

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL  
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 11, 2017**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 via teleconference. **President Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members present:

- Mr. Mark Hannon (President)**
- Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Vice President)**
- Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**
- Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)**
- Mr. John Adelhoch (NAR Director)**
- 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)**
- Vacancy (Japan Region)**
- Ms. 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, Deputy Director**

**SUMMARY**

**(1) FUTURE CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Mr. Mastin** move to change the CIS date in 2018 to either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.** Anger, Moser, Kuta, Auth, DelaBar, Eigenhauser and Newkirk voting no.

**(2) AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

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

**(3) SHOW RULES.**

<b>Article XXXVI, National Awards, Point Minimums</b>	<b>Show Rules Committee</b>	
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 and the results of that review will be posted on the CFA website by the first of May.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OPTION 1</u></b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>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.</del> <u>specified on the CFA website at the following address: <a href="http://cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/award-point-minimums.pdf">http://cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/award-point-minimums.pdf</a></u> 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 and the results of that review will be posted <del>on the CFA at the above website address</del> <u>by the first of May.</u></li> </ul>	

**Liaison Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to remove the notation of the number of points required for the minimums and refer the reader to the CFA website. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Tabled.**

**(4) PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

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

**(5) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**Chair Mrs. Wilson** moved to grant a medical leave of absence from judging to Edward Maeda until July 31, 2017. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Wilson** moved to adopt the following proposed Judging Program Rule housekeeping changes to make the mentor relationship consistent:

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>1.3 <b>MENTOR.</b> An Allbreed Judge with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed, who agrees to provide assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program, from the pre-application process to Approved Allbreed status. A Mentor may not act in the capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats, nor may a mentor be a member of the current Judging Program Committee. A Mentor may assist a maximum of two individuals at a time. The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the Judging Program Committee. Mentors will be appointed by the designated Judging Program Committee member(s).</p> <p>2.16 It is required that all initial applicants have a Mentor chosen to assist with the application process through the training process.</p> <p>4.1 Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA Website, or they may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the Applications Administrator will choose a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member).</p>	<p>1.3 <b>MENTOR.</b> An Allbreed Judge with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed, who agrees to provide assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program, from the pre-application process to Approved Allbreed status. A Mentor may not act in the capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats, nor may a mentor be a member of the current Judging Program Committee. A Mentor may assist a maximum of two individuals at a time. The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the Judging Program Committee. Mentors will be <del>appointed</del> <u>approved</u> by the designated Judging Program Committee member(s).</p> <p>2.16 It is required that all <del>initial</del> <u>pre-applicants</u> <del>have a Mentor chosen</del> <u>choose a Mentor</u> to assist with the application process through the training process.</p> <p>4.1 Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA Website, or they may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the <u>pre-applicant will select a Mentor</u> <del>Applications Administrator will choose a Mentor</del> from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member), <u>which must be approved by the Applications Administrator.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> This allows the applicant and the JPC to work together to select a mentor. The applicant may have someone in mind or a mentor they are already comfortable with. If their selection meets the qualifications and is approved by the Applications Administrator, then this is the desired selection process. We want our pre-applicants to be comfortable with their Mentor.</p>	

Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Wilson** moved to accept the following advancements:

**Advance to Apprentice:**

*Nicholas Pun – Longhair (2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty)* 18 yes

**Advance to Approved Allbreed:**

*Koji Kanise* 18 yes

*Neil Quigley* 18 yes

**(6) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

**Mr. Mastin** moved to change the Show Rule 4.04 late fee schedule for show licenses that takes effect this May from 89 – 60 days postmarked to RECEIVED and \$50.00 to \$75.00 to 59 – 30 days postmarked to RECEIVED and the \$100.00 to \$150.00. Seconded by **Ms. Black, Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Newkirk** moved to make the foregoing change effective May 1, 2017. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

**Ms. Anger** moved that we allow Central Office to provide minimal registration information to other World Cat Congress association bodies. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.** Calhoun voting no.

**(7) CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

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

- CHINA OBSIDIAN CAT FANCIERS, International Division, China. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**
- CHINA RADAR CAT FANCIERS, International Division, China. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**
- KING KONG CHINA CAT CLUB, International Division, China. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**
- ONE FOR ALL CAT CLUB UK, Region 9. Seconded by **Mr. Mastin, Motion Carried.**
- RED STAR CAT CLUB, International Division, China. Seconded by **Mr. Adelhoch, Motion Carried.**

**(8) CLERKING PROGRAM.**

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

**(9) IT COMMITTEE.**

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

**(10) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

**Chair Mr. Kallmeyer** made the following motions:

- Allow any geographical area in the International Division with greater than 160 rings to have 25 premiership DW awards for this season and following seasons. Seconded by **Mr. Colilla, Motion Carried.** Kuta voting no.
- For show seasons 2017-18 forward, only points earned at Singapore shows will be accrued towards Singapore DW awards. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**
- That as of July 1, we no longer accept CFA parent TRNs. Seconded by **Mr. Colilla, Withdrawn.**

**(11) BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

**Chair Ms. Calhoun** moved for approval of the Budget. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser abstained.

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

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

**(13) REGIONAL ASSIGNMENT POLICY.**

**Ms. Black** moved to adopt the following action items:

- Add a requirement that if a co-owner is added to a registered cat, all existing parties listed as owner will be required to sign in agreement that they co-own the cat, and the newly listed co-owner's signature is required. **Tabled.**
- For co-owned cats, the Region assignment will be based on majority of shows attended. **Withdrawn.**
- If questioned regarding region of residence by Central Office or the Regional Director, the cat owner will provide proof of residence. Proof would consist of official documents such as copy of driver's license. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Failed.** Black voting yes.

**(14) SPOTLIGHT AWARD DISCUSSION.**

No action items were presented.

**(15) OTHER BUSINESS.**

**Ms. DelaBar** moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04.c. for the Cat Fanciers of Finland and charge a reduced show license fee of US \$100.00 for its shows to be held on June 18, 2017, and August 13, 2017 in Kerala, Finland (Region 9). Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

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

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

[to be submitted after 30 day appeal period expires]

**Hannon:** Rachel, are you there? **Anger:** Yes. **Hannon:** Do you want to call the roll?  
**Anger:** Sure. Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Here. **Anger:** John Adelhoch. **Adelhoch:** Here. **Anger:** Pam Moser. **Moser:** Here. **Anger:** Kathy Black. **Black:** Here. **Anger:** John Colilla. No John? Lisa Kuta. **Kuta:** Here. **Anger:** Mary Auth. **Auth:** Here. **Anger:** Jean Dugger. **Dugger:** Here. **Anger:** Pam DelaBar. **DelaBar:** Here. **Anger:** Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. **Newkirk:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** Let me go back and see if John Colilla is on the call. OK, also present would be John Randolph. **Randolph:** Here. **Anger:** Teresa Barry. **Barry:** Here. **Anger:** Verna Dobbins. **Dobbins:** Here. **Anger:** Allene Tartaglia. **Tartaglia:** Here. **Anger:** Mary Kolencik. **Kolencik:** Here. **Anger:** Is there anyone on the call whose name I have not mentioned? Just a reminder, to put yourself on mute hit \*6 and then to take yourself off mute hit \*6.



**(1) FUTURE CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Committee Chair:** Allene Tartaglia  
**Liaison to Board:** Rich Mastin  
**Committee Members:** Carol Krzanowski, Pam DeGolyer, Bobbi Irie, Rachel Anger

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**Brief Summation of Committee Members**

*The committee members bring a combined 140+ years of experience in the cat fancy with extensive breeding and exhibiting experience, national wins, judging and board member credentials. To say the least, a stellar group of individuals active in and familiar with the cat fancy.*

**Current Happenings of Committee**

*The committee has met twice since the February board meeting to discuss the feasibility of changing the International Show date and planning on staying in one location. As previously reported at February's meeting and as agreed by the committee, it is believed moving the show date away from Thanksgiving holiday will increase spectator attendance. The original and current date for the International was chosen by Purina based on show hall availability in St. Louis (their headquarters) and to allow enough time between the Qualifiers and the Invitational (as it was known then) to score the Regional Qualifiers, qualify cats, print and mail invitations and still have time to enter the show, etc. At that time Purina paid for everything and let CFA keep income from the show. The least we could do was let them choose the date and location. The original concept of the show with Qualifiers and invitations is long gone (and I'm not suggesting we return to them!) and this committee believes there is merit to moving the date of the International to when the Qualifiers took place in mid-October. The weekend before the Thanksgiving holiday is typically the weekend when families are busy getting ready for the upcoming holiday and others are busy traveling to visit their families. People usually aren't looking for something to do such as going to a cat show. Air travel should be less expensive when not so close to Thanksgiving and the more moderate weather in October will allow us to consider locations we might not have been able to previously.*

*Although the Qualifiers took place on the second weekend in October, the committee looked at all October dates and focused on weekends with the fewest traditional show dates, the second and third weekends, in an effort to minimize the impact on clubs. On the 2nd weekend of October there are two US shows (Ohio and Nebraska) and one in China with this as their traditional date. The Nebraska club was dropped from membership in 2016 and the Ohio club has already said they would have no problem with moving the International show to their date. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October, there is one show in Japan, one in South Korea and four US clubs with this weekend as a traditional date; however, three of the US shows did not hold a show in 2016 and do not have a planned show for 2017 on the books at this time (one of these clubs was dropped from membership last June). The show in Oregon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend was the only show held in 2016 on their traditional date. Committee members are reaching out to the few viable clubs with*

*these traditional show dates to ascertain their plans for upcoming years and determine the impact to these clubs if the International moves to one of these weekends.*

*Easy access locations (international airports, close to interstates, etc.) with a known history of attracting large numbers of exhibitors and spectators were targeted. Certain locations were considered for their likelihood of attracting media coverage. Helms Briscoe (Pat Zollman and Eric Cooper) distributed the Request for Proposal (RFP) to a number of locations including: St. Louis MO, Houston TX, Dallas/Ft Worth TX, Nashville TN, Cleveland OH, Indianapolis IN, Philadelphia PA, Pittsburgh PA, Northern NJ, Minneapolis MN. Proposals are being received.*

*The committee recommends planning and contracting to stay in the same location for 3 years, evaluate after the first year, and consider extending the number of years in that location at that time.*

### **Future Projections for Committee**

- *Evaluate proposals received from various venues.*
- *Contact clubs with traditional show dates on the second and third weekends in October and discuss the possibility of moving their show date.*
- *Provide recommendations for accommodating clubs whose show dates will change.*

### **Board Action Item**

*Change date to the second or third weekend in October with a minimum 3-year commitment to the same location. Note: a specific date will be determined once all proposals are received and evaluated.*

### **What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting**

*Pending the Board's endorsement, proposals and recommendations for date and location starting with the 2018 show.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Allene Tartaglia*

**Hannon:** The first thing on the agenda is the Future Internationals. This is a subcommittee that Allene headed up and sent us a report. Allene, have you got some comments you want to make? **Tartaglia:** Sure. Thank you everybody for letting me be on the call. I know that you voted on this in February, to form a subcommittee, so you know all of the reasons were outlined in that report at that time, of why we want to look at changing the date of the show, as well as keeping it in the same location for a minimum number of years. On the report that I sent, it just kind of reiterated that – the same reasons. They still apply. The committee that was formed agreed with all of those reasons. I gave a little bit of history of why we ended up with that date in November, but I think the highlight is that we want to move away from the weekend before the Thanksgiving holiday. It just doesn't seem to be a good time for families to be looking at doing something other than getting ready for the holiday. Air fares tend to be more expensive around that time of year. Travel is very, very busy. We would like to stay in one location a minimum of 3 years, is what the committee is recommending. We'll be able to build the gate, see more

spectators year after year, and it depends on the show being in the same location. We may be able to do some newer things. Instead of re-inventing the wheel almost every year, we'll just be able to make it better and better every year. That's it in a nutshell. We are concerned about the clubs whose date we may infringe on, because we are looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October. There really are very few dates with clubs with shows on those dates at this point. I spoke with one of them – Karen Boyce of Cats Exclusive. The club has no issue if we were to go into the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October. She said, in fact, they have not had a show in 3 years, so they realize that they have lost their traditional show date. I know that Bobbie Irie spoke with Wendy Heidt regarding Emerald Cat Club. They have a 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend show in Portland. Wendy was checking with the show hall to see if another date is available. I believe Rachel was going to contact National Birman Cat Club but I'm not sure if she has had a chance to do that yet or what the outcome is. So, at this point, we are asking for the board to endorse proceeding with a date change – and this is for 2018, of course – with a date change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October, with a minimum 2 year commitment at that location. Once we receive proposals and see what's available at that time, we would be able to narrow it down to whether it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. I don't know if there's any questions or comments.

**DelaBar:** Allene, I double checked the traditional show dates on our website and my Estonian club is missing from there for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. **Hannon:** That's your responsibility, Pam, to make sure that's up to date. **DelaBar:** I know, and I just found that. Yes Mark, I'm well aware of my responsibility on this. I just found it. **Hannon:** You need to deal with Tracy [Petty] and get it added, right? **DelaBar:** Oh yes. The other thing is, whoever is doing dishes and messing around in the kitchen, please mute your phone. **Eigenhauser:** I couldn't help noticing that, of 10 locations we are looking at, all 10 are in the eastern half of the United States. Maybe a little effort could be made to find a location or two in the western half of the United States. **Hannon:** Well, to be fair, when we decided to go to Portland in 2017, we said it was a one-year thing and we were coming back east in 2018. **Eigenhauser:** And 2019 and 2020? **Hannon:** One of the things that wasn't mentioned was, by going with one facility for multiple years, we are often able to get a better rate for a multi-year contract. **Eigenhauser:** Are we able to get a better rate in Portland if we stay in Portland for a couple years in a row? **Hannon:** I don't think we've asked that question. At this point, we've already signed a contract, so there is no incentive for them. [Colilla joins the conference] Who is that that joined us? Is that John? **Colilla:** Yes, sir. **Moser:** We stated that it was not a one-time thing. Yes, we would see how it worked and then after that we would make a decision. It would possibly go back east or whatever, but I don't think it was steadfast that it was just one time. **Auth:** I didn't realize that it was my responsibility to update the traditional show date, but on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend it has Illinois Feline Fanciers. I noticed in your notes that that club has resigned and that's why you feel that was open. That date has been taken over by another club, and this will be their 2<sup>nd</sup> year on that date. 2017 will be their second year. **Hannon:** When I looked a couple weeks ago, they had not yet done anything with CFA about getting that date again. Have they sent out a new CFA News notice announcing they wanted to use that date again? **Auth:** No, I don't think so. Is that my responsibility, too? **Hannon:** Somebody has to notify Lisa [Kuta] to send it out. Whether it's you or the club, I don't think it matters. At this point, they don't have approval to use the date. **Auth:** I see. OK. **Hannon:** Like I said, when I went and looked, they weren't on the show calendar yet. They hadn't signed up for the date. There was no way for me to know that they were planning to use the date again. **Auth:** OK, that's my bad. Then, for the second weekend in October, Sand Hills, that was their traditional date and yes, they resigned. They always put that show on with

Midlands and Midlands is hosting a show that weekend in conjunction with two Kansas City clubs in October. So, I need to pre-notice that too, I guess. My bad. **Hannon:** Let's back up. When Midlands is putting it on with the other club, was it a 6x6 situation or what? **Auth:** No. Just 3 clubs are sponsoring it. **Hannon:** In the past. **Auth:** Oh, in the past it was Midlands and Sand Hills, yes. **Hannon:** They co-sponsored the show? **Auth:** Yes. **Hannon:** If they co-sponsored the show, then I don't think that they need to [inaudible] the date again if they've already used it 2 years in a row. **Auth:** They did not use it in 2016. The date was empty in 2016. They are moving it to the Kansas City area in 2017. I don't really have a problem with that, because I think it will die and not go back to Omaha. **Hannon:** If they are moving, they have to ask for approval. **Auth:** OK.

