on the breed because they were there at the show and she got some exposure to them. I think that's what's going to help the breed – when people see them at the shows and find out everything they heard about them wasn't true. She said they were just like any other cat.

DelaBar: What I was going to say is based on standards. I actually judge more of them guest judging for other associations. One thing with the standard I'm seeing is, the original cats that I was judging, for the head, smaller in proportion than what we're used to, to the body. Going back to the look of the wild. There is one – I'll get with you right after this to show you what I'm talking about. Two weeks ago I judged two Snow Bengals, different association. Brain dead. Whole males just sitting there totally brain dead, but I like the refinement that I'm seeing and that I had in Indonesia, the Bengals coming in. I hope to get more being shown coming from the other associations in Europe so we can get them help towards getting advanced. **Moser:** Brian and I went over to the TICA show last weekend. They had a large number of Bengals over there. There is a local breeder actually in the Portland area – not Portland, up in Washington. We really worked hard to try to get her to come to our Lewis & Clark show in December but there was another show so she couldn't. She was there and I talked to her. I also talked to Anthony [Hutcherson], “you really need to come to the International.” Anthony said he was really going to try and get there, so there are some Bengals and I am trying to get them to come to the International. I think that would be a great way for them to [inaudible]. **Vodicka:** We had a pretty good showing this year. I think we can definitely start working on Teresa now to get her to – she's got a lot of cats and could help bump up the numbers.

Hannon: I want to try and wrap this up because I wanted to end at 5 and it's already after 5. **Morgan:** One other thing on the Bengals. One issue we have had is, there were a number of cats that were disallowed because of either the fact that they were entered incorrectly – they didn't have registration numbers, they had registration numbers that didn't exist, or they had TRN numbers which is not acceptable. I would like – and this is a Central Office thing – to see if we can put something, when we send the file out to the entry clerks with the TRN numbers, for you to send a letter that explains that they are not to accept Bengals unless they have registration numbers, or something like that. **Hannon:** Unless both parents are CFA registered. **Morgan:** Right. **Hannon:** If they're trying to do it by pedigree, we don't allow that. **Vodicka:** I'm going to try to reinforce that. At the beginning of the show season people were confused. I think a bunch of people finally got it and there's still some people who didn't. We'll reinforce that. **Hannon:** That holds true for agility, as well. Bengals are involved in agility. They can't be

involved in agility unless they've got a CFA registration number or a TRN, based on parents that are both CFA registered.

d. The BCS Code review/revision process is near completion. The total list of BCS codes for each breed was reviewed by both Breeds and Standards as well as each Breed Council Secretary. Each breed's code set has been marked with changes to be made and delivered to Central Office for revision. I would like to thank Central Office and the Breed Council Secretaries for their help in completing this valuable project.

e. Proposals for Breed Committee: There have been two proposals come to us for revisions to the requirements for Breed Committee Membership. Here are the current requirements:

Eligibility Requirements for Individual Breed Committee Membership

Requirements for the initial year for a New Breed:

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

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

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

Proposal 1: *Remove the second and subsequent years' requirement for exhibition of a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed within the previous calendar year (Item #6 above).*

Rationale: *There are numerous locations where there are NO CFA shows, such as Australia. It is unfair that breeders in Australia, or other locations where the closest CFA show is 1500 to 2000 kilometers away, be prohibited from belonging to their Breed Committee.*

Proposal 2: *For the second year of a New Breed, reduce the breeding requirement from three litters to two litters of the appropriate breed.*

Rationale: *Once a breed is established and a breeder is eligible to join the Breed Committee, one is only required to register one litter of the appropriate breed within the previous calendar year to remain qualified. If the requirement is reduced from three to two litters for the second year only of a new breed, we will meet the requirement for registering at least two litters for the second year and a total of three litters for the third year (with at least one litter registered within the previous calendar year).*

Morgan: The other thing is, Carla, do you want to go to the item that's about breed committees, because that involves the Bengals. **Bizzell:** Right. It's under (e) on the report. We've got two proposals for changes to breed committee membership requirements. The first one was withdrawn. The second one which Marie suggested is, right now for the second year of a new breed, in order to be a member they must have breed and registered 3 litters of the breed. She suggested we might get more continued participation if we reduced that to 2 for the second year of a new breed and then 3 the third year of the breed. The proposal is written out. **Hannon:** Are you making that motion? **Bizzell:** Yes, I'm making that a motion. **Eigenhauser:** And this is for all new breeds, not just Bengals? **Bizzell:** All new breeds. We're not talking just Bengals. All new breeds. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Hannon: Congratulations Marie. Alright, I adjourn the meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continue to support Central Office as needed.

Continue to assist the Bengal Breed Committee with the advancement process.

Future Projections for Committee:

Solicit input on agenda for the June Breed Council Secretaries meeting with the Board of

Directors. Ensure revisions are correctly made to each breed's Rules of Registration and Breed Standards/Show Rules. Update list of organizations from which we will accept pedigrees

Action Items:

Vote on items passed on various Breed ballots.

Appointment of Breed Council Secretaries for those Breed Councils that had no declared candidate.

Vote on each proposal to modify requirements for Breed Committee Membership.

Breed Council Ballots

Breed Council/Committee Ballots – copies of ballots/results provided to all Board Members on File Vista, vote on standard changes passed by 60% or more of voting breed council members and consider nonstandard changes, proposals and informational items.

<i>Breed</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Ballots Returned</i>
<i>Abyssinian</i>	63	47
<i>American Bobtail</i>	17	8
<i>American Shorthair</i>	38	25
<i>American Wirehair</i>	13	6
<i>Balinese/Javanese</i>	43	35
<i>Bengal</i>	90	77
<i>Birman</i>	64	39
<i>Bombay</i>	15	9
<i>British Shorthair</i>	34	18
<i>Burmilla</i>	5	4
<i>Chartreux</i>	23	9
<i>Colorpoint SH</i>	38	31
<i>Cornish Rex</i>	36	24
<i>Devon Rex</i>	28	15
<i>Egyptian Mau</i>	26	12
<i>European Burmese</i>	15	9
<i>Exotic</i>	83	63
<i>Havana Brown</i>	15	11
<i>Japanese Bobtail</i>	27	25
<i>Korat</i>	9	7
<i>LaPerm</i>	6	6
<i>Maine Coon Cat</i>	98	42
<i>Manx</i>	24	13
<i>Norwegian Forest</i>	22	12
<i>Ocicat</i>	24	12
<i>Oriental</i>	68	46
<i>Persian-General</i>	229	195
<i>RagaMuffin</i>	17	15
<i>Ragdoll</i>	13	5
<i>Russian Blue</i>	29	16
<i>Scottish Fold</i>	25	13
<i>Selkirk Rex</i>	15	10
<i>Siamese</i>	78	45
<i>Siberian</i>	8	5
<i>Somali</i>	18	9
<i>Sphynx</i>	9	3
<i>Tonkinese</i>	42	24
<i>Turkish Angora</i>	28	22

2016 Breed Council Secretary Election Results

Abyssinian

Members.....63
Ballots received.....47
Martha Auspitz.....25 **Elected**
Sue Truesdell.....22
Abstain0

American Bobtail

Members.....17
Ballots received.....8
Shelby Friemoth.....5 **Elected**
Abstain3

American Shorthair

Members.....38
Ballots received.....25
Bob Zenda21 **Elected**
Abstain4

American Wirehair

Members.....13
Ballots received.....6
Jan Rogers.....6 **Elected**
Abstain0

Balinese/Javanese

Members.....43
Ballots received.....35
Debra Noggle.....14
Howard Webster.....21 **Elected**
Abstain0

Bengal

Members.....90
Ballots received.....77
Rich Nolte.....38
Marie Vodicka.....39 **Elected**
Abstain0

Birman

Members.....64
Ballots received.....39
Karen Lane.....22 **Elected**
Abstain17

Bombay

Members.....15
Ballots received.....9
Jeri Zottoli9 **Elected**
Abstain0

British Shorthair

Members.....34
Ballots received.....18
Cynthia Byrd16 **Elected**
Abstain2

Chartreux

Members.....23
Ballots received.....9
Orca Starbuck9 **Elected**
Abstain0

Colorpoint Shorthair

Members.....38
Ballots received.....31
Kathryn Brady16 **Elected**
Patricia Decano14
Abstain1

Cornish Rex

Members.....36
Ballots received.....24
Nancy Dodds18 **Elected**
Barbara Morrow.....6
Abstain0

Devon Rex

Members.....28
Ballots received.....15
Linda Peterson15 **Elected**
Abstain0

Egyptian Mau

Members.....26
Ballots received.....12
Melanie Morgan.....8 **Elected**
Abstain4

European Burmese

Members.....15
Ballots received.....9
Judith Bemis.....7 **Elected**
Abstain2

Exotic

Members.....83
Ballots received.....63
Penni Richter.....57 **Elected**
Abstain6

Havana Brown

Members.....15
Ballots received.....12
Kathleen Hoos.....10 **Elected**
Abstain1

Japanese Bobtail

Members.....27
Ballots received.....25
Karen Bishop11
Marianne Clark.....14 **Elected**
Abstain0

Korat

Members.....9
Ballots received.....7
Cheryl Coleman.....7 **Elected**
Abstain0

La Perm

Members.....6
Ballots received.....6
Dennis Ganoe.....6 **Elected**
Abstain0

Maine Coon

Members.....98
Ballots received.....42
Trudie Allen.....32 **Elected**
Abstain10

Norwegian Forest Cat

Members.....22
Ballots received.....12
Katherine Barie9 **Elected**
Abstain3

Ocicat

Members.....24
Ballots received.....12
Sonja Moscoffian9 **Elected**
Abstain3

Oriental

Members.....68
Ballots received.....46
Rachel Anger.....29 **Elected**
Dotti Olsen.....17
Abstain0

Persian

Members.....229
Ballots received.....195
Carissa Altschul105 **Elected**
Hope Gonano86
Abstain4

Ragamuffin

Members.....17
Ballots received.....15
Laura Gregory.....9 **Elected**
Sara Thornton.....6
Abstain0

Ragdoll

Members.....13
Ballots received.....5
Isabelle Bellavance5 **Elected**
Abstain0

Russian Blue

Members.....29
Ballots received.....16
Annette Wilson15 **Elected**
Abstain1

Selkirk Rex
 Members.....15
 Ballots received.....10
Laura Jo Barber.....9 **Elected**
 Abstain1

Siamese
 Members.....78
 Ballots received.....45
Mary Kolencik.....30 **Elected**
 Abstain15

Siberian
 Members.....8
 Ballots received.....5
Sherrie Phelps5 **Elected**
 Abstain0

Somali
 Members.....18
 Ballots received.....9
Tammy Roark.....9 **Elected**
 Abstain1

Sphynx
 Members.....9
 Ballots received.....3
Cyndee Gause.....2 **Elected**
 Abstain1

Tonkinese
 Members.....42
 Ballots received.....24
Claire Dubit.....13 **Elected**
 Deborah Parker11
 Abstain0

Turkish Angora
 Members.....28
 Ballots received.....22
 Daniel Beaudry.....4
Alene Shafnisky.....18 **Elected**
 Abstain0

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing at this time

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

The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.
2016 BREED COUNCIL POLL

[NOTE: “No action taken” indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding down).]

ABYSSINIAN

Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Meg Lambert – Attleboro, MA
 Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Martha Auspitz – Louisville, KY
 Total Members: 63
 Ballots Received: 47

- 1. PROPOSED:** Under “Abyssinian Colors,” change the color description:

Current:

RED (cinnamon gene): coat rich, warm glowing red, ticked with chocolate-brown, the extreme outer tip to be dark, with red undercoat. Tail tipped with chocolate-brown. The underside and inside of legs to be a tint to harmonize with the main color. **Nose leather:** rosy pink. **Paw pads:** pink, with chocolate-brown between toes, extending slightly beyond the paws.

Proposed:

RED (cinnamon gene): coat rich, warm glowing red, ticked with chocolate-brown, the extreme outer tip to be darkest, with red-orange undercoat. Tail tipped with chocolate-brown. The underside and inside of legs to be a tint to harmonize with the main color. **Nose leather:** rosy pink. **Paw pads:** pink, with chocolate-brown between toes, extending slightly beyond the paws.

RATIONALE: This slight change makes all color descriptions uniform.

YES: 32

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 0

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 47

60% of Voting: 29

Hannon: OK, we're going to start with Abys, right? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Hannon:** Starting at the beginning. I don't know which one of you has Abys. **Bizzell:** Abyssinians had two items. Only one of them passed and it is a standard issue where they are changing the wording slightly for the red color description to make it more consistent with the other descriptions. It passed. Can I put out a standing motion? I so move. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Is that a standing second, George? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Hannon:** Alright. Is there any discussion on this?

Motion Carried.

- 2. **PROPOSED:** Change the color RED (cinnamon gene) to simply CINNAMON. The term "red" is used in the following sections and will be modified if the cinnamon terminology is accepted.

Current:

ABYSSINIAN COLORS

...

RED (cinnamon gene): ...

EARS: ... Hair on ears very short and close lying, preferably tipped with black on a ruddy Abyssinian, chocolate-brown on a red Abyssinian, slate blue on the blue Abyssinian, or light cocoa-brown on a fawn Abyssinian.

DISQUALIFY: ... Any black hair on red Abyssinian. ...

Proposed:

ABYSSINIAN COLORS:

...

~~RED (cinnamon gene):~~ CINNAMON:

EARS: ... Hair on ears very short and close lying, preferably tipped with black on a ruddy Abyssinian, chocolate-brown on a ~~red~~ cinnamon Abyssinian, slate blue on ~~the a~~ blue Abyssinian, or light cocoa-brown on a fawn Abyssinian.

DISQUALIFY: ... Any black hair on ~~red~~ a cinnamon Abyssinian. ...

RATIONALE: The color is genetically cinnamon. Other CFA breeds (Ocicat, OSH) use the word cinnamon. Other registries recognize self-red (sex-linked) Abyssinians and they are called “red.” TICA has only recently moved from “sorrel” to cinnamon to avoid any further confusion. Calling the cinnamon Abyssinian by its correct genetic name should help avoid any future confusion.

YES: 20

NO: 25

ABSTAIN: 2

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 45

60% of Voting: 27

No Action.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Bob Zenda – Sierra Vista, AZ

Total Members: 38

Ballots Received: 25

1. **PROPOSED:** Remove “brilliant” from all gold eye colors and simply refer to the eye color as “gold”.

Current:

WHITE: pure glistening white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** deep blue or brilliant gold. Odd-eyed whites shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. **Nose leather:** black. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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SHELL CAMEO (Red Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on back, flanks, head, and tail to be sufficiently tipped with red to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest white. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SHADED CAMEO (Red Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of red tipping shading down the sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much redder than the shell cameo. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BLUE SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue, with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CAMEO SMOKE (Red Smoke): white undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask red with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: white undercoat deeply tipped with black with clearly defined, unbrindled patches of red and cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell. Cat in repose appears tortoiseshell. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face and ears tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White ear tufts. Blaze of red or cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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CREAM SHELL CAMEO (Cream Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on back, flanks, head and tail to be sufficiently tipped with cream to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach and legs white: **Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM SHADED CAMEO (Cream Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of cream tipping shading down the sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much more cream than the cream shell cameo. **Nose leather, rims of eyes, and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE CREAM SMOKE: white undercoat deeply tipped with blue with clearly defined, unbrindled patches of cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the blue cream. Cat in repose appears blue cream. In motion, the white is clearly apparent. Face and ears blue cream pattern with narrow band at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted. White ear tufts. Blaze of cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BLUE SMOKE AND WHITE: white with portions of blue smoke. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE AND WHITE: white with portions of tortoiseshell smoke. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SHELL CAMEO AND WHITE: white with portions of shell cameo. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SHADED CAMEO AND WHITE: white with portions of shaded cameo. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SMOKE CAMEO AND WHITE: white with portions of smoke cameo. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of cream on the face is desirable. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of red and/or cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

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RED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin to match the color around the eyes. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color off-white. Markings red. The cameo tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Dilute Cameo) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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SILVER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of silver tabby **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

CAMEO TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RED TABBY AND WHITE: (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Dilute Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

BLUE SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Blue Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL: black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** black and/or brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CHINCHILLA SHADED TORTOISESHELL (shell tortoiseshell): undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with black and well-defined patches of red and/or cream as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. The cat is in appearance a chinchilla silver with patches of red tipping. Blaze of cream or red tipping desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of black tipping and clearly defined patches of red and cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell. Blaze of red or cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE CHINCHILLA SHADED TORTOISESHELL (Dilute Shell Tortoiseshell): undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with blue and well-defined patches of cream as in the pattern of the blue cream to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. The cat is in appearance a dilute chinchilla silver with patches of cream tipping. Blaze of cream tipping desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of blue tipping and clearly defined patches of cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the blue cream. Blaze of cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

CALICO: white with distinct patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Tabby markings are allowed in the red patches. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

DILUTE CALICO: white with distinct patches of blue and cream. Tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE-CREAM: blue with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of cream acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BI-COLOR: white with unbrindled portions of black, white with unbrindled portions of blue, white with unbrindled portions of red, or white with unbrindled portions of cream. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

Proposed:

WHITE: pure glistening white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** deep blue or brilliant gold. Odd-eyed whites shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. **Nose leather:** black. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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SHELL CAMEO (Red Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on back, flanks, head, and tail to be sufficiently tipped with red to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest white. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SHADED CAMEO (Red Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of red tipping shading down the sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much redder than the shell cameo. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BLUE SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue, with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CAMEO SMOKE (Red Smoke): white undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask red with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: white undercoat deeply tipped with black with clearly defined, unbrindled patches of red and cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell. Cat in repose appears tortoiseshell. In motion the white undercoat is clearly

apparent. Face and ears tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White ear tufts. Blaze of red or cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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CREAM SHELL CAMEO (Cream Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on back, flanks, head and tail to be sufficiently tipped with cream to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach and legs white: **Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM SHADED CAMEO (Cream Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of cream tipping shading down the sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much more cream than the cream shell cameo. **Nose leather, rims of eyes, and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE CREAM SMOKE: white undercoat deeply tipped with blue with clearly defined, unbrindled patches of cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the blue cream. Cat in repose appears blue cream. In motion, the white is clearly apparent. Face and ears blue cream pattern with narrow band at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted. White ear tufts. Blaze of cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BLUE SMOKE AND WHITE: white with portions of blue smoke. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE AND WHITE: white with portions of tortoiseshell smoke. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SHELL CAMEO AND WHITE: white with portions of shell cameo. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SHADED CAMEO AND WHITE: white with portions of shaded cameo. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BLUE PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of cream on the face is desirable. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of red and/or cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

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RED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin to match the color around the eyes. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color off-white. Markings red. The cameo tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Dilute Cameo) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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SILVER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of silver tabby **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

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CAMEO TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RED TABBY AND WHITE: (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Dilute Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

BLUE SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Blue Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL: black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** black and/or brick red. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

CHINCHILLA SHADED TORTOISESHELL (shell tortoiseshell): undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with black and well-defined patches of red and/or cream as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. The cat is in appearance a chinchilla silver with patches of red tipping. Blaze of cream or red tipping desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of black tipping and clearly defined patches of red and cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell. Blaze of red or cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE CHINCHILLA SHADED TORTOISESHELL (Dilute Shell Tortoiseshell): undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with blue and well-defined patches of cream as in the pattern of the blue cream to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. The cat is in appearance a dilute chinchilla silver with patches of cream tipping. Blaze of cream tipping desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of blue tipping and clearly defined patches of cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the blue cream. Blaze of cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

CALICO: white with distinct patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Tabby markings are allowed in the red patches. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

DILUTE CALICO: white with distinct patches of blue and cream. Tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BLUE-CREAM: blue with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of cream acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BI-COLOR: white with unbrindled portions of black, white with unbrindled portions of blue, white with unbrindled portions of red, or white with unbrindled portions of cream. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

RATIONALE: 1) None of the other American Shorthair eye colors are emphasized with a modifier such as “brilliant”. This has led to occasional confusion that the gold eye color needs to be exceptionally bright or brilliant. 2) In some coat colors where more than one eye color is allowed (example: Black Smoke), eye color is only referred to as “gold” (not “brilliant gold”). This change would apply consistency throughout the Standard.

YES: 21

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 25

60% of Voting: 15

Hannon: Next. **Bizzell:** OK, American Shorthair. They had four items and all four of them passed. The first one is – and this is very, very long because our requirements are, we write out each thing that has to be changed, even if it’s the same thing over and over again, so it takes up several pages but it’s very simple. Right now their gold eye color calls for brilliant gold and they want to change that to just gold, like it is in most standards, I guess. That passed by more than 60%. So moved. **Hannon:** We have a standing second. Is there any discussion?

Motion Carried.

2. PROPOSED: Remove Shaded colors from Bi-Color & Van Bi-Color and Smoke & White Color classes and create new Shaded & White class.

Current:

American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

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Smoke & White (including Vans)..... 7024 7025
*(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White,
Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Shell Cameo &*

White, Shaded Cameo & White, Smoke
Cameo & White)

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Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color.....0770 0771
(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White,
Black & White, Shaded Silver & White,
Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Calico &
White, Dilute Shaded Calico & White, Blue
Shaded Silver & White)

Proposed:

American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

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Smoke & White (including Vans)..... 7024 7025
(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White,
Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, ~~Shell Cameo &~~
~~White, Shaded Cameo & White, Smoke~~
Cameo & White)

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Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color.....0770 0771
(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White,
Black & White, ~~Shaded Silver & White,~~
~~Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Calico &~~
~~White, Dilute Shaded Calico & White, Blue~~
~~Shaded Silver & White)~~

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Shaded and White XXXX XXXX
(Shaded Silver & White, Chinchilla Silver &
White, Shaded Calico, Dilute Shaded Calico,
Blue Shaded Silver & White, Shaded Cameo
& White, Shell Cameo & White)

RATIONALE: This change resolves previous placement of the Shaded Colors into color classes inconsistent with their color descriptions.

YES: 21

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 25

60% of Voting: 15

Hannon: Second one. **Bizzell:** The second item is, currently in the Smoke and White color class is a color class change where they have the shaded in with the smokes, which is incorrect. They wanted to add a color class for shaded and white. That passed. It's a standard change and it passed. So moved. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Wilson:** Usually when someone wants to add a color class, we ask them how many cats are in that, since the only reason to have

a color class – winners ribbons – has gone by the wayside unless they are looking for additional color awards. Don't we have requirements – maybe we do, maybe we don't – for how many points you have to have for a color award? So, how many cats are shown or registered in those colors? **Bizzell:** I would say probably a fairly few amount. The question here is, right now the way it's written is incorrect. **Wilson:** I'm not sure what you mean by incorrect. **Bizzell:** We have shaded cats in the Smoke and White color class. Shaded and whites are in with smoke and white. It's a Smoke and White color class. **Hannon:** She is asking how many are registered. **Bizzell:** I can't tell you that. **Wilson:** I don't think we need another color class. They can just rename the color class they have, right? **Bizzell:** Right, and I had the same argument. It needs to be fixed one way or the other, but we can't fix it. **Hannon:** We can vote it down and let them come back next year with a renamed color class. **Wilson:** We're moving away from adding color classes. **Newkirk:** I don't think it makes any difference anymore how many color classes we have, because the wins are based on qualifying rings. What they have in here now is incorrect. They offered a logical fix for it and I don't see the problem of us hanging one extra best of color ribbon. **Hannon:** But then you end up regionally and nationally with best and second best of color for the new color. **DelaBar:** If they don't make enough points, then we don't award it. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion? **Black:** We could either rename the existing color class to include the colors that are in there that are incorrect, or we can move them out. **Hannon:** That's what they just suggested. We can't dictate that, right? **Bizzell:** Right. **Hannon:** The breed council has to vote on it, so what I said a few minutes ago was, if that's our position then we need to vote this down and have them come back next year with a renamed color class, whereas Darrell is arguing against that. He's saying, why don't we just go ahead and let them have it? What's the damage? **Newkirk:** It just makes more sense from a genetics point of view. It's a different gene. We don't care anything about genetics, I guess. **Hannon:** All those in favor of adding this color class.

Motion Carried. Calhoun, Colilla, Bizzell, Eigenhauser, Krzanowski and Wilson voting no.

3. **PROPOSED:** Change the eye color description for the Brown Tabby family of colors from “brilliant gold” to “gold or hazel, shades of gold preferred”.

Current:

BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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BROWN TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

Proposed:

BROWN PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** ~~brilliant~~ gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

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BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** ~~brilliant~~ gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

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BROWN TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** ~~brilliant~~ gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** ~~brilliant~~ gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

RATIONALE: As one of CFA's natural breeds, intermixing of coat colors, patterns and eye colors promotes genetic diversity, naturally producing ranges of eye color in cats of these four color patterns which should not be penalized. While the existing standard of "brilliant gold" for these four colors sounds and indeed looks wonderful, it is simply rare, if ever seen.

YES: 15

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 1

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 24

60% of Voting: 15

Bizzell: Next item, #3, for the brown tabby family of colors, they wanted to change the requirement for eye color from brilliant gold to gold or hazel, shades of gold preferred. It's a standard change and it passed the breed council. So moved. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Motion Carried.

4. **PROPOSED:** Housekeeping change to correct the color title for Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell.

Current:

DILUTE CHINCHILLA SHADED TORTOISESHELL

Proposed:

DILUTE CHINCHILLA ~~SHADED~~ TORTOISESHELL

RATIONALE: To correct the color name.

YES: 22

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 2

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

Bizzell: #4 is a housekeeping change to correct the color title for dilute chinchilla tortoiseshell. Right now it reads dilute chinchilla shaded tortoiseshell. That's completely wrong, so it's a standard change and it passed. So moved. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Motion Carried.

BIRMAN

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Karen Lane – Delray Beach, FL
 Total Members: 64
 Ballots Received: 39

1. **PROPOSED: Reinstate** AOV Color Class Codes and revise the Rules for Registration to allow for the registration of AOV Birman colors/patterns.

Current:

REGISTER AS AOV:

None			
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Proposed:

REGISTER AS AOV:

<u>None Any color not recognized in the Birman color standard.</u>			
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YES: 19

NO: 20

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 39
 > 50% of Voting: 20

No Action.

2. **PROPOSED:** If Proposal #1 passes, **PROPOSED** to assign an AOV Color Class number:

Current:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
 and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Birman Color Class Numbers

Chocolate Point.....	0180	0181
...		
AOV	None	None

Proposed:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
 and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Birman Color Class Numbers

Chocolate Point	0180	0181
...		
AOV	None-XXXX	None-XXXX

RATIONALE: Unfortunately our breed continues to decline in registered numbers in a time when CFA is seeing a large increase due to the expansion in the International and Asia areas of our world. One of the responsibilities of the Breed Council is to insure the future of our breed, both in numbers and in health.

