

2018 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
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(37) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

President Mark Hannon called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Hannon: I'm calling the meeting to order. Will everybody please sit down. Please have a seat. We're ready to start. I need some quiet in here so you can hear everybody. We're going to start off with a prayer from Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell.

Miksa-Blackwell: This moment of prayer was started by George Summerville, as he would run up the aisle right now saying, "Come, come, we must pray before we begin!" This prayer is in his honor. Before George passed the came to me and he said, "Please make sure that this continues to happen," and so I stand before you not just on that request, although that was the reason it began, but because in these halls with us today are all the people that came before us for the past 100 years, and they made CFA what it is today. We are here because of their dedication to their breeding programs and their dedication to CFA. We are here today making a future for CFA. One day, we will sit in those halls with the others and hopefully what we will form here today provides for a future that is on the map and is prospering. So, let's just right now take a moment and pause. For the people we've lost this year, let's just silently remember them. Thank you. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. I pray dear God that in this day, this hour, that everything that happens today will go forward into our future. I pray for mighty blessings upon CFA, I pray that you would guide us step by step in the right direction. I give honor and thanks and glory unto you. In Jesus' name I pray.

Hannon: Thank you Jo Ann.

(38) REGION 7 WELCOME.

Hannon: Next we have the Southern Regional Director, Jean Dugger. **Dugger:** Hello everyone, and thank you for coming from all around the world. It is my privilege and honor as Southern Regional Director to welcome all of you to my birthplace, Atlanta, Georgia. Thank you for coming. I don't have much, but I want to acknowledge a couple things. There are so many people that helped and did everything to make this thing come together. First, I have to tell you about some of the things in your bag, in case any of you don't know exactly what it is. These are binoculars. I know you all know that part, but I know we've all been at a cat show where we can't tell what our number is way the heck on the other side of the show hall, so Charlene Monroe said, "you know, a long time ago we had these little binoculars and we kept them in our show bag and that was a perfect way to look at the rings." We thought it was such a cool idea we said yeah, we've got to do that. We'll get them into the bag. So, that's what those are for. I know our young cat fanciers may not need them but I do. The other thing I want to tell you about is, this little fan that's in here, it says it's for Eve Russell's fans. I know and many of you know that she's not doing well at all. The National Alliance of Burmese Breeders, which mainly has to do with Connie Wardlaw and Priscilla, I think it was their idea, but they wanted to get a little remembrance to put in your bags to remember that Eve Russell is here with us now and she will always be with us. [applause] Anyway, I know everybody thinks that putting on an annual is really hard, and I thought that was the last thing I had to do and it's going to be really hard and I'm worried about it, but it really wasn't and the reason was the first thing that I did was, Allene asked me, "who do you want to be your annual chairperson?" and the first person I thought of was Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell because there is no better organizer. There's all this stuff that's been put together and all these people. Basically Jo Ann is in the background herding us all on in. You know what herding cats is like. Well, she did pretty good. So, Jo Ann was our chair and she has been responsible overall for so much of this. Then I must acknowledge our Vendor Coordinator, but she's so much more than that. She organized the Peach Suite. Her mother Sandy did all the cooking. Lisa Highlan is our rock star in the Cotton States club and also here. I hope you have had a chance to go over there and see all the stuff in there last night. Go thank Lisa and her mom. They are awesome. And then, I know you guys know Teresa's been regional secretary for a while and she was mine for the last four years. Teresa honestly kept up with everything. If we said, "what did we talk about three weeks ago?" Teresa would say wait a minute, and she would go and dig and she would come up and tell us. Teresa does so much more than that. She's such an asset to CFA, but she certainly is for the Southern Region. So, thank you Teresa for everything. I know Charlene Monroe, like I said, and Elaine Frye, they basically coordinated the delegate bags, along with Trish who went around and beat everybody's head and said, "please put something in the delegate bags." We were worried. You know how people are at cat shows at the last minute? Well, the delegate bags were at the last minute. We got it done and it's so amazing how cat people can do stuff when they come together. So, let me just acknowledge just a few other people real quick. We have Pat Lichtenberg who is here helping set up, Ann Stroppe, Mary Myers and Tim Wilson. Those decorations that you all are going to see tonight and if you saw the Peach Suite, thank Connie Wardlaw. Connie Wardlaw has coordinated decorations. Connie is amazing, so please if you have a chance and see her in the hall, thank her and Priscilla for their hard work in pulling this together. We had fundraising. Karen Boyce, our treasurer, did a phenomenal job with fundraising. So many of you bought those peach pins. Thank you on behalf of the Southern Region. That's what made a whole lot of this possible. Jo Ann sold pins. Kenny Currie went out and commandeered money and did all kinds of great fundraising for us in

the background to make all this happen. Of course, Lisa Highlan, Jennifer Herr, Sarah Seiffert, Dave and Shirley Peet. They have been raffling – dragging it around for a couple months and thank heavens they did that. I don't know if I missed anybody. If I missed anybody, I apologize. In this book, please thank every one of these people because they did such an awesome job. So, if you all have any questions about Atlanta or anything, I can help you. I'm here. I've got on peach like I was supposed to, and thank you Rachel for wearing our color. Anyway, thank you all very much for being here and I hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you.

Hannon: Thank you Jean.

(39) PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND MESSAGE.

President Mark Hannon provided the following welcome message:

Hannon: On behalf of the CFA Board of Directors, I would like to welcome each of you to the 2018 CFA Annual Meeting. My hope is that this event will be one you enjoy and remember for a long time.

We select the sites for these Annual meetings five years in advance. Five years ago the Regions were in charge of these meetings and today CFA has taken over much of the work previously performed by the Regions. In 2013 Tracy Petty was the Southern Regional Director and she was involved in the site selection. This hotel, and Atlanta, have proven to be a great venue for our event. Thank you, Tracy, for helping us find such a wonderful location. Here at the hotel, there are lots of things to do including meetings, hospitality parties and hanging out with friends, both old and new. While you are here, I encourage you to also get out of the hotel to experience some of what Atlanta has to offer. Too often we attend cat shows and events in terrific cities yet do not take advantage of what these cities have to offer. Atlanta is one of America's great cities. See more of it than this lovely hotel.

There has been a tremendous amount of work done to bring this Annual about. CFA now manages our Annuals and an important figure in accomplishing this is our Special Events Coordinator, Allene Tartaglia. Allene receives a lot of support from our staff at the Central Office including our Executive Director, Terri Barry, and CFA's Deputy Director, Verna Dobbins. Many of you dealt with another CFA employee, Sean Dobbins, who handles club dues, membership lists, delegate forms, and ballots. Sean is also here this weekend.

While our Regions no longer run these Annual Meetings, we rely on lots of help from the host Region and this year the Southern Region's efforts were coordinated by Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell with her extremely talented crew of workers. Many thanks to both the Central Office and the Southern Region for all they did this year.

These opening remarks are often similar to a State of the Union message. What did we accomplish this past year and what can you expect in the coming year?

As our Treasurer will soon tell you in detail, we had a great year. We turned a profit of \$567,563 last year. A year ago I stood up here and told you CFA just had the best profit in its history. Well, this year we did even better.

During the recently wrapped show season, CFA registered more cats and held more shows than the previous year. The increase in registrations resulted in our hiring additional staff to keep those registrations being processed as accurately and quickly as possible. More than 80% of our registrations are accomplished online, and almost of them are processed within 24 hours – often even faster. I can remember 4 years ago when I was first elected CFA President, it was literally taking months to register a cat. Thanks to our terrific staff and improvements in our computer system, that's been turned around.

We held 377 shows last year which is an increase of about 25 shows over the previous show season. We realize many of our clubs are having a difficult time covering the costs to

produce these shows and CFA has several sponsorships available to help provide financial assistance to our clubs. Clubs can receive \$1,000 simply by asking. Just complete a simple form and submit it to our Central Office. If a club is adding a show to the schedule, they can qualify for up to an additional \$1,000. We are also encouraging clubs to work with shows produced by TICA, ACFA and other associations to help share some of the expenses. The first few clubs to submit such a request can qualify for yet another \$1,000. All of this is a significant outlay of money from CFA to help our clubs financially. We are in the business of registering cats and our cat shows are our most important marketing tool. This is an opportunity for the public to see our cats in person, not just in online videos and through social media. Many visitors to our shows comment that they had no idea there were so many breeds. Our exhibitors hopefully take the time to chat with our spectators and explain the unique aspects of their breed, the personality traits, and what living with that breed is like. If we are effective at marketing our cats, some of these visitors to our shows will add a pedigreed cat, or another cat, to their family.

An important aspect to CFA's success is our staff. Hiring staff in a small town like Alliance, Ohio, can be a challenge. As our business grows, we're adding staff to keep up with the demand of our increased workload. Within the past two months we hired some new employees. One is our Marketing PR person Desiree Bobby. Desiree is here with us today. Desiree, can you stand up so everybody can see who you are? [applause] Desiree is from Michigan. She works from home and she also breeds Sphynx and Lykoi. So, if you have any great ideas for marketing CFA, that's the lady you want to chat with. We are adding a supervisory position in the registration area, and we added a new person in the IT area. We're going to keep an eye on workloads and adjust our staffing needs accordingly.

IT Committee chair Tim Schreck, James Simbro, our IT Support and Systems Administrator, and Kathy Durdick, our webmistress, have had a busy year. This year we added the ability to vote online and 65% of you took advantage of that. We added improvements in many areas that you are likely never to notice, but that included our Entry Clerk software.

Starting last month, Bengals were advanced to Championship status which resulted in some large Bengal classes at our shows and some Grands. We also accepted two new breeds for registration status: the Lykoi and the Khao Manee, which will be shown in the Miscellaneous Class. Congratulations to all three breeds and welcome to CFA. [applause]

As most of you know, much of CFA's growth has been in Asia. China, in particular, has seen incredible growth. I note we have delegates and visitors here today from Asia. Welcome to each of you! With that growth comes responsibility for CFA to help our customers there. We have translated some of our material, such as the Show Rules, into Chinese with hopes of translating more material in the coming year. We were experiencing problems shipping show supplies to our Chinese shows and thanks to assistance from Suki Lee in Hong Kong, we are now having better results. Thank you, Suki! [applause] CFA has also sent a representative to a number of shows in China to assist them in understanding our rules and insuring compliance with those rules. Peg Johnson has been that rep for the past year and will continue to do so in the coming year. Peg is with us today so take a chance to chat with her about her experiences in China. Peg served for ten years as the Southern Regional Director, so she has a great deal of experience to share with our Chinese exhibitors and club members.

Let me wrap this up by congratulating our Region in Japan. 25 years ago they became CFA's 8th Region, our first region outside of North America. They have proven to be a valuable asset to CFA. Join me in a round of applause for Japan in achieving this milestone. [applause]
This afternoon's break is in honor of Japan.

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

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

Hannon: There are 609 CFA clubs as of June 1st. We require 50% representation in order to have a quorum. A quorum would be 305 clubs and we have 355 actually seated delegates, so we have a quorum present. [Secretary's Note: The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 364 out of 382 eligible to vote.]

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
44 Gatti	DelaBar, Pam
Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club	Fry, Elaine
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Hess, Shirley
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Newkirk, Darrell
Abyssinian Society of The South	Andrews, Donna
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Munro, Charlene
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Webb, Russell
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Blees, Trish
Alouette Cat Club	Dodds, Nancy T.
Amarillo Cat Fanciers	McCullough, Steve
American Manx Club	Dinesen, Cathy
American Shorthair Club	Cao, Kai Gavin
American Tabby and Tortie	Carson, Wendy
Americans In Paradise	Webster, Howard R.
Americans West	Johnson, Carol W., DVM
Ancient Capital Cat Society	Maeda, Edward Minoru
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Barbara
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Bassett, Pamela J.
Arklahoma Feline Fanciers	Bassett, Pamela J.
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Munro, Mac
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Land, Jim
Basic Black Cat Club	Calhoun, Kathy
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Zink, Sheryl
Birmingham Feline Fanciers	Steadham, Cindy
Black Diamond Cat Club	Nowell, Kristin
Bluff City Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Zottoli, Jeri
Bonita Cat Fanciers	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Brazos Valley Cat Club	Hinton, Donna
British Shorthair Cat Club Japan	Dalton, Tracey
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Faust, Sandra
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Goatseay, Edward
Burmese South Cat Club	Faust, Sandra
Burmilla Enthusiast of America	Mohr, Stephanie
Butler Cat Fanciers	Carson, Jeff

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Cable Car Cats	Reding, Jennifer
California Silver Fanciers	Webster, Howard R.
Call of the Wild	Webster, John
Canton Hall of Fame Cat Club	Bartley, Jon
CanUsa Cat Club	Baugh, Loretta
Capital Cat Fanciers	Peet, David J.
Carolina Sophisticats	Brown, S. Jean
Cascade Cat Fanciers	Belfatto, Robert V.
Cat Advocates & Troupers Society	Roose, Adilah
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Lane, Karen
Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand	Kallmeyer, Richard
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Ylinenpaa, Kaisa
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Honey, Ellyn
Cat Fanciers of Osaka	Deal, Peter
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Rutledge, Kathleen
Cat Friends of Germany	Schleissner, Michael Hans
Cat Nation Fanciers	Colilla, Bethany
Cat-H-Art	Attard, Romain
Cat'n on the Fox	Phillips, Monte
Cat's Incredible Inc.	Land, Jim
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	Schmitt, Krista
Cats Ink	Coleman, Cheryl
Cats Kansas City	Keating, Allene
Cats N Cats	Rosol, Alice
Cats of the Rising Sun	Crawford, Vanadis
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Miller, Robert
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Bartley, Linda S.
Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers	Herman, Leslie
Champagne Cat Club	Chaney, Camelle
Chartreux International	Starbuck, Emily Orca
Chatte Noir Club	Gonano, Hope
China Cat Fanciers	Pang, Ruixuan
China Purepet Club	Zhang, He
China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club	Chen, Yi Tong
Chocolate City Cat Club	Hannon, Mark
Cincinnati Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane
Classy Cats Society	Carr, Leslie Ann
Cleveland Persian Society	Mikita, Nancy
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Rivard, Pierre
Coastal Cat Club	Hinton, Donna
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Patricia Lichtenberg
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Peet, David
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Zenda, Robert
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Sieffert, Sarah C.

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Colonial Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Fick, Amanda
Columbia River Cat Club	Muck, Carroll
Comodo Cat Fanciers	Phillips, Monte
Continental Balinese Club	Goatseay, Ed
Cornish Rex Breed Club	Kuta, Lisa Marie
Cotton States Cat Club	Smith, Sallie
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Moser, Brian
Cow Hill Cat Club	Black, Kathy
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Peck, Cheryl
Crab And Mallet Cat Club	Peet, Shirley
Crafty Cat (the)	Sorokin, Grigory
Creative Cats Club	Brown, Roger
Crown City Cat Club	Dalton, Tracey
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Cymric Cat Club	Gomez, Payton
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Jensen, Vicki
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Devon Rex Breed Club	Peterson, Linda A.
Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers	Schleissner, Michael Hans
Domesti-Katz Cat Club	Belfatto, Robert V.
Dutch Purrpuss Club (the)	Currle, Kenny
Emerald Cat Club	Heidt, Wendy
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Bizzell, Carla
Enchanted Cat Fanciers	Cochran, Neil
European Burmese Cat Club	Yoakum, Elizabeth
European Shorthair Club	Currle, Kenny
Ever Green Cat Club	Deal, Peter
Exotic Breeders	Gonano, Hope M.
Exotic Cat Club Japan	Koizumi, Kayoko
Eyes of Texas Cat Club	Willis, Karen
Fancy That Cat Club	Auth, Mary
Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Vanwonderghem, Peter
Feline Forum of Greater New York	Land, Teresa
Felinus International	Vanwonderghem, Peter
Finicky Felines Society	Yoders-Dey, Joy
Flamingo Cat Fanciers	Goltzer, Robert
Foot of The Rockies Cat Club	Allen, Trudie
Fort Worth Cat Club	Altschul, Leesa
Fraser Valley All Breed Cat Club	Grant-Field, Beth
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Dubit, Robert
Fresno Cat Club (the)	Kuta, Lisa Marie
Friendly Int'l	Shimada, Yukiko
Friends & Family	Rogers, Jan

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Kempf, Joyce E.
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Wolf, Janet C.
Gasparilla Feline Friends	Belfatto, Diana
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Calhoun, Kathy
GEMS	Coughlan, Laurie
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Johnson Lawrence, Carmen
German Catwalk	Aaltonen, Tuija
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce
Golden West Cat Club	Allgire, Debbie
Grand Canyon Cat Club	Smith, Larry
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Quigley, Neil
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Auspitz, Martha
Great Lakes Great Maines	Chaney, Joel
Great River Cat Fanciers	Grant-Field, Beth
Great West China Cat Fanciers	Cao, Kai Gavin
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Sieffert, Sarah C.
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	Dinesen, James
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Coughlan, Laurie
Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers	Moser, Brian
Greater St. Louis Cat Club	Shimada, Yukiko
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Griffin, Yvonne
Hair of the Cat	Thoele, Craig
Half Moon Cat Club	Hoffmeister, Margaret
Hallmark Cat Club	Mastin, Richard
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Altschul, Mike
Happy Trails Cat Club	Nye, Vicki
Havana Brown Fanciers	Herman, Alicia
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Abrams, Charlee DC
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Huff, Toni
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Knight, Lyn
High Plains Cat Club	Galloway, Becky
High Sierra Cat Club	Hess, Shirley
Hill Country Cat Fanciers	Brown, Nancy L.
Hong Kong Black Cat Club	Low, Yin Ling Phebe
Hotlanta Cat Club	Dugger, Jean B.
Houston Cat Club	Galloway, Becky
Hudson Valley Cat Club	Adelhoch, John
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Altschul, Carissa
Huntsville Cat Club	Fry, Larry
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Moser, Pam
Illini Cat Club	Auth, Mary
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Degolyer, Rick
International Egyptian Mau Society	Fowler, Timothy

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
International Havana Brown Society	Friemoth, Shelby A.
International Scottish Fold Ass'n	Bertrand, Kay
Japan Cat Fanciers	Koizumi, Kayoko
Japan Dancing Cat Club (the)	Dubit, Claire
Japan Shaded Fancier's	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Jardin Des Korats	Goedert, Frederic
Jazz Kats	Schreck, Barbara
Jiminy Christmas Cat Club	Chaney, Camelle
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	Colilla, Bethany
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Mathis, Anne
Just Cats N' Us	Lee, Suki
Katnip Kat Klub	Shi, Allen
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Auspitz, Norman
Keystone Cat Fanciers	Deal, Elizabeth
Keystone Kat Klub	Keiger, Teresa
Kino Kat Klub	Jaeger, Barbara A.
Kittyhawk Felines	Barie, Kitty
Kyoto Skylark Cat Club	Wiedemeier, Donna
Lakes Country Cat Fanciers	Sogge, Pamela
Lance and Bertha Cat Fanciers	Bridges, Betty
Land of Oz Cat Club	Altschul, Carissa
Las Vegas Cat Club	Honey, Ellyn
Last Chance Cat Fanciers International	Zhao, Ji Hong
Length & Lack if it Cat Fanciers	Cochran, Neil
Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty	Warrens, Carol
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	Archibald, N. Jill
Lilac Point Fanciers	Kolencik, Mary
Lincoln Cat Club	Wood, Beverly A.
Lincoln State Cat Club	Charles, Jim
Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers	Charles, Susan
Lincoln State Shorthair Society	Rupy, Leann
Lone Star Cat Club	Janzen, Jeff
Long and Short of it Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy
Long Island Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.
Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders	Weihrauch, Bobbie
Los Colores Cat Club	Shelton, Michael
Mad Catters (the)	Coleman, Perry D.
Magic City Cat Club	Conde, Marilyn E.
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Averill-Martin, Julie
Maine Coon Cat Club	Wiedemeier, Tony
Make Mine Mink	Wong, Matthew
Malibu Cat Club	Byrd, Cynthia
Manx Ltd.	Osburn, Linda J.
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Byrd, Cynthia

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Mark and Linda	Hannon, Mark
Mark Twain Feline Fanciers	Newkirk, Darrell
Masters Cat Club (the)	Murphy, Susan
McKenzie River Cat Club	Hollister, Lori
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Auspitz, Martha
Metropolitan Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Miami Florida Cat Fanciers	Webster, John
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin
Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers	Chaney, Joel
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	Colilla, John
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Jackson, Kirk
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Search, Lynn K.
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Mathis, Anne
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Cornwall, Jo
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Dinesen, Cathy
Monroe Shorthair Club	Crisman, Pat
Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers	Peet, Shirley
Moonport Cat Club	Fogarty, Carol J.
Morris and Essex Cat Club	Fellerman, Geraldine
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Krzanowski, Carol
Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers	Doe, Linda S.
Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club	Easum, Darlen
Muskogee Cat Club	Janzen, Jeff
Nashville Cat Club	Hosford, Brenda R.
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Lane, Karen
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Baylor, Vivian
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club	Roy, Sharon
National American Shorthair Club	Johnson, Carol W, DVM
National Birman Fanciers	Zottoli, Jeri
National Colorpoints & Orientals	Nye, Vicki
National Maine Coon Cat Club (the)	Allen, Trudie
National Siamese Cat Club	Bingham, Ann Marie
New England Meow Outfit	Zinck, Iris
New Hampshire Feline Fanciers	Rivard, Pierre
New Millennium Cat Club	Shelton, Michael
New River Cat Fanciers	Search, Lynn K.
New Vision Cat Club	Nolte, Rich
Nishi Nihon Cat Club	Fowler, Tim
North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers	Wilde, Brenda
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Warrens, Carol
North Texas Cat Club	Noble, Paula
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc	Archibald, N. Jill
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy
Ocala Cat Club	Williams, Donald

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Ocicat Society	Allgire, Jerry
Ocicats of North America	Wagner, Mike
Ohio State Persian Club	Friemoth, Lorna
Oregon Cats, Inc.	Parker, Deborah
Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier	Shi, Allen
Oriental Shorthairs of America	Anger, Rachel
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Altschul, Mike
Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers	Wilson, Timothy
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Chuck
Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club	Isenberg, Bruce
Paumanok Cat Fanciers	Lee, Suki
Pawprints in the Sand	Wickle, Jennifer
Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers	Anger, Rachel
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Helmrich, Hilary
Persians On Parade	Abelson, Vicki
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Kallmeyer, Richard
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Campbell, Charlene
Pocahontas Cat Club	Deal, Elizabeth
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Rogers, Sharon
Portland Cat Club	Parker, Deborah
Puget Sound Cat Club	Hollister, Janet
Quad City Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy
Queen City Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane
Rainbow Plumes	Jimenez, Carolyn
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Coleman, Cheryl
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Thomas, Karen
Responsible Cat Fanciers of the Northwest	Bertrand, Kay
Rip City Cats	Clark, Marianne
Rolandus Cat Club	Rosol, Alice
Rome Cat Forum	Carr, Leslie Ann
Rose City Cat Fanciers	Griffin, Yvonne
Royal All Breed Cat Club	Allgire, Debbie
Russian Blue Fanciers	Ramey, Jane
Russian Blue West	Fuller, Donna J.
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Brubacher, Joann
Saintly City Cat Club	Weihrauch, Bobbie
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Miller, Joan
San Francisco Revelers	Fuller, Donna J.
Sanguine Silver Society	Wilson, Erin
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	DeFoe, Sandi
Seacoast Cat Club	Rees, Gail
Seneca Cat Fanciers	Johnson Lawrence, Carmen
Shorthairs Unlimited	Bridges, Betty

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Siam Blue-Eyed Cat Fanciers	Ruengruglikit, Chate
Siamese Alliance of America	Brady, Kathryn
Siamese Fanciers	Zaden, Sibyl
Sign of The Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Sofistocated Felines	Wong, Matthew
Sophisto Cat Club	DelaBar, Pam
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy
Southeastern Persian Society	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Indiana Longhair Society	Jackson, Candilee
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Schmitt, Krista
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Reding, Jennifer
Space Coast Cat Club	Belfatto, Diana
Sphinx Without Borders	Watson, Liz
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Zink, Sheryl
Steel City Kitties	McBane, Marilyn
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Quigley, Neil
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Colilla, Ronna
Straight and Curl Cat Club	Jimenez, Carolyn
Sun Kyoto Cat Club	Dubit, Claire
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Maeda, Edward Minoru
Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers'	Parker, Clinton
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Jacobberger, Pat
Sunshine Cat Fanciers	Abelson, Vicki
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Benzer, Julie A.
Tabby Fanciers of America	Rothermel, Diana
Tails And No Tales Cat Club	Cordes Brown, Jo Ann
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	Dodds, Nancy T.
Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	Crawford, Vanadis
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc	Pendleton, Pennie
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Black, Kathy
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Brady, Kathryn
The Bengal Alliance	Kerr, Samantha
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Watson, Liz
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Zaden, Sibyl
Tokyo Cat Fanciers	Summers, Patricia
Tonkinese Breed Association	Martino, Linda
Tonkinese East	Parker, Clinton
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Koppel, Kadri
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers	Wood, Beverly
Treasure Coast Cat Club	Miksa-Blackwell, Jo Ann
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Newcomb, Brad
Tropical Cats	Fogarty, Carol J.
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Deladi, Susan L.