**Kuta:** My concerns aren't for our region that weekend, but the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of October we have traditionally had a club put on a 6x6 and then this year we didn't have a show. Then in 2017 the Santa Monica Cat Club has moved to take that and was hoping to continue to produce a large show that date. I know we can't really say, hey, it's not in direct conflict if it's one or two weeks off, but I just want to put up that concern, that clubs with shows the weekends before or after are probably going to feel some fallout from that. **Hannon:** Anybody else have a comment? I'll speak up for Terri. She did have a concern that if it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October, it's the weekend following the board meeting and the Central Office staff is quite involved in the logistics of the board meeting. Now, I did point out to her that both Shelly and Allene are not involved in the board meeting, but of course Terri and Verna and Brian are very involved in getting things set up for the board meeting and then to have to turn around a week later and work on the International Show, even if it's 2 weeks later, is a concern. **Anger:** I was the dissenting voice on the committee. My feeling is that it is going to be disruptive, no matter when we move it. Where we have it now may not be the perfect date, but I think it's better than disenfranchising some of our clubs. If we change the date, we are going to disassociate a number of clubs who have planned shows or traditional dates on the new weekend, and that might be the final straw for some clubs that are already precariously near to folding. We cannot afford to lose any domestic clubs. It would be disruptive at the very least. I think it is fine where it is, so I'm going to make the motion in the action item, reserving the right to vote no. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Hannon:** What's the motion? To leave it where it is? It seems to me we don't need to make a motion if we aren't going to change it. George, am I right that we don't need a motion to leave it as it is? **Eigenhauser:** Right, we only need a motion to do something. **Anger:** That's not what the action item says.

**Black:** I was just going to say that we have our traditional fundraiser the last weekend of October and I also can kind of see where Lisa is coming from, but depending on the location if this was to move it may not hurt our fundraiser. If it's something that's pretty far away from Texas, we may still get the same number of exhibitors. Lisa could, too, if it's on the east coast. She may have no problem with her show being in the Phoenix area. I agree with Rachel. We are going to impact clubs no matter what we do if we change the weekend, because our current weekend is locked out. We'll have to look at all the logistics of it as far as the location and the costs associated with it and everything else. I don't have a problem with the committee going forward. **Hannon:** Rich, since you were the one that started this whole thing, do you want to comment? **Mastin:** Allene did cover a lot of the concerns that I had when you brought up the potential cost savings with multiple years at the same location with a show hall, but there's also additional cost savings over the course of time. Once you do something at the same location time

and time again, we've proven two years ago that by remaining in the same location we were able to grow the gate 70% there in Oaks. I understand the concern about the western half of the United States. I kind of go back to what Allene had pointed out in her earlier discussion on why we want to look at it. When you look at big events such as Westminster, the National Dog Show and large events, they have a tendency to pick one spot and keep it there. What I'm not opposed to is trying to find one spot and grow the market, whether it's in the eastern half of the United States, then look to grow another large event on the western half of the United States. I think CFA has a big enough brand and big enough presence where we should be able to do two large events on an annual basis. I'm still in favor of moving it away from the holiday weekend. I do realize there are going to be some clubs being disrupted by moving them to a different date. I'm willing to go to bat for those clubs and offer them discounted show licensing fees and maybe waive the surcharge for 2 years to help offset their expenses and encourage them to take on the third weekend or a different weekend throughout the year. **Moser:** I think the problem with that, Rich, is that some of these clubs, they can't find other dates because, for us for instance, if there's a show in southern California, it's difficult for us to put on a show up there in the northwest, so we're kind of locked in. I think probably everybody is kind of locked in on their dates. That being said, to try to give them a discount and everything, to them that's not going to help because you're displacing them from their show dates and then they are going to have to go and find another date within their region and it's really pretty difficult. **Hannon:** I don't understand that, Pam. We've had so many shows cancel, and so many dates have opened up the last few years because the clubs are no longer putting on those shows. **Moser:** Some of those shows are in the summer, and summer has never been a good time – anyway, for around here. It's not a good time to put on a show. I know Lisa and I do struggle with trying to not bump each other around, because there's a lot of shows that are southern California and we have all the other dates up here in northern California filled. It becomes difficult.

**Hannon:** Anybody else have a comment? **Calhoun:** Would it be a little bit more palatable if we were looking at 2019, maybe give the clubs that are impacted a little bit more time. **Hannon:** I call upon Kathy, Lisa and Pam, who are the ones that were commenting on the problem. Would an additional year make a difference? **Kuta:** The problem for me would still be there. I would rather it get it solved sooner than later, because I think with some of our clubs that are in the vicinity of both dates and have multi-year contracts with their show halls in October, I want them to be able to plan, especially if they have been planning a larger show, then that's tough. It's not just financially, it's also the effort of the show. You can go back and look at Internationals. You can see a lot of people from the west coast fly to these, and a lot of entries from Region 5 go to the east coast shows. They are just too tired or budget is gone or they have accomplished all they can and then they don't come to the show. **Hannon:** That's going to be true no matter what weekend we use. **Kuta:** Right, but we've already kind of planned for it in November. We're already used to it but clubs have Thanksgiving open and we kind of already have our expectations set. We don't have a big multi-day show because we know it won't work. **Calhoun:** In a way, that's my point exactly. So, if clubs had a couple years to find new locations, because as they look they are going to find those new locations may already have 2018 contracts, so it would give them more time to find locations that are available. It seems like that would certainly help. **Hannon:** We don't have a motion on the floor. Rich, do you want to make a motion to change the date, and then everybody can vote against it if they want to leave it where it is? **DelaBar:** You've got a motion on the floor. **Hannon:** It's out of order. The motion on the floor was to leave things as it is. We don't need a motion to leave things as it is. Let Rich make

the motion and get it seconded, and then we can continue with the discussion. **Mastin:** I'll make the motion that we change the date in 2018 to either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October with a minimum 3-year commitment to the same location. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Black:** I was just going to say that actually the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend does not affect our region that greatly. If it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend, we have a show the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, but our show possibly could even move to the November weekend once that's open. I was just saying, it doesn't really affect the Gulf Shore Region that much because we've lost so many shows as it is. **Calhoun:** My only concern with Rich's motion is that it says commitment. If we're unsuccessful at that location, do we really want to be there 3 years? **Mastin:** That's a very good point. So then, I will change my motion and not leave in the 3-year commitment in the same location. Let me just go with, move the date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. **Eigenhauser:** My concern is that if we do it in 2018, #1 we're writing off going back to Portland a second year, and #2 we're not giving clubs a lot of notice. **Hannon:** Why are you assuming we're not going back to Portland? **Eigenhauser:** On a different date? **Hannon:** Yeah. **Eigenhauser:** That's not going to help the gate learn that the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November is the CFA show. Part of being on the same date in the same location is to build gate. If you bounce it around, you lose gate. **Hannon:** Anybody else? OK, I'm going to call the motion. All those in favor of changing the date to October.

**Hannon** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Moser, Kuta, Auth, DelaBar, Eigenhauser and Newkirk voting no.

**Hannon:** Rachel, what do you say? Is that a pass or a fail? **Anger:** Sounds close. Can we get the ayes? **DelaBar:** Call the roll. **Hannon:** Why don't you do the roll call, Rachel? **Anger:** OK. **Anger:** Hannon not voting. Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is a no. **Calhoun:** Yes. **Anger:** Adelhoch. **Adelhoch:** Yes. **Anger:** Pam Moser. **Moser:** No. **Anger:** Kathy Black. **Black:** Yes. **Anger:** John Colilla. **Colilla:** I vote yes, because Ohio said it's OK. That's the only reason I'm voting yes. **Anger:** Kuta. **Kuta:** No. **Anger:** Auth. **Auth:** No. **Anger:** Jean Dugger. **Dugger:** Yes. **Anger:** Pam DelaBar. **DelaBar:** No. **Anger:** Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Yes. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Yes. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** No. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Yes. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. **Newkirk:** No. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Yes. **Hannon:** Eleven yesses, so the motion carried.

**Hannon:** Anything else we want to talk about on this issue, before we move on to the next agenda item? **Black:** I just had one question, please. Do we have a front runner? Is there a front runner for the location? **Tartaglia:** No, not yet. We're still gathering information. For the next board meeting we will have a grid showing the various locations and what we think might be pro's and con's. I also plan on touching base with each of the regional directors to get some feedback on what they consider to be a good location or not. **Hannon:** Anything else on this issue?

(2) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

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

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

***National Winner Point Minimums***

*The current point minimums are 1800 for kittens, 4300 for championship and 2200 for premiership. The Awards Committee recommends leaving these as is.*

*In 2016, CFA awarded the following NWs per area:*

<i>2016 National Wins</i>				
	<i>R1-9</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>International</i>	<i>Total per class</i>
<i>Kitten</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Championship</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Premiership</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Total per area</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>3</i>	
<i>Global Total</i>				
	<i>121</i>			

*Based on the most recent epoints and Monte Phillips' statistical analysis, the projected NWs for this season are:*

<i>Projected 2017 National Wins - March 31 epoints</i>				
	<i>R1-9</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>International</i>	<i>Total per class</i>
<i>Kitten</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>44</i>
<i>Championship</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Premiership</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Total per area</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Global Total</i>				
	<i>120</i>			

*There is enough time remaining in the season for China to get more kittens in the top 25. We are currently one less NW projected than last season and could end up having a few more NWs than last season. Based on these values, the current point minimums are achievable for most of CFA and the Award committee **does not** recommend lowering these values for next season.*

*The question for the future is when should a point minimum be lowered? Remember, there is no requirement to give out a full complement of NWs per class or per area. Just because there are*

*225 NW positions possible does not mean CFA has to set the point minimums for all 225 to be achievable every year.*

*The NW should be a difficult title to achieve, otherwise the title loses meaning. The purpose of the point minimums is to create a sort-of equilibrium among the areas such that in all areas the exhibitor must put forth a significant amount of effort to achieve the NW. For example, if a cat could earn the NW title with a few shows and a couple hundred points in one area, that would be unfair to those exhibitors in other areas that require competing every weekend and thousands of points to earn the NW. The point minimums are meant to make an NW mean the same in one area as it does in another area. On the other hand, if the point minimum is so high that exhibitors think it is unattainable, they might not even set out to try to hit the mark creating a negative point depression. The kitten class is the most susceptible to this negative point depression since only part of the year has enough kitten count to achieve the high rpa necessary for 1800 points.*

*The Awards committee suggests the following approach to draw this very fine line between keeping the NW meaningful and yet reasonably achievable. CFA used to award 75 NWs. Last season CFA awarded 121 and this year will award at least 120. CFA has dramatically increased the number of NWs. We suggest leaving the point minimums as is for at least another year since exhibitors can achieve more NWs than ever before. As long as CFA is awarding at least 25 NWs in each class, CFA is still awarding more NWs than prior to the creation of the areas.*

*If the board does decide to go ahead and lower the point minimum in any category, we suggest doing so gradually with only a 5% decrement in the point minimum.*

**Hannon:** We have Mary K here to talk about the Awards Committee. Mary, you're on.  
**Kolencik:** Can everybody hear me? **Hannon:** Yep. **Kolencik:** In my report for the Awards Committee, first I want to talk about point minimums for the national winners. I included for you a table of how many national winners we currently have qualified for this year. That's according to ePoints and also to Monte Phillips' prediction. I also included a table of how many we awarded last year. So, last year we awarded 121 national wins. This year, we're on pace.  
**Hannon:** Mary, I saw on FaceBook a post from the owner of the leading championship cat in the ID and he indicated he did finally meet the minimum last weekend. So where you have zero championship, it should be one, if he is correct. If he's not, he still has a couple weeks.  
**Kolencik:** If he's correct, then we had 121 last year and we will have 121 this year. There's still more time in the season, so it's possible a couple more kittens could get in, in China, so we'll have somewhere between 121 and 127, closer probably to 121. Now, we used to award, as you know, 75 national winners and now we have the potential for 225. If there were greater interest in premiership in China, we would be closer to 150 national wins this year. As you can see from the chart, Regions 1-9 will have 74 national winners. China will have 44. They would have more if they were interested in premiership. The International area will have probably 3. So, since so many cats are achieving national wins across all of CFA, we recommend leaving the minimums as they are for another year and CFA would still be giving out at least 25 kitten national wins, at least 25 championship national wins and at least 25 premiership national wins. I just want to remind everybody of what the intention of the point minimums were. It was to have sort of an equilibrium among the areas so that in one area you can't achieve a national win with far less effort than what's required in another area. If we didn't have the minimums, you could probably



get a national win in premiership by going to one show in the International area, whereas in Regions 1-9 you would have to be out there almost every weekend. So, it creates an equilibrium. Nobody ever said that minimums were to be set such that we have 25 in every category in every class. If that's what you want to do, then why have the minimums at all? The minimums are created [inaudible] not be a way to get more cats into the national wins. I tend to look at things from a glass house perspective. Prior to when we split up the areas, Regions 1-9 had way less than 74 national wins, so we're a lot better off now than we were, and the International area might not have any national wins if they were lumped in with China and the United States. So, there are more wins out there for cats to compete, and we're actually still giving out quite a few national wins. If you do decide to lower the minimums, we recommend doing so gradually, maybe with only a 5% decrement and then review each class separately. Actually, we don't recommend any change in the minimums this year. Any questions on that? **Hannon:** As with the last one, we don't need a motion to leave things alone, so if somebody wants to change it, they need to make a motion. I don't hear anything, so we're going to leave it alone for another year.