By reinstating AOV in our “Color Class Numbers”, thereby, allowing Birmans in colors we do not recognize to register their Birmans and exhibit their cats in the AOV class in CFA, we are opening the door to Birman breeders in other countries and associations to come to CFA. We are making no change to our breed standard.

Some of our newer members might not know, “What is an AOV?”

AOV is defined in CFA Show Rule 2.19c: *The AOV (Any Other Variety) CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten, the ancestry of which entitles it to Championship or Premiership competition, but which does not (colorwise; coatwise; sexwise; as in the case of naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds, tailwise; or earwise) conform to the accepted show standard.*

These breeders can then have a path to start the acceptance process of getting their cats to championship status if they desire.

The process to championship status is a **separate process** from reinstating AOV in our standard. The process to championship status for any new color will have to be approved by this breed council, after certain CFA requirements have been accomplished.

The AOV class will allow us to see the new colors, obtain greater understanding of the color genetics and at least formulate an opinion about them. AOV registry has the same exact pedigree requirements as any Birman for registry. They will need the same five-generation pedigree to register any color not presently accepted by CFA.

Breeders/owners of AOV-registered cats will be allowed to show their cats as AOV only and not in the championship classes; and they will compete against each other. The AOV cats are not eligible to win rosettes or to accrue points toward any title or award. In order for any offspring of an AOV cat to qualify for championship, no AOV cat can appear in the five-generation pedigree.

This is a positive step to **reverse the decline** in our breed numbers. Presently all major registries have accepted colors that CFA does not. This list includes TICA and Fife. This is a step for making it easier to import or bring cats from other associations into our breeding programs. We all know that increasing the gene pool of our cats improves the health and the vitality of our cats.

The definition of insanity is: “Doing things the same way and expecting change”.

YES: 20

NO: 17

ABSTAIN: 2

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 37

60% of Voting: 23

No Action.

Hannon: Next. **Bizzell:** Next is Birman. I'll mention Birman only because we had two items. The first one did not pass and the requirement was to consider #2 only if #1 passed. #2 didn't pass either, but that's as a result of how we define standard changes, because it's a color class change. This is one that Mary K brought up as a question. Did we want to discuss that or continue? **Hannon:** Go ahead and bring it up. **Bizzell:** OK. Currently, when we have color class changes, we consider those standard changes with the 60% rule; whereas, the color class codes themselves are not part of the standard. The fact that we have a color class is part of the standard. Anyway, George, you can probably say it better than I can. This is how we've always determined that particular change is to make it a standard change. **Hannon:** And it has been pointed out to us that what we're dealing with here is really not officially part of the standard. It states that right there in the show standards, that it is there for convenience. So, do we want to continue the policy of considering it as part of the standard and requiring 60% to change? **Bizzell:** Let me just give you an example using my own breed. We're allowed to register our longhair Chartreux, but if we were to add an AOV class and allow them to be shown, that would be a very big thing for the breed. Huge. Talk about friction, we would have it. That would really, in my mind, rise to the status of being a standard change, because you have a cat on the show bench or you don't have a cat on the show bench. But, it's the board's decision whatever we do. I want us to be consistent either going forward or being consistent with what we've done in the past. Right now we consider them a standard change. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on it, or do you just want to move on. **Eigenhauser:** It failed anyway. **Hannon:** But she's talking about the policy. Do we really want to consider it as part of the standard in requiring 60% for the future? It wouldn't apply to these. **Bizzell:** It's moot on this one. Just so next year we don't have the same question come up, when it might make a difference. I move that we maintain consistency of what we've done in the past and make them standard changes. **Hannon:** You made that a motion. Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** I don't think we need a motion to not change our policy. **Hannon:** Is it a written policy, or is it just what we've been doing? **Eigenhauser:** It's in the constitution. A standard change takes 2/3 and everything else is 50%, and that includes registration and other issues. **Hannon:** But we've not been following that. **Bizzell:** No, no, we have. **Hannon:** We've been considering this as a standard change. **Bizzell:** Correct. **Hannon:** And that's not in the constitution. That's just how we've interpreted something. **Bizzell:** Right. It's a definition of, is this included as a standard change? It may or may not actually change the wording in the standard itself. **Eigenhauser:** If it changes the wording in a standard, then it's a standard change. If it's a change to the rules of registration, then it's a registration change. To me, there's no overlap. **Hannon:** But when it says – it's printed right there in the show standards – this is not part of the show standard, it's here for convenience; yet, we're ignoring that and we're considering it part of the standard and requiring a 60% vote. We're inconsistent here. We print that it's not part of the standard, but we vote as if it is. **Eigenhauser:** No, we don't. We don't have registration numbers as part of the standard. We treat them as 50%. **Hannon:** Isn't that what the Birmans did? Isn't that why this came up?

Bizzell: In this case, it's moot because #2 was only considered if #1 passed and it did not.
Hannon: But let's say it passed. **Bizzell:** Let's say it passed. Then yes, it would have passed as a registration change. **Hannon:** And we would have required 60%, right? Based on past practice.
Bizzell: Correct. **Hannon:** And the question is, has our past practice been correct? If we say in the standards, *this is not a part of the standard*, but we vote as if it were. **Black:** So it should only be 50%. Is that what you're saying? **Hannon:** Correct. **Bizzell:** That's what I need clarification on. **Anger:** In this case, I defined it as a standard change. **Hannon:** Because?
Anger: Because we have in the past. Perhaps we could come up with a third category. Right now we have registration issues and standard changes. We could call this something different.
Newkirk: I don't think this needs to be made complicated. Mark is correct. Those color class listings are there so the judges don't have to go to the show rules and pull the show rule out. It's a convenience for the judge, so they can go into either one and find the color class number. As Mark said, it's not part of the standard, so any change to that only requires the 50%. It doesn't require 60% because it's not changing the standard. **Hannon:** Alright, but she made a motion opposite of that. **Newkirk:** Well, I don't agree with it. **Hannon:** I just want to make it clear that the motion is to consider it as if it were a standard change, and people like you that don't agree with that need to vote note. **Bizzell:** I agree with Darrell, except for the fact that this is how we've always done it. I'm not saying we have always done it right; I'm just saying, for consistency's sake, to continue doing it. **Wilson:** I think where the confusion started to come in is when we started asking the breed councils to define what their AOV went, and that often went in the standard. If you look at the standards, it will say in the body of the standard, "our AOV class is for this or this or this." Sometimes it's just for colors, sometimes it's just for other things, so if it was defined as part of the standard it has to meet the 60%. If you just have an AOV color class, then that meets the 50%. That's the way I understand it and I think that's how it has been voted on. **Bizzell:** As far as I could find back, it was always considered a standard change.
Mastin: If the group doesn't like what they did in the past, somebody should make a motion to change what was done in the past. **Hannon:** She made a motion to keep it like the past.
Newkirk: We could bring it up as, from this day forward. **Mastin:** OK, if so we're in agreement, you vote no. **Hannon:** I just said that. Alright, are we through with the discussion? All those in favor of continuing to consider it as part of the standard.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: Carla, you'll get back with Mary. The board agreed with her. **Bizzell:** Because I agreed with her assessment, but after I found out this is how we've always done it. In a 100 year old organization you don't want to start changing policy without getting some input.

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Cynthia Byrd – Brea, CA
 Total Members: 34
 Ballots Received: 18

- 1. PROPOSED:** Revise the British Shorthair Rules for Registration to allow for the registration and exhibition of cats in currently accepted colors that have chocolate, lilac or the pointed pattern in their five-generation pedigree. In order to be registered, such cats must be microchipped for identification purposes and DNA tested to be non-carriers of chocolate, lilac or the pointed pattern. These cats will be specifically identified by the addition of an alpha character to their registration prefix.

Current:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Longhair
Ticked Tabby			

Proposed:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered ~~or cats in background~~):

Pointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Longhair
Ticked Tabby			

DO NOT ACCEPT (cats in background):

<u>Longhair</u>			
<u>Ticked Tabby</u>			

*Any cat submitted for Registration Via Pedigree that contains chocolate, lilac or the pointed pattern in the first five generations must include documentation that the cat has been microchipped for identification purposes and submit a DNA test proving the cat does **not** carry chocolate, lilac or the pointed pattern in order to be registered. All such cats will be identified by the addition of an “X” at the end of the registration prefix, indicating that the cat has chocolate, lilac and/or the pointed pattern in its five-generation pedigree.

RATIONALE: Removal of the chocolate, lilac and the pointed pattern from our rules of registration (for cats disallowed in the background), adding microchipping for identification and requiring DNA testing to identify that the cats do not carry the genetic markers for these colors or pattern will allow for the registration and breeding of currently accepted colors that have chocolate, lilac or the pointed pattern in the five generation pedigree. The addition of the “X” in the registration prefix will allow anyone to easily identify cats that have lilac, chocolate or the pointed pattern in their pedigree so breeders can make informed decisions about using these cats in their breeding programs.

YES: 12

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 18

> 50% of Voting: 10

Hannon: British Shorthairs. **Bizzell:** They had one item. It's a registration issue. It passed their breed council and allows for the registration of chocolate, lilac and pointed cats in a 5-generation pedigree as long as the cat itself being registered does not carry the gene, and that's proven by a DNA test. So moved. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Wilson:** I think this is a good idea, but can we actually do this? **Hannon:** Roger, can we determine this? **Brown:** Yes. **Wilson:** I don't mean, can we test for lilac. Can we actually administer this in the registration by pedigree process? Can this be done? **Hannon:** Verna, that's a question for you. **Dobbins:** You're all looking at me. **Hannon:** You need to say yes and you'll figure out how to do it. **Dobbins:** Yes. **DelaBar:** We already have it for Orientals. **Bizzell:** And Burmese. **DelaBar:** Yeah, so it should be OK for the British. I'm thrilled to death to see this myself. It's a big step. **Wilson:** So, Monique will need to request this as part of the registration by pedigree process, if there's these colors. **Hannon:** Any more discussion?

Motion Carried.

BURMILLA

Total Members: 5

Ballots Received: 4

1. **PROPOSED:** Correct the Color terminology to be consistent with the rest of the colors in the standard. This is a housekeeping change.

Current:

BLUE TORTIE TIPPED: The undercoat is pure white: back and flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue-grey and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both.

BLUE TORTIE SHADED: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with blue-grey and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE TIPPED: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with chocolate brown and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoise-shell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in chocolate brown, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** milk chocolate, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** cinnamon to milk chocolate, pink or patched with both.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE SHADED: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with chocolate brown and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in chocolate brown, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** milk chocolate, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** cinnamon to milk chocolate, pink or patched with both.

LILAC TORTIE TIPPED: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with lilac and pale cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both.

LILAC TORTIE SHADED: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with lilac and pale cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both.

Proposed:

BLUE TORTIE ~~TIPPED~~ CHINCHILLA SILVER: The undercoat is pure white: back and flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue-grey and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both.

BLUE TORTIE SHADED SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with blue-grey and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE ~~TIPPED~~ CHINCHILLA SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with chocolate brown and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoise-shell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in chocolate brown, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** milk chocolate, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** cinnamon to milk chocolate, pink or patched with both.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE SHADED SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with chocolate brown and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in chocolate brown, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** milk chocolate, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** cinnamon to milk chocolate, pink or patched with both.

LILAC TORTIE ~~TIPPED~~ CHINCHILLA SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with lilac and pale cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both.

LILAC TORTIE SHADED SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail shaded with lilac and pale cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** lavender pink, pink or patched with both.

RATIONALE: These colors were accidentally omitted from last year’s breed council ballot. As a result, they were not able to be updated to the current terminology. The breed council was advised to put them on the next ballot as the Board was not permitted to make any changes that were not on the ballot. These changes are required to keep all colors consistent in terminology.

YES: 4

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 4

60% of Voting: 3

Bizzell: The next one is Burmilla. It’s housekeeping. Last year we passed a number of color description changes, changing the word from tipped to chinchilla. There were a few that got left out of that process and this is just fixing that. So, it passed the breed council. I so move.

Hannon: Is there any discussion?

Motion Carried.

EGYPTIAN MAU

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Melanie Morgan, Louisa, Virginia

Total Members: 26

Ballots Received: 12

- 1. **PROPOSED:** Change the Pedigree Requirement section of the Egyptian Mau Rules of Registration to exclude pedigrees issued by WCF in Russia, Ukraine and/or China.

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1977	3 generations	Date	
Date: 4/30/2016	5 generations	Date:	

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

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Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1977	3 generations	Date: <u>05/17</u>	<u>Exclude any WCF pedigrees issued in Russia, Ukraine, China</u>
Date: 4/30/2016	5 generations	Date:	

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

<u>Registration by pedigree using pedigrees from WCF issued in Russia, Ukraine or China</u>			
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RATIONALE: There has been evidence of fraudulent and incorrect pedigrees issued (or supposedly issued) by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China. When errors are pointed out, the applicant simply generates a new revised pedigree with different information. There is no attempt to verify the information and the error rate is extremely high either due to lack of diligence, or in some cases, obvious fraud. This has the potential to create incorrectly registered Egyptian Maus and incorrect data in the CFA database.

YES: 8

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 12

> 50% of Voting: 7

Hannon: Egyptian Mau. **Bizzell:** OK, Egyptian Mau. We have two items. Both are registration issues and they both passed. The first one is to change the pedigree requirement of the Egyptian Mau rules of registration to exclude pedigrees issued by WCF in Russian, Ukraine and/or China. **DelaBar:** Haven't we embarrassed ourselves previously with doing things like this? If there's a problem in a breed with certain areas, should not Monique be told so she can do a more in-depth study of the pedigrees before they are accepted for registration? **Hannon:** Aren't you [Morgan] the breed council secretary? **Bizzell:** Yes, she's the breed council secretary. **Hannon:** Do you want to address it? **Morgan:** Monique is aware of the problem, but I mean my point is, we have continued, massive errors on almost every pedigree coming from there. We voted last February or the February before to not accept them for all of our breeds. That was changed by the board. Fine. Our breed is saying we would like to at least try to keep the integrity of our registrations by pedigree for our breed. **DelaBar:** You have organizations within like Russia, for example, Top Cat. That's a WCF organization in Russia that has some of the best pedigrees that we've ever seen, so this would exclude the organizations that are doing it correctly, just because they happen to reside within Russia, Ukraine or China. **Eigenhauser:** This has apparently come up on several ballots. I'm not in favor of excluding. If we need more review, we can change our process so there's more review to weed out the errors. I think that's the way it should be handled, not by barring them all. **Anger:** When we brought this up at the World Cat Congress, no one was more interested in making sure that they had pedigrees being issued by their clubs and subclubs than the WCF was. They wanted to know exactly where these

pedigrees were coming from so that they could resolve the issues, because it is very important to them that their pedigrees are correct. In response to what we presented them, I was given a handful of CFA pedigrees that were incorrect that were submitted to the WCF for registration. So, do we want to open the door to retribution, where now they're not going to accept our pedigrees? I think it's a dangerous move and the wrong resolution. **Newkirk:** What happens if we get an incorrect pedigree and our people don't know or it slips by Monique and the cat gets registered, but then it is brought to our attention that it's a falsified or invalid pedigree? Do we at that point in time go back and review that if there's a complaint made and the cat then is either brought to our attention so we can undo the registration? **Hannon:** What's the practice? **Newkirk:** I want to know what the process is, because I want the breed councils to be protected. They want their pedigrees to be correct. **Hannon:** If somebody brings to the Central Office's attention that the pedigree is incorrect, do we unregister the cat or get a correct pedigree or what? **Dobbins:** If they cannot provide a correct pedigree, then we usually contact the breed council secretary and they tell us it's definitely not good and then we do unregister the cat. **Newkirk:** So there is some protection. **Hannon:** That's what she's telling us.

DelaBar: This is an organization that's really trying to tighten this up and I think that this would be the wrong thing to do. We have other means. I wish that we could have one of these days – and Roger knows where I want to go with this – is more DNA testing. I would be thrilled to death if we could figure out a way to incorporate a DNA profile into our registration. That's where we started. Roger and I started talking about this many years ago, where we could go. Other organizations do it for specific things. **Hannon:** Do you think CompuTan is up to that, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** No. **Hannon:** Let's vote on this. All those in favor of the Egyptian Mau request.

Motion Failed. Kallmeyer, Calhoun and Wilson voting yes.

2. **PROPOSED** (if Proposal #1 Fails): Change the Pedigree Requirement section of the Egyptian Mau Rules of Registration to require a second review of all pedigrees issued by WCF in Russia, Ukraine and/or China by the Egyptian Mau Breed Council Secretary.

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1977	3 generations	Date	
Date: 4/30/2016	5 generations	Date:	

Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1977	3 generations	Date: <u>05/17</u>	<u>Breed Council Secretary to Review/Approve all pedigrees issued by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China.</u>
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Date: 4/30/2016	5 generations	Date:	
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RATIONALE: There has been evidence of fraudulent and incorrect pedigrees issued (or supposedly issued) by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China. This results in incorrectly registered Egyptian Maus and incorrect pedigree data in the CFA database. When errors are pointed out, the WCF clubs just issue a new pedigree without verifying that the details are correct. This provides a mechanism to review the submitted pedigrees for accuracy and any evidence of fraud. Unfortunately, the usefulness of this method will depend on the knowledge base of the BCS in office.

YES: 8

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 12

> 50% of Voting: 7

Hannon: #2, if proposal #1 fails, and it did. **Bizzell:** And it did, to require a second review of the pedigrees by the Egyptian Mau breed council secretary. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Eigenhauser:** Can this be done as a procedural change within CFA without making it part of our rules of registration? **Hannon:** You see that as viable? Without our having to vote on it, do you think that they will do this? **Dobbins:** Within Central Office? **Hannon:** Yes. **Dobbins:** For Egyptian Maus? Yes, we can make that happen. **DelaBar:** If Monique knows, she can ship it off to Melanie for her review, knowing that, without having to make this public and again possibly cause an international incident. **Morgan:** While I understand the need to be sensitive to international incidents, the way our Rules of Registration are formatted is, those are, as Central Office calls them, their bible on how to deal with a breed. CFA is an organization of volunteers that come in and come out. By having an unwritten policy out there, we lose the integrity of our rules of registration. **Hannon:** And, as well, the staff comes and goes. **Morgan:** Correct. **Hannon:** So, you're just more comfortable having it officially passed by this board? **Morgan:** There's a place in the rules of registration for it. We can't change it. **Wilson:** Could you tell us about how many Egyptian Maus are registered by pedigree on an average each year? **Morgan:** Last year there were I think 12. The year before there were 8. **Kuta:** How many of those were from these places? **Morgan:** That I don't know. I've also reviewed a number of them. **Bizzell:** An alternative would it be for her to review them all, since the numbers are small. That way we don't have this information in public if she's shipped them all to look at. I don't know how cumbersome that would be. **Hannon:** Her complaint is going to continue regardless if it's not written down somewhere in their bible. **Bizzell:** No, I mean write it down that she reviews them all, or whoever is in that position. **Hannon:** Are you alright with that? Are you OK with reviewing them all? **Morgan:** Yes. **DelaBar:** If it was written like that, as worldwide, then there shouldn't be a problem. **Wilson:** There's actually a place for that in the breed notes that follow the registration rules. **Hannon:** Let's vote against this as written and then bring up a new motion or withdraw the motion, one or the other. What do you want to do? Do you want to vote on your motion or withdraw your motion? **Bizzell:** I think we should vote on this one and then come back with another one.

Motion Failed. Wilson and Black voting yes.

Eigenhauser: Can I make a motion then that for all registration of Egyptian Maus by pedigree, there be a second review of the pedigree by the breed council secretary. **Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

Motion Carried.

Hannon: Are you happy, Melanie? **Morgan:** Very, thank you.

EXOTIC

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Penni Richter – Pasco, WA

Total Members: 83

Ballots Received: 63

- 1. PROPOSED (from the Persian Breed Council Poll):** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2018.

CFA shall make the following changes to applicable Show Rules and Persian Rules of Registration in order to remove the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes (note: changes relating to the Exotic standard, the Exotic Listing within Article XXXII, Rule 30.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

a. Revise Show Rule 6.08 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes),~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.

b. Revise Article XXXII, Rule 30.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2018 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).

PERSIAN*

(See Note at End of Persian Listing)

~~Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

c. Add a note to the “Significant Acceptance Dates” section and add notes to the “Breed Notes” section of the Persian Rules of Registration indicating Longhair Exotics no longer accepted in competition in Persian classes beginning the 2018-2019 show season.

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: *This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013, 2014, and 2015. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (93/138) in 2013, 64% in 2014 (114/179), and 65% in 2015 (104/158). Additionally, proposals to exhibit the LH Exotics as Persians repeatedly failed the Persian BC for many years prior to the show rule change in 2008. LH Exotics are currently shown as Persians but receive national and regional breed awards as LH Exotics even though the Exotic Standard does not include a description of a LH Exotic. It should be noted that Persian breeding programs do not produce Longhair Exotics; these are produced from Exotic breeding programs, so it is only reasonable and logical that a place should be found for them on the show bench within the Exotic breed.*

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently, since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed as mandated in 2008 to the Persian and Exotic BC secretaries, it is only appropriate Longhair Exotics should be shown in classes separate from the parent breed (Persian).

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed since Longhair Exotics can still be shown and receive LH Exotic Breed wins. This change simply requires LH Exotics to be shown in LH Exotic color classes instead of in Persian color classes. Furthermore, this change permits Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

Furthermore, it is simply not appropriate to use a show rule to determine the championship status of a portion of a breed. Show rules are not meant to have an impact on one breed or another; they should be universally applicable to all breeds. Issues involving breeds must be appropriately delegated to the breeds affected for resolution. The BOD choosing to use their power over the show rules to attempt to end the issue between the Exotic and Persian BC's has actually lead to more strife than previously existed. While the Breed Councils are designed to be advisory to the BOD, there is a matter of respect that should be accorded to CFA's oldest and most dominant breed.

The Persian BC respectfully and earnestly asks the members of both the Persian and Exotic BC's vote YES on this proposal. It sets a date of May of 2018 for removal of the Longhair Exotics from the Persian breed classes, which gives the Exotic BC a year to determine how to find a place for cats created by their own breeding programs. The Persian BC would also like to remind the Exotic BC that they rely on the Persians without Exotic ancestry for their own breeding programs. It is in the best interest of the Exotic BC to help preserve the integrity of the Persian by keeping it separate from the Exotic.

*This proposal does not suggest where the Longhair Exotics (*or cats of Exotic ancestry*) should be shown apart from not within the Persian breed. These leaves the determination of how they should be shown outside of the Persian breed to the Exotic BC and the CFA Board of Directors.*

EXOTIC BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: As noted in the Persian Breed Council Rationale above, a similar question has been on both the Persian and Exotic ballots for the past few years. The proposal consistently fails on the Exotic ballot and passes on the Persian ballot. As a result, we have been at an impasse for the past few years and continue to show Longhair Exotics in accordance with the original compromise.

Here is a little history of the issue. For the 2008 February Board Meeting the Exotic Breed Council balloted and passed a proposal to create a Longhair Division of the Exotic Breed. At that meeting, the Board discussed implementation of the proposed Longhair Division. As the Persian was an affected breed and the proposal was **strongly** opposed by the Persian Breed Council, the Exotic proposal was not considered by the Board. Also at that Board meeting, the Board discussed having the two breed councils come up with a compromise to allow the showing of Longhair Exotics that would not create a “mimic” on the show bench.

At the Annual Meeting in June of 2008, representatives from both breed councils did meet and a compromise was reached that respected the two strongest wishes of each Breed Council. Two “lines in the sand” were stated: The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show Longhair Exotics in championship competition and the Persian Breed Council did not want Longhair Exotics registered as Persians. There was also an agreed-to prohibition of registering kittens produced by Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic and Longhair Exotic x Persian. Both Breed Councils balloted this proposal and the Board approved the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian classes at the February 2009 meeting. Note that Longhair Exotics do not earn breed or color awards as Persians, but as Longhair Exotics.

And, yes, there was a reversal of the prohibition of breeding Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic and Persian x Longhair Exotic in 2012. That proposal was **NOT** initiated by the Exotic Breed Council, but was requested by the Board. That reversal was balloted by both Breed Councils, passed both Breed Councils, and the Board approved removing the prohibition at the February 2012 Board Meeting.

Now, here we are again debating the removal of Longhair Exotics from Persian classes. As the Exotic Breed Council realizes that it cannot expect the Persian Breed Council to approve registering Longhair Exotic kittens as Persians (as is done in other registries), the Exotic Breed Council is not in favor of altering the current compromise at this time.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 2 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 2 & 3.

Do you support the Persian Breed Council request to remove Longhair Exotics from Persian Classes?

YES: 6

NO: 57

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 63

> 50% of Voting: 32

No Action.

2. **PROPOSED (from Persian Breed Council Poll):** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Longhair Exotic X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: *There is no reason to be breeding Longhair Exotics to other Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.*

EXOTIC BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: The original restriction against registering kittens from Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic was put into place in 2009 as a part of a Persian/Exotic compromise that allows the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian classes. In 2012, at the request of the CFA Board, ballot items were placed on both the Exotic and Persian ballots to remove the prohibition and allow kittens from these crosses to be registered again. This Board request was made to assist in the expansion of CFA outside of North America. The ballot items to remove the registration prohibition passed both breed councils and it again became possible to register these kittens. While the Exotic Breed Council understands that there was a compromise component in place that was reversed, we also understood the problem with incoming catteries not being able to register their cats in CFA. This will not change as long as CFA does not recognize Exotic Longhairs as Persians. Having said that, we are not necessarily in disagreement with this proposal...but it will stop some breeders from being able to move into CFA.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 3.

Do you support the Persian Breed Council request to prohibit the registration of kittens resulting from breeding Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic?

YES: 7

NO: 56

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 63

> 50% of Voting: 32

No Action.

3. **PROPOSED (from the Persian Breed Council Poll):** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Persian X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: *There is no reason to be breeding Persians to Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair*

breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians to CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.

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NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 2. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 2.

Do you support the Persian Breed Council request to prohibit the registration of kittens resulting from breeding Persian x Longhair Exotic?

YES: 8

NO: 55

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 63

> 50% of Voting: 32

No Action.

Bizzell: The Exotic ballot included three items, all of which were on the Persian ballot, at the request of the Persian breed council. All of those items failed. They were all three registration issues.