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
UK Cat Fanciers	Knueppel, Ulrike
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers	Petty, Tracy
United Feline Odyssey	Law, Russell
United Persian Society	Dunham, Catherine
United Silver And Golden Fanciers	Wilson, Erin
United Singapura Society	Newcomb, Lily
Up In Smoke Society	Lichtenberg, Patricia
Utah Cat Fanciers	Cutchen, Erin
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.
Vermont Fancy Felines	Rivard, Lorraine C.
Victor Valley Cat Club (the)	Huff, Toni
Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	McCullough, Steve
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Adelhoch, John
Wenatchee Valley Cat Club	Moser, Pam
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Munro, Charlene
West Shore Shorthair Club	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Westchester Cat Club	Friemoth, John
Western Reserve Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.	Kempf, Joyce E.
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Riley, Sue
Willamette Valley Cat Club	Gomez, Debi
William Penn Cat Club	Krzanowski, Carol
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Keating, Allene
Yun Nan Love Cats Team Club	Wang, Da Ke

(41) **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2017 MINUTES.**

Hannon: I need a motion to approve the minutes from last year's annual meeting.
DelaBar: So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

Belfatto: No. **Hannon:** The motion carried anyway. **Anger:** Thank you.

(42) **APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING.**

Hannon: I am appointing John Randolph, our attorney, as the parliamentarian for this meeting.

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

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

Hannon: Rachel is going to read us the parliamentary procedures. **Anger:** My goal every year is to be quick and not get on the Silver Slip of the Lip club. Eve isn't here but I know she has people here. Be warned. I have 8 fascinating items here to go over:

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

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Hannon: Thank you Rachel.

(44) 2019 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE.

Hannon: Next is Allene Tartaglia. She is going to talk about next year's Annual and the one 5 years from now being selected. **Tartaglia:** Good morning everyone. We return to the North Atlantic Region for CFA's 2019 Annual Meeting. The Turning Stone Resort in upstate New York will be hosting our meeting the week of June 24th. As you will see from this video, the Turning Stone is an all-in-one destination with a casino and a multitude of dining options and entertainment.

[A video presentation was given, showing the highlights of the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, Verona, New York]

Tartaglia: I look forward to returning to the birthplace of CFA and working with the North Atlantic Region.

(45) 2023 ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION.

Tartaglia: Now, let's fast forward to 2023 and the Southwest Region. A wide array of cities and hotels were contacted, and of those which responded, the Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tucson areas offered the most attractive packages to CFA. Site visits were conducted the first week in March, and the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa was selected. After watching the next video, I hope you will be as excited as I am about experiencing Tucson in 2023.

[A video presentation was given, showing the highlights of the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Tucson, Arizona]

Tartaglia: For those of you who were around the last time we were in Tucson, it is not the same property. That was the Sheraton El Conquistador Tucson, so this is a very different type of property. You will really like it. It's in 2023. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Allene. For those of you who aren't aware, Allene is our coordinator of Special Projects. She pretty much runs the Annual and the International Show, and any other special projects we may come up with. Allene has been with us a long time.
[applause applause]

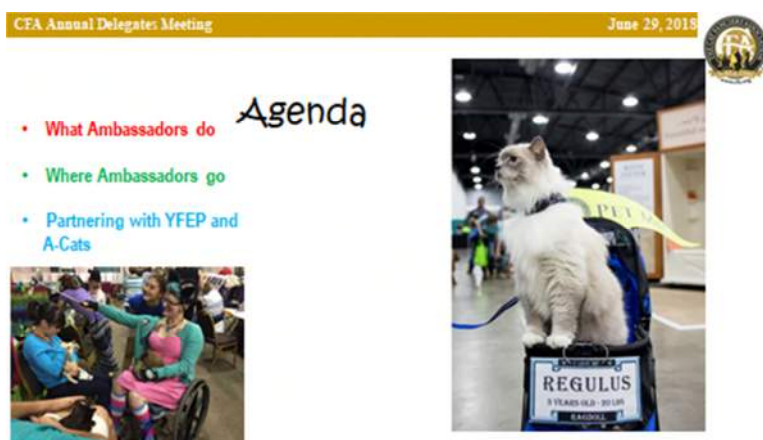
Hannon: We have limited fundraising to only two groups, since we didn't think you would appreciate being hit up every time you turned around, but I want to mention those two groups. They are both in the back of the room. We have CFA's Animal Welfare group in that corner and, for next year's annual back in this corner, we have a group of people that have a raffle going to raise money for next year's Annual at the Turning Stone Resort. Winn Foundation asked me to announce the winner of the Amazon certificate for \$100. The winner is Barbara Cole.

(46) **CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.**

Hannon: Next on the agenda is Candilee Jackson, who is going to talk to us about the Ambassador Program.



Jackson: Good morning everybody. This is kind of interesting, because I can't see with my glasses on and I can't see with my glasses off, so this is exciting. I'm very, very grateful to be able to stand before you today. A lot has gone on in my life the last couple of years and to say that I'm grateful to God and my family and my friends is an understatement. You never get in touch with your mortality until you've had open heart surgery and I feel wonderful. Thank you. [applause] We as ambassadors have grown so much in the past several years. We are everywhere, but basically we're not just in show halls any longer.



Jackson: As I have indicated, we've been very busy. We're busy doing, going and partnering with other CFA programs to insure that our Ambassador Program grows and spreads its wings to learn new things and educate people.

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What Ambassadors Do within CFA

- Guide, listen and educate in show halls
- Grief Counseling
- Provide therapy cats to various venues: schools, hospitals, senior living centers
- Assist in library reading programs
- Encourage spectators to become newbies
- Recruit kids to become ambassadors
- Distribute CFA educational materials







Jackson: So, what are we busy doing? In show halls, we are active in welcoming the gate, educating spectators on breeds, grooming and generally listening to tons of kitty stories that our new friends have to share in the show hall. Next and probably the most difficult thing the ambassadors do is offer grief counseling. Many of these people have lost a beloved kitty companion of 15-19-23 years. Being an ambassador is not for the faint of heart. Often these people come into the show hall looking for somebody who understands. “It’s just a cat, what’s your problem, get over it,” but as an ambassador we know what it’s all about and they will tell you their stories. Many of us have therapy cats who spend hours of quality times in schools, helping special needs kids practice and then work towards state testing, and learning difficult learning opportunities. Some of us take our fur kids to the library to work with the youngest of the library patrons as they are practicing their reading skills to your very interested felines. We distribute CFA educational materials on what’s happening in the show hall, declawing education and other items of interest. We encourage spectators and new kitty parents to become exhibitors, thereby growing the Household Pet and Premiership classes. Lastly, we recruit junior ambassadors from scout troop members and children of exhibitors. It’s never too early to start your life in CFA.

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Where Are Our Ambassadors?

We’re NOT just in show halls any more!!!

- Libraries
- Schools
- Senior Facilities
- Community Programs

Jackson: Where can you find us? You can find us everywhere. Besides the show hall, we’re in libraries helping with SitStayRead programs, and if you’ve never told a cat to stay and have it work, it does. We are highly visible at our schools for special needs students and we provide therapy programs at job fairs, models for the art department in drawing and painting

classes. Therapy cat and kitten visits help destress our advance placement students who are taking rigorous college curriculums along with their advanced high school curriculum. They also work with your cat's computer skills. We are in a variety of senior citizen facilities, from independent to skilled nursing centers, where our cats are found on patient beds and residents' arms. It's not unusual to find a therapy cat purring silently during a chemo treatment, and not just for kids – for us big kids, too. Our ever-petting fur companions can make those lengthy infusion times just a little bit easier. Lastly, we are in your community. Look for us at rotary meetings, optimist meetings, educating on feline care, nutrition and declawing. At your next community festival or homecoming, you just might find a CFA booth set up for Pet Me cats. The best place to find us in the community at large is at pet expos and CatCon in Los Angeles.



Jackson: One of the highlights this year has been partnering with two long-standing CFA programs. Under the direction of Carmen Johnson-Lawrence of the Youth Feline Education Program, your ambassadors have added junior ambassadors, a program just for kids 7-18. If you're interested in having your child become a part of this program, just drop me an email. Additionally, the Ambassadors are proud to be the distribution vehicle for the A Cat Coloring Book. This educational device was the brain child of the A Cat Program director Karen Lane, and we are so thrilled to be a part of this. We can't seem to keep these on hand, and at most shows they're gone by noon on the first day.



Jackson: I can't complete this lecture without thanking my board liaison, Pam DelaBar, and my core committee – Art Graafmans, Alene Shafnisky and Diane Coppola – for hand-

holding when I need it and for great ideas that make what we do easier and more fun. Thank you also to Donna Fuji, who is my own private Hawaii Five-0 connection who keeps us up to date with things going on in paradise. Many thank you's to Phebe Low. I have to say this of Phebe because she left her directorship of the ID division three years ago, but she still comes up with reports because there's no one else to do it. Thank you Phebe. Arigato to my Japanese connection Masanari and Takako Kojima, who always have their region report in to me every month without me even asking. It has been so wonderful to watch their English language skills grow. So, arigato. My regional coordinators are phenomes. Thank you to Chris June, Meghan Noecker and Sherry Miller for keeping me on the straight and narrow, complete with wonderful ideas and exciting things to do. They are always asking the right questions. "Are there more materials that I can hang up?" "Are there more things to pass out?" Thank you ladies for your willingness to help. So, as Duncan the Tonkinese says on FaceBook, "Thank Mew."

Hannon: Thank you Candilee.

(47) **MARKETING.**

Hannon: Next up we're going to have Mary Auth, who is going to talk to us about CFA's Marketing Program.

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CFA Marketing




- Goals
 - Grow customer base
 - Position CFA as a world leader
 - Strengthen CFA brand domestically and abroad

CFA marketing overview 1

Auth: Good morning, and good morning Desiree, not that I finally see you. I haven't actually met you yet. We've had lots of conversations on the phone and via email and text. I've been the Chair of the Marketing Committee for the last year and we're going to get really rocking and rolling here, especially now with Desiree on board. We've set some goals for ourselves, which of course include growing CFA's customer base from wherever that might be, and ideas come from everywhere. This morning someone walked up to me – it was Howard Webster – and he said, "Why don't we look at 4H as a possible customer base?" So, you know what? That's another idea. That's one of the things here, is that we're all part of and have the same goal is to grow CFA, and so we welcome ideas from all different directions. We want to be sure that we position CFA as a world leader, and to strengthen our brand domestically and internationally. We sometimes take for granted how important we are, and that we could easily fall through the cracks but we're not going to let that happen. We're going to make sure that we continue to strengthen our brand and make sure that CFA-registered cats are the most valuable ones in the world.

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Strategies



- Increase number of household pet recording
- Support shows
- Encourage new exhibitors
- Elevate the value of CFA-registered cats
- Bridge gap between rescue and pedigree markets

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Auth: We'll do that through a number of strategies, and that is not necessarily in the order that you see it on the slide here, but it is to continue the support of the shows with

sponsorships, encourage new exhibitors. We're going to work with the NewBee Program to make that happen. Of course, elevate the value of CFA-registered cats, and be sure to include rescue cats, too, because that's an important market for us relative to public relations.

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Marketing Tactics

- Ramp up social marketing
 - Daily Facebook posts
 - Instagram
 - Google AdWord campaigns
 - Partner with eZines, Bloggers, Cat-Centric sites
 - Pinterest




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Auth: Our marketing tactics, you'll probably already be aware of what Desiree has rocking and rolling on the social media stuff. Mike Altschul described her this morning as "lightening in a bottle" and I think that's really appropriate because she has ideas that snap and she's out there doing it, particularly ramping up our social media with daily FaceBook posts, some exposure on Instagram. We have a Google AdWord campaign that's starting up, and then one of the things that I think is important to really advance our exposure in the market is, we partner with some eZines, bloggers and cat-centric websites. And of course Pinterest.

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Marketing Tactics

- New and updated videos
 - Generic b-roll for clubs to provide to local media for show PR
 - Greater YouTube presence
 - Educational basis (i.e. how to show a cat; how to get the most out of your cat show visit)

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Auth: Other tactics include updated and new videos. Just as an FYI, I will be at the Birman show in St. Louis the first weekend in August with a videographer. One of the first things we're going to be doing is creating b-roll for clubs to use on their FaceBook pages, to give to media for television, that sort of thing when they go to promote their shows. As a result then, we'll ramp up our YouTube presence. And then also we have some old videos out there that we're going to update on educational videos on how to show a cat, and then yesterday in the judges' seminar and the board meeting we learned that video would be a very good medium to help our guest judges and our foreign-speaking judges to learn better how to hang the ribbons and stuff. I've asked Ronna Colilla to help me with that. Video is a coming media – well, it's

been here but we're just now getting on the bandwagon with it, but it's going to be an important way for us to reach out to people.

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Marketing Tactics

- **Focus group** – make web site more intuitive
- **Breed poster** – distribute widely
- **New exhibitor package** (in conjunction with Newbee program)
- **News releases** regularly issued



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Auth: Also, as a marketing professional myself, I'm a big believer in research, so one of the things that I asked the board to budget was a focus group specifically to make our website was intuitive as possible. We'll get going on that here fairly shortly, and then Mark had suggested that we update our breed poster and use that as a marketing tool. I talked with Teresa Keiger on the NewBee Program so that we can pair those together, and then other opportunities, as well. The Foundation has an opportunity – not the Winn Foundation but the Museum – to do some marketing, as well.

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Marketing Tactics

- **Paid advertising**
 - Catster Magazine
 - 1/3 page in 3 issues
 - Print, digital, enewsletter
 - Breeder listing
 - Cat Talk (full page)





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Auth: Then you will start seeing paid advertising. We've made a commitment to *Catster*. We're going to buy 3 issues to start with, to see what kind of response we get in the print publication, but then we'll also have an electronic ad on their newsletter and on their breeder listing. CFA hasn't been there since – well, I don't know how long it's been but the last person was Roeann. The last time we had any kind of breeder listing in *Catster* was when Roeann was here, so we're going to get that resurrected right away. And then we have an audience that we get each month with *Cat Talk*, and so let's take advantage of that and actually advertise to ourselves.



Ideas?

dbobby@cfa.org

Auth: We welcome any ideas. Desiree Bobby, this is her email address. If you have any ideas, certainly reach out to her or myself, or share ideas with your regional directors that could filter the information back up to the Marketing Committee. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Mary. Unlike yesterday we're ahead of schedule. John Colilla, do you want to do your raffle? John's region has been selling raffle tickets for raising money for their Annual in 2022. **Colilla:** Before I draw the ticket, the Great Lakes Region wants to thank everybody who purchased a ticket. Good luck on this. Here is a \$500 gift card and here is \$500 cash. [Ronna grabs the cash] Hold on, don't grab my money. There's a 10% handling fee, OK? Here's the ticket. **Beth Feininger** wins the raffle. **Martha Auspitz:** She's working in another room. **Colilla:** All she has to do is bring the ticket so I can match it. Congratulations.

Hannon: OK. We're going to take a break until 10:30.

[BREAK]

(48) IT REPORT.

Hannon: I have a couple announcements to make. We need to lower the noise level. Delegate bags are for sale. For those of you who want an additional one, they are \$20. Tim over there in the corner in a blue shirt with musical instruments on it, guitars, etc., is selling them for \$20. Tim is our latest Southern Region Star award winner. Delegate check-in is still going on if you need to in the back of the room. You can pick up lunch tickets in the back of the room.

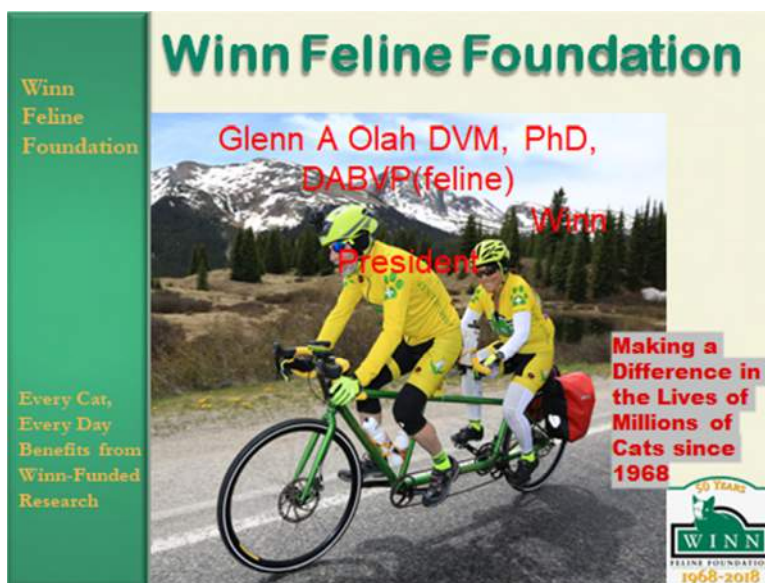
Hannon: Next up is the IT Committee with Tim Schreck. We never got to him yesterday. I'm glad we got to him today.

Schreck: Good morning everyone. First of all, I want to thank Mark for doing part of my presentation earlier about what we've done this year, so it will shorten this down just a little bit. Our major announcement at this point, which some of you may know, we have been looking to replace our software vendor. Working with the board, we have made a decision that we are going to go ahead with this. We actually have the transition scheduled for this July 10th and 11th. This will mean that CFA's central computer system will be down and there will be no access to eCats. I want you to understand we are doing this in the middle of the week and not on a weekend because we need the cooperation of two vendors and we want them both available in case there are any issues. So, ahead of time we are going to apologize for the inconvenience, but we really do hope to be back up and running within two days. We hope that from this point on that we can get some more of our solutions done and we can bring you better service. At this point, that's all I really have to tell you, so thank you. The only thing I will mention, if you do see a message that comes up that says *Server Down for Maintenance*, please don't call Central Office. We know. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Tim.

(49) WINN FELINE FOUNDATION.

Hannon: Next is the Winn Feline Foundation. Is that going to be Glen Olah?



Olah: *Every cat, every day benefits from Winn-funded research.* Do you all believe that? [yes] Yeah! You don't have to just believe, because it's a fact. You know, that is actually Winn's vision statement. I was thinking when I was going through and preparing this presentation that I don't have to say anything, I just have to advance each slide and just say, "every cat, every day benefits from Winn-funded research. It's a mantra. This is Team Winn. This is the Winn Tandem going up a mountain in Colorado. That's me and my wife going up Molas Pass just north of Durango. I guess that was pushing 12,000 feet. Anyway, it's fun and we represent Winn. Everybody is telling us, "there goes the cat guy," and then they ask about the red satchel. They go, "So what do you have in there? Do you have some cats in there? Do you have some beer?" Anyway, that was fun to do. This was like last May. Let's move on.



Olah: Now I'm going to tell you what our mission statement is. Actually, we had a strategic planning session this time last year, and we redefined our mission and our vision statement. The mission statement is, *Winn Feline Foundation advances feline health by supporting research and education*. So, the purpose of this slide is to see us supporting research. You can see our illustrious George down at the bottom. Karen, she is one of the reviewers on our review committee, and up on top are some reviewers and Brian and Steve Dale I think is in the mirror. That's sort of funny. Anyway, we had a board review session and grant review session in Portland, Oregon this past March. I'll have a couple slides on that in a minute. You'll see a lot of interesting studies were submitted. I think we had 44-46 proposals. Some were coming and going. A pretty intense day, to go through all these proposals and pick the ones we think are the right ones to support.



Olah: I'm going to say the mission statement again: *Winn Feline Foundation advances feline health by supporting research and education*. So don't forget the education part. There's no point in doing research unless people know what we can do for cats. That includes veterinarians, cat lovers, cat fanciers, whoever. We represent Winn at various functions – pet expos, cat shows, veterinary conferences and so on – and it's usually our illustrious executive director, Dr. Vickie Thayer and her husband Bob. I think they are actually in the front over here. [applause] Absolutely, yes. Thank you Vickie, thank you Bob. What else is up there that might be interesting to you? There was a young guy and his wife. They adopted a little kitten I think from just a pet shop and the cat developed FIP, the wet form, and the cat died. This young couple, Paul Castro I think his name was, but anyway the kitten died like 12 days after they adopted it. He is an aspiring movie director, she he actually produced the movie. I misspelled it here. It's actually Aeris A-E-R-I-S and that film has been shown in various venues. You should see it. Can you access that online? No, we can't at this point. Maybe some clips and that's about it. Anyway, it's really touching.

Olah: OK, part of our mission, right? Supporting education. This is the future. These two young women, and veterinarians and researchers like them, so when Winn does a collaboration, actually these two young persons Winn awarded scholarships in association with the AAFP – the American Association of Feline Practitioners. I think we started in 2016 where we now award two scholarships, one where an individual, a student, is interested in clinical practice. In this case, Nicole Rowbotham from Mississippi State, her dream or aspiration is to become board certified in feline medicine and own her own feline practice. Then on the bottom here, Courtney Meason-Smith from Texas A&M. I'm amazed by what I read in this woman's background. She is already doing research on diagnostic cryptococcosis and all these fungal things, so I find that really amazing. Drew is one of our board members over here. He's one of the persons that was involved in picking these students. Like him, I help with another scholarship that we offer with AVMF, and I'm not presenting that because we've just gone through that process, but it's amazing these young people how much depth they have. I'm not joking - \$200,000-\$300,000 coming out of vet school to become a vet because it's their passion. It's like having a mortgage. It's just amazing.



Olah: We also support and recognize researchers that Winn has funded in the past. This year's recipient is Phillip Fox. Have you heard his name before? Maybe? Well, you have probably heard it called the fat cat. Is aspirin better or Plavix better for cats that are throwing clots when they have heart disease? He was the guy that did the study with some of his collaborators. Well, it's Plavix if you didn't know. If your doctor says, "let's give him a baby aspirin." No, that's not going to help. Anyway, a recent publication that Winn also supported was the Epic study. You guys probably don't know about this one, either. It just came out. Starting around 2009 they tracked cats with heart disease to get an idea what it means for morbidity, being sick or dying. So, they tracked it over that ten-ish year period and showed that cats with heart disease actually do have increased risk of dying compared to healthy cats. They have 5 year intervals, 10 year intervals, about 30% die at each interval. A lot of important information in that recent paper.

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Every Cat, Every Day Benefits from Winn-Funded Research

40th Winn Symposium

Perplexing Paradigms of Feline Medicine

Katie Tolbert, DVM, PhD, DACVIM
College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
"Tritrichomonas foetus: Exploring new therapies for a common cause of feline infectious diarrhea"



Melissa Beall, DVM, PhD
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Portland, ME
"Feline Leukemia Virus – past, present, and perpetually perplexing"



The presentation is approved by AVSB IMGE for 2 CE credits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians/technologists.
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Olah: Were there people at the symposium last night? A few? More people should have gone to that! We had a bar open and these two speakers gave some phenomenal talks – Dr. Talbert talking about Tritrichomonas. You guys probably see Tritrichomonas, right? You know, the stinky, malodorous young cat stool? I recall there are recent studies, and like 30% of cats have Tritrichomonas. That's significant. Anyway, she talked about new therapies for treating that ronidazole is the only drug that seems to be effective against Tritrichomonas and now cats are becoming resistant to ronidazole so we do need to find some other way to treat this infectious disease. Melissa Beal presented a talk on FeLV. It's still out there. It's always going to be out there because it's a smoldering, recessive-type latency in cats, so it's really a new paradigm on how we're defining different degrees of infection of FeLV in cats – progressive, regressive latency and so on.

Winn Feline Foundation

Every Cat, Every Day Benefits from Winn-Funded Research

2018 Winn Feline Grant Awards

Thirteen research proposals were funded this year:

- **Shelter Medicine Grants (3)** (sponsored by PetSmart Charities®)
 - Kitten diarrhea: probiotic treatment
 - Panleukopenia virus: assess natural and vaccine resistance, develop prevention strategies
 - Corona virus: role in upper respiratory disease)
- **Winn Grants (10)**
 - FIP: genetic differences in a cat's immune system role in this disease
 - FeLV: ancient infection protection against new infection (Sponsored by Wisdom Health™)
 - FeLV: new drug to decrease persistent infection
 - Oral Cancer: new low-cost therapy
 - Lung Cancer: new therapy
 - Osteoarthritis: new pain pathway targets for therapy
 - Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: new biomarkers to predict early death
 - Obesity: feeding strategies to manage weight and obesity
 - Amyloidosis: genetic differences in Siamese/ Oriental and Abyssinian/Somali cats
 - Community Cat Count: stray/feral/indoor-outdoor cat count

❖ **TOTAL: \$286,571**

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Olah: Here's the fun part. There's like 13 research proposals that were funded, and I give a lot of details just sort of what they are dealing with. Actually I can't quite see what I wrote

there because it's too far away and I don't have my glasses on. Anyway, FIP topics, FeLV again, lung cancer. One that's an interesting topic, I don't know if you've ever had cats with oral squamous cell carcinomas, there's not much you can do with these kitties when they get this disease. It's awful, so there's one project where there's an ethanol-type of ? for lack of a better word that can be injected in these tumors and that might show pain relief to these cats and improve their quality of life a little bit with this awful disease. Anyway, a lot of stuff going on. PetSmart Charities. We do have collaboration or partnerships with some companies. PetSmart Charities was interested in grants directly towards shelter medicine, so there are three grants that we supported there. In the end, that's probably one of the highest numbers of support that we've provided for this particular round of grants. \$286,571 – that's pushing \$300,000 just for that one grant cycle, and we have two per year. The other one is the Miller Trust, which was held last October. During that round, there were five grants that were funded on various topics. I think an exciting one, and you probably heard this from the last two years, is stem cell treating chronic gingivostomatitis. I don't know if you remember the slides of before and after for the people that were here last year, but those cats are the cats that didn't respond to full-mouth extraction. Now we say, "why don't we do the stem cell treatment of cats that have stomatitis, but we don't take all the teeth out? Will they respond to the stem cell therapy?" So, that's exciting to see if that would work. Of course, stem cells that treat IBD, that would be exciting, too.