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Continue planning for the awards presentation at the 2017 annual.*

**Board Action Items:**

*Approve no change for the NW point minimums for the 2017-2018 show season.*

*Approve all of the star award nominations.*

**Time Frame:**

*Current meeting*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Nothing planned as of now.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

**Past recipients of the Star award:**

<i>Anger, Rachel</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Anger, Rachel</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Archibald, Jill</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Bennett, Jacqui</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Berg, Linda</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Berg, Linda</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Brady, Kathryn</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Brown, Donna</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Campbell, Charlene</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>

<i>Campbell, Charlene</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Cassely, Beth</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Cassely, Beth</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Coleman, Cheryl</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Coleman, Cheryl</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Cribbs, Ken</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Cribbs, Ken</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Durdick, Kathy</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Durdick, Kathy</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Everett, Kim</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Friemoth, Lorna</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Graafmans, Art</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Graafmans, Art</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Guernsy, Mari-Louise</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Hannon, Mark</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Hannon, Mark</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Hannon, Mark</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Hasay, Claudia</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Hawke, Willa</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Henry, Susan Cook</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Isenberg, Donna</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Jacobberger, Pat</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Jacobberger, Pat</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Janosik, Kay</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Jimenez, Carolyn</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Johnston, Bob</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Kallmeyer, Dick</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Kallmeyer, Dick</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Keiger, Teresa</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Keyer, Julie</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Kolencik, Mary</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Kolencik, Mary</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Kolencik, Mary</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Kolencik, Mary</i>	<i>Platinum</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Lane, Karen</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Low, Phebe</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Low, Phebe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Mastin, Rich</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Mastin, Rich</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Meeker, Ginger</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Miller, Joan</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Noblit, Gini</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Nowell, Kristen</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>

<i>Peet, Shirley(&amp; Hope)</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Peterson, Linda</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Phillips, Monte</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Phillips, Monte</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Raymond, Ed</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Raymond, Ed</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Raymond, Jodell</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Raymond, Jodell</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Raynor, David</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Russell, Eve</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Schreck, Tim</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Sweeney, Teresa</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Tai, Chun Yip</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Wheeldon, Virginia</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Willison, Kris</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Wilson, Annette</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Zinck, Sheryl</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Zollman, Pat</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>2015</i>

**(3) SHOW RULES.**

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

**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Committee has prepared a show rule amendment per request of the Awards Committee to address point minimum requirements for National Awards for the upcoming show season. After discussion, the proposal calls for the removal of the point minimums from the text of the show rules, and a reference to where they are located on the CFA Website. The rest of this report focuses on what the values should be for those point minimums.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*See above*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*None at this time.*

**Action Items:**

***Address Point Minimums for National Awards in Article XXXVI***

<b>Article XXXVI, National Awards, Point Minimums</b>	<b>Show Rules Committee</b>	
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 and the results of that review will be posted on the CFA website by the first of</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OPTION 1</u></b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>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.</del> <u>specified on the CFA website at the following address: <a href="http://cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/award-point-minimums.pdf">http://cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/award-point-minimums.pdf</a></u> Cats failing to meet these minimums are not eligible for any national</li> </ul>	

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**RATIONALE:** At the February board meeting the Board decided that it wished to review the point minimums for National Awards at this April meeting to determine if and by how much adjustments should be made to the minimum point requirements for a National Award. We have prepared a revision to the show rules that would remove the specific values contained for these minimums, and instead reference the CFA Website address where they are listed. This will alleviate the need to continuously revise show rules text every time the Board decides to revise what values should be used for these minimums. As a result, the Board would not need to revise the show rules every time that they wished to adjust point minimums. This is the similar approach that was taken to all of the fees associated with shows, where they are specified in a fee schedule one can review at the website, but the rules don't need to be revised every time a fee is adjusted.

**Hannon:** The next item on the agenda is Carol and Show Rules. **Krzanowski:** Yes. We have already addressed the point minimum issue and decided we're not going to change them for the next show season, so there's only one item in the Show Rules report that we need to consider tonight, and that was a proposal to remove the actual point minimum notations from the show rules and just refer the reader to the CFA website to get those minimums. This falls in line with how we handle other things in the show rules, such as the fees and things like that, so I move that we remove the notation of the number of points required for the minimums and refer the reader to the CFA website. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any comments? **Newkirk:** Since we didn't change the points, wouldn't it make sense to make this change later on? **Krzanowski:** Yes, actually we could do that. We could do that in October. We could hold this over until October and do it then, so that would be put in place for the next show season. **Newkirk:** I think that would make more sense, since we didn't change the points. **Krzanowski:** OK, that makes sense, so I will withdraw the motion then. **Calhoun:** Are we out of executive session? **Hannon:** Yes. Once we finished with the Star Awards, we came out of executive session. Are we going back into executive session, George? **Eigenhauser:** That's the hope. **Hannon:** OK, so we came out for Show Rules and we're going back in for Protests.

**Address What Value Should Be Used for Point Minimums for the Upcoming 2017-2018 Season**

*Four approaches can be taken to address Point Minimums as follows: 1) get rid of minimums entirely; 2) make no changes to what we have now; 3) set an absolute Minimum not to be adjusted and which must be attained for a cat to be considered a National Winner based on quantity of competition defeated; or 4) continuously adjust the minimums to address declining (or potentially increasing) show counts.*

*Regarding these approaches, the National Award should mean exceptional performance for the show season by the cat/kitten. It should not be an award that is easily attained, and it's meaning should be preserved for those cats that have already attained that award over past seasons.*

*OPTION 1 – Get Rid of Minimums Entirely*

*This option should be discarded. A minimum number of points should be required so as to not dilute the meaning of the award. In addition, eliminating minimums would significantly increase the probability for “National Area shopping.” We have seen this within the regions in the United States, and making it possible to have a cat just show once in an area, but earn all of the rest of its points somewhere else would significantly discourage the fancy.*

*OPTION 2 – Make No Changes to Current Minimums (Recommended)*

*There is no requirement that CFA must give out 25 NWs in each class in each area. That's not even a goal. CFA used to give out 25 kitten NWs, 25 PR NWs and 25 CH NWs total. Now we have a maximum of 75 each, but nobody ever said the goal was to give as many as possible. The goal should be to have no fewer than 25 total and no more than 75 total in each category (Kitten, Championship, and Premiership). Note that I used the word goal, not requirement. If we look at Kittens in all of CFA, 34 have already achieved the minimum point requirement in the three National Areas, and they will all be National Winners. This value may actually go up given the counts we are currently seeing in Kittens in China. Since this is significantly above 25, it is likely there will be at least a total of 25 National Winning Kittens in all areas combined next season, so no need to adjust kitten point minimums at this time. Similarly, there will be at least 50 Championship cats earning National Awards, with several more meeting the point minimums. Again, no need to adjust the championship point minimums at this time. Finally, in Premiership, 28 cats should achieve the minimum required 2200 points this show season, although only 26 will be National Winners. Again, there will be 25 or more National Winners, although the value is so close to 25 as to make it a concern as to whether that will be met next season. However, if you look at the average counts over the past several show seasons, only the current season's count is significantly down by more than 10 percent from prior seasons. It is really too early to tell if such a precipitous decline will continue on into the next show season, especially since average premiership counts are currently running in the 30s in regions 1-9.*

*OPTION 3 – Set an Absolute Minimum not to be Adjusted*

*To determine an absolute minimum, we need to look how the National Award results have looked over the past few seasons. We are NOT using the scores in China or the International Award areas in this determination for two reasons. First, the areas only existed for one show season prior to the current one; and second, because of the concerns over how cats are shown in China, with its very skewed counts of cats present at some shows. The following table addresses those scores:*

*SCORE FOR NATIONAL AWARD 25<sup>TH</sup> PLACEMENT*

<i>Show Season</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>Kittens</i>	<i>Premiership</i>
<i>2011-2012</i>	<i>6672.00</i>	<i>2514.70</i>	<i>3209.30</i>
<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>5765.75</i>	<i>2408.70</i>	<i>3310.40</i>
<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>5831.85</i>	<i>2169.80</i>	<i>3128.00</i>

2014-2015	5793.25	2417.85	2918.80
2015-2016 – R1-9*	4796.55	1503.10*	2882.80
2015-2016 – China**	7052.25	3107.70	421.35
2016-2017 – R1-9 (Predicted 25 <sup>th</sup> )+	4708.95	1795.05	2428.85
AVERAGE OF 2011- 2016*	5771.88	2377.76	3089.86
75 % OF AVERAGE:	4328.91	1783.32	2317.40

\* Many exhibitors ceased to show kittens during the 2015-2016 season due to the overwhelming counts seen in China and a belief that there was no hope of obtaining any award beyond RW. We recommend this season NOT be used in determining average counts because of that.

\*\* Included for reference only, not used in determining any of the averages or percentage values.

+ Predictions based on show results posted through March 18-19, 2017 shows utilizing predictor program, which is accurate to  $\pm 2$  percent.

For the first of these philosophies, we looked at setting an absolute minimum for obtaining a National Award. This minimum would not be adjusted, and if a cat/kitten couldn't obtain that minimum for whatever reason (for example, an insufficient number of cats/kittens showing), the number of national awards could be significantly reduced below the current maximum of 25 in each area. The minimums selected for the three categories are based on 75 percent of the average number of cats/kittens competing over the past five show seasons (including the current one) [NOTE: Since many kitten exhibitors "through in the towel" during the 2015-2016 season, that season is not used in computing any of the subsequent averages.] As such, those minimums work out to be 4330 for Championship, 1780 for Kittens, and 2320 for Premiership. These are just about what we have currently, again providing a basis for no change to the current minimums.

#### **OPTION 4 – Continuously Adjust Minimums**

This option still requires a starting point from which to go forward. That point would be the results from Option 3 above. Again, that doesn't result in any point minimum changes at this time. I haven't tried to average the current show season's results into the above because the season is not yet concluded; however, I anticipate that had it been put in, the adjustment to minimums would have been minimal in any category.

#### **Time Frame:**

At the current board meeting.

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Unless a significant issue is identified between completion of this report and the date when inputs are due to the Board for the June meeting, we do not anticipate making any proposals.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Monte Phillips, Chair*



(4) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

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

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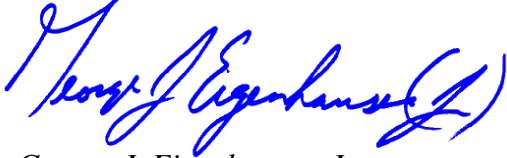
**Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The Protest Committee met telephonically on March 14, 2017. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Norm Auspitz, Joel Chaney, Pam Huggins, and Linda Berg.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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

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

(5) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

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

**List of Committee Members:** *Becky Orlando – File Administrator (Region 9); Mentor Program Administrator*  
*Rachel Anger – Guest Judge 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)*

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

**Leave of Absence:** *On February 26, 2017, Allbreed Judge Edward Maeda informed the Judging Program that he had to cancel some shows due to his medical condition. He has now requested a formal medical leave of absence from the Judging Program until July 31, 2017.*

**Action Item:** *Grant a medical leave of absence from judging to Edward Maeda until July 31, 2017.*

**Wilson:** Our first action item is to grant a medical leave of absence from judging to Edward Maeda until July 31, 2017. We received an email from Edward saying that his doctor had recommended he extend his leave of absence from judging until then. **Hannon:** Are you making that a motion? **Wilson:** Yes, so moved. **Krzanowski:** Second.

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

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

**CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:**

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Assn</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>City/Country</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Auspitz, Norman</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>National Cat Club</i>	<i>Mississauga, Ontario</i>	<i>09/09/2017</i>
<i>Cherrie, George</i>	<i>ASC</i>	<i>Catsburg</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>03/05/2017</i>
<i>DelaBar, Pam</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Feline Association of South Australia</i>	<i>Adelaide, Australia</i>	<i>05/13/2017</i>
<i>Fung, Kit</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>HHP Fun Show</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>03/10/2017</i>
<i>Gradowski, Chuck</i>	<i>NZCF</i>	<i>Geyserland Cat Club</i>	<i>Taupo, New Zealand</i>	<i>07/22/2017</i>
<i>Groenewegen, Arie</i>	<i>ASC</i>	<i>Catsburg</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>03/05/2017</i>
<i>Lawrence, Karen</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>HHP Fun Show</i>	<i>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</i>	<i>03/26/2017</i>
<i>Myers, Douglas</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>HHP Fun Show</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>07/28/2017</i>
<i>Newkirk, Darrell</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Federal Cat Club</i>	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	<i>06/18/2017</i>
<i>Quigley, Neil</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Catz, Inc.</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>03/10/2018</i>

<i>Quigley, Neil</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>GCCFV</i>	<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>	<i>03/17/2018</i>
<i>Quigley, Neil</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Queensland Feline Assn</i>	<i>Strathpine, Australia</i>	<i>03/24/2018</i>
<i>Roy, Sharon</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>National Cat Club</i>	<i>Mississauga, Ontario</i>	<i>09/09/2017</i>
<i>Veach, Gary</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Cat Club Sherry</i>	<i>Odessa, Ukraine</i>	<i>04/16/2017</i>
<i>Zottoli, Jeri</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>National Cat Club</i>	<i>Mississauga, Ontario</i>	<i>03/31/2018</i>

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

<b><i>Judge</i></b>	<b><i>Assn</i></b>	<b><i>CFA Show</i></b>	<b><i>City/Country</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
<i>Belyaeva, Olga</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Chatte Noir</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>04/30/2017</i>
<i>Counasse, Daniel</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Felinus International CC</i>	<i>Grote Brogel, Belgium</i>	<i>05/06/2017</i>
<i>Counasse, Daniel</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Tianjin Feiming CC</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>04/30/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Shanghai Cat Lovers</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>02/18/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Shanghai Cat Lovers</i>	<i>Fuzhou, China</i>	<i>03/04/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>03/11/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Int'l Pedigree CF</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers Society of Indonesia</i>	<i>Bandung, Indonesia</i>	<i>04/08/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Pearl River Cat Club</i>	<i>Foshan, China</i>	<i>04/15/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Shanghai Cat Lovers</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>04/22/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China ASH Fancier</i>	<i>Shijiazhuang, China</i>	<i>04/29/2017</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers Society of Indonesia</i>	<i>Bogor, Indonesia</i>	<i>05/13/2017</i>
<i>Du Plessis, Kaai</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Asia Pacific Cat Club</i>	<i>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</i>	<i>05/25/2017</i>
<i>Farrell, Terry</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Xi'An, China</i>	<i>03/04/2017</i>
<i>Farrell, Terry</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>China Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>03/11/2017</i>
<i>Farrell, Terry</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>China ASH Fancier</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>Farrell, Terry</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Shanghai Cat Lovers</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>04/22/2017</i>
<i>Gleason, Bob</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>04/22/2017</i>
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>04/22/2017</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Shanghai Cat Lovers</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>02/25/2017</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>China ASH Fancier</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Jardin Des Korats</i>	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i>	<i>04/08/2017</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>CF Society of Indonesia</i>	<i>Tangerang BSD Indonesia</i>	<i>07/29/2017</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Pearl River Cat Club</i>	<i>Foshan, China</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers of Korea</i>	<i>Gyeonggido, South Korea</i>	<i>04/02/2017</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Siam Blue-Eyed CF</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>10/21/2017</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Shanghai Cat Lovers</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>02/25/2017</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>China ASH Fancier</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Tianjin Feiming CC</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>04/08/2017</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers of Finland</i>	<i>Kerava, Finland</i>	<i>06/18/2017</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>China Int'l Pedigree</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>04/30/2017</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China ASH Fancier</i>	<i>Shijiazhuang, China</i>	<i>04/29/2017</i>
<i>Monkhouse, Kim</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Cats Without Borders</i>	<i>Auburn, New York</i>	<i>09/16/2017</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Chatte Noir</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>04/30/2017</i>
<i>Podprugina, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>44 Gatti Cat Club</i>	<i>Erba, Italy</i>	<i>04/01/2017</i>
<i>Rozkova, Natalja</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>CatFashion</i>	<i>Israel</i>	<i>02/11/2017</i>
<i>Rozkova, Natalja</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>CatFashion</i>	<i>Israel</i>	<i>03/11/2017</i>

<i>Rumyantseva, Nadejda</i>	<i>WCA</i>	<i>Mimi Got Swag</i>	<i>Changsha, China</i>	<i>05/20/2017</i>
<i>Slizhevskaja, Tatiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>44 Gatti Cat Club</i>	<i>Erba, Italy</i>	<i>04/01/2017</i>
<i>Trautmann, Jurgen</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Jardin des Korats</i>	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i>	<i>04/08/2017</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Int'l Pedigree CF</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>03/25/2017</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Oriental Diamond CF</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>04/01/2017</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Oriental Diamond CF</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>04/01/2017</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Int'l Pedigree</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>04/30/2017</i>

**Group Judging Procedure:**

*At the February 2017 board meeting, the concept of group judging for miscellaneous breeds was presented. A favorable response was received. The proposal is as follows:*

***Optional Judging Procedure – Miscellaneous Breed(s) Class(es)***

*Before the show starts:*

- 1 – Ascertain that there are cats entered in the Miscellaneous class*
- 2 – Check with officiating judges to make sure that they are comfortable with the group judging*
- 3 – Get approval from show management for group judging – two sessions, both when rings are not officially in use:
 
  - a. At beginning of schedule*
  - b. During lunch break**
- 4 – Schedule – ideal number is three judges. There should be no more than four at each handling.*

*One day show: arrange for three judges to handle at start of day and three during lunch break.*

*Back to back 8 ring show: 1 - arrange for four judges to handle at start of day, or during lunch break. 2 – arrange for two judges at start of show and two judges during lunch break*

*Back to back 10 ring show: arrange for three judges to handle at start of day, two judges during lunch break.*

*Two day show: break out into groups of ideally three judges, no more than four over two days scheduled during lunch breaks or at beginning of the each day of judging.*

*Ideally this will be noted on judging schedule, but can be arranged the morning of the show with input from miscellaneous exhibitors*

*NOTE: No judge is required to participate in this, any judge can handle the MISC class during the regular schedule.*

5 – Call up owners of miscellaneous cats and explain the procedure to them – make sure that they are okay with the group environment

6 – Cats are called to one ring and all three (or four) judges handle the exhibits and discuss with each other and the exhibitor.