MANX

Total Members: 24
Ballots Received: 13

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Manx Rules for Registration to allow the assignment of a SH-600-series registration prefix to those cats with longhair in the background but whose owners have submitted DNA proof that the cat does not carry a longhair gene.

Current:

BCS CODE SERIES:

SH – 600-series	
SH w/LH background – 3600-series	
LH – 1600-series	

Proposed:

BCS CODE SERIES:

SH – 600-series	
SH w/LH background, <u>may carry LH–3600-series*</u>	
LH – 1600-series	

*Any 3600-series cat or kitten with a 3600-series parent can be re-registered (or registered) with a SH-600-series prefix upon presentation of DNA proof that the cat/kitten does not carry any of the longhair mutations. Such registration or re-registration will be at the owner's expense.

RATIONALE: As DNA testing for certain traits becomes more available, we should use this technology to correctly assign registration numbers to cats that have longhair in the background but who do not carry any of the longhair mutations. Such application to re-register a cat (or to have the SH-600-series assigned to a kitten from a 3600-series parent) is only upon request of and at the expense of the owner.

YES: 11

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 13

> 50% of Voting: 7

Bizzell: Next is Manx. This is a registration issue. It passed by more than 50% to revise the Manx rules of registration to allow – give a little background. When you breed a longhair to a shorthair and you get a shorthair cat, it carries a possible longhair carrier status as a shorthair cat. If you go down the line with that cat and you don't know any more if those progeny carry longhair, but it continues to carry that code with it. What they would like to see is, if they DNA

test that cat to determine it does not carry any of the longhair mutations, that they be allowed to register it as a shorthair without the possibility of longhair, and this is at the owner's expense. **Brown:** We have definite tests. We have three different longhair tests in our profile. They either have it or they don't and we can prove it scientifically, so there's no question if they are negative on the longhair traits, they are as shorthair as any cat that's 20 generations shorthair. It's very easy to check. **Black:** I just have a question. What happens if a cat that does not carry longhair produces a longhair. **Brown:** It can't happen. **Hannon:** But I'll bet you we can register it. **Black:** I'm just saying, I agree. I don't see why they can't change their prefix if they know they don't carry the longhair gene, but if a cat out of that cat produces a longhair in the future, is there anything in our rules that addresses that? **DelaBar:** It can't happen. **Black:** Well, it could. **DelaBar:** No. **Black:** I agree, genetically it's not possible. I'm just saying if the DNA was flawed or something, or if there was a misbreeding. I'm just saying, what happens if there is that. **Newkirk:** They may have written a wrong date on the calendar. **Black:** I'm just asking, what's the procedure if that happens? I deal with a breed that carries longhair also, and it's a shorthair-only cat. I DNA test them and I know who carries it and who doesn't, but I'm just saying, maybe they will do the DNA swab and mix it. They did three cats and sent the wrong one in. I'm just saying, mistakes can happen. **Bizzell:** Then they would just be registered as a longhair. Now you can have two shorthairs that don't have the longhair code in there, but we would register it as a longhair. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to point out, DNA tests are not perfect because imperfect human beings administer the test. I've had three different labs give me incorrect DNA results over the last 10 years, one a very, very well-respected university. So, stuff happens. It could be a contamination at the lab, it could be a contamination at your end when you're taking the swab. Stuff happens, so it's not laughable that a DNA test can be wrong – not because DNA isn't a good indicator, but because the humans that administer it are imperfect. So, it is a valid question to ask, is all I'm saying.

Motion Carried.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Re-elected Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX
Total Members: 229
Ballots Received: 195

Altschul: I gave each one of you a little handout because I think last year I called you guys. I can't sit and talk, so I'm going to stand. It was just difficult for you to hear me on the phone, so I came here in person on my own dime because I really want to express to you how important this is, not just to me but to my entire breed council, who keeps bringing this question before you and it's not going away. If you vote it down again, we're going to be back and we're going to do more and more about it. The first thing I want to bring up to you is why I think the Persian breed council should take precedence over the Exotics. It's because, first of all, we're the longer breed. We have been here since CFA was founded. If you go historically by registrations, we still have significantly more registrations than Exotics. If you go by show entries, litters registered and kittens born, Persians are still the #1 breed hands down. If you go by individual cats registered, including longhair Exotics, the Exotics win. The longhair Exotics are not pulled out of the Exotic numbers, even though they don't accept them in their own breed. I don't get it. If they're not shown as Exotics, why do they get to be counted as Exotics for registration

purposes? We have 229 breed council members. The Exotic breed council has 83. I think, to me, that shows the dedication of Persian breeders, not just for the win but because we're dedicated to the future of CFA and the future of our breed. The next largest breed council has 98 members, and that's the Maine Coon. The next one after that is the Exotic with 83. The breed committee of Bengal actually has 90, but it's not a breed council right now.

Voting percentage-wise, 85% of the Persian breed council voted. Overall, if you take the Persian breed council members out, only 64% of the other breed councils voted. The Exotics voted by a 75% margin. Again, I think this shows the high dedication of Persian breeders and how important this is to us. And, we make up 16% of the total breed council membership. Those are some numbers I think should mean something to you. In addition to that, when you guys were discussing the International Show, a lot of you said we have to put it between October and January. Why? Not just because that's kitten season, but that's when the Persians are in coat. **DelaBar:** That's when longhairs are in coat. **Altschul:** Persians are important to CFA – very important, and I think this matters.

So, the main thing is, who created this problem? When did this fight start? It has been going on for three decades, for anybody who is taking notes. It started in the early 90's, late 80's even. It started by the Exotics. Historically, you should know Exotics started as American Shorthairs and British Shorthairs, but in the late 80's their breed finally started approaching close to the Persian standard, and when they were producing longhairs they wanted to show them. The Persians said, "no, you were meant to be a shorthair breed, you should stay a shorthair breed." The vote came over and over again. Persians said no. Persians said no. Persians said no. The board said no, but the Exotic breed council kept coming back. Eventually it passed the board, never the breed council. So, why should the Persian breed be used to fix a problem created by Exotic breeders? No other parent breed is used to fix a showing issue created by a hybrid offspring breed. No other breed. The Siamese are not used to fix any Colorpoint Shorthair problems. The American Shorthairs are not used to fix American Wirehairs. The Abyssinians are not used to fix the Somalis. No parent breed has been abused this way. It makes Persian breeders upset, and I think that has shown up in registrations. I think the Persian would still be the number one in registrations if they had not been treated by the board as they have been. If you talk to Persian breeders out there, they feel like the board doesn't care about them anymore, and that means a lot. When you have the people in charge of CFA turning a blind eye to the cries of the Persian breed – the largest breed in CFA, because we are still the largest. You should also know that CCA and ACFA, the two other North American associations – not TICA, but these two – Exotic longhairs are a separate breed. They are not shown as Exotics and they are not shown as Persians, they are shown as Exotic Longhairs in one and the other calls them Longhair Exotics, so it's not just us that would be doing this. I believe it's also that way in England. I'm not sure on that.

So, the compromise. First of all, you should be aware that the compromise that supposedly passed, it was not presented as a show rule. Mark will tell you, well, it didn't have to pass the Persian breed council because it was a show rule, but the Persian breed council was not informed it was going to be a show rule change, so therefore the 60% rule did not apply. As far as we knew, it didn't pass because it didn't get 60% that year, it got 50%. Now, that's lackadaisical on the Persian breed council's part. There were a lot of people who said it never passed the board and it never will, so why should I turn in my ballot? Why should I join the

breed council? Well, they learned their lesson and our numbers keep going up every year. If you look at our breed council numbers, every year more people are joining because we're making it clear that the board's not listening, so maybe if we get enough voices the board will listen to us. That's why I'm here instead of just calling it in. So, you should know the vote to reverse the compromise was the same year that many votes were lost by Central Office during the move. It was known the votes were lost. I talked to Mark Hannon, and he said we're not going to vote on it, so I told people, don't bother the board, they said they're not going to vote on it. Then Mark said, "well, Geri went back on her word so we voted on it." I don't know what happened. That's not a responsible action by a board, but to be honest I'm OK letting Exotic longhairs breed to Exotic longhairs, if you could just get them out of the Persian classes. I've talked to most Persian breeders and they said, you know what, we would be OK with that, too. Now, we put all three items on our ballot because we wanted to make it clear how strongly we felt about it, but in the long run, financially for CFA, we recognize that forbidding the breeding of Exotic longhairs to Exotic longhairs, and Exotic longhairs to Persians, may not be the best financial decision for CFA. Taking them out of the Persian classes and sticking them either in their own breed or in a separate breed isn't going to hurt CFA at all. Not one bit. They will still be on the bench. No shows will be hurt. No clubs will be hurt. No exhibitors will be hurt. No breeders will be hurt, but the Persian breed will benefit and I think you will see that with Persian registrations, because people will feel like CFA cares about their breed again.

In the future, it's possible that things will change, but if you don't give the Persian breed council this breathing room, this fight is not going to stop. Just so you know, I purposely wrote the ballot in a way that if the Exotic breed council failed to pass the item again, that they would have a year to find a place for their cats. In other words, if the board votes to pass this, when the new show season starts, longhair Exotics will still be shown as Persians. No cat is going to stop being shown. They have – what is it? – from not until the end of the balloting – ballots had to be submitted by August? – they have 6 months to figure this out. Six months to figure out where they want to put their own cats. They're not Persians, they're Exotics. Let the Exotic breed council figure it out. The reason why they don't pass it is because they know the board is going to protect them. They have no incentive to pass this, but if the board says, "hey, figure it out on your ballot or they are off the bench," trust me, they will find a place. They'll find it. They want to show their cats. When they came forward with the original compromise, they said, "all we want to do is show our cats, we don't care where." You know what? You tried it in the Persian, the friction has gotten worse, the fighting has gotten worse, the Persian is hurting. Let's try something else. We can always change our mind later. Like you made it very clear to the Persian breed council, you guys can change show rules without our approval. Again, talking about reinstating the original compromise, again, I would rather that they not be shown but I realize for CFA's bottom line and where we've been going, I have to take my personal opinion out of this one. The breed council wants the compromise reinstated, but as a breed council secretary – and I told people this – if you guys pass this first item and take the cats out, I'll withdraw the other two – not withdraw, I don't think I can do that, but I'll say let's just leave it alone for now. We'll come back to it if we have to. We may need to, but honestly it's going to be another step in the battle if it does get passed, and we'll just keep fighting. I want the fighting to stop, but it's not going to as long as they are in our territory. I think it's really funny you guys want the battle to stop, but you tell a battle to stop when you have invaders on your home field, and that's how we feel. It's not going to stop. The friction between the breed councils has gotten worse. All you have to do is look at the CFA list. I have been told by breed council members they have been

terrified to actually say what they feel because they've been accosted at shows and online by supporting the Persian. There are certain people who have been surrounded by 4 to 6 people at shows and verbally berated because they either supported my point of view or they questioned the longhair Exotics being in their class, so they say, "I'm just not going to talk about it anymore because that's not why I go to shows." They spoke with their votes, but they aren't speaking with their voices because they are terrified to. I'm not saying every Exotic breeder does this, but there is enough, and there's enough that don't even breed Exotics who will still attack the people who are trying to protect our breed. It hasn't gotten to physical altercations yet, and I hope that it doesn't. I think removing the Exotic longhairs from the Persian breed will actually end the friction, because we will no longer be a conquered territory. We will no longer have invaders, and we can go ahead and move about our business. There is a lot of good the two breed councils could do if we could work together. There are a lot of diseases we share in common. There's a lot of work that we could do moving forward, educational-wise. We can't even work together now because of the problems we have. I talk to the Exotic breed council secretary. She and I can get along, but it doesn't go that way with a lot of others. There's a lot of Exotic breeders who assume I hate them because I just don't want their cats in my class, which is not true, but that's just the way it goes.

This is a historical reminder, as I said. The Exotic breed started as an American Shorthair. In the 1960's – and this is all documented in the CFA Yearbooks – some judges came to the board and complained, "we are seeing cats in our classes that are clearly hybrids," so the board created a whole new breed. First they called it the Sterling. That didn't work out so well, so then they called it the Exotic. The Exotic Shorthair. It didn't take off at first. They actually got rid of the breed. Then they came back after lunch and said, never mind, we're going to keep it. It's all in the minutes. Then they said, you know what? These shorthairs coming over from Britain, they are hybridized, too. We're going to register them all as Exotics. So, for the next 20 years every British Shorthair in CFA was registered as an Exotic Shorthair. It wasn't until the 1980's that the British Blues were broken out and then the other colors were taken out later. They have always kind of been a different breed. They have had their own separate history. It doesn't make them not worthy as a breed, but it doesn't make them Persian. The Persian history is much different. It's separate and is unique. The board has previously stepped in to create a new breed when the parent breed could not agree to take them in – Dilute Burmese. For years they tried to get in, even through the Annual delegation, and the vote was always no, no, no, no, and so the board said, "you know what? You're not going to get in as Burmese. Give it up. We'll create this new breed. We'll call it the Malayan and we'll stick you in there," so they were in there. Because they didn't invade the Burmese, they didn't force their way into the Burmese, over time eventually the two breed councils got along with each other. It took a long time, but because the board allowed it to naturally progress in its own way, eventually the two breeds combined as one, but it didn't start that way. I think if the board will take a lesson from what happened with the Malayan and give the Persians and Exotics that breathing room, you'll find that perhaps in the future the same thing will happen. The breeds are dwindling. Maybe in the future the Persian will need the Exotic. I know the Exotic needs the Persian. The Exotic can't exist without the Persian. You have only to look at Exotic pedigrees to see that they cannot breed Exotic to Exotic forever. They have to use Persians. You will see there is no question on our ballot to remove the Persian outcross from Exotics. We recognize that they need our breed. There are some Persian breeders who don't want to sell to Exotic breeders anymore because of this problem. Perhaps if this is fixed, that will change.

Show rules versus breed standards. Show rules are not a way to determine how a cat is shown. Show rules are not meant to single out a single breed. There is no other show rule anywhere in the entire book that singles out a single breed. How do we determine how our cats are shown, what breed they are, what color they are, what their color class is? The breed standards. Now, the global look at show rules – how do we DQ a cat if it bites you? OK, we DQ it. How do we show it? If it's 8 months old and it's not neutered, it goes into championship. If it's 4 to 7 months old, it goes into kittens. That's what show rules are for. Show rules are not meant to determine, "hey, this cat is in this breed, but hey, we're going to show it over in that breed." That's not what show rules are meant for. That's our breed standards. Breed standards determine how we show a breed, so this needs to go back into the breed standard. Again, put it in the Exotic breed council's hands. Give them a choice. Create a new breed. That's fine, we don't care, or make a division in your own breed. Right now, they don't even exist. They don't have any constitutional protection. If they are created as part of their own breed or they are created as a new breed, they finally get constitutional protection. They can't ever leave CFA after that. Right now, they have no protection from the constitution. They don't exist as a breed because they're not in our breed standards. They don't exist, except this little phantom thing which the rest of the world probably laughs at us because they are born one way, shown another and scored a third. So, the fate of the Exotic longhairs should be put in the hands of the breeders who created them – the Exotics. To be honest, the Persian breed council really wants no part of this fight anymore, so take them out of our breed and put them in their own breed, give them a choice to put themselves in their own breed, or they could be a new breed. But, just take them out of the Persian equation. And you know what? If the board doesn't like it, you can go back in a couple of years and change it back. As I said, show rules can be changed at any time by the board. You have that authority. What harm does it do CFA to try this? There is no potential loss here. We don't follow other associations, we lead. I don't care what FIFe does. I don't care what ANFI does. I don't care what TICA does. We're none of those associations. We're better. They want our pedigrees, they want our titles, they come to us, so I don't care what they do with their Exotics. I don't look at their cats, because the CFA Persian wins when we have these multi-association whatevers, because the CFA Persian is best. Maybe it's because we have kept it Persian as much as we can. So, I'm just asking for some breathing room. I'm asking you to let us try something different that won't hurt CFA but has every chance to benefit CFA. Can you imagine if we could take off all the angst and all the fighting and the bitterness of the Exotic/Persian battle off the CFA list and out of the show halls and off Facebook? That's a lot of anger that makes people not want to participate in cats anymore. It's not going to stop until those Exotics are out of our class. It's not about competition. I don't care if a better cat beats me. They are still going to be competing with me. They're still going to be in the longhair division. I still have to breed a better cat if they beat me. It's never been about the competition, it's about what's right and what's not right. I want, when a judge holds a cat up there, if it's a Persian, call it a Persian. If it's a longhair Exotic, call it a longhair Exotic. The public is already confused enough. They can't recognize the difference between my American Shorthairs and Exotics. They're not going to really notice when the judge calls it a longhair Exotic. I have so many people come into the show halls and they look at my American Shorthairs and they go, "oh, that's an Exotic or a Persian." No, it's not. The public already can't recognize the breeds. We can educate them, of course, but this should not be about the public, either. This should be about healing CFA's largest breed council that right now is hurting. If you don't hear that, I don't know how else to

express it to you, but it's in the registration, it's in my voice and it's in the voice of all the people who voted for this.

Hannon: Carissa, I'm going to ask you to cut it off. We're in a time constraint and I've got another breed council secretary/breed committee chair. **Altschul:** That covers 1, 2 and 3. **Hannon:** OK, fine. **DelaBar:** Question to Carissa. Basically, you're saying if we adopt this then we can change the bad behavior that's happening now? **Altschul:** From the Persian breed council, yes. **DelaBar:** So, we are regulating the behaviors of breed council members and exhibitors? **Altschul:** I think if you take away what is causing it, then yes. It is a thorn in our sides. It causes people to be upset, so if you take away the thorn then yes, behavior will change. **DelaBar:** Can we change the behaviors based upon the fact that people are supposed to act as adults? **Altschul:** I think the thorn hurts too much. **DelaBar:** Then perhaps they need a different hobby. **Hannon:** Do you have any other questions? **DelaBar:** No. **Anger:** My minutes go back to 2014 on my computer here. The ballot item was 93 to 42 – same item, 69% favorable. In 2015 it was 114 to 64 – 64%. In 2016 it was 102 to 55 – 64%. In 2017 it was 112 to 72 – 65%. It's the same proposal, same results. This is not the solution. I completely agree about the angst. There is angst. There are people who are uncomfortable and unhappy. I don't think the board is the bad guy here. It seems to be that the anger is being turned on the board. The board does listen to and care about Persians. They care about every breed. We're not turning a blind eye to anything, we're just disagreeing with the solution, or the lack of a viable solution. This is the same proposal, nothing new. We would like to solve the problem, too, but a better solution has not been proposed for four years. **Altschul:** This is a different one. **Hannon:** Only in that you have given some extra time. **Altschul:** We also haven't proposed where they go, because I was told that we had no right to say where they go, so I took that out, per the board, who said, "don't tell us where to put them." OK, it's up to the Exotic. I don't understand why telling the Exotic breed council what to do with their own cats is not new. Why is the Persian breed used to fix another breed council? I don't understand that at all. We shouldn't be used as a fix. You're using your largest breed as a fix. **Eigenhauser:** Question. Was Rachel making a comment or asking a question? If she was making a comment, then somebody has to be called upon to answer it. **Anger:** I was making an observation.

Mastin: I have a number of comments, questions. You made a statement and it's written here and I'll refer to it in a question. *Why does the majority feel the Exotic longhair should be removed from the showing bench?* **Altschul:** Because we don't think they're Persians. Let me put it this way – because they feel like they are produced from a breeding program that wasn't trying to make it in the first place. It was produced from a shorthair breeding program. Why would we want to show something that is essentially an AOV? Exotic breeding programs are meant to produce a shorthair cat, so why do we want to show something that's a longhair? As I said, we accept that they're here and we're not going to get rid of them without prolonging this battle. **Mastin:** OK, so I have a concern that the majority don't even want them on the show bench. It's the opinion of some that they feel that this is an AOV or not a breed, but to me when I look at them and when I touch them, it looks like a Persian. I would probably say the majority of the people here, if I present two national winning cats – one a national winning Persian and one a national winning Exotic – they probably couldn't tell the difference unless they knew it was an Exotic longhair. My next question is, I don't always agree with the board members, my family, my managers, my partners, but when I don't agree I don't cause any friction. I'm just concerned that the friction is made up because you don't agree with the decision. At what point in time do

we say, “you know what? We tried, it’s over, let’s eliminate the friction so there isn’t any within the Exotics and the Persians.” **Altschul:** Can I address that? **Mastin:** It’s a question. **Altschul:** Why didn’t you say that to the Exotic breed council for the 20 years they were trying to show their longhairs and creating the friction? They came for 20 years trying to show their cats. They never stopped. They were never told to go away. They were never told, “hey, you’re causing problems, please stop asking for this.” I feel if they were allowed to do something for 20 years, then you can’t turn around and go, “oh, well, it passed now so the Persian breed council should just lay over and take it.” This is something we believe in for the future of our breed. **Hannon:** But Carissa, we’ve had this situation before with other breeds. We told the Colorpoint and Oriental people, “you cannot bring this question back to us, you need to resolve this issue. Come back to us with something you agree on.” We’ve had this issue before with other breeds, so to say, “why did we allow this to go on for 20 years,” we did finally tell the Exotic people, “you two need to sit down and work out a compromise,” and you worked out a compromise. Pam, did they work out a compromise? You were president at the time. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** She is shaking her head no. **DelaBar:** Yes, they did. **Hannon:** The Persian breed council secretary sat down with two representatives of the Exotic breed council and the Breeds and Standards Committee. **DelaBar:** One of which was Peter Vanwongerghem. **Hannon:** Peter Vanwongerghem was the breed council secretary. He wasn’t present and he appointed Becky Orlando and Carla to represent him. The co-chairs of Breeds and Standards at the time was Annette and Debbie Kusy. They all sat down. **Wilson:** With a half-gallon of margaritas. **Hannon:** But she is saying they did not have a compromise. Pam said they did have a compromise. **Bizzell:** It was balloted and passed both breed councils. **Hannon:** It passed one and tied with the other. It was the exact vote. I think it was like 64 to 64. **Altschul:** The compromise that was forced on the Persian breed council was, these cats will be shown, where’s your line in the sand? That’s not a compromise. **Hannon:** And the line in the sand that the Persian breed council secretary drew was, they may not be registered as Persians. That was what Nancy said her line in the sand was. **Altschul:** They also did that they won’t have mimic breeding programs, but we lost that the next year and I already addressed that. **DelaBar:** But it did happen. The board meeting was held in Houston at the Marriott at the airport, and yes we did accept that compromise and it did go to the board. **Mastin:** You answered my question and my comment back is, just because the Exotic breed made it friction for 20 years, I don’t think it is OK for you guys to make it friction going forward. If there is a line in the sand, I’m a little confused on this. You made a comment, if we change it and we don’t like it, we can change it back. If we change it and the Persian registration numbers don’t go up, do we really know that that was the cause? And how much more friction are we going to have if we change it back? I think if we change it and go back, it’s going to be worse than what you have here today. You know, I understand it’s a tough call because you say it’s a completely different breed, but to me, boy it looks like the same breed. **Hannon:** She’s saying genetically it’s a different breed. **Eigenhauser:** Genetically it’s not. **DelaBar:** Genetically longhair Exotics are the same as Persians. **Hannon:** She is saying no. **Altschul:** Because the studies have been limited. They have not presented the pedigrees of the Persians that they used. **Eigenhauser:** The science is still unresolved. **Mastin:** If we can just set aside the friction for a minute, let’s just pretend it doesn’t exist. What harm is it if we leave it alone? Just play the game. Remember, I said set aside the friction. **Altschul:** If somebody came into your house, broke into your house and took up residence in your house and was sleeping in your bedroom with you and was eating your food and was using your possessions and then said, “hey, I’m already here, get over it, we can learn to live together,” it doesn’t matter they’re in

your house constantly. That friction doesn't go away because you try to turn a blind eye. That's how we feel. **Mastin:** OK. Let's try to be polite. That's not a comparison and you know that. Bringing somebody in my house? Give me something else to sell me going in a different direction. **Eigenhauser:** I move we cut off discussion. I don't think anybody is changing anybody's mind. **Dugger:** I would just like to point out one thing. There are a lot of people that are members of the Exotic breed council that are also members of the Persian breed council, and they voted on both, and so sometimes I think that the votes can be skewed, because I'm not members of both. Even though I have friends that may use my cats, I don't vote on the Exotic breed council but a lot of them do vote on both and so sometimes you guys think that the votes are a certain way and perhaps they are not because the votes are somewhat askew because they are being manipulated because you've got votes on both sides. I'm just making that observation. **Hannon:** And just a comment on your observation as somebody who belongs to both breed councils, even with the Exotic people voting on the Persian breed council, it still passes. It might pass by a higher percentage. It probably would, but it's still passing. I don't think that the Exotic people that belong to the Persian breed council have caused this to lose. **Dugger:** I'm not suggesting they have. **Hannon:** A comment I heard last night was, let's just table this. Let them come back with something they can agree on. We don't want to have to go through this every year. It sounds like we might turn it down again this year but they're going to be right back next year and you just told us that. **Morgan:** I don't know if I'm allowed to speak. **Hannon:** Why not, you're co-chair. **Morgan:** Devil's advocate. If we table it or you say don't come back to us with this, what incentive do the Exotic people have to come up with any solution if we're telling the Persian people that they can't come back. I mean, I'm just asking. As someone who is kind of not involved in the nitty gritty other than the overview, to me it seems like the Exotics have what they want at this point and they are now telling the Persians they can't play. **Hannon:** They really don't have what they want, because they're not being registered as Persians. **Altschul:** This is a final comment. The reason why we are pushing this, it goes with what Mark said. It's been made very clear by a number of Exotic breeders – not the current breed council secretary, but by very many Exotic breeders – that as soon as the Persian breed council stops trying to push to get the Exotic longhairs out of our classes, they are going to ask for either a merger of the breeds or for their Exotic longhairs to be registered as Persians, because when we stop fighting it's going to be taken as, "well, they're fine with it, let's go to the next step." Why? Because the value of the CFA registered Persian is higher than the value of a CFA registered Exotic longhair. It's coming. We know it's coming and that's why we keep fighting and why we're not going to stop. That's another reason we feel like there is a separation between the breeds. I think you will see such a decrease in the friction that you're not going to want to go back, unless in the future the Persian feels like honestly they need the Exotics. I think if you give us this breathing room, you are going to see an incredible change. I have done what I can with the Persian breed council to try to keep ugliness down. It's what I can do. I'm one person, but I'm telling you, I think if we do this, in the end, 10-15 years from now, they might be the same breed but they will have come that way naturally on their own and without all this pain and angst that we're feeling now if you just give them the breathing room. It might happen, it might now. Maybe the two breeds will flourish on their own without board interference and CFA continues to flourish, but I just think we need this breathing room. It's not going to hurt anything. They will never come off the table. The board has the power to keep them on the table as their own breed. Give them their own breed council secretary. Give them their own voice. They don't really have one right now. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments from the board members? Are you ready to vote?