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Every Cat, Every Day Benefits from Winn-Funded Research

2017(October) Miller Trust Grant Awards

Five feline health proposals funded:

- Gabapentin sedation: Safety in cats with CKD
- Acid reflux in cats: Biomarkers and association with respiratory disease
- Stem cells and IBD: Evaluate treatment safety and efficacy
- Stem cells and chronic gingivostomatitis: Evaluate efficacy of early intervention
- Chronic stress in cats: Measure cortisol levels in hair and nails

❖ **TOTAL: \$127,868**

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Olah: We funded just over \$120,000 for the Miller Trust, and it doesn't stop there.



Olah: Also in October we had some special funding that we could fund another four projects. One of the projects was actually sponsored by Wisdom Health, another partnership, to try to standardize the genetic resources and testing. That should apply to the cat fanciers and be important that you need to know where, if you want to find out about the genetic makeup of your particular breeds, that there's a standardization of the information and the reporting and the quality control issues of those tests. So, Dr. Leslie Lyons I think is spearheading that, and I think a lot of you will be familiar with her. We also have the two primary stimulated funds – the Bria Fund to find a cure for FIP, and the Ricky Fund regarding heart disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in cats. So, we had extra funds in those two particular funds to support a few more projects. Again, a little over \$100,000. So, remember all those numbers.



Olah: This is not too complicated. The main thing to see here is the trend going up in time, so as time goes on the amount of monies we have that are directed towards research – not overhead, directly towards research, because that's not permitted by the way we fund research

projects – keeps going up. The sum of everything is the top dots, right? You can see it going up, and then you have that one dot on the upper right. What does all that mean? Wait for it.



Olah: That's how much money we have directed towards research this year. [applause] That just gave me goosebumps. It's amazing. You know, when I first joined Winn in like 2012 or thereabouts, total amounts were about \$240,000 and I remember thinking it will be a big day when we get to \$300,000. Then I'm thinking it will be a good day when we get to \$400,000, and now we're over half a million, so the next goal I think will be \$1 million. What do you think? [applause]



Olah: Alright, I've kept it short. Just to remind everybody that this is the 50th year anniversary. Does anybody know how much was donated to start Winn? \$100, plus a \$25 filing fee. \$125, that's it. Look at the number now, how much we've funded directly towards research. We're over \$6.5 million now. That's fascinating. Those are my two cats, by the way. Actually,

my wife's cat is the red Maine Coon and the Siamese is my cat. He is the partier. Anyway, thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Glen.

(50) **LEGISLATION.**

Hannon: Next we have George Eigenhauser who is going to talk to us about Legislation.



Eigenhauser: Good morning everyone. I'm George Eigenhauser and I'm here to talk to you about legislation.



Eigenhauser: CFA's legislative effort primarily consists of two parts. We have the Legislative Committee, which is myself, Joan Miller and Phil Lindsley. We're the policy end of the legislative effort. We're also the people that administer the Sy Howard Fund. The Legislative Group are the people down in the trenches working every day on your behalf. That's myself as Legislative Coordinator, Kelly Crouch as our Legislative Information Liaison, and Sharon Coleman as our Legislative Legal Analyst. It's good having a team of three. When you try to contact us, I recommend that you copy all three of us all the time. That way if one of us is busy, say giving a presentation at the Annual, the other two are still out there working on your behalf. But I'm not here today to talk about that.



CFA Legislation

THEIR MESSAGE: PET "OVERPOPULATION"



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Eigenhauser: What I would like to talk to you today a little bit about, some of the messaging that has been going out in the community about animals. We're all familiar with the messaging we hear from the other side. It's always the same two words – pet overpopulation. You hear that every day and you see those sappy commercials; you know, the ones with the sad looking animals on the screen and a sappy Sarah McLachlan song going on in the background, and that has been their message for as long as I can remember. But, is the message accurate? Well, I think it was Mark Twain that once said, *A half-truth is a whole lie.*



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PET "OVERPOPULATION" BY THE NUMBERS:

- In the 1970s 17-24 million cats and dogs were euthanized in shelters each year (ASPCA 17 million, Maddies Fund 24 million, Pet Leadership Council 20 million)
- Currently 1.5 - 2.4 million cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters each year (ASPCA 1.6 million, Maddies Fund 2.4 million, HSUS 2.4 million, PETA 2-3 million)
- An estimated 17-29 million people are looking for pets this year (Maddies Fund 29 million, No Kill Advocacy Center 17 million)


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Eigenhauser: The truth is, in the 1970's there were a lot of animals being killed. Everybody has their own facts these days, but the one thing we can agree on is, it was a huge number. Estimates range from anything as low as 17 million to as high as 24 million, depending on who you talk to. But, that was then, this is now. Estimates currently are between 1.5 million and 2.4 million. Actually we say 3 million, but the point is, the drop is absolutely tremendous in the number of cats and dogs being euthanized in shelters. At the same time, an estimated 17 million to 29 million people are looking for pets this year. So, where is the overpopulation? Where is the shortage? It has become so severe in some shelters that they are importing dogs from other shelters because they have a shortage of adoptable animals. The estimate is it's around 800,000 dogs a year are shipped to shelters that have a shortage of dogs. I think that number is low for two reasons. First of all, if you're a poorly-run shelter and shipping out animals, you don't want to admit it. If you're a well-run shelter and you're taking in animals, do you really want to tell the taxpayers in your community that you've got so much extra space,

you're bringing in a couple from out of town. So, I think the 800,000 figure is actually low. It has also created a new cottage industry, called "rescue retail." There are actually breeders out there that are calling themselves rescues and selling animals to shelters to resell. I don't know if you have adopted an animal from a shelter recently. I remember back in the good old days, "free to a good home," or maybe a \$25 fee or the cost of a spay or neuter. Now they're getting hundreds and hundreds of dollars for individual dogs, and they can do it because there's a shortage in the shelter.

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The Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) is a non-profit research and education organization that is gathering, funding and sharing scientific research to demonstrate the positive health impacts of companion animals.

The Pet Effect Campaign, led by HABRI-founder Zoetis, is a multi-pronged campaign aimed to introduce pet owners to the health benefits of the human-animal bond, and to understand how important their veterinarians are for happy, healthy pets!

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Eigenhauser: Our side, on the other hand, is trying to get out a different type of message. That's why I wanted to bring up HABRI. HABRI is the Human Animal Bond Research Institute and is an industry-funded group that funds research into the benefit of the human-animal bond. When I go in front of a legislature and say, "if you pass this anti-breeder law, where will people get their pets," and they say, "who cares?" Our message now is, you should care because we've got scientific research to show that owning pets is good for you, it's good for your mental health, it's good for your physical health, and these are the people getting the word out.

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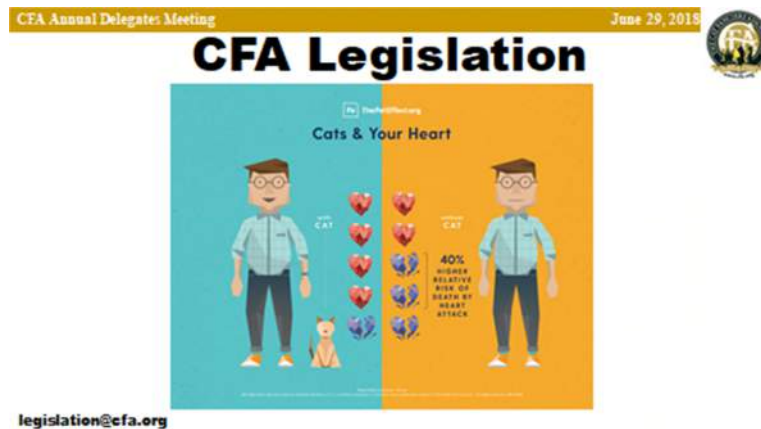
Studies show that pets can help

- lower blood pressure
- lower risk of heart disease
- prevent allergies in children
- reduce stress levels
- decrease anxiety and depression
- strengthen immune systems
- increase social interaction, and more.

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Eigenhauser: They have studies that show that pets can help deal with a variety of issues; the most obvious ones are things like PTSD, they help people with anxiety, certain learning disorders, but it even helps lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart disease and a number of other things. Even though they're not really a lobby group, HABRI has gotten behind a few bills in the Federal government. HR2327 and HR3016 are both designed to help make

therapy pets available to veterans with PTSD. So, those are the kinds of messages they are getting out.



Eigenhauser: One study I actually found interesting is that owning a cat can lower your risk of heart disease. For a long time, people have understood that owning pets is good for you, it helps lower your blood pressure, yadda, yadda, yadda, and everybody just kind of assumed that that was because you got a dog and you get up and get some exercise. You don't have to walk a dog to get some health benefits. You can get health benefits from animals just by owning an animal, just because of the connection that we feel with them. They are doing a great job of getting the message out. If you want to sell the idea of cats and dogs being good for you, why not do it the same way they sell prescription drugs. You have seen those commercials on television, right? They spend the first 1/3 of the commercial telling you how wonderful their drug is, and the second 2/3 telling you how it's going to kill you.

[A video presentation was given, which was a parody of the above statement.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8ZmbR5Lw7k>]

Eigenhauser: And, of course, we have dogs, too.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXwt62moB7w>



Eigenhauser: That's our new resource out there on the internet. If you need information to convince your city council, your county council, your state legislature why cats and dogs are

good for you, why they should care, that there are responsible breeders out there who produce the animals that are needed. We have an answer. So, I'm going to conclude the way I always do, by thanking everyone who worked on legislation this year. Remember, I may be the one standing up in front of you here, but you are the ones doing the work. You are the ones that are keeping in touch with your city and county councils, you are the ones that are the constituents that can talk to your state legislature when we have a bill going down, you're the ones doing the hard work, so I want to give a hand to everyone who has helped with legislation this year. Thank you.
[applause]

Eigenhauser: Last but not least, I would like to invite you all to our legislative roundtable tomorrow afternoon. It's going to be between 1 and 2 p.m. in Dogwood. This is, anything goes. Bring up any topic from any state, from any country about any legislative effort. We want to hear what you want to talk about, so please come and join us.

Hannon: Thank you George.

(51) CFA BREEDER ASSISTANCE AND BREED RESCUE PROGRAM.

Hannon: CFA has an Animal Welfare Program that is chaired by Linda Berg. Under that umbrella we have the Breeder Assistance Program and the Breed Rescue Program. To speak to us about that today is Charlene Campbell. Charlene is from the Southern Region in Florida.

Campbell: Good afternoon cat fanciers. It's a pleasure to be here today and clear up a couple of myths about our program, give you some good information about our program and tell you the directions that we are headed. A little bit about our program – today we passed out to everybody a brochure and an envelope if you would like to donate, and it tells you a little bit about our program. A lot of the things we do are, we help people who may be in need. Let's say that someone passes away – we'll help with the cats; or, someone gets in a car accident and will be in the hospital for extended care – we'll find people to come in and help with the kitties and everything until that person can get back to a normal life. The other things that we help with are, let's say your company downsized and you lost your job. We have a food program and we have volunteers that staff that. We will, for the first three months, provide you food and litter – the basics – for you until you get back employed. That's also in case of a divorce. Life has lots of twists and turns, but we are here to support our cat fancy population, even the ones where people get overwhelmed and maybe they're not getting their cats rehomed in a timely fashion and they get too many. We will come in and work with you to downsize, to get a manageable program so you can go forward and be a great CFA exhibitor again. We want to assist.

Campbell: One of the problems that we're having at this point in time is, we have a lot of aging people unfortunately in the cat fancy, and they're not making any plans for their cats. They have no information. Let's say you got hit by a train. Would there be somebody who would know what to do with your cats? Would they know if you had any leased cats that need to be returned? Would they know what your wishes are? They probably wouldn't. So, in that case, we want everybody to take some time in the future and, if you don't already have it, put together a booklet. Put your cats' pedigrees in there with a picture of them, their information, what they like and what they don't like. So, if anything ever happens to you and someone needs to even just step in to care for them, they're going to know what this cat's special needs are. Or, if something should happen to you and your family doesn't remember who's who, we can identify them. One thing I would like to encourage breeders to do is microchip that cat, so if you've got 6 black cats and they all look alike, if they have a microchip you can scan it and you know that this record goes with this cat. Now, fortunately, we at the Breed Rescue Program, we have a cattery management organizer. It will help you get started and help you get going to organize your cattery so you know where everything is. This is helpful for you, too. You can buy these from us for \$15 or we can provide you an online copy, and you can start to get ready to organize your cattery. Just to have this all in one place is a good thing when you go to register litters or you're putting your awards together, everything is in one place.

Campbell: With that said, I also want to thank everyone for their wonderful support. Our cat fancy is one of the most generous groups of people. You're always helping us out. We did help quite a few people during the natural disasters this year. We had hurricanes in two different areas, and fires. You were the most generous group of people, to help us help them. That's what we want to continue to do in the future. With that being said, we have some wonderful raffle

items today. I hope you will stop by and buy a couple tickets. We're giving away a couple of these cattery organizers. These will be great for you all to have.

Campbell: I would like to let you know a little bit about our program and when it started. Pam DelaBar actually started this program in 1991. I expanded on it with our committee and in 2008 we wrote the new bylaws. A little bit of background to tell you where I come from. I served on the Lee County Animal Services Citizens Board for the last two years and I was part of the Responsible Pet Owners and Breeders Association who rewrote that ordinance. We worked on that for a year. I have been with the Breeder Assist Program from 2008 until 2018. I attend the University of Florida Shelter Medicine classes every two years to keep up with the latest trends, and I've been in show management and a CFA exhibitor since 1995. Those are just some things I thought you might like to know about my animal background.

Campbell: Now, without further ado, I would like to recognize a couple of our board of director members that are here today. We have Steve McCullough if you would please stand. He is the Breeder Assistance Chairperson. Nancy Heitzman is our Food Coordinator. Bobbie Weihrauch is our Treasurer. Jan Rogers is on our Board of Directors. [applause] The nice thing about our program and these people that you met today, let's say you live in a region and your coordinator is friends with somebody who is friends with somebody and, "oh my gosh, I just can't go to her and ask for help," because you don't want to be embarrassed and worry about gossip. Our program allows you to go to anybody in our program. They can be on the other side of the country and they can help you. That's nice because there is no gossip, nothing gets out, everything is confidential and you're kept quiet. We do a lot of work. If you've seen our vet bills that we pay and the number of cats we help, you would be amazed – and nobody hears a word about it. That's the way we want it. So, you can go to anybody in our program, you're assigned a number and that's how everybody knows you is by that number. You're not known by name except to the person you're working with, and we help you out that way.

Campbell: So, those are some things that I thought I would help clear up. The other thing is, sometimes we lose people. What our program also does, just because someone passes away, you don't have to spay and neuter every cat. We can place them with responsible breeders so that line isn't completely gone. You wouldn't want that to happen to your Korats and things like that. We want to preserve good genetics. So, those are just some options that are available to us. We're a flexible program in many ways, but we are here for each and every one of you, should you ever have a need. You never know tomorrow if you get in a car accident or something happens and you can use that little bit of help and a leg up. Know that we are here for you. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Charlene.

(52) **AMBASSADOR CAT COMMITTEE.**

Hannon: Next up is the A Cat Program, otherwise known as the Ambassador Cat Program. Karen Lane is Chair of that Committee. She is working her way up here. Accompanying her is Joel Chaney, Co-Chair of the Committee.

Lane: Good Morning, my name is Karen Lane and behind me is Joel Chaney. We are both Chairmen of the A Cat Program. During the past two years the Ambassador Cat Program has expanded its horizons and today Joel Chaney runs the day-to-day networking of the A-Cats and I do the A-Cat special projects and special events. Just like always we are looking for new members for this energetic and dedicated program. As a matter of fact, I just got a new member today. This one is different than all the others. We now have a Household Pet that is going to be an Ambassador Cat. Thank you Pam Sogge.

Lane: At this meeting I generally report what the A-Cats have done within the past year. Joel and I decided that it's high time to see and meet the A-Cats, present and past.

[A video presentation was given showing our beautiful Ambassador Cats, with *The Phoenix* by Fall Out Boy in the background.]

Lane: Wow, I want to thank Teresa Keiger for this wonderful production. Teresa is a huge part of the A-Cat Program. She has been our go-to person for all of the A-Cat material. She produces the trading cards and our breed banners for each and every A-Cat.

Lane: Last year we launched CFA's very first coloring book, "Caring for Your Kitty", and it has been a huge success. Our coloring book is available at most CFA shows, at the CFA Museum, in many veterinarian offices. I carry these coloring books in my car, for the just-in-case moments. Right now, in my world, the Delray Beach Library has them in our children's area and they are in two of my local daycare centers, and they are being used in my church's Sunday school program. Just speaking with Pam today, she gave out our coloring books for trick or treat in her neighborhood. There's all sorts of ways that these books can get in the hands of children. Because of this past success, CFA has given the A-Cat Program the privilege of producing a second coloring book for mature colorers. We were going to call it an "adult coloring book" but the board decided "mature colorers" sounded better. Our second coloring book is now ready and we are really "over the moon" about this new project. This new book has a greater vision and larger scope than we had in the past, and it needed the help of so many.

Lane: I want to thank the CFA Board, and especially Carla Bizzell, our board liaison. They granted us permission to use a CFA breed brochure called CFA's World of Pedigreed Cats and allowed us to make changes to this document so it fit within the structure of this new coloring book. We need to thank the photographers whose photos appear in the brochure for their permission to use their photos in our coloring book. And then Shelly Borawski, who did the needed artwork changes so the brochure fit the structure of our book. I asked Kathy Black for her help with producing a color chart for the public and Teresa Keiger took this information and put it in a chart that, we hope, everyone can understand. It is difficult to explain cat colors to people who do not breed, nor exhibit or have any basic knowledge of feline genetics. And I want to thank our CFA breeders for producing the world's most beautiful colorful cats.

Lane: We called on our friend Austen Reddinger, who does not own a cat and knows just what we have told him about cats. He has learned about our cats, and their structure, from past CFA yearbooks, to do these exquisite drawings of our cats; each and every breed. The idea of this coloring book was born in the countless conversations that all of us breeders have with spectators at all those cat shows.

Lane: You know, that person who has a cat just like your National or Regional Winner, the cat that you have spent years and years of breeding to produce, in order to get the right eye color, the right head structure, the perfect coat texture and color and the right “look”. And they got their cat from their local shelter or it just turned up on their doorstep. And they call their cat “Smokey”. Like last year’s book, this second coloring book is both fun and educational. We have worked on this new book for a year and seeing it now is awesome. Today we have copies of the new coloring book in the back area of our meeting room, along with last year’s book.

Lane: Please come see Joel or Jim Flanik or me to take these books home with you for your club or yourself. They will be available, just as our last year’s book was, through the CFA Catalogue or by calling Verna at Central Office. It was our pleasure to produce this new publication for CFA.

Lane: Did you know that the cat – domestic, pedigreed or wild – is the most colorful mammal on our planet? Now welcome to the Colorful World of Pedigreed Cats.

[A video presentation was given, featuring the coloring book.]

Hannon: This is a really exciting project for CFA. We’re real excited about it, and we want to thank Karen for all of her hard work producing a book of this quality. [applause] It is something we have wanted to do for a number of years and was assigned to different committees. Karen finally stepped up to the plate and said, “Give it to us. We’ll take care of it,” and she did, so thank you Karen. We’re going to break for lunch until 1:00. Hopefully when you come back, the tellers will have the results of the elections.

[LUNCH BREAK]

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

Credentials Committee Acting Chair Nancy Dodds gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified.

Dodds: Good afternoon. Mr. President, officers, Board of Directors, delegates and friends, I'm Nancy Dodds. I have worked with Eve a number of years on the Credentials Committee – that would be Eve Russell – and when I began working on the Committee I was assigned the task of helping tally the totals. I developed an Excel spreadsheet so that we could get the totals immediately and quickly. If there were any issues that I had with numbers from Central Office, Eve asked me to communicate with Central Office to get those resolved. Early in May I learned that Eve would not be able to come to the Annual, and she set about a process to get us going without her. Last weekend I visited Eve in the hospital out in Michigan and we have been keeping her updated as we go along. She gave me this report and asked me to give it to you before I announced the results. [**Secretary's Note:** a 3" stack of paper was displayed, LOL] **Anger:** I got it. **Dodds:** You got it. And today we heard from Eve this message: *Good news. My oxygen need numbers are coming down. The goal of my pulmonary specialist is to get me off the high flow of oxygen at night, which means that I can go home to my cats. It's looking possible.* And she's got tears. We hope for the best for Eve. [applause] So, without Eve here we've really got a hole, and we're trying to fill it. I keep saying, I'm still catching on.

**Credentials Committee Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia**

Thursday and Friday, June 28-29, 2018

1. *Meeting will be called to order.*
2. *Secretary to be appointed.*
3. *Introduction of new members.*
4. *Followed by self-introductions.*
5. *Duties of Inspectors reviewed.*
6. *All members sign the Oath of Inspectors of Elections.*
7. *Collect Delegate forms (being done by C.O. for Credentials Committee only).*
8. *The Chairperson will instruct the members on how ballots will be opened, checked, and counted according to the procedure that is standard for the group.*

The meeting was called to order by the temporary Chairperson, Nancy Dodds. Eve Russell, the CFA Board of Directors' appointed chair, was ill and not able to attend the meeting this year. Hilary Helmrich was appointed Secretary. Duties of Inspectors were reviewed and new committee members were introduced.

All members signed the Oath of Elections. (On Friday June 29, the two additional Committee Members signed the Oath of Elections).

Dodds: Our meeting was called to order by me on Thursday after the board approved the members of the Committee. Hilary Helmrich was appointed our Secretary. We reviewed the duties of inspectors and introduced new Committee members. All the members signed the Oath of Elections, and on Friday two additional Committee members signed the oath.

A discussion was held by the Committee and Central Office Staff regarding the balloting process this year. This year, the option of online balloting was offered as well as the traditional paper ballot. Only one signature was required for the online ballot to be submitted and processed.

The online ballots, once submitted, are received in a special website which only the Credentials representative at Central Office has access to, and that person has only the ability to view or print. This person cannot edit.

A notification with copy of the online ballot cast was then sent by Central Office to the President of the club. No notification is given to Presidents of the clubs for email or paper ballots. Recommendation: Add a second signature for paper ballots or email ballots. When a club emails a copy of the ballot to Central Office, the President would then be notified.

The traditional ballots still required two signatures. This allows the Credentials Committee to see that the ballot was reviewed by more than one person in the club.

The Committee recommends that the procedure in Central Office next year continues to use the online program. If the email ballot is continued as an option, both email and online ballot receive two signatures.

Dodds: A discussion was held by the Committee and Central Office staff regarding the balloting process this year. This year the option of online balloting was offered, as well as the traditional paper ballot. We found that only one signature was required on the online ballot to be submitted and processed. The ballots are received by a central website, accessed only by one person in Central Office. That person had the ability to print and view, but not to edit. A copy of that online ballot was sent automatically to the [club] president if the email was available and appropriate. There was no notification given to the presidents of the clubs if someone sent an email with a PDF attachment. The mail ballots also require only one signature. We really liked the approach that when a secretary sent an online ballot, that a copy was sent to the president, but we noticed that in the paper ballot it still newly only required one signature. We highly recommend that the paper ballots have the president's signature on it again, so that we know that more than one person has had responsibility for sending the votes that the secretary had selected.

An additional issue involved the time that it took for the program to be completed and approved by the CFA Board of Directors. The Administrative Associate at Central Office (in charge of clubs) had only one week to complete the packages and have them mailed or sent to clubs.

The Committee recommends that the Administrative Associate have time to prepare and check the packages prior to sending to clubs and that the ballots be reviewed by CFA President, CFA Attorney, and Chairperson of the Credentials Committee prior to finalization and distribution. This will allow errors in procedure or actions to be corrected prior to sending to the clubs.

There was a question regarding the ballots returned online to Central Office. Faxes of mailed ballots are not acceptable. With emailed ballots it is difficult to determine whether a ballot was faxed or emailed or sent as a pdf. The CFA attorney was contacted to assist the Credentials Committee in deciding on this issue.

Dodds: We had a question regarding the ballots returned by email. Faxes of ballots were not accepted, and for the email ballots an attachment of a PDF file was simply a copy of the paper ballot. Even though it looked like it was electronic, it was treated like a paper ballot and the president of the club was not notified how the vote was cast. There was some issue with documentation in the procedures of Central Office because they thought that international clubs could vote if they had a show in the previous two years. That has been corrected.

The CFA Board of Directors directed the Committee this year to count as many ballots as possible.

Documentation at Central Office was incorrect in stating that international clubs had to have had a show in the past two seasons. This has been corrected.

It was brought to the Committee's attention that only clubs who put on shows in China can vote for the International Representatives. These representatives represent all of the clubs in the ID. The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of CFA address this issue.

Dodds: The constitution is also silent on who can vote for the International Rep in the two divisions of International. The board had once determined that only clubs who had shows in the past show season, those are the only clubs that could vote for the International Rep. With more clubs in China, as the International Rep represents all clubs in China – not just the show-producing ones – the Committee is recommending that the CFA Board review this issue of who should be voting for the International Reps.