- a. Designate a representative to lead process and discussion
- b. During handling portion only one judge in the ring at a time and only one judge handles at a time. (in a busy show, it is fine to hand off the cats)
- c. After each judge handles the cats, all judges enter the ring and confer amongst themselves to compile initial discussion points
- d. After judges have discussed the cats bring the owner/exhibitor(s) into the discussion. The judge representative should ask the initial questions so as not to look like the exhibitor(s) are being ganged up on. Invite the exhibitors to come up to the judging table or the judging cages.
- e. Conduct an orderly question/answer session among the entire group, monitored by judge representative

7 – Each individual judge fills out their own MISC breed report

**Hannon:** Next. **Wilson:** We’ve got a brief thing in here about the miscellaneous judging which we had brought to the board previously. It has been revised and just updated a little bit. This has actually been done a few times, but if anyone wants to look through it, if you have any questions I would be happy to answer them. **Hannon:** You’re just presenting this as information. **Wilson:** Yes, because we updated it just a little bit after it had been tried a few times. We just wanted to clarify a few things. Nothing major has changed. We put in there to make it clear that judges don’t have to participate in this if they don’t want to, because that wasn’t clear apparently.

**Judging Program Rule Change:** The following change to the Judging Program Rules is being presented.

**Action Item:** Adopt the following proposed rule changes to make the mentor relationship consistent.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
1.3 <b>MENTOR.</b> An Allbreed Judge with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed, who agrees to provide assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program, from the pre-application process to Approved Allbreed	1.3 <b>MENTOR.</b> An Allbreed Judge with a minimum of five (5) years judging experience as Approved Allbreed, who agrees to provide assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program, from the pre-application process to Approved Allbreed

<p>status. A Mentor may not act in the capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats, nor may a mentor be a member of the current Judging Program Committee. A Mentor may assist a maximum of two individuals at a time. The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the Judging Program Committee. Mentors will be appointed by the designated Judging Program Committee member(s).</p> <p>2.16 It is required that all initial applicants have a Mentor chosen to assist with the application process through the training process.</p> <p>4.1 Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA Website, or they may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the Applications Administrator will choose a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member).</p>	<p>status. A Mentor may not act in the capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats, nor may a mentor be a member of the current Judging Program Committee. A Mentor may assist a maximum of two individuals at a time. The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the Judging Program Committee. Mentors will be <del>appointed</del> <u>approved</u> by the designated Judging Program Committee member(s).</p> <p>2.16 It is required that all <del>initial</del> <u>pre</u>-applicants <del>have a Mentor chosen</del> <u>choose a Mentor</u> to assist with the application process through the training process.</p> <p>4.1 Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the application, application guide, cattery visitation forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA Website, or they may write the Applications Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the <u>pre-applicant will select a Mentor</u> <del>Applications Administrator will choose a Mentor</del> from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member), <u>which must be approved by the Applications Administrator.</u></p>
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**RATIONALE:** This allows the applicant and the JPC to work together to select a mentor. The applicant may have someone in mind or a mentor they are already comfortable with. If their selection meets the qualifications and is approved by the Applications Administrator, then this is the desired selection process. We want our pre-applicants to be comfortable with their Mentor.

**Wilson:** Next is a Judging Program Committee rule change which actually has been in forced. We thought we changed it when we did our rules, and we did not. It further clarifies that we're not forcing anybody to get a mentor that they don't want, so what this is changing is that mentors will be approved by the designated Judging Program Committee. So, we're still requiring that all pre-applicants choose a mentor, and that the file administrator and the Judging Program Committee approve that mentor, but we're not going to just assign them a mentor, because the whole mentor process in our opinion doesn't work unless everybody is on board with it, and I would prefer it to be effective. **Hannon:** You're making a motion? **Wilson:** I am moving for this change to the Judging Program rules. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

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

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

**Advance to Apprentice:**

*Nicholas Pun – Longhair (2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty) 18 yes*

**Advance to Approved Allbreed:**

*Koji Kanise 18 yes*

*Neil Quigley 18 yes*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Annette Wilson, Chair*

**(6) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Staff continued to assist with the computer system update.*

*Central Office's proposed 2017/18 Operating and Capital Budget was developed and submitted to the Finance Committee.*

*Developed and mailed the first of the Judge's ballots for the 2017 C.I.S.*

*C.O. continues to assist with the upcoming W.C.C., 2017 CIS and the 2017 Annual.*

*Closing of the monthly financials was moved in-house and away from an accounting firm.*

*Informed Douglas A. Cummings CPA, Inc. that CFA had made the decision to use a different audit firm for the 2016/17 audit.*

*C.O. staff was trained on the new Entry Clerk program. C.O. started entering shows in the new program.*

*At their request, on February 18<sup>th</sup> Verna and Terri visited with Royal Canin at the Roberts Conference Center in Wilmington, OH. The facility was recently renovated as an event/show hall by Royal Canin. We toured the facility, the attached hotel, discussed a future Meet the Breed event, 2017 sponsorship opportunities and expanding our current partnership.*

*The press release for the new DNA program was developed, approved and released. A banner Ad was placed on the CFA website promoting the program as well as information posted with a link to the test site.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

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

*James, Verna and Terri met with GBS the company that supplies our anti-virus and Windows update management for our PC's and Server. An overall assessment of our network, a quote on desktop PC upgrades and options for the server that hosts ePoints and the Cat Breeders Referral Service was requested.*

*Conducting year end trial runs.*



*All shows have been entered into the new Entry Clerk program by C.O. staff.*

*Additional quotes for replacement of windows and repairs to the parking lot were received.*

*Engaged the accounting firm of Smith Barta & Company to conduct the Association's 2016/17 year-end audit.*

*With the assistance of John Randolph, Esq. and Eve Russell, C.O. started the process of conducting the Region 8 special election for a new Director. The notice of Mr. Maeda resignation and that C.O. is accepting declarations were sent to all region 8 clubs March 15, 2017. April 17, 2017 all declarations are to be received by C.O. Only clubs in good standing as of February 1<sup>st</sup> will be allowed to vote.*

### **2017 Annual:**

*Planning continues for the 2017 Annual. C.O. is participating in the Regional conference calls, as well as working with them on arrangements relating to their hospitality evening and C.O.'s need for volunteer assistance. C.O. will assist with dinner seating at the Awards Banquet in order to limit confusion regarding meal selection. Posting on the website of the schedule of events was completed and will be updated when necessary. See committee's report for additional details.*

*Completed the site visits for the 2022 Annual. Sites were looked at in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Kentucky. A review of the locations visited and a recommendation will be submitted to the committee for their selection.*

### **CIS Update:**

*The vendor contract was completed. Pam Moser and Wendy Heidt are actively pursuing vendors. CO is still attempting to acquire a naming sponsor. See committee report for more details.*

### **World Cat Congress Update:**

*Continue to assist the WCC Committee with details of the April 2017 event. The site visit to the Rio in February by Allen, Rhonda Avery and Ellen Honey went well. As with the 2016 Annual held in Las Vegas, food, beverage and decorating expensive are high with little room for negotiations. The budget for the event was developed. A procedure to handle the money necessary at the event was established. Royal Canin agreed to sponsor the Friday seminar and Monday meeting.*

*All vendor space for the show is sold out. Royal Canin's booth at the show will be providing photo shoots of exhibitor's cats. The souvenir type shots will be produced in Royal Canin's signature black and white style and will be provided to the owners on a thumb drive. Chanan will be their photographer for the show.*

*Rosette sponsorships are being received by C.O.*

*The following events have been planned for the WCC delegates: hospitality room each evening, a few special events and dinners.*

**Future Projects for Committee:**

*C.O. will continue assisting the WCC Committee, Subcommittees, Show Manager and Rachel Anger, on all aspects of the upcoming WCC meetings and events hosted by CFA. C.O. will manage the necessary wrap up and follow-up once the event concludes this April. The planning of this event has taken a lot of Allene's time and attention.*

*Continue to pull together the 2017 Annual meeting and Awards Banquet. Continue to update the website with new information when necessary.*

*Continue to assist the 2017 CIS Show Committee. The floor plan was finalized. The committee is soliciting vendors and sponsors.*

*Will be preparing, executing and managing Breed Council membership renewal mailing.*

**Board Action Items:**

*C.O. requests, the following changes to show rule 4.04 late fee schedule for show licenses that takes effective this May.*

**ACTION:**

*We would like the Board to change the wording for the rule from:*

*89 – 60 days postmarked to RECEIVED and \$50.00 to \$75.00*

*59 – 30 days postmarked to RECEIVED and the \$100.00 to \$150.00*

**DISCUSSION:**

*The change to rule 4.04 drops the section related to 29 day postmarked or less but received in C.O. not less than 15 days prior to the opening day of the show and the fee of \$500.00. Rarely is a show license received completed with enough information to actually license the show which is when C.O. incurs additional show box shipping fees.*

**Hannon:** Let's move on to the Central Office Report. **Barry:** [inaudible] **DelaBar:** Terri, I can't hear you. **Barry:** OK, it would be 89 days and 60 days and postmarked to be received and changed from \$50 to \$75 and the 59 is to go from 30 postmarked to received and up to \$150. That change to show rules drops the section related to 29 days postmarked or less and received in Central Office. **Hannon:** Somebody needs to make a motion and a second. **Mastin:** I'll make the motion. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Black:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion. Does everybody understand what Terri is asking for? **Newkirk:** So, we're changing "postmarked" to "received" and we are increasing the fees. **Barry:** That's correct. **Newkirk:** OK. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

**Black:** Can I make a comment? Is there an email sent out when it is received, or is there any way that they can know it was received? I was just asking if Central Office sends an email once the show contract is received, so they can let the sender know they got it. **Barry:** [inaudible] and that they are notified whether it has been licensed or not. We're always getting back with them, notifying we have received it but here is the additional information we need. **Newkirk:** Was a May 1 effective date in the motion? **Barry:** No, it wasn't. **Hannon:** Darrell, do you want to make a motion to make it effective May 1<sup>st</sup>? **Newkirk:** I'll do that. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

**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*

## ADDENDUM

**BACKGROUND:** *Some time ago, the registrar of another registering body contacted the CFA Secretary for information on the pedigree of a CFA cat. He was referred to Verna in the Central Office, who provided the registrar with the information needed. A few weeks ago, Verna was contacted directly by the same person, who requested the registration number of a CFA cat in the pedigree of an import so that their records could be complete in the database.*

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:** *In order to assist Central Office staff, a policy should be established whether or not CFA will share registration information with other legitimate registering bodies in a good will gesture, or if we should inform the registrar that the new owner must order a certified pedigree. If information is shared, how much information should Central Office staff provide?*

**Hannon:** Terri, you got anything else? **Barry:** Just an addendum that I was asked to submit with Central Office's report. There was a discussion that took place I believe between Rachel and Verna. Correct me Rachel or Verna if I am incorrect. This is to assist Central Office staff, develop a policy that should be established as to whether or not CFA should share registration information with other legitimate registration bodies in a good will gesture. **Anger:** What happened was, the registrar from one of the Australian associations was looking for just a registration number of a cat that was a few generations back in the pedigree, so that they would have accurate data in their registry. So, we had two choices; either provide the information to them or make the owner get a certified pedigree. I thought that as a good will gesture, we should just give them the number. **Eigenhauser:** Is this something that happens every day, or is this a once in a lifetime kind of thing? **Barry:** Verna, I think you're better to handle that, but I'm going to say it's not something that happens every day. **Dobbins:** That was my first request. **Eigenhauser:** Once a day? Once a week? **Hannon:** Verna says it's the first time she has gotten such a request. **Eigenhauser:** Then it costs us virtually nothing to be nice. **Calhoun:** So, if I understand this, there was an association that asked for this? **Anger:** Right. **Calhoun:** If this was an individual that wanted one registration number, are we going to accommodate that, as well, or do you make that individual buy a certified pedigree? **Hannon:** Verna, how would you respond to that? **Dobbins:** I couldn't hear Kathy. **Hannon:** Kathy is saying, this is in regard to a request from another registering body. What would we do if an individual had asked for it? Would we have provided that number to an individual? **Dobbins:** No. **Hannon:** So, it's a courtesy to another registering body. **Dobbins:** That would be the only way, yes. I think we should verify who they are. **Hannon:** Is there a motion? **Anger:** I move that we allow Central Office to provide minimal registration information to other World Cat Congress association bodies. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Calhoun:** I have another question. For what purpose is this registering body asking for it, if it's not for an individual? What was the purpose? Why? **Hannon:** So their records would be complete. Verna, is that not your understanding? **DelaBar:** Because CFA gave them incomplete information to begin with. **Calhoun:** That's one thing if it's to correct something that CFA provided. It's a different thing if – my conflict with this is, why would you provide this free to a registering body and you wouldn't provide it to an individual who is also trying to complete their records? That's my conflict. **DelaBar:** Professional courtesy. **Calhoun:** What about a courtesy to our customers? **Dobbins:** We have too much fraud. We cannot give any registration numbers out over the phone. **Anger:** I would like to encourage us to try it. If it becomes a disaster or a problem, then we can adjust our policy. **Hannon:** If this passes, Verna,

it's incumbent upon you to come back to us if this becomes burdensome. **Dobbins:** OK.  
**Hannon:** Alright, I'm going to call the question.