1. **PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2018.

CFA shall make the following changes to applicable Show Rules and Persian Rules of Registration in order to remove the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes (note: changes relating to the Exotic standard, the Exotic Listing within Article XXXII, Rule 30.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

- a. Revise Show Rule 6.08 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes),~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.
- b. Revise Article XXXII, Rule 30.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2018 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).

PERSIAN*

~~(See Note at End of Persian Listing)~~

~~Note: Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

- c. Add a note to the “Significant Acceptance Dates” section and add notes to the “Breed Notes” section of the Persian Rules of Registration indicating Longhair Exotics no longer accepted in competition in Persian classes beginning the 2018-2019 show season.

RATIONALE: This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013, 2014, and 2015. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (93/138) in 2013, 64% in 2014 (114/179), and 65% in 2015 (104/158). Additionally, proposals to exhibit the LH Exotics as Persians repeatedly failed the Persian BC for many years prior to the show rule change in 2008. LH Exotics are currently shown as Persians but receive national and regional breed awards as LH Exotics even though the Exotic Standard does not include a description of a LH Exotic. It should be noted that Persian breeding programs do not produce Longhair Exotics; these are produced from Exotic breeding programs, so it is only reasonable and logical that a place should be found for them on the show bench within the Exotic breed.

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the

Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently, since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed as mandated in 2008 to the Persian and Exotic BC secretaries, it is only appropriate Longhair Exotics should be shown in classes separate from the parent breed (Persian).

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed since Longhair Exotics can still be shown and receive LH Exotic Breed wins. This change simply requires LH Exotics to be shown in LH Exotic color classes instead of in Persian color classes. Furthermore, this change permits Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

Furthermore, it is simply not appropriate to use a show rule to determine the championship status of a portion of a breed. Show rules are not meant to have an impact on one breed or another; they should be universally applicable to all breeds. Issues involving breeds must be appropriately delegated to the breeds affected for resolution. The BOD choosing to use their power over the show rules to attempt to end the issue between the Exotic and Persian BC’s has actually lead to more strife than previously existed. While the Breed Councils are designed to be advisory to the BOD, there is a matter of respect that should be accorded to CFA’s oldest and most dominant breed.

The Persian BC respectfully and earnestly asks the members of both the Persian and Exotic BC’s vote YES on this proposal. It sets a date of May of 2018 for removal of the Longhair Exotics from the Persian breed classes, which gives the Exotic BC a year to determine how to find a place for cats created by their own breeding programs. The Persian BC would also like to remind the Exotic BC that they rely on the Persians without Exotic ancestry for their own breeding programs. It is in the best interest of the Exotic BC to help preserve the integrity of the Persian by keeping it separate from the Exotic.

This proposal does not suggest where the Longhair Exotics (*or cats of Exotic ancestry*) should be shown apart from not within the Persian breed. These leaves the determination of how they should be shown outside of the Persian breed to the Exotic BC and the CFA Board of Directors.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 2 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 2 & 3.

YES: 122

NO: 72

ABSTAIN: 1

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 194
> 50% of Voting: 98

Bizzell: Going to the Persians, we can go through them one by one. The Persian ballot had a total of 7 items – 3 registration issues and 4 standard items, of which 3 registration issues passed and one standard item passed. Should I go ahead and put out a standing motion?

Hannon: Why don't you make a motion. We'll get a second and during the discussion phase we'll turn to Carissa for her comments. **Bizzell:** OK. Item #1, this was designed to prohibit the showing of longhair Exotics in Persian color classes, effective May 1, 2018. **Hannon:** And you're making that motion? **Bizzell:** Yes, and it passed by more than 50%. **Hannon:** Discussion? Carissa, you're on. [transcript goes to beginning of ballot]

Hannon: The question is, removing the Exotic longhairs from the Persian classes.

Motion Failed. Dugger, Calhoun, Wilson and Krzanowski voting yes.

2. **PROPOSED:** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Longhair Exotic X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

RATIONALE: There is no reason to be breeding Longhair Exotics to other Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 3.

YES: 117

NO: 73

ABSTAIN: 5

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 190
> 50% of Voting: 96

Hannon: #2. **Bizzell:** This is the proposal to reinstate the original compromise to disallow litters between longhair Exotic and longhair Exotic. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **DelaBar:** I just wanted to say, if this is put in, you're going to see a big decrease in Region 9. **Hannon:** This was put in because of Region 9. **DelaBar:** Shame on us. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Motion Failed.

3. **PROPOSED:** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Persian X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

RATIONALE: There is no reason to be breeding Persians to Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians to CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 2. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 2.

YES: 119

NO: 73

ABSTAIN: 3

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 192

> 50% of Voting: 97

Hannon: The third one. **Bizzell:** The third one is to disallow registration of litters between Persians and Exotic longhairs. That passed by more than 50%. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **DelaBar:** Same comment as on #2.

Motion Failed.

4. **PROPOSED:** Modify the description for Persian PAWS as follows:

Current:

PAWS: large, round, and firm. Toes carried close, five in front and four behind.

Proposed:

PAWS: large, round, and firm. Toes ~~carried close~~ loosely coupled, five in front and four behind.

RATIONALE: Change made to better describe the Persian paw. Compared to many other breeds, including Exotics, the Persians' paws are large relative to their overall size and the toes are more relaxed rather than held tightly together.

YES: 108

NO: 82

ABSTAIN: 5

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 190
60% of Voting: 114

No Action.

5. **PROPOSED:** Modify the description for Persian HEAD as follows (additions in underline):

Current:

HEAD: round and massive, with great breadth of skull. Round face with round underlying bone structure. Well set on a short, thick neck. Skull structure to be smooth and round to the touch and not unduly exaggerated from where the forehead begins at the top of the break to the back of the head, as well as across the breadth between the ears. When viewed in profile, the prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment.

Proposed:

HEAD: round and massive, with great breadth of skull. Round face with round underlying bone structure. Well set on a short, thick neck. Kittens and young adults should not have jowls, a fold of flesh under the jaw line. Skull structure to be smooth and round to the touch and not unduly exaggerated from where the forehead begins at the top of the break to the back of the head, as well as across the breadth between the ears. When viewed in profile, the prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment.

RATIONALE: Change made to differentiate the Persian neck from that of some other breeds, including Exotics. Persian females and young Persians do not have a noticeable fold of flesh under the jaw or jowls. Mature males may exhibit stud jowls, where the side cheeks feel full.

YES: 109

NO: 84

ABSTAIN: 2

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 193
60% of Voting: 116

No Action.

6. **PROPOSED:** Modify the description for Persian NOSE as follows (additions in underline):

Current:

NOSE: short, snub, and broad, with “break” centered between the eyes.

Proposed:

NOSE: short, snub, and broad, with “break” centered between the inside corners of the eyes.

RATIONALE: Change made to help judges and breeders know that the nose itself should not be centered between the eyes but rather that the break should be located on a line drawn between the inside corners of the eyes with the nose centered between eyes below the break.

YES: 110

NO: 81

ABSTAIN: 4

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 191

60% of Voting: 115

No Action.

7. PROPOSED: Add to Persian DISQUALIFY as follows (additions in underline):

Current:

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Crossed eyes.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Nose that is visibly set to one side of the vertical centerline of the face. Crossed eyes.

* *The above listed disqualifications apply to all Persian cats. Additional disqualifications are listed under “Colors.”

RATIONALE: This change clarifies that Persians with noses that are asymmetrical or “crooked” should be disqualified from competition.

YES: 135

NO: 55

ABSTAIN: 5

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 190

60% of Voting: 114

Bizzell: We have #7. It’s to clarify the disqualify section of the Persian standard to add additional wording to instruct that a nose that is visibly set to one side of the vertical centerline of the face is a disqualification and it passed. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Altschul:** I provided one slide for you guys. I hope that you can see it, particularly the judges. This came up because several breed council members approached me. I’m going to

ask that you don't disseminate this picture because I don't want to do anything against this particular cat, but I just used it as an example of why I think we need a little bit more clarification in the standard. This cat was a two-show grand, a high regional winner and got multiple best kitten awards looking like this. I hope everyone can see it's clearly off the center line. It was shown in the United States. It's not like it was a Chinese cat or something. I just want you to know that this happened within the last two years. There have been other cats. It was difficult to decolorize their pictures to show examples, but this one is one that drew a lot of ire from Persian breed council members, and they felt like yes, we already have the thing about the asymmetrical face, but sometimes we notice that every standard does this. When you refine something it's just a way of sending a message not just to the judges but to the breeders – you shouldn't be showing this, you shouldn't be breeding this.

Motion Carried.

Hannon: You got one. **Altschul:** Thank you.

RUSSIAN BLUE

Re-elected Breed Council Secretary: Annette Wilson – South Haven, MI
 Total Members: 29
 Ballots Received: 16

- 1. **PROPOSED:** Change the Russian Blue registration rules to exclude any color other than blue and coat length other than short in the 8 generation pedigree requirement.

Current:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Whites			
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Proposed:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Whites <u>Any color other than blue</u>			
<u>Any coat length other than short</u>			

RATIONALE: This will align the registration rules with the standard, which disqualifies for any color other than blue and any coat length other than short. There are breeders hybridizing for long coat and other solid colors (black, white) and tabbies; there are also breeders using the blue point offspring of blue cats for breeding. There should be no cats in the required 8 generations of any color other than blue and coat length other than shorthaired.

YES: 16

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 16
 > 50% of Voting: 9

Hannon: Russian Blue. **Bizzell:** We've already done Persian so we go on to Russian Blue. They had four items. They are all registration issues and they all passed. The first one, they are proposing to change the rules of registration that currently says *do not accept whites* to not accept *any color other than blue or any coat length*. That passed. **Wilson:** Any coat length other than short. **Bizzell:** That's what I said. **Hannon:** No you didn't. **Bizzell:** It says *any coat length* right here. Oh. [turns the page] **Hannon:** I believe we call that human error. Is there any discussion?

Motion Carried.

2. Change the Pedigree Requirement section of the Russian Blue Rules of Registration to exclude pedigrees issued by WCF in Russia, Ukraine and/or China.

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/02	8 generations		

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

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Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/02	8 generations	Date: <u>05/17</u>	<u>Exclude any WCF pedigrees issued in Russia, Ukraine, China</u>

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

<u>Registration by pedigree using pedigrees from WCF issued in Russia, Ukraine or China</u>			
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RATIONALE: There has been evidence of fraudulent and incorrect pedigrees issued (or supposedly issued) by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China. This results in incorrectly registered Russian Blues and incorrect pedigree data in the CFA database. When errors are

pointed out, the WCF clubs just issue a new pedigree without verifying that the details are correct.

YES: 14

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 16

> 50% of Voting: 9

Hannon: #2. Bizzell: #2 is a provision similar to #1 in the Egyptian Mau to a rules of registration change to exclude any WCF pedigrees issued in Russia, Ukraine and China.

Eigenhauser: I assume we're going to vote this one down and the next one down, so anticipating that, how many Russian Blues are registered by pedigree each year? **Wilson:** In 2012 there were 13 and in all the other years of the 5 years I have data for, there were 10 or less.

Eigenhauser: I would suggest we vote these two down and then make our own. **Wilson:** And I would encourage you to vote them up, as the breed council secretary. **Hannon:** Are you telling us you don't want to review them? **Wilson:** No. I will review them. That was the proposal #3.

Hannon: But you don't review them all. **Wilson:** I probably review most of them now and send quite a few of them back, or just say this cat is not registerable by this pedigree. I'm sure that's what Melanie does, too.

Motion Failed. Wilson voting yes.

3. PROPOSED (if Proposal #2 Fails): Change the Pedigree Requirement section of the Russian Blue Rules of Registration to require a second review of all pedigrees issued by WCF in Russia, Ukraine and/or China by the Russian Blue Breed Council Secretary.

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/02	8 generations		
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Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/02	8 generations	Date: <u>05/17</u>	<u>Breed Council Secretary to Review/Approve all pedigrees issued by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China.</u>
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RATIONALE: There has been evidence of fraudulent and incorrect pedigrees issued (or supposedly issued) by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China. This results in incorrectly registered Russian Blues and incorrect pedigree data in the CFA database. When errors are pointed out, the WCF clubs just issue a new pedigree without verifying that the details are correct. Central Office could also forward any suspect pedigrees to the RB BCS for review.

This is also a way to check to see if there are CFA cats in the 8 generations that are not identified with CFA Registration numbers.

YES: 16

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 16

> 50% of Voting: 9

Hannon: Let's do #3 and then we'll come back. **Bizzell:** OK, #3 is the proposal if #2 fails, to require breed council secretary review any pedigrees issued by WCF clubs in Russia, Ukraine and China. It passed the breed council. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Motion Failed. Wilson voting yes.

Eigenhauser: I move that we have Russian Blue registrations by pedigree be reviewed by the breed council secretary. **Mastin:** Second. **Wilson:** I would like that actually to appear in the breed notes. **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Bizzell:** It will be here. **Wilson:** In the breed notes that follow the registration rules. I'm not sure what you mean. **Bizzell:** It would be right in this little grid thing. We could wordsmith it. It would be right there where you had this. That's better than in the notes, because it's front and center in the grid. **Morgan:** We don't include all the breed notes online because they are often things that aren't public, so it's better to keep it – yes. Some breeds have a few but if they are applicable to public they are necessary, but we don't have all the specific breed notes for every breed.

Motion Carried.

4. PROPOSED: That CFA not allow the Russian Blue to be used as an outcross for any breed that has a structural defect as part of the feature of the breed (folded ears, lack of tail, shortened limbs, etc.).

Current:

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSS BREEDS

None

Proposed:

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSS BREEDS

None

Russian Blues may not be used as an outcross to any breed with a structural defect (example: Scottish Fold, Munchkin)

RATIONALE: Currently, individual breed registration rules indicate what other breeds may be allowed in the breed. We would like to go further and not permit breeds (either currently

registered in CFA or those which might apply at some time) to use the Russian Blue as an outcross. A pedigreed breed should be able to have a say in which breeds it can be used. There would never be a benefit to the Russian Blue breed to be an allowed outcross for any breed that has a structural defect as part of its breed description.

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 15

> 50% of Voting: 8

Hannon: #4. Bizzell: OK, #4 they voted to not allow Russian Blues to be used in a breeding program as an outcross to any breed with a structural defect, like a Scottish Fold or Munchkin. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **DelaBar:** Is this happening within CFA? **Wilson:** Are you calling on me? You're staring at me. This is not something I came up with. My breed council came up with this and asked me to put it on the ballot. Their reasoning for it was the Munchkinization of many breeds. It's not a CFA breed currently. We have a process that we go through when a breed asks for an outcross and I personally don't have too much of a problem with that but my breed council members – several of them – pointed out that, why don't we be proactive and ask that we not be used as an outcross for any breed now existing or any breed that might come into CFA, and then we've got it covered. It's only structural defect. For example, if the American Curl wanted to have an outcross, we wouldn't have to be balloted. It's in our rules. **DelaBar:** The American Curl is not a structural defect. **Wilson:** We would consider it just like the Scottish Fold ear, the American Curl ear would be a structural defect. **Eigenhauser:** I have two objections. The first is the term "structural defect." One person's defect is another person's item of beauty. If you want to talk about defect, the original cats were brown in order to blend in with the environment. Blue is a defect, OK? **Wilson:** I'll be sure to let my breed council members know you said that. **Eigenhauser:** These are simply mutations. That's all they are, and whether they're beautiful or defective, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, So, I object to the terminology. The second thing is, I think we're opening a real can of worms if we're letting people bar outcrosses that nobody has asked for yet. Is the Persian breed council going to come in and say, "we don't want these, these and these to ever ask for it in the future?" How are we going to deal with new breeds if breeds shut down their outcrosses before the new breed even asks? There ought to be a process for doing it, and we have one. So, let's not have councils objecting to outcrosses that don't even exist. **Wilson:** I agree with that, in theory. I do personally agree with it. My breed council members do not all obviously, from the way they voted. However, I think that in the past it has been important to members of this board that when there are health issues involved with an outcross or with a standard change or registration change, it has been deemed important, and that's how they are looking at this. **DelaBar:** I would like it so noted that there are no health issues associated with the American Curl. None. **Wilson:** I'm not singling out the American Curl. **DelaBar:** You did, and I want the rest of these people here, especially the non-judges, unlike the Scottish Fold and some others that do have some structural anomalies, that the American Curl has none. There's no problem with the ears, there's no problem with any health whatsoever. You can breed Curl to Curl and not have to worry about any kind of resulting structural defect. **Black:** It was many years ago that I was contacted by a Birman breeder that wanted to make red pointed Birmans and want to use a Somali. I told her no way, over my dead body. There's also people that are making Munchkins of other breeds. I've

seen a Munchkin Somali. It was actually on the news one day. So, I agree that if we don't want our breeds being Munchkinized – if that is the word you used – but I agree this kind of steps outside the bounds of saying, we're taking all these breeds off the table. We have our rules for registration. We can't accept outcrosses with a lot of our breeds anyway. There is no outcross, so I don't know why we have to put this in there. **Hannon:** I'm going to call the question.

Motion Failed. Wilson voting yes.

SCOTTISH FOLD

Total Members: 25
Ballots Received: 13

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Scottish Fold Rules for Registration to reduce the pedigree generational requirements for registration via pedigree.

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	4 generations
Date:	

Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	4 generations
Date: 5/2017	3 generations

RATIONALE: There are a lot of overseas breeders and TICA breeders that have colors disallowed by CFA in their pedigrees. Currently, the Scottish Fold breed requires a 4-generation certified pedigree for a cat from another association to be registered in CFA. The biggest issue seems to be that the British Shorthair cats who have hybridized colors such as lilac and lavender are the cats that are preventing Scottish Folds from other associations from being registered in CFA. The British Shorthair breed council in CFA does not accept those colors. There are some cats who could be registered if we changed our rules of registration to require a 3-generation pedigree for registration instead. Several other breeds accept a 3-generation certified pedigree, such as the American Bobtail, Devon Rex, Korat, Oriental Shorthair, Ragdoll, Siberian, Sphynx, Tonkinese and Turkish Angora. The Scottish Fold breed needs to boost its numbers for increased genetic diversity. Reducing our requirements for registration to a 3-generation pedigree would allow some Scottish Folds to be registered that are currently prevented from doing so.

YES: 8

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 13

> 50% of Voting: 7

Hannon: Scottish Fold. **Bizzell:** Scottish Fold had one item, a registration change. They want to reduce the number of generations required by pedigree from four to three. This would allow for additional registration of cats that have disallowed colors back in the fourth or fifth generation. **Hannon:** Are they referring to the chocolate and lilac Brits? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Hannon:**

We didn't resolve that issue with the DNA? **Bizzell:** That's only with the DNA test. We didn't disallow pedigrees coming in from another organization. **Auth:** And there are pointed Scottish Folds in Russia being shown. **DelaBar:** Pointed is one of those genes that can hide for several generations and pop up, so it could be totally off the pedigree and we would never know it. **Eigenhauser:** The saying is, a recessive is forever. A ten generation pedigree doesn't guarantee there is no pointed in there, so that's really not the issue here. **Hannon:** Any more discussion?

Motion Carried.

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Bizzell: That's all we had on the ballots. Did you want to talk briefly about the smoke Persian and what their process would be? **Hannon:** Sure. **Bizzell:** Verna and I have been working on this. There are others. People come to Breeds and Standards with – I call CFA “self-policing.” They will usually point an error out and usually to us when they find a registration error. A group has found this smoke Persian. It's a blue-cream smoke that is incorrectly registered. I went back with Verna and looked at the mother cat and see if maybe she was misregistered and we could fix the problem by reregistering the mother with the breeder's OK, of course. That cat couldn't be a smoke either. Those parents couldn't produce a smoke or a silver of any kind. So what do we do? Do we turn this over to Central Office and say here's the problem and you need to fix it? That's what I'm assuming. **Hannon:** The fix would be to unregister the cat or tell them to find the right pedigree. **Bizzell:** Find the right parents. So, that's a question I don't think it should be Breeds and Standards' purview to take care of these. **Hannon:** But you're just surfacing the problem. **DelaBar:** Is in fact that cat a smoke or is it bad color? **Bizzell:** No, no. I've seen pictures and it's a smoke. Melanie has judged it. **Hannon:** Judges that have handled it say it's definitely a smoke. It can't be a smoke because of the pedigree, so the pedigree is wrong. It's not the color that's wrong. **DelaBar:** It has to have a silver in there somewhere, or that kitten coat that they said, “oh, it's fever coat” or whatever, it was actually smoke color and not fever coat. **Hannon:** Do we want Central Office then to unregister the cat or get a pedigree that can produce that color? **Bizzell:** To contact the owner. **Hannon:** Are you aware of the cat she's talking about? You're going to contact the owner and say it was incorrectly registered, that this cat can't be a smoke based on the parentage that she put on the litter registration. **Black:** We need to clarify. It's not incorrectly registered. It's just the parentage can't be who they claim. It's the right color. **Bizzell:** It's incorrectly registered to those parents, because the parents can't make a smoke. **Black:** But it's registered as a smoke, right? I know it can't be a smoke based on its parentage, but it's actually in the right color class. **Hannon:** The registration process includes indicating the sire and the dam, so it's a registration error. **Bizzell:** There's something wrong there. **DelaBar:** Misidentification of the parent. You can have blue-silver or whatever and it's registered as a blue tabby when actually it's a blue-silver tabby. That's a very unique thing to catch. Not every judge is astute enough to catch something like that. **Newkirk:** She said they went back and reviewed the parentage. **Bizzell:** I went back and reviewed the parentage of the mother which I thought might be misregistered, and they couldn't produce a smoke, either. **Anger:** Roger, how close are we to having a DNA test for silver? Is it anywhere on the horizon? **Brown:** They're working on it but we still don't have it. **Anger:** I just hate to deregister a cat and tell them to go away. **Bizzell:** We want to help them correct their pedigrees. I'm assuming that's important to them. **Hannon:** It's important to us. **Bizzell:** If we were to submit that cat's pedigree to FIFe or something, they would turn it back.

Hannon: OK, so you're going to resolve it and touch base with me and let me know what happened. **Newkirk:** Was there any attempt to figure out if there were any cats in the cattery that have an inhibitor gene? **Bizzell:** Yes, there is. He has owned a cameo, so yes. That gene was at least once available in his cattery. **Hannon:** Are we through with Breeds and Standards, and related issues? **Bizzell:** Done.

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. reconvened on Sunday, February 5, 2017, in the CFA Foundation Museum, 260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio. President **Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT with the following members present:

Mr. Mark Hannon (President)
Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Vice President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Kathy Black (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Ms. Lisa Kuta (SWR Director)
Ms. Mary Auth (MWR Director)
Ms. Jean Dugger (SOR Director)
Mr. Edward Maeda (Japan Regional Director)
Mrs. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Director-at-Large)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

John M. Randolph, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Teresa Barry, Executive Director
Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services
Allene Tartaglia, Special Events Coordinator
Angela Watkins, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter
Brian Buetel, Central Office

Not Present:

Mr. John Adelhoch (NAR Director)

Hannon: Pam wants us to go into executive session for a few minutes. She said it's going to be short, right? **DelaBar:** Yeah, real short. **Hannon:** So I'll have to ask the audience to leave. It shouldn't be long. I'm told a number of people want to leave by noon for assorted reasons. [transcript goes to Judging Program, emeritus]

(18) AWARDS COMMITTEE.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

When the board implemented the geographic areas for National Wins in Feb 2016, one stipulation was to revisit the point minimums every February. We believe the board should consider adjusting the point minimums but are not ready to make a recommendation for new values.

With Dick Kallmeyer's assistance, we have collected some count statistical data for the May – November portion of the show season. The data is included at the end of this report. The data is mixed showing improvements in some areas/categories and declines in others.

The current minimum point requirements for National Wins across all areas are

*Kitten – 1800
Championship – 4300
Premiership – 2200*

These minimums were based on the 25th best in each category in the 2014-2015 season. The following table shows how many cats met the minimum points and were able to achieve NWs in each category last season, and how many have met those minimums so far this season:

<i>Cats in top 25 standings with minimum points</i>			
		<i>Last Season</i>	<i>Current (as of Jan 18)</i>
<i>International Area</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
	<i>Kitten</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Premiership</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>China Area</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>18</i>
	<i>Kitten</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8</i>
	<i>Premiership</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Regions 1-9 Area</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>9</i>
	<i>Kitten</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>20</i>
	<i>Premiership</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>16</i>

Last season, there were cats that moved into the top 25 standings in the final four months of the season. This means we expect that the number of cats above the point minimum will certainly increase for this season; a review of ePoints shows that there are cats on the cusp of hitting the

point minimums. But we believe some areas will fall short of their totals last season and the board should consider judiciously lowering the point minimums.

However, we believe it is too early to determine an appropriate value for point minimums. We recommend that the board wait until the June board meeting to adjust the point minimums for the 2017-2018 season so that we can collect a full season of data to make a more informed recommendation for new values. If the point minimums are lowered at your June meeting, we can present a complete analysis of the count/point data while competitors will still have ample time to plan their campaigns accordingly for next season.

We will work with Dick to continue monitoring the count/point data and will make recommendations for your consideration in June.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is working with Allene Tartaglia on the preparation for the awards presentation at the annual. Allene has some great ideas for improving the organization of people in the award line so that there is less confusion and less down-time. We will use the same trophies as last year and are investigating options for improving the rosettes.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will send out a call for nominations for star awards in March. Please be thinking about nominees.

Board Action Items:

Postpone adjusting the NW point minimums until the June board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Star Award nominations

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

Hannon: Next is awards. What was anticipated was that at today's meeting we would discuss the point minimums for our national awards. Mary is recommending that we wait on that until she collects more data. She is going to bring it up at a later meeting. **Eigenhauser:** I don't want to wait all the way until June. I know people are going to say, "well, that's so early in the show season it doesn't really make a difference," but can you imagine being a split season kitten and, at the end of May you are eligible for a national award and then in June the board votes to take your award away? **Hannon:** Alright, so you want it at the April meeting? **Eigenhauser:** I want it at the April meeting. **Hannon:** I'll go back and tell her that.