CFA Clubs as of June 30, 2017 deadline: 597 Clubs

CFA Clubs added from June 30, 2017–June 1, 2018: 36 Clubs

1478	<i>Something Hearts CF</i>
1555	<i>Tianjin Cat Fanciers Ltd</i>
1607	<i>Shen Yang Feng Train</i>
1649	<i>Chaio CC</i>
1650	<i>Hong Kong and Philippines CC International Alliance</i>
1651	<i>NEI Meg Mao Wang CC</i>
1652	<i>TianJin Mau Yuan CC</i>
1653	<i>Jiang Su Tian Mau</i>
1654	<i>Pacific Cats Meow</i>

1655	<i>Bengal Alliance</i>
1656	<i>TianJin Lucky Star CC</i>
1657	<i>Aby Midwest Breeders</i>
1658	<i>Allies of Cat Enthusiasts</i>
1659	<i>American SH Club</i>
1660	<i>Borneo Cat Fanciers Indonesia</i>
1661	<i>Cat Fanciers Alliance of India</i>
1662	<i>Crown Royal China CF</i>
1663	<i>Feline National Cat Club</i>
1664	<i>Hong Kong Cat Fanciers</i>
1665	<i>Tianan Meow Lovers Cat Club</i>
1666	<i>Universal Cat Fanciers Alliance</i>
1667	<i>Abyssinian Alliance</i>
1668	<i>Asian Abyssinian CC</i>
1669	<i>Winterfell Club</i>
1670	<i>Club Meow-Wow</i>
1671	<i>Qatar CC</i>
1672	<i>Buffalo CF</i>
1673	<i>Micina Cat Fanciers</i>
1674	<i>Cat Friends of Kuwait</i>
1675	<i>Swire Cat Fanciers Club</i>
1676	<i>Obsess Oriental CC</i>
1677	<i>Oriental Fashion International CC</i>
1678	<i>Xijing Cat Club</i>
1679	<i>Mountain City CC</i>
1680	<i>Adore Cat Family Tianjin Club</i>

CFA Clubs Dropped between June 30, 2017–June 1, 2018:

24 Clubs

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>STATUS AS OF JUNE 1, 2018</u>
985	1	Fantastic Felines Of Central NY	No Dues/No Membership List
1030	1	British Shorthair Int'l	No Dues/No Membership List
1243	1	Pocono Cat Fanciers	No Dues/No Membership List
97	2	Franciscan Silver & Golden Fanciers	No Dues/No Membership List
1171	2	Spacifically Orientals	No Dues/No Membership List
797	6	No Dogs Allowed	No Dues/No Membership List (Retired)
1198	7	Mason-Dixon Cat Fanciers	No Dues/No Membership List
950	8	Mt Fuji Osaka Cat Club	No Dues/No Membership List
1083	8	Honky Tonk Cat Club	No Dues/No Membership List
1261	8	Silver Bullet Cat Club	No Dues/No Membership List
1298	8	Big Courage Cat Club	No Dues/No Membership List
1596	9	Cats' Empire	No Dues/No Membership List
1646	9	One For All Cat Club UK	No Dues/No Membership List
1521	D	China Pearl Feline Fanciers	No Dues/No Membership List
1560	D	China British SH CC	No Dues/No Membership List
1603	D	Noah International Cat Club	No Membership List
1614	D	Century Cat Club	No Membership List

1636	D	Java Feline Society	No Membership List
1639	D	Mimi Got Swag Club	No Dues/No Membership List
1640	D	China South East Cat Fancier Club	No Dues/No Membership List
1649	D	Chaiyo Cat Club	No Membership List
1656	D	Tian Jin Lucky Star Club	No Membership List
1658	D	Allies Of Cat Enthusiasts	No Dues/No Membership List

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

Total Clubs Remaining:

609 Clubs

Dodds: As of the end of last year, there were 597 clubs. There were 36 clubs added in the period of time between then and now, and there were 24 clubs dropped. Most of the clubs dropped were because of no dues and no membership lists. There were a couple of clubs that actually retired their membership. Today, we have 609 clubs in CFA.

Delegate forms:

<i>Delegate forms mailed</i>	<i>March 6, 2018</i>
<i>Delegate form reminder mailed</i>	<i>April 18, 2018</i>
<i>Received Delegates on CFA Website</i>	<i>Daily</i>
<i>Deadline for postmark</i>	<i>May 1, 2018</i>
<i>Delegate forms received by deadline</i>	<i>378</i>

Dodds: Talk a little bit about the delegate forms. The delegate forms were mailed on March 6, 2018. The delegate forms get mailed to every club, whether they are in good standing or not. Reminders were sent April 18th and they received them daily, mostly from the CFA website. There is a deadline for the postmark of the delegate forms, and that is May 1st. 378 delegate forms were postmarked by the deadline.

This is the first year in history of CFA that no delegate forms were rejected because they were late.

Dodds: Here is a first for the Committee. There were no delegate forms that were sent after the deadline. [applause]

The persons listed here (5) are carrying more than two votes. They must proxy any votes over 2. This information was passed to the delegate registration personnel to resolve. This was resolved at Delegate Check-in.

<i>Vicki Nye:</i>	<i>#965</i>	<i>Sunkat Feline Fanciers</i>
	<i>#1077</i>	<i>National Colorpoints and Orientals</i>
	<i>#0544</i>	<i>Happy Trails CC</i>
<i>Kenny Currle:</i>	<i>#1461</i>	<i>Chatte Noir CC</i>
	<i>#1230</i>	<i>Dutch Purrpuss CC</i>
	<i>#1492</i>	<i>European SH Club</i>

Ballots received by Central Office NOT in Ballot Envelope and opened by Central Office staff:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1529	2	Burmilla Enthusiasts of America	Received May 11, 2018
1635	CH	China Superstar Cat Fanciers	Received May 30, 2018

R1 #1529 Burmilla Enthusiasts of America (rec'd 5/11/18). Motion to keep this ballot. Carried

CN # 1635 China Superstar Cat Fanciers (rec'd 5/30/18). Motion to keep this ballot. Carried

Dodds: There were two ballots received that were not in the ballot envelope, so they were opened by Central Office staff. We voted to accept those ballots.

Ballots received after June 1st deadline:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1348	8	Pocahontas Cat Club	Received June 5, 2018
1339	8	Nagasaki Cat Fanciers	Received June 5, 2018
1452	8	Ocicat Trust Japan	Received June 4, 2018
0835	8	All Angels Cat Club	Received June 4, 2018
1318	8	Terrestrial Cat Club	Received June 4, 2018
1178	8	Cats Eye Fanciers	Received June 4, 2018

Pocahontas Cat Club: Received on June 5, 2018 (postmarked May 28, 2018) – Motion to not accept the ballot due to late receipt. Carried.

Nagasaki Cat Fanciers: Received June 5, 2018 – A motion was made not to accept this ballot due to late receipt. Carried.

In a Fed-Ex Envelope received June 4, 2018 the 4 below were received

#1452 Ocicat Trust Japan
#0835 All Angels Cat Club
#1318 Terrestrial Cat Club
#1178 Cats Eye Fanciers

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

Dodds: There were some ballots received after the June 1 deadline. [reads] The Committee decided to not accept any of those ballots.

Clubs who sent ballots but cannot vote (because they did not have a show in the past season):

1462 China Phoenix CC
1513 Cat Fanciers of Brazil
1577 Northeast Cat Fanciers CL of China
1588 NEI Monggol American SH Fanciers Club
1589 China East Cat Fanciers

1595 *China Central Cat Fanciers*
1606 *China Brilliant Cat Club*

A motion was made to reject these ballots because the club did not meet the requirements. Carried.

Dodds: There were some clubs who were sent ballots but they couldn't vote. Again, they were China clubs, because they didn't have a show in the previous show season.

Clubs that sent both an electronic and a paper ballot :

#226 *San Diego CF*
#280 *Victor Valley CF*
#539 *Beverly Hills CC –*
 Motion made to accept the paper ballot. Carried.
#1323 *Tokyo Cat Fanciers*
#1156 *Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees*

A motion was made to table the ballots until Friday and open them then. Carried. The issue was reopened on Friday morning.

Dodds: Some clubs sent both an electronic and a paper ballot. [reads] We tabled those ballots until Friday, because that was the day we had to deal with some of the exceptions. When we opened those ballots, all but one of those ballots was identical. One of the ballots was different from the online versus the paper. We made a motion to accept the paper ballot from Beverly Hills Cat Club because the difference was, the online ballot had no vote [did not vote] for one of them and the paper ballot had an abstention, so we chose to take the one with the abstention, rather than no vote. It probably is the same thing.

Other Exceptions:

#1657 *Abyssinian Midwest Breeders*
 Moved to region 5 this year

A motion was made to count this ballot. Carried.

#714 *Katnip CC (China)*

A motion was made to count this ballot. Carried.

Dodds: We had a couple of clubs that moved from region to region. We had not issue with accepting those ballots.

#1520 *Beijing Intl. – Fax/email issue for Friday.*
 See Friday meeting information

Dodds: One club, Beijing International, sent a fax and we did not accept that ballot

#1619 *Shanghia Intl.*
 Vote was determined to be not a fax.

A motion was made to count this ballot. Carried

*# 1506 Independent Cat Club
sent a for information only- was sent in.*

The Committee agreed not to count this ballot.

Dodds: There was one club, the Independent Cat Club, was sent a ballot that said, “For information only” on it. Not only did they return the ballot voting, but they faxed it. So, we didn’t accept that one either.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday morning 7:00 AM.

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- 1. The Chairperson will instruct the members on how ballots will be opened, checked, and counted according to the procedure that is standard for the group.*
- 2. Final discussion on any unresolved topics*
- 3. Assemble teams for ballot opening*
- 4. Review of any incomplete ballots*
- 5. Compile and tabulate ballots*
- 6. Report results to the delegates*

Discussion with attorney:

Faxes and emails were discussed with the CFA Attorney. Email ballot returns (pdf, jpg, etc.) are similar to the paper ballots and should be treated as a paper ballot.

Instructions on ballots state that faxed ballots would not be counted. The committee recommended that, in the future, faxes be allowed. Motion made to return to two signatures on paper ballots. Carried.

Motion made that, since two signatures on paper ballots which could be faxed or emailed, that this be considered a true ballot. The CFA Board will consider this issue for next year.

Dodds: As I mentioned, we had a discussion with the CFA Attorney to talk about faxes and emails. The email ballots that were returned as a PDF or jpeg or similar, are similar to the paper ballots. In fact, they were actual copies of the paper ballots and we had to treat them as if they were a paper ballot. They were not considered to be electronic because they were the image of the paper ballot. Instructions on the ballot have stated that fax ballots will be counted. We recommend that in the future that perhaps faxes should be allowed the same as paper ballots. We

also made a motion and carried to return two signatures on paper ballots, and that motion was carried, and recommended to the board to consider adding two signatures back to the paper ballots.

Motion made that, in the event that a club is eligible to vote, but information is not known at Central Office before the Annual, that club is sent a ballot and told that the vote will be discussed in Credentials Committee.

Dodds: A motion was also made that – and this is a one-time thing really – in the event that a club is eligible to vote but the information isn't known by Central Office before the Annual, that the club be sent a ballot and told that the ballot would be discussed in Credentials. Sometimes information didn't get from one department to another in Central Office, but the main thing that we really recommend is that every club needs to look online at the website to follow up to see if their club is either (a) in good standing, (b) that their vote was received, and (c) that if they sent a ballot, that it has been received as well.

Clubs that sent both an electronic and a paper ballot:

This issue was reopened from Thursday.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	
226	5	San Diego CF	Both ballots the same
28	5	Victor Valley CF	Both ballots the same
539	5	Beverly Hills Cat Club	Ballots not exactly the same
1323	8	Tokyo Cat Fanciers	Both ballots the same
1156	4	Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Both ballots the same

#226 San Diego CF – Both ballots the same. Motion to accept electronic ballot. Carried.

280 Victor Valley CF - Both ballots the same. Motion to accept electronic ballot. Carried

539 Beverly Hills CC – Motion made to accept the paper ballot. Carried.

1323 Tokyo Cat Fanciers - Both ballots the same. Motion to accept electronic ballot. Carried

1156 Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees - Both ballots the same. Motion to accept electronic ballot. Carried.

Recommendation that Central Office Rep. to work with Programmers to see that program works as specified. (A blank for a category is not accepted) in all instances. On paper ballots, a blank is counted as a “no vote” [did not vote].

Ballots rejected:

Only one ballot was rejected. This is a new low for the Committee and is due to the extra work that has been done over the past year by everyone involved in the Credentials process.

#1520 *Beijing International*
rejected because it is a faxed ballot.

Dodds: Only one ballot was rejected in our process this year. This is a new low – or should I say new high – for the Committee, and it's due to the extra work that has been done over the past year by everyone involved in the process.

Results of Balloting:

Dodds: OK, if you turn to the page that has the ballots in your handout, your notebook, I have the following information for you.

Election Results were as follows:

Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2018-June 2020 were as follows:

CFA OFFICERS: (474 votes tallied)

Office of President:

<i>Mark Hannon – Linden VA</i>	<i>343*</i>
<i>Did not vote</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>123</i>

Office of Vice President:

<i>Richard Mastin – Penfield NY</i>	<i>393*</i>
<i>Did not vote</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>75</i>

Office of Secretary:

<i>Rachel Anger – Wayne MI</i>	<i>421*</i>
<i>Did not vote</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>44</i>

Office of Treasurer:

<i>Kathy Calhoun – Chicago, IL</i>	<i>431*</i>
<i>Did not vote</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>38</i>

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

North Atlantic (1): (total 52 ballots)

<i>Sharon Roy – Manchester NH</i>	<i>50*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>2</i>

Northwest (2): (total 55 ballots)

<i>Pam Moser – Independence OR</i>	50*
<i>Abstain</i>	5

Gulf Shore (3): (total 47 ballots)

<i>Kathy Black – Duncan, OK</i>	23*
<i>Jeff Janzen – Caldwell, KS</i>	16
<i>Abstain</i>	8

Great Lakes (4): (total 56 ballots)

<i>John Colilla – Columbus, OH</i>	49*
<i>Abstain</i>	7

Southwest (5): (total 46 ballots)

<i>Barbara Jaeger – Phoenix AZ</i>	14
<i>Howard Webster – Phoenix AZ</i>	32*
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Midwest (6): (total 46 ballots)

<i>Mary Auth – Champaign, IL</i>	26*
<i>Cathy Dunham – Jacksonville IL</i>	20
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Southern (7): (total 72 votes)

<i>Kenny Currle – Fairfax VA</i>	52*
<i>Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell - Johns Island, SC</i>	20
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Japan (8): (total 44 ballots)

<i>Kayoko Koizumi – Kanagawa, Japan</i>	37*
<i>Abstain</i>	7

Europe (9): (total 23 ballots)

<i>Pam DelaBar – Tampere, Finland</i>	11
<i>Michael Hans Schleissner – Limburgerhof, Germany</i>	12*
<i>Abstain</i>	0

International Division – China Representative: (total 27 ballots)

<i>Allen Shi – Shanghai, China</i>	11
<i>Pana Wang (withdrawn)</i>	2
<i>Gavin Wang – Beijing, China</i>	12*
<i>Did not vote</i>	1
<i>Abstain</i>	1

International Division - All Other Representative: (total 16 ballots)

<i>Zulkipli Bin Daud – Singapore</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Eva Librianti – Jakarta, Indonesia</i>	<i>9*</i>
<i>Suki Lee Shuk Man – Hong Kong</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Izaddin Syah Yusof – Shah Alam, Malaysia</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Did not vote</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>

The Committee Members adjourned to the CFA Annual Meeting to report the results of the Elections.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Hilary Helmrich
Secretary*

Dodds: We have a couple of awards for people who have reached a milestone in the Credentials Committee. Thank you. **Hannon:** We have to members who have length of service awards who are on the Credentials Committee. Both have 5 years of service. The first is Marilyn Conde. [applause] And Bruce Russell. [applause]

Credentials Committee Service Awards

5 years

Marilyn Conde
Bruce Russell

Hannon: Earlier this week, as they like to say, length of service awards were provided to two board members. Rich Mastin has 5 years on the board and I have 20. [applause]

Board Member Service Awards

5 years

Rich Mastin

20 years

Mark Hannon

Hannon: I want to thank the Credentials Committee. Is there a motion to destroy the ballots? **Phillips:** So moved. **Hannon:** OK, is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** I'll second.

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

Hannon: The ballots will be destroyed. I want to thank the Credentials Committee for all their work. I want to thank outgoing board members, Dick Kallmeyer, John Adelhoch, Lisa Kuta, Jean Dugger and Pam DelaBar, for their services to CFA. I am sure we'll continue to see them around CFA. I also want to congratulate those newly-elected board members and those re-elected board members. [applause]

(54) **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Hannon: Continuing on with our meeting, next is Kathy Calhoun with the Treasurer's Report.



Calhoun: Good afternoon CFA and welcome to Atlanta! I'm not sure how the Treasurer's Report gets put after Credentials. I'm sure everybody is FaceBooking and texting away, so I'll try to be quick and to the point.

AGENDA

- The Bottom Line
- Historical Summary
- Income Build
- Expense Management
- Future Focus



Calhoun: I am very, very pleased to be here this afternoon to share a very positive report with this delegation in CFA. In fact, the financial results for 2017-2018 set another record-breaking year. As Mark has alluded to, we had a fabulous year. [applause] So, let's get started with a quick review of the agenda. We're going to talk about the bottom line, review key

financial categories that drive profit, talk about expenses, look at future investments that will take CFA to even higher heights.

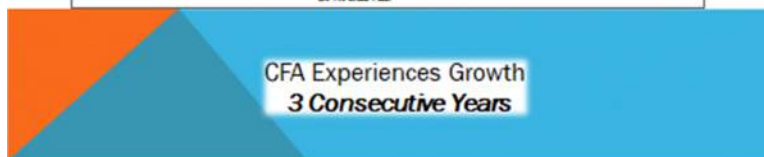
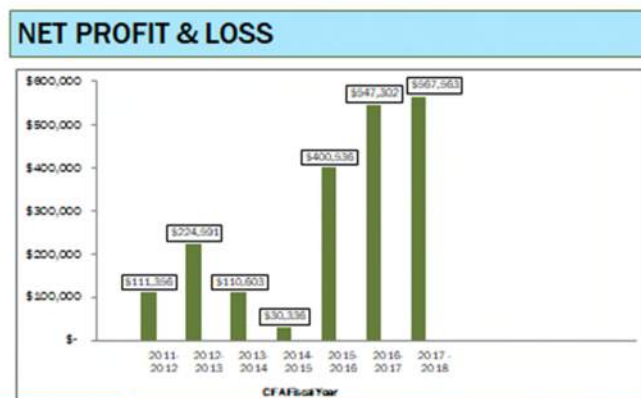
THE BOTTOM LINE

CFA Will Realize A Profit Of:

\$567,563

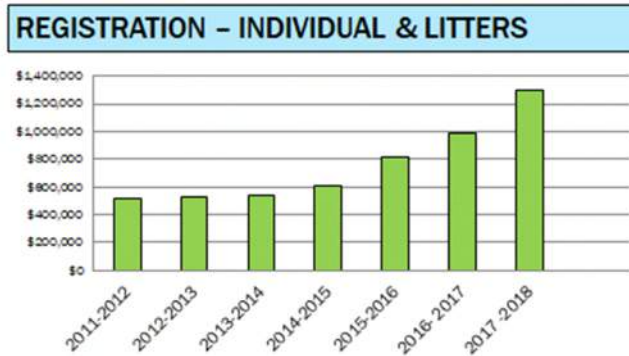


Calhoun: Starting with the bottom line, in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, CFA realized a profit of \$567,563. This is a \$20,000 increase over last year's record year. I will restate the same comment that I made last year, that to my knowledge and Mark's knowledge, we have never hit this number before. So, great job everybody in CFA. [applause]

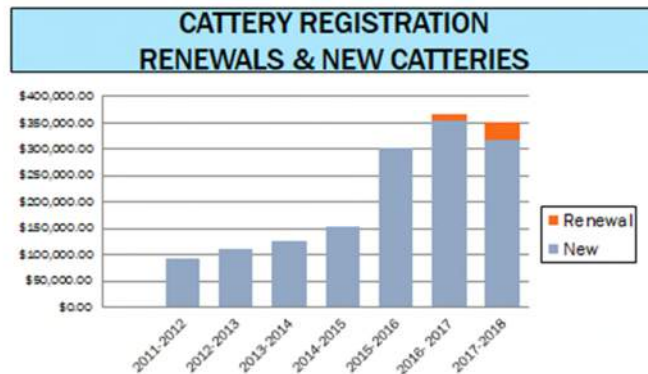


CFA Experiences Growth
3 Consecutive Years

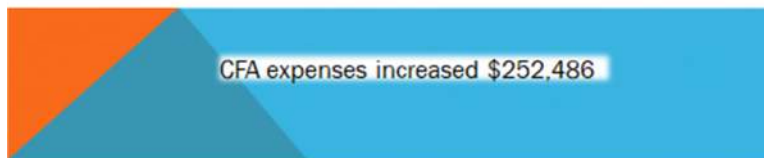
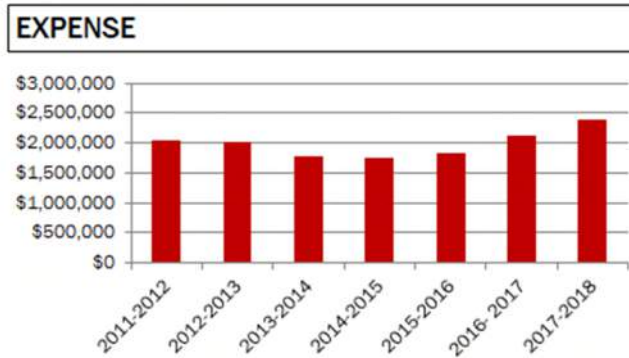
Calhoun: So, how did we do this? As you can see from this bar chart, the last 3 years CFA has recognized consecutive, significant growth. There are segments of our business that strongly contribute to this profitability – many segments, but first and foremost we are a registry. That's our primary source of income, so let's take a look at registration.



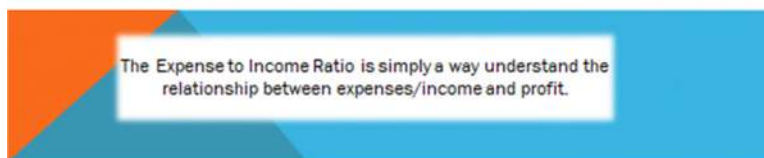
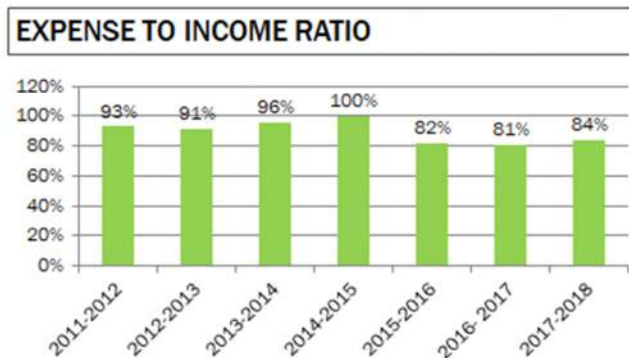
Calhoun: Registration of individuals and litters have increased since 2012, and dramatically since 2015. This past year represents a 31.4% increase over prior year.



Calhoun: Now let's take a look at cattery registration. In this category, you will see from the bar chart that we are showing a slight decrease. It's about 10.5%. This is where details really matter. We are literally dissecting this category to find out what does this really mean. Where is the decline coming from? New catteries? Permanent catteries? Renewals? We need to understand. Are we losing traction in this area and what should we be doing as an organization about retention if, in fact, this is coming from our base. We are dissecting this and digging into the details. The financial part of this is important, but as important and maybe even more important that could be a business trend. So, we're digging into this.



Calhoun: Now let's take a look at expenses. CFA's expenses increased \$252,000 over the last year, which is to be expected. Increases in the areas of payroll, utilities, insurance, program costs, Annual costs, marketing events – that's a very long list. Expenses typically are expected to increase year over year. \$252,000 is a big number, but we have to spend money to make money.



Calhoun: This next chart is another way of looking at expenses, which is the percentage of expenses compared to income over the same period of time. As you can see, the last three years of significant profit coincided with the expense-to-income ratio residing in that 80%-85% range. This is where we want to be in CFA when we look at expenses in this way.

2018/2019 FOCUS ON GROWTH

- ☐ Reinvest in CFA
 - ☐ Systems
 - ☐ People
- ☐ Increased focus on Marketing
 - ☐ Advertising
 - ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Support Global Markets
 - ☐ Foreign translations
 - ☐ On-site support



Calhoun: Now that we have a healthy balance sheet, and it's consistent, it's time to reinvest back into CFA. As we discussed before, Tim Schreck mentioned that we will be investing in an upgrade in the CFA computer systems. We're in the test phase and, as Tim said, we will be doing the transition the week of July 9th – specifically, I believe, the 10th and 11th. We are hiring people to better serve our customers, and that means you. Secondly, we are investing dollars and focusing on marketing through increased advertising, our greater presence in social media, viral support – I had to ask, “what’s viral support?” Those are like the bloggers and all the folks that kind of tag on and pick up the story lines and all that sort of thing. And, a greater international presence. As a third major focus point, we are also investing in global markets. We are investing globally through translations of material to other languages, and we have added a liaison who attends some of our shows to help and support and answer questions on the ground. All these things cost money, so let's not be surprised next year when the bottom line is different from this year. But, that's really because the way to think about 2018-2019 is the season of re-investment.