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

**Hannon:** Terri, are we through with Central Office? **Barry:** That's it.

(7) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

**Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski**

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**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:**

***New Club Applicants***

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

- *China Obsidian Cat Fanciers, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China Radar Cat Fanciers, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *King Kong China Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *One For All Cat Club UK; Region 9, Pam DelaBar, Director*
- *Red Star Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*

***China Obsidian Cat Fanciers  
International Division, Tianjin, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 20 members. No 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. One member has clerking experience and is close to being licensed as a Certified Clerk. This is an allbreed club that wishes to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats by holding educational lectures on health and breeding. They also wish to encourage exhibiting of not only pedigreed cats, but also household pets. If accepted, the club plans to produce several shows a year in the city of Tianjin. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.*

**Hannon:** Carol, Club Applications. You've got 5? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I have 5 club applications. The first application is from China Obsidian Cat Fanciers. This club is located in Tianjin, China, the largest coastal city in northern China. The city is completely surrounded by Hebei Province and is bordered by Beijing Municipality. Its prime location has made the city a major seaport and gateway to the nation's capital. With a population of nearly 15.5 million, Tianjin is one of the four direct-controlled municipalities of China. All the members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors. One member has clerking experience and is close to being licensed. This club wishes to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats as well as household pet exhibiting. If the club is accepted, they plan to hold educational lectures and produce several shows a year in the city of Tianjin. I move that we accept this club. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Kallmeyer:** I think what's happening here is that we're trying to get some new clubs that want to

put on shows to get away from the big counts. They want to open it up to more people. That's what all the clubs tonight are trying to do. **Hannon:** Anybody else have any comments?

**DelaBar:** One, whoever is doing all that background noise, I wish you would stop or put on mute. I'm going to bring up the same thing I brought up at the last board meeting. *If accepted the club plans to produce several shows a year.* The next one down, *If accepted the club plans to produce several shows a year.* Next one down, *several shows a year.* We've been seeing that we can't support several shows a year for all these clubs. I was really taken aback, being in Shanghai this last weekend and then finding out there's a show that's being held in a city that doesn't meet the distance criteria that's in our show rules. Now, I'm sure both clubs had shows with 225 entered, but I am just really, really concerned about this. I'm all in favor of being very visible in China, but there's got to be some kind of control that we have on the shows, because we just don't have – Rachel is out there [on the CFA judges' list] all the time begging for judges to go to these shows. **Colilla:** We need more clubs to hold shows in different parts of China, to expand our presence there. Maybe we need to limit the number of shows they can put on a year, so spread it around a little bit. **Hannon:** Dick, do you want to address Pam's comment about two shows last weekend? **Kallmeyer:** I think the feeling is that we don't want people putting on multiple shows that we have now. We have one club that put on I think 15 shows this year. What we want to do is start spreading that around to the other clubs, so it's not necessarily bringing in new shows that we didn't already have this year. **Hannon:** You didn't address Pam's comment that there were two shows too close together. **Kallmeyer:** OK, that was definitely a screw up. What happened was, it was a screw up by our show scheduler in that originally the Shanghai show was actually in a different city. The show scheduler had approved the show in Nanjing, without having realized that the show in the different city was moving to Shanghai, so she approved it. The show in Nanjing hired judges at the same time and actually both shows hired judges without realizing what the other show had done, so since the judges were hired and the show scheduler had approved the show, we were kind of stuck to accept it. It was a total screw up and that's what happened. Mark, did you want me to bring up that other thing? **Hannon:** Yeah, let's do it later. Any other comments on the China Obsidian Cat Fanciers?

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

**Hannon:** Welcome China Obsidian Cat Fanciers.

***China Radar Cat Fanciers***  
***International Division, Xi'an, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 20 members. No member is a member of another club. All of the members are active breeders with CFA registered cattery names and are actively exhibiting at CFA shows. This is an allbreed club that plans to help promote CFA pedigreed cats and encourage exhibiting. They intend to hold some educational activities focusing on topics such as breed standards and feline health and welfare. If accepted, the club plans to produce several shows a year in Xi'an. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to the Winn Foundation, Breeder Assistance or another CFA non-profit group. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.*

**Hannon:** Do you want to move on to the next one, Carol? **Krzanowski:** Yes. The next application is from China Radar Cat Fanciers. This club is located in Xi'an, China, the capital of Shaanxi Province in central-northwest China. Shaanxi Province is bordered to east by Shanxi, Henan and Hubei Provinces and to the southwest by Sichuan Province. Xi'an is home to the Terracotta Army and has a rich history that goes back to ancient times. Today the city has a population of nearly 9 million and is an important cultural, industrial and educational center with facilities for research and development, national security and China's space program. All of the members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA. This club wishes to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats through educational activities. If accepted, the club plans to produce several shows a year in Xi'an. I move that we accept this club. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

**Hannon:** Welcome China Radar Cat Fanciers.

***King Kong China Cat Club***  
***International Division, Chengdu, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. No member is a member of another club. Most of the members have CFA registered cattery names and are actively breeding and exhibiting in CFA. One member has experience helping another club produce shows. This is an allbreed club that intends to hold activities to promote the wellbeing of cats and raise awareness of animal protection and welfare. If accepted, this club plans to produce several shows a year in Chengdu, Chongqing and other cities in the area. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to a local animal welfare organization in Chengdu. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.*

**Hannon:** Carol, next. **Krzanowski:** The next application is from King Kong China Cat Club. This club is located in Chengdu, China, the capital of Sichuan Province. With a population of nearly 14.5 million, it is one of the three most populous cities in western China. Sichuan Province is bordered from the northeast to the south by Shaanxi, Chongqing and Yunnan Provinces, and to the west by Tibet. Chengdu is an important center for all types of business and hosts many international companies. Most of the members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, and one member has experience helping another club produce shows. This club has a special interest in animal protection and welfare. If accepted, the club plans to host educational activities and produce several shows a year in Chengdu, Chongqing and other cities in the area. I move that we accept this club. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

**Hannon:** Welcome King Kong China Cat Club.



**One For All Cat Club UK**  
**Region 9, Hampshire, England, UK; Pam DelaBar, Director**

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 13 members. Two members are members of another club; they are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA, and one of them is a Master Clerk Instructor. Some other members have exhibited at CFA shows. Most of the members have experience breeding and exhibiting in other associations. Several members have show production experience, and one of them has been a show manager. This is an allbreed club that wishes to help introduce CFA to the UK. If accepted, this club plans to produce three shows a year near London. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to Cat's Protection charity in the UK. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Europe Regional Director supports this club.*

**Hannon:** Next, Carol. **Krzanowski:** The next application is One For All Cat Club UK. This club is located in Fareham, Hampshire, UK. Fareham lies at the northwest tip of Portsmouth Harbour, between the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton in southeast Hampshire, England. Hampshire is situated just to the southwest of London. Fareham was historically an important manufacturer of bricks, and today the city is home to small-scale manufacturing and some defense operations. Two members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, and one of them is a Master Clerk Instructor. Some of the remaining members have exhibited at CFA shows, while most members have breeding, exhibiting and show production experience in other associations. This club likes the CFA show format and wishes to help introduce CFA to the UK. If this club is accepted, they plan on producing three shows a year in London. I move that we accept this club.

**Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** Pam, do you want to talk about it? **DelaBar:** This would give us our second club in the UK. This club is all Europeans and the majority of the people that make up the club are in the UK, which is a little different than the other club. They've already got venues identified. They are all ready to have dates penciled in for their shows, plus we now have a new opportunity with new pet fairs. This group was bought by a veterinarian and we could have possibly been involved in the one in May, but there's going to be at least 2 of these a year that this club would be willing to work with. So, I'm hoping that we're going to get a much more active presence in the UK. Of course, you've got GCCF working against us with their 14 day rule, which for those of you that are not aware, anybody that's in GCCF cannot exhibit a cat more than once in a two-week period. Anyway, I'm in favor of this group and we're doing everything we can to help them get off the ground. **Hannon:** Any other comments about this club?

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

**Hannon:** Welcome One For All Cat Club UK.

**Red Star Cat Club**  
**International Division, Shenyang, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair**

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 12 members. Three members were former officers in another club, but no member is currently a member of another club. Nearly all members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA. Several members have show production experience and one has clerking experience. This is an allbreed club that wishes to help promote*

*CFA and pedigreed cats through educational seminars on breeds and cat care. If accepted, this club plans to produce two or more shows a year in Shenyang and other area cities. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will be donated to the Shenyang animal protection agency and stray cat rescue. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair supports this club.*

**Hannon:** Carol. **Krzanowski:** The last application tonight is from Red Star Cat Club. This club is located in Shenyang, China, the capital and largest city of Liaoning Province in Northeast China, with a population of over 8 million. Liaoning Province is bordered by Hebei Province to the southwest, Nei Mongol Province to the north, and Jilin Province to the northeast. Shenyang is an important industrial center and serves as the country's northeast transportation and commercial hub. Nearly all members are active breeders and exhibitors in CFA, while several members have show production experience and one has clerking experience. If accepted, this club plans to hold educational seminars and produce two or more shows a year in Shenyang and surrounding cities. I move that we accept this club. **Adelhoch:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

**Hannon:** Welcome Red Star Cat Club.

#### **Future Projections for Committee:**

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

#### **Time Frame:**

*April 2017 to June 2017 CFA Board meeting.*

#### **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:** Do you have anything else, Carol? **Krzanowski:** No, that's all on club applications. Thank you. **Colilla:** Can I say something? I got ahold of a TICA show flyer. Do you want to know how much they're charging? **Hannon:** A TICA show in China? **Colilla:** Yes. **Hannon:** What are they charging? **Colilla:** It's 3 judges, 9 rings. The first entry is 5000 RMB, the second entry is 4500 RMB, China money. **Hannon:** What does that translate into for our money, so we understand what you're talking about? **Wilson:** It's \$724.72. **Hannon:** If I understand what you're saying, John, is that they get 9 judgings from 3 judges. **Colilla:** Yes, so it's very expensive over there for 3 judges. I just thought, FYI. **Hannon:** Are those judges American judges? Can you tell from their names? **Colilla:** I can't really tell because they are really small.

**(8) CLERKING PROGRAM.**

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*At the request of Mary Auth, the committee completed review of her proposal to reduce the requirements for advancement in various stages of the Clerking Program. The document was thoroughly reviewed and discussed in depth by the committee. Our recommendations are presented later in this report under Board Action Item.*

**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.*

*Work to develop the online clerking school is progressing. Several modules have been developed to date, and drafts are under review at this time. There are more modules yet to be completed.*

*Shirley Michaud-Dent continues to temporarily handle the Clerking Program Administrator duties at Central Office until such time as another staff member can be adequately trained. As a reminder, Shirley's primary responsibilities include show scoring which must take priority, particularly at this time of year with the end of season approaching. As a result, we ask everyone to be patient when it comes to clerking matters. Shirley does a terrific job of keeping things running smoothly for the Clerking Program, and she is due a sincere thank you for her assistance.*

*The 2017-2018 Show Rules are being mailed to all licensed clerks the first week in April, along with a cover letter pointing out pertinent changes as well as a few reminders.*

*All clubs are encouraged to consider sponsoring schools in their areas to help promote interest in the Clerking Program. A number of clerking schools have been held or are planned in the International Division, but at this point there are no schools planned for Regions 1-9. We have several potential clerks who are currently looking for a school to attend. It is suggested that each of our regions consider sponsoring a school in conjunction with their upcoming regional awards shows and/or banquets.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Clerks who are eligible for a Clerking Program service award this year will be determined and notified.*

**Board Action Item:**

***Clerking Requirements***

*The Clerking Program Committee spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the proposed changes to the requirements for advancement as presented by Mary Auth at the October 2016 Board meeting (see attachment).*

*Clerks are an integral and important part of our shows. How well they perform their duties has a direct impact on our judges, on whether or not the show runs smoothly, and on the accuracy of the show records that are submitted to Central Office. Clerks need to be properly trained in order to professionally handle a multitude of issues and scenarios that may arise.*

*The committee recognizes that it is increasingly difficult for clubs to find competent clerks. However, we feel this is largely because people either do not want to commit to attending a specific show until the last minute, or they do not want to be tied to working at the show. The super specialty and one-day six-ring shows appear to be a major part of the problem. These shows are so schedule intense that even just exhibiting can be a challenge, much less clerking as well. These show formats require experienced clerks who can work efficiently and effectively.*

*After much discussion and consideration of all elements, the committee is in agreement that reducing the requirements will not afford the proper training or experience for clerks to perform their duties effectively, nor will it increase interest in clerking. Those individuals with a true interest in clerking are willing to meet the requirements and are proud to become licensed.*

*It is important to note that the Clerking Program requirements were lowered in April 2012 and were revised again as recently as February 2015. They cannot continue to be lowered without having a detrimental effect on the program.*

***Motion:*** *Make no changes to the Clerking Program requirements at this time.*

**Time Frame:**

*Work to develop the online clerking school is ongoing.*

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

*Clerks who will receive a Clerking Program service award at this year's Annual banquet will be notified in May.*

**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*

**Krzanowski:** I think I'm next on the agenda so I'll be really quick. Most of my report is an update. The only item I had on there for any consideration was the review of Mary Auth's recommendations to reduce the requirements to advance in the Clerking Program. I did include an action item. I don't know that it's necessary to make a motion on this, but the committee, after much deliberation and review, we are recommending no changes to the Clerking Program requirements at this time. Any comment? I can make a motion if necessary. I do have a motion in the report, but I don't know that it's even needed. What do you prefer? **Hannon:** We don't need to make a motion to make no changes. If we don't have a motion, then there are no changes. **Krzanowski:** OK. So, are there any questions? **Hannon:** Mary? **Auth:** No, I don't have any questions. **Hannon:** Are you through, Carol? **Krzanowski:** I'm finished, thank you.

(9) **IT COMMITTEE.**

*Committee Chair: Tim Schreck*

*Liaison to Board: Dick Kallmeyer*

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*1<sup>st</sup> list of Entry Clerk Program enhancements is completed. We have submitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> list for quoting and programming has begun. We hope to process a set of enhancements every two to three weeks until all are completed. They are being submitted in small batches to allow quicker testing and implantation.*

*Entry Clerk Help Desk from Dynamic Edge and is operational and accepting problem tickets.*

*Show licensing and Judging specifications have been forwarded to Computan. We are currently waiting for completion of changes needed to allow entry of proposed shows.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*We are continuing to add to New Entry Clerk software enhancement listing and I am working on a better way to share this information with clerks and Central Office.*

*Continue working with Central Office Staff to transition the creation of shows in new program by Central Office.*

*John is working on Breed Council Spec for Computan*

*Test run of Year End file creation completed.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Continued enhancement of the Entry Clerk Program*

*Continue transition of Applications from HP system.*

**Board Action Items:**

*Requesting change in Show Data File Specifications.*

**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:** Let's go back to the IT Committee, Dick. There's a board action item requesting change in show data file specifications. **Kallmeyer:** I'll bring it up in June, but basically Tim wants the email to be a mandatory field for the show disk. The reason is that it's really difficult to get that information at the end of the show season, but we have time to do that in June.

(10) 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 Currie (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)

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**Board Action Items:**

- 1. China Premiership DW wins.** At the 2016 annual meeting, the board discussed and voted to allow China and International to have 25 NW premiership placements, assuming they met the point requirements. DW premiership placements were left at 15 places. Since China has met the requirements for 25 places for kittens and championship, they would also like 25 DW placements for this season and following seasons. The 25<sup>th</sup> best cat in Premiership has competed in a greater number of rings than 6 of the regions in R1-R9 and has more points than one of these regions.

**Motion:** Allow any geographical area in the International Division with greater than 160 rings to have 25 premiership DW awards for this season and following seasons.