Comparison of Shows and KCP Present (May through November)									
Region	2016-2017 Show Season				2015-2016 Show Season			2014-2015	
	Shows	KCP Present	Δ % (16-17)	Δ % (15-17)	Shows	KCP Present	Δ %	Shows	KCP Present
1	14	1,870	-0.10%	-7.80%	14	1,871	-7.80%	14	2,029
2	9	929	15.70%	-20.80%	7	803	-31.50%	10	1,173
3	6	790	20.10%	54.00%	5	658	28.30%	4	513
4	18	2,487	-0.20%	3.40%	20	2,492	3.60%	17	2,405
5	8	977	-26.50%	-34.60%	10	1,329	-11.00%	11	1,494
6	9	1,068	-2.30%	-12.60%	10	1,093	-10.60%	10	1,222
7	12	1,854	-38.60%	-35.40%	21	3,022	5.30%	20	2,871
N.Amer	76	9,975	-11.50%	-14.80%	87	11,268	-3.70%	86	11,707
8	14	1,040	6.20%	37.20%	13	979	29.20%	10	758
9	16	1,236	18.10%	-5.30%	11	1,047	-19.80%	14	1,305
China	45	4,926	0.30%	177.50%	31	4,911	176.70%	16	1,775
Intl.	24	1,967	-5.00%	13.10%	24	2,070	19.00%	22	1,739
Total	177	19,659	-5.60%	9.50%	168	20,836	16.00%	150	17,957

Comparison of Shows and Kittens Present (May through November)									
Region	2016-2017 Show Season				2015-2016 Show Season			2014-2015	
	Shows	K Present	ΔK%(16-17)	ΔK%(15-17)	Shows	K Present	Δ%	Shows	K Present
1	14	685	17.70%	10.80%	14	582	-5.80%	14	618
2	9	288	0.00%	-28.20%	7	288	-28.20%	10	401
3	6	236	18.60%	91.90%	5	199	61.80%	4	123
4	18	1,016	21.20%	15.70%	20	838	-4.60%	17	878
5	8	403	-22.20%	-36.20%	10	518	-18.00%	11	632
6	9	352	-9.30%	-10.20%	10	388	-1.00%	10	392
7	12	688	-30.90%	-28.90%	21	996	2.90%	20	968
N. Amer	76	3,668	-3.70%	-8.60%	87	3,809	-5.10%	86	4,012
8	14	266	13.70%	9.90%	13	234	-3.30%	10	242
9	16	380	15.20%	-7.10%	11	330	-19.30%	14	409
China	45	1,390	-44.20%	60.50%	31	2,489	187.40%	16	866
Intl.	24	513	-14.60%	-8.90%	24	601	6.70%	22	563
Total	177	6,481	-15.90%	1.50%	168	7,706	20.70%	150	6,387

<i>Comparison of Shows and Championship Cats Present (May through November)</i>									
<i>Region</i>	<i>2016-2017 Show Season</i>				<i>2015-2016 Show Season</i>			<i>2014-2015</i>	
	<i>Shows</i>	<i>C Present</i>	<i>ΔC%(16-17)</i>	<i>ΔC%(15-17)</i>	<i>Shows</i>	<i>C Present</i>	<i>Δ %</i>	<i>Shows</i>	<i>C Present</i>
<i>1</i>	14	690	-8.50%	-20.30%	14	754	-12.90%	14	866
<i>2</i>	9	408	22.50%	-14.80%	7	333	-30.50%	10	479
<i>3</i>	6	353	22.10%	37.90%	5	289	12.90%	4	256
<i>4</i>	18	887	-8.70%	-5.20%	20	971	3.70%	17	936
<i>5</i>	8	355	-31.60%	-34.50%	10	519	-4.20%	11	542
<i>6</i>	9	443	2.30%	-19.50%	10	433	-21.30%	10	550
<i>7</i>	12	696	-42.30%	-42.20%	21	1,206	0.10%	20	1,205
<i>N. Amer</i>	76	3,832	-14.90%	-20.70%	87	4,505	-6.80%	86	4,834
<i>8</i>	14	507	2.60%	37.00%	13	494	33.50%	10	370
<i>9</i>	16	707	24.90%	-5.90%	11	566	-24.60%	14	751
<i>China</i>	45	3,302	48.50%	316.90%	31	2,224	180.80%	16	792
<i>Intl.</i>	24	1,071	-2.70%	23.50%	24	1,101	27.00%	22	867
<i>Total</i>	177	9,586	5.20%	22.10%	168	9,108	16.00%	150	7,851

<i>Comparison of Shows and Premiership Cats Present (May through November)</i>									
<i>Region</i>	<i>2016-2017 Show Season</i>				<i>2015-2016 Show Season</i>			<i>2014-2015</i>	
	<i>Shows</i>	<i>P Present</i>	<i>ΔP%(16-17)</i>	<i>ΔP%(15-17)</i>	<i>Shows</i>	<i>P Present</i>	<i>Δ %</i>	<i>Shows</i>	<i>P Present</i>
<i>1</i>	14	495	-7.50%	-9.20%	14	535	-1.80%	14	545
<i>2</i>	9	233	28.00%	-20.50%	7	182	-37.90%	10	293
<i>3</i>	6	201	18.20%	50.00%	5	170	26.90%	4	134
<i>4</i>	18	584	-14.50%	-1.20%	20	683	15.60%	17	591
<i>5</i>	8	219	-25.00%	-31.60%	10	292	-8.80%	11	320
<i>6</i>	9	273	0.40%	-2.50%	10	272	-2.90%	10	280
<i>7</i>	12	470	-42.70%	-32.70%	21	820	17.50%	20	698
<i>N. Amer</i>	76	2,475	-16.20%	-13.50%	87	2,954	3.30%	86	2,861
<i>8</i>	14	267	6.40%	82.90%	13	251	71.90%	10	146
<i>9</i>	16	149	-1.30%	2.80%	11	151	4.10%	14	145
<i>China</i>	45	234	18.20%	100.00%	31	198	69.20%	16	117
<i>Intl.</i>	24	383	4.10%	23.90%	24	368	19.10%	22	309
<i>Total</i>	177	3,592	-10.70%	-3.40%	168	4,022	8.10%	150	3,719

Anger: Just a notation that no one responded to the request to notify Central Office that the regions are changing their regional point minimums, so they will be as they were last year. **Colilla:** I changed it last night. I sent it. **DelaBar:** I got ahold of Shirley and told her that ours were going to remain the same. **Anger:** Before January 4th? **DelaBar:** Yeah. I did it in October. **Kuta:** I replied, too, I think. **Auth:** As did I. **Anger:** I'm just passing on what Shirley said.

(19) SHOW RULES.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities:

As requested by Dick Kallmeyer, we are proposing to revise the requirements for International Divisional Awards that are based on the number of rings held in the International Division areas. Specifically, it is to provide incentive for isolated countries to host shows with more rings while not encouraging unreasonable goals. In addition, a question has come up if a cat can be shown in one country (the US) and then transferred to an owner in the International Division to obtain a breed win that would otherwise not be attainable. Our belief is that the rules require the cat/kitten to be shown at least once in its final assigned area of residence, but we are making the rule change to clarify that this is the case.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Updating rules based on Board requests.

Future Projections for Committee:

None at this time.

Action Item:

Revise Article XXXVI to clarify show requirements for the BWI/BWC/BWR titles and revise ring requirements for Divisional Awards structure.

Article XXXVI	Modified per requests from Dick & Show Rules Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p style="text-align: center;">SCORING</p> <p>At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet (adult or kitten) will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, <u>to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.</u></p> <p>If a cat/household pet is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCORING</p> <p>At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet (adult or kitten) will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, <u>to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.</u></p> <p>If a cat/household pet is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited</p>

<p>earned.</p> <p>All points credited must be earned while competing as a particular color/tabby pattern except for Household Pets, whose descriptive information may change without affecting their points earned. Cats/kittens that have earned points under more than one color/tabby pattern description will only receive those points earned under the color/tabby pattern description for which they were eligible and last shown (see show rule 6.11).</p> <p>In order to be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the region of final assignment (see national/divisional/regional assignment section). In order to be eligible for a national award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the national award area of final assignment (see national/divisional/regional assignment section).</p> <p>Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet show will not be scored for CFA award points.</p> <p>Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration or recording number or the lack of a registration or recording number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration or recording number application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a recording number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration or recording number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register or record the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following</p>	<p>points will be the sum of total points earned.</p> <p>All points credited must be earned while competing as a particular color/tabby pattern except for Household Pets, whose descriptive information may change without affecting their points earned. Cats/kittens that have earned points under more than one color/tabby pattern description will only receive those points earned under the color/tabby pattern description for which they were eligible and last shown (see show rule 6.11).</p> <p>In order to be eligible for a regional award, <u>including regional breed award</u>, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the region of final assignment (see national/divisional/regional assignment section). In order to be eligible for a national award, <u>including a national breed award</u>, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the national award area of final assignment (see national/divisional/regional assignment section).</p> <p>Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Division/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet show will not be scored for CFA award points.</p> <p>Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration or recording number or the lack of a registration or recording number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration or recording number application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a recording number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration or recording number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register or record the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of</p>
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the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

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Last Paragraph under National Awards:

To obtain any national award and its associated title (National Winner - NW), the cat/kitten must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned. Those minimums are as follows – for championship cats, the cat must earn a minimum of 4,300 points; for kittens, the kitten must earn a minimum of 1,800 points; for premiership, the cat must earn a minimum of 2,200 points. Cats failing to meet these minimums are not eligible for any national award or title. The Board will review these minimums for potential adjustment for the next show season at their February Board meeting.

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International Division

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

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

* - this does not apply to household pet awards

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

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

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International Division

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

5-9 rings sponsored in the area = 1 award;
10-19 rings sponsored in the area = 3 awards;
20-30 rings sponsored in the area = 4 awards;
31-37 rings sponsored in the area = 5 awards;
38-44 rings sponsored in the area = 7 awards;
45-57 rings sponsored in the area = 10 awards;
58-70 rings sponsored in the area = 12 awards;
~~40-30 rings sponsored in an area = 3 awards;~~
~~31-44 rings sponsored in an area = 5 awards;~~
~~45-70 rings sponsored in an area = 10 awards;~~
71-160 rings sponsored in an area = 15 awards*;

<p>...</p> <p>National/Regional/Divisional Assignment</p> <p>4. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p>	<p>and</p> <p>>160 rings sponsored in an area = 25 awards**.</p> <p>* - this does not apply to household pet awards ** - These awards only apply to Championship and Kittens.</p> <p>...</p> <p>National/Regional/Divisional Assignment</p> <p>4. To be eligible for a regional award, <u>including a regional breed award,</u> a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. <u>To be eligible for a national award, including a national breed award,, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the national area of final assignment.</u> Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p>
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RATIONALE: It has come to our attention that the requirements to show for a breed award are not clear in the show rules. While they are considered national and regional awards, some people are confused as to whether the showing requirements for the placements also apply to breed awards (they do). We have revised the article to make that clear.

The rule currently has the board reviewing the point minimums at its February board meeting; however, seasonal statistics for the complete show season are not available by February, thus the review would be based on the season completed over 9 months earlier. By moving the date for providing new point minimums for the season to August first, the Board can then base the new minimums on the recently-completed show season.

Finally, per the ID chair, the requirement for number of shows to obtain various divisional awards may be too excessive for isolated countries. As such, this Article is also revised to provide incentive for isolated countries to host shows with more rings while not encouraging unreasonable goals.

Hannon: Next is Monte with Show Rules. Monte, we appreciate you making the effort to come here. **Phillips:** Thank you. Show Rules is basically one rule but it's three parts. I'm going to discuss what the three parts are and then if you want to go over each one, we can. The rule has to do with national and regional awards. The first part of the rule has to do with breed awards, clarifying that you do have to show your cat at least once in your national or regional area to be eligible for a breed award. I think that's already the case but it's not clear. This makes it clear. The second item goes back to the issue Mark just talked about, and that has to do with the timing of the minimum point requirements being set. The rule has been revised to have it go out to the CFA website by the first of August. That would mean you could do it in June, you could do it earlier than June. We can also change that date if you want to by voting that part down and then changing the date. The third part of the rule has to do with what Dick's request was; basically, to expand the number of rings required for various categories of awards in the International Division areas. Right now it jumps from 3 to 5 to 10. This would have it go from 3 to 4 to 5 to 7

to 10. Any question on any part? **Hannon:** Does somebody want to make a motion? **Newkirk:** So moved. **Hannon:** What are you moving? For all three? **Newkirk:** All three. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion? **Mastin:** I just fear that we are going to have an issue voting on all three at one time, then somebody is going to be confused and we're going to have to reopen it. Monte mentioned something earlier, if we want to vote down the deadline date as August 1st for setting the point minimums. George made a comment earlier just before that, that it's too late to announce the point minimums in June. **Hannon:** The motion was made by Darrell? Are you happy with the motion, voting on all three? **Newkirk:** Do you want to change the date? **Hannon:** He wants to break it out and vote individually. **Newkirk:** I don't care. We can vote individually on all three. **Hannon:** Is that alright with the second? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** I think the second one has the date on it, right Monte? **Newkirk:** Why don't we just amend the date and then we can vote on all three of them. **Mastin:** That's fine. **Newkirk:** What date did you want, George? **Eigenhauser:** The date of the April board meeting. **Phillips:** What would you like to have? **Newkirk:** The April board meeting. **Hannon:** Can we say we will publish it by May 1st? **Newkirk:** OK, that's fine. We'll publish it by May 1st. **Phillips:** OK. Just change the August to May. **Newkirk:** Can we vote on the amendment? **Hannon:** All those in favor of changing it from August to May 1st.

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

Newkirk: Now I will reinstate my motion that we vote on all three. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

Newkirk: Thank God we finally voted on an amendment. All the years I have sat on this board, I think that's the first time we have ever done it. **Hannon:** Are we finished with the Show Rules Committee, Monte? **Phillips:** Yes.

Time Frame:

At the current board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing is currently planned for the next meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chairman
Show Rules Committee*

(20) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

Committee Chair: *Dick Kallmeyer*
List of Committee Members: *Kathy Calhoun (CFA Board, SE Asia and South America), John Colilla (CFA Board, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Judging), Bob Zenda (Special Projects China), Ken Currle (Middle East, Africa), Danny Tai (ID rep, International), Frankie Chan (ID rep, China), Sandra Al Sumait (GCC, Gulf Cooperation Countries), Suki Lee (Hong Kong), Nicholas Pun (clerking), Jimmy Lee (SE Asia), Isabel Pomphrey (Portuguese/Spanish translation)*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

I would like to thank all the Committee members for all their hard work this past show season.

The International Division (ID) is again showing significant growth since over the past year. China had over 50% all registrations in CFA, over 26% of all litters and over 70% of all new catteries, all greater than regions 1-9. The ID had 1/3 of the shows and over 1/3 of cats present for the show season through February.

Current Happenings of Committee:

At the request of the Chinese clubs, the 80% rule was implemented for Chinese shows beginning in October, 2016. The chart below compares the effects of the new rule vs. the previous show season.

	Season			
	2017		2016	
	May-Sep	Oct-Nov	May-Sep	Oct-Nov
Shows	20	25	21	10
KCP Present	2,655	2,271	3,117	1,794
Entries	3,134	3,085	3,391	1,969
Present/Entries	84.7%	73.6%	91.9%	91.1%
KCP Present/show	132.8	90.8	148.4	179.4
Entries/show	156.7	123.4	161.5	196.9

Some observations:

- *There were 15 more shows and 1,116 entries over the October to November period of the year before.*
- *Entries per show decreased from May to September from 156.7 to 123.4 for October to November.*
 - *There were a large number of shows in new cities with fewer entries than established areas like Beijing, Chengdu, Shanghai and Shenyang.*
- *The ratio of entries per show went down from 196.9/show to 123.4/ show for this season vs. 2015-16 season, October to November. This is due mainly to more shows being put on in developmental/new cities vs. campaign shows the previous year.*
- *The ratio of cats present/entries decreased from 84.7% in May to September (before the 80%) to 73.6% (after the 80% rule).*
 - *This is significantly less than the 91% ratio the previous season which was dominated by NW campaigners.*

Eight clerking schools were held in China through December of this show season to enhance clerking skills.

At the direction of Bob Zenda, Hai Yang (Dalian, China) completed the first draft of the simple guide to clerking, intended to provide basic clerking skills to clerks at Chinese shows. This guide has been translated to Chinese and will be distributed to all shows. Jason is currently working on a Chinese guide to putting on CFA shows, using the CFA show production guide as a basic resource. This is expected to be delivered before June, 2017.

The International Division Awards banquet is planned for Bali, Indonesia on August 19, 2017. There will be no show associated with the banquet.

Future Projections for Committee:

Four additional clerking schools are expected before the 2017 annual meeting.

The Chinese language show production guide is expected to be completed by the 2017 annual meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

Hannon: We are onto ID, is that right? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. It's pretty much in the report. **Hannon:** It's before noon, so you're happy. **Kallmeyer:** Happy. We have a draft clerking guide. We'll see if it does any good. Until you test it, who knows? The big thing I guess that's not in here is, we're having our awards ceremony in August in Bali. The government of Bali is actually sponsoring the hotel and the banquet itself, which is kind of unique. They are very excited that

an international organization is coming there. In March 2018 we are planning the Asia World Show. It will be 16 rings. We want 8 judges for championship/premiership and 8 judges for kittens/household pets. The government of Thailand waived all quarantine laws for us. The shopping center where it will be held is providing the space at no cost and paying for the judges' hotels. A food company is absorbing all profits and losses from the show, so there's no exposure to the region, to CFA. In addition, the region will actually get 40% of the revenue from entries, even if there is a loss on the show. Danny [Tai] did a superb job in negotiating this, so we hope it's very successful. It's open to anybody worldwide. They are starting to look at possibly Malaysia in the following year, 2019, so they are planning ahead. **Newkirk:** Gavin had told me that he is working on an entry clerk program for China. Do you have an update on that? **Kallmeyer:** You know, who knows? It's something probably in the works. I guess we have to do it. They are still using the CFA program, too. What Gavin could possibly do is maybe feed the other program as an automated thing, but they are using the brand new program and getting that into play.

(21) CFA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The 115th United States Congress is now in session. So far in 2017 no federal bills have been introduced that CFA is tracking. Most states have also begun their new legislative session. Some states, as well as the federal government, have two-year legislative cycles. This year marks the first year of two-year sessions in several states so these jurisdictions may have up to two years to pass the bill we are just starting to track. The CFA Legislative Group is currently tracking “active” state bills (introduced in 2017) as well as bills which were “pre-filed” in their state legislature.

PIJAC continues to provide state and federal tracking information for CFA as they have been doing for almost 19 years. PIJAC searches through proposed federal and state legislation, as well as local proposals as available, based on our established search words, which we update as needed. We then review each bill for interest to fanciers and mark those for ongoing tracking. PIJAC then sends us updates on each bill we track, which may include amendments, committee assignments, hearing dates and other information. We also watch for animal related bills which, for whatever reason, initially failed to match our search criteria and do not appear on our tracking list but which may need tracking later. These often include bills which have been amended to include new provisions which may impact cat fanciers.

We subscribe to and monitor many pet-related lists on the Internet. We receive information from our CFA Legislative network liaisons throughout the country about bills introduced or proposed in their state. We’ve created the CFA Legislative News Facebook page to improve our ability to communicate with the network on legislation of interest to fanciers. We also receive information from other animal groups, such as the dog fancy, about proposed or pending state bills. Each of these sources may provide us with additional bills which are reviewed and, if appropriate, added to our tracking list.

Many bills are introduced in the states each year but not all bills advance. Some bills proceed through the legislature very quickly and with minimal notice, particularly in states with short legislative sessions. Other bills are filed but are never assigned to any hearings or votes. Some are assigned to committees but fail to advance due to lack of action to move them forward. We try to avoid spending too much time or effort on bills which, for whatever reason, have little or no chance of action. We try to focus our efforts on the bills which are most likely to move forward and where we have grassroots fanciers willing to engage in opposition.

While PIJAC’s ability to track local (i.e. City/County) laws has vastly improved, local legislation continues to be a problem for the cat fancy since there are over 33,000 local jurisdictions in the United States. We must rely on our “grassroots” network of fanciers to report proposed pet-

related legislation in their area. It cannot be stated strongly enough: “You are the eyes and ears of the fancy.”

So called “puppy mill” laws to ban sales of cats and dogs in “Pet Shops” continue to be a hot topic at both the state and local levels. Cities and counties continue to present a broad spectrum of legislative concerns such as mandatory spay and neuter, breeder bans, cat licensing (often disguised as mandatory microchipping), breeder inspection, pet warranty laws, limit laws, and government regulation of people who care for free-roaming cats. Animal abuser registration continues to be a popular topic. Some animal abuser registry proposals put most of the burden on the abusers but other proposals put new legal requirements, such as maintaining records and proof all sales are precleared, on anyone placing animals as pets.

Other legislative proposals include forfeiture of pets taken by animal control (without any finding of guilt), requiring bonds to avoid forfeiture of pets taken by animal control, nuisance, selling pets in public places, “hoarding” regulation, taxes or fees on pet sales, pet food taxes and the like.

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

Santa Maria, CA is considering amending their municipal code to ban the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in city “pet stores” unless they are sourced from rescue groups.

Miami, FL is considering a ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats in the City. Exemptions would include animal control, shelters and rescue groups as well as licensed hobby breeders. A hobby breeder would be any cattery which produces even one litter per year even if the litter is not offered for sale. Burdensome recordkeeping, inspections and other requirements would be imposed on anyone allowing even one litter to be born.

Pasco County, FL is considering establishment of an animal abuser registry. All pet sellers would be required to confirm that any potential kitten buyers are not on the registry and do not reside at the same address as a person on the registry. Burdensome records of each sale would need to be created for each kitten sale and maintained for 10 years for examination by Animal Control.

Pinellas County, FL is considering revising county breeder restrictions to require breeder licensing if the offspring of even one litter is offered for sale, triggering licensing and inspections. Cats off their owner’s property could be impounded as “nuisance” and impoundment in instances of cat bites would also be made more stringent.

Manatee County, FL discussed a proposal to adopt an animal abuse registry in the county.

Mundelein, IL considered a new section to the village ordinances prohibiting the retail sale of dogs and cats.

Roseville, MN discussed an amendment to their municipal code to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, long-lived birds, or large reptiles.

North Las Vegas, NV is considering a ban on pet sale from pet shops. The proposal includes the sales of a dog, cat, rabbit or potbellied pig. Exemptions are provided for animals obtained from an animal shelter, nonprofit humane society or nonprofit animal rescue organization.

Ulster County, NY is considering both regulation of pet sellers and establishment of an animal abuser registry. Pet sellers would be required to obtain a permit for the county prior to any sales. The proposal would establish standards and inspections for pet sellers, including residential breeders, and include record-keeping requirements. Consumer protections for sale of unfit animals is included along with the requirement that any pet seller confirm that the potential owner is not a registered animal abuser.

Cuyahoga County, OH is considering the creation of an animal abuse registry. The registry would include individuals who have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to felony animal cruelty. The county sheriff would make the registry available to law enforcement agencies and post a searchable registry on the county's web site accessible to the public.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals. In Micheline Boutin v. Saint Augustine Regional Veterinary Emergency Center, et al., before the Florida Court of Appeals, the plaintiff brought her mixed breed dog to the Saint Augustine Regional Veterinary Emergency Center. There a veterinarian diagnosed the dog with "bloat", a life-threatening condition that requires immediate surgery. The lawsuit alleges that the veterinarian waited more than four hours to begin surgery causing the dog's condition to deteriorate and leading to his death. Plaintiff sought compensation for the dog's unique and irreplaceable value but the case was dismissed. This appeal followed. In late October CFA joined the AHI coalition in the amicus brief in support of the respondent veterinary center. More details will follow as they become available.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy in general. Articles since the October 2016 Board meeting:

- * CFA e-Newsletter, October 2016, "New Jersey Senate Bill 63 Update" by Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. This article provides updated information on a controversial bill to regulate breeders. This bill has been modified several times during the legislative process and continues to be problematic for home, hobby breeders. The lengthy "findings" reinforce HSUS rhetoric against "puppy mill" dog breeders based on questionable information and would regulate cat breeders despite a complete absence in the "findings" of information about their practices. In addition to breeders residing in New Jersey, the bill seeks to regulate those out of state breeders who may sell, or even offer to sell, more than five cats or dogs in one year to consumers in the State in non-face-to-face transactions.*

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, November 2016 “Will Pinellas County, Florida make you a pet dealer?” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Restrictive breeder licensing is already the norm in Florida. This local ordinance would make it even worse, requiring dealer licensing if the offspring of even one litter is offered for sale. Of course, onerous licensing and inspections are mandatory to obtain the dealer license. Cats off their owner’s property could be impounded as “nuisance” and impoundment in instances of cat bites would also be made more stringent.*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, December 2016 “State and Local Proposals Move into 2017: New Jersey, Florida, Tennessee” by Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. This article provided updates on three adverse legislative efforts which were still unresolved at the end of 2016. New Jersey SB 63 was the only statewide legislation still being fought. There had been significant action to move this bill, and its assembly counterpart. Currently New Jersey does not regulate cat breeders at the state level. This bill would create new restrictions and require USDA licensing for some breeders who are otherwise exempt. Additional restrictions could be added by rulemaking by the designated agencies. The article also mentions revisions to the proposed Pinellas County, Florida restrictions outlined in the previous article. Finally revisions to the proposed Montgomery County, Tennessee County Code that sought to increase revenues through a number of licenses and permits are still pending. These were first discussed in an article in August 2016.*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, January 2017 “Speaking Up in 2017” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The start of a new year means the beginning of a new season of animal legislation introduced at the state and Federal level. In addition, local legislation may be introduced at tens of thousands of local jurisdictions in the United States alone. This article was a call to action and a request for help from the cat fancy in protecting our hobby. Of course, keeping aware of laws being proposed is a high priority. A variety of people may be affected by animal legislation and fanciers should be aware of potential allies in our fight to stop bad laws. Cat and dog fanciers may be the victims of these proposals. But other groups impacted could include pet owners, feral cat caretakers, rescue groups, veterinarians or even hunters, farmers and pet stores. We need local fanciers to be the eyes and ears of the fancy, and to advocate against bad legislation being proposed.*

Meetings and Conferences:

Pet Industry Leadership Conference, January 30 - February 2, 2017, Laguna Beach, CA. Two years ago the Pet Industry Distributors Association (PIDA) unveiled a new partnership between PIJAC and the Pet Leadership Council. Lost in the new venture was the Top2Top annual conference hosted by PIJAC. Since then the PIDA has created this conference which brings together leaders in the pet industry including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers and others. George Eigenhauser and Joan Miller both plan to attend this year. An update will be presented at the February 2017 CFA Board meeting.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

HSUS Humane Care Expo will take place May 9-12, 2017 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Our continuing CFA presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA's goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. This is by far the largest animal rights conference of the year and is often used to showcase upcoming HSUS legislative and public relations activity. Our ongoing presence at Expo helps us anticipate their legislative initiatives for the coming year. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend this year.