THANK YOU

Budget Committee
Teresa Barry
Carla Bizzell
Mark Hannon
Rich Mastin
Teresa Sweeney
Central Office Staff
Verna Dobbins
Cristal Oesch



Calhoun: With that quick summary, I would like to take a moment to thank the team members where the folks work every day – each and every day – both from an execution standpoint and an analytical standpoint, to help us make sure we continue to stay on track. So if Carla would stand, Mark Hannon, Rich Mastin, shout out to Teresa, Verna there in the back, and a big shout out to Cristal in Central Office. These folks really, really worked hard to make sure we maintain our success. So, with that, thank you very much, and we'll be on to the next presentation.

(55) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Hannon: Waiting in the wings is Melanie Morgan, with the Judging Program.

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CFA Judging Program

Melanie Morgan

Morgan: Alright. Hello everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to address you as the representative of the CFA Judging Program – my first time up here on the podium. I really hope you all are enjoying the beautiful Atlanta rain and the Southern Region’s famous Southern hospitality, which I’m sure will be fabulous tonight.

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CFA Judging Program

Melanie Morgan, Chair

- Larry Adkison
- Laurie Coughlan
- Diana Doernberg
- Pat Jacobberger
- Becky Orlando
- Neil Quigley
- Penny Richter
- Sharon Roy
- Jan Stevens
- Annette Wilson

Morgan: The first order of business has to be a well-deserved thank you to someone who is very special to me – Annette Wilson – for all the hard work she put in as the Chair of the Judging Program over the past three years. [applause] There is no question she set the bar so extremely high. I cannot tell you how grateful I am that she agreed to stay and share her considerable talents as a key member of the Judging Program Committee. A million thanks to Annette, from me to you. I now have a whole new appreciation for the way she made things look really easy... Just saying... Speaking of making it look easy, I would like to introduce my very dedicated, very talented Committee members. If you are here, please stand or raise your hand and wave, so people can appreciate you. If you’re not, we certainly still appreciate you.

Larry Adkison General oversight and quality control

Laurie Coughlan Recruitment and Development Sub-Committee

Diana Doernberg	File Administrator (Regions 1-7)
Pat Jacobberger	Chair, Judges' Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)
Becky Orlando	File Administrator (Region 9 and ID); Mentor Program Administrator
Neil Quigley	Guest Judge Subcommittee
Penny Richter	Applications Administrator
Sharon Roy	Ombudsman, General Communications Representative
Jan Stevens	File Administrator (Region 8 and ID); Member, Recruitment & Development subcommittee, Protest Committee
Annette Wilson	Chair, Guest Judge subcommittee; Guest judge paperwork review

Truly a committee of superstars that I am very honored and privileged to work with. I could wax poetic about each and every one of these individuals, but then we would miss the cocktail hour in the hospitality we were talking about, so suffice it to say that I am proud to work alongside such incredibly devoted individuals. Their passion for and commitment to CFA is truly unparalleled and I am very lucky to have them on my team.

A very big thank you as well to Rachel Anger, who has not only stood where I am now and sits over here to my right. She has also served on the committee in the past, but continues to put together the often very long and very involved Board reports.

No one can succeed alone and the Judging Program is no exception. Our Judges are an integral part of what makes CFA great. We are doing our best to make sure that our judges continue to be considered the best of the best and we could not succeed without support from our President – thank you Mark – the Board members, Central Office staff, each and every member of the Judging Panel and every one of you – the breeders and the exhibitors. So I would like to take a quick moment to thank you all. I am so proud to be part of this CFA family.

They say that “you cannot know where you are going until you know where you have been” So now, let’s reflect on the past year.

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CFA Judging Program

- In Memoriam
 - Ed Davis
 - Miriam Faulkner
 - Jess Insall
 - Bob Molino
 - Irina Tokmakova
- Retirement
 - Lynn Search
- Resignation
 - George Cherrie
 - Arie Groenewegen

Morgan: Sadly, the Cat Fancy lost four very special members of our family this past year. Please join me in cherishing the memories of:

- CFA Allbreed Judge and long-time Siamese breeder Ed Davis who passed away in September
- CFA Allbreed Judge Emeritus and long-time Siamese breeder Miriam Faulkner who passed away in May
- CFA Shorthair Judge and Burmese breeder Jess Insall who passed away in March
- CFA Allbreed Judge, long-time Siamese breeder and Colorpoint pioneer Bob Molino who left us in March
- and CFA Allbreed Judge Irina Tokmakova whose untimely passing in December devastated all of us who had come to love her gentle way with the cats and her warm smile.


We also had three judges who retired or resigned since last June's report:

- Retired After 30 years of service CFA Allbreed Judge Lynn Search
- Resigned – CFA Allbreed Judge George Cherrie
- Resigned – CFA Allbreed Judge Arie Groenewegen

We wish Lynn, George and Arie all the best.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Judges<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Rod U'Ren– Gavin Cao– Pam DeGolyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced to Apprentice-First Specialty:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Bethany Colilla– Frank Dueker– Emiko Misugi– Mie Takahashi
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Morgan: Moving forward let's celebrate our future. It has been a banner year for new judges with some superb talent emerging. Many judges have moved through several advancements during the year. I am going to announce the most current status, as of Thursday's board meeting. I'll ask that each judge stand when their name is announced and remain standing until I'm done reading my list. If you could hold your applause until each group is announced, we can join together in congratulating these judges on their acceptance and advancements:

We welcomed two new judges this year:

- In February, long-time guest Judge Rod U'Ren applied and was accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed
- Our first specialty Trainee is Gavin Cao, ID China (Shorthair – 1st Specialty)

Advanced to Apprentice, in their first specialty:

- Bethany Colilla, Region 4 (Longhair – 1st Specialty)
- Pam DeGolyer, Region 2 (Longhair – 1st Specialty)
- Frank Dueker, Region 9 (Shorthair – 1st Specialty) –
- Emiko Misugi, Region 8 (Longhair – 1st Specialty)
- Mie Takahashi, Region 8 (Longhair – 1st Specialty)

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- **Advanced to Apprentice - Second Specialty:**
 - Amanda Cheng
- **Advanced to Approval Pending Specialty:**
 - Wendy Heidt
 - Nicholas Pun
 - Toshi Tsuchiya
 - Teo Vargas
 - Mihoko Yabumoto

Advanced to Apprentice, in their Second Specialty:

- Amanda Cheng, ID China (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

- Wendy Heidt, Region 2 (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)
- Nicholas Pun, ID Other Longhair – 2nd Specialty
- Toshi Tsuchiya, Region 8 (Longhair – 2nd Specialty)
- Teo Vargas, Region 9 (Longhair – 1st Specialty)
- Mihoko Yabumoto, Region 8 (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)



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- Advanced to Approved 2nd Specialty; Approval Pending Allbreed:
 - Danny Tai
- Advanced to Approved Allbreed:
 - John Adelhoch
 - Kit Fung
 - Marilee Griswold
 - Suki Lee

Advance to Approved 2nd Specialty Approval Pending Allbreed:

- Toshi Tsuchiya, Region 8
- Mihoko Yabumoto, Region 8

And, introducing our newest approved Allbreed Judges:

- John Adelhoch, Region 1
- Kit Fung, ID Other
- Marilee Griswold, Region 7
- Suki Lee, ID Other

Morgan: Please join me in congratulating these members of the judging program on their advancements! I'll now ask all of our judges to stand as we thank them for their hard work, and for representing CFA so well.

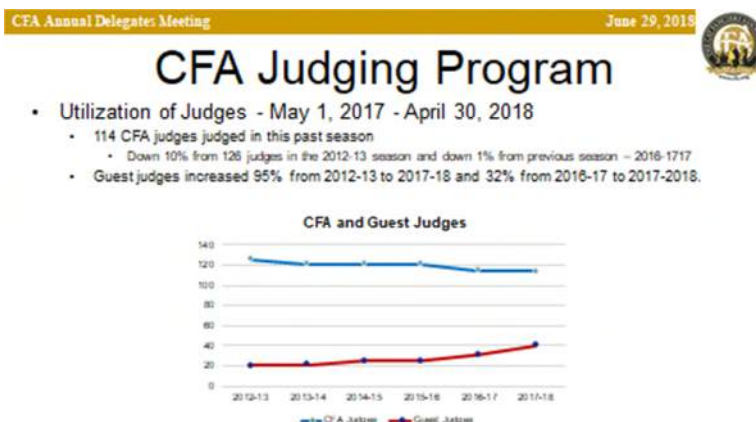


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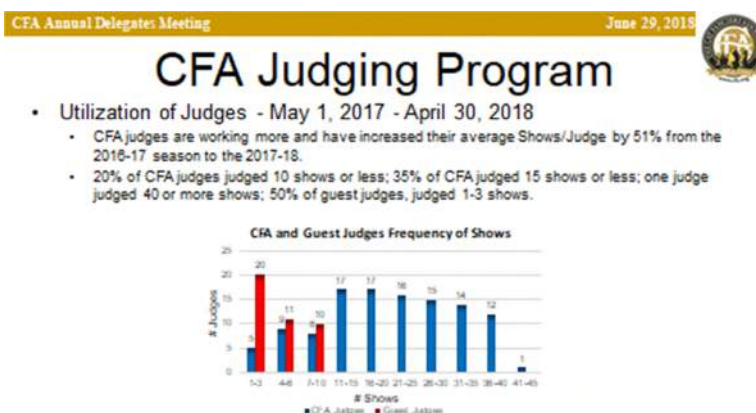
- Service Awards:
 - 5 Years – Irina Kharchenko
 - 10 Years:
 - Cathy Dinesen
 - James Dinesen
 - Anne Mathis
 - Makoto Murofushi
 - Lorraine Rivard
 - 15 Years – Iris Zinck
 - 20 Years – Edward Maeda
 - 25 Years – Kayoko Koizumi
 - 30 Years – Victoria Nye
 - 35 Years
 - Teruko Arai
 - Yukiko Hayata
 - 40 Years
 - Gene Darrah
 - Robert Goltzer

Morgan: Tomorrow night we will be celebrating the following Service awards: **5 Years** Irina Kharchenko; **10 Years** Cathy Dinesen, James Dinesen, Anne Mathis, Makoto Murofushi, Lorraine Rivard, Michie Shinmoto; **15 Years** Iris Zinck; **20 Years** Edward Maeda; **25 Years**

Kayoko Koizumi; **30 Years** Victoria Nye; **35 Years** Teruko Arai, Yukiko Hayata; **40 Years** Gene Darrah, Robert Goltzer.



Morgan: Before I go, I want to leave you with a few statistics. This report may be hard for some of you to read back there, so I'll tell you what it says. It represents charts and data related to judges at CFA shows from May 5, 2017 to April 30, 2018. 114 CFA judges judged in this season, down 10% from 126 judges 5 years ago in the 2012 season, down 1 % from last season. Guest judges increased 95% from 2012 to now and 32% this season to last.

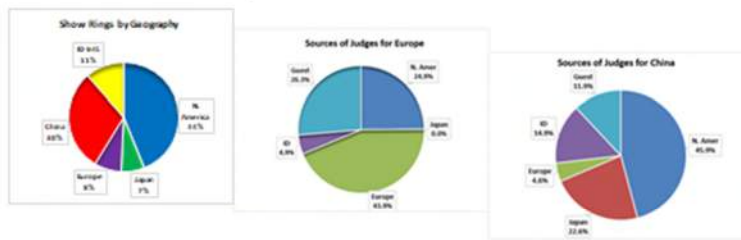


Morgan: Our CFA judges have increased their average Shows/Judge by 51% from this season to last; they are working more which we can clearly see, as well as our guest judges increased by 45%; guest judge utilization is increasing. 20% of CFA judge, judged 10 shows or less; 35% of CFA judges 15 shows or less. Two judges judged 40 or more shows. 50% of guest judges, judged 1-3 shows.



CFA Judging Program

Where did CFA and Guest Judges officiate in 2017-18 and from where did the resources come?



- Region 9: European judges - 44%; North American judges - 25%; Guest judges - 26%.
- China: North American judges - 46%; Japanese judges - 23%; ID judges - 15%; Guest judges - 12%.

Morgan: Where do judges officiate? The majority of rings were in North America (44%), followed by China (30%), ID-Intl (11%), Europe (8%) and Japan (7%). 56% of show rings were outside of North America.



CFA Judging Program

- We currently have 112 active judges and this past year we utilized 41 different guest judges.
- Based on the total number of rings possible (5700), our Judges were 42% utilized for the 2017-2018 season.
- Last year, we lost three judges from the Judging Program. This year we've lost seven.
- Last year we accepted five new judges. This year we've accepted three new judges.
- Last year we advanced four judges to Approved Allbreed.
- This year we also advanced four judges to Approved Allbreed.
- With increased demand we need to add talented individuals to the Judging program.
- The road to becoming a judge is not easy, it shouldn't be, but it is incredibly rewarding.
- Every weekend presents new opportunities to push yourself and the opportunities to learn and grow are endless.
- Since June last year the CFA JP has conducted two Breed Awareness and Orientation schools. One in Portland at the International show and one this past May in Belgium.
- We have clubs working to put on breed-specific workshops and we are looking for other opportunities.
- I urge all of you to consider attending a BAOS and if you are lucky enough to be near a show where there is a breed Workshop, think about that too.

Morgan: Europe, due to limited local CFA judges, takes advantage more of different geographic judges. European judges are 44% and North American judges 25%. So, at the European shows we're splitting approximately 75% between the North American and European judges, with guest judges come in at 26%. China, with its large number of show rings and few ID judges, relies heavily on North America judges, with 46% of their judges coming from there and from Japan 23% for their judging needs. ID judges are playing a larger role with 15%. Guest judges account for 12%. That just kind of breaks out and gives you a feel for how our judges are being utilized.

Morgan: This last year, if you look at the total number of possible rings – that will be the total number of judging assignments – there were 5,700 rings possible last year. If every judge was active every possible show, realizing that this is completely, totally and utterly unrealistic, based on the total number of possible rings, our judges were 42% utilized for 2017-2018 season.

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Morgan: I have to tell you, the road to becoming a judge is not easy, but it shouldn't be. It is, however, incredibly rewarding. Every weekend presents new opportunities to push yourself and the challenges are constantly changing. The opportunities to learn and grow are endless, and it's truly an opportunity that I hope you all will consider. Since June last year we conducted two Breed Awareness and Orientation schools, one in Portland at the International show and one in May in Belgium. We have clubs working on breed specific workshops and we are working on other opportunities to educate people who would like to come into the Judging Program and are existing judges. I urge all of you to consider attending the BAOS and if you are lucky enough to be near a club that is putting on a breed workshop, think about that too. When we talk about a breed workshop, we're looking at some breed-specific shows that are going to actually put on workshops for those breeds after the conclusion of breed judging. Maybe just maybe you too will get by the bug and decide to join our ranks. There truly is very little that can compare to the joy of handling CFA's finest cats. So with that I will say to all of you – CFA clubs and exhibitors – thank you again for giving us opportunities to handle beautiful cats at shows all over the world!

Morgan: Now, I'm pleased to introduce Ellyn Honey, President of the Judges Association, to announce and present the JA Spotlight Award.



Honey: Good afternoon everyone. I hope everyone is enjoying their time in Atlanta, my old region – Region 7. For the last several years, the Judges' Association has looked at nominations for the Judges' Spotlight Award. It is an award given to a CFA judge who has gone above and beyond in their work as a judge. Some are board members, some are mentors, many work behind the scenes and we have no idea what they do until somebody nominates them. This year's winner is a highly-respected person who, in her quiet way of grace and dignity, has done outstanding work as a breeder, board member and most of all a judge. The first time I met this woman in 1984, just as she is today, a beautiful, dignified and wonderful judge with a kindness in her heart that no one can measure. In 1975, she along with her husband Kenji, began breeding

Abyssinian cats under the name of Big Japan. They were instrumental in bringing the Abyssinian cat to Japan and they set up the show-producing club, Sun Flower Cat Club, and began producing shows. This was during the time when Japan was part of Region 5, and I'm sure there are many of you out there who don't realize that Japan was not always a region. Since Japan became a region 25 years ago, this recipient has gone above and beyond in helping her region grow and was elected regional director. She made many contributions while in that position. In 1984, our award recipient entered the Judging Program and, since that time, has judged and trained judges in Japan. She has also worked with Junior Showmanship, which is quite popular in Japan, and her kindness to these children has gone a long way in helping them gain confidence in all the areas of their lives. This woman always speaks to exhibitors and spectators with kindness, encouraging people to breed and show with integrity. Several years ago her husband and life partner passed away, and although grieving honored her contract to judge a show the next weekend. She felt it her duty and her obligation to do this, and by doing so honor her husband Kenji. This is a historic presentation, as the JA – the Judges' Association – has never honored a judge outside of the United States. It is my pleasure and my honor to award the Judges' Spotlight Award to Yaeko Takano for 2018. [applause] **Hannon:** Congratulations Yaeko.



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

Hannon: Next up we have Carmen Johnson-Lawrence, representing the Youth Feline Education Program.



Johnson-Lawrence: Every year it feels like the technology is a little different. Good afternoon guests, delegates, members of our board. Thank you for being here today.



Johnson-Lawrence: The Youth Feline Education Program has a committee of coordinators in each of our Regions 1-7. I'm proud to say that this past season, each Region 1-7 had at least one coordinator. We are looking to add a second coordinator in each of the Regions 1-7 in the coming season. Each coordinator will help each other, and take on different responsibilities based on their skills and their talents. I would like to ask the regional coordinators to please stand if they are here. I know Linda is not here and Sandra isn't here, but I know Lorna is here. Bethany is here. She's raising her hand. Is Kelsey here today? I know Cathy Dunham is here. She's someplace in the back. Karen Thomas I know is here, as well. I don't think Chandler is here and I know Nadia's not here. Rich Mastin is our board liaison. Rich is really more than a liaison. I consider him a mentor. Many thanks go out to our coordinators and to Rich for all that they have done and will continue to do. They are truly an asset to our program.

Johnson-Lawrence: At the end of 2017, we had 58 youth registered in the Program, but only 22 of them submitted activity. This season was spent reaching out to our inactive participants and, in many cases, unfortunately there was no response received. This past season we had 31 total youth that participated and submitted activity, so we had increased participation this year. We had two regions – the North Atlantic Region and the Gulf Shore Region – that saw growth and we are pleased with what we saw this past season. We are looking forward growth in the coming season, and I’m excited to say that we’ve already signed up two new members this morning.



Johnson-Lawrence: In addition to our program committee, we depend on the parents to provide support and guidance, not only to our youth participants, but sometimes also to the program. Our youth would not be here if it weren't for the parents and grandparents, the aunts and uncles and other family who have influenced their decisions to become involved. Debi Gomez, will you please stand up. Debi has this amazing talent for graphic design, which is good because I don't have that talent. We needed some new banners and something fresh and Debi said to me one day, "Send me what you want," and so I did. She worked her magic and it was amazing and we have these awesome new banners now. There is one banner for each Region 1-7. You will start to see them popping up in show halls. Another conversation Debi and I had in the mid to late Fall and with the Committee too was that we really needed to have our logo refreshed. Debi, without even being asked, she just made it happen. The Program thanks the board for approving our new design in December. These are two things that, had it not been for Debi's forethought and her motivation and her initiative and her talent, probably would not have gotten done because I just don't have the skill, so Debi, thank you so much for what you did for me. [applause]



Johnson-Lawrence: Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither will any clarifications on various aspects of the Program or any changes that might require board approval, but we will get there a little bit at a time. Activity tracking for participants that has been rather lag in the past, with participants or parents submitting activity by various multiple methods, but nothing truly consistent. Effective July 1st, all participants must use our membership activity record which notes day, activity, location, and is to be signed by a show committee member or another person in a leadership role, if outside the show hall. If there is no one available to sign, photos should be used for supporting documentation. Note sometimes those photos are also used in our year-end presentations. The form is available on the YFEP website, or can also be emailed upon request. In addition, and most participants used this method last season, a Google folder will be set up for forms and documentation to be uploaded into them, as well as a Google sheet for transferring the activity to the other sheet. Activity will be submitted quarterly and the dates will be published. This is going to alleviate the rush of scoring at the end of season, and will also give us a better idea for the ordering of our awards. This season, awards will be given at the regional and national level for the age divisions. We will also recognize the three highest scoring participants overall. Starting in the 2019-2020 season, age division recognition will remain unchanged. The overall winner recognition will be replaced with the Joanne Cummings Memorial Spotlight Award. This award will recognize up to two participants who have shown exceptional effort in all three areas of the Program – education, community service, and cat showmanship, preparation and presentation. It is my belief that this Program is meant to grow and develop our future exhibitors, breeders and leaders of CFA. This recognition is not going to be point based, but is growth and development based. To be eligible, a participant will need to have completed multiple activities in all three program areas. A subcommittee will be set up to receive nominations from the regional coordinators, and will make the decision on the award recognition. Like the current overall winner, the Spotlight Award winner will remain confidential until the Annual meeting.



Johnson-Lawrence: Now I would like to present to you our age divisional winners nationally. [A video featuring the following winners was shown, to AC/DC singing TNT.]



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CATS – Ages 13 to 15



1st Place
Payton Gomez
Southwest Region



2nd Place
Viviane Phillips
Gulf Shore Region



3rd Place
Adeline Moss
Northwest Region

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Youth Feline Education Program

SENIORS – Ages 16 to 18



1st Place
Emily Conaway
Midwest Region



2nd Place
MacKenna Goldsbery
Northwest Region



3rd Place
Rebecca Gibson
Great Lakes Region

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OVERALL WINNERS

Johnson-Lawrence: I had to make sure you were all awake. Typically, at this point is where we present one outstanding youth for their participation over the past season. We had more than one outstanding youth, so we're going to recognize three. Each of these youth participants made their own individual mark in CFA this year. They pushed the boundaries in CFA. They've made CFA history. They started their own business and researched all there is to

know about their breed, the various health risks, along with showing cats, participating in show production, being club members, volunteering at no-kill shelters, fostering cats and doing cattery visits. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. I would like to invite Edward Goatsey, Payton Gomez and Emily Conaway to join me up here. [applause] Note that Emily is the tallest.

Johnson-Lawrence: For Edward, many of you saw him clerking in Regions 1, 4 and 7. He is a member of Genesee Cat Fanciers and Buffalo Cat Fanciers, and assists with Monroe Shorthair and National Siamese. When he's not busy clerking or showing one of our Exotics, he's running around with a camera and taking opportunities to learn from Larry and Richard. It gives me great pride to recognize Edward as our third best overall winner this year.

Johnson-Lawrence: Payton has made CFA history. She has not only one, but two National Winners in the Household Pet class, in the first year of this class being recognized on a national level. She makes numerous toys for exhibitors and for judging rings and spectators are given out most every weekend and has done amazing cage decoration as well, for those of you that are out in the Southwest and the Northwest Regions. I see the pictures. It's amazing. I just wish I had 1/8th of the energy that she has. I look forward to watching Payton continue to grow and develop in the fancy. I am proud to recognize Payton as second best overall this year. [applause] For Payton's efforts, I am presenting to her a silver pendant of Gary Galavant, who is CFA's Best Household Pet.

Johnson-Lawrence: By process of elimination, there is one. Emily's activities are just way too numerous to mention. She started her own catnip toy business and registered her own cattery. Not only does she show her own cats, but she helps her friends with showing theirs, too. She has two Persians ranked in the final Agility standings. She assisted new exhibitors, rescued a 2-week old kitten, assisted with show production, securing and supervising stewards, publicity and she has also shadowed show managers. Researched the Persian breed and various health issues, made cattery visits and assisted in others' catteries, and also started preparing for the new role she takes on this season. As Emily graduates from the Program this year, she moves into the new role of Regional Coordinator of the Midwest Region. I've only just gotten to know Emily well in the last few months, but I know she has great things to bring to the Program and the fancy in her new role. I am honored to recognize Emily Conaway of the Midwest Region, this year's best overall winner in the Youth Feline Education Program. [applause applause]



Johnson-Lawrence: The Youth Feline Education Program thanks everyone for their support of our youth and our Program this past season. We look forward to bringing you many more exciting things in the coming year. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Carmen.

(57) **ROYAL CANIN:**

Hannon: Next we have a presentation from Royal Canin. **Brian Bonsall:** Good afternoon, and thanks for having us, Mark. We at Royal Canin are very excited to join you at the Annual meeting here in Atlanta. My name is Brian Bonsall and I have had the privilege to work for Royal Canin for nearly 7 years. My entire career has been spent working with the Professional Breeder Program, and the last 4 serving as the National Sales Manager, working with cat breeders, dog breeders and other professionals. One question that I hear repeatedly is, “Why Royal Canin?” This is certainly a loaded question with many acceptable responses, but I’ll outline a few of my favorite answers for you. Firstly, while our brand is still viewed as an up and comer in the market, 2018 actually marks our 50 year anniversary. We are represented in over 90 countries worldwide and are a household name in Europe. Because of this long history and global reputation, we have had the ability to sponsor some of the largest cat and dog shows in the world, and provide continued support for organizations such as CFA, AKC and many others. Secondly, Royal Canin has always been and will always be cat and dog first. This is much more than a statement, this is a daily philosophy that every associate within the organization lives. Every decision we make as a company and as a brand is centered around improving the lives and overall health of animals worldwide. Any product reformulation or new launch is done only after extensive testing at one of our company-owned world class research facilities. Every product we sell is back by years of scientific knowledge that ensures only the best for every cat and dog. Lastly, because of all of you, and while this might sound a little cliché the greatest part of working for Royal Canin is the people. The only group of people in the world that are more passionate about animals than Royal Canin associates are the partners that we get to interact with at events like this. Breeders, show enthusiasts and club members are amongst the most passionate animal lovers out there. My job is to interact with all of you on a daily basis. It doesn’t get much better than that. We are thrilled to call CFA a partner and would like to thank you again for lending us the opportunity to be here with you this week. You may have seen the booth set up just outside these doors, and I encourage each of you to stop by during break so that my team and I may meet you and talk more about your incredible cats. The booth is staffed this week by Courtney Parsons and Sharon Lund, who many of you may have already met, and they will happily walk you through the free breeder program that we offer known as the Crown Partner Program. This service allows you to order Royal Canin diets at a discounted price versus buying retail, offers free shipping on all orders regardless of order size, and includes other perks and benefits that we can cover at the booth. I leave you today with a short video I hope you will enjoy, and I thank you again for your time and attention. I hope you enjoy the remainder of the meeting. Thank you.