**Kallmeyer:** For ID, the action item is, #1, we talked about China for the national awards in premiership, top 25, but we didn't discuss top 25 for the DW. They certainly have been starting to show more and more premiership. It's taking off. I think right now the 25<sup>th</sup> has higher than one region. They are certainly higher in number of rings. They would like to have a top 25 DW for this season for premiership, to make it comparable to the regions. **Newkirk:** When you say they have greater than 160 rings to have 25 premiership DW awards, are you talking about show rings or are you talking about premiership rings? **Kallmeyer:** It's show rings. Right now the way it's set up for a DW, any country in one of the 10 countries that has more than 160 will have 25 kittens, 25 championship, but the current show rule says 15 in premiership for a DW win. **Newkirk:** Many of the shows don't have premiership. Do those rings count? **Kallmeyer:** Those count towards the total. **Hannon:** Even though they don't have any premiers? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. That's the way it was set up. **Newkirk:** That doesn't seem right. **Hannon:** No, it doesn't. **Kallmeyer:** Well, if you look at how many rings 25<sup>th</sup> best cat has in the regions, the 25<sup>th</sup> best cat in China has more rings than 6 of those regions. **Hannon:** How many points? **Kallmeyer:** Right now, there are more than Region 9 and I think they are almost the same as one of the other regions. I forget which one it was, on total points. **Hannon:** You haven't talked me into it. Other comments? Have you made a motion, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, I made a motion. **Hannon:** Was it seconded? **Colilla:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** OK, let's have a discussion. **Black:** Dick, these would just be awards that they award at their own regional, right? **Kallmeyer:** That would be the equivalent of an RW award. **Black:** OK. There's no minimum points or anything like that? We're doing top 15 now? **Kallmeyer:** Right. The minimum points will be over 200. Right now



for the 25<sup>th</sup> it's over 200 and that will be going up. **Hannon:** Alright, but this first motion just deals with China, right? **Kallmeyer:** Just China. **Hannon:** How many cats do they have that got the minimum for a national in China in premiership? **Kallmeyer:** For premiership, there's three I think. **Hannon:** That's not telling me there are a lot of points there. **Kallmeyer:** It's comparable to several of our other regions. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? All those in favor of increasing it from 15 to 25.

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

- 2. Singapore DW wins.** *Singapore has recently relaxed quarantine provisions to allow cats to be shown in Hong Kong. Singapore has 1 DW award based on number of rings produced, but could possibly go to 3 DW awards. Not every Singapore competitor can afford to attend Hong Kong shows because of the expense, distance (1,600 miles) and time involved. Singapore competitors are petitioning the board to restrict Singapore DW award points to only Singapore shows.*

**Motion:** *For show seasons 2017-18 forward, only points earned at Singapore shows will be accrued towards Singapore DW awards.*

**Hannon:** Dick, Singapore. **Kallmeyer:** The other one is Singapore. If you want we can hold it until June, but basically their number of rings are only going to have one DW probably in every year; at most, three. Singapore just reduced the quarantine. They can now travel to Hong Kong. The kicker is that people going into Hong Kong, not everybody can afford to go or take the time. If they go to Hong Kong, the points will definitely make them the DW winners. What Singapore would like is that only the Singapore show points count towards their DW wins. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

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

- 3. TRNs.** *TRNs were originally established for cats eligible to be registered in CFA, but had at least one foreign registered parent. This was extended to cats with both CFA parents due to delays in processing CFA registrations. Over 800 CFA parent TRNs were issued this season, primarily in China. These TRNs are checked to ensure they have CFA parents, but are not checked to see if registrations are eventually processed. CFA show scoring personnel report that only a few TRN cat owners, register and request the banked points. The revenue for these TRNs is over \$12,000. CFA should be encouraging the registration of these cats.*

**Question:** *Since the registration processing time has been reduced to 1 or 2 days, should CFA continue allowing CFA parent TRNs?*

**Hannon:** TRNs. **Kallmeyer:** The other thing is – again, we can discuss this in June, but we started giving TRNs with CFA parents. To be honest, most of them are coming from China. At the time we put CFA parents in, we were having turn-around problems with TRNs. Granted, it brings in revenue, but we don't see many of those CFA parent TRNs converted to registrations. We don't really check. Shirley finds out if they come back and ask for their points earned under TRN, but she said it's only a handful. I think we ought to change the TRN policy for CFA parents, not to allow TRNs for CFA parents, but we can bring this up in June if you like.

**Hannon:** Make a quick motion. Let's just take care of it. **Kallmeyer:** I make a motion that as of July 1, we no longer accept CFA parent TRNs. **Colilla:** Second. **Hannon:** Discussion. **DelaBar:** When you've got a developing area, I don't want us to make these blanket generalized rules that come back and cause somebody to turn away. We've got a lot of people here. We're converting TRNs at, the last time I looked it was over 90%. So, when we don't have a problem then I don't want to put another obstacle in the way of our development and growing. I will vote against this. **Kallmeyer:** I might point out, Pam, that most of your TRNs that are converted are one foreign parent and this wouldn't affect it. **DelaBar:** Yeah, but we still do occasionally have a case with the CFA parent issue and, to tell you the truth, most of those are coming from France. **Kallmeyer:** But again, they can still register now in about 2 days, right? **DelaBar:** Hopefully. As I said, I don't want to bring on any rule that's going to put up an obstacle to growth. That's all. **Hannon:** Any other comments or questions? **Newkirk:** What harm does it do to keep the policy the way it is, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** No real harm. I think it would eliminate a bunch of kitten stuffers and I think that's probably more the bigger concern. That's where we typically see them, and then we never see the registration associated with it, so this would be a way really to kind of lead towards that. **DelaBar:** If they are stuffing with a TRN that's not converted, then there's no points. **Kallmeyer:** It would force them to get a registration. **DelaBar:** It would force them to get a registration for the point, but if they don't it's sort of like we're getting the money for the TRN – **Kallmeyer:** They get the point, right? **Hannon:** They do get the point. If they have a TRN, it's included in the count. **Kallmeyer:** Right. Once it's in the count it doesn't come out. **Hannon:** They don't have to register the cat with a full registration in order for it to count. All they need is a TRN and it counts. If they never register the cat, then so be it, the count's still there. **DelaBar:** So who are they hurting but themselves? **Calhoun:** This seems like a really important one. I think we need to think about it. Maybe this could be presented in June, because we're tired. **Hannon:** Do you want to withdraw your motion, Dick, and bring it up in June? **Kallmeyer:** I agree.

**Moser:** I just wanted to ask Dick a couple questions about International. **Hannon:** Yes. **Moser:** I would just like clarification on China clubs. Are they all able to vote for director at large, or is there some kind of a rule where a club has to put on a show? I'm not sure on that. **Kallmeyer:** The constitutional requirement is that they have to put on a show in order to vote. **Moser:** OK. Do you know how many clubs are able to vote in China this year? **Kallmeyer:** I don't know, off hand. **DelaBar:** I think it's 24, Pam. We counted. **Moser:** Oh, did you? OK, 24. Just one other thing. I was wondering if, Dick, you would be able to maybe send out an email to all the clubs over there in China letting them know that they can't change judges' contracts. I'm finding that what they are doing is that we have an allbreed contract and they decide they are going to change you to longhair/shorthair. When you get there you are changed, or you look on the CFA list and it's changed when the judge has got a contract saying allbreed. I wish you would bring that up to them that that is against show rules. They could be filed a protest on that. They need to know this, because it's continuing to happen. **Kallmeyer:** The other part is, bring that up with Annette. Annette has been tracking down a lot of that and bringing up the issues directly with the clubs involved, but yes I agree with you. **Moser:** But a general email I think would be very helpful, if that's possible. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **Moser:** Thank you. **Hannon:** Are we through with the ID? **Kallmeyer:** Yes.

**Newkirk:** Can I bring up one more thing about that central entry program? I talked to Tim Schreck this weekend and he told me that we now have the capability to do that.

**Kallmeyer:** Yes. In fact, CFA could do it if we wanted to assume that role. **Newkirk:** I think a lot of the problems in China could be averted with that system. **Kallmeyer:** That would solve certainly rejected entries. The problem is the fund collection. The second part of your question really is the discounts that are sometimes given that are not proven or not recorded. I think that's probably a drastic problem, as well. **Newkirk:** I'm all in favor of no discounts for anybody. They set a fee and everybody pays it. Because what they're doing is, they list a fee on there and then if you're a club member you get a discount. Then what they do is, when they get their entries in that they want in, then they charge very little to a lot of people so that they'll stuff the show full. **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Newkirk:** There needs to be a way for us to stop that. **Kuta:** I want to be respectful of our time, but I do want to point out that as an entry clerk I have a hard line against stuffing and say, if you're going to do it – don't. I'm going to collect all the money. They just change money afterwards. So, I don't even know, even if CFA was collecting all the money and giving it to the clubs, the club would just redistribute it again. **Kallmeyer:** Right. If you had a very high entry fee, they would have to take out a loan. **Kuta:** The people putting on the show would just give them the money and then they would pay it. I know what people have done when they stuffed shows I have entry clerked. They just give the money to the person and then the money went back. Money changed hands but it went back to where it was supposed to be anyway. **Kallmeyer:** So the answer, Darrell, yes we could do centralized entry but I think we would have to get all the clubs to agree if we extended it past certain countries. In order to do it for China or even Asian countries, we need a natural language speaker to be effective. **Newkirk:** It's my opinion that we are going to continue to have entries. TICA is stepping in and the people that are getting upset with CFA over all this stuff that's going on over there, and I'm not going to point fingers at anybody, but this is going to hurt CFA in the long run. **Hannon:** We're not going to solve it tonight. My suggest is, we move on.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

**(11) BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

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

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*The Budget Committee met to review the Preliminary Budget on Monday April 3. Minor revisions were made and the updated budget was distributed to the CFA Board. Questions were submitted and answered via email along with questions posed in the Board Member preview meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Since the April 6<sup>th</sup> review additional changes have been made that are favorable to the bottom line. Reallocation of employee and contractors have been made that provide a more realistic budget in several areas.*

*This budget is conservative and does not contain any potential sponsorship that to date has not been contracted. Therefore once those contracts have been realized, there will be an upside to this budget.*

*The CFA 2017/18 Budget has been distributed and will be posted in File Vista.*

*The condensed version of the Budget is as follows:*

	<i>Mar16/Feb17</i>	<i>2017/2018</i>
<i>Ordinary Income</i>	<i>\$ 2,275,857</i>	<i>\$ 2,275,809</i>
 <b><i>Almanac</i></b>		
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>63,226</i>	<i>64,319</i>
<i>Expense</i>	<i>104,946</i>	<i>114,861</i>
<i>Net</i>	<i>(41,721)</i>	<i>(50,543)</i>
 <b><i>Year Book</i></b>		
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>35,300</i>	<i>31,072</i>
<i>Expense</i>	<i>54,269</i>	<i>37,531</i>
<i>Net</i>	<i>(18,969)</i>	<i>(6,460)</i>
 <b><i>Marketing</i></b>		
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>11,026</i>	<i>8,774</i>
<i>Expense</i>	<i>60,490</i>	<i>65,388</i>
<i>Net</i>	<i>(49,464)</i>	<i>(56,614)</i>
 <b><i>Merchandise</i></b>		
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>1,610</i>	<i>1,610</i>
<i>Expense</i>	<i>805</i>	<i>805</i>

<i>Net</i>	805		805
<b>Annual **</b>			
<i>Revenue</i>	72,386		66,094
<i>Expense</i>	131,689		209,300
<i>Net</i>	(59,303)		(143,206)
<b>CFACS **</b>			
<i>Revenue</i>	144,275		104,825
<i>Expense</i>	122,618		\$ 129,825
<i>Net</i>	21,657		\$ (25,000)
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	2,128,862		1,999,791
<b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Central Office</i>	1,113,086		1,161,219
<i>Computer</i>	55,714		109,967
<i>CFA Programs</i>	195,856		329,478
<i>Corporate Expense</i>	86,393		108,787
<i>Legislative</i>	79,400		85,000
<i>Outreach and Education</i>	257		757
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	2,005,523	0	2,347,919
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME</b>	598,156	0	204,583
<i>Other Income/Expense</i>	391		29,200
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 598,547</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 228,783</u>

Action Item: Approve the CFA 2017/2018 Budget .

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

**Calhoun:** I was just going to mention that we really do need to get to the budget, so that we can have a budget in place. **Hannon:** Alright, let's do the budget and then we'll go to item 14, which is Pam. The budget shouldn't be much discussion. We had a special meeting for all of the discussion. You made a couple changes, right Kathy? **Calhoun:** I made a couple changes. Most were realignment of some labor costs. The comments that I would just make for folks that weren't able to join, I just wanted to point out that this was very conservative, 2% increase in registrations that we feel that's a very conservative number. There are no corporate sponsorship dollars in this budget that have not been contracted, so there is a potential upside to this budget.

The bottom line on this shows a \$229,000 profit, which as I said, no corporate sponsorship in there yet. There was quite a bit of time. I want to thank the Budget Committee for the time spent. I want to thank the board members that were able to join; also the ones that were able to send emails and questions. That only makes our budget better, so we encourage all that. Mark and Rich and I, we did a tremendous amount of pre-work time on that so I want to thank Mark and Rich for their input. So, unless there is some significant question, I will be contacting all of the – you can see your committee requests on there in the budget. I will be also making sure that you have information that you can send to your liaisons, so that's it. I make a motion that the budget be approved. **Mastin:** Second. **Hannon:** Alright. Any more discussion?