Ongoing goals -

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

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Hannon: Legislative, George. **Eigenhauser:** The only thing new I have to report is the Pet Industry Leadership Conference earlier this week. They've got a lot of things going on. I'm just going to mention a couple of things. Their focus legislatively is going to be going a little

more proactive on self-regulation. The pet stores are generating new regulations for how they handle with pets, how they deal with things – the shippers, the suppliers, the wholesalers – across the board to try to be a little more proactive and get ahead of some of the legislative problems they have been having. They did an economic impact study, as well. People spend about \$60 billion a year on their pets, but what's the total impact? If I sell \$1 million worth of cat toys at my store, there's the shipping that got it to my store, there's the longshoreman that unloaded it from the boat from China, and they're now looking at the economic impact of the pet industry, excluding horses, at around \$220 billion a year. They are hoping that that number will give them a little more clout when they talk to legislators. They did a study on shopping habits, and particularly on millennials, which kind of applies to us, too. They had done a previous study a couple of years ago and the thought was that as millennials move out of their parents' house, their shopping habits will start to move closer to where the baby boomers are – just the opposite. Millennials are becoming more entrenched in their buying habits and boomers are starting to mimic the millennials. So, if you can't appeal to millennials, it's going to get worse.

The other thing I want to talk about is, they did a study on shelters. The mantra now for the animal rights people is, "don't buy when you can adopt" because there are so many dogs in the shelters. People have anecdotally assumed there aren't nearly enough dogs in the shelters to meet the demand out in the real world, so this is the first study that has been done. One of the problems they have is that people don't even know how many animal shelters there are in this country. There's no master list anywhere, there's no reporting requirement, and they are going to release the results of that study in about a week. I'm assuming the results are going to be that there are nowhere near enough animals in the shelters to deal with the demand; that the animals are dying in the shelters for other reasons, often because of mismatch between supply and demand, often because the animals will wind up in a shelter. Sometimes people use that as a cheap way of euthanasia when they've got an elderly animal or whatever, but we won't get the official results until the veterinary conference next week. There are rules about peer review publications, that it can't be pre-announced, so they had to be real coy about it. We should be looking forward to that, as well. That's all I have for an update.

(22) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

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



<i>President:</i>	<i>Dr. Glenn Olah</i>
<i>Executive Director:</i>	<i>Dr. Vicki Thayer</i>
<i>Winn Office Staff:</i>	<i>Alisa Salvaggio</i>
<i>President Elect:</i>	<i>Shila Nordone</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Janet Wolf</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Vickie Fisher</i>
<i>Liaison to CFA Board:</i>	<i>George Eigenhauser</i>
<i>Board Members:</i>	<i>Eric Bruner, Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Vickie Fisher, Susan E. Gingrich, Dr. Brian Holub, Glenn Olah, Lorraine Shelton, Dr. Dean Vicksman, Dr. Drew Weigner, Janet Wolf</i>
<i>Veterinary Consultants:</i>	<i>Dr. Joe Hauptman (Michigan State, College of Vet Med)</i>
<i>Veterinary Advisors:</i>	<i>Dr. Melissa Kennedy (U. of Tenn., College of Vet Med)</i> <i>Dr. Patricia Gallo (Boston, MA, DVM, PhD)</i>
<i>Scientific Advisor:</i>	<i>Karen Greenwood (Vice President of Research, and Development, Parnell Veterinary Pharmaceuticals, Kansas City, Missouri)</i> <i>Dr. Tracey Williams (Senior Principal Scientist, Global Therapeutics Research, Kalamazoo, Michigan)</i>

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

Grant Program

- **2016 Miller Trust Grant Proposal for the Winn Feline Foundation**

Winn receive 18 proposals for review through the George Sydney and Phyllis Redmond Miller Trust Fund/San Francisco Foundation. Proposal topics include feline asthma, renal diseases, heart diseases, pharmacology (steroids, maropitant), neoplasia (SCC, feline injection site sarcoma, chemoresistance), periodontal disease, feline nutrition, diabetes, FIP, dermatophytosis, and GI lymphoma/IBD. Proposal review was held on October 14, 2016, 12pm.

Winn Feline Foundation awarded \$124,495 for studies in cats on characterizing calcium oxalate mineralization in diseased kidneys, evaluating if oral glucocorticoids affect glucose levels and fluid balance, delivering a new chemotherapy system for injection-site sarcomas, developing a new concept vaccine for FIP, and exploring a genetic cause for potential predisposition for ringworm in Persian cats. Grants were awarded for the following research studies:

Characterization of mineralization and expression of osteogenic proteins in feline kidneys with and without calcium oxalate uroliths. (MT16-004) Principal Investigators: Jody Lulich, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, Eva Furrow, VMD, PhD, DACVIM; University of Minnesota; \$12,000 Many cats with kidney disease also have kidney stones, which cannot be treated and may make the disease worse. This study investigates whether diseased kidney cells develop traits similar to bone-forming cells and produce substances that cause mineralization that lead to stone formation. If this hypothesis is correct, new treatments that prevent or minimize mineralization should improve survival.

The effects of oral anti-inflammatory glucocorticoids on glucose homeostasis and fluid balance in clinically healthy cats. (MT16-007) Principal Investigator: Jessica Ward, DVM, DACVIM; Iowa State University; \$24,975 Steroids are used in medicine to treat many different diseases but may cause side effects, including heart failure due to increases in blood glucose. This study investigates whether oral prednisolone, a commonly used medication, can cause these side effects. If no effect is found, this will lead to more confident use of this medication in cats.

Carboplatin-impregnated calcium sulfate hemihydrate beads: A cost-effective, local treatment for feline injection site-associated sarcoma. (MT16-010) Principal Investigators: Heidi Phillips, DVM, DACVS, Elizabeth Maxwell, DVM; University of Illinois; \$29,169. These highly aggressive tumors have limited treatment options in cats. This study investigates whether a very effective chemotherapy drug, known to be toxic to cats, can be administered by a new method with minimal side effects. This method has been used in other species with good results.

Structure-based design of a novel subunit immunogen for development as a feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) vaccine. (MT16-014) Principal Investigator: Gary Whittaker, PhD; Cornell University; \$30,273 FIP is a very lethal infection in cats without effective treatment options. While vaccination is the best method to control this disease, past attempts have been unsuccessful. This study investigates a different approach to vaccine development, which has proven effective with other diseases.

Susceptibility to dermatophytes and asymptomatic carrier state in Persian cats. (MT16-015) Principal Investigators: Aline Rodriguez Hoffman, DVM, PhD, William Murphy, PhD; Texas A&M University; \$28,078 Persian cats develop a fungal skin infection, called "ringworm," more often than other breeds of cats. This study investigates whether Persians are more likely to become infected without symptoms, which makes the disease difficult to control. It also investigates whether Persians have a genetic defect that predisposed them to this disease. If so, they could be identified before reproducing, to decrease the incidence in this breed.

- **2017 Winn Grant Proposals (schedule for March 10, 2017)**

Thirty-six competitive proposals were received for this year's grant cycle. The grants cover a diverse group of cat health studies including investigating PTHrP in feline pancreatitis, assessing pain in pancreatitis, insulin producing stem cells, genetic analyses of Burmese cats with high triglyceride levels, determining toceranib phosphate targets in feline tumors, characterizing feline urinary microbiome in disease, continuation of treating gingivostomatitis with stem cell therapy, to name a few. Winn's Grant Review Committee was impressed by the total quantity of proposals, the quality of the science proposed.

- **New Feline Investigator Grant Program**

Winn has established an annual New Feline Investigator Grant Award targeting candidates in advanced research doctoral training who show significant interest in feline health research. We hope this funding will promote interest in feline health research by individuals who are early in their investigative careers. There are many talented people working in research and retention of these people in feline health research is so important if we want to continue to improve feline health through science-based medicine. Starting 2017, one grant award will be available to an individual who is in a DVM/PhD pathway with an interest in feline health from any of the universities or facilities that currently submit proposals to Winn for funding review. The total award will be \$15,000, with \$13,000 available for research and \$2000 available for travel expenses to present study findings at a major veterinary conference. Four proposals were received in this category for the March, 2017 Winn grant review cycle. Research topics from these four proposals include investigation of PTHrP elevation in feline pancreatitis, immunomodulatory/anti-inflammatory action of essential oils in monocytes of domestic cats with gingivostomatitis, exploration of the mechanism by which feline mesenchymal stem cells down-regulate T cell activation and proliferation, and identifying biomarkers for feline Injection-site sarcoma.

Financial Status

- *To date, Winn has funded over \$5.80 million in health research for cats at more than [30 partner institutions](#) worldwide. 2016 Winn grant funding is \$141,171 and 2016 Miller Trust grant funding allocation is \$124,495.66; thus, 2016 grant funding is \$265,666. Winn Endowment fund is over \$2,000,000 and healthy.*

Donor Programs

- *Ms. Debra Ann Jaskierna estate has bequeathed \$80,000 to Winn Feline Foundation.*

Purrfect Partners, Affiliates

- *Collaboration between Winn, TICA, and VetVine is being considered for supporting feline health webinars.*

- *Collaboration with Facebook IBD group will start fundraising for Winn research support to studies on IBD, triaditis, and pancreatitis.*

Infrastructure, Organization structure, Systems, Operations

- *Mark Fulop, Facilitation and Process, LLC (Portland, OR), has been hired facilitate strategic planning sessions in 2017. Strategic planning will involve multiple sessions starting in March 2017 and ending in a 1.5 – 2 days session in June, 2017. It is hope this SP facilitation will help define the direction Winn wants to take regarding the non-profits mission, including defining the skill desired for future board members.*
- *Dr. Olah, Dr. Thayer, and Ms. Salvaggio are continuing to call and thank donors who have contributed \$100/mo or more to Winn. While in most instances a thank you message is left by voicemail, we have spoken to a number of donors who all have appreciated the personal thank you.*
- *Dr. Shila Nordone has been elected as president-elect and will start as Winn President in July, 2017.*

Promotion and Brand Building

- *Dr. Thayer has maintained our monthly Winn enewsletter and content for the CFA enewsletter. The Winn mascot, Winnie, continues to share Winn news and engage readers. Betty White continues to provide content about Winn for the CFA newsletter when needed.*
- *Dr. Thayer and Ms. Salvaggio keep the Winn Facebook website up-to-date.*
- *Dr. Olah continues to represent Winn Riders for Feline Health cycling club at various biking events*

Ongoing and Coming Events

- *2016 Winn teleconference board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 5pm ET.*
- *March 9: Winn board meeting and SP session*
- *March 10: Winn Grant Review*
- *June: Winn board meeting and SP session*
- *May: Winn teleconference board meeting*
- *Schedule for regular operations committee meetings*

*Respectfully submitted,
Glenn A Olah DVM, PhD, DABVP (feline)
Winn Feline Foundation, President
<http://www.winnfelinehealth.org>
<http://www.winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com>*

Hannon: Winn. **Eigenhauser:** Nothing new to report unless people have questions.
Mastin: Due to our financial position, can I make a motion that we do our donation now, and not have to wait until the end of the year? **Bizzell:** Second. **Mastin:** Last year it was \$10,000. I move we do the same thing. **Eigenhauser:** Maybe, because we are doing so well this year, and we are coming into our 50th anniversary, I think this would be a good time to really give a – **Hannon:** So, what are you suggesting? \$50,000 would be a nice round number for the 50th anniversary? **Eigenhauser:** I'm thinking \$20,000 for this year. **Calhoun:** Is that a budget item? **Eigenhauser:** No. **Hannon:** It's for the current year. **Mastin:** We probably budgeted \$10,000. I would change my motion to \$20,000. **Bizzell:** Second. **Newkirk:** A gasp from the other end of the table. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Auth:** I didn't hear the motion. **Hannon:** A \$20,000 donation to the Winn Foundation. If we are having a good year financially, we give them \$10,000, but George pointed out that their 50th anniversary is coming up, so he would encourage us to give more so he doubled the amount for this year. **Black:** Do we ever earmark that money for anything specifically or do they just use it as they see fit? **Hannon:** We haven't earmarked it before. **Eigenhauser:** No, and it's good that we don't earmark it, because there's a lot of stuff that is earmarked – for FIP, for HCM or whatever – which means we get really tight sometimes on overhead and general operation costs. Everybody wants their dollar to go to this specific thing or that specific thing, so it's really important that we get general donations. **Black:** So, when CFA does this, it is not earmarked.

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

Eigenhauser: I'm abstaining, but thanking you all very much.

Hannon: Are we ready to move on? **Krzanowski:** While we're on the subject of donations, I would like to move that we donate to the CFA Foundation Museum an amount of \$10,000. **Hannon:** We pretty much did when they asked for – we had the increase in rent and we donated back to them the increase. **Calhoun:** \$4,800. **Mastin:** This year we're in, they had an increase in rent of \$200 a month. Instead of adjusting the lease agreement, the donation that the board agreed to was two years' worth at \$4,800. I think we did that in August. **Calhoun:** August. I would just recommend that if we want to do any further donations or increases, that we bring them to the April budget conversation and we build them in. That's just my suggestion – not to say no, but we build them in and we discuss them and we think about them.

(23) **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Selection of mutations to be included in our new CFA DNA array test. Assisting with proposed changes to the website. Pricing negotiations with GeneSeek. Coordination with the Companion Animal Manager at GeneSeek. Assist in the production of a key to understanding test results.

Current Happenings of Committee:

CFA's new DNA array testing program is now in place. In the near future, a great deal of additional information on the project will be found on our website pages CatDNAtest.org. The "Understanding Results" page will give each reader genetic understanding of each mutation in the array test.

Customers will be transferred from our website to GeneSeek's where they will order and pay for their tests.

During the many months of developing this program, many obstacles had to be faced. Leaving the old program at Texas A&M with goodwill was especially important. We were able to get all of the DNA extracted samples I had solicited for Texas A&M to validate the new platform. I am hopeful that the breeders that mailed samples will get a DNA report as a gesture of goodwill from GeneSeek.

The price of the add-on tests has been negotiated down from \$10 to \$5.

The time between sample receipt and testing will be three weeks or whenever 24 samples are received.

The test results will be e-mailed along with a key to understanding results. This is considered privileged information that is shared with the owner only. The sample archived at the lab will have a bar code only.

CFA's DNA test will prove ownership of your cat. Each cat's identity profile is totally unique. It is similar to proving your identity by fingerprints. You will have scientific proof of ownership should your pet ever be lost or stolen.

The color profile will give you a genetic basis for understanding your cat's true color.

Our disease profile will be a vital tool allowing you to give your cat the best possible medical and nutritional care.

I consider CFA's partnership with a "world class" laboratory a giant leap forward. The possibilities for further enhancements of CFA's DNA program are endless.

Future Projections for Committee:

Launch and monitor the new DNA program. Publicity.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on the DNA program

*Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM, Chair*

Hannon: Scientific Advisory. **Brown:** The DNA program is up and running. Samples are flowing in. There are a number of enhancements that we're looking forward to being able to offer. In the Spring, ISAG (International Society of Animal Genetics) is going to meet and they are going to pick 100 markers that will be used as the official identity marker, as well as be used for paternity testing, so we're looking at probably doubling the number of markers we use for identity profiles sometime in the Spring. We're looking at new tests that are going to be added. If and when they become available, I'll let the board know. We've already created some changes in our website to avoid confusion.

Mild mucosal polysaccadosis has no symptoms, other than just seeing excessive waste granules in the cell and shouldn't be used as a flag to take cats out of a breeding system, so we're not going to be telling anybody that has the mild, unless we feel that new information comes in. We will use the severe because there definitely are symptoms there and it should be something that's used to weed out undesirable individuals from breeding programs.

We've also changed the color chocolate with red in parenthesis. All of the scientific genetics literature reports it this way, but red is a different pigment that there is no test for, so we've taken red out and put light brown in, for that particular marker.

Already, our lab is working on another platform that would allow a major increase in the number of tests that could be run on one array, so that's something that may be available in the near future.

Things are changing, and changing rapidly. I'm very excited about the program and I think it's going to continue to rise in importance. I feel that it's the cornerstone that all breeders should use, to select the individuals they are going to breed together. It's our responsibility to try to produce a cat that is free of diseases that we can test for. If we have cats that have diseases that are genetic, we need to know it so that we can treat them properly for the rest of their lives.

I talked to Pam about the fact that CFA is becoming more international. At one time, we were talking about pet passports that CFA could and should issue. I think this is something that

we need to look into. We would have a DNA identity profile in this passport and we would also have space for microchipping. Particularly in Europe and many countries you have to have a microchip to cross borders from one country to another. I think CFA should be proactive in providing things like this. There would be a section for immunizations and everything that they would need to travel with their cat. For that matter, things are changing in this country, so perhaps it isn't too far down the road that we might need something like this for our own cats to travel with in the States. So, this is just something for you to think about. I again think we should be more proactive on microchips. Three or four years ago, I worked with a person in London that had a mini-microchip and everything just fizzled out. There were breeders that weren't interested in microchips. There just wasn't enough interest to go along with the program, but we need to think about microchips, too, again because we're an international organization. There may be countries that require it. I just don't think we can turn a blind eye toward things that maybe some people don't like. That pretty much concludes what I have to say about the DNA and some of the other projects that I think we should start. **DelaBar:** This would also be a platform. I have an EU passport which has all my cats' info in it. This would take that a little further by providing a photo of the animal, but also it would give something for the breed councils to think about, like in Finland if you want to breed your Norwegian Forest Cat to another Norwegian Forest Cat, you must have the GSD-IV results. That's recorded with the cat's registration. We could have that as part of this passport, that the cat has been tested, this is the result of this test, this is the result of that test, this is when they have been scanned, on and on, where it does not have to be in the current registration system. It could be on this cat's ID, this cat's health card or whatever. **Brown:** Too, if CFA has a format for this and issues a uniform passport throughout our registry, then we're not going to have all sorts of different forms popping up that may be right and may be wrong. I think we need one that CFA considers to be their standard. **Hannon:** Can you come back to us with some sort of a recommendation? **DelaBar:** I will be happy to help. **Black:** I microchip all my cats, and all my cats have a microchip when they leave. I just have a question. How many test samples have come in so far with the new lab? **Brown:** I don't have the number yet. Basically, what's going to happen, they are going to run a batch with 22 samples. It's going to be a bigger number later, but they're trying to make the sampling small in the beginning to try to speed up the return of the test reports. **Black:** How long does it take to get results out? **Brown:** They are saying two to three weeks. The other thing that we need to think about is, translation programs. I've had people from other countries that have difficulty understanding our website because it's in English. There are programs out there, so maybe our IT group could look into possibly doing translation. I think the areas like China – the areas that have most of our international registrations probably should be dealt with first, and then go down the line as the numbers indicate. Not only do we need translation of our website so people can understand how to order the tests, we also need translation of the test report that's going to come back. I've talked to GeneSeek about translation programs that they might have when they issue the test reports. They're looking into that, so they are doing their part and I think CFA should look into doing something about our website with translation programs. **Kallmeyer:** I'll talk to Tim and see what we can do. **Kuta:** What's going to be the cadence for reporting. For instance, when will we know how many samples were sent in or that they processed for a certain period of time? Like, monthly? Quarterly? When will we know if they have met or beat our projections? **Brown:** I'm not sure – **Kuta:** When will we have a report on how many samples were sent in and processed? **Brown:** They are reporting once a quarter. I will get an informal report by talking to the companion animal manager of the company. I'll have something, certainly for April. **Kuta:** Was

there a model, like when we first did this, on what we projected and how many were going to be sent in? **Brown:** No. I think that it's going to be like a sapling growing into a tree. It's going to start out slow, then as people realize they're being left out by not using the program, it's going to snowball. **Hannon:** Are you through? I'm going to call for a 15 minute break.

[BREAK]

(24) **2017 ANNUAL UPDATE.**

Committee Chair: *Mary Auth (for the region)*
Liaison to Board: *Mary Auth*
List of Committee Members: *Bobbie Weihrauch, Pam DeGolyer, Lucy Drury, Brian Pearson, Leann Rupy, Cathy Dunham, Allene Keating, Tom Lukken, and Kathy Calhoun ex officio*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Reservations are now open at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/cfa2017>

Room rates are \$149 plus taxes. Parking is \$37.50 per night. People can sign up to be a member of the Fairmont Presidents Club for free prior to their arrival and receive complimentary WIFI in their guest rooms (normally a \$13.95 charge per night). Our room rate is good for 3 days prior to and 3 days after our program dates for anyone interested in extending their trip.

Midwest Region is planning Friday night hospitality night and delegate bags. Two fund-raising pins (\$20 each) are available and a special \$50 Cool Cat Crew membership fund raiser.

Region is assisting to identify potential vendors.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Meeting monthly via conference call to plan hospitality night.

Future Projections for Committee:

Will begin to gather items for delegate bag. We are attempting to locate a parking area just outside the city for drivers who don't want to pay the daily parking amount. We will hire shuttle service to bring people into the Fairmont for a small cost.

Board Action Items:

None for the region's efforts.

Time Frame:

Through July 1, 2017

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Additional plans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Auth, Regional Chair

Hannon: Mary, I believe you're next on the agenda with the 2017 Annual. **Auth:** Yes, I am. If you just read the report, there's not much more to say beyond that, other than Allene who is taking the lead dealing with the hotel. She tells me that the hotel is a little slow in responding on specific food items. That's mostly the stuff that people are asking about. There are three tiers of food for the banquet on Saturday night – chicken, fish and beef. I know the beef is \$98, so that's going to be the high priced item. The other thing that we are still trying to work on is that we're trying to figure out some transportation that will be amenable to everyone. We're putting together a transportation cheat sheet so that people will figure out if they're going to be at O'Hare, if they're going to drive in, different options available for them because the parking is \$37.50 a night at the hotel, so that's a little bit of sticker shock for folks. The hotel is \$149. That's about what you can expect in downtown Chicago. We are not having a hospitality room on Thursday night, which has historically been one night for hospitality, because there's so much to do in Chicago that we figure people will find something to do. It's also the judges' workshop and the Winn Foundation, so people won't worry about that. We do have a hospitality room that the region is sponsoring for Friday night and it is going to have a costume dance contest – a hokey pokey dance contest. Brian Pearson is leading the charge on that. The food will be "taste of Chicago" themed, so right now the only information out there on the web for the annual is on the Midwest Region site. I highly recommend that anyone should join the Fairmont President's Club because it allows you to have free wifi during your stay there; otherwise, it's \$13.95 a night for wifi. **Hannon:** The board has already been signed up for it. **Auth:** Oh, OK. The link to that is on the Midwest Region's website. **Black:** I have a question about that. I signed up but they haven't mailed me a card or anything like that. **DelaBar:** You just need a number. **Black:** How do you prove to them? **Hannon:** Allene pre-signed us all up. **Black:** I'm just saying, for anybody else. **Auth:** I don't know the answer to that, Kathy. I'll have to go try, and I just haven't done it yet. **DelaBar:** I did sign up for it. It said there, if you want to print out your card press this. I have a number. **Kuta:** I just wanted to ask if there is for the banquet a vegetarian option? Last year we weren't able to do it, and even the salad had bacon on it. So, there were a few people at our table that couldn't eat their dinner. **Auth:** We had that conversation with the hotel, and yes. **Barry:** They said they could provide it if it was requested. **Kuta:** If there's a method to do it when ordering, that would be great. **Auth:** Once Allene has all the details, she will have it on CFA's website and then that will have all the options. That's where you will have an option to click for a vegetarian selection. **Kuta:** Last year that was a thing that slipped by us. **Auth:** We've already addressed that with the hotel. Are there any questions? That's it. **Calhoun:** Just a comment. I know a lot of people are coming, but I did hear some comments from people telling me about the cost of the hotel at \$149. In downtown Chicago, that's really phenomenal for a hotel. They agreed back 5 years ago to hold that price for us, so it's a pretty good price. **Auth:** Yeah, it is. Kathy was part of that original site visit with Pat Zollman from Helms-Briscoe.

(25) **CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: Candilee Jackson, BA MPH
Liaison to Board: Pam DelaBar
List of Committee Members: Art Graafmans, Alene Shafnisky, Diane Coppola

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Ambassadors have been answering region requests for supplies, specifically Ambassador Banners, Pet Me! Cat Banners, and Pet Me! Cat cage pennants. In an effort to save budget line item expenses, electronic files of program brochures are sent to regional coordinators for translation and reproduction purposes.

Current Happenings of Committee:

A review of program inventory finds that supplies need to be ordered, and steps for this process are underway, seeking bids for same.

Future Projections for Committee:

Revise the CFA Declaw Brochure to one that is colorful, eye-catching as well as informative. Teresa Keiger will be contacted in this regard.

Order materials to bolster inventory as needed.

Support shows as materials are requested.

Time Frame:

All projects are ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

General update of activities

*Respectfully Submitted,
Candilee Jackson, BA MPH
Ambassador Program Chair*

Hannon: Pam, CFA Ambassador Program. **DelaBar:** No board action items. Just that publications are being redone and revised, plus some new ones coming out.

(26) CFA COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EDUCATION.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Feline Fix by Five: Recent activities of this committee have focused on the “Feline Fix by Five” project. We now have a logo design and, thanks to Lisa Marie Kuta, our website has recently been launched.

<http://www.felinefixbyfive.org/>

Fanciers can greatly help with the project by asking their veterinarians to take a look at the website and add their practice to our list of those practices who support sterilization of cats by 5 months. This will become a resource for pet owners around the country.