[An informative video presentation was given featuring kittens.]

Hannon: Thank you Brian. Thank you Royal Canin. Royal Canin is a valued partner of CFA’s. As you know, they are the lead sponsor for our International Show in October, as they were last year in Portland. We’ve got a number of gifts from Royal Canin sitting in each of your place settings. Thank you Royal Canin. [applause]

Hannon: I have a couple of announcements. Mary K has been live streaming the meeting, so if you go on FaceBook, Mary K’s site, you can see what’s going on, and people at home can. There are there microphones down the middle, and what’s closest to me is actually the

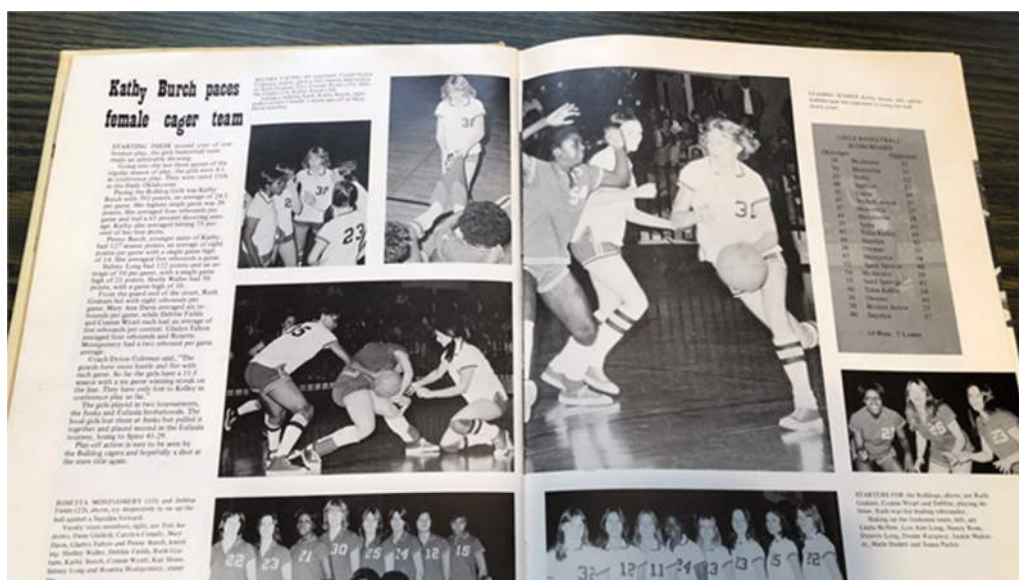
camera. It's focused at us right now. When we get into the resolutions and amendments, Mary is going to turn it around so it's on you guys. CFA's Breeder Assistance and Breed Rescue Programs will draw the numbers for their raffle wins. Make sure your tickets are in the drawing. They thank you for your support. So, you've got until the break to continue getting those tickets from the Animal Welfare Program.

(58) YEARBOOK.

Hannon: Next up is our Yearbook Report with our Yearbook Committee Chairman, Kathy Black.

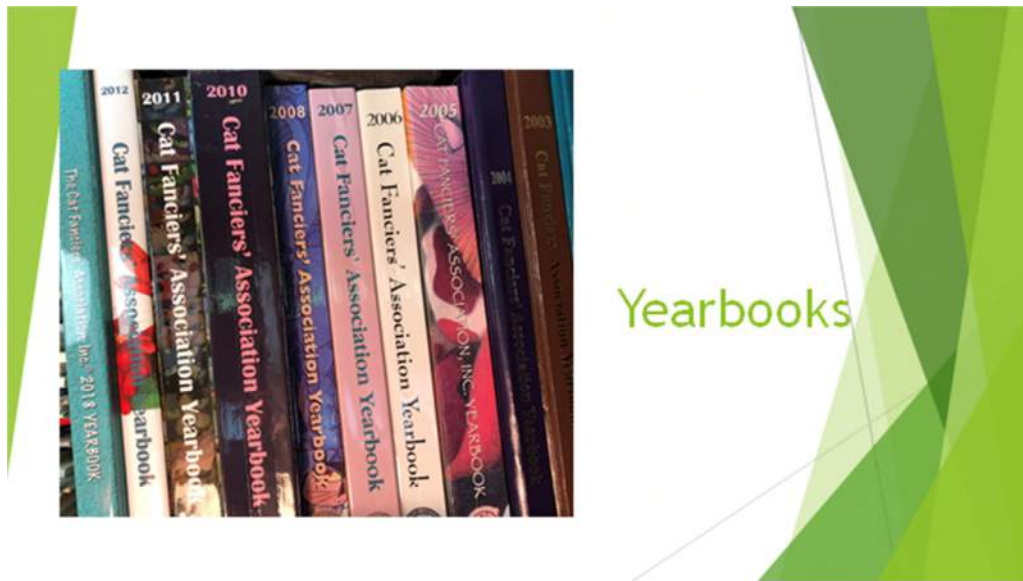


Black: Good afternoon everyone. I'm the board liaison for the Yearbook. I don't do that much for it. Shelly Borawski is our wonderful Yearbook Editor. Shelly where are you? There she is over there running the computer. Shelly does a beautiful job. I just wanted to spend a few minutes talking about the Yearbook.



Black: If you look up here, I've got a couple of my high school yearbooks. Who still has their high school yearbooks? OK, so what do we keep these yearbooks around for? Well, they're kind of to reminisce. Let's say we run into an old school mate. We want to get out the yearbook and say, "Oh yeah, we really were in that class together," or maybe you just want to kind of

reminisce and go down memory lane. Let's say you want to relive your basketball career. I had a full-page spread in high school. This is me, several times. Maybe you just want to kind of relive the days when you were skinny and wore very short shorts back in those days.



Black: I look at our CFA Yearbook as being very similar to our high school yearbook. So, you envision the board as being the faculty of the school. The graduating class could be our class of cats that we have. The judges could be the teachers. Our CFA Yearbook is such a beautiful publication, and it is there to honor our “school year,” so to speak. So, we need you to help us support that book. A high school yearbook would be nothing without pictures in it, right? So, we need you guys to send us your pictures of your cats when they grand, your grands of distinction, your DMs, your regional winners, your cattery ads, your club advertisements, your regional winners from the different regions. We need you guys to help us support that. We’re going to increase the number again this year back up to 400 pages. We need you to help us fill those pages. The deadline for submission is not until August 23rd, so you still have some time to get your ads together. If you don’t know how to build the ad, Shelly does a beautiful job creating ads for your cattery, for your cat win, for your club, whatever it happens to be. Please help us keep this publication going. Just like looking through those old high school yearbooks, it is so much fun to dig out those old CFA Yearbooks and look through them at the past winners we had, and the beautiful cats that we have in our organization. That’s all I had. We’ll go on to the delegation meeting. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Kathy. As Kathy said, we’re dramatically increasing the number of pages in the Yearbook and we need your help to do that. It’s going to be more expensive, so we need more ads and we need more content to fill it up.

REPORTS PRESENTED VIA DELEGATE BOOK

(reports that do not appear elsewhere in these minutes)

(59) **NEWBEE REPORT.**

CFA NewBee Program
Report to the CFA Annual Delegation



The CFA NewBee Program continues to help guide new exhibitors through the world of exhibiting in CFA. But to do so, we need some assistance from our current clubs and exhibitors.

With the acceptance of the Bengal breed into Championship status (and others hopefully following later), CFA is seeing an influx of exhibitors who don't understand how our scoring system works. At the New Vision/Rebel Rousers show on the first weekend of the season, Mary Kolencik found herself trying to explain our scoring system, and suggested to me that we need a handout for these new exhibitors. We feel that it is important for a new exhibitor to understand how points are determined, rather than just relying on a chart. The NewBee website now has such a chart available for download at http://cfanewbee.org/downloads/calculating_points.pdf

Next we are preparing a "Welcome to CFA" package for all new exhibitors. This is going to require some coordination so that we don't miss anyone, nor send multiple packages to someone. Each region will have a new exhibitor coordinator. We ask that all exhibitors, clubs, and entry clerks notify this coordinator of any new exhibitor that they encounter. The coordinator will track these new exhibitors, and arrange for the package to be sent to them. Look for updates on this project in the monthly CFA Newsletter.

Finally, remember that each show should be receiving a NewBee/Mentor Program ad in the show information from Central Office for inclusion in your show's catalog, and we ask that you remember to include it. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tkeiger@tkeiger.com.

Respectfully submitted
Teresa Keiger
CFA NewBee Program chair

Calculating Grand and Regional/National Points in CFA

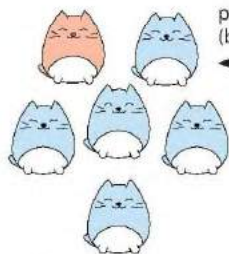
Determining your cat's points can seem confusing, but it is actually very straightforward once you understand the process.

First, there are two types of points: **grand points** and **regional/national points**. They are very different and are calculated differently. As a cat can earn both types of points at a show, it helps to think of this as two different races.

Grand Points: used to achieve grand champion and grand premier titles. **Only** opens and champions are included in this count.

1. Determine the Count

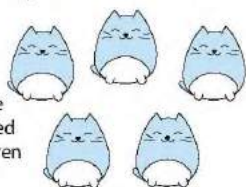
Count the number of opens and champions/premiers in the competitive class (breed, championship, premiership)



Then subtract one cat from that count (which would be your cat). That number is the "count" for the class.

2. Scoring in Breed Class

In class judging, best champion or premier gets all the points from the other champions/opens in the breed class. No other grand points are given in breed.



3. Scoring in Finals

Determine the count for the ring type. Specialty finals will include only the champions/premiers for that specialty (longhair or shorthair). Allbreed finals include all champions/premiers. Again, subtract one representing your cat.

A judge **can** include more champions or premiers in a top 10 final. Those champions/premiers will receive **champion/premier points** in 10% decrements based on their placement as a champion/premier.

Grand point scoring is done in 10% increments

- Best - earns the entire amount of the count
- 2nd Best - earns 90% of the count
- 3rd Best - earns 80% of the count

In allbreed rings, the judge will award BOTH best through 3rd best longhair and shorthair champions AND best through 3rd best allbreed champions. Premiership awards only best and second.

Round 'em up - or down

For each ring, scores of .5 or more round up to the next number. Scores .4 and below round down.



IMPORTANT

A cat can only score on one award per ring. It can score **ONLY** the best of breed win, the specialty win, or the allbreed win, whichever is higher.

When the cat achieves the number of points its scoring area requires for the title of grand, it no longer counts grand points. Remember that you must have filed your championship title claim form and been in 6 qualifying rings to become a grand.

Regional and National Points: used to score for breed win titles, and regional and national win titles. **ALL** cats in the competitive category are included in the count - opens, champions, and grands.

1. Determine the Count

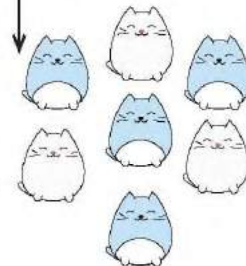
Count the number of **all cats** in the competitive class (breed, kitten, championship, premiership)



Then subtract one cat from that count (which would be your cat). That number is the "count" for the class.

2. Scoring in Breed Class

In class judging, best of breed gets all of the available points. Second best of breed gets 95% of the available points. No other points in class are available



3. Scoring in Finals

Determine the count for the ring type. Specialty finals will include only the cats for that specialty (longhair or shorthair). Allbreed finals include all cats in the cats. Again, subtract one representing your cat.

National/Regional scoring is done in 5% increments

- Best - earns the entire amount of the count
- 2nd Best - earns 95% of the count
- 3rd Best - earns 90% of the count
- 4th Best - earns 85% of the count and so on

No rounding - score each ring out to two decimal places

IMPORTANT

A cat can only score on one award per ring.

- The cat keeps the score from class judging or the final, whichever is higher.

Regional and national points are accumulated throughout the show season, and accumulation ends at the end of the season.



(60) **2018 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 364

Number of votes for a simple majority: 183

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 243

Hannon: Moving on to the amendments and resolutions. The amendments to the Constitution require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the people voting.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2018 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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– 1 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers, Fancy That Cat Club, Grandview Cat Fanciers, Greater NW Cat Fanciers, Lewis and Clark LH Specialty, Steinbeck Country Cat Club, Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy, Valley Cat Fanciers, Cymric Cat Club, International Somali Cat Club, Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders, Manx LTD, Willamette Valley Cat Club, Japanese Bobtail Fanciers, Rip City Cats, Sunkat Feline Fanciers, Marina All Breed Cat Club, Las Vegas Cat Club, Abyssinian Midwest Breeders, Friends & Family, Beverly Hills Cat Club, The Victor Valley Cat Club, Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, National Alliance of Birman Breeders, Burmese South Cat Club, Buccaneers Cat Fanciers, Mark Twain Feline Fanciers, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance, Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers, Muskogee Cat Club, Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers, Puget Sound Cat Club, McKenzie River Cat Club, Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers, Oregon Cats, Inc., Rose City Cat Fanciers, Portland Cat Club, Length & Lack Of It Cat Fanciers, Keystone Cat Fanciers, Tokyo Feline Fanciers, Cat Fanciers of Osaka, Enchanted Cat Fanciers, China International Cat Club, Fraser Valley All Breed Cat Club, Mt. Fuji Tokyo Cat Club, Eva Cat Club, British Shorthair Cat Club Japan, Japan Tonkinese Cat Club, Riverside Cat Club Japan, Pocahontas Cat Club, Ever Green Cat Club, Comodo Cat Fanciers, Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers, Sun Kyoto Cat Club, Kyoto Skylark Cat Club, Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club, The Dutch Purrruss Club, Chatte Noir Club, European Shorthair Club

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 5 – Vacancies, as follows:

Vacancies in any office, except that of President, ~~and/or~~ any of the Regional Directors and/or any Director at Large, ~~may must~~ be filled by the Executive Board for the balance of the unexpired term, except as noted for Regional Directors. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to that office.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional Directors and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office will mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in section 2e of this article.

Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing from the Central Office – said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope or the date marking Central Office’s receipt of an electronic ballot will constitute PRIME FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of a Director at Large, the vacancy must be filled by the Executive Board with a candidate that received votes in the immediately prior Director at Large election, and who is eligible to serve as defined under Article VI, Section 2(f), and who is willing to serve, starting with the candidate that received the sixth highest number of votes and continuing through the next highest vote recipient until the vacancy is filled.

When less than nine (9) months remain in the term of a Regional Director whose office is vacated, such office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of Regional Directors as provided for in Section 2, Elections, of this article.

RATIONALE: This constitutional amendment holds the Executive Board accountable to honor the wishes of the clubs as it applies to their choices for Director at Large. If a vacancy occurs (as is the case this year with Rich Mastin running for Vice President) then the next logical choice is the person who received the sixth highest number of votes. According Roberts Rules of Order, as a constitutional amendment, this shall go into effect immediately.

Hannon: The first proposed Constitutional amendment our Attorney has ruled out of order. He says that it does not mention what happens if there are only five candidates running and there is no runner up. What happens to the vacancy? Does the board appoint? Do you have a new election? What do you do? So, we’re moving on.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, (1) Article III – Membership Section 7 – Group Liability Insurance Premium; (2) Article V – Fiscal Year, Reports, and Audit; and (3) Article VIII – Regions, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, Section 2 – Organization, and Section 3 – Reports as follows:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 7 – Group Liability Insurance Premium

The Executive Board is authorized to purchase a group liability insurance policy covering the activities of the Association, the Regions and ~~its~~ the Association’s member clubs, and to charge the member clubs for the premium cost as follows: the portion of said premium determined by the Executive Board to be applicable to non-show activities shall be divided equally among all clubs and assessed annually. Payment of said assessment and the consequences of non-payment thereof, shall be the same as set forth in Section 5 above. The portion determined by the Executive Board to be applicable to show activities shall be divided by the expected number of shows to be held, and the result shall be charged as a condition to the issuance of show licenses. The show license insurance charge may be waived by the Central Office in cases, if any, where the group policy is not acceptable to the lessor of show facilities.

ARTICLE V – FISCAL YEAR, REPORTS, AND AUDIT

Section 2 – Reports

c. ~~Each Regional Director~~ The Regional Directors of Regions 8 and 9 may maintain a treasury to defray the costs of regional activities in Regions 8 and 9. Contributions to any such regional fund shall be on a voluntary basis.

d. No later than May ~~10-25~~ of each year each Regional Director shall ~~present~~ submit in writing to the Central Office a complete report of all receipts and disbursements of funds, if any, maintained by the Region for regional business, identifying in detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures for the fiscal year which ended on April 30 of that year. The report shall include such detail as Central Office may require to enable Central Office to prepare and file appropriate tax returns for the Association and the incorporated Regions with the Internal Revenue Service and annual reports for the incorporated Regions in their states of incorporation.

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan and Europe are divided into nine (9) geographical regions as follows:

REGION 1 - NORTH ATLANTIC

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77th meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77th meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77th meridian), Rhode Island, and Vermont.

REGION 2 - NORTHWEST

Alaska, California (North of the 36th parallel), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Nevada (North of the 37th parallel), Oregon, Utah and Washington.

REGION 3 - GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

REGION 4 - GREAT LAKES

Canada (East of the 90th meridian and West of the 77th meridian), Kentucky (North of the 38th parallel), Michigan, New York (West of the 77th meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77th meridian), and West Virginia.

REGION 5 - SOUTHWEST

Arizona, California (South of the 36th parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37th parallel), and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

REGION 6 - MIDWEST

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90th meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas (North of the 38th parallel), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

REGION 7 - SOUTHERN

Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (South of the 38th parallel), Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River), the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

REGION 8 - JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 - EUROPE

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Section 2 – Organization

Regions 1 through 7 shall (i) be incorporated as non-profit corporations in the United States, (ii) adopt and maintain a fiscal year for the corporation that corresponds with the Association’s fiscal year, and (iii) apply for, obtain and maintain tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time.

RATIONALE: The amendments to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3 will require the incorporation of Regions 1 through 7 as tax exempt entities, affording those regions and the individuals involved in activities conducted by those regions with limited liability for their actions on behalf of the regions. The amendments to Article V, Section 2 will require annual reporting of each region’s income and expenses, and the filing by Central Office of appropriate tax returns for CFA and each incorporated region. The amendment to Article III, Section 7 authorizes the Board to obtain insurance for all of the regions at no cost to the regions. The Executive Board recommends passage of the proposed amendments.

Hannon: The second amendment is from the CFA Executive Board. Presenting it is George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club):** Hi, I’m George Eigenhauser. I’m the delegate for Bonita and West Shore, but I’m representing the Board here. I’m not going to read the amendment to you. I can summarize it in one sentence. We’re splitting off Regions 1-7 as separate corporations. I’m not going to read the rationale to you because I can summarize that in one word – liability. CFA as a culture is distributing a lot of our operations to the local level. Regional directors have the ability to put on regional events,

regional shows, regional fundraisers and give out regional awards. To do that, they maintain regional treasuries. CFA has 10 separate treasuries, but only one is under the direct supervision of our Treasurer. This creates a situation where we're kind of like the old style Christmas lights, where if one light goes out the whole string goes out. If one region falls down, then the whole thing comes down like dominoes. This has been a tax problem with us for quite a while now. We have been struggling how to deal with it from a tax liability standpoint. If one region makes an expenditure that's forbidden under our tax-exempt status, we could all lose our tax-exempt status. Recently, however, we also had a situation where a region was sued. The merits of the case are not important here, but the point is, the people acting as officers for the region have no official standing in CFA. There really is no such thing as a "regional show scheduler" in our Constitution, or a regional treasurer or a regional secretary. When these people get sued, are they getting sued in their individual capacities? Are they getting sued on behalf of CFA? We have this gray area of doubt here where they're not really either. So, creating separate corporations for these regions will protect CFA and will protect the people who act on behalf of the region, since one of the reasons why we create these corporations is to shield from liability. A couple of questions I'll answer in advance. The first question is, why New York? Why does the rationale mention New York? Because we're simple. CFA is incorporated in New York. We plan for Central Office to do the corporate filings and the corporate housekeeping on behalf of the regions. We want to keep it simple. Within the United States, it's portable. Any state corporation can move into another state as a sister corporation. It doesn't really matter, but every state has slightly different procedures, slightly different forms. We want to keep it simple, we want to keep it cookie cutter, we want to make it as easy for Central Office as possible. What happens with Regions 8 and 9? The answer is, we're going to have to deal with them, but we're trying to do these one step at a time. This is as big a bite as we felt we could handle all at once. Will the regions have to file tax returns? They will have to file something. Just like people who make below a certain amount of money don't have to file tax returns, tax-exempt organizations that take in under \$50,000 a year can file what's called a 990-N, which is a little check-box form that says, "We don't make enough money to file a tax return," is essentially what it says. Up to a couple years ago, this would have been a problem because we had so much money funneling through the regions for the Annual. They don't get the money. The money from the delegates would go to the region and then go right back to CFA for expenses. Now that we're taking this bulge out of their treasury, since so much of the expense of the Annual now is being picked up by CFA, it's possible that most regions will be able to keep under \$50,000. But, even if they don't, it's a whole lot easier to do a tax return for a \$50,000, \$100,000 or \$200,000 entity than a \$2.7 million corporation. If you do go over \$50,000 for one year, you can still go back under the next year. It's not a permanent thing. One more thing I want to put in here that I really like, just as a tiny housekeeping part of this resolution, we now have Regions 1-9. Previously, we never referred to them by number in the Constitution itself, they were always named – North Atlantic, Gulf Shore, whatever. We're actually putting in numbers now. Regions 1-9 will be Regions 1-9. I know this kind of thing isn't really something that's going to make you excited. Nobody is excited about taxes and corporate liability, but it's important that we do this, and there are good and valid reasons to do it. I encourage you to vote yes.

Hannon: For discussion, when you go to the mike, you have to give your name and the club you are representing. If you are not a delegate, you may not speak. **Cyndy Byrd (Crown City Cat Club [sic, Malibu Cat Club; Marina All Breed Cat Club]):** We have discussed this quite at length and have some serious concerns with regard to how it will be constructed. We

understand corporate liability and protecting our officers from that liability. However, we are wondering who will construct these articles of incorporation? Will they be the same for each region? No offense John [Randolph] or George [Eigenhauser], I know it's a big job but we have 7 regions, each will I'm assuming will be just a touch in need of different items and requirements. We want to know who will serve as officers? What happens if one of those officers moves, dies, or if a regional director becomes unelected? We were interested in regions that include other countries, such as Region 5 or some of the northern regions that include Canada, as we include Mexico. How do we deal with that? What role do clubs play in the construction of the corporation and in the activities of the corporation? Finally, we felt that we need to have a whole lot more information about how this all would work before we were willing to accept it at face value.

Hannon: I see no other people approaching the microphone. George, do you want to make closing comments? **Anger:** May I say something first? **Hannon:** Yes. Wait a minute, Rachel wants to say something. **Anger (Oriental Shorthairs of America, Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers):** Cyndy, I'm sorry, you are a delegate but you are not a delegate for the club you stated. **Eigenhauser:** Those are all good and valid questions. I understand that the delegate is in the details, but the plan is to make things as generic and open-ended and broad as it can possibly be. Of course, the regional director still gets elected by the procedure set forth in the Constitution. That hasn't changed at all, so the regional director will still be elected exactly the same way they have always been. They will be the titular head of this new corporation. In terms of establishing offices within that corporation, you really don't need a corporate president and corporate secretary. It will be up to the regional directors what other kinds of activities they want to conduct within the corporation. The idea is not to create a specific kind of corporation, it's to create a shell under which the regions can continue to operate as autonomously as they currently do. **Hannon:** OK, if that's the end of discussion I'm going to call for the vote. We're going to go by raising hands. If you're representing one club raise one hand, if you're representing two raise two hands. If you're representing three you're illegal. All those in favor of the amendment, raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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Hannon: We're moving on to Show Rules. Let me explain that if the show rule proposal passes by 2/3 the board is required to adopt it. If it passes by more than 50% but not 2/3, it goes to the board with a positive recommendation. If it's less than 50% it fails.

– 3 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show rule 6.16 to allow cats with CFA registered parents to present their registration number in lieu of a pedigree to obtain a TRN. Effective Immediately.

6.16 The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. [NOTE: Bengals cannot obtain a TRN via pedigree as it will not guarantee that the cat meets the requirements to be considered a domestic feline per show rule 2.06]. This would include longhair ~~exotics~~ Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, ~~a pedigree is still required~~ the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, which is done prior to the show being scored, the registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. In cases where the TRN is voided, those cats/kittens will not be included in the Official Count for the associated category (K/C/P). Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this 60- day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number. For cats to receive credit for Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.