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

**(12) 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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The committee would like to extend our Thank You to Kathy Black and Lisa Kuta for great responses to our inquiry. After reading the minutes from the February Board Meeting, the committee reached out to the board members who had voiced concerns or suggestions to get clarification so we could address any/all issues in the rewrite.*

*The committee also extends our Thank You to Carol Krzanowski, Clerking Program Chair, and Candilee Jackson, Ambassador Program Chair, for working with us to develop working partnerships for the youth of CFA to gain additional skills within the fancy.*

*The committee continues to work with Dennis Ganoë to develop a scoring program that would be on our website.*

*The committee updated the logo to remove the Royal Canin sash.*

*The committee developed and submitted our budget to Kathy Calhoun.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The following shows the committee's progress with the program rewrite. These are drafts only and still being worked on except for the new Jr. Ambassador portion which has been completed and approved by both committees.*

*General outline of YFEP rewrite:*

*The Goal of this rewrite is to make the program shorter term user friendly for younger youth and giving shorter, focused more easily accomplished goals that will keep them engaged in the program, while extending challenges to older youth that will help create life time learners/exhibitors in the CFA.*

*One main part of the new, updated program is to have reports done after the shows (similar to the Championship points, etc.), so that YFEP points can be updated and the Youth will know where they stand both regionally and nationally. This will help them add activities to extend points, and keep them engaged throughout the show year.*

*Currently YFEP goals are broken down like this:*

## **GOALS:**

- *Good Sportsmanship*
- *Cat Care*
- *Breed Standards*
- *Proper Grooming*
- *Responsible Cat ownership*
- *Health, Nutrition*
- *Public Service*

*The new goals are more in line with the Four Categories that they can earn points in. Also, it pulls in more information for building on knowledge toward CFA Standards, to help them start toward the path of stewarding, Clerking, and perhaps Breeding, or Judging in the future. Not much has changed, just organized differently to promote clarity.*

*New Goals of YFEP The FOUR LEGS OF A CAT:*

### **EDUCATION:**

- *Learn Proper care for your feline companion*
- *Learn Responsible Cat Ownership*
- *Learn Health and Nutrition requirements for your feline friend*

### **SHOWMANSHIP:**

- *Learn All Breeds, Breed Standards, and Breed Point System*
- *Learn Proper Grooming, Proper Presentation, Protocols of showing, Show Point System.*

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- *Become an active Community Member by Volunteering,*
- *Public Speaking at Community Events,*
- *Learn to be involved by Public Service through helping rescue groups*

### **OWNERSHIP AND BREEDING:**

- *Learn about proper care for pedigreed cats, and healthy cattery techniques*
- *Learn how to Raise a litter of kittens*
- *Learn Basic Animal Husbandry*

*Youth are invited to:*

- *Explore*
- *Learn*
- *Test your skills*
- *Compete*
- *While having fun, competing, and learning new skills you can:*



- *Complete Badge Requirements*
- *Take Action on Community Issues and earn points*
- *Work toward Earning all four legs of cat learning*
- *Create your own projects*
- *Work Collaboratively with other members*
- *Work toward achieving the highest Goals*

*To Qualify for the program:*

- *Be age 7-18*
- *Work with a mentor who helps you through the goals you set for yourself and helps you to set new goals, once the first ones are complete.*
- *Take part in educational programs and opportunities in your Region*
- *Become a Steward at a cat show*

*Four Legs to earn Points throughout the show year:*

- *Community Service*
- *Education*
- *Showmanship*
- *Ownership*

### ***Projects:***

*Goals for the new show year can be set at the beginning of the new show year with your mentor and or Regional Coordinator. While existing organized educational programs are an excellent way to get started in YFEP, we also invite you to pursue your passion. YFEP invites you to collaborate with other youth in the program, or in your area and develop new ideas for programs and projects.*

*Youth interested in doing this can meet with their mentor and Regional Coordinator to map out goals ahead of time. Each Special project can earn a special project badge. Each special project with two or more YFEP members will earn a Special Recognition for completing their project goals.*

### ***STEPS TO DESIGN YOUR OWN PROJECT:***

- *Pick a topic (What do you want to know?)*
- *Meet with your mentor and map out a plan*
- *Learn (what do you need to achieve your goal?)*
- *Do it! (Learn, gather, create)*
- *Share it! (What did you learn? How can you share your new knowledge?)*

*Examples of ways to share your new found knowledge:*

- *Community Service: Set a fund Raising Goal and raise funds for a charity related to cats, share the way that you achieved your goal by blog, social media, video, or public speaking.*
- *Education: Go into school, research a particular field (like healthy food) give a group presentation to your classmates. Have someone video your presentation, post it on YouTube.*
- *Showmanship: Learn about a particular breed and do a breed presentation at a show with the help of your mentor.*
- *Ownership: raise a litter of kittens. Blog about the experience all along the way, blogging every day. Share your blog with YFEP website so everyone can be involved in the process.*

*How to earn a certificate or badge:*

- *Complete one project in one leg of YFEP for one badge or # of hours*
- *Complete four projects in each leg of YFEP for all four badges*
- *Deepen your understanding and Complete a special project for a certificate of recognition*
- *Complete a group project for Special Recognition*

*THE GOLD STANDARD (JoAnn Cummings Award): Highest Recognition will be awarded to one youth per year who contributes in some way toward: extending resources in the program for their peers in YFEP; Extending the understanding of Cat Fancy to the Public in some outstanding way; or Contributing to Cat Wellbeing in their community in an unprecedented manner.*

*The working draft of the Jr. Clerking program, this document is a work in progress:*

*Pre-requisites to start Youth Clerking Program*

- *Interested YFEP members must have been an active member of YFEP for two years.*

*Reasoning – we don't want a youth joining YFEP just because they want to start the process to work through the clerking program. Requiring members have at least two years in the program will show they have the dedication and commitment to continue.*

- *At least 10 years of age, or 5th grade (whichever is the older)*

*Reasoning – by 5<sup>th</sup> grade, youth are preparing for middle school and their academics start to become more rigorous. I would not be opposed to increasing this to 11 years of age or entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.*

- *Have actively shown a cat during an entire show season.*

*Reasoning – again, this shows commitment. Also, having actively shown a cat, sat in the rings, kept the results of class judging and finals will give them some basic knowledge going into assist clerking.*

- *Have previously stewarded at least six assignments (a 6x6 would be considered two assignments)*

*Reasoning – having spent time in the ring on a consistent basis, they will start to understand the basic processes of the ring, the importance of flow and pace of the ring.*

*On the steward evaluation form, would be a check box for the evaluator to mark following six assignments if they feel the youth would be a good fit for the clerking program if they are interested. Youth would have a box to check if they are interested in moving into the clerking program.*

- *Signed parental permission*

*Reasoning – the clerking program requires a commitment, and for the youth not only commitment from them, but from the parents as well. For example, the parents may be ready to leave the show as judging/finals are completed for their cat(s). However, the ring the youth is working in is not finished. Parents would be required to wait till the ring is done. I bring this up because this has happened to me a couple of times. It is important to have the parents on board with this as well.*

*Once the interested youth meets the following criteria, they can start “assist/shadow” clerking.*

#### *YFEP – Clerk Assist/Shadow Assignments*

*The first three assignments should be strictly shadowing. An opportunity for the youth to learn as much about the ring as possible. It could be left up to the discretion of the chief ring clerk if the youth can participate in any of the processes (such as marking/recording finals, putting up/taking down ring cards, etc.) based on the skill level of the youth. These shadow opportunities should be done with three different chief ring clerks, if possible. This is meant to be the opportunity for the youth to see if learning the clerking process is something they are interested in. AT the same time, it is an opportunity for the ring clerks to gauge the skill level of the youth.*

*If after three separate shadows, the consensus is the youth is not ready to move on to the next step, the options may be to continue at the shadowing level, or to leave this program for a period of one year. After one year, the youth could request the join this program again.*

*When the youth advances to the next level, they will participate in ring activities. Activities should start slow and focus on one item at a time. Maybe one day is ring cards, another day is the catalog, another announcing, etc. (I’m not sure how to plan this level for our youth, I think a lot will be at the discretion of the chief ring clerk based on the youth’s skill level; or how long to make this level last. It could last six assignments, it could last a year or so again based on skill and ability to learn.)*

*Upon completion of Level 2 – the youth should be able to successfully run a ring on their own. They will still be considered a youth assist clerk; with a chief ring clerk supervising.*

*At this level the youth should be able to correctly record in the catalog.*

*Keep the pace of the ring smooth*

*Communicate well with the judge, understanding the judges needs and wants*

*Points for those who can anticipate the judges needs and wants.*

*Clear understanding and knowledge of the various ribbons and how they are hung. Ability to recognize if the judge makes a mistake in hanging ribbons.*

*Responsibilities at this level should be based on the show entry count.*

*Show of 200 or higher responsibilities should be limited.*

*Show of 100-150 the youth should be able to run the ring.*

*Show of 150-200 at the discretion of the chief ring clerk.*

*The last couple of clerk assists the youth completes, evaluations should be completed by both the chief ring clerk and the judge.*

*Youth will remain at Level 3 until the age of 14 ½ years.*

*At this point, youth will go through an “interview” with either their YFEP Regional Coordinator, YFEP Chair, or Clerking Chair. This is to ensure that the youth has the mental and emotional stability (this isn’t good wording but I think you understand what I mean) to handle the job. Questions asked could be related to mechanics in the rings (ribbons, pace, communication) as well as how to handle difficult exhibitors. Should the interviewer feel confident in the youth’s abilities, they will be allowed to move on to complete their 6 solo assignments. When they become 15 years of age, they should have completed all the requirements and be ready to attend a clerking school and pass the certification exam. Within the program they will have YFEP-Clerking evaluations completed, and all will be held by both the Clerking Chair and the YFEP Chair.*

*At age 15, the youth will “graduate” out of the YFEP-Clerking program and move into the full clerking program.*

*Notes: It is expected that during this entire process, chief ring clerks and judges will provide constructive criticism and suggestions to the youth to foster their growth and development. While the youth will not actually see completed evaluation forms, it will be expected that the YFEP Regional Coordinator or the YFEP Chair will discuss any concerns and positive notes with the youth to also foster their growth and development from these evaluations.*

*The interview stage does not need to be completed in person, but is the preferred method. It can take place at a show, or if both parties are near each other in a location that is convenient for both. Or it can take place over the phone, skype, facetime, etc.*

### ***The Jr. Ambassador program:***

*CFA Welcomes Junior Ambassadors!*

*A Junior Ambassador is any cat fancier between the ages of 7 and 18 who, like his/her adult Ambassadors counterparts, serves as liaison, spokesperson, and advocate for the Cat Fanciers' Association. Junior Ambassadors should have developing inter-personal skills, a positive attitude, and a commitment to integrity. Junior Ambassadors should be highly motivated and energetic so they can develop effective decision-making and problem solving skills, motivational skills, and the willingness to work as a team.*

*Becoming involved in CFA as Junior Ambassador is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, develop new skills in both leadership and oral presentation in groups, and in one-on-one situations. This group of young CFA Ambassadors allows opportunities to participate in various CFA public relations, recruiting new exhibitors, and leadership activities on the local level in clubs and show halls.*

*Activities can include:*

- *Show hall tours*
- *Staffing a show hall information or breed booth*
- *Involvement in community out-reach through speaking and writing*
- *Presenting educational seminars on breeds, health care, and grooming*
- *Mentoring new young CFA exhibitors*
- *Reasons to Become a CFA Junior Ambassador*
- *Expand communication, both oral and written, and leadership skills*
- *Opportunities to meet and serve a wide variety of people who visit our show halls*
- *Work as a team with both peers and adults to reach a common goal*
- *Share experiences with peers, the school and the community*
- *Encourage life-long learning*

*Requirements*

- *Exhibiting a cat*
- *Loving cats and their welfare*
- *Enjoy meeting and working with a variety of people*
- *Present a strong work ethic*
- *Maintain a strong academic presence at school: students should have a B average or higher so CFA activities and travel will not interfere with school extra-curricular programs or studies.*

*CFA Junior Ambassador Job Description*

- *Welcome visitors to show halls*
- *Recruit children of adult exhibitors to join the Youth Education Program*
- *Assist newbie members of the Youth Education Program as a mentor*

- *Become knowledgeable about the CFA breeds, learning one breed at a time, so that conversations with spectators can be conducted*
- *Answer general CFA-related questions regarding breeds, the judging process, grooming processes, and knowledge of where breeds are located in the show hall*
- *Present breed seminars at shows, within the school and/or the community*
- *Assist and Support show hall staff*
- *Staff a breed or information booth for a show hall*
- *Exhibit a cat whenever possible*
- *Create and develop innovative ideas for show hall, school or community outreach and recruitment of both new youth exhibitors and junior ambassadors*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Continue working on the revisions presented above.*

**Board Action Items:**

*No actions at this time*

**Time Frame:**

*None*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Update of Program*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

**Hannon:** The Youth Feline Education Program Report was just information, right Kathy? I didn't see any action items. **Calhoun:** Right, just information. No action items.

**(13) REGIONAL ASSIGNMENT POLICY.**

**BACKGROUND:** *Article XXXVI of our current show rules allows an exhibitor in one region to show and gain Regional wins on a cat from a different region by adding a co-owner. The cat physically resides within one region, is shown the majority of the shows in that region, yet can attend one show in the co-owners region and all points gained will be listed under the co-owner's region.*

*Exhibitors can claim to live in one location when that location is a summer home or a vacation condo.*

*Some regions have lower counts than others, and regional shopping to earn titles is not new.*

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** *It was discovered recently that a kitten in Florida has been shown this season as a Region 3 kitten. The co-owner lives in Texas and the kitten attended one show in Region 3. Upon questioning the co-owner and the breeder of the kitten it was learned neither of them knew about the co-owner being added to the cat. The owner upon bringing this to the light of day has agreed not to show the kitten anymore this season in hopes that other kittens in Region 3 will gain more points and it will drop out of the standings.*

*In another situation, the owner lives in central Georgia and has a vacation home in Mississippi. The owner shows exclusively in Region 7 yet by using the Mississippi mailing address claims to reside in Region 3.*

**ACTION ITEMS:** *Add a requirement that if a co-owner is added to a registered cat, all existing parties listed as owner will be required to sign in agreement, and the newly listed co-owner's signature is required.*

**Hannon:** Regional Assignment Policy. Kathy Black, was that you? **Black:** Yes and I'll make this really short. I have three action items. This talks about co-ownership mostly and also how to prove where someone resides in a region. Regional shopping for awards is not new and I'm sure this has come before the board several times. I have a couple situations that I noted there, but my action items that we can vote on separately if you want to. One is that if a co-owner is added onto a cat, that the new co-owner has to sign off on it also. That's not a requirement currently with our Central Office. I just want to make sure that all parties that are listed as an owner on that cat agree to adding the co-owner, and the co-owner also has to sign. **Hannon:** Let's talk about the situation that you have. Somebody in Region 4 – a husband and wife – co-bred the cat. They added two co-owners, one in the Southern Region and one in your region. My understanding is, the one in your region wasn't even aware of it and it's being scored for your region. **Black:** Yes, exactly. I've heard some other stories. Maybe the owner was added on there when she was in Region 7 and she has since moved to Region 3. She was not aware that the cat was being shown as a Region 3 cat. **Hannon:** You and I saw the certificate which had the date on it. She had already moved. **Black:** I have not had a chance to check the date. **Hannon:** She had already moved. **Black:** I just think that one thing the Central Office needs to make sure that everybody that's listed on a cat knows they are listed on the cat, so signatures should be required. **Hannon:** The cat had a co-owner in the Southern Region. It was being shown by the owner in the Southern Region and being scored in Kathy's region. The owner in Kathy's region didn't

even know she was an owner. **Black:** Right. So this would be a policy change for Central Office, that all signatures would be required. That way, somebody wouldn't be surprised. **Eigenhauser:** When you say "all signatures", you mean all original owners and all of the new owners? Is that what you're talking about? **Black:** Yes. Everybody has to sign off. Whoever is shuffling papers – **Eigenhauser:** What are we going to do about these cryptic ones where you can't even tell what the name is because they have truncated it. That really is annoying with that background noise, whoever is doing that. **Black:** I know. Whoever is doing that, I wish they would stop. **Hannon:** It may just be a poor connection. **DelaBar:** Yeah, but it's a poor connection here in Europe too. Somebody is doing something. **Auth:** Mark, can you do a poll of people on the call and make sure they understand that they're either not muted, so they will be aware that they're making these noises? **Eigenhauser:** It's midnight already. **Black:** The second issue is that – **Hannon:** We didn't resolve the first issue. **Black:** Oh, OK. Go ahead. **Hannon:** Do you want to make a motion? **Black:** Yes. I make a motion that if a co-owner is added onto a cat, all existing parties and the new co-owner have to sign off in agreement. **Newkirk:** Agreement to what? What region it's going to be competing in? **Hannon:** They agree they co-own the cat. The problem with the situation we just talked about, the co-owner in Kathy's region didn't even know she was a co-owner. **Eigenhauser:** This is going to take a lot of signatures on a very tiny document, particularly when you have 2 or 3 or 4 co-owners. Maybe Central Office should take a look at this and see how much it's going to cost us to do this. **Hannon:** Maybe we could just say that they have to notify all the co-owners. **Krzanowski:** What about a kitten or a cat that ends up being registered on a blue slip? Do we need the owner's signature then, too, if it's more than one owner? **Hannon:** I would think. **Krzanowski:** That's a lot of paperwork. **DelaBar:** Any time you have a registration issue, it's all signatures. **Krzanowski:** That's a lot of paperwork for Central Office and a lot of extra. I think maybe they should look into it first before we make any decisions. **Hannon:** I've never heard of this happening before, where the co-owner didn't even know they were a co-owner and it was being scored for their region. **Black:** Maybe we should just table this first action item and get some feedback from Central Office. **Hannon:** OK. So, Verna and Terri, you're going to get us some feedback on this later. **Barry:** Sure.

*For co-owned cats, the Region assignment will be based on majority of shows attended. Example, a cat has two owners from different regions (say 7 and 3). The regional assignment will be determined by the majority of shows attended. This is a change to the existing rule which requires only to attend one show in the region of residence.*

**Hannon:** Go ahead. Co-owned cats. **Black:** The second example is that you have co-owners from different regions and what they will typically do is, they will pick the region that has the smallest count. The show rules currently say they just have to attend one show in the entire show season in that region. I would like to change it to where it's the majority of the shows that were attended. So, if you have a co-owner in Region 7 and Region 3, right now you can attend all the shows you want in Region 7 and just go to one Region 3 show, and you count toward Region 3's regional wins. I think that if the majority of the shows were in Region 7, the co-owner obviously lives in Region 7, right? I'm just saying that if the majority of the shows you attended were one co-owner's region, then Central Office will make that determination and that will be the region where those points are attributed. I've gone through all the show rules and everywhere it talks about the last weekend in January and bla, bla, bla, I just added in one sentence and it says, *In the case of co-ownership, the region will be determined by the majority of shows attended.* **Eigenhauser:** I have a question. What if no owner lives in a region where the



majority of shows were attended? Let's say you have somebody in Regions 1 and 7, and the cat was shown in Region 3 as well, so neither 1 nor 7 gets the majority. They only have a plurality. Where does the cat live? **Black:** Who are the owners? **Eigenhauser:** It goes to 40% of its shows in Region 1, 40% of its shows in Region 7 and 20% of its shows in Region 3, and is owned by people in 1 and 7, so neither one gets the majority. **Hannon:** That happens frequently when you live on the edge of regions. I live an hour from the North Atlantic region and an hour from Region 4. I can easily show in those other 2 regions more often than my own region. **Black:** But this only involves co-ownership. **Hannon:** Right, but even with a co-ownership – let's say I co-owned the cat with somebody in Region 1. I live in Region 7. George's point is valid. I happen to go to a bunch of shows in Region 4 because it's close, so I don't get 50% in either of the other regions. As George said, I get 40% in Region 7, 40% in Region 1 and 20% in Region 4, so no region gets the regional win. **Eigenhauser:** I think we're going to get a huge push-back from clubs anywhere near the border of their region, and by exhibitors that co-own cats. This isn't the kind of thing I think the board should do without any notice whatsoever to the rest of CFA. **Hannon:** Here's my suggestion, Kathy. The current policy of, you have to show once in a region, came from the delegates. They brought it up at an annual meeting because of a situation in Region 2. Why don't you have a club bring this up as a resolution at the annual, and then we can get feedback from the clubs that way? **Black:** OK, we can do that.

*If questioned regarding region of residence by Central Office or the Regional Director, the cat owner will provide proof of residence. Proof would consist of official documents such as copy of driver's license, or tax return.*

**Hannon:** OK, the third item? **Black:** The third action item is proof of residency. I got some information back from Central Office regarding this. I don't know what proof they were showing. I think they were just proving they had an electric bill, but an electric bill to me is not proof of residency. I would like to see this changed. I put in driver's license or tax return. Kathy told me she didn't want to see people's tax returns. **Calhoun:** No. **Black:** I only put that in there because military people don't have to get a driver's license in the state they live in, but we don't have a lot of military showing cats, so driver's license should be sufficient. But, an electricity bill is not sufficient proof that you live somewhere. I could have a house in Portland that I'm paying the electric bill on and I don't even go there all year long, but I list my cat as Region 2 and I take it to one show. I would just like to amend Central Office policy that if a regional director asks, the proof of residency would be provided by a copy of the driver's license. **Eigenhauser:** As you have already said, that doesn't help the people in the military who may have a driver's license in their original home of record but still be living in another state. That's why government agencies routinely accept utility bills and other things that would prove your residence as an address, particularly if the bill was mailed to that address, as opposed to a situation where I live in California, I have a house in New Jersey and they mail the utility bill from New Jersey to California. I can see in that circumstance why the utility bill might not be enough proof, but if it goes to the address in New Jersey and is paid in New Jersey, that's pretty good proof I live in New Jersey. **Hannon:** As far as driver's licenses are concerned, can't you have driver's licenses in more than one state? **Bizzell:** You're not supposed to. **Black:** I don't think so. **Hannon:** Who else had a question? **Kuta:** How big of a problem is this? **Black:** It happens with about 3 to 4 cats every season. Pam's region, Region 2. My region, Region 3. Maybe John's, Region 4, I don't know, but it happens quite frequently. Every season someone claims they live in a different region than they do. **Kuta:** Is there another way besides making it more cumbersome for people

who are following the rules, so they don't get penalized? I don't think in this case they would be penalized, but I don't know. **Black:** That's why I said, only if questioned regarding the region of residence by Central Office or the regional director, then they will provide proof such as a driver's license. It's not going to come up very often. I have a lady that supposedly lives in Mississippi. The CFA White Pages has her listed in Georgia. Her website says she lives in Georgia. Everything about the address that she puts for her show entries has her in Georgia, but yet she has proved to CFA with an electric bill that she lives in Mississippi. Her cat is going to be a regional winner in our region because of this one electric bill. I don't think that's enough proof that she lives in Mississippi, when everything else – the address she puts on her entries – everything has her living in Georgia. **Hannon:** Did you make this a motion, Kathy? **Black:** I make a motion with the amending of removing *or tax return*. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Hannon:** Any more discussion? **Dugger:** I just wanted to ask a question where she says that *when questioned by the Central Office or the regional director*, I've been curious all along what responsibility or authority that we have in a situation like this. I've said all along it's not something that I would do. It's not something I have ever done. I know that we can't legislate morality and that's a shame that people want to cheat and it's not right, but I just don't exactly understand how we would be the morality police in this. I guess I'm asking the question, what the regional director would be expected to do. That's just my question. **Black:** When you get a list of Central Office that there's a cat that's a regional winner that you've never seen in your region and the person claims to live in a city you don't think they live in, I think we have the right to ask them to show us proof where they live. We've had people do this every year. **Dugger:** I'm not saying that we as CFA or we at Central Office doesn't have the right to ask that question. I guess I'm just a little bit concerned about what role that we as the regional directors would be expected to step in and do. **Hannon:** Are you saying you would be uncomfortable doing that, Jean? **Dugger:** I guess in some ways maybe I would. I just don't know that that is part of our role as regional director, but maybe it is. If it is and I'm told by you guys, by CFA, "this is your job, do it," obviously I will. I'm asking. **Eigenhauser:** To the best of my knowledge, that is not an authority given to a regional director in the constitution, nor is it in the guideline and job description for a regional director, so I'm not sure where this is coming from. Central Office handles scoring issues, not regional directors. **Dugger:** Thank you, George. That was my point. You said it well. **Hannon:** OK, so we've got a motion on the floor. If you're unhappy with it, vote no.

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

Article XXXVI - National Awards	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>1. National/Regional/Divisional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership, and household pet.</p> <p>2. a. Region/area (national/regional/divisional) of residence is assigned based on the region number (or address in the case of cats residing in the International Division) listed in the last</p>	<p>1. National/Regional/Divisional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership, and household pet.</p> <p>2. a. Region/area (national/regional/divisional) of residence is assigned based on the region number (or address in the case of cats residing in the International Division) listed in the last</p>

<p>show in which the cat/kitten/household pet was entered and present prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 &amp; 7). In those cases where the cat/kitten/household pet did not earn points, the owner shall notify Central Office of the date and show where the cat/kitten/household pet was entered and present within 10 days of the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>4. To be eligible for a regional award, including a regional breed award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. 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. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>5. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten/household pet will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 &amp; 8).</p> <p>9. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the national area/region/divisional area listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form.</p> <p>a. A <b>kitten</b> is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first.</p> <p>b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.</p> <p>10. An <b>adult cat or household pet</b> is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.</p>	<p>show in which the cat/kitten/household pet was entered and present prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 &amp; 7). <u>In the case of a cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner’s region with majority of shows attended.</u> In those cases where the cat/kitten/household pet did not earn points, the owner shall notify Central Office of the date and show where the cat/kitten/household pet was entered and present within 10 days of the first full show weekend in January.</p> <p>4. To be eligible for a regional award, including a regional breed award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. 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. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement. <u>In the case of a cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner’s region with majority of shows attended.</u></p> <p>5. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten/household pet will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 &amp; 8; co-owned cats see #4, 9, 10, 11 &amp; 12).</p> <p>9. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the national area/region/divisional area listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form.</p> <p>a. A <b>kitten</b> is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first <u>or</u></p>
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<p>11. Changes in national area/regional/divisional area assignment are not permitted after the first full show weekend in January for any reason including a transfer of ownership.</p> <p>12. The national area/regional/divisional area assignment for any cat/kitten/household pet which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the national area/region/divisional area listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten/household pet earns points.</p>	<p>c) <u>A cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner's region with majority of shows attended.</u></p> <p>b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten. <u>A cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner's region with majority of shows attended.</u></p> <p>10. An <b>adult cat or household pet</b> is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. <u>A cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner's region with majority of shows attended.</u></p> <p>11. Changes in national area/regional/divisional area assignment are not permitted after the first full show weekend in January for any reason including a transfer of ownership. <u>A cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner's region with majority of shows attended.</u></p> <p>12. The national area/regional/divisional area assignment for any cat/kitten/household pet which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the national area/region/divisional area listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten/household pet earns points. <u>A cat with multiple owners residing in multiple regions, CFA determination of national area/regional/divisional area assignment will be based on co-owner's region with majority of shows attended.</u></p>
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**(14) SPOTLIGHT AWARD DISCUSSION.**

*Some years ago JoAnn Cummings proposed the Spotlight Awards and the Board adopted this. It is done at the Regional level and there were criteria for who could/could not be considered. For example, current or past judges and current or past board members are not eligible. JoAnn's thought was that these folks already had time in the spotlight. She wanted this award to go to other cat fanciers. The regional winner each year is included in a Yearbook article.*

*Since the creation of this award, some Regions have moved away from the original concept and this has proven to be a problem for our Yearbook recognition of the Spotlight Awards winners (a/k/a Exhibitor of the Year).*

**Hannon:** Spotlight awards. A number of regions are doing things different than what was originally intended with this award. I know that Region 2 and Region 4 have been handing out something different. Do you guys want to address this? It impacts you. **Colilla:** We call it "Spirit of the Great Lakes." As far as I'm concerned, anybody is eligible. The exhibitor award is only for exhibitors. I just feel like it's a shame that if a judge did something that helped the region tremendously, they should be recognized. That's my feeling. **Hannon:** You've got two issues here. One is, last year you recognized a judge. The second one is, you recognized two people. The idea was to recognize one. [inaudible] Region 2 is handing out multiple awards, as well. It puts Shelly in a bind because she doesn't know what to do with the section in the Yearbook where we highlight the Spotlight Award winners. There is special criteria for the Spotlight Award. You don't call yours a Spotlight Award, you call it the Spirit of the Great Lakes. I think Pam has been calling them Star Awards or something, aren't you Pam? **Moser:** That's right, that's me. Star Awards. My thing is that if I think that there's more than one person that deserves recognition, I think they should get that. I didn't know because I don't know where there's any show rule – maybe I'm mistaken – that says that you have to do it this way, is there? **Hannon:** Yes. It originally came up when Joann Cummings brought it up. Pam [DelaBar] might be able to address it because I wasn't on the board at the time, but they had special criteria and the board voted in favor of it, with that special criteria in place. **DelaBar:** Yes, that's true, and it was to recognize people that don't usually get the recognition. The Spotlight Award was for one person, because the spotlight was on them. It doesn't stop regional directors from giving other awards, but there needs to be one person that gets that special recognition each year, and it's not a current judge or a past judge, or a current or past board member. That's how Joann presented it and that's how the board accepted it. **Hannon:** The reason I'm bringing it up is, we might want to change the criteria. We might want to say that's all well and good for how it was initially brought up, but we've moved in a different direction in certain regions. It doesn't have to be decided tonight, but I want you guys to think about this and maybe in June we can discuss, do you want to keep this in place and, if so, it's with the understanding that only those that meet the criteria are going to get into the Yearbook. If you want to change this to include judges and board members and more than one person, then let's change it. **Black:** I asked Shelly to send me the definition of it because I had never seen it. **Hannon:** It's in the Yearbook. I'll find it in the Yearbook and tell you what year and what page, OK? **Black:** I can send this in an email to the board list. It defines what the Spotlight Award is currently covering. **Hannon:** OK, if you've got that. **Black:** Because I had not seen that.

(15) **OTHER BUSINESS.**

**Hannon:** Are we through? **Mastin:** I have an announcement to make. Verna has notified all the clubs – there were 12 of them – who requested CFA sponsorship for the new year. She has notified them all this evening and told them that their request has been approved, since we approved the budget. **Hannon:** So, if you've got shows coming up in your region this summer, encourage them to get their application in to Verna for the \$1,000 of sponsorship. If they're not interested in the \$500 for advertising to get gate because perhaps their show is held in an area where that is money down the drain because they're not going to get any gate, then they can still apply for the \$500 that they can use at their own discretion. **Hannon:** Anything else? **Anger:** Pam, did you have an item? **DelaBar:** I was just going to say very quickly to Mark that I want to work something with Central Office on the transfer of money. Due to many situations over here in Europe, this last time when I brought money over to change into Euro for our region, I went through quite an inquisition, per se, on why I was changing money and everything. This is the first time that's happened, so I want to work with Central Office on that.

**DelaBar:** Rachel, are you going to bring up the motion? **Anger:** I'm trying to find it. I will bring it up online tomorrow. You had a separate one. **DelaBar:** Basically, the motion is that Cat Fanciers of Finland wanted to put on two more reduced-ring shows, one in June and one in August, and is requesting again the reduced show license fee of \$100 US. **Hannon:** They are going to be two-ring shows? **DelaBar:** Two or three rings, depending upon – **Hannon:** Alright, but it's going to small. **DelaBar:** Yes, it's going to be a small show. These seem to be working very well in Finland. **Hannon:** Alright, so you made a motion. Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

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

**Hannon:** One more thing. Annette has been very good about doing our notes that we publish. After the next meeting, Annette's not going to be on the board because she's not running for re-election. I need somebody, not tonight, but somebody needs to step up to the plate and offer to take over and put out some notes on what went on, so we can get the word out within the next day or two after board meetings.

**Hannon:** If there's nothing else, we will adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary

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

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

**16-023**            ***CFA v. Green, Jean and Hall, Elizabeth***

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

***GUILTY.*** Sentence of restitution to complaining party in the sum of \$2,611.00 and a pay a single fine of \$500.00 to CFA. Both the fine and restitution to be paid within 30 days or Respondents shall each be suspended from all CFA services until both are paid in full. [vote sealed]

**17-002**            ***CFA v. Zhang Zhen Hau (Edison)***

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

***Violation of Show Rule 11.08***

***GUILTY.*** Sentence of 500.00 fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid within 30 days, Respondent to be suspended until the fine is paid. [vote sealed]