The strategy for this project is to first get veterinary organizations, cat registries and other groups, as well as individual veterinarians behind a consistent message that owned pet cats as well as community cat/feral offspring should be sterilized prior to 5 months. We have made good progress and now have several prominent organizations that have officially endorsed the consensus statement originating from the 2016 Task Force on Feline Sterilization. Other organizations are expected to add their endorsement letters once the concept is presented to their Boards at upcoming meetings

We are developing an active campaign for public awareness. *Esther Mechler and I have reached out to Cat Writers Association members to help with this. Several good articles by Steve Dale have already been published.*

I attended the October 2016 American Association of Veterinary Practitioners (AAFP) Conference in Washington, DC where we had a booth to educate practitioners and veterinary technicians.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Outreach at the San Diego Cat Fanciers Cat Show January 28/29th included a new “Information Booth”. With thousands of visitors to this show, we found that at least 50% who approached the booth had never attended a cat show. Lorraine Shelton and I manned the booth both days helping people become oriented to the show activities, pedigreed breeds, and household pets.

The 2017 Pet Industry Leadership Conference was a valuable experience for George Eigenhauser and me. This event, held on January 30th through February 2nd in Laguna Beach

CA, was an excellent opportunity for networking with contacts we have known in the legislative arena and to meet new people involved with all aspects of the pet industry. One talk about the research regarding the “millennialization of pet ownership” and a follow up breakout session on outreach to the “digital generation” was of special interest. CFA needs to find ways to bring into the cat fancy this generation of 18 to 35 year olds. I plan a follow-up contact with the founder of the leading PR and Social Media firm specializing in pet oriented media campaigns.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to target the four audiences outlined in a previous report:

- **The public/cat owners/potential cat owners** –Work with organizations that are developing pet owner surveys to establish basic information on pet owner attitudes and cat ownership trends, including how to reach millennial generation (18 to 35 yrs); cat population dynamics including feral cat issues.
- **Veterinary community** – Provide resource information for student and practitioner education on pet population issues; the value of breeding cats; breed recognition and personality characteristics, multi-cat environment, feline color/patterns, optimum age for spay/neuter, feline contraception and other topics.
- **Shelter community** – Shelter staff and volunteer training; participation in Veterinary school shelter medicine programs. Find fanciers interested in doing presentations on the handling of cats in the shelter environment, management of cats in shelters, communal housing considerations; methods for cat color/pattern identification.
- **New cat fanciers and breeders** – Attract and orient newcomers concerning the value of pedigreed cat preservation and breed origins; getting started with foundation cats, developing a bloodline, cattery design/management, husbandry, partnerships, working within legislative constraints. Promoting the social aspects of the cat fancy culture.

Develop pilot presentations for various venues, including podcasts/webinars.

Prepare graphic materials, training videos, handouts relevant to the identified target audiences when funding or sponsorship is available.

Time Frame:

Open

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair

Hannon: Lisa, do you have anything on Community Outreach and Education? **Kuta:** Yes, I have a quick update. The Feline Fix by Five program kicked off by Joan is in full swing. We have the website up. Veterinarians have been adding their listings to it. It's a great resource and fanciers can help the project by asking their veterinarians to add their practice to the list. Also, they are developing a campaign for active public awareness of this. Other happenings, there was outreach at the San Diego show last week. The 2017 Pet Industry Leadership Conference, I believe George was there too? **Eigenhauser:** The Leadership Conference. **Kuta:** Yeah, the Leadership Conference. Right now there are no board actions. That's it. **DelaBar:** Is there some way that the committee can start looking to bring this outside of the 48 contiguous states, to work into Canada and Europe, and what we can do for programs there? Or, is it just going to stay within the 48 contiguous states? **Kuta:** You mean all programs or one of the specific ones? **DelaBar:** All, as it is possible to expand. **Kuta:** I think that would be a great opportunity to reach out to Joan Miller and see how she would like to move forward on that. **Eigenhauser:** I probably should have mentioned this under Legislation, but this is as good a place as any. Joan was at the conference as well earlier this week. I just wanted to say, she seems to be doing really well. She is getting around, she's got a lot of energy. She was passing out literature for the Fix by Five and also some printed writing tablets and little giveaways to people. She seems to be in good spirits. It was nice to see her again.

(27) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Revisions to the Clerking Evaluation form were completed, and the new form is available for download from the Clerks/Master Clerks section on the Exhibitors page of the CFA web site.

The Clerking Manual was revised to include recently revised forms and the show rule changes passed since the manual was printed last spring. The revised PDF of the manual is available for download from the CFA web site. An addendum was written for inclusion with the printed manual.

The Clerking Program sponsored a clerking school that was held in conjunction with the Dr. Elsey's CFA International Show in Novi, MI last November. The school was taught by Teresa Keiger with the assistance of Cheryl Coleman and was very successful. It attracted a good number of students from a variety of CFA regions, which made for some interesting discussion. All in all, it was a productive day and a great learning experience for the students. Many thanks go to Teresa and Cheryl for their work in both preparing for and conducting the school.

Prior to Kristi Wollam's departure from CFA, she developed a new Clerking Requirements Worksheet for use by clerks working their way through the program. It is available as both an Excel file and a PDF, and it provides space for individuals to list each assignment and type along with the show date, the club name and the evaluator name(s). The worksheet is intended to assist clerks in keeping track of their progress as they advance through the various levels of licensing, and it will also save time for Central Office when it comes to verifying the clerk's records. All clerks are encouraged to use this form to track their assignments. The worksheet is available for download from the CFA web site. Thanks go to Kristi for her initiative in developing this form.

Following Kristi's departure, Shirley Michaud-Dent graciously agreed to step in and temporarily handle the Clerking Program Administrator duties at Central Office until such time as another staff member can be trained. A big thank you goes to Shirley for her help.

Current Happenings of Committee

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

All clubs are encouraged to consider sponsoring schools in their areas to help promote interest in the Clerking Program. A number of clerking schools were held in recent months in various

CFA regions as well as the International Division, but at this point there is only one upcoming school planned for Indonesia in April.

Work to develop the online clerking school is progressing. Additional video for the school was filmed at the Novi clerking school held last November. The Novi school also used the PowerPoint presentation that has been under development for use in the online school as well as at traditional clerking schools. This provided an excellent opportunity to evaluate its effectiveness and determine any changes that may be required. The intent is that the presentation will become the standard for use at all clerking schools.

Last October Mary Auth submitted suggestions to reduce the requirements for advancement in various stages of the Clerking Program. The committee has already discussed the suggestions, and evaluation is ongoing to determine what, if any, changes may be needed.

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

Future Projections for Committee:

Work to develop the online clerking school will continue.

Review of the Clerking Program requirements will be completed.

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

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

Work to develop the online clerking school is ongoing.

The committee will present its recommendations concerning the Clerking Program requirements to the Board in either April or June.

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

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Hannon: Clerking Program, Carol. **Krzanowski:** I have nothing to add to the report unless someone has questions. **Colilla:** Should I bring up the problem with the clerking package now or should I wait until new business? **Hannon:** Well, you can bring it up now. **Colilla:** OK. A couple weekends ago we were at a 6x6 show. My wife was master clerking. There was only one show package for the first day. There was nothing for the second day. Fortunately, some of the Central Office people were there. I talked to Mark and they were able to bring us the master clerk package. Later, we found out we don't have the show package either, which is all the judges' paperwork and stuff like that. We had to scrounge around. Fortunately, John Adelhoch has it. On the show package, along came with this sheet of paper telling how many copies of each form you're supposed to have. Why isn't this all checked out before it's sent to us? Because nobody opens those show packages until the very last minute. This way, we'll eliminate some issues. **Hannon:** What was told to me was, with regard to that 6x6, there was an error in that Brian, who puts the packages together and mails them out, was given incorrect information. He thought it was a one day 6 ring show. He didn't realize it was a 6x6, and so they are changing how they provide the information to Brian so that he has better information on what type of show it is. That doesn't answer your question. There's a packing list of different things. He thinks they should check it off as Brian puts stuff in the box. **Dobbins:** We can change that. Originally we put that in there so that you could check it off, but nobody does that. **Colilla:** Nobody checks until the last minute. If you are entry clerk, most of the time you get the show package. You don't open it ahead of time. **Dobbins:** Brian, can you change, when you package the boxes, that you mark what you're putting in? **Colilla:** Like this form here? You have to have the show entry form that says 25. Make sure you have 25 and then check it, because the people receiving it most of the time they don't check it until the last minute. **Buetel:** Right. I understand that. We can do that, but that's there for them to double check what they should have. **Colilla:** But then you should make sure you verify that this is what I have. **Buetel:** If that's what the board wants, vote on it. **Black:** And definitely open the boxes early. **Kuta:** Yes, as soon as you get it. I had a box arrive to me, and unfortunately for certain show formats in the pre-paid box – not the ones in the brown box – they have been getting to me on the west coast ripped open. With a ream of paper on the one side and the lighter paper on the other, it causes the boxes to rip open in transport. That's the post office's issue. I've had two come to me recently and I probably should have alerted you right away. I always open them now when I check them, because I've seen that the post office – **Buetel:** We never hear about it until there's a meeting like this. I can't fix it if I don't know about it. **Colilla:** My daughter, sometimes she entry clerks 3 or 4 shows, so here are those 3 or 4 boxes over there. You don't want to mess things up so you open one at a time when you get to it. Thank you. **Hannon:** OK. So, we had a problem where the entry clerks were complaining they are getting too many supplies and they were throwing stuff out. Now we're complaining that we're being shorted things. **Colilla:** Oh well. **Kuta:** I still propose that for people who entry clerk a lot and are taking care of the show packages, like once a quarter or every 6 months I just get one shipment of everything I need, but I know that would make it more difficult in administering it. **Colilla:** I'm bringing an extra package this weekend home because we master clerk quite a few shows, so we have our own stash just in case it happens that anything is missing, we have it. Normally we have it. We ran out and didn't get around to getting more, so now we will be OK for a while. **Hannon:** Carol, do you have anything more? **Krzanowski:** No.

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

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham

Liaison to Board: Kathy Calhoun

List of Committee Members: Debbie Gomez, Linda Osburn, Lorna Friemoth, Carmen Johnson-Lawrence, Sande Kay, Iris Zink

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The program has been moving forward and the youth have been very active inside and outside the show hall with a variety of activities. Central Office has been great to forward applications and evaluation forms to the program.

The program is continuing to work with 4-H groups and have had fanciers give presentation about different breeds at club meetings.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Currently, the committee is working on revisions to the program. We have listened to the youth and are investigating the possible partnerships with existing CFA programs such as the Ambassador and Clerking programs. We feel this will allow the youth additional venues for learning and give them the skills needed to help the fancy continue for years to come.

We are also working on a scoring program that would be on our website. We are working on the details, but our vision is twofold with a place to enter scores and then those scores are listed similar the e-points. In the past, the scores were keep secret, but as the program has grown it seems natural the kids want to see where they stand within their peers. We will be reviewing our website and all documentation to ensure all updates are included

We would also like to add an additional award for YFEP. Since JoAnn Cummings was so instrumental in revitalizing the old program into our current program, we would like to name the award after JoAnn and award it to a youth or adult involved in YFEP. We are still working on the award criteria and the nomination process. This would be in addition to the current awards structure and would be part of our program budget.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue working on the revisions presented above.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update of Program

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

Hannon: Youth Feline Education Program, Kathy. **Calhoun:** Hopefully you all read the report. There's nothing to add except for the fact that the Committee is very active, working on some new competitive awards between the kids in the program so they can kind of understand how they are doing compared to one another. They have asked for that, so they are working on some of those things. We will have all that including perhaps some new awards in their budget request. **Kuta:** One thing that several constituents I have heard from want to make sure that in rethinking the awards and the competitiveness, I heard that there might be some concerns that some people might want to try to get around things or game things, but I don't think that's as much of a concern as it might be. I know that doesn't make sense. I can talk to you later about that. **Calhoun:** OK. **Hannon:** We'll read that in the minutes and figure it out. **Kuta:** Exactly. **Black:** I would just like to ask for assistance from the other regional directors that are having youth participate. I can't get anybody in my region to participate. I've gone around to several of the younger kids that were there and their parents. They don't seem interested in it. I'm sure I'm not presenting it maybe as well as I should, but if there are people who are having success with this, I would appreciate some feedback as to how you are being successful with it. I love the program. I was very involved with it when it began. I don't know that much about the new formatting of it, but I think it's a definite outreach that we need to be doing. I'm just not being successful at it in my region. **Colilla:** You're not the only one. **Moser:** I think a lot of it has to do with, if the parent or grandparent has a youngster that will try to get them involved. Otherwise, you know with the aging of the population, there's not a lot of young people that are interested. Unfortunately, that's what I find in our region. **Kuta:** I was brainstorming with someone and I'm like, oh, it would be great if as a regional director I got a list of certain activities that we can encourage shows to have for the show side of it, to get children involved, or younger people. We have probably 3 to 5 kids participating in our region, but most shows we have about 7 or 8 kids under 15 just hanging out at the show who aren't stewarding, who aren't involved in their cats, so I would just love more things that I could tell shows to do and have it at my own shows. **Hannon:** What I know is working in John's region [Region 1] is that the kids get points for bringing other kids into the program. He's got someone who is very energetic in his region that's getting the other kids involved. He is racking up the points. **Kuta:** Their very own Amway scheme.

(29) **ANIMAL WELFARE.**

Hannon: Animal Welfare. **DelaBar:** All Linda had was the P&L statement for the Breeder Assistance program. Any donations to the program will be happily received and a dutiful thank you will come forward. **Hannon:** What you need to have Linda consider is, when she puts in her budget request, include a donation from CFA. **DelaBar:** I will refer her to that, yes. **Hannon:** We seem to be in a good financial position, and we've been donating elsewhere. That seems to be a program that's always looking for funds.

(30) **AMBASSADOR CAT PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: CFA Ambassador Cat Program

Liaison to Board: Darrell Newkirk

List of Committee Members: Karen Lane, Chair- Jim Flanik, Secretary

Hannon: Ambassador Cat Program. **Newkirk:** Nothing. **Auth:** On the Ambassador Cat Program, I don't know how to approach this because I'm so new here, but I was approached by a club in our region that said they hesitate to do it because they lose revenue on that, because they have to give a free grooming space and they have to give free entries. So, I would like to propose that there be a mechanism where individual shows can invoice CFA and get reimbursed for that lost income. You are shaking your head. **Hannon:** The lost income is basically a cage and a flat. You said entry fee. There's no entry fee. **Auth:** OK, so John said – **Colilla:** Sometimes they enter the show. **Hannon:** If they enter the show, they pay an entry fee. **Colilla:** They have a sneaky way of doing it. **Hannon:** If they have entered the show and their ulterior motive is to get an extra grooming space, that's fine. They don't get away without paying an entry fee. They are skating on perhaps the grooming space. **Newkirk:** Mary, you're a marketing person. You know what this is? It's a hook, OK? Use that as a hook to advertise to bring people in. You more than make up for one little flat and two little trellises to put it on. What is it, 22 x 45 inches? **Auth:** Alright. I said I would bring it up at the board meeting if I had an opportunity, and I saw an opportunity.

(31) **IT REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Tim Schreck
Liaison to Board: Dick Kallmeyer
List of Committee Members: Steve Merritt, Dick Kallmeyer

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Entry Clerk Program is up and running but there are several improvements that have been requested by users to improve the function and ease of use.

Show licensing and Judging specifications have from John are being worked on to have Computan quote and begin work for transition to new system.

Programming to assist in eliminating Registration prefix error has been completed.

Current Happenings of Committee:

New Entry Clerk software enhancement listing is being compiled.

Entry Clerk Help Desk training has begun at Dynamic Edge and will be operational by early February.

Working with Central Office Staff to transition the creation of shows in new program to Central Office.

Future Projections for Committee:

Enhancements to Entry Clerk Program

Complete transition of Applications from HP system.

Board Action Items:

Funding to continue with further enhancements of Entry Clerk program

Listing of proposed enhancements to follow

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on progress of moving of programs to new system

Update progress on improving New Entry Clerk Program

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: Are we ready for IT? **Kallmeyer:** OK. We did some programming to do some of the registration checking. One of the checks it does do, if I have an Exotic and a Persian, I don't get a Persian number now. I at least get a rejection as part of it. We've done some and make sure we have the colorpoint prefixes, as well. We're looking into the more complex versions. To give you an example, if we just take Scottish Folds, there's probably over a million color combinations we can get, with the longhair and the shorthair and all the Brit colors and American colors, so it's a little messier. John has written specifications for moving some of the programs over from the old HP. We have show licensing sitting there and judges' assignments, to avoid double booking of judges. We have the entry clerk program up and running. We still have some corrections to do, making the books look better. We do have an action item as part of this, to fund some additional enhancements. Lisa came up with a list of a lot of these. We want to make it easier and quicker to use as part of the process, so we're asking the board's approval for the additional funding. **Eigenhauser:** How much? **Mastin:** I think Tim came in with 100 hours. **Kallmeyer:** So it would be about \$1,500. **Mastin:** It's a lot more than that. **Kallmeyer:** \$15,000 I think. **Mastin:** We get a heavy discount. Right now it looks like it's about \$10,000 with our discount. **Kuta:** Does Dynamic Edge have UI experience or design experience to do some of these enhancements? Like, as part of this contract would they be able to do that? **Kallmeyer:** Oh yeah. **Kuta:** The original UI they designed is pretty clunky. **Kallmeyer:** Part of it too came from the volunteers helping out as part of the process, so they can help out to do it. We hope to use maybe that vendor and another vendor to do the modules to do the initial screening for registrations. It's a little more complex. It may not handle all the codes, but a greater yes/no and go ask somebody type answers. **Hannon:** The vendor that did the work for us on the entry clerk program was not our usual IT vendor. It's a much more expensive vendor, but we think we're getting better products. **Kuta:** I would just say, the UI. I don't have many complaints about the software and there's definitely a lot of plusses, but I would have to say that their UI designer, either we gave them wrong input or they didn't ask us for the requirements in the right way, because it's a lot longer time to enter stuff. Like, if you're used to doing data entry, this would just kill you. **Kallmeyer:** That's part of the functionality that we want to look at and fix it to make it more useable. Remember, I guess we had asked for assistance in the development and we got one entry clerk. It made perfect sense to her. **Hannon:** What we ran into was, John is doing the specs for us and John's daughter is an entry clerk for a lot of shows, so I'm assuming since you two live close together that you're getting a lot of input from her. **Colilla:** Yes, I did. She actually showed me what the old program was doing and we tried to duplicate that. **Hannon:** Now she's using the new program and I'm hoping she's giving you feedback. **Colilla:** Yes, like the judge's book, reduce pages. **Kallmeyer:** From all the regions we've been getting lots of input. **DelaBar:** Some of the things, like we have a unique requirement. In two countries, we need an extra space to include the ANFI and LOOF registration numbers. Right now, we've been adding that under breeder because we haven't gotten any feedback on where to put this extra number. This is just a legislative requirement for that particular location. **Hannon:** Do you understand what she's saying? **Colilla:** I understand. I'm not aware of that. Can you send that to me in an email? **DelaBar:** It's been sent to Tim about 10 times. **Kallmeyer:** Tim knows. **Colilla:** OK, I'll ask him. **DelaBar:** Then on trainees. When you have a trainee, unless you add an extra ring to allow an extra book to be printed, it takes a lot of effort to try to get a judging book printed out for a trainee at a show. Another thing we found is, just input. You have to basically input 4 different times to be able to get something into the system and they found out that – this is what I've gotten from several entry clerks in my region – if you don't have experience with

Excel, it's hell to pay for the benching program. They had to learn Excel in addition. **Hannon:** Do you agree with that? **Kuta:** I do, but you could also – it's not only Excel. If you're used to any spreadsheet program, you can import it into any spreadsheet program. I would hope that most entry clerks doing benching – the benching has been a vast improvement over what we had before. But, I would say I want to take this about 6 levels higher. I think part of it is, generally in software development you do like a product requirement document for analysis. The company should have done that versus taking our word for everything and kind of doing piecemeal, so then you don't end up spending all these extra hours doing extra little bits. I think that's kind of what happened. But, I'm not complaining about the program. I have been happy using it.

DelaBar: Remember, there's going to be a little extra learning curve over in Europe, because they're not speaking English as a first language. Sometimes in the instructions it doesn't particularly translate to them. Just for an example, I'll give you an off the wall example. On Maine Coons, in Germany they would translate shaggy as meaning greasy, so a shaggy coat is one that looks God-awful because it is greasy. This is the type of thing that we are dealing with in working on getting these new programs online. The last thing is, basically, we had a show last weekend in Italy. For 121 entries, my judging book was 37 pages. **Colilla:** That has been corrected. In a couple weeks the new version is coming out. The Cleveland Persian show originally like 60-something pages. It saved 9 pages and there's still some improvement they are working on to try to reduce even more. **DelaBar:** That makes it very expensive for the entry clerks on toner and paper. **Kuta:** Same amount of toner but it's more paper. **Kallmeyer:** The color descriptions are larger. It's not an eye test, so there's a lot of things that we want to clean up, especially the usability to make it more work flow oriented. **Kuta:** That's my biggest issue.

Newkirk: When will we see improvements to the judges' books? **Colilla:** There's already an improvement right now in the number of pages. Not this weekend but next weekend. Effective next weekend's show from what I gather. **Newkirk:** When I judged my first show, it was a little bit of a shock. I noticed that there were 3 cats per page. I sat there and I thought, how many trees are we killing? **Colilla:** That has been fixed. **Newkirk:** The tree huggers are going to go crazy. **Hannon:** He is saying the week after next. **Colilla:** We noticed that, yeah. That has already been fixed, but right now we still have a problem with the male and female from what I gather.

Newkirk: I love the format. It's beautiful. I think it's great. **Colilla:** They are working on that, because right now, a couple weekends ago when I judged the Cleveland Persian show, the male Bombay was on this page and the female was on the second page. They are working on that. **Hannon:** You think because there's so much space you have finished the breed and you turn the page, oh God, there's another cat in this breed. **Newkirk:** And they split a color class. I had a male on one page and another male on the second page. It said "breed continued on next page." If it had said "color class continues on next page" I would have thought, OK, I can go over, but I marked my book and went over and thought, heck, here's another cat in the same color class. **Hannon:** He is saying they are correcting that. **Colilla:** They are going to correct it. Now, what John Adelhoch did was very smart when he did that at the bottom, he circled with red ink for right now so when he goes to judge it, he will know way ahead there's more on the next page. Hopefully we will get that fixed soon. **Newkirk:** What I've done, when I get to the last cat, I look and see if there's something at the bottom. I look over before I do any marks to make sure that's the last of that color class. **Colilla:** That's being worked on right now. We're trying to get that resolved. **Kallmeyer:** The good news is, in China and some of the Asian countries, they are picking it up very quickly, especially getting off different platforms. They're using an Apple that we didn't have before and some other things. **Colilla:** I know Chrissy, the first show in Hong

Kong, she did it and I didn't hear her complain. She said she had no problem using it. But, one of the unfortunate things is, when we were in development and about to go live, we sent out all these links to all these entry clerks and asked them to test it, because they are the ones who use it and familiar with what they need to do. Most of them sign in and keyed two cats. They didn't try to do anything. So, as I'm not a regular user of that product, I cannot figure out everything, all the unusual things. We count on these users to test it out for us. **Hannon:** Did we vote on the motion? I don't think we voted on it yet. **Kallmeyer:** I make a motion that – **Hannon:** He made a motion, didn't you? **Anger:** No motion. **Hannon:** Didn't you make a motion for \$10,000? **Mastin:** I do. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion on spending \$10,000 to do some further work on the entry clerk program?

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

(32) **WORLD CAT CONGRESS.**

Committee Chair:	Rachel Anger
List of Committee Members:	Mark Hannon, Rich Mastin, Terri Barry
Event Manager; Vendors:	Allene Tartaglia
Show Manager	Rhonda Avery
Seminar Coordinator:	Lorraine Shelton
Entertainment:	Darrell Newkirk, Ellyn Honey
Sponsorships:	Verna Dobbins
Raffle Committee:	Cindy Yanez and Liz Armitage

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

An initial planning teleconference was held on July 19, 2016, to discuss the framework of the 2017 World Cat Congress event and to create an operating group. Extensive discussions have taken place since that time which bring us to the doorstep of the event, which we hope will be memorable in every positive way.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Show Flyer – the flyer should be ready to go by the end of next week. A teleconference is scheduled, at which time the details will be finalized. Inquiries are being received from all over the world. Entries are arriving already!*
- *Decorations – seven Region 5 clubs will each be responsible for ring decorations. All rings are covered. Thank you Region 5!*
- *Sponsorships and Raffle – sponsorships have been solicited for (1) the WCC delegate judges and (2) the CFA judges, to go towards the rosettes at \$200 per ring. Three sponsors have stepped forward so far. Raffle queens Liz Armitage and Cindy Yanez are coordinating a superb raffle. Ring sponsorships and raffle contributions have been solicited from each region via the regional directors. We're hoping that all of CFA's regions will participate.*
- *Vendors – vendor space commitments have been received from Royal Canin, Sturdi and Chanan, with 6 or 7 additional vendors having expressed interest.*
- *Event Facility – the originally contracted Flamingo Hotel notified us a few days ago that they would be unable to honor the contract, due to construction issues. Fortunately for us, the Rio picked up the contract and is matching fees. While the Rio is not on the strip, it is a beautiful facility that will suit our event even better than the original facility. A room block has been created at the Rio, with specific information to be updated at the board meeting.*

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3700 W Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89103
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- *Agenda –*

Wednesday, April 19 – Delegates Arrive

Transportation for each delegate from the Las Vegas airport to the Flamingo hotel will be arranged by Michael and Lorraine Shelton using local fanciers. Welcome baskets for delegates will be donated by Michael and Lorraine, as well. Thanks, Sheltons!

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Hospitality in CFA's suite at the Rio – complimentary

7:00 p.m. – Dinner at Oishi restaurant, all you can eat Sushi for \$27 plus tax and gratuity to be paid by attendees. Non-sushi dishes are available, such as sizzling beef, chicken, salad, vegetable tempura and shrimp tempura and miso plus pot stickers. Darrell and Ellyn will arrange transportation.