RATIONALE: Several years ago, the delegates passed this same show rule by more than 2/3rds to allow a cat with both CFA parents to present only the registration number of those parents on the TRN application. In June 2017, the board overrode that show rule at the request of the IT committee without considering that it was the clubs themselves that wanted this capability. The IT suggested that the turn-around time for registrations was now short enough that CFA registered cats would not need TRNs. This is an inaccurate generalization. Breeders register cats, exhibitors enter them, and often the two are not the

same person. How quickly would CO turn around the registration request from an exhibitor when the breeder has not even yet applied for the litter registration!

Requiring a cat that has two CFA registered parents to present a pedigree makes no sense. None. This would prevent exhibitors with such cats that are not already registered in another association from getting a TRN because CFA will not issue a pedigree on a cat that is not registered, so how could an exhibitor with such a cat possibly get a pedigree from CFA to present for a TRN? While cats that are registered in FIFe with two CFA parents would have a pedigree from FIFe since FIFe issues a four gen pedigree with each registration, CFA does not give pedigrees away for free when we register cats. So the non-FIFe exhibitor (as most people in the US would be) would have to purchase CFA certified pedigrees of the parents since the rule does not allow the exhibitor to use a pedigree from a personal database to meet this requirement, effectively barring US exhibitors from getting TRNs for our cats that are not yet registered. And why require the pedigree for a cat that has two CFA registered parents even if the cat is registered in another association?

Exhibitors show cats, but breeders register them, and sometimes those are not the same person. If the breeder takes his/her sweet time in registering the cat, or if there is any glitch in the registration, the exhibitor will not be able to get a TRN for the cat without a pedigree, which the exhibitor likely will not have in order to satisfy the pedigree requirement for the TRN, and thus the show will likely miss that entry.

When TRNs were first created, it was in response to complaints about novices being unregistered yet counting for points. Novice is an adult category. But now that we require a registration number for kittens to count, the TRN is being used for kittens, and clubs can get many entries from kittens needing a TRN. Some clubs stand to lose a dozen or more entries if the exhibitors will not enter them without being able to keep the points. A kitten entered without a number can recover points after the show for a \$50 fee, or \$15 if the owner purchases a TRN which the owner can only do after spending more than \$50 on certified pedigrees of the parents. An adult cat without a TRN or registration number must be entered as a novice and cannot compete for grand points so there would be no way to recover those missed points. Most exhibitors will avoid entering a show if they have to provide a pedigree to get a TRN, and this will cost some shows several hundred dollars.

What possible added benefit is there to this requirement, since CFA already has the pedigree of the cat?

Hannon: The first one is from Lilac Point Fanciers. I think we'll see several of these. Mary Kolencik. **Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** A few years ago we changed the rule about the TRN, and I know we did this because it was me that presented it. We changed the rule so that if you had a cat that had two CFA-registered parents, you could get a TRN without providing a pedigree. We voted for it almost unanimously. I don't understand. CFA has the pedigree of that cat. Why should you have to provide the pedigree to get the TRN? So, we approved it, but last year the board in what I thought was a misguided and quick decision, reversed exactly what we had already approved. So, this show rule goes back to the common sense way of doing things. I don't know about all of you, but I don't buy a certified pedigree on all of my cats. I have them on some of the parents, but I don't have them on every, single cat, especially not before I show them. I eventually might get them, but I don't always have them. According to the show rule, you have to show a pedigree from a real association. It can't be like "Fred's Pedigree Program" or whatever, it has to be a real pedigree. CFA doesn't issue real pedigrees on cats it doesn't register, so you can't come up with a pedigree to satisfy this rule. People are going to say, "Well, you have plenty of time. You should have gotten a pedigree for your kitten." One time I bought a cat from another breeder, and the breeder was lazy and didn't register the litter and had to

register the litter or the kitten, but I wanted to enter a local show. So, I got a TRN and entered a local show. If I couldn't have gotten a TRN, that club would have been out that entry. Clubs are getting a substantial amount – it's not hundreds, but it's enough, so if you can't get these cats with these TRNs, clubs are going to miss out on \$100. As we all know, \$100 can be the difference between black and red for some of our shows. So, we need to fix this process. I have an amendment coming up later about fixing the whole process, but right now I would like to get back to the common sense way of doing things, and that's to go back to where if a cat has two parents that are CFA-registered, all you should need to do is provide the registration number of the parents to get a TRN.

DelaBar (44 Gatti; Sophisto Cat Club): I think, Rachel, those are the two clubs.

Anger: Thank you. **DelaBar:** This resolution works fine if you're CFA and you are in Regions 1-7. If you're in Europe and you sell CFA cats to a FIFe or WCF or any other organization breeder, they breed those cats and they register in their own association. We try to get these people to come to CFA. We need their pedigrees – their FIFe, WCF or whatever pedigrees – to be able to verify that we do have CFA parents, that they can be registered and that they meet our requirements for registration in CFA before we issue a TRN. I want to ensure that we still have the right to get that pedigree, or else we are going to be hamstrung from trying to bring in new exhibitors coming in from other organizations. The way that this happened is that last year at the annual meeting, the Chair of the IT Committee said, "If we have cats that are out of two CFA parents, we should not be giving TRNs." The board, with some of us voting against it, passed that without realizing that we have several people who do sell cats to other associations, and those cats' offspring will ultimately come back to CFA, if we're good and we can entice them back. We need to make sure that we can still get the pedigrees on these cats coming from other associations. **Mike Altschul (Happy Alternative Cat Club; Ozark Cat Fanciers):** I fully support having some way to show kittens that are not registered and then counting in counts. The TRN situation last year in kitten shows got to be extremely confusion, as everyone knows who was showing kittens much. We went through most of the season with what we thought was one rule and found out it was another rule, not even understanding where we were at, so we lost some kittens in shows that should have been there. My main problem with the kittens not being able to come into shows unregistrable, along with what Mary K said that would add to the counts in the shows, it would add to the coffers or income to the show. For instance, one of the shows we went to, I think there were 14 unregistered kittens, so it isn't always just 2 or 3, but also those kittens are fully competing in the judges' eyes for the same awards. The judges don't know if the cat has a registration number or not, so when that cat defeats my cat with a registration number, it wins that award. It defeated my cat, but it's not going to get any points if it can't be registrable or if it can't apply to some TRN-type situation. It's not right, and we're competing with cats that may or may not be beating us, and they don't count. We need to alieve that. **Tim Schreck (Oakway Cat Fanciers; Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers).** **Hannon:** And IT Chair. **Schreck:** And IT Chair, OK. Anyway, to address part of this confusion, the question on providing just CFA-registered parents and then receiving a TRN, it's about the pedigree. As Pam had discussed with us, we have no proof that those two cats ever produced the cat that you're showing. There's no way to prove that without a registration, so I think that the point on this is, the reason not to allow this is, we are a registration organization and we want to be able to prove that we are competing against cats that are correctly registered. This is the only way to do that – to get a pedigree or to get the cat registered. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East; Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers):** I respectfully disagree with Tim. We recently last year – not last show season but the

previous show season – we had a kitten that we wanted to show, that ultimately granded, that we originally showed with a TRN because the breeder who owned the male of that kitten passed away. It took us a month or two to work through CFA and get the kitten officially registered with CFA. It was out of two CFA parent cats. They both were registered and, frankly, we were able to show for 3 or 4 shows with the TRN before it got resolved. We wouldn't have been able to do that under this policy. For the same reason that we couldn't get the signature to get the litter registration, we wouldn't have been able to get the pedigree, either. What Tim says about the pedigree, there's no proof that someone requests a pedigree that's not the cat who bred the litter or not. It's no different. If two parents were registered in CFA, they are registered in CFA. I don't know why you have to get a pedigree to prove that they're registered in CFA. I appreciate what you say about the kittens, because I believe those are fair issues, as well, but sometimes there are issues that come up and I don't see why people should be penalized because you can't obtain a pedigree. I wasn't able to get a pedigree because we didn't own the male.

Hannon: Mary K, do you want to do closing comments? **Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** Oh yes. Since the camera is up there and I don't like my backside being on FaceBook – **Hannon:** Well, turn it around. **Kolencik:** No. So, back to Pam's purpose. If the parents are CFA registered, they have a CFA registration number, so those people with those cats, those offspring, all they have to provide is the registration number of those parents and they get in. If you want them to supply a pedigree – let's say they don't know the registration number of the parents. Then they go through the other route where they supply a pedigree. They would still be able to do that. OK, so I don't know what else I wanted to say, wait a minute. This only applies to when both parents have a registration number, OK? So, supplying a pedigree doesn't prove what you think it proves, because the entry clerk doesn't check the pedigree. So, it's Central Office that applies the pedigree after the cat has already competed. So, the way that the rule is written now, I could enter a cat and supply a pedigree. Maybe that pedigree is invalid for that cat. We wouldn't know until after the cat is scored and we've already gotten points from that cat. So, we're penalizing not the person with the cat, we're penalizing clubs that need entries. If this costs the club one or two entries, we're costing the club too much. This is just common sense. If the cat has two CFA parents, why should CFA need the pedigree? CFA has the pedigree. That's it. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hand or hands.

Carried by 2/3.

– 4 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Add a show rule to require a uniform “no later than” show closing date. Effective November 1st 2018.

6.36 All CFA Shows outside of China licensed pursuant to rule 4.06 shall close to all entries other than Agility no later than 1701 (or 5:01 pm) Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) on the Tuesday prior to the opening date of the show; shows may close prior to that time (China shows are covered by 6.35). A conversion table for some time zones is included below. A show's entry clerk may continue processing entries for 24 hours after the applicable closing time, but may not accept entries after that time. Entry Clerks or a designated representative for said shows shall submit a breed summary or a link to a breed summary for all entries and the show data file required by rule 7.03 to the CFA Central Office within 24 hours of this mandatory closing time. Central Office will post those breed summaries or links to the CFA website or another designated CFA site as

soon as they are received. Clubs failing to submit the breed summary as required may be required to pay the penalty specified for late show package submittals specified in Rule 13.09. It is recommended that online entry forms made available to exhibitors become unavailable for that week's entries at the specified universal closing time.

Example Conversions:

<u>Eastern Standard Time = UTC – 5</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 12:01 pm Tuesday EST</u>
<u>Eastern Daylight Time = UTC - 4</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 1:01 pm Tuesday EDT</u>
<u>Japanese Standard Time = UTC + 9</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 2:01 am Wednesday JST</u>
<u>Central European Time = UTC + 1</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 6:01 pm Tuesday CET</u>
<u>Central European Summer Time = UTC + 2</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 7:01 pm Tuesday CET</u>
<u>Moscow Standard Time = UTC + 3</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 8:01 pm Tuesday MSK</u>
<u>Indochina Time = UTC + 7</u>	<u>Tuesday 1701 (5:01 pm) UTC = 12:01 am Wednesday ICT</u>

RATIONALE: A show rule to establish a uniform closing time passed the delegation a few years ago, and the board declined to implement our request. Yet the board recently implemented a uniform closing time for China.

Exhibitors are waiting later and later to enter shows, putting more pressure on entry clerks, many of whom are volunteers with jobs and families. Clubs pressure entry clerks to stay open later and later, which further enables the tardiness of exhibitors who are jockeying for the best count. Closing times are an ever-changing moving target, and exhibitors get confused and miss entering shows. We are enabling this procrastination, and soon there will be tremendous pressure on entry clerks to stay open until Thursday, or even Friday. This show rule would require a uniform closing time for all shows outside of China. China already has a uniform time in show rule 6.35.

A show can close prior to the established time. This time is the “no later than” time for the acceptance of entries. Entry clerks may continue processing entries as long as the entry clerks do not accept entries after this time. The breed summaries must be finalized within 24 hours and submitted to CFA.

Some may wonder how this closing time will be enforced. We can ask the same of many of show rules, that does not mean we should not have them. The enforcement is the posting of the breed summaries by CFA. Those summaries will have to match what the exhibitor sees at the show.

Every exhibitor has many deadlines in their lives. We all have to file our income taxes by midnight April 15th. We have to pay bills by deadlines, we have to pay mortgages or rent by deadlines. We have deadlines for renewing driver's licenses, passports, etc. We will all get used to a having to make our decision about entering a show by this deadline. Clubs will not miss out on entries because we will stop having people wait and wait and wait and wait and wait to enter shows! Everyone will learn what the last minute is, and the last minute will no longer be a moving target.

Entry clerks – speak up and make your voices heard, or soon you will be taking up to the day before the show!

Hannon: The next one is from Lilac Point Fanciers. I would ask the delegate to introduce herself and name the club. **Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** Excuse me a minute while I shuffle my papers. **Hannon:** It's not on your iPad? **Kolencik:** My iPad's not working. **Hannon:** Her iPad's not working. **Kolencik:** I presented this amendment several years ago. The board declined to implement it. But then a couple years later they implemented it for China, so I thought I would just give it another try. This is to establish a universal closing time. If we have one uniform closing time, I know some of you are afraid a club might miss an entry, but I've got to tell you, if we all know what the closing time is, we're all going to get used to it. The time is when the entry clerk has to stop taking entries. They can still process the entries for 24 more hours, but in that time they have to send a breed summary to Central Office, just like they send the data file to Central Office. So, it's the 24 hour mark of when they send their breed summary in that they have to stop processing entries, but if they stop taking entries at this time, they can continue processing and then send the breed summary in within 24 hours. I think it's time we need to stop people from procrastinating and stop clubs from coming out on Wednesday and saying, "Please enter our show." Let's make a uniform time, everybody knows what it is, and that's it.

Hannon: We're going to have discussion. **Laurie Coughlan (GEMS, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** We are not in favor of this amendment. If the club and the entry clerk do not wish to delay the closing, they have the right. The entry clerk has the right to tell the club when they take the job they will close at a certain time. I believe the clubs need the flexibility to work around such things as computer failures and breakdowns, power outages, etc. that can affect their ability to affect entries, especially when dealing with a time stamp. So, we oppose this proposal. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats):** I'm against this for a couple reasons. One, I support what Laurie said, but in addition to that, how are you going to enforce it? Do you say, well, just because you haven't processed them? Who is going to come to the house? Who is going to look at all this information? Yes, we have a central program for CFA, but there's another program that's used, as well. So, you will have to send it in with 24 hours, but oh well, I'll sneak a few more in. I'm against this because I don't think it can be adequately policed. **DelaBar (44 Gatti; Sophisto Cat Club):** Why are we trying to put another impediment to our clubs having successful shows? Overall, universal time conversion, what is stated in the rules is not accurate. Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time is 7 hours different from Helsinki time, which is another hour different from Moscow time, which is another 2 hours on top of Chelyabinsk and Yekaterinburg. This is just too cumbersome to try to enforce, and our clubs don't need anything else to hinder them from being successful. **Bob Belfatto (Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Cascade Cat Fanciers):** We can't keep tying the hands of the people who run the shows. The margin of profit has dropped dramatically, as we have to have specialty judges and all that crap. So now you say, not only can't you control when you close, we're going to make sure that it's right – that's it. If I want to postpone it I can postpone it; if I don't want to postpone it I stop. People know that I don't postpone, so they come. So, if you're a person that doesn't postpone, they will come one time. Thank you. **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club):** I want to point out that it's a lot easier to have a uniform closing time in a country that only has one time zone, like China does. Here in the United States, what my closing time is going to be is going to be dependent on what state I'm in, so if I'm entering something across the state line, I've got to quickly do the math in my head what time zone they are in based on universal time. It's confusing and unnecessary when you're cutting these rules across multiple time zones. Some people are going to have early morning deadlines that they have to close by, others are going to be in the afternoon. It's going to be all

over the map and it's going to benefit certain time zones over the others. But the bottom line here is, leave it up to the clubs. If the clubs don't want to get entries on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, let the club decide. **Vanadis Crawford (Cats of the Rising Sun; Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers):** Rachel, I think that's right. I'm going to actually speak on behalf of entry clerks worldwide, and I'm not saying that I necessarily say that this is a good proposal, or necessarily say it's a bad proposal, but how many of you in this room have actually entry clerked a show? So, a lot of you understand when I say, it's gotten to be hell, hasn't it? The later and later things close out, the harder it is to get shows closed out, the harder it is to put correct information out there, which will then cause other problems down the line. Somehow, we do need to find a way to essentially stop the bad behavior that we're seeing in our exhibitors, which is waiting until the eleventh and a half second to enter the shows. However, making that as a uniform time, a lot of you have said we've got some issues with that. I agree. Maybe an alternative to consider would be, OK, here's the closing date, here's the closing time, if you enter after that you get to pay a late entry fee. So, something to consider if this doesn't pass. **Kuta (Cornish Rex Breed Club; Fresno Cat Club):** As an entry clerk, I love this idea in theory but in practice I don't think we're quite there yet. That's why, as a board member, I didn't vote for it the last couple times it came up. I really think we need to think through ways to encourage people to enter shows not in the last 5 minutes, because I think whatever the closing deadline is, that's when they are going to come in. I'm not really exaggerating when I say "last 5 minutes." So, I don't have any solutions but I think this one, it's too hard to enforce right now unless we put things in the entry software where it automatically goes to CFA, because there's still issues with it. **Hannon:** Monte, name and club, Show Rules Chairman. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n On The Fox; Comodo Cat Fanciers):** First of all, if you want to put a late entry fee in, you can do that right now. We don't need to vote on it. Just put that on your flyer and charge it. While I'm saying that, I want to point out that the International Show has a late entry fee increase, so watch out.

Hannon: OK. Mary K, do you want to wrap it up with closing comments, and we're going to vote. **Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** I want to address something that I think it was Barb that brought it up about enforcement. Well, we can't enforce it now. If a club says we're closed and they don't post the count immediately, they can still take entries. So, no different. The next thing I just wanted to say is, the last time I presented this, dozens of entry clerks said, "This is great, I hope it passes." Same thing for this time. "This is great, I hope it passes." Where are you all? Why aren't you all speaking for this? You want it. There are lots of entry clerks that want a uniform entry time. If this doesn't pass, I'm never bringing this up again. That's fine with me. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hand or hands.

Motion Failed.

– 5 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Article XXXVI – Scoring Procedures/Policies & Awards, SHOW POINTS, #2 to allow kittens without a registration number or temporary registration number to count. Effective immediately.

2. The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master

Clerk, are included in the count. Novices, and AOVs are not counted in the official count for their respective categories.

RATIONALE: The impetus to remove kittens without RNs or TRNs from the count was the count manipulation suspected in China. China is now its own area, and no matter what rules we enact for China, their counts are still dramatically higher than the rest of CFA.

Requiring kittens to have a registration number or TRN in a catalog wreaks havoc with an exhibitor's strategy. If a show's count says that there are 70 kittens present, an exhibitor could spend a small fortune traveling to that show, possibly flying, only to find out that 30 of them do not have numbers in the catalog and so will not count. Worse, that exhibitor may have skipped a show closer to home that had a count with fewer un-numbered kittens. The breed summaries do not distinguish which kittens have numbers! This wreaks havoc with strategy.

In an ideal world, breeders would all register their kittens by four months of age. Would that we lived in an ideal world! In a recent show with 25 kittens entered, 5 did not have numbers in the catalog (1/5th of the kittens), one of which was a 5 month old kitten that belonged to a CFA board member. If even our board members do not have registration numbers on some kittens by four months of age, how can CFA expect the rest of us to have them by four months?

Breeders register kittens, exhibitors enter them, and sometimes the two are not the same person. CFA's breeders are stuck in the mode of waiting to register some kittens, and nothing is going to change that anytime soon. In the meantime, some exhibitors are missing out on well-deserved points because of a knee jerk reaction to China, and this reaction did not stop a thing.

If a kitten defeats another kitten, it should get a point for that defeat.

Hannon: Mary, do you want to give it another try? **Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** I'm not trying that one out. **Hannon:** No, #5 is Lilac Point Fanciers. Your name and your club please. **Kolencik:** Mary Kolencik, Lilac Point Fanciers, the only one who is doing any thinking this year. **Hannon:** I assume the next one, the club that sponsored it would disagree. They've done something. They're not all yours. **Kolencik:** Oh, OK. I suppose. **Hannon:** Go ahead. **Kolencik:** So, this one is to go back to the method that we had before, where kittens count even if they don't have a registration number. So, wait a minute, I lost my notes on this. **Hannon:** Then sit down. **Kolencik:** I'm not sitting down. Several years ago we decided to remove kittens without registration numbers from the counts. I didn't vote for it, so when I say "we" I mean you. It was a kneejerk reaction to what we were seeing with the counts in China. When you have a kneejerk reaction to something, you don't realize that you're creating other consequences. Since then, we've made some changes. Specifically, now we have three separate areas for the awards. We've got several rules in China. They have to show the kittens or cats in 80% of the rings. They have bay check-in. They have a lot of other things that the board has enacted to deal with the count issues there. Some of the consequences that we've seen, well, if you're trying to get a regional or national win on a kitten, you can't really get a good estimate of the count of the kittens at the show. You might spend a fortune flying to a show across the country thinking it has a great count – a better count than a show in your back yard – but you go there and find once you're there that most of those kittens don't have numbers and are not going to count. In actuality, the show in your back yard had a better count. So, this is playing havoc with the strategy. You can't tell how many kittens are really going to be in the count. Sure, we can say people should register their kittens by 4 months. Everybody can say that. "People should register

their kittens by 4 months and then they'll count." Well, in reality, people don't do that. We need to live in the real world, not the should world. Some people just don't do it, and we end up with kittens in shows without numbers. There are more than a few. It's not just one or two. There are more than a few kittens in a show that don't count. So, the bottom line is – and I competed a lot last year – if my kitten or my cat defeats another kitten or cat, gosh darn it I want a point for that cat. Registration number or not, my cat beat it. If it had a registration number, my cat still would have beat it. So, I think we should count all the kittens. I know a lot of you have said we need this. Get to the microphone. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats):** It pains me to say this, but I agree with Mary. But, my question is, if we pass this, does this negate the TRN thing that I was not in favor of. **Kolencik:** Partially [off microphone; inaudible]. **Schreck:** This would apply to kittens, but we would still have the TRN situation for adults, which I don't think is quite as critical in terms of number as people might think it is. **Brad Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** So, looking at the numbers, we implemented several years the threshold. So, since we implemented the threshold, we have seen this year, we have seen last year, we have seen multiple years since the threshold was in where you had a situation where you had kittens that were 24th, 25th, right there that did not make the threshold number. I think this year you got 23rd best kitten with less than 100 points from the threshold. A lot of those kittens and a lot of those people who have shown, trying to get a national win, left points on the table for kittens that didn't have TRNs that were at the show that they had shown against that they beat, but they didn't get to keep that point because the owner didn't buy a TRN or register their kitten. It's not fair for that person to be punished by now allowing them to keep the point because the owner of that kitten – I can't force the owner of that kitten to buy a TRN or register their kitten, but I still have to compete with them the same way. So, my stand on it is yes, with or without the TRN, they should get to keep that point. Everyone should get to keep that point because I showed against that kitten, I beat that kitten, but if I do not get to keep that point it's not fair. **Laurie Coughlan (GEMS, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** I am totally in support of this. As someone who registers every single kitten that's ever been born at my house, I do not choose to be punished for the delays of others. If my kitten defeats another kitten in the ring, then there should be a point. I have been to shows where there aren't only 5 kittens that don't have numbers, but you multiply 5 times 8 or 10 rings, and that's enough to kick you out of a regional win or a national win. A kitten that is present and competing should be in the show count. **Linda Martino (Tonkinese Breed Association):** I'm going to speak about my experiences with San Diego Cat Fanciers show, because it's more germane to this discussion. I, like Mary K, was opposed when this was voted in because I thought it was irrational and that it would not solve the problem and would have unintended consequences. So, I want to tell what those unintended consequences were. Two parts. One, the 7 years prior to the rule change, San Diego did a top 15 in kittens 6 out of 7 years. Would anyone like to guess how many top 15s we have done since then? Zero. Now, before you say counts are down, in that same period of time we have done top 15 Household Pets, we've done top 15 in Premiership every year. We even managed to do one in championship, which is very hard to do. My point is that there has been a significant drop in kitten counts at our show compared to the other categories. Now, there's a second consequence, which I think is actually even more significant, and that is that the people that came to the show casually – and we get some people. Maybe they are TICA people but it's fun to come to San Diego, so they come over to our show. You know what kind of pressure was placed on them to get that kitten a TRN? [microphone falls] Sorry. This is what you get for being a short person. Sorry, I moved it down so I could speak better. OK, so I'm saying, at San Diego,

first of all we had kittens that were unregistered that could beat the other cats, so they took finals away, but yet if we beat their cat it didn't count. To me, the really sad thing is, in May because there were no shows around for me to go to, so I went to a TICA show for the first time in years. I was just doing it for experience. How do you think they acted? Did anybody come up and say, "Hey, would you get your cat registered so I can get a point?" No. After the show was over I got one letter and it was one letter only, which is what they do, and said you will not get anything beyond this letter but if you want to get points, you only get one free shot without a registration. Alright. I'm telling you, you go to a TICA show and you see a lot more casual people, people that are younger. What we're doing with this rule is, people are making decisions who are top exhibitors in CFA. What you're doing is turning off some of the younger, more casual people that we need to attract. So, if you want in the United States for us to continue to diminish in size, this is going to be a China-only organization, then keep making decisions that say, why don't they register their cat? Because it's not their life. It's our life but it's not their life. We need those people who it's not their life. **Mike Altschul (Happy Alternative Cat Club; Ozark Cat Fanciers):** Once again, I encourage this to pass so the kittens we are competing with, we get equal credit for them whether they're registered or not registered. There was a question as to, what's the difference with the TRN rule. The difference is, the kittens that get TRNs that have CFA parents, they didn't get to keep those points. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n On The Fox; Comodo Cat Fanciers):** Two points I want to make. First point; this is not a trivial issue because of the numbers. I master clerked a show late in January, Saintly City, where if you counted all the kittens that were there, there were 43. However, the official count was 31. That's a pretty healthy difference, almost 25%. Second issue; I believe in fairness for all, and we do have another category of cats that compete without registration numbers. Those are Household Pets, and they count. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club; Marina All Breed Cat Club):** We are a registry of cats. In AKC, you register all the puppies in a litter. I think we should move in that direction, instead of the opposite direction. Thank you. **Bruce Isenberg (Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club):** If anybody read the Treasurer's Report, they will see that since this rule was put into effect, we had a marked increase in funds for CFA. Secondly, how does a cat differ from a kitten other than age? Thirdly, I do believe Household Pets have numbers. **Hannon:** The Household Pets without numbers are included in the count, Bruce. That's the difference. **Frederic Goedert (Jardin des Korats):** I am in support of this amendment, and I think it will really support the increase of new exhibitor in clubs and shows in Europe. I think this is all the question about the TRN, and I think also in the future we might consider to have this wonderful possibility to have new cats in our show as an option, because since TRN are mandatory, I really think we are losing a lot of newcomers in Europe.

Hannon: Mary, do you want to wrap it up? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** I think next year I will change it to Lilac Lynx Point Fanciers. It's a better name. **Hannon:** We'll still know who you are. **Kolencik:** I just wanted to point out there's another resolution coming up – not the next one but the one after that – about this. **Hannon:** The next one is not hers. **Kolencik:** The next one is not mine. Now I forgot what I was going to say. **Hannon:** Sit down. We're voting. **Kolencik:** OK. **Hannon:** That was easier than I thought. All those in favor, raise your hand or hands. Oh my God Mary, look at that.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Hannon: Mary, you got a 2/3 on that one. Oh boy. **Kolencik:** It takes effect immediately. It's effective immediately, so that next show we count all the kittens. [applause]

[from Sunday board meeting] **Hannon:** What do you want to bring up next? **Mastin:** Why don't we discuss under New Business the show rule that passed yesterday, #5. **Hannon:** It has to do with counting kittens that aren't registered? **Mastin:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** It passed by 2/3. **Hannon:** And it was effective immediately. Alright, so George, you are making a motion? **Mastin:** I will make a motion that we accept what was passed yesterday by majority and make it retroactive to May 1, 2018. **Hannon:** Friday, not yesterday. **Mastin:** Friday, right. **Bizzell:** Second. **Black:** The only discussion point I have is that I made the recommendation back in February that we lower the points for a national kitten win to 1,100. **Hannon:** And we did. I think what we did was 1,800 to 1,500, right? **Black:** Whatever we lowered it to. **Hannon:** We did lower it. **Black:** OK. I just want to throw it out for discussion, because we did that thinking that the cats that were not with registration numbers would not be included in the count. Now, if you're going to include all these cats in the count, then I think it's a good thing to have competition with people vying for those 10 spots, but we could have a lot more competition vying for those bottom spots. I'm not making a recommendation that we change the number, I'm just throwing it out for discussion. **Hannon:** You're just making us aware of it. **Black:** Yeah. We lowered the number so we would have top 25 spots, because we haven't had for the last two years. Now, if we're going to be including all of the kittens in the count, we could have way more cats competing for those spots, so I don't know if we need to leave the number where it is. I'm just throwing it out for discussion. **Eigenhauser:** For this season I would rather not mess with the points, but we could talk about it for 2019-2020. **Hannon:** And your motion was to make it retroactive to May 1st? **Mastin:** Correct. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

Hannon: You will probably get a call from Mary on your way home. **Mastin:** Looking forward to it. **Hannon:** Is that sarcasm?

– 6 – Texoma Cat Fanciers, Happy Alternative Cat Club, Mo-Kan Cat Club, New England Meow Outfit, Santa Fe Trail Shorthair

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Show Rules 5.01.d., 5.02.g., 6.27, 11.24.c., 11.25, 14.06 and 18.02 to address cat bites as follows:

- 5.01** d. A statement as follows: "It is strongly advised that all cats or kittens entered or present in the show hall be inoculated before entry by a licensed veterinarian against feline panleukopenia (formerly known as feline distemper or feline infectious enteritis), feline rhinotracheitis, calici viruses and rabies. It is also strongly recommended that cats and kittens be tested and found negative for FeLV before entry. Proof of valid Rabies Certificate will be required if a cat bites a judge except for cats from countries or states deemed rabies free.
- 5.02** g. Special state regulations that require health certificates or rabies shots. Rabies Certificates are strongly recommended and will be required if the cat bites a judge except for cats from countries or states deemed rabies-free.
- 6.27** It is strongly advised that all cats or kittens entered or present in the show hall be inoculated before entry by a licensed veterinarian against feline panleukopenia (formerly known as feline

distemper or feline infectious enteritis), feline rhinotracheitis, calici viruses and rabies. It is also strongly recommended that cats and kittens be tested and found negative for FeLV before entry. Proof of valid Rabies Certificate will be required if a cat bites a judge except for cats from countries or states deemed rabies-free.

- 11.24** c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet “DISQ/BITE.” The Show Manager must be notified, and exhibitor produce a valid Rabies Certificate except for cats from countries or states deemed rabies-free. Judges shall otherwise ~~Otherwise~~ indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d).
- 11.25** The chief ring clerk is responsible for notifying ALL chief ring clerks and the Show Manager of the action taken when the judge in his/her ring disqualifies any cat or kitten that bites or that, in the judge’s judgment, is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.
- 14.06** In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of exhibitors can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, 6.27, Article VI, 9.08.m, 10.02, 10.05–25, 11.01-02, 11.07-09, 11.17-18, 11.38, 13.01–05, 13.11, 26.01, 27.01-05, 28.01-08, 29.01-04, 30.01, Articles XXXI to XXXIV, 35.01–10, Article XXXVI, and 37.02-03.
- 18.02** In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of the show manager can be found in the following rules: Article I, 6.27, 7.01, Article IX, 10.10-14, 10.28, 11.04–06, 12.06, 13.04-05, 35.03, 35.05-06, and 35.09.

RATIONALE: We are seeing an increase in cat bites and some of these have occurred overseas. To protect our judges we recommend adding the requirement of a valid rabies certificate to be provided in case of a bite. Proof of current rabies vaccination will aid in protecting our judges and relieve them of possible painful and expensive rabies treatments. Having a valid rabies certificate will also protect the owner of the cat from the cat being quarantined by animal control. We are exempting cats from countries or states deemed rabies-free. Notifying the Show Manager will also ensure the show rules are followed and the rabies certificate is obtained for the judge.

Hannon: We get a break from Mary K. Texoma Cat Fanciers. **Mike Altschul (Happy Alternative Cat Club; Ozark Cat Fanciers):** I would like to present the mindless proposal. We didn’t really think about it much. I take it back. Mary thinks very hard and we really appreciate all her efforts. We are attempting to – I’m not going to read the whole proposal to you because it covers a number of different show rules. We’re attempting to increase the protection mainly for our judges in the area of being bitten and what happens with the rabies situation. Our rationale on it is [reads]. We want the show management involved, because the ring clerks don’t always have time or get around to letting all the other rings know. Let’s talk about what this proposal is. We’re adding a layer of protection. This is not a do-all, everything proposal, it’s the first go-around increasing our rabies recommendation from “strongly advised” to “required” in our show rule. Only if the cat bites someone, they are required to show management. Once again, this is not everything. We don’t have what happens if you don’t have it. We’re not kicking you out of the show. What happens if you walk into the show hall and you have cats without a rabies certificate? This is not going back to vetting in. Those who remember those days and vet lines. There are people who don’t like to do rabies vaccines. I don’t do a lot of rabies vaccines

sometimes, but what we're trying to do, if I've got a hostile cat, you damn well better come into the show hall with a rabies vaccine because if it bites a judge, we want to see the rabies certificate. If we don't see it, the doctor, hospital or the health organization of that state is going to be knocking on your door and is going to quarantine your cat. Also, we're adding layers of protection for the cats. Mark thought he had me done. We're adding layers of protection for the cats, because if the cat has to be quarantined, we're adding a layer of protection for the exhibitor because they're not going to have the harassment of animal control. We're adding layers of protection for the cat shows, because once we start getting on the radar in the 43 states that require rabies vaccines – there's 43 out of 48 lower states that require rabies vaccines – they may be knocking on our doors at our cat shows and our cat fancy. Once again, this is not everything. We're not getting everything done, we're just trying to up the ante a little bit, particularly for those people that have a cat that may be a little on the ugly side. They better bring a rabies certificate. That's all we're asking here. **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club):** You can't bring a rabies certificate without a rabies vaccine. This is a proposal for mandatory rabies vaccination. That is the only way to be able to produce a certificate. Yes, it's true, 43 states require rabies in some form or another. I live in California, the most populous state in the United States with over 33 million people, and we don't require rabies vaccination. The reason we don't is because rabies is virtually non-existent in California. We're not rabies free like Hawaii, but out of 10 million cats in California, one a year maybe is exposed to rabies and that's generally outdoor cats living in the rural areas near wildlife. If rabies is virtually non-existent there, why do we have to get all our cats vaccinated in order to be able to carry your certificate? What if you don't have a certificate on you? Doesn't say. What if your cat isn't vaccinated for rabies? Doesn't say. If your vaccination certificate is at home? Doesn't say. If you have to go in Monday to get the certificate from your vet? Doesn't say. And if you do go in on Monday to get the certificate from your vet, who do you send it to? What do you do with it? Do you just throw it on the table somewhere? I understand there are areas in this country or around the world that have serious problems with rabies. I know it's bad in Texas. There are certain areas on the eastern seaboard when there's a huge population of rabies in the wildlife and it transfers to domestic animals. In those areas, local laws deal with the local problem of rabies. But, this is not what it says it is. It's not advisory. To comply with this rule, everybody in CFA will have to vaccinate for rabies, even in those areas where it's not necessary or it's not wanted, and where it's detrimental to the health of your cats. Rabies vaccine has been linked to a number of side effects. The manufacturer said it never did and they said they fixed the problem. Right – how can something that never did, get fixed? So, the jury is still out on whether rabies vaccination, as it's currently formulated, leads to fibro sarcomas in cats, but I don't choose to vaccinate my cats for rabies. It is not required by law in my state, but if I want to be part of CFA and this passes, the only way to comply with this rule is mandatory rabies vaccination, and I oppose it. That should be a decision of the owner and the vet. **Peter Keys:** My wife, Joan Miller, would like to address you. Her voice is extremely soft, so be kind enough to listen attentively. **Joan Miller (San Diego Cat Fanciers):** OK, our club talked about this and had concerns about some of what George has expressed, but the fact is that rabies vaccinations are like many other vaccinations; they change over time. The whole review of our vaccination changes, and so we don't know what will happen in the future on these vaccinations, but they do cause sarcomas in some cats, and so many veterinarians don't recommend them. The other reason is that I think that the judges need to know that most cats are fear motivated when they bite, and they hissing as a warning. They have other warning signs, like the fur rising on the back and tail. If the judges are

trained to know what those warning signs are, they can ask for a handler and they won't get bitten. So, those are the reasons why we are not in favor of this resolution. Thank you. **Adilah Roose (Cat Advocates & Troupers Society):** I'm against this. My country recently was exposed to rabies. We've actually closed borders to Thailand for their cats. Everybody knows, if you travel anywhere with your cat, you need a rabies vaccine. I do not want to be forced to rabies vaccine my entire cattery just because I want to enter them in a show. Hong Kong closed their borders to Malaysia because we had a small rabies outbreak on the big island, not on the peninsula. To them, it makes no difference. Why are you forcing me to vaccinate all my cats? Then you've got countries like Hong Kong who has no rabies at all. You've got countries like England who has no rabies at all. You've got countries like Singapore with no rabies at all. You want them to rabies vaccinate their cats? It makes no sense. Thank you very much. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n On The Fox; Comodo Cat Fanciers):** I discovered, much to my amazement, when I first moved to Illinois that rabies vaccination certificates are not issued by the veterinarian. They are issued by the County of DuPage. Much to my surprise, after I vaccinated all of my animals, one and a half weeks later knocking on my door was an animal control officer to hand me a note that said I have 30 days to cut my population down to 3 or all of my animals would be confiscated and taken to the shelter. Surprise, surprise. So, now I vaccinate my cats by sending the vaccines to Nevada, picking them up over there, bringing them back and doing my own vaccines. I don't have certificates. **Brad Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I've got several things real quick. I don't think the problem is the vaccines that he wants to address, I think the problem is the cats biting. Everyone in this room is a breeder and exhibitor. Everyone in this room by show of hands could probably raise their hand as having been bit at some point in their career, but how many of us in this room knows someone, a judge or exhibitor, that has died from rabies from that bite? I don't know anybody, so I think the address needs to be for cats that bite. I think we need to look at not three but maybe two or one. There's the occasion where you get that nasty cat. That's what we're trying to keep out of the show hall. That's what this is trying to address. I don't think that mandatory rabies shots address the cat that bites. I think we need to address the cat that's biting. **Norm Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels Cat Club):** This came up last night in the judges' workshop and the recommendation is, if you've got a cat that's behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner, you can either have the owner take the cat out or just turn the number down and disqualify because you don't want to get bitten or scratched or anything. Judges sometimes take incredible chances with some of these cats, and if you continue to do that, you're going to get nailed. So, people who show some of these cats, if they are being disqualified, may think twice. Not every cat is a show cat. Not every cat is going to behave in the ring. Almost anything could set off a cat regardless. There are times when you just leave it be and live to serve again.

Hannon: Mike, do you want to wrap it up? Closing comments from Mike Altschul. **Mike Altschul (Happy Alternative Cat Club; Ozark Cat Fanciers):** I feel the room. I know where you're at. We just have a problem and I don't know what the best way to address it is. What we thought was the best way, even if this goes down in Mary K flames. Sorry Mary K. You won more than you list, I think. Even if it goes down in flames, I would encourage the board to continue to look at this and address this. I had a personal experience as a show manager at the Ozark Cat Fanciers show in March where one of my judges got bit very badly. The judge did not know that the cat had been disqualified the previous day because the ring clerk did not notify that clerk the next day, as according to show rules, and the judge was badly bitten, went to the doctor, and the first thing the doctor said was, "Where is the rabies information? Who is the owner of the

cat?” I had that information because the owner of this cat had it out in his car after I kind of threatened him that animal control would probably be knocking on his door if he didn’t give it to me, so he went and found it in the car. Luckily he had it, so that kind of got him off the hook. Then she went to the hospital and she asked the same first question. So, there is a law that we’re all supposed to be rabies vaccinating. I know there’s issues, but we need some level of protection for people to bring cats in, maybe like Norm said, but I would encourage the board, if this goes down, to continue to find ways to increase protection for our judges, our most valuable asset, our shows, our exhibitors and our cats. **Hannon:** Thank you. All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: Sorry Mike. Before we take another Mary K, I’ve got a commercial break. Tim, do you want to raise your hand over there? Tim has got delegate bags for sale for \$20. Believe it or not, he really is tall. You just can’t see it. If the Breeder Assistance folks want to work their way towards the mike, they want to pull for raffle tickets. Also, the hotel is offering a buffet lunch again tomorrow. Same location, same price \$21, from 11:30 to 1:30. No pre-sales. Simply show up and you’ll be seated. A buffet menu will be posted in the lobby later today. So, if you’re hanging around here at lunchtime, you can again take advantage of the \$21 buffet. Now, who is walking up? **Jan Rogers (Friends & Family):** I’m right behind you. I’m stealthy. The Breeder Assistance Program and rescue folks really appreciate all your generous donations. Also, your raffle contributions approached \$1,000 for today, so thank you all very, very much for your generosity. We’ll still take donations in that envelope. You can put money in there and put it back in the back of the room. [The results of the drawings were then announced.]

– 7 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Article XXXVI under the Awards/National Awards section to have two areas for national awards – Regions 1-9 and the International Area merged into a new International Area and China – and eliminate most point minimums as follows:

National Award Area Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the National Awards are divided into ~~three~~ two geographical areas as follows:

Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in Regions 1 through 9 and the International national award area (including those cats/kittens residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).

Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in China (this does not include those cats residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).

~~Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in the International national award area (including those cats/kittens residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).~~

Awards/Titles for each of the above areas will be Best up to 25th Best Championship, Kitten, and Premiership, and Best up to 10th Best Household Pet*

To obtain ~~any~~ a national award and its associated title (National Winner – NW or Household Pet National Winner – HNW) in the premiership and HHP categories in the China area, the cat/~~kitten~~/HHP must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned. Those minimums are as follows:

- ~~for championship cats, the cat must earn a minimum of 4,300 points; for kittens, the kitten must earn a minimum of 1,800 points;~~ for premiership, the cat must earn a minimum of ~~2,200~~ 2,000 points, for Household Pets, the cat/kitten must earn a minimum of ~~1,100~~ 1,000 points. Cats failing to meet these minimums are not eligible for ~~any~~ a national award or title in the China area in that category in that season. 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.

And

Best of Breed/Division**

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

RATIONALE: What this proposal does:

1. For national awards, there will be two areas – China and International. The current Regions 1-9 area and International area will be combined into a new International Area.
2. Each of the two areas will have a potential 25 NWs in Kittens, Championship and Premiership and 10 HNWs in Household Pet.
3. The new International Area will not have any point minimums.
4. The China area will not have point minimums in Kittens and Championship but will continue with reasonable point minimums in Premiership and HHP.
5. The BW titles would become BW for the International Area and BWC for China.
6. National points earned in China will only count for China wins as the board recently changed in Article XXXVI Regional Definition item 5.
7. This will take effect with the 2019-2020 show season unless the board decides to enact it for the current season.

It is time to face the fact that the quarantine restrictions of China are prohibiting robust competition throughout the world. The board recently changed the show rules such that only cats that reside in China can use points earned in China for national awards. This goes a long way to address “area shopping.” The next step should be to put the rest of the world back to the way it was before the counts in China started to explode. Many people in the International Area did not want to be split from the competition in Regions 1-9; only the China quarantine presented an issue with that one area.

The reason we have point minimums in each category is so that an NW in any area requires the same minimum level of effort to achieve. If it takes many shows and many weeks to get an NW in the Region 1-9, it should take similar effort elsewhere. The problem is that without the point minimums, kittens and cats in the current International Area would be able to achieve NWs with only a few rings and points. For example, in 2017, 25th best kitten in the International Area had 13 rings and 378.50 points. For this kitten to achieve a national win in two shows would not be fair to exhibitors elsewhere who have to work extremely hard for four months to achieve a kitten national win. Another problem is that in both the International Area and China, premiership and HHP competition is weak. Great effort is required for those wins in R1-9, but would be achieved by some cats with few points and less than 50 rings in the

International Area and China. In the 2017-2018 show season, Regions 1-9 had 218 shows, China had 102 shows, the International Area had 57 shows. The point minimums mitigate the disparity requiring everybody to compete to at least the same base level of effort.

By merging the International Area with R1-9, we would eliminate that disparity for those areas. The cats in the International Area that today can earn NWs would still be able to earn as many NWs as they can earn today. The cats in the Regions would still be able to earn as many NWs as they can earn today. We would return to the time of “let the best cat win.” Further, exhibitors throughout the new International Area would be able to travel to the high count shows in the new International Area competing for awards together without the onerous quarantine restrictions in China. When China lifts or eases the quarantine restrictions preventing robust competition throughout the world, we can merge the areas into one again.

Hannon: We’re on to Resolution #7, which I believe is the Lilac Point Fanciers. Will the delegate please give us her name and club? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** First, I just wanted to let everybody know – I don’t think that everybody realizes that when you submit a resolution, only the underlined and strike-through parts are the changes. So, in the resolution it says Best-10th Household Pet, and after I submitted it the board changed that to 25th. This amendment doesn’t change that, because that’s not underlined or strike-through. Just for future edification, only underlined or strike-through things are changes, so what I want to say about this is, I submitted this before the board lowered the point minimum for kittens, because one of the reasons that we had to go with a minimum was because, once you set that minimum, we didn’t account for the fact that the offset had just changed so that kittens without registration numbers didn’t count. So, it’s a good thing we fixed that. When I submitted this, it was before the board did that. I would like us to think about this seriously. Just think about it, because I think we diminished our national awards when we went to three areas, and it would be really nice if we could go back to two, but I’m going to withdraw it for this year. Please think about it in the future.

Withdrawn.

Hannon: Mary, the delegates appreciate that.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 8 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Central Office will streamline and automate to the greatest extent possible the process of obtaining and using a TRN.

RATIONALE: We created the TRN process over 5 years ago to allow novices to have temporary numbers when entering shows. We wanted to allow people who had their cats registered in another association to quickly begin collecting points in CFA while going through the time consuming registration-by-pedigree process. Since then, TRNs are being used for more than just foreign cats, but in that time no effort has been made to automate the process for cats that can be registered by the normal process, i.e. cats with two CFA registered parents. The TRN process is confusing for exhibitors and a burden on clubs and entry clerks, it is time this is fixed.

The CFA website could allow an exhibitor to purchase a TRN online by entering the necessary information. The ubiquitous use of smart phones means we could replace the whole paper process with an online process such that exhibitors could get these TRNs immediately when they enter the show. That process could be handled in many ways to allow entry clerks to assist new exhibitors. The CFA computer could generate a trackable number, create a record for the cat and track the cat's wins holding them in abeyance until the cat is fully registered. The trackable number could even become the cat's eventual registration number.

Processing these TRNs need not be a burden on anybody. This automation should be a priority and we are requesting that this be bumped up on whatever priority list exists so that exhibitors can more easily enter CFA shows.

Hannon: #8 is from Lilac Point Fanciers. Will the delegate please give us her name and club? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** #8, which you did not tell them is a non-binding resolution. **Hannon:** I'm sorry. Non-binding resolution. It's in bold print and underlined.

Kolencik: This is just a resolution that Central Office will streamline and automate, to the greatest extent possible, the process of obtaining and using a TRN. So, over 5 years ago we came up with this TRN process. At the time, it was because we had these novices in Europe that were counting but didn't have registration numbers, so this was a way to give those cats numbers so they could be tracked and have them be part of the counts, and also be able to get points. I was one of the people who suggested this and contributed to the planning of how to do it. When we did that, at the time it was, "Let's just get something done quick. Let's do it this way. We can work around the computer system and we can do this. Let's do it this manual way." I knew, and probably anybody with any web or computer programming experience knows, this process could be more efficient. The way we're doing it is really painful, and it's confusing and not very well documented for new people, but in those 5 years there has been absolutely no attempt at streamlining the TRN process, and we're just confusing people. So, I'm submitting this because I think it's time to focus on making this a more efficient process. There's things we can do. There could be a web interface where you just go in, plug in the name of two CFA parents and get a number. But, I thought rather than writing new show rules, that first we would just ask Central Office to put some effort into making this an easier, streamlined, efficient process for our clubs and exhibitors. **Hannon:** Mary, I don't see anybody addressing it. Would you like to have any closing comments? **Kolencik:** Yes. I got more passed today than failed, so today is a success. **Hannon:** Alright, this is a non-show rule resolution. If it passes by greater than 50% it goes to the board with a favorable recommendation. Lower than 50%, it does not. There's no 2/3 involved in this one.

Carried.

Hannon: Mary, you're doing good. Congratulations Mary.

(61) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

Hannon: According to the agenda, we break for an afternoon break and then we come back for resolutions from the floor. Before we do that, I want to make sure there are going to be some resolutions from the floor, so if you are planning on bringing a resolution from the floor,

please raise your hand. I don't see any hands. OK, Sibyl has one. Sibyl, is it something that's going to be short and quick, and we don't have to go to the break and come back? We can do it now? Alright, we're going to try and make a quick resolution from the floor and then we'll take our break and go on. Sibyl, please give us your name and the club you're representing. **Sibyl Zaden (Siamese Fanciers; Titledown Cat Fanciers):** Hi. Now, a few years ago we brought something to the floor that cats should be – kittens and premierships should be awarded a national and regional from 1-20, and increase it 1-25. That went over really good. Now we're suggesting that the championship finals, we need to address championship finals and reduce the number of cats that it takes to go to top 15, because I think people will look at the top 10 sometimes and say, "Oh, those cats are here and there, and they are going to make the final," but if they see top 15 they'll say, "Oh, we have a chance." I think it will get more entries. So, right now, what is it for the top 15? It's like 125? 110? **Hannon:** Sibyl, how about if we do this – we instruct Monte as the Show Rules Chairman to come to the board in October with a proposal for the board to discuss on lowering the minimum for championship, so we don't have to go through this today. **Zaden:** OK. That sounds good. **Hannon:** OK.

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Hannon: I have a couple announcements. The Russian Blue Breed Council meeting is Saturday from 2-3. They are meeting in Room 1251. The Oriental Breed Council awards Saturday at 2-3 in Room 1145. Any remaining Southern Regional awards to be picked up with Karen Thomas. Alright, is there a motion to adjourn, George? **Eigenhauser:** I move we adjourn. **Hannon:** Do I have to call a vote on that? **Eigenhauser:** No. Just say good-bye. **Hannon:** Alright, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you everybody. [applause]