<http://oyshily.com/dinner-menu/>

Thursday, April 20

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast in CFA's Suite – complimentary

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Hoover Dam Tour – complimentary. The price is between \$68-75 per person and includes a stop at Ethel M candy facility and cactus Garden.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.- Hospitality in CFA's suite – complimentary

Dinner on own

Friday, April 21

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. – World Cat Congress Seminar and Open Meeting (no charge, but reservations required; contact Allene Tartaglia). The proposed agenda is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Opening and welcome from CFA President Mark Hannon

9.15 – 10.45 WCC President Eric Reijers introduces the Power Point on WCC and delegates introduction

10.45 – 11 a.m. Coffee break

11 a.m. – 11.45 Dr. Heather Lorimer – Genetics Professor at Youngstown State University and Oriental Shorthair breeder

11.45– 12.15 Dr. Vicki Thayer – Winn Foundation

12.15 – 12.45 Laureline Malineau for Royal Canin – Royal Canin's Role in the World Cat Congress

12.45 – 1.30 Lunch break

1.30 – 2.15 Grace Ruga, founder of the American Curl, and Michael Bull, Breed Council Secretary – breed presentation

2.15. – 3.00 Pat Jacobberger – CFA Judging Program Education Chair on the Ethics and Psychology of Judging

3.00 – 3.15 *Tea break*

3.15 – 4.00 *Karen Lawrence - CFA Foundation and Museum*

4.00 – close *Inter-active discussion with speakers, delegates and attendees.*
A nutritional presentation from Royal Canin may be added

9:30 p.m. – *Cirque du Soleil “O” – complimentary. The price is \$121 for cheap seats.*
Dinner on own

Saturday, April 22

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – *Cat Show (Anger – AB; Harding – AB; Newkirk – AB; Currle – AB; U’Ren (CCCA delegate) – LH/SH; Lowe (NZCF delegate) – LH; van Rooyen (SACC delegate) – SH). Judge gift bags provided by CFA.*
Ellyn will entertain the Sunday judges

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – *Hospitality in CFA’s suite – complimentary*

7:30 p.m. – *Dinner @ Carmine’s (Italian inspired menu) – complimentary*
<http://www.carminesnyc.com/locations/las-vegas/> The event contract has been signed and the deposit paid.

Sunday, April 23

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – *Cat Show (Adkison – AB; Powell, G. – AB; Honey – AB; Nye – AB; Mays (TICA delegate) – LH/SH; Reijers (FIFe delegate) – SH; Gemmel (ACF delegate – LH). Judge gift bags provided by CFA.*
Darrell will entertain the Saturday Judges.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – *Hospitality in CFA’s suite – complimentary*
Dinner on own

Ellyn and Darrell’s excursions may include and be decided by those who wish to see a bit of Las Vegas, which may include a drive through Red Rock Canyon, a visit to the Mob Museum and/or shopping.

Monday, April 24, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *World Cat Congress Business Meeting*
Continental Breakfast & Lunch Buffet – complimentary
Transportation for each delegate from the Flamingo to the Las Vegas airport will be arranged – complimentary

Board Action Items:

MOTION: Due to an increase in show hall space, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the World Cat Congress event permission to change its show licenses from a 180 entry limit to a 225 entry limit at its shows on April 22/23, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada (Region 5).

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

At the April 11, 2017 teleconference, a final review will be made of all details.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

Hannon: World Cat Congress. **Anger:** As you probably heard, our original facility – the Flamingo – is having some construction issues and we were moved over to a sister hotel, the Rio. I don't know if you have seen the website for the Rio. **Hannon:** Terri said she stayed at the Rio several times. **Anger:** It's a lovely upgrade for us. **Barry:** I thought it was nicer than the Flamingo. **Hannon:** She went and looked at the Flamingo when we were out there in June for the Annual, so she can compare the two because she has seen the two. Allene is going out next week, right? **Anger:** Tuesday. **Barry:** I will tell you it is not on the strip. The two times I stayed there, I rarely ever had to wait for their shuttle to either take me over to the strip or bring me back. **Anger:** It is a near-strip hotel. It's not as far out as the Red Rock. It's just on the other side of the highway. All the events will be right there at the Rio and the beautiful, flashing lights will be visible from everyone's hotel suite. It's all suites, so the rooms are lovely. Our show hall facility is going to be much more workable for our purposes. I have a motion later on in the report that addresses a change we would like to make, due to the more favorable show hall we now have. In the report, I called out a few of the preparations that have been made and are either finalized or well on their way to finalization. You will notice the third bullet point there is sponsorships and raffle. Just last week, Rhonda sent out an email to the regional directors soliciting donations. We have two pledges for donations this very weekend. If those directors would like to shame any other regions into also pledging, we would be happy to put your pledges on record. **Kallmeyer:** The ID pledge. **Anger:** Yes, the ID and Region 9. **Kuta:** Region 5 has also pledged. **Anger:** Has pledged already? Wonderful, thank you. **DelaBar:** Rachel, just one thing. It's a little hard because she wanted us to pick rings. On the website it only shows a 4 allbreed/2 specialty one day. **Hannon:** When I looked at it, it showed the next date. If you scrolled down it showed the second one. **DelaBar:** I'm looking at it right now and it doesn't. **Hannon:** I looked at it last week and it showed them all. **Anger:** Because of our increased floor space, we're able to set up 7 rings, so there is an addition ring that we've already got a commitment for a club to decorate, and that will require rosette sponsorship, as well. **Kuta:** Are we able to raise the entry count. **Anger:** I'm getting there. **Hannon:** We're going to do a 225. **Anger:** We have some vendor interest already, and with the additional space we have other vendors that have expressed interest. So, it's going to be a very nice show that will hopefully have lots of beautiful cats, lots of exciting new judges that people have not seen before, and lots of our top vendors are going to be there in a fabulous facility. I'm obviously inviting you all to attend and encouraging you to promote it in your regions, especially since you will all be sponsoring rosettes. **Moser:** I was just wondering, what's CFA's financial responsibility for the show? **Hannon:** The show itself is a CFA show. **Moser:** OK, so it's all covered. **Hannon:** The show itself. Don't they pay for the transportation for the other judges? **Anger:** Correct. The World Cat Congress reimburses transportation for the delegate judges. **Hannon:** For the foreign judges? **Anger:** Right, so CFA will have no travel fees for 6 judges. Actually, I think the judges that are judging the show receive a flat fee, so whether we have 180 or 225, they get the same amount. **Hannon:** In the budget that was approved last April, we have a \$15,000 allocation for this event. **Anger:** We really wanted to make it an extravaganza that is memorable in a good

way, to proudly showcase CFA and what we can do. We have the good fortune to be in a position right now where we are able to do that, and we are happy to host our fellow associations. **Dugger:** I just have a question. How did they choose the location for the World Cat Congress show? I'm just curious. **Anger:** There is a little bit of background to it. The government of Indonesia actually asked if we would consider having it there. **Hannon:** Last year? **Anger:** This was before we discussed the Las Vegas location. **Hannon:** There are what? Eight or nine members? **Anger:** Nine. **Hannon:** Nine members of the organization, and they each try to take a turn as a host. When did we last host it down in Houston? **DelaBar:** 2008. **Hannon:** So, 2008 was the last time CFA hosted it. In 2014 I attended one in Miami that TICA was the host for, so we each take a turn and try to put on a pleasant event. **Dugger:** I guess I was having a vision of like our Florida area and maybe it would be a good way to get CFA interest. **Hannon:** Because the last one in the United States was in Florida – it happened to be TICA, not CFA – they were interested in trying something else. Vegas excited them. **Anger:** It did, and when I questioned further about the offer from Indonesia – we had people willing to help out there, but the logistics promised to be very difficult and there was no buy-in from the Indonesian government. They would have liked for us to have it there. At that meeting where this was revealed, we opened it up for suggestions. Everybody said “Las Vegas!” They are still very excited about coming to Vegas. It's going to be great for us to host it there. The show committee is really doing to a good job to put on the show. They are quite a ways down the road in the show planning. **DelaBar:** Rachel, I'm hoping that we will be able to get there. I hope to see your smiling face there. **Anger:** My smiling face will be there. Of course, you are all invited to attend. We would love to see everyone's smiling faces there, with a big representation from CFA.

Hannon: Do you have anything else? **Anger:** I do. I have an action item. Due to an increase in show hall space and the more favorable set-up that we are able to have – there are no pillars that will divide up the hall. In the Flamingo facility there were obstructions and things that had to be worked around. There just wasn't the space to have a full entry show with many vendors. Now we have room for the raffle, vendors, and we also have room to set up 7 rings. We had a ring-sharing issue that we were going to do, so it is a great relief not to have to do that. **Hannon:** We limited it to 180 because the show rules stipulate that you can share a ring if it's 180 or fewer. Now that we can go the full 225, we can give each judge their own ring. They don't need to share rings. **Anger:** Right. So, that's our motion. Due to an increase in show hall space, we would like an exception to Show Rule 4.04 which allows us to change a licensed show, the increase the entry from a 180 entry limit to a 225 entry limit. **Newkirk:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

DelaBar: One other question. Does the Rio allow cats in the room? **Anger:** I understand there is a special exemption for this event to bring in cats. **Eigenhauser:** Could you please check into that? Sometimes a special exemption involves a fee or a deposit or something. **Anger:** That is important to know. My understanding is they had a direct transfer of the contract, but as those things happen, items fall out or get added in, so I will confirm. **Hannon:** It's reminiscent of the Toronto annual where they pulled the rug out from under us and we got moved to another one of their facilities. This is the same situation. It's the same company that owns both. You are through? **Anger:** All set. [NOTE: a subsequent clarification was obtained; cats in room are allowed and there is no deposit required.]

(33) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

(a) **Publications.**

Hannon: Publications, Jean? **Dugger:** Obviously, you guys know that our Yearbook is out and I know you made the – if anyone would like to take Yearbooks back to sell in your region, Brian is available to get you some of those, but the main thing I wanted to talk about is our Yearbook for next year. I'm old fashioned, because I guess I think about our high school and college annuals that we used to have, and I feel like that the Yearbook is kind of like the official record of the CFA show year. I know in the Southern Region we always try to do at least a nice display of all of our kitties that received regional wins in the region. I mean, it costs us a little money but I feel like it's an investment and all of our people in the region that made the effort to spend the money and go to our shows throughout the year. I guess I'm asking all of you as regional directors to think about please consider putting ads in the Yearbook. We would like to see some more participation from the International Division. I talked to Dick about the big show that they've got coming up that's very similar to the International Show over there. With that being available, I would like to see a big display in the Yearbook hopefully. I'm sure you will have a photographer or somebody from over there that will make pictures, like Richard and Larry always do for us here. I would really like to see pictures, so everybody that doesn't have an opportunity to go over there to a show can at least see what's going on over there on the other side of the world when we're having cat shows. The same with Pam, with your shows. I know you all have some big shows in Europe. And Japan. You all put out that beautiful book that you all do for Japan Region, so maybe some of that stuff could be incorporated into our CFA Yearbook so that it continues to be the historical record of CFA. I was lucky enough, because Pat decided when she was kind of like going through what do I want to get rid of and who do I want to give it to when I pass away or whatever, and I got her Yearbooks that go back to the 70's. I was very honored to have the opportunity to have them; that, with my own that I had for a number of years, too. The kids, I don't even know how to speak to them to the idea about the millennials that they want the Yearbook on their iPad, because I carry my iPad around too, but I still feel very strongly that the Yearbook is our official record, so I guess I'm plugging that we need to continue to put ads in and to continue to think about how we can support the Yearbook. If anybody has any ideas about how we can sell Yearbooks. I know our sales have dropped off, and I truly believe it's because of the fact that people just believe that, "I can get it on my iPad, what do I care?" I don't know, that's just the wrong attitude, I think, as far as our Yearbook is concerned. I know I'm old fashioned and sentimental. I love coming down here because there's all this stuff that's our historical record of CFA. Maybe I'm the only person in the whole wide world that feels like that, but I really do feel like that's important, so you all please think about that. If you have ideas of some articles or something special that we can do, please let me and Shirley know so that we can start planning now. I know she wants to get an idea of what all she can do, at least during the Summertime, so we can make plans and stuff.

Hannon: Do you want to talk about Exhibitor of the Year? **Dugger:** Yes. We always put our Exhibitor of the Year for the Southern Region in there. I don't know if every region does that. I know some regions do different things other than Exhibitor of the Year, but I would encourage you all, it's our opportunity to recognize an exhibitor in your region that maybe has gone above and beyond, done special stuff for your region. Please do that and please put it in the Yearbook. I think it's important. It's our one chance to thank somebody. Who knows, maybe that

will keep them showing for another 20 years. You know how those rosettes kind of push us into going to one more cat show. It's the same thing, so you all please think about Exhibitor of the Year. I was going to talk to her about maybe we can think about putting some other, like if there are other special awards that the regions do, let me know about that know, like in the next month or so. Be thinking about that and then maybe we can plan where each region could have a little article about, "well, we do this at our regional" or "we do that" or maybe each region would like to write just a little, small article about their regional. I just think anything to help continue the record of our CFA show year. **Hannon:** What's happened, historically what happened is, Jo Ann Cummings came up with an award called the Spotlight Award. The board set certain criteria. You could not, for example, provide it to any current or past judge, or any current or past board member; the thinking being, they've already had their moment in the spotlight. Let's focus on people that are doing good work for the region – not for CFA, because we've got the Star Award for that, but within the region. Perhaps the time has come to rethink that. **Colilla:** Shirley sent me an email asking me to provide her with people who received the Exhibitor of the Year. I told her we do not do Exhibitor of the Year, we have Spirit of the Great Lakes. So, I sent her two people – Diana Doernberg and I forgot what's her name, I'm blank right now. Anyway, one of them she accepted because she's an exhibitor. The other one was Diana Doernberg. She said no, she's a judge. She's also an exhibitor. As far as I'm concerned, anyone in my region is eligible for the Spirit of the Great Lakes if they did something to benefit the region. I have a really big problem with that, that she refused to recognize Diana Doernberg. **Dugger:** It wasn't that she didn't want to, it was because that we have rules like you say that maybe need to be changed, but that's just the rules from the past. **Hannon:** Pam ran into the same thing, where you wanted to honor more than one person, right? **Moser:** Right. We do star awards in our region, because I felt that just one person – there are a number of other people that contribute also, so I wanted to give more people a chance. I knew that but they wouldn't let me put that in because it wasn't an Exhibitor of the Year, so I said fine. **Hannon:** The reason I'm bringing this up is so we can talk about, do we want to change the criteria? For example, there's a rule against any present or past judge, any present or past board member. Do we want to take that out? In his case, John gave it to a judge. I know in the Gulf Shore Region at one point they gave it to a judge or a former board member. Maybe it's time our needs have changed. Rather than tear it apart today, why don't we have a little group get together and come up with a recommendation to the board. **Black:** I think every region does their own thing. We have some historical awards that we pass on. We do a clerk of the year and some special awards for people that are longstanding exhibitor/breeders. **DelaBar:** Are you still doing the George Summerville award? **Black:** Yeah, we still do that to the best cat in premiership, I think. So, I think every region is a little different. Maybe the committee needs to be a little more open to what they're going to do. **Dugger:** I think our committee was just trying to follow the rules that are in place, so that's why we need to think about rethinking our rules to allow the regions a little more flexibility. Maybe we can vote on that in April. **Hannon:** Kathy, would you agree to chair a small committee that you pull together, and come up with some recommendations for what you think we need to do, particularly with the focus on the Yearbook. How do we want to deal with it in the Yearbook? I don't want to have the Southern Region put one in and have Pam put in a dozen because of the different ways you approach this thing, but let's figure something out. **DelaBar:** Not last year but the year before, I did an article with pictures on our show in Cannes, France. I think that if each region would come up with one show every year with pictures and everything. There's got to be one special show in each region that we could do this with and highlight the show. That could be part of it for the Yearbook

article. **Black:** You're saying the Yearbook makes space for this free of charge? **DelaBar:** Yes, if you're writing an article for it. **Dugger:** Maybe CFA could think about maybe underwriting those costs to enable the regions to be able to put more information about that region and that show and all that. It's something that I know costs us money, but like I said, we do a nice, big ad for the Yearbook but it's not cheap, so if CFA could maybe kick in a little bit to the regions, then that would maybe get a little more responsiveness and maybe get a little more stuff in there. Like I said, it's an historical record and so one big show from each region would be nice, I think. **Hannon:** They had a nice display on Cotton States this year from your region, and we've done San Diego and National Capital and Lincoln State. We've done a number of features on shows.

Calhoun: I missed the end of the Publications discussion. I want to talk about the inventory. **Hannon:** OK, go. **Calhoun:** We have Yearbooks. We talked about this a bit earlier, that we have Yearbooks from past years. We talked about the meaning of maintaining your history. Some folks actually like to have a collection, so if you are missing any years, what we have – and I can send this to the board – we've got 50 books for 2002, we've got 4 for 2005, we've got 11 for 2006, we've got 122 from 2008 and 258 from 2009 that we will be selling at \$10 a book plus shipping. You might want to go and check and see if you are interested in any of these books. If there's a way to get the books to Chicago [for the Annual] and avoid the \$10/book fee, we can work to see if we can make that happen. If we don't hear from folks shortly, we will probably do some advertising in the CFA News or other places, to open up the opportunity and make sure other people have it, but we would like to move these inventories off the books. **Auth:** You rattled off those years. Are you going to publish that somewhere? **Hannon:** She's going to send this to the board and let the board have first crack at it. Once we've bought what we want, then she's going to advertise it. **Dugger:** So Kathy, you're saying that if they can find some way to get them to Chicago, then we can get them at the Annual. Is that what you're saying. **Calhoun:** Yes, to avoid the \$10 shipping. **Barry:** We don't have to find a way. We ship stuff anyway. **Calhoun:** Right. We figure we would ship it with Central Office. **Barry:** We put it in a pallet. **Hannon:** The same can be held for any of the exhibitors that want to buy them after we've done so. If they want to pick them up in Chicago, fine; otherwise, there will be a shipping charge. **Calhoun:** We won't be bringing them unless they are pre-ordered. **Hannon:** Right. They have to be pre-paid.

(34) **OLD BUSINESS.**

(a) **Entry Surcharge.**

Hannon: Any other committees? **Colilla:** Can I bring up something? **Hannon:** You can bring up whatever you want. **Colilla:** OK. Surcharge. Entry surcharge. Is there any thought of reducing the surcharge a little bit so the clubs can save some money, since it was a temporary thing supposedly? **Hannon:** Go ahead, Rich. **Mastin:** Yesterday I provided the information on the show costs. We really didn't discuss where we want to go, so I'm assuming we're going to have some discussion maybe in April. I think that's at the same time, to put it all together in the same package. To remind everybody, we approved an increase in club sponsorship from \$500 to \$1,000 for the budget, so let's do it then. **Colilla:** I just thought I would ask. **Mastin:** I'm not saying we need to keep it. I'm not saying we should lower it. We've got to look at the big picture and what direction the board wants to go. **Colilla:** I understand. I just thought I would bring it up. The worst you can say is no. **Mastin:** Or worse would be, let's increase it. I guess that's the worst. **Colilla:** That's right. I should keep my mouth shut.

(35) NEW BUSINESS.

(a) Board Meeting Locations.

Hannon: Is there anything else before we adjourn? **Moser:** We talked about possibly changing the board meetings to a hub, instead of coming to Alliance. I don't know if people would be in favor of that, but it would be easier to get into. **Hannon:** Did you not at one point do some research on this, Rachel, about meeting locations and expenses? **Anger:** Yes. **Hannon:** Could we ask you to take a look at, based on the current board – granted, it's going to change in July – what the costs would be to attend the meetings here versus pick some hubs that might be appropriate ones. **Anger:** Sure.

(b) Board Meeting Dates.

Hannon: Where is Kathy? Kathy wanted to change the weekend of this meeting. **DelaBar:** That has to be a constitutional amendment. **Hannon:** It's not in the constitution. We looked. **DelaBar:** It's not? **Mastin:** It's not in there, unless I looked at an old one. **Hannon:** No, I looked online, and it better be current online. It's very vague about when and where. It doesn't even say there has to be three. **Eigenhauser:** No, but there is a requirement that Breeds and Standards be discussed in February. **Hannon:** It doesn't have to be this weekend. **Eigenhauser:** Let me just double check on that. **Hannon:** Kathy's concern is that it's Super Bowl weekend. I don't know how many people care here, but she cares. **Colilla:** If it's Chinese New Year, I won't come. **Black:** I know that my flight here and my flight back is not full, and I had a difficult time finding a reasonable air fare. I think it's because the planes were not full, so if we are going to keep it on this weekend, the Super Bowl does move around. It used to be the last weekend in January. I don't know why it's now the first weekend in February this year. Maybe they added more games to their schedule or something. I agree, but a hub is going to be dependent on which airline people like to fly, so it's going to be maybe good for some and not so good for others. I think it's worth looking at. **Hannon:** The advantage we have here is the number of people who can drive. I don't think there's any other location – possibly Cleveland – but if you're going to look at a hub, fewer people are going to drive so you're going to incur more air fares. **Moser:** You charge mileage, right? **Hannon:** I drive. My mileage is cheaper than flying. If I flew here or to any hub, it's going to be more expensive. I'm sure it's the same with you. It's not just the air fare, I'm going to have to pay for mileage to get to the airport. I live 50-some miles from the airport. I'm going to have to pay for parking at the airport. There's all sorts of other expenses involved. **Eigenhauser:** And then you have to look at hotel costs. To have a hotel with a big enough meeting room to accommodate us, it's not going to be Motel 6. It's going to be a business class hotel that's going to necessarily be more expensive. The room nights will subsidize the cost of the meeting rooms, but we'll actually be paying more per room night, so there are going to be other costs we have to consider, as well. **Mastin:** To just touch on a couple things, in terms of driving for this event this weekend, we had 6 drivers. That did not include the Central Office staff, which is 3. If you add in one of the helper drivers, that was 4. On Friday we had somebody else helping. In terms of the football, this is my understanding. When they went to the bye week, they extended it because it used to always be the last Sunday in January but it has since moved to the first Sunday in February. I really think we should let Kathy speak on it. **Hannon:** She's here. We're talking about changing the date of the February board meeting. Something dear to your hear. **Calhoun:** Yes, yes! So, do we have clarity on whether that's

constitutional? **Hannon:** It's not in the constitution. **Eigenhauser:** The constitution says February for Breeds and Standards. **Calhoun:** The reason that – one, a selfish reason. For anybody else, there's a lot of things that go on for lots of perspectives. The Super Bowl moved to our weekend. They didn't ask for permission. I don't think they're going to change. At any rate, the other opportunity might be that if we did move this to the weekend before President's weekend, it would give people a Monday holiday. So, if you're a working person and you're traveling or you just need an extra day to recoup or whatever, that might be a date that we might want to look at. **Black:** What weekend is that? **Hannon:** Third weekend of February. **Mastin:** Well, it's the third Monday. **Hannon:** Why don't you make a motion and find out if there are any answers. **Calhoun:** I make a motion that we move the February board meeting to precede the third Monday in February, which would be in conjunction with President's Day. **Mastin:** I will second with the right to vote no. **Hannon:** Discussion? **Mastin:** My discussion will be, the weekend holiday may not be good for everybody. It already could be a planned event, but that doesn't mean the second weekend isn't available. **Calhoun:** Correct. **Mastin:** I don't know that we need to settle on that weekend. Just, are we interested in moving it from this weekend to either the second or third? **Calhoun:** So, I'll amend my motion. Is there any interest in moving the February board meeting? Broaden the motion. **Hannon:** Off of the first weekend, to some other weekend. **Eigenhauser:** To a remaining weekend in February. **Hannon:** All those in favor of moving from the first weekend of February to some other weekend in February.

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

Hannon: We will continue to be the first weekend. In the meantime, Rachel will do some research and get back to us on the cost of comparisons of various hubs versus here. **Eigenhauser:** We have to remember that it isn't cost alone. There is a convenience to being able to say, "go upstairs and look at these documents or get this information for us" that we couldn't do at a hub. **Hannon:** And a number of us met on Friday with various people that worked here that wouldn't be present at a hub. **Eigenhauser:** So it isn't just a dollar decision. **Hannon:** We met with Stacy, we met with Brian, and we had Mariane's help which we wouldn't have if she weren't attending. **Colilla:** My transportation was very cheap. **Hannon:** It would probably be more if you had to fly somewhere. **Kuta:** Mine is very expensive. **DelaBar:** Edward and I had the most expensive of all. **Calhoun:** Well yeah, but I think if you were at a hub, your overall costs may go down. **Kuta:** Vegas! **Hannon:** Is Vegas a hub? **Newkirk:** Everybody flies to Vegas. **Eigenhauser:** Phoenix is a hub. **DelaBar:** Time of year. **Eigenhauser:** We may want to focus on hubs that are not in the snow belt. Weather is problematic. **Hannon:** In February but not October. **DelaBar:** That's why we used to have so many meetings in February in Houston. **Hannon:** The hub thing was not restricted to February. **Anger:** I will add some, such as Detroit. **Kuta:** Maybe one meeting a year at a hub? **Hannon:** She's going to come back with some information and we can decide what we want to do with it.

(c) **Motion.**

Anger: I have a little motion I would like to bring up. This was something that was sent to me a while ago, but there were other motions we put in front of it for triage. I thought we could do it here quickly today. The Cat-H-Art club is requesting permission to do an in-conjunction show in Barcelona, Spain on April 8/9 with the WCF. They are having a 7 AB/1 SP

two-day show. They would like permission to have an in-conjunction show in Barcelona, Spain. **DelaBar:** I second that motion. You moved it, right? **Anger:** I moved it, yes. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **Auth:** So, it's a CFA show that wants to do one in conjunction with a WCF show? Is that what you said? **Anger:** Correct. **Auth:** It's a 7 and 1? **Anger:** Correct. **Auth:** Does that meet our AB/Specialty ratio? **DelaBar:** Europe is different from other places. **Hannon:** The specialty requirements are different in Europe. The answer to your question is yes, it meets our requirements. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** It meets our requirements. Any more discussion?

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

Hannon: They will be sent the requirements for an in-conjunction show? **Anger:** Yes.

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Hannon: Anything else? OK, we're adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(36) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

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

16-005 *CFA v. Stephens, Zayda*

*Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (a, b, e, and g)
Violation of Show Rules: Article 1, 1.03*

16-009 *CFA v. Stephens, Zayda*

*Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (b, e, and g)
Violation of Show Rules: Article 1, 1.03*

16-014 *CFA v. Stephens, Zayda*

*Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(b, c, e, f and g)
Violation of Show Rules: Article 1, 1.03*

GUILTY only as to CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (b). Sentence of a \$2,000 fine and a satisfactory CFA cattery environment inspection within 30 days by an independent veterinarian.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

16-022 *CFA v. Gramlich, Hope*

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

GUILTY. Sentence of a six month suspension of all CFA services and a \$500.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid.

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the parties, and the matter was heard in open session, at the request of the respondents.

16-022 *CFA v. Changhua Lin, Shazhou Luo, Wen Wei Shi, Zhang Jie, Qu Ming, John Doe Ming (son of Zhang Jie)*

*Violation of Show Rule 11.08 and CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (g)
NOT GUILTY